



Cheyenne Chapter
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**** MEETING LOCATION ****

The meeting will be held at Sandalwood's Restaurant, located in the Holiday Inn at 204 W. Fox Farm Rd., 7:00pm.

A representative from White's Metal Detectors will be on hand to show detectors and answer any questions.

As Secretary, I would like to thank Danna Wyatt for taking the meeting minutes for me at the Douglas Creek outing which we were not able to attend. Thank You Danna!

MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Morrison with 33 members present. Reading of the June minutes was suspended - copies of the June Newsletter were available for members to read.

At the time of the meeting, the website was down, current status was not available. 2 members mentioned that they may have resources into finding a webmaster to assist in creating a new website. Mike Hayes also mentioned using Yahoo, since it will allow users to have a website, a link to the National site and will allow members to share photos, leave messages and have chat features, cost should be minimal.

Chapter Finances - funds are approximately at \$1,200, unable to get a definite figure since the treasurer was not present.

Lyle Shingleton mentioned that the 6hp rock crusher is currently up, running and available for rental (\$1.00 per day). It's advised that any rocks over 1" diameter might cause the unit to jam. It was discussed that it would be addressed and placed for vote at a future meeting that proceeds from rental items are to be deposited into a club savings account for future use.

Pat Gochmour was introduced and thanked for volunteering as Activities Coordinator, she has many events planned for adults and children.

The next scheduled meeting will be held Tuesday, August 5, 7:00pm at the Holiday Inn on the east side of the restaurant. The room rental has been waived provided that those attending will order from a reasonably priced menu. Copies of menu items and prices were read and available for members to view.

Various equipment was available at the meeting for a "See, Show, Join In, Ask" session. There is a need for a equipment manager, if anyone would like to volunteer, contact Bob Morrison or any of the club

officers.

Russ Pafford, a new member and welder by trade mentioned he has welding equipment and a "we can work something out" attitude. Call him at 307-635-0925 after 5:00pm.

Mike Schepker shared with the group a shark tooth he found at Pawnee Butte, NE

STATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mike Hayes, State Director had nothing to report from the national level. He did mention that he met with DEQ and felt that the meeting was extremely productive. He asked that they clarify Guideline 19, which does not clearly state the difference between hand panning and recreational panning. He also spoke with them about sluice box concerns and regulations. Mike felt that he was able to share his concerns and that they understood they shouldn't regulate things they weren't familiar with. They were very receptive to his theories.

He also addressed High Banking concerns and was told that the concern was not with an individual but with a mass number of people. It was further discussed that Mike assist them in creating an informational pamphlet clearly outlining the "Do's & Don'ts".

They were also receptive to studying Rock Creek near Atlantic City for pros/cons of mercury issues. He addressed dredge size and questioned why other states list 4", 5" or 6", then went on further to ask why does Wyoming stipulate only 3"? He stated to them that eliminates a lot of people. Unfortunately, they did not have an answer for him. He asked if they would possibly consider a study to show percentages of a modern dredge to catch mercury. Thus, hopefully allowing Rock Creek to be re-opened.

Please contact Mike Hayes (307-632-2054) with any issues or concerns, do not call officials, as we need to keep the confusion to a minimum and data controlled, especially since the rapport has been established through Mike.

It was discussed that State studies on Sweetwater, Rock Creek and Willow Creek had been dropped in the past due to a lack of governmental funding.

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

The Dan Hausel Centennial Ridge outing will be August 23rd. Meet at the visitors center, 1 mile west of Centennial. Bring your own lunch and drinks. If you have walkie talkies bring those as well.

RAFFLE WINNERS

RAFFLE

Crevice separator - Mike Schepker

Pouch/vial - Don Gochnour

Chisel - Russell Hauser

Knee pads - Louise Morrison

Scoop - Terry Collins

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

make our raffle and outing possible this month.

Coke

Pepsi

Holiday Inn

Keene

Chuck Cummins

Quartz earring - Robert Kenton

Shovel - Mike Schepker

Flashlight - Lyle Shingleton

Pan - Jim Rowles

Hummingbird feeder - Mitch Wyatt

Gold nugget - Pat Collins

Gold sucker - Mike Hayes

50/50 \$ 44.50

Ken Wilcox

Name Tag Drawing -

2 vials of gold - Terry Collins

Volunteer/Attendance Drawing

GPS - Virginia Dobkins

Walkie Talkies - Louise Morrison

Gold Sucker - Jim Clark

MINERS TALK

Did you know . . .

Use a dryer sheet to keep pesky insects from biting.

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

Keene 3" dredge combo, motor needs rebuilt or replaced. Includes pump, hoses, separate motor & T80 compressor, miners moss. \$750.

Call Mike Hayes 632-2054

cheymike@attbi.com

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

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

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

307-632-9945 or circlestar@yahoo.com to have your ad placed here.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 5 - Chapter Meeting, Holiday Inn 7:00pm

August 23 - Centennial Ridge Outing w/Dan Hausel

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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