The weather continues to be hot and there are a few afternoon thunderstorms that can catch you off guard. If you are working a stream, be aware of the potential for fast rising water due to storms. If you are in a stream and lightning strikes around the area, I suggest you head for your vehicle and wait it out. Colorado has a high amount of lightning caused deaths. BE CAREFUL OUT THERE!

Jeff Mosteller will be sharing information about panning demos for the remainder of the year. We are receiving some exciting requests for next year and Jeff will need your help to make these new events successful.

Sue Lemieux has secured a wonderful outing for August that you will not want to miss. Look for her article about this one.

Three Champions
Three Gold Prospectors of the Rockies members “clean up” at the Panning championships in Breckenridge!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Larry Weilnau - Gold in Mens Competition
Shirley Weilnau - Gold in Womens Competition
Arron Ingalls - Bronze in Mens Competition

Congratulations

VP's Corner
Greetings,
We just got back from Breckenridge, it was the Panning Championship weekend. We have a new winner in the club. I'd like to congratulate Aaron Ingalls, a fairly new member to the club. Aaron took a Bronze in the Mens Competition on Saturday. At last check Larry Weilnau had secured a Gold Medal in the Mens as well as Shirley Weilnau had locking up the Womens comp with the Gold. Way to go gang.

We had a lot of fun in Idaho Springs, the crowd was different than what we usually get those people weren't the usual tourist crowd, we had a lot of folks visiting the booth that were more local and grew up in the mining district.

Join Us on the Third Wednesday!
Lloyd G. Clements Community Center
1580 Yarrow St., Lakewood, Colorado
(One block west of Wadsworth, then one block north of Colfax)
7:00 p.m. (Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.)
Information: (303) 933-1147 <> ghawley1@juno.com
Website: http://www.GoldProspectorsOfTheRockies.com/

GPOR Website
If you have updates for, comments about, or anything else regarding the club website, you can contact the club webmaster at:
prospector@phantomranch.net

Dick will be happy to review any suggestions or comments you may have.
Kathy and I, and our sons and their families, spent a week camping in the Snowy Range area of the Medicine Bow Mountains in Wyoming. Days were warm and the evenings were cool enough to make sleeping a great experience. ‘Course, having two grandsons always on the go made grandpa sleepy by 8:00. The kids had to leave by Saturday morning so Kathy and I had the camp to ourselves. We took a drive across the Snowy Range and were fortunate enough to see three moose along the roadside. We spent nearly a half hour taking pictures and watching the magnificent animals. It was the perfect ending to a perfect week.

Wow! The GPR Cache has been found! I gave the first of eleven clues September 21, 2005. The last clue given was on July 19, 2006. The Cache was found a couple days after that. Congratulations to the Cache “Finder”, you did a great job of locating it. I do know of a couple members that were actively pursuing the Cache but it eluded them. At our meeting on August 16 I will explain each of the clues and hopefully the “Finder” will explain how he/she found the Cache. Incidentally, “Finder”, you have one more clue to decipher...just for fun.

Remember to bring a friend or neighbor to a meeting.

Until next time: May the gold in your pan be worth the effort you put into finding it.

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**GPR Events Calendar**

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For other pending events, please read VP Jeffs column starting on the front page.

Contact Jeff to let him know you are interested in helping out with the demos. It does not matter whether you are a beginner or an expert.

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Idaho Springs, CO 80452
(303) 567-2421
www.historicargotours.com

Bachelor Syracuse Mine
1222 CR 14
Ouray, Co 81427
970-325-0220 (summer)
800-932-6337 (winter)
www.ouraycolorado.com/bachelor

Clear Creek Mining and Milling Museum
23rd Avenue and Riverside Drive
Idaho Springs

Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum
16th and Maple St.
Golden, Co
303-273-3815
www.mines.edu/academic/geology/museum/

Country Boy Mine (tour)
542 French Gulch Road
Breckenridge, Co 80424
970-453-4405
www.countryboymine.com

Creede Underground Mining Museum
Forest Service Road 503 #9
Creede, Co 81130
719-658-0811
www.museumtrail.org/creedeUndergroundMiningMuseum.asp

Cripple Creek District Museum
5th and Bennett Avenues
Cripple Creek, Co 80813
719-689-2634
www.cripple-creek.co.us/ccdm.html

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2001 Colorado Blvd.
Denver, Co
303-322-7009
www.dmnh.org

