

# THE GOLD NUGGET

October 2015

## **The Prez Sez by Jim Long**



I recently got a letter from a member who has been with us for quite some time and had to move back to Illinois for health reasons. He thought that my column concerning our Alaska trip sounded like I was very disappointed. And I guess he was right to a degree. I and my mates were somewhat disappointed that we were unable to find and get more gold than we got. But that was probably as far as any true disappointment went. We did see some fantastic scenery, met some nice people, had a good time doing what we did and it was good honest work. There were lots of wildlife to see and the experience was one I wouldn't trade for the world. So my bottom line was that there was far more good than bad by a long shot.

Now the recent Gold King Mine EPA caused spill was truly a huge disappointment, for me as well as for you I would imagine. And I was right, as it has been in the papers every single day except one since the incident occurred. And not a single head has rolled to date, just like I predicted. I believe that the EPA had hoped for this to happen just so they could get their agenda and budget requests approved. It wouldn't surprise me in the least if my suspicions were found to be true. California continues to drag their feet on dredging. Oregon and Washington and Idaho are currently bracing to fight the US Forest Service for over stepping their authority left and right. The AMRA, GPAA, PLP and the MMAC are gearing up to do battle in the interests of us all. We need to do more than just listen to the fur fly. We need to support them in ways that will mean the most, such as memberships and donations to help the fight along. Between the Greenie Right and the Government and their deep pockets (often funded with tax payer money and federal grants), it is the only way we can fight back and hope for any success at all. So I hope each of you will do your small part in any way you can. I can guarantee you that the future of small scale mining depends on you.

Our prospecting season is beginning to show signs of winding down. The leaves are beginning to show change and the nights are starting to cool down a little as well. The water is incredibly low right now and that makes for great accessibility. There is gold to be found and you can certainly find your share. Our favorite haunts along Clear Creek is just beckoning and calling for us to jump in and have some fun, so don't wait, get out and get going. The loss of the Tymkovich site on lower Clear Creek has been a blow and has made selecting Outing locations more difficult. But we shall try to persevere.

If the membership wants me to continue in the role of President of the Club, then I am going to have to have a little more support from the general membership in the form of volunteering. We need some folks to step up and volunteer to run the panning demos and to organize the Outing schedule. These positions can be a year at a time of longer if you have the time and enjoy doing it. We are going to need to find some access to new locations for prospecting outings. Those locations have to be capable of handling upwards of 40 people at a time as well as parking for upwards of 20 vehicles or so. These are logistical matters that have to be considered in order for the outing to be successful. Volunteering is no more than accepting a little responsibility to see that things get done. When shared by several people, it becomes a lot easier than a lot of folks think it is. So I am going to leave it to each of you to think about and decide how willing you are to do something to ensure that your club continues to be a viable and happening Club.

I plan on discussing this winter, in this space, more information on panning and sluicing techniques (to include high banking and dredging) that can make a big difference in how efficiently you can collect gold. There are a number of myths out there and I still see some folks that just can't seem to break old habits. They are losing gold and I can help them get that gold back in their vial. But they have to be willing to listen and try something different. That means changing your way of thinking sometimes. And I can help with that. So be sure to stay tuned each month during the upcoming winter. I will also try to keep everyone informed on what is happening in the West with all these attempts to stop prospecting of any kind. Make no mistake about it; mining is under fire, no matter what type of mining it is.

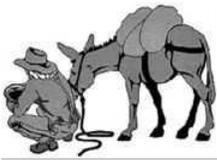
Anyway, that is the view from here and I wish you all Good Luck in your search! And until we meet again, keep your sunny sides up and may the bottoms of your pans turn bright with that treasured 'Yaller Gold'!

You may contact me at 303-452-6087 or at [jnslong945@msn.com](mailto:jnslong945@msn.com). Happy and safe prospecting to all!!!

