The Prez Sez

By Gary Hawley, President

My truck is beginning to look like a mobile closet. I have caps, coats and gloves for several weather possibilities... just in case! A temperature of 50 at noon may quickly change to 20 at 5:00 p.m. not to mention the snow that joins it. So far, my “mobile closet” has only one piece of mining equipment... a shovel, and that’s for the potential of having to dig out of a snow bank. Gold will have to wait for a while yet.

Thanks to all who congratulated me on my retirement. It is a major step in my life and it was time. My research into the Colorado gold rush miners is going well and I will keep you informed on the progress.

We had a great meeting in February and our speaker, Diane Dudley, peaked our interest with information about the Star Mine Preservation Project. I am sure we will hear more about this project.

Kathy is again presenting a special, members only, gold nugget drawing. This nugget is an 18.7 gram beauty from Brazil and has a wonderful character and color. She will have this nugget on display at the meetings. Tickets are $1.00 each or 7 for $5.00. Kathy will determine when the drawing is to be held based on the volume of tickets sold. We are restricting this drawing to members only so be sure to wear your badge when you buy tickets.

I am planning my first President’s Day Out for April. This first one will be a “swap meet” and gold panning day so this will be your chance to buy/sell/trade equipment with your fellow GPR members. I will have more information and a set date at the March meeting.

Bill Duncanson gave the first clue to the latest GPR cache hunt. I saw the gleam in his eye as he read the clue. I’m sure we are in for an exciting hunt! Here are a couple rules for the hunt:
1 – The target must be in place when the first clue is presented.
2 – The target must be within 30 miles of the State Capital Building.
3 – The target must be in a place that allows public access.
4 – Clues will only be presented at regular club meetings.

Things are starting to shape up for a fun summer so get your prospecting equipment ready!

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

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VP's Corner

By Jeff Mosteller, Vice President

Greetings.

It's nice to see a light at the end of Winter and it's not a Snow Plow. Springs are coming and it's time to give some thought to prospecting. I think we're going to have a good runoff this year with all the snow up high. I'd like to welcome all the new people we have picked up over the year. There are going to be some great activities this summer, if you don't watch out you might find some gold out there. For those of you that want to learn more about Dredging and Highbanking, we are going to get in the field a little more than last year. We'll teach anybody that wants to learn, let you run the machines and keep your finds. If you are lacking in the skills of Panning, I'm your guy. I know this group of people who go out and teach hundreds of people how to pan, we can get you up and panning in no time. You might even find out about the fun we have at all the Street Festivals and such during our Panning Demonstrations and hang out for all the entertainment both a behind the tubs and otherwise. It's a lot of fun and a good way to promote the club and network yourself into some interesting adventures in the mining districts, remember that prospectors rely on a lot of research both written and verbally.

Let's see what's going on in the Demo arena so far.

Saturday June 9 and Sunday June 10
We will be at our 5th year with the Arvada Gold Strike Festival this should be a great event with the different Re Enactor groups were attempting to contact this year, more on that as I get it.

Saturday June 30 and Sunday July 1
We will be in Main Street in Central City for the American Pride festival.

Saturday, July 28
We will be in the Clear Creek History Park for Buffalo Bill

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TREASURE ADVENTURE 2007

I would like to Thank the members of the Club that have volunteered to participate in this Treasure Hunt to the Ft. Garland area located approximately 50 miles West of Walsenburg, Colorado. Club Member Dan Lefor has sent some valuable information pertaining to the maps, roads traveled back in this era and it will be a useful tool in determining where to begin searching for the Lost Treasure that was dumped into an Army Lt’s favorite fishing hole back in the early 1800’s. Stories such as these get twisted around from time to time and we have found some glitches in the same stories from two different sources. Dan and I believe the Wagon was heading from the East and will be concentrating on streams heading into Ft. Garland from that direction.

Due to inclement weather these past few months our initial scouting trip may be curtailed until we feel the snow and ice is melted off the streams and the weather down in that area will stay halfway warm. I’m making a roster of those interested in participating and thus far have 2 new members as well as some of the old timers (4) at last count. If you would like to be a part of this adventure? Feel free to contact me at the Club Meeting in March. Or email me at (JDavis2928@Yahoo.com) or call me at home after 5 p.m. during the week. Home Number is (303) 757-6552. We have one possibly two certified divers for the search if needed as this 30K in Gold remains elusive at the bottom of a stream. I’ll be checking on availability of underwater detectors in the near future. If we need one or two we can always rent them from GOLDN Detectors over in Golden.

