



*Cheyenne Chapter*  
*GPAA*

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

**The March meeting will be held on March 1st at the Sandalwood's Restaurant in the Holiday Inn on Fox Farm Rd at 7:00pm.**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting was called to order by Bob Morrison. There were 34 members and 6 visitors present. Bob welcomed the new members and visitors and gave them an overview of how the chapter meetings and outings are conducted.

Treasurer's report by Stan Lang - the club has approximately \$600 in checking. Since he has been sick for the last couple of meetings, he hasn't received the check statements to get an exact figure. Plus the club has approx \$100 in petty cash.

Don and Pat Gochnour announced that the Holiday Inn will be providing a buffet on our meeting night, the cost is \$8.95 and includes a drink and dessert. The members that tried it were very pleased.

Chris Conlon is still working on the details for the South Dakota outing. Sign up sheet is still available at the meeting for anyone that is interested.

The Cheyenne Gem Show is coming up soon. This year's show is May 14-15 at the Holiday Inn. The club will once again have a booth giving panning demonstrations and selling raffle tickets and panning supplies. The drawing for our Annual Raffle will also take place on May 15 at the end of the Gem Show.

The prizes are:

- 1st prize - 10.6 gram Australian gold nugget
- 2nd prize - Garrett Ace 250 Metal Detector
- 3rd prize - Felix Gold Bag & Colorado Gold bag w/pan, snuffer bottle & vial

Tickets will be \$1.00 each and are currently available at the chapter meetings until May. You may also contact Bob at 307-632-7895 or Peggy at 307-632-9945 if you'd like to get tickets.

No new information on the Douglas Creek Claim. Ed Mullins & Lyle Shinglewton are looking into claims in the Lake Owen area.

Pat Gochnour has scheduled Tom Florich, from the Forest Service to be our speaker for March. Bob would also like to get Dan Hausel to come back as a speaker. If you have someone you'd like to have at one of our meetings, let Pat know who it is and how to contact them.

Tim DeVoss - contact Bob to pickup the GPS you won at the July attendance drawing.

Bob called for a discussion on the July Outing and the Attendance Drawing. Ken Wilcox suggested that in order to win a prize for attendance, the winner needs to be present at the drawing to win. The membership agreed to this suggestion. It was also motioned and seconded that if the GPS is not claimed by July, it will be put back into the July drawing.

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### What Are They Talking About?

Have you been around people that are talking about the gold they found? You'll hear words like "flour" and "flake", a "speck" and a "fleck" - what's the difference?

Here's some terminology to help you out:

**BLACK SANDS** - This is exactly what it sounds like; sands that are black in color, and they are usually forms of iron oxide. Gold does hide in black sands and is awfully small.

**FLOUR GOLD** - The gold looks similar to baking powder or flour, only it is gold in color. Sometimes it is microscopic in size and the only way you can see it with the naked eye is to have a lot of flour gold in your pan. This is what will likely be hiding in your black sands.

**SPECK GOLD** - This is just a bit bigger than flour gold. Again, it will take a whole lot of it to make an ounce. It usually looks kind of chunky when you view it under a 30X microscope.

**FLECK GOLD** - This is similar to a speck, but it is a little larger and flatter in shape, but still very small. It's just as difficult to separate from the black sands in your pan too.

**FLAKE GOLD** - Now we're getting somewhere! A flake is going to be larger in size. You will begin to get excited when the gold you're finding reaches flake size. A flake is too small to pick up with your fingers, but you can get it with a pair of tweezers.

**PICKER** - Yahoo! This is a piece of gold big enough to pick up between your fingers. If you have to fumble around to get it, it's a **SMALL PICKER**. If you can pick it up with little difficulty, it qualifies as a **PICKER**. If it's really easy to pick up, it's a **NICE PICKER**.

**PLINKER** - More Yahoos! Now when you pick up the gold and drop it in your pan, you can hear it hit the bottom! It also qualifies as a **SMALL NUGGET**.

And if you find one that puts a dent in your pan when you drop it? Well that folks is a **REALLY NICE NUGGET!**

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## Cheyenne GPAA Chapter Raffle

1st Prize - 10.6 gram Australian gold nugget



2nd Prize - Garrett Ace 250 Metal Detector



3rd Prize - Felix Bag & Colorado Gold Concentrates Bag w/pan, snuffer bottle & vial



Tickets \$1.00 each  
Contact for Tickets:  
Robert Morrison, 307-632-7895,  
email: Lmrr3964@aol.com  
Peggy Stumpf, 307-632-9945,  
email: circlestar@yahoo.com

Drawing: May 15, 2005 at  
Cheyenne Gem Show, Holiday Inn  
Cheyenne, WY

\*\* Need not be present to win \*\*

**RAFFLE WINNERS**

pocket radio - Dick Williams  
sharpener - Mitch Wyatt  
flashlight- George Durako  
postcard of a gold miner - Sara Petroski  
Silver Dollar - Jenn Wilcox  
tackle box (gold storage box) - Stan Lang  
gold pickers - George Stumpf  
screwdriver - Clyde Duvall  
knife w/sheath - Ed Mullins  
Liberty head dime - Mitch Wyatt  
gold pickers - George Durako

50/50 \$66.50  
Jenn Wilcox

Name Tag Drawing - cooler  
Ken Wilcox

**RAFFLE DONATIONS**

Thank you to the following individuals or businesses that helped make our monthly raffle drawing successful.

pocket radio - Stan Lang  
knife sharpener - Francis Oline

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

March 1 - Chapter Meeting  
7:00pm  
Holiday Inn

April 5 - Chapter Meeting  
7:00pm  
Holiday Inn

May 3 - Chapter Meeting  
7:00pm  
Holiday Inn

May 14-15 Cheyenne Gem Show  
Holiday Inn

**.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 a 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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**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: White's Metal Detector w/power pak and case.**

**Call Charlie or Joan at 307-632-8137**

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**White's Metal Detector, Gold Master III, w/one coil, rechargeable battery pack & White's headphones. \$400.**

**Call Joe Hernandez, 307-421-3528**

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**2 1/2" Proline Hibanker Dredge Combo w/ 4 hp Honda.**

**Used two seasons. \$950.00**

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

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**Electric Trunk Lift. Lifts a scooter into the trunk of any car or a van or pickup. All parts included, \$250. Center latch louvered tailgate. Fits late model Chevy or GMC, cost \$313, sell for \$150. Front mount receiver hitch. Fits most late model trucks & SUV's, half price, \$50.00**

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

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**2" Proline floating dredge, \$750.00**

**Call Dallas Lake, 307-649-2321**

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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.*

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