## **The V.P. Corner by "Klondike" Mike**



This will be the last article on the different sites of gold prospecting areas, both placer and lode mining, here in Colorado. I hope this information that I have given to all of you will help you in your future gold prospecting, here we go George Town – Silver Plume Georgetown/Silver Plume is on U.S. 6 and 40-42 miles



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west of Denver. The steep grades in this area are treacherous. Georgetown - Silver Plume is in west part of the county. This district consisted of 25 square miles and had a total production of around 145,000 gold ounces. Area mines produced a by-product of gold. Southwest of Georgetown - Silver Plume, this district had a total production of 25,400 gold ounces. Along Leavenworth Creek, and on the southeast side of Leavenworth Creek Mountain on the southeast slopes of McClellan Mountain, at the head of Leavenworth Creek, 6 miles farther southwest, many area mines produced lode and by-product gold. On Kelso Mountain, area mines produced lode gold. The Belmont Silver Lode and the Baker Mine were the largest district producers of lode gold.

Frank Town – Along Cherry Creek for several miles north of town you can find placer gold. Northwest 4-5 miles along Lemon Creek you can also find placer gold. South 1 mile in Russellville Gulch, a tributary to Cherry Creek, extending for many miles were some productive placers. Some of the best places to start looking for gold in Douglas County are. Russellville Gulch and Upper Cherry Creek southeast of Franktown and its tributaries Newlin Gulch, Happy Canyon and Lemon Creek, west of Parker. Blackhawk – In Blackhawk there are many rich mines, mostly base metal and silver, with by-product of gold. The Gregory Gulch diggings were rich placers discovered in 1859. At Russel Gulch, area gravel deposits are productive placer deposits. There are many area lode mines, in early day production, \$ 400 per day per man at \$35 an ounce. I would like to thank all the members that kept up with my column and the History of the Colorado mining areas that I talked about over the year.

Again if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me. (Klondike) Mike. 720-443-9545

## From the Treasurer/Secretary Ledger by Linda Luchtenburg



The October Meeting will feature a nine nugget give away totaling 10.3 grams of gold with the largest nugget being a beauty of 2.8 grams. We will also be selling tickets, as always, for the 'special nugget'. Don't miss your opportunity to purchase tickets for this nuggets in which your chances of winning are far better than the Colorado Lottery. We sell tickets each month for the regular gold nugget drawing which features 9 spectacular gold nuggets as well.

## GPR Elections for 2016 Officers by Joe Shubert

It is that time of the year for elections. Please step up and run for an office. Many of us on the board have had the office for 8 or more years and it is time for some new blood on the board. We need 3 new Board Members to fill vacancies. You can run for any office that you qualify for. President and Vice President require that you have been a Board Member or a Committee Chairperson to run. You can nominate someone for an office only if that person gives their OK, or you can nominate yourself.

I will have nomination forms at the October meeting. I will take nominations at the October Meeting or up until one week before the November meeting (Nov 18th). If you want to nominate someone or yourself after the meeting you can email me at [jstwiggy@msn.com](mailto:jstwiggy@msn.com).

## Pumpkin Carving Contest

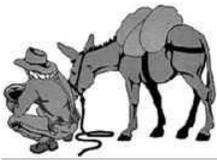
Don't forget, October is Pumpkin carving month. Get a pumpkin and carve it up in some manner representing a mining theme and submit it at the October meeting. There will be prizes issued to the top 3 entrants. So get busy and get to carving. Let's see how innovative you can be. There have been some really great entries in the past. See if you can put your imagination to work and win a great prize.



## Planned GPR Meeting Programs:

**Oct 21** We will show a presentation by the History Channel titled "America's Money Vault" 45 minute dvd which chronicles the way that money goes around, including gold and how it impacts the worlds' money markets.

**Nov 18** The Club will conduct an extended break and have a **"Members' used/new equipment trade/swap/sale."** So be sure and bring any of the stuff you don't want anymore and put it out. Be sure to bring a table covering as we do not want to scar/mar the table tops.



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**Dec 16** This will be the **“Members Only Christmas Dinner/Potluck”**. Plan to arrive by 6pm and we will plan on eating about 6:15 to 6:30 and the evening program will commence at about 7pm.

