



*Cheyenne Chapter  
GPAA*

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**\*\* MEETING LOCATION \*\***

**The May 6th meeting will be held at CJ's Restaurant, located at 1421 W. 16<sup>th</sup> St., 7:00pm.**

**MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Morrison with 40 people in attendance.

A treasurer's report was given, we currently have \$646.42 in our chapter account.

Bob thanked Joe Hernandez for donating a motorcycle battery for use with the club's Gold Buddy. The Gold Buddy is available for rent, contact Bob Morrison if you would like to rent this machine.

Bob also wanted to thank George Stumpf for working the name tag and sign in table at the meetings.

The club has purchased bags of concentrates from Colorado. These bags are available to the members for \$10 each; each bag is approximately 1 lb. The gold is very fine in consistency.

\$2 from each bag sold will go into the club treasury.

Bob spoke to DEQ about the status of dredging permits. They won't have an answer for us until May.

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**The Big Raffle**

Raffle tickets are now available for our big raffle of the year. The tickets will be \$1 each. The prizes are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> prize - Desert Fox Spiral Gold Wheel

2<sup>nd</sup> prize - Felix Gold Jackpot Bag

3<sup>rd</sup> prize - Gold Nugget

Drawing will be at the June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. If you want to sell tickets, or buy tickets contact Louise Morrison at 632-7895.

**NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT:** The Chapter would like to extend our sincere sympathy to Don O'Bleness and his family in the recent loss of Don's wife Mary. Mary passed away on April 9<sup>th</sup> here in Cheyenne. Don & Mary are members of the Chapter.

#### CHEYENNE MINERAL & GEM SHOW

The Cheyenne Mineral & Gem Show will be at the Holiday Inn on May 17-18, 2003. We will be having the gold panning booth once again and we need volunteers to help run the gold panning demonstrations. A sign up sheet will be available at the meetings.

For the Gem Show, George Stumpf suggested we should have tubs for kids to pan for gold. The sand they would be working with will be salted with gold; they will be allowed to keep a flake out of their pan which would be scotch taped to a card with our club address. The Ft. Collins club has done this at their local shows and have been successful in attracting new members. It was motioned and seconded to have this activity.

Bob also suggested we sell some of the Suction Dredges made by club member Chuck Cummins from Windsor, CO. Chuck will allow us to sell them for whatever price we choose as long as he gets back \$40 for each one. Anything in excess of \$40 will go into the club treasury. It was motioned and seconded to sell the suction dredges at the show.

#### RAFFLE WINNERS

##### RAFFLE

Louise Morrison - knee pads

Tim Devoss - jar of honey

Helen Howell - quartz earrings

Jim Clark - 1935 Indian head nickel

Joe Hernandez - tote box

Danna Wyatt - wooden nickel token

Joe Hernandez - pick

Mark Goehring - saw

George Stumpf - quartz earring/necklace

Orris Wickham - vials

Dan Gochnour - surprise gift

#### Thank you to the following businesses and/or individuals that helped to

#### make our raffle possible this month.

Ken Wilcox - jar of honey

Louise Morrison - quartz earrings & necklace

Francis Oline - buffalo head nickels & a wooden nickel token

Louise Morrison - surprise gift (fools gold)

50/50 \$66.50

Jim Clark

Name Tag Drawing - 1936 Indian head nickel

Orris Wickham

Felix Gold Raffle

Dan Gochnour

**.PROSPECTOR'S CACHE**

**Felix Paydirt Gourmet Gold. Club member John Eggleston is taking orders for the 2LB bag of Felix Paydirt. John orders a case of 10 bags at a time and receives one free bag which the club uses as a raffle item. The bags are \$30(\$25 + \$5 shipping).**

**If you would like to order a bag or two,**

**Contact John at 635-0229**

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**1995 Mallard, self contained travel trailer, used very little; excellent condition.**

**Call Francis Oline at 307-634-1133.**

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**For Sale: Seeker One Handheld Metal Detector; light weight pocket design. Detects ferrous and non-ferrous metals. Built in flashlight; battery operated. New in a box.**

**\$50.00**

**Call George Stumpf, 632-9945**

**circlestar@yahoo.com**

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Quartz epidote crystals hand dug from the Fox Park area. Each crystal has been hand dug, polished and mounted in either a pair of earrings or as a necklace. Buy separately or buy them as an earring/necklace set. Assorted styles available. \$10-15.

Call Louise Morrison 632-7895

lmorri3964@msn.com

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*Club members: If you have items for sale, contact Peggy Stumpf at*

*307-632-9945 or [circlestar@yahoo.com](mailto:circlestar@yahoo.com) to have your ad placed here.*

*Your ad will also be on placed on the Chapter website.*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

May 6 - Chapter Meeting, 7:00pm at CJ's Restaurant, 1421 W. 16<sup>th</sup> St.

May 17 - 18 Cheyenne Mineral & Gem Show, Holiday Inn, Cheyenne

June 3<sup>rd</sup> - raffle drawing at Chapter meeting

August 9 - Centennial Ridge Outing w/Dan Hausel

**MINERS TALK**

HEMATITE: An iron ore which is reddish brown color. It is one of the main non-magnetic minerals that comprise black sand concentrates.

OVERBURDEN: The valueless dirt and material overlying the pay zone in a placer deposit. When dredging, the overburden must be removed before processing the pay streak.

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Did you know - -

The first documented gold discovery in the U.S. was a 17 pound gold nugget found in Cabarrus County, North Carolina.

**Troy Weight Conversion Table**

1 grain = .0648 grams

24 grains = 1 pennyweight (DWT)

20 DWT = 1 troy ounce

12 troy ounces = 1 troy pound

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