Edgar Mine (tour)
Colorado Blvd. and 8th Street
365 8th Ave.
Idaho Springs, Co 80452
303-567-2911
www.mines.edu/Academic/mining/edgar.html

Gilpin County Historical Society Museum
228 E. High Street
Central City, Co 80427
303-582-5283
www.coloradomuseums.org/gilpin.html

Hard Tack Mine (tour)
Hanson Creek and Engineer Pass Road
970-944-2506
www.lakecityco.com/lakecityRecreation.html

Hidee Gold Mine (tour, appointment only)
County Road 6
Central City/Blackhawk
303-989-2861
www.cccmma.com/hidee/hidee.htm

Lafayette Miners Museum
108 E. Simpson Street
Lafayette, CO 80026
303-665-7030
www.cityoflafayette.com/parksrec/parkrecminers.cfm

Lost Mine Tour
P.O. Box 3
Salida, CO 81201
719-221-6463
www.salida.com/lostmine

Lowell Thomas Museum
298 Victor Avenue
Victor, Co 80860
719-689-5509
www.coloradosprings.com/attractions/fullStory.jsp?id=989

Lebanon Mine (tour) and Georgetown Loop Railroad
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303-569-2403
800-691-4FUN
gtownloop.com/mine.html

Matchless Mine (tour)
414 W. 7th Street
Leadville, Co 80461
719-486-3900
719-486-1899
www.matchlessmine.com

Mayflower Mill (tour)
2 miles north of Silverton on Highway 110 County Road 2
970-387-0294
www.silvertonhistoricalsociety.org/mayflower_gold_mill.htm

Mollie Kathleen Gold Mine (tour)
1 mile north on Highway 67
Cripple Creek, Co 80813
719-689-2466
888-291-5689
goldminetours.com

National Mining Hall of Fame & Museum
120 W. 9th
Leadville, Co 80461
719-486-1229
www.leadville.com/miningmuseum

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What town in Colorado has an underground mining museum and an underground Fire Department?

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O化ay County Historical Society and Museum
420 Sixth Street
Ouray, Co 81427
970-325-4565
970-325-4075
www.ouraycountyhistoricalsociety.org

Old Hundred Gold Mine (tour)
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Silverton, Co 81433
970-387-5444 or 1-800-872-3009
www.minetour.com

Phoenix Mine (tour)
Idaho Springs, Co 80452
303-567-0422
www.phoenixgoldmine.com

Smuggler Mine and Compromise Mine Aspen Mountain (tour, reservations required)
110 Smuggler Mt. Road
Aspen, Co
970-925-3699 or 970-925-2049

Walsenburg Mining Museum
101 E. 5th Street
Walsenburg, Co 81089
719-738-1992
www.hchstsoc.org

Washington Mine and Lomax Placer (tour)
Washington Mine
465 Illinois Gulch Road
Breckenridge

Lomax Placer (tour)
301 Ski Hill Road
Breckenridge

Summit County Historical Society
970-453-9022
www.summithistorical.org

Western Museum of Mining and Industry
1025 Northgate Road
Colorado Springs, Co
719-488-0880 or 1-800-752-6558
www.wmmi.org

7:13 Meeting called to order by President Gary Hawley. Pledge of Allegiance led by Leslie Schomer.

7:14 Treasurer’s report read by Gary Hawley. Metal prices. Twelve gold specimens for tonight’s drawing; the largest weighs 1.6 grams.

7:16 Membership report by Cindy Douthard. 108 individual and family memberships. Four guests present: Patrick Belt, Matt Bull, Rich Colby, and Steve Quinn. Three of the guests heard of the club by visiting our web site, one is the friend of a member. Welcome! Join us!

7:18 VP’s report by Jeff Mosteller. Coming up is the Tommyknocker Days celebration in Idaho Springs. Then, July 29, is Buffalo Bill Day at the Clear Creek History Park in Golden. August 4 through 6 are the annual state gold panning championships at River Walk Plaza in Breckenridge. This year’s sponsor is the Gold Prospectors of Colorado from Colorado Springs. Finally, Jeff displayed a newly minted gold-buffalo coin.

7:25 Prez Hawley reminds us that the club has a membership with the Colorado Museum of Mining and Industry in Colorado Springs (near the Air Force Academy exit on I-25). Just show your membership badge and you’re in for free!