### Where is ‘Prospector Pete’, the GPR Gold Miner?

“Pete’s” latest adventure was to travel to Idaho Springs on Sept. 19 to attend the Fall Festival with Pres. Long and to help host the Club gold panning booth. That was a lot of fun. He then attended the Club Picnic at Morse Park in Lakewood on Sept. 26. The food was great and ‘Pete’ had a good time.. ‘Pete’ has had a pretty interesting year so far and says that he is really excited to have been in so many places this year. He can’t wait for his next adventure



Idaho Springs Panning Demo



Annual Club Picnic at Morse Park

### Board Meeting Minutes From Sept 2015

X James Long	X Joe Shubert	X Joe Fortunato	John Johnson
X Mike Hurtado	X Joe Johnston	Terry Weatherly	X Brandon Luchtenburg
X Linda Luchtenburg	X Bobby Manning	Andy Doll	

**Quorum present?** Yes

**Call to Order:** By Pres. Long at 6:05 pm

**Reading and Approval of Minutes:** Yes Corrections: none.  
Approved as read/corrected: Yes

**Treasurer’s Report:** Questions: None Approved: yes

**Correspondence:** 3 phone calls, 9 e-mails, 10 mailings

**Webmaster:** Total Hits\_141895 Hits for last month 508.

**Committee Reports:**

- Elections are upcoming. Sec/Trea Linda and VP Mike will be stepping down along with BM Terry. Nominations will be sought for Oct. mtg.. Pres. Long will run again.
- Ken Barker Award nominations were made. Unfinished business: Web site transfer seems to have gone well. No known problems as yet.
- LLC process still pending.

**New Business:** None at this time.

**Planned Outings for 2015:**

- Sept 19 – Panning Demo at Idaho Springs Festival, 10a-2p.
- Sept. 26 – Club picnic at Morse Park, 20<sup>th</sup> and Carr St, 11:30 til 2pm, potluck.
- Oct. 3 – Prospecting Outing has been cancelled.
- Oct. 17 – Panning Demo at Arap. Co. Festival, see sign-up sheet.
- Oct. 21 – Gen Mtg and Pumpkin Carving Contest, prizes will be awarded to best 3.
- Nov. 7 – Metal Detecting Outing, Majestic View Park, west of 80<sup>th</sup> & Wadsworth.

**From the Board**

#### QUESTION OF THE MONTH

What is the 2nd largest gold mine in the world?

#### 2015 GPR Board of Directors Members

**President**

James Long

**Vice President**

Mike Hurtado

**Secretary/Treasurer**

Linda Luchtenburg

**2 Year Board Members**

Joe Johnston (2013)

Joe Shubert (2011)

**1 Year Board Members**

Joe Fortunato

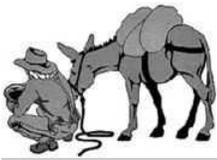
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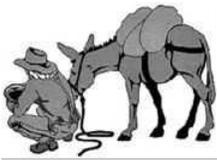
- Pres. Long discussed the recent Panning Demos' at Highlands's ranch Days, Georgetown Loop RR and Idaho Springs Festival. All went well and the volunteers were greatly appreciated.
- Pres. Long again stressed that we need to find 2 people willing to oversee the Panning Demos as well as the Prospecting Outings.
- BM Joe Johnston stressed that folks need to return the items they have checked out.
- **Announcements:** Next Board Meeting Sept. 16, 2015 at 6:00pm. Next General Meeting Sept. 16, 2015 at 7:00pm

