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July Minutes

Ken opened the meeting at 5:00 pm with 36 members present. 5pm with 36 members present. There were several members that had to leave due to unforeseen circumstances. All of us in the Club would like to send our condolences to you for your lose.

There is a man selling metal detectors and other prospecting equipment. If you are interested you can call him at 307-871-1100. I do not have his name, sorry.

The meeting was followed by the drawings and the potluck.

End

PROSPECTORS CACHE

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 \$55 (\$50+\$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 buy them as an earring/necklace set.

Assorted styles available. \$10-\$15.

Call Louise Morrison 632-7895,

Lmrr3964@aol.com

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

Call Bob or Louise Morrison, 307-632-7895

Wanted: 1 1/2" Proline Highbanker/Dredge combo.

Call Dallas Lake at 307-214-5619.

For Sale: 1850 Coleman generator, runs good. \$200

Dennis Renison at 307-632-8056

For Sale: Keene 3 inch suction dredge with hooka for sale- like new - only used 3 times. Has a 6.5 HP Honda motor that is quiet and easy to start. It will punch a hole to bedrock very quickly and is a real gold getter. Paid \$1800, will take \$1500.

Call Rick Lesquier 970-481-0157, 970-225-2896

For Sale: Treasure Mate pinpointter, paid \$180, will sell for \$150.

Call George Stumpf, 307-632-9945

To have your ad placed here Email Peter Somontes at psomontes@Yahoo.com or see me at the meeting.

Your ad will also be on the Chapter website.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chapter Meeting: 7 Aug at 7pm
at Perkins

Chapter Meeting: 4 Sep at 7pm
at Perkins

RAFFLE WINNERS!

Annual Drawing-

Shirley Fortney- Tom & Perry's dirt
Elnora Siders - Chuck Sucker
Louise Morrison- Mini Sluice
Jerry Bruce- 12" EastWing Pan (Donated by Gold 'n' Ink Tattoo Studio)
Dave Firtney- Clasifier (Donated by Ken and Nora Siders)

Monthly Raffle-

Pat Gochnour- Knife Sharpener
Steve Frantz- Knee Pads (Which he donated for next months raffle)
Don Gochnour- Camp Hatchet
John Kernek- 2 Pr. Scissors
Joseph Still- Emergency Radio and Flashlight
Morgan Rennison- Cordless Soldering Iron
Steve Frantz- Luminated Mini-Scope
Dave Payne- Hand Painted Mini- Gold Pan (Donated by Pat & Don Gochnour)
Bob Bruce- Mini Miner's Pick Bottle Opener ((Donated by Pat & Don Gochnour)
Dixie Bruce- Craftsmen's Air Compressor
Steve Frantz- .2 Grain Nugget
Don Gochnour- .1 Grain Nugget

50/50

Pete Somontes- \$40

End

CLUB STORE

Coffee mugs \$ 5.00
Green Embroidered T-shirt \$16.00
Screen Printed T-shirts \$10.00
Mesh caps \$ 7.50
Embroidered caps \$12.00
Green gold pan \$10.00
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
Snuffer bottle \$ 3.00
KITS
Black pan, sand, vial, snuffer \$15.00
Green pan, sand, vial, snuffer \$17.00

The Store will be open at the next meeting. See George or Peggy Stumpf.

A man spake these words, and said: I am a miner, wandering "from away down east," to sojourn in a strange land. And behold I've seen the elephant, yea, verily, I saw him, and bear witness, that from the key of his trunk to the end of his tail, his whole body hath passed before me; and I followed him until his huge feet stood before a clapboard shanty; then with his trunk extended he pointed to a candle-card tacked upon a shingle, as though he would say Read, and I read:

The Miner's Ten Commandments

I. Thou shalt have no other claim than one.

II. Thou shalt not make unto thyself any false claim, nor any likeness to a mean man, by jumping one: for I, a miner, am a just one, and will visit the miners around about, and they will judge thee; and when they shall decide, thou shalt take thy pick, thy pan, thy shovel and thy blankets with all thou hast and shall depart seeking other good diggings, but thou shalt find none. Then when thou hast paid out all thy dust, worn out thy boots and garments so that there is nothing good about them but the pockets, and thy patience is like unto thy garments, then in sorrow shall thou return to find thy claim worked out, and yet thou hath no pile to hide in the ground, or in the old boot beneath thy bunk, or in buckskin or in bottle beneath thy cabin, and at last thou shalt hire thy body out to make thy board and save thy bacon.