7:28 Joe Schubert’s wife and daughter are entered in the annual Cancer Walk benefit. Prez Hawley asked for and got membership approval for a club sponsorship for them in the amount of $10.00 in memory of recently deceased former club member Jerry Jones. In addition, a gold pan was passed for contributions from the floor. Thanks to all who contributed to this worthy cause.

7:33 Activities Coordinator Sue Lemieux announces an upcoming Central City gold rush tour. It includes transportation from Central City, two mine tours, cemetary tour, and lunch is provided. The date is August 12. Contact Sue for reservations by 10 August.

7:38 Shirley Weilnau asks the question of the month. Later she awards correct answerers with drawing tickets.

7:42 Joe Johnston announces winners of the finds-of-the-month.

7:52 Recess.

8:15 Prez Hawley describes his adventures in four-wheeling in Left-Hand Canyon above Boulder.

8:30 Prize drawings.

8:52 Adjourn meeting.

Please email Rick at goldhunter@ricksthsngs.com or call me at 303-404-2897 if you would like a copy of the meeting minutes.

Thanks, Rick
From the Ledger
of Kathy Hawley, Treasurer

Thanks to Leroy Lamgo and Larry and Shirley Weilnau for their donations to the members only drawing prizes.

We will have nuggets from Alaska at the July meeting. We will give away 10.0 grams of gold, 4 nuggets will be 1 gram or over.

So like I always say, come prepared to buy some extra tickets and Good Luck!!

Food for Thought

Hope everyone is enjoying their summer. My thanks go out again to LeRoy Lamgo for the donuts, and Hank Innerfield for the banana bread. Thanks to Sue Lemieux for the cheese and crackers and to Mary Katherns for her delicious chocolate and peanut butter chip cookies. See you all in August.

Jackie and Michael

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Jeff Mosteller
(303) 202-9302 <> jefndona@comcast.net

For additional information and photos, see http://www.GoldProspectorsOfTheRockies.com/

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Hopefully we generated some new members out of that event. We were in Idaho Springs at the behest of the Clear Creek Watershed District so we were able to give a good education on the impacts of small scale mining. We reached a milestone on the highest donations given to the club in a single event, $110.00 over the 2 day period. We had a most miserable time in Golden at the Buffalo Bill day event in the Clear Creek History Park the heat was over 100 degrees for a time out there.

Coming up:

We have the Golden Arts and Crafts festival in the Clear Creek History Park on August 19th & 20th from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm. Last year we had 677 visitors to the booth over the 2 days, should be a busy one again this year. That's it for August.

September events:

Sept. 2 and 3 in Central City Labor Day event, the usual place in front of Dostal Alley on main street set up at 8:00 on Saturday event runs from when ever we finish set up to 4:30pm both days.

Pending event on the 30th of Sept. is at the Gilpin County Fairgrounds for the Gilpin County Commissioners this is still not set in stone we will have more information by the September meeting.

That is all for September.

October events:

Still pending will be the Rock Ledge Ranch in Colorado Springs at the entrance to the Garden of the Gods on October 7, more on that as it develops. That should be the last of the "06" season for the Demo's. I want to again thank all of you that give of your time to make this happen. I just drive the truck, you are the ones who provide the magic.

I will announce some "Get in the creek" outings at the next few meetings, things are starting to settle down a bit.

See everybody later and be Safe out their,

Jeff Mosteller

Arvada Gold Rush Tidbit

The story of Arvada begins with the discovery of gold on June 22, 1850. A wagon train of prospectors, bound for California, crossed the Platte River just north of the confluence with Clear Creek, and followed Clear Creek west for six miles. The members of the wagon train rested for a day, and Lewis Ralston dipped his gold pan in an unnamed mountain stream. He found almost $5 worth of gold in his first pan. The stream was later named Ralston Creek in his honor. This was the first gold discovery in Colorado, and one of the most significant events in Colorado history. At the time the find was not considered significant and the party continued on to the California gold fields.

In 1858, Ralston accompanied another group of prospectors back to the site of his 1850 discovery. Again, gold was panned from the stream in small amounts. Ralston became discouraged and soon quit the area, but the rest of the group continued prospecting and discovered richer diggings upstream along the South Platte. Early in 1859 rich strikes were discovered in the mountains along the upper reaches of Clear Creek and the Colorado gold rush began.

These two paragraphs were taken from the City of Arvada’s website. Many cities in Colorado put historical information on their websites, and it’s a great place to find history.

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