**Tonight's general meeting program:** We will be showing a video from the History Channel titled "Inca Gold".

**Adjournment:** Meeting stands adjourned at 6:32 pm.

## General Meeting Minutes From Sept 2015

1. Meeting was opened at 7:05 pm by **Pres. Long** with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Pres. Long** then announced the evening program which will be a video presentation by the History Channel titled "Inca Gold".
3. **Pres. Long** gave the Metals Report with gold at \$1119.70 an ounce, silver at \$14.93, platinum at \$972.00 and palladium at \$610.00.
4. Web hits for last month were 508.
5. **Treasurer Linda Luchtenburg** reported that the Club remains very comfortable in the black. Report is available for review for anyone who wishes to see it. Also, be sure to buy tickets for the new 'Special Nugget' drawing that is now available. This is a solid piece of gold that weighs in at a half an ounce.
6. **Dan and Becki McConnell** who oversee the Membership Table reported that we had 73 members in attendance. There were also 2 guests also present. The meeting attendance was 75.
7. **Sue Clover** read the 'Question of the Month', which was "**What was found over the Christmas season in 2014 by an English metal detectorist Club??**"
8. **Pres. Long** advised that there was time to enter items at the break for the 'Finds of the Month' table and everyone was encouraged to check them out and vote accordingly during the break. Remember, only one entry per person per category. Winners of the Finds of the Month for tonight will need to be saved for competition in November.
9. **John Johnson** announced the new Cache Clue #1. John has successfully hidden the new Cache and it is out there for you to find if you can decipher the clues. So put on your thinking caps and lets go find it.
10. **Tim and Tina Fleming** advised that they had lots of stuff in the **Club Store** for sale. We have introduced some bags of sand containing gold for members to buy. Members were encouraged to support the Club by buying Store products.
11. **Pres. Long** informed the membership of the upcoming Outings.
  - Sept. 19 – Panning Demo, Idaho Springs Festival, 10a-3p.
  - Sept 26 – Club Picnic, pot luck, Morse Park at 20<sup>th</sup> and Carr St., 11:30 til 2pm.
  - Oct. 3 – Prospecting Outing – **Has been cancelled.**
  - Oct. 17 – Panning Demo, Arap Co. Festival, 10a til 4p, at 11 Mile House in Parker, Colo..
  - Oct. 21 – Pumpkin carving Contest at Gen Mtg, prizes awarded to top 3 entries.
  - Nov. 7 – Metal detecting Hunt, Majestic Park west of 80<sup>th</sup> and Wadsworth, 10a til 1pm, prizes to be awarded.
  - Dec 16 – Christmas Pot Luck, NO General Meeting.
12. **Pres. Long** also informed the membership:
  - That the Panning Demos at the Highlands Ranch Days and the Georgetown Loop RR went very well. We appreciate our volunteers who make these events possible.
  - Attendees were reminded to check the front table for new handouts and to vote for the finds of the month during the break.
  - The Web Site has been migrated and seems to be working very well.



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- Pres. Long discussed a new dvd titled “Ghosts of the West” which is available and placed an order sheet at the front table.
  - A reminder of the Pumpkin Carving Contest at the Oct. Mtg..
  - Also that Club elections are coming up. VP Mike Hurtado and Sec./Treas. Linda Luchtenburg are stepping down as well as Board Member Terry Weatherly. Pres. Long will run again for one more year. However, we need 2 volunteers to lead the Panning Demos and the Prospecting Outings. If we don’t get that help, we may not have too many Outings for the next year.
    - The Board will also be preparing the Ken Barker Nominations for the Oct. Mtg..
    - President Long then spoke of the continued fallout from the EPA caused disaster on the Animas River. The event has continued to be in the news every single day since it happened.
13. **Pres. Long** announced the break at 8:20 pm. Meeting was called back to order at 8:36 pm.
14. **Pres. Long** announced that there were 29 winners of the ‘Question of the Month’. The answer was “**An Anglo Saxon hoard of over 5000 silver coins valued at more than \$1.5 million dollars**”...!! The extra drawing tickets were passed out to the lucky winners.
15. **Pres. Long** announced the winners for the ‘Finds of the Month’. Those were:
- **Best Jewelry** – **George Sullivan** with a gold cross necklace found in Brighton while metal detecting.
  - **Best Coin** – **George Sullivan** with a \$1 dollar gold president’s coin found in Lochbuie while metal detecting..
  - **Best Artifact** – **Joe Johnston** with an old saddle horn he found in South Park.
  - **Best Bottle** – **Joe Johnston** with a broken bottle neck he found in South Park.
16. **Pres. Long** concluded the evening with drawings for the numerous door prizes donated by the **GPR, GPAA and Pres. Long**, followed by drawings for the 9 gold nuggets. A reminder that holders of drawing tickets for the regular gold drawings who did not win and want to redeem those tickets may present them at the end of the Meeting and they will be reimbursed at .01 cents on the dollar, or they can choose to donate the tickets back to the Club. Those assisting in the drawings were **Chuck Cown and Linda Luchtenburg**.
17. **Pres. Long** reminds the members that sometimes during the meetings, The President’s time is overwhelmingly taken up by the many who wish to speak to him and he apologizes if anyone ever feels like he is unavailable. It is not his intent to be inaccessible and he encourages anyone with questions to contact him by e-mail or phone at any time. His e-mail and phone number are on the web site.
18. **Pres. Long** thanked **Chris and Joe Kafka** and all those who contributed to the Refreshment Table. Any member is encouraged to chip in and add to the spread each month. This really helps the folks who run the table and those who volunteer up front each month. The Club appreciates the efforts that each and every one of you to make the refreshment table enjoyable.
19. The scheduled **Program for October** will be a change and is a video presentation titled “America’s Money Vault”, a 45 minute presentation from the National Geographic Channel.
20. Until next time, remember to prospect safely, live long and be grateful for that golden bounty from the stars, that gleaming magical miracle, called ‘gold’!
21. The Meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm.