I know new members are interested in learning as much as they can about prospecting in general. I’ll be more then willing to help those out that need lessons on metal detecting and Gold Panning when we make the trip down to the area we intend on searching. I’ll also set up some weekend meetings for planning when we’ll make the actual search. What gear one will need to bring along for a day trip down there to include cold weather gear even if the weather is warm here. This is mountainous terrain and the temp will change in a heartbeat. I don’t want anyone getting cold feet or sick along the way and proper clothing prepares everyone for that scenario. If you think of anything or discover anything other then what we have research wise at this point? By all means forward it on to me and we will all share any and all information this way. I hope to see everyone that has signed up for the trip at the March Meeting. Until then May Your Pan be filled with Gold. Regards, Jim Davis

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Question of the Month

In which drainage (or gorge) of the San Juans was the Lost Swede Mine located?

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Club Store News

Every year at our potluck in Dec., everyone brings such wonderfully tasty food. A lot of us would like the recipes of this tasty stuff. We would like to put together a club cookbook with your recipes. Your name will be put on the recipe in the book. You can also help us design the cover of the book, any ideas you have pass them along to me at the store table in the meetings. Please make sure your name is on all submissions. It's going to be great. See you at the meeting.

Donna

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Sue’s Sluicebox - Sue Lemieux

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Join us at the Museum in Golden CO
Saturday, March 24th
For a 10:00am Tour

Enjoy the approximately 50,000 minerals, fossils, gemstones, and artifacts.

Known to be the Best Museum Around!

Meet in the museum parking lot, on the north side (Corner of 13th & Maple) at 9:30am.

Note: Museum is on the 2nd floor. There is an elevator. Any questions, call Sue Lemieux at 413-668-6008
Gold Prospectors of the Rockies

Board meeting of February 21, 2007

Roll call. Those in attendance:

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Quorum present? Yes.

Call to order. Meeting was called to order at 6:15 by Gary Hawley.

Reading and approval of minutes. Read by Gary Hawley.

Corrections: None.

Approved as read/corrected? Yes.

Treasurer’s Report. Read by Gary Hawley.

Questions: None. Accepted? Yes.

Correspondence. Usual newsletters and membership renewals.

Committee Reports: One received.

Unfinished Business: Donna Mosteller – Club cookbook. On going. Donna will prepare a newsletter article.

Sue Lemieux – Club cookbook cover design contest. On going.

New Business: Jeff Mosteller is currently involved with the Arvada Gold Fest. The planners have asked for help in making the festival more interesting and Jeff has some great ideas.

Planned Outings: Sue Lemieux is planning a tour of the School of Mines in March.

Gary Hawley is planning a “swap meet” in April.

Announcements: Next board meeting: March 21, 2007, at 6:00 P.M.
Next general meeting: March 21, 2007, at 7:00 P.M.

Tonight’s general meeting program: Information about the Star Mine Project presented by Diane Dudley, consulting geologist and staff historian.

Adjournment: Meeting stands adjourned at 6:51 P.M.

Still Looking for a volunteer to help out with the Newsletter!!!!!

I am looking for somebody to help out with the newsletter with the intention of taking it over. I will be glad to show anybody the basics of doing it. Basically, you collect articles, collect ads, assimilate them all into the newsletter and get it printed. Then you put the stamps on, the name labels on, and drop them at the post office each month. If you are interested, please email Rick at Goldhunter@Rickstings.com.
GPR General Meeting
Clements Center, Lakewood, CO
21 February 2007
Paul Nagy, General Meeting Recorder

7:07  Meeting called to order by President Gary Hawley. Pledge of Allegiance led by Gary Hawley and VP Jeff Mosteller.

7:08  Introduction of Board of Directors including new member Robert Deschambault.

7:10  Treasurer's report by Kathy Hawley, given by Gary Hawley

7:11  Membership report by MaryAnn McRae: 121 individual and family memberships, 6 guests present, including: Diane and Ron Dudley, and Al Sebestyen. Welcome! And to guests who also joined the club tonight: Robert Citrowske, and James Long with grandson Brandon Duchtenburg. Welcome and consider yourself one of us!

7:13  VP's report by Jeff Mosteller. This year's schedule for panning demonstrations and gold prospecting is in the works. Will be finalized in March or April. We had good attendance at club activities last year. Come to the panning demos. We teach!

7:16  Prez Hawley reports that a mineral show will be held at the Jeffco Fairgrounds on 23 - 25 Feb, and at the Denver Merchandise Mart on 3 - 4 March. The club cookbook is in progress. Camp-style recipes are invited.
7:19  Larry Weitnau asks the Question of the Month. Later, the answer and award of prizes to correct answerers.

7:21  Jim Davis describes the ongoing treasure hunt for the stolen gold payroll near Canon City. He also passed around a drill core with visible gold.

7:24  Prez Hawley announces his retirement from a long and distinguished career in law enforcement and security. He brought a large and delicious cake to commemorate this, to be shared with the membership. Loud applause for our tireless leader. Now more time for gold prospecting and other club activities! He announces the inauguration of a "President's Day" outing each month, planned by himself. Look forward to this!

