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*GPAA*

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

**The October 7<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at Sandalwood's Restaurant at the Holiday Inn on Fox Farm Rd. at 7:00pm.**

**MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Morrison with 34 members present. Reading of the minutes was suspended.

We have a guest speaker tonight so the business meeting will be kept short. As a reminder, we have the Gold Buddy and rock crusher available for rent. \$1.00 per day - contact Bob or one of the officers to reserve either piece. The rental fee will go into a savings account to repair equipment or purchase more equipment at a later date.

Pat Gochnour was thanked for doing such a great job in getting activities and speakers for the meeting. It was motioned and seconded that our out of town speakers would be entitled to a meal paid by the club if they wanted one.

The Centennial Ridge Outing with Dan Hausel was a good event. Everyone was happy with the tour and would like Dan to do more.

Our guest speaker tonight was John Masslich from the Ft. Collins Club in Colorado. John gave a very informative talk on the research he has done on panning and sluicing, as well as showing the modifications he has done to his sluice box riffles to make them more efficient. He also brought his books to sell to members, and donated a book to our library.

**\$\$ TREASURER'S REPORT \$\$**

**\$1014.25 checking**

**approx. \$100 petty cash**

**CLAIMS REPORT**

Bob reported that he checked areas around the Cliff Mine and Independence Mine for potential claim sites, nothing promising yet. John Eggleston should be getting some paperwork regarding the potential claim near Torrington.

John has the Colorado fine/flour gold for sale and the Felix gold as well. The cost of the Felix gold has gone up to \$35 (\$30 + \$5 shipping).

### ACTIVITY REPORT

Pat has made arrangements for an announcement to be aired on Channel 5 at 12:00 noon announcing our club meetings each month. Along that same line, Peggy Stumpf has posted our meeting in the Clubs & Organizations section of the Wyoming Tribune Eagle.

Pat has spoke with Gary Hawley from the Rocky Mtn Prospectors Club. He has invited our club to join the Colorado club for their June outing which is a tour of the Central City/Blackhawk Mining District. More information will be available as next June approaches.

Pat handed surveys to all club members at the meeting to get suggestions for future meetings, activities, speakers, etc for the upcoming winter months. The surveys were turned in at the end of the meeting and Pat will be compiling the suggestions.



*Artwork By:*

*Dennis Howell*

### RAFFLE WINNERS

#### RAFFLE

folding saw - Ben Vigil

cucumbers & gold pan magnet - Zoe Wyatt

clock - Jim Clark

storage seat for 5 gallon bucket - Dallas Lake

pedometer - Dallas Lake

gloves - Madeline Shappell

cucumbers & gold pan magnet - Madeline Shappell

### Wyoming Trivia

The Wyoming State Capitol dome, an area of approximately 800 square feet is overlaid with less than one ounce of gold leaf. Gold leaf is gold flattened to .000005 to .000004 of an inch, yet it still retains its brilliance and strength.

The dome was originally covered with unattractive oxidized copper. In 1900 the dome was gilded (overlaid) with gold leaf. Since then it has been gilded in 1924, 1953, 1979 and 1986.

bag of Atlantic City concentrates - Lyle Shingleton

wrist watch - Pat Collins

micro sluice - John Eggleston

cucumbers - Dallas Lake

mini garden rack - George Stumpf

garden spade - Joe Hernandez

50/50 \$43.00

John Paul

Name Tag Drawing - tool set

Anna Belle Lang

Midas Oil Change

Madeline Shappell

Due to the hazard involved in trying to apply the gilding directly on the dome (the workers would hang from ropes that hung from the windows below the cupola), and the difficulty of trying to apply the gold with even a slight breeze, in 1979 the process was changed. The original copper sheeting was removed and the gold leaf was applied in a shop; the sheeting was then reinstalled on the dome.

Information obtained from Wyoming State Museum

**THANK YOU!!**

Thank you to the following businesses and/or individuals that helped to make our raffle possible this month.

Midas (Nick) - oil change

Dennis Howell - mini sluice

Dave Fortney - watch/pedometer/clock

Stan Lang - cucumbers

**.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 \$35(\$30 + \$5 shipping).**

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

**Contact John at 635-0229**

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**Keene "green" bowl, \$30. This is like the blue bowl that sells for \$109.00.**

**The "green" bowl has been discontinued by Keene. For \$10 more Mike**

**will sell the 12V pump to run the bowl.**

**Call Mike Hayes (307)640-4378**

**cheymike@attbi.com**

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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**

**Lmrr3964@aol.com**

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**For Sale: Metal detector - Fisher Goldstriker,**

**used one time, \$750.00**

**Call Stan Lang, 307-649-2339**

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**For Sale: Drywasher w/Craftsman 185 MPH leaf blower, \$350. Desert Fox gold**

**wheel, used two times, \$225.**

**Call Felix Campbell, 307-421-7669**

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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	Troy Weight Conversion Table
October 7 - Chapter Meeting 7:00pm	1 grain = .0648 grams
Holiday Inn-Sandalwood Restaurant	24 grains = 1 pennyweight (DWT)
November 4 - Chapter Meeting 7:00pm	20 DWT = 1 troy ounce
	12 troy ounces = 1 troy pound

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