## Schedule of 2015 Planned Outings:

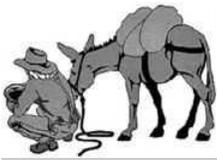
We are no longer printing the schedule in the newsletter. A copy is emailed each month to all so new members get an initial copy. From then on check the email copy, any changes from the last copy will be highlighted in yellow. No yellow no changes. So print it out and hang it up.

## Finds of the Month

October winners were as follows:

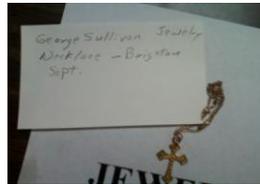
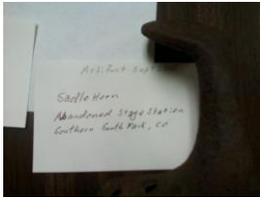
- **Best Artifact** – **Joe Johnston** with an old saddle horn he found in South Park.





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- **Best Jewelry** – **George Sullivan** with a gold cross/necklace he found in Lochbuie metal detecting.
- **Best Coin** – **George Sullivan** with a gold \$1 George Washington coin he found in Brighton
- **Best Bottle** – **Joe Johnston** with a bottle neck found in South Park.



Great job guys and gals!!!!

Be sure and bring your treasures and finds in to share with the rest of the Club. Winners each month will have their name published each month in the Newsletter. There are six (6) categories to choose from when entering. Thanks to Joe Johnston who also submitted additional finds that were not judged to be winners.

## A Miner's Laugh

Listen, a job is a job, and we all need to find a way to put bread on the table don't we? To make a long story short, a telemarketer can be pretty entertaining. It's not a job everyone appreciates, but it's a job that can have certain twists to make it memorable, especially when old miners' may be involved.

The other day, a telemarketer called an old miner's home and the lady of the house answered the phone. She was really helpful and friendly, and was the type of lady that helps a telemarketer get through a long day. After some pleasantries, the telemarketer asked if Mr. Smith was in. "No, I am very sorry", she answered "I'm afraid he doesn't live here anymore."

Now that was a real disappointment to the telemarketer being that she was a nice lady and all, but he took it all in stride and replied, "I'm sorry to hear that ma'am. Do you happen to have his new number?"

"Sure thing!" The woman cheerfully replied, listing off his new number. The telemarketer hung up the phone and quickly called the new number and was startled to hear the following recording. *"Thank you for calling the Green Acres Cemetery"* (Taken from the internet and revised just for all us 'old miners.)/10/15



## Reynolds Ranch Harvest Festival at Western Museum of Mining and Industry

October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> (10 am - 3 pm)

Carve out a little time and harvest some family fun at the Western Museum of Mining & Industry this fall! Celebrate the season, enjoy the cool weather, and grow your farming spirit with activities for the whole family; from a pumpkin patch, face painting and farmers market, to children's games, "Spooky Histories", and more in the museum's exhibit building and 27-acre grounds! \$5 admission, ages 4 and up.

Visit [www.wmmi.org](http://www.wmmi.org) for more event details! Thank you for supporting WMMI,

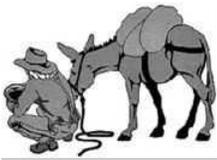
## CSM Museum Book, Fossil, and Mineral Sale

Saturday and Sunday, October 24, 25, 2015.....Hundreds of books, fossils, maps, USGS folios, minerals, etc. Prices vary by item or box and will be reduced throughout the event. Event to be held at Colorado School of Mines located at 1310 Maple St., Golden, Colo. For further information, call 303-273-3815.



