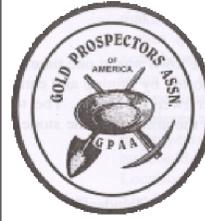




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July 2005

**** MEETING LOCATION ****

The August meeting will be held on August 2 at the Holiday Inn, Cheyenne, WY 7:00pm.

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting was called to order by Bob Morrison. Hope everyone enjoyed the potluck, in spite of the rain.

The Chapter's outing scheduled for August on Douglas Creek has been cancelled. Perry Massey is only available on Friday 19 August. More information may be available at the August meeting.

John Masslich from the Rocky Mountain Prospectors & Treasure Hunters Club in Ft. Collins spoke about his Crazy 8 #2 claim. This claim is upstream of the Crazy 8 #1 claim on Lake Creek. John invited club members to use the claim as long as they complete an application and pay a \$10 yearly fee.

Thanks to the following people for their raffle donations: Dennis Renison donated a Deadwood SD token.

Dick & Madelyn Shappell donated a gold panning kit.

Bob & Carolyn Bruce donated a Cowboy statue.

ATTENDANCE DRAWING WINNERS

1st Prize- 4.8 gram nugget- George Stumpf

2nd Prize- gold panners kit- Jen Wilcox

3rd Prize- knife- Dennis Rennison

BONUS PRIZE- GPS unit- Dick Shappell

RAFFLE WINNERS

Winner Prize

Carl Filter Cowboy Statue

Dixie Bruce Mexican silver round

Mike Collier Scoop

Pete Somontes Cooler

Mike Sheppard Snuffer bottle

Mike Sheppard Gold nugget

Dixie Bruce Water bottle

Alberta Shaffer Classifier

Bill Hinklin 1876 Indian Head penny

Mike Sheppard Water bottle

George Stumpf Gold nugget

50/50 Dale Fisher \$76.50

UPCOMING EVENTS

The August meeting will be held on Tuesday 2 August at the Sandalwood's Restaurant in the Holiday Inn on Fox Farm Rd.
at 7:00pm.

Remember when you renew your membership make sure you specify you are signing up through the Cheyenne Chapter so the club will earn more credits.

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

The BLM has a website where you can check on gold claims. Go to www.blm.gov/Lr2000.

NOTE: MOST OF THE BLM WEBSITE, INCLUDING THIS ONE, IS OFFLINE PENDING UPGRADES TO THEIR SOFTWARE FOR GREATER SECURITY.

Wyoming Geological Survey www.wsgs.uwyo.edu/

The Perth Mint of Australia www.perthmint.com.au

Click on 'About Nuggets and Gold' for some interesting facts on gold nuggets.

Garmin GPS products go to www.garmin.com

Magellan GPS products go to www.magellangps.com

RECIPES

Pete's Chicken Surprize

6-8 Chicken thighs or boneless breasts.

2 10 3/4 oz. cans Condensed mushroom soup

3 stalks celery, coarsely chopped

1/4 cup red bell pepper

1/4 teaspoon garlic powder

1/2 teaspoon onion powder or 1/2 large onion

1/4 teaspoon paprika

Wash chicken and place in a crock pot. Add other ingredients EXCEPT the paprika. Cook on low setting for 5 hours. Sprinkle paprika over chicken and serve with rice or egg noodles.

Site of the First Documented Discovery of Gold in the United States

The Reed Gold Mine is the site of the first documented gold find in the United States. From this discovery, gold mining spread gradually to nearby counties and eventually in its peak years gold mining was second only to farming in the number of North Carolinians it employed. The estimated value of gold recovered reached over one million dollars in gold production until 1848, when it was eclipsed by the great rush to California.

A Simple Man

John Reed (Johannes Reith) was a Hessian soldier who left the British army near the conclusion of the Revolutionary War and came to settle near fellow Germans living in the Carolina. Most of the people dwelt on modest family-run farms in rural areas, where they raised small grain crops such as corn and wheat.

The life of farmer John Reed would have been long forgotten had it not been for a chance event one Sunday in 1799. On that day, Reed's son Conrad found a large yellow rock on the Reed farm in Cabarrus County. This rock reportedly weighed 17 pounds and for three years was used as a doorstep at the Reed house. In 1802 a Fayetteville jeweler identified it for the asked price of \$3.50—one-tenth of one percent of its true value.

The following year John Reed began the Reed mining operation by forming a partnership with three local men. The partners supplied equipment and workers to dig for gold and provided the land. The returns were to be divided equally. The men mined mainly in the off-season from farming, giving first priority to raising their crops. Before the end of 1802 Peter had unearthed a 28-pound nugget. Using only pans and rockers to wash the creek gravel, the part-time miners recovered an estimated yield of one hundred thousand dollars.