7:30  Announcement of a new "special nugget" drawing set up by Kathy Hawley. An 18 gram Brazilian specimen, with a distinctive shape. A real beauty! Drawing is open to CLUB MEMBERS ONLY! The specimen was passed around in its display case for view.

7:32  Bill Duncanson gives the first clue for the latest hidden cache competition.

7:35  Recess.

8:00  Allen Mershon introduces the evening's speaker, Diane Dudley, consulting geologist and staff historian of the Star Mine Project.

8:35  Joe Johnston announces the Finds of the Month and Finds of the Year winners.

8:40  Prize drawings, then adjourn meeting.

Anyone looking for a place to gather and learn how to pan, sluice, and/or highbank? Well, we have been given permission by the landowner of the parking area adjacent to a great spot on Clear Creek. The address is 6911 North Washington Street. The place is Tymkovich Meats. The owner and his son, Steve and Tim Tymkovich, are really very nice people to allow us to park in their lot and give us access to the lot on weekends as well. They usually left the gate locked but said that in the future the gate will be unlocked to allow GPR members to park in their lot and have access to the river.

Be cautioned that you may only prospect on the south side of Clear Creek and to the west of the bridge for the width of the Tymkovich property. Also, do not climb over the fence; go out the gate to access the creek.

Everyone who shows up has fun and, best of all, finds color. Yes, there is gold there in the form of flour and fines. As long as gold hunters who care to use this location treat it with respect (if you pack it in, pack it out), we will have a great local spot to congregate, to use our pans and sluices (Adams county no longer allows motorized prospecting equipment of any kind), and to help new club members know how to do the same.

As we always do wherever we prospect, please fill your prospecting holes in this area as you make them. Throw the heavies back in the holes you have made so no one steps into one of them and gets hurt. Also, take out your own trash and a bit more.
The Star Mine Preservation Project
by Diane Dudley, transcribed by Paul Nagy

Originally a Spanish conquistador discovery, the Taylor Park-Tincup Mining District was rediscovered in 1859 by young prospector James Taylor. Just 18, he walked into the area from the early settlement of Granite, and while searching for lost horses discovered silver-bearing minerals in float (loose rock). In 1873, the famous Hayden Survey discovered the rich silver deposits of Aspen, not far away. By 1878, the region had been obtained from the Ute Indians and prospecting began in earnest. The Star Mine property was claimed in 1879, late in the history of the area, and after such well-known camps as Leadville and Aspen.

The mine finally achieved production in 1900 and continuously produced until 1973, making it the longest-lived mine in Colorado history. This longevity helped save the mine site from the scavenging and vandalism which have devastated most historical mine sites in the western U.S. The mine's remote location, high in the Elk Mountains near Independence Pass on the Continental Divide, also helped preserve it, making it hard for intruders to reach. The Star Mine produced silver and base metals from the prolific Leadville Blue Limestone, which was the main producing formation in both Leadville and Aspen. From 1974 until 1983, the property was optioned to Northgate Exploration Co., which finally abandoned the project, concluding that the property was not economic. It has been idle since.

During its long life, the mine has been associated with some of Colorado's historic mining personages, such as the great Winfield Scott Stratton, of Cripple Creek fame (and fortune!) who secretly financed the mine in the early twentieth century. Madame Esther LeFebvre, a European socialite, invested in the mine and then in exasperation over its poor performance, came out west, rolled up her sleeves, and took over its day to day operation. Later, John Lamberton, a Scandinavian immigrant laborer, ran the mine as a one-man operation for 46 years! Following Lamberton's successful run, the mine was taken over by a well-funded mining expert (and Colorado School of Mines professor to boot) who rather promptly, and ironically, failed.

Several of the mine buildings remain, including the shaft house, cook house, and bunkhouse. Although still standing, they have felt the ravages of many mountain winters and need some TLC. The Star Mine Preservation Committee is dedicated to its repair and restoration. Located on 110 acres of patented claims and other land, the mine is already county and state registered as an historic site. Located in an area of breathtaking scenic beauty, the mine site is a treasure and deserves all the help it can get. To volunteer, contribute, or for tour information, contact Diane Dudley at (303) 319-9711 or RNDUDL@aol.com.

Newsletter Ads for Members
I have removed all the clubmember newsletter ads. If you would like to put your ad in the newsletter, please contact me at goldhunter@ricksthings.com. Please keep your ads to items in the spirit of what our Club does. (Camping stuff, prospecting stuff, etc) Prospectors usually don't need beauty products when in the hills (except maybe Gary that is).

Thanks for your support!!!!

Food For Thought
Jackie Barker

It was great to see everyone. Many warm thanks for the brownies, the Pizzelle cookies, the banana bread and the peanut butter cookies. All were yummy! Also, a big thank you for the Happy Retirement cake for Gary Hawley. It was a colossal hit and enjoyed by all.