## What is Mining?

**Environmental effects:** Environmental issues can include erosion, formation of sinkholes, loss of biodiversity, and contamination of soil, groundwater and surface water by chemicals from mining processes. In some cases, additional forest logging is done in the vicinity of mines to create space for the storage of the created debris and soil. Contamination



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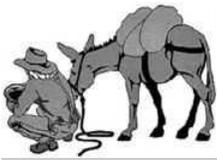
resulting from leakage of chemicals can also affect the health of the local population if not properly controlled. Extreme examples of pollution from mining activities include coal fires, which can last for years or even decades, producing massive amounts of environmental damage. Mining companies in most countries are required to follow stringent environmental and rehabilitation codes in order to minimize environmental impact and avoid impacting human health. These codes and regulations all require the common steps of environmental impact assessment, development of environmental management plans, mine closure planning (which must be done before the start of mining operations), and environmental monitoring during operation and after closure. However, in some areas, particularly in the developing world, government regulations may not be well enforced. For major mining companies and any company seeking international financing, there are a number of other mechanisms to enforce good environmental standards. These generally relate to financing standards such as the Equator principles, IFC environmental standards, and criteria for socially responsible investing. Mining companies have used this oversight from the financial sector to argue for some level of self-policing. In 1992, a Draft Code of Conduct for Transnational Corporations was proposed at the Rio Earth Summit by the UN Centre for Transnational Corporations (UNCTC), but the Business Council for Sustainable Development (BCSD) together with the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) argued successfully for self-regulation instead. This was followed by the Global Mining Initiative which was begun by nine of the largest metals and mining companies and which led to the formation of the International Council on Mining and Metals, whose purpose was to "act as a catalyst" in an effort to improve social and environmental performance in the mining and metals industry internationally. The mining industry has provided funding to various conservation groups, some of which have been working with conservation agendas that are at odds with an emerging acceptance of the rights of indigenous people – particularly the right to make land-use decisions. Certification of mines with good practices occurs through the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). For example, ISO 9000 and ISO 14001, which certify an "auditable environmental management system", involve short inspections, although they have been accused of lacking rigor. Certification is also available through Ceres Global Reporting Initiatives, but these reports are voluntary and unverified. Miscellaneous other certification programs exist for various projects, typically through nonprofit groups. The purpose of a 2012 EPS PEAKS paper was to provide evidence on policies managing ecological costs and maximize socioeconomic benefits of mining using host country regulatory initiatives. It found existing literature suggesting donors encourage developing countries to:

- Make the environment-poverty link and introduce cutting-edge wealth measures and natural capital accounts.
- Reform old taxes in line with more recent financial innovation, engage directly with the companies, enacting land use and impact assessments, and incorporate specialized support and standards agencies.
- Set in play transparency and community participation initiatives using the wealth accrued.

**Waste:** Ore mills generate large amounts of waste, called tailings. For example, 99 tons of waste is generated per ton of copper, with even higher ratios in gold mining - because only 5.3 g of gold is extracted per ton of ore, a ton of gold produces 200,00 tons of tailings. These tailings can be toxic. Tailings, which are usually produced as slurry, are most commonly dumped into ponds made from naturally existing valleys. These ponds are normally secured by impoundments (dams or embankment dams). In 2000 it was estimated that 3,500 tailings impoundments existed, and that every year, 2 to 5 major failures and 35 minor failures occurred; for example, in the Marcopper mining disaster at least 2 million tons of tailings were released into a local river. Subaqueous tailings disposal is another option. The mining industry has argued that submarine tailings disposal (STD), which disposes of tailings in the sea, is ideal because it avoids the risks of tailings ponds; although the practice is illegal in the United States and Canada, it is used in the developing world. The waste is classified as either sterile or mineralized, with acid generating potential, and the movement and storage of this material forms a major part of the mine planning process. When the mineralized package is determined by an economic cut-off, the near-grade mineralized waste is usually dumped separately with view to later treatment should market conditions change and it becomes economically viable. Civil engineering design parameters are used in the design of the waste dumps, and special conditions apply to high-rainfall areas and to seismically active areas. Waste dump designs must meet all regulatory requirements of the country in whose jurisdiction the mine is located. It is also common practice to rehabilitate dumps to an internationally acceptable standard, which in some cases means that higher standards than the local regulatory standard are applied.

