



## OCTOBER MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Lee Beatty with 18 members and 2 guests present.

Stan Lang wasn't available for the Treasurer's report; according to Lee the Club has \$600+ in checking.

Guest Speaker Pam Stiles from the BLM was present and she spoke about the new rates for filing claims - the filing fee is \$160, the maintenance fee is \$125. Pam also talked about the recent 'opal rush.' The opal rush has been pretty much a bust, the ore generally is low grade and some of the claims are in areas closed by the BLM.

Pam noted that there is a uranium rush on statewide and the BLM and the County offices are overwhelmed having received 7500 new claims since the beginning of the year, 60 are for opals and the rest are for uranium. Anybody needing to renew their existing claims should go ahead and file with the county and send copies of the submitted documents to Pam at the BLM office in Cheyenne. That will keep them with-in the 90 day time frame so they don't lose their claims. After the county offices complete their processing submit copies of the completed documents to the BLM.

The BLM website for claim searches is down and is not expected back up any time soon. This is a result of a lawsuit filed by Native Americans claiming that their Indian Title lands were accessible through BLMs' system when they should be separate.

New mining claim packets are available at the BLM.

The Chapter will be holding a special raffle during the December meeting, see the next frame for further information

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## RAFFLE FOR CASA

Pat Gochnour and Peggy Stumpf spoke to the membership about the club once again doing the Christmas for CASA Kids this year. Don and Pat Gochnour will be starting a raffle for CASA Kids; Pam Stiles from the BLM will be donating a handmade cape for the raffle and a small gold nugget will also be included in the raffle.

Tickets will be \$5 a ticket. Last year we raised over \$400 and were able to sponsor 4 kids at \$100 each.

For the new members or those of you who may not remember what we did last year, with the money that was collected, Pat and Peggy took the wish lists that were completed by each child and purchased \$100 worth of items from each child's list. These wish lists had a list of clothing that the child wanted and needed along with a few toys and games. Without sponsors like our club, many of these children would not have a Christmas. So

be generous and help us help out a child for Christmas. Donations will be taken at the November and December meetings.

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#### RAFFLE WINNERS

thermometer- Mike Costephens (donated back to club)

knife - Don Gochnour

snuffer bottle - Jenn Wilcox

gold nugget - Lyle Shingleton

spark plug wrench - George Stumpf

silver round - Dale Fisher

gold nugget - Ken Wilcox

**50/50**

\$47.50 Jenn Wilcox

#### **Name tag**

Silver certificate Mike Costephens

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#### WEBSITES OF INTEREST

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Wyoming Geological Survey

[www.wsgs.uwyo.edu](http://www.wsgs.uwyo.edu)

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The Perth Mint of Australia

[www.perthmint.com](http://www.perthmint.com)

Click on 'Natural Gold Nuggets'

then click on 'About Nuggets and

Gold' for some interesting facts.

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Garmin GPS products go to

[www.garmin.com](http://www.garmin.com)

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My website [www.geocities.com/psomontes/](http://www.geocities.com/psomontes/)

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#### 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

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### PROSPECTORS CACHE

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Felix Paydirt Gourmet Gold. Club member

John Eggleston is taking orders for the 2 LB 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

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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  
pack and case.

Call Bob or Louise Morrison, 307-632-7895

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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.

Call Dallas Lake 307-649-2321

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LDMA Membership - sells for \$3500 at the gold shows  
- all that's needed is to get it transferred to your name  
\$2000(buyer pays \$400 transfer fee) or \$2400(Mike  
pays the fee).

Call Mike Hayes (307) 640-4378

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If you have items for sale, contact Peggy  
Stumpf at 307-632-9945 or email her at circlestar@Yahoo.com

OR

Email Peter Somontes at psomontes@Yahoo.com to

have your ad placed here. Your ad will also be placed

on the Chapter website.

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## **LOST TREASURES**

### **Irish Canyon**

In the late 1800's Irish Canyon was a popular hideout of outlaws Butch Cassidy and the Wild Bunch, Matt Warner, Isom Dart, and many others as they spent time in the Browns Park vicinity in Moffat County. Supposedly, \$30,000 in silver coins remains buried somewhere in the canyon.

While you are looking for the treasure, you can also enjoy many excellent trails, hiking and mountain opportunities. You can also visit the Irish Canyon Rock Art Site, where you can see the Fremont rock art from an elevated platform.

Moffat County is in the extreme northwest part of Colorado. Irish Canyon is northwest of Maybell. From Maybell, take US-40 to Colorado 318. Turn northwest onto 318 and continue to Moffat County Road 10N, which runs through the canyon.

### **Round Mountain**

Long ago, a party of four French Canadians were said to have been trapping on the Snake River near Round Mountain. However, the Canadians were discovered by American trappers who took their furs and traps and ran them off. The four traveled south into western Colorado and one of them found a gold nugget in the headwaters of the Gunnison River.

Here, they spent the next month successfully panning the gravel in the creek beds. Ute Indians discovered the Frenchmen and attacked them. In the running battle, which lasted several days, three Frenchmen were killed. The fourth managed to escape over Cochetopa Pass (just west of Saguache). Sensing that his pursuers were closing in, he buried the gold on Round Mountain with the hopes of later returning for it. The Indians caught and killed the lone French-Canadian near the summit of Poncha Pass. The treasure was never found, but the story endures, hundreds of years later.

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### **Venison Stroganoff**

1 lb. venison steak cut in long, thin strips

3 tablespoons flour

salt, pepper

1 onion

1 cup tomato juice

1 1/2 cups water

1 teaspoon sugar

1 can mushrooms

1/2 cup sour cream

Dredge meat with flour, salt and pepper. Brown lightly in fat with the onion. Add tomato juice, water, and sugar. Simmer until tender.

Ten minutes before serving , add mushrooms and sour cream. Serves four.