See you in March.

Jackie

From the Ledger
of Kathy Hawley, Treasurer

I want to thank Allen Mershon for his donations for the Member’s Only drawings. A special thank you goes to Jim Jarnutowski for the donation of the Mining Certificate. Kurtis seemed to be very please with his new acquisition. The sale of tickets for the Brazilian nugget drawing seems to be going well. I think I picked a beauty for this drawing which will be for members only. Tickets are $1.00 each or 7 for $5.00. We will give away a total of 12.1 grams of gold at the March meeting. 4 nuggets will be 1 gram or over, with the largest being 2.4 grams.

So like I always say, come prepared to buy some extra tickets and Good Luck!!
2006 Find Of the Year (FOY) results.

Winners in bold.

**Best Bottle**
Gary Hawley - 1894 3-IN-ONE oil bottle

**Best Jewelry**

**Wolf Stumpf - Large ring.**
Joe Johnston - Goldtone Broach Locket
Joe Fortunato - Silver ring with Opal.

**Largest Raw Gold**

**Larry Weilnau - Gold in Quartz**
Joe Johnston - Gold in volcanic pumice (very rare)

**Most Raw Gold**

**Joe Fortunato -- 3.4g gold flakes from Lake County**

**Most Unique (Excavated)**

**Joe Johnston - Spencer Cartridge Kidder Massacre July 2,1867**
Susan Duncanson - old key
Joe Johnston - Hand forged wagon hitch part
Don Dixon - Cap gun 1889

**Most Unique (Non-Excavated)**

**Wolf Stumpf - Old bank 1892 with WWII tokens**
Joe Johnston - 3 wheat cents 1957-D, 1947-D, 1958-D
Mary Kathrens - Pali Tears, Big Island Hawaii
Leroy Lamgo - Coal cinder
Joe Johnston - Toy helicopter
Wolf Stumpf - penny found in parking lot

**Most Valuable U.S Coin**

**Mary Kathrens - 1842 large date US Large Cent**
Joe Johnston - 1942-S silver nickel
Joe Johnston - 1957-D wheat cent
Joe Johnston - 1990-D dime
Joe Johnston - 2006 Nebraska quarter

**Oldest Coin**

**Wolf Stumpf - china coin**
Joe Johnston - 1940 nickel
Joe Fortunato - 1897 Liberty (Barber) dime
Leroy Lamgo - 1941 Winged Liberty (Mercury) dime

Congratulations to this years winners, be sure to save your FOM winning items for entry in the Find Of the Year (FOY) competition next December.

Joe Johnston, Finds Program Coordinator.

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December 2006, January - February 2007

**Find Of the Month**

My apologies for the delayed programs this month/year, due to the cancelled meeting in December and the make up program in January we had to play catch up this month but we should be in good shape for the rest of the year. With the good weather I hope to see many entries in March. Happy Hunting!

December 2006, January - February 2007 Find Of the Month (FOM) results.

Winners in bold.

**Best Bottle**
no entries

**Best Jewelry**
no entries

**Largest Raw Gold**
no entries

**Most Raw Gold**
no entries

**Most Unique (Excavated)**

**Joe Carter - Baggage Tag, F.D.J.&Co. #4**

**Most Unique (Non-Excavated)**

**Joe Johnston - Gasket tool**

**Most Valuable U.S Coin**

**Joe Johnston - 1963-D silver quarter**

**Oldest Coin**

**Don Dixon - 1914-D Liberty (Barber) dime**
Shirley Weilnau - 1983-D penny
Rick Miska - 1976 penny
Nancy Carter - 1944-S penny

Way to go everyone, keep up the good hunting!

Congratulations to this months winners, be sure to save your FOM winning items for entry in the Find Of the Year (FOY) competition in December. Finds made from the end of the February meeting to the time of the March meeting are eligible for entry in the March FOM program. Bring your best finds, and we’ll see you at the next meeting.

Don’t forget to bring your bottles, jewelry, coins, gold or other finds.

Remember those entries get you drawing tickets and those tickets WIN! Just ask Sue, Marlin and others that have held tickets for FOM entries and WON! Note: Now that prospecting season is upon us be sure to bring a second container with your gold sample entries for weigh in comparison. We will weigh the container with the gold and subtract the weight of the container without the gold to determine the weight of the sample, so have a container filled with the same liquid for comparison weigh in. Each member is allowed one entry per category each month. Additional finds may be displayed as ‘show & tell’ items.

Joe Johnston, Finds Program Coordinator.

I would also like to Thank Marlin Wiedeman for his continued and most valuable assistance with the Club Library and Finds Program at the meetings. A Big Examino to you Marlin!
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