The Fever Spreads

Hearing of Reed's good fortune, other Piedmont farmers began exploring their creeks and finding gold. Men and women, both young and old, worked in the gold fields. Foreign skilled Cornishmen from England. "Placer," or creek, gold mining led to underground mining when it was learned in 1825 that the metal also existed in veins of white quartz underground or "lode" gold required much more money, labor, and machinery. Underground work at Reed was not begun until 1831. Four years later a family squabble resulted in the mine being closed for a decade.

John Reed was a wealthy man when he died in 1845. Soon the Reed mine was sold at public auction. The mine changed hands many times through the years until 1912, when it was closed. Placer miners found the last large nugget at Reed in 1896. The yield of the mine in large nuggets alone ultimately totaled more than one hundred pounds.

Historic Site

Portions of the underground tunnels at the Reed mine have been restored for guided tours. A visitor center contains exhibits of gold and historical mining equipment. An original gold discovery, and tours of a restored ore-crushing stamp mill are offered. A picnic area is available, and trails wind through the historic mining area.

The Gold History Corporation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of North Carolina's gold mining heritage, supports many ongoing projects.

Reed Gold Mine

Reed Mine Rd., Midland, NC 28107

Phone: (704) 721-GOLD (4653)

Fax: (704) 721-4657

emailto:reed@ncmail.net

Questions or Comments about the Reed Gold Mine Website Contact the Webmaster at <mailto:mark.moore@ncmail.net>

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Spring/Summer Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Closed Sunday and Monday

Winter Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Closed Sunday and Monday

April 1 through October 31 Monday - Saturday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Sunday 1:00-5:00 p.m.

November 1 through March 31 Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Sunday 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Closed Monday

Further Reading

Golden Promise in the Piedmont: The Story of John Reed's Mine by Richard F. Knapp,

North Carolina Office of Archives & History, Revised Edition, 1999.

Gold Mining in North Carolina by Richard F. Knapp and Brent D. Glass,

North Carolina Office of Archives & History, 1999.

The Reed Gold Mine Guidebook designed and edited by Linda Funk,

North Carolina Office of Archives & History, 1979.

The First Gold Rush: A Master Plan for Reed Gold Mine, National Park Service, 1972.

Website: <http://www.ah.dcr.state.nc.us/sections/hs/reed/reed.htm>

CLUB STORE

Coffee mugs \$ 5.00

Green pocket T-shirt \$16.00

Other color pocket T-shirts \$10.00

No pocket T-shirt \$ 9.00

GPAA mesh caps \$ 7.50

Chapter caps \$12.00

Green gold pan \$10.00

Black gold pan \$ 8.00

Classifier \$10.00

Scoop \$ 7.00

1/2 oz. vial \$.35 ea. or 3 /\$1.00

1 oz. vial \$.40 ea. or 3/\$1.00

Suction tweezers \$.40

Snuffer bottle \$ 3.00

KITS

Black pan, sand, vial, snuffer \$15.00

Green pan, sand, vial, snuffer \$17.00

I am getting some refused delivery notices back when I email the Club Newsletter. Most email programs, Yahoo, Hotmail, Bresnan, etc. will reject the newsletter as spam unl to your address book/ contact list.To ensure that you receive the newsletter please add "psomontes@Yahoo.com" to your contacts/address list in your email program.

Club members: If you have items for sale, contact Peggy Stumpf at 307-632-9945 or circlestar@Yahoo.com or Peter Somontes at psomontes@Yahoo.com to have your ad pl: placed on the Chapter website.

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 \$45(\$40 + \$5 shipping).

If you would like to order a bag or two,

Contact John at 635-0229

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 earring/necklace set. Assorted styles available. \$10-15.

Call Louise Morrison 632-7895

Lmrr3964@aol.com

For Sale: White's Metal Detector w/power pak and case.

Call Bob or Louise Morrison, 307-632-7895

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.

2" Proline Floating Dredge, \$750.

Call Dallas Lake 307-649-2321

For Sale: Keene 4" triple sluice, jet flare dredge, (model 4505PH). Like brand new, less than 20 hours use. Includes 6.5 hp Honda, \$2000 (Compare to new price of \$2875 fro swivel nozzle (3" reduction, legal in Wyoming), 100' air hose, expansion air tank, regulator (\$470 value in the extras). Keene A52 sluice box, \$50 - used twice. New price is \$ pans (two GPAA type, one blue proline pan, one black pan) \$2.00 each. Mini cleanup sluice (Tom & Perry's) \$10.

5 gallon buckets - free -(come get them out of my shed). Some small misc stuff I'll give away - pump for recirculating mini sluice, mallet, some small digging tools, etc. Last Membership - sells for \$3500 at the gold shows - all that's needed is get it transferred to your name \$3000.

Call Mike Hayes (307) 640-4378