Iron Hydroxide precipitation stains a stream receiving acid drainage from surface coal mining





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**Renewable energy and mining:** Many mining sites are remote and not connected to the grid. Electricity is typically generated with diesel generators. Due to high transportation cost and theft during transportation the cost for generating electricity is normally high. Renewable energy applications are becoming an alternative or amendment. Both solar and wind power plants can contribute in saving diesel costs at mining sites. Renewable energy applications have been built at mining sites. Cost savings can reach up to 70%. *More to follow next month)*

## Highlands Ranch Festival Panning Demo

The Club conducted a gold panning demo for the Highlands Ranch Days Festival in Highlands Ranch over 3 days from Sept 10, 11, and 12. During that time, the Festival drew over 3000 people which included second and third grade students from 20 different Douglas and Arapahoe County schools on Thursday and Friday.. There were more than 20 vendors at the Festival to enjoy 3 days of perfect weather. The event hosts Indian dancers, trappers, blacksmiths, a petting zoo, and many other outdoor and old west type providers to include gold panning demonstrations, which was very popular among all the visitors, as usual. Many thanks to Frank Zahn, Hank Innerfeld, Jack Meineke and Mike Hurtado for seeing to it that all went well. Our volunteers make it possible for these events to be successful. Pres. Long did get a few photos along the way.



## Annual Club Picnic

On Saturday, Sept. 26, members of the Club met at Morse Park at 20<sup>th</sup> and Carr St. in Lakewood for the Annual potluck picnic. There were more than 30 folks who made it on a beautiful day that wasn't cold and wasn't hot. Pres. Long did the cooking and everybody enjoyed a fine meal. There were lots of goodies on the table to share and nobody went away hungry. Thanks to everyone who managed to find the time to come and enjoy a little fellowship with like-minded folks. Pres. Long got a couple of photos to share.



## Georgetown Loop RR Panning Demo

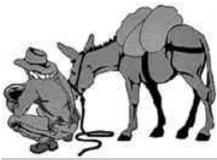
On Sept. 5 and 6, the Club conducted a gold panning demonstration for folks who rode the Georgetown Loop Railroad over the Labor Day holiday weekend. The crowds were considerable lighter than we had expected and the weather again was absolutely perfect. Around 150 riders took the Lebanon Mine Tour and participated in the gold panning in which they were able to keep the gold they found. My thanks go to Jack Meineke, Bobby Manning, Tina and Tim Fleming, Jim Peterson and Steve Miller for helping to ensure that this event was a success. Remember, without our volunteers, we wouldn't be able to do these events. Pres. Long took a couple of photos.



Passengers arriving to pan for gold



Club members assisting passengers pan

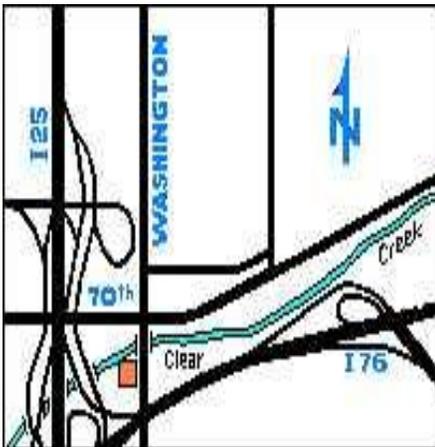


## Idaho Springs Water Festival Gold Panning Demo

The Club conducted a gold panning demonstration on Sept. 19 at Miner's Park in Idaho Springs. The event was pretty well attended and the weather, as usual, was great. There were quite a few vendors and, I couldn't believe my eyes, even the EPA had a booth. Didn't get a chance to see what kind of spiel they were delivering but thought it was very interesting. We had a great crowd and a lot of interest from folks who visited the booth. My thanks go to Mike Hurtado, Jack Meineke, Frank Zahn, and Pam and George Schmitt who all volunteered their time to play in the water with us. Pres. Long did get a couple of photos along the way.



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