III. Thou shalt not go prospecting before thy claim gives out. Neither shalt thou take thy money, nor thy gold dust, nor thy good name, to the gaming table in vain; for monte, twenty-one, roulette, faro, lansquenet and poker, will prove to thee that the more thou puttest down the less thou shalt take up; and when thou thinkest of thy wife and children, thou shalt not hold thyself guiltless—but insane.

IV. Thou shalt not remember what thy friends do at home on the Sabbath day, lest the remembrance may not compare favorably with what thou doest here. Six days thou mayst dig or pick; but the other day is Sunday; yet thou washest all thy dirty shirts, darnest all thy stockings, tap thy boots, mend thy clothing, chop the whole week's firewood, make up and bake thy bread, and boil thy pork and beans, that thou wait not when thou returnest from thy long-tom weary. For in six days' labor only though canst do it in six months; and though, and thy morals and thy conscience, be none the better for it; but reproach thee, shouldst thou ever return with thy worn-out body to thy mother's fireside.

V. Though shalt not think more of all thy gold, and how thou canst make it fastest, than how thou will enjoy it after thou hast ridden rough-shod over thy good old parents' precepts and examples, that thou mayest have nothing to reproach thee, when left ALONE in the land where thy father's blessing and thy mother's love hath sent thee.

VI. Thou shalt not kill; neither thy body by working in the rain, even though thou shalt make enough to buy physic and attendance with; nor thy neighbor's body in a duel, or in anger, for by "keeping cool," thou canst save his life and thy conscience. Neither shalt thou destroy thyself by getting "tight," nor "stewed," nor "high," nor "corned," nor "half-seas over," nor "three sheets in the wind," by drinking smoothing down—"brandy slings," "gin cocktails," "whiskey punches," "rum toddies," nor "egg-noggs." Neither shalt thou suck "mint juleps," nor "sherry-cobblers," through a straw, nor gurgle from a bottle the "raw material," nor take "it straight" from a decanter; for, while thou art swallowing down thy purse, and the coat from off thy back thou art burning the coat from off thy stomach; and if thou couldst see the houses and lands, and gold dust, and home comforts already lying there—"a huge pile"—thou shouldst feel a choking in thy throat; and when to that thou addest thy crooked walkings thou wilt feel disgusted with thyself, and inquire "Is thy servant a dog that he doeth these things!" Verily, thou shalt say, "Farewell, old bottle, I will kiss thy gurgling lips no more; slings, cocktails, punches, smashes, cobblers, noggs, toddies, sangarees and juleps, forever farewell. Thy remembrance shames one; henceforth, I cut thy acquaintance, and headaches, tremblings, heart-burnings, blue devils, and all the unholy catalogue of evils that follow in thy train. My wife's smiles and my children's merry-hearted laugh, shall charm and reward me for having the manly firmness and courage to say NO. I wish thee an eternal farewell."

VII. Thou shalt not grow discouraged, nor think of going home before thou hast made thy "pile," because thou hast not "struck a lead," nor found a "rich crevice," nor sunk a hole upon a "pocket," lest in going home thou shalt leave four dollars a day, and going to work, ashamed, at fifty cents, and serve thee right; for thou knowest by staying here, thou mightst strike a lead and fifty dollars a day, and keep thy manly self respect, and then go home with enough to make thyself and others happy.

VIII. Thou shalt not steal a pick, or a shovel, or a pan from thy fellow-miner; nor take away his tools without his leave; nor borrow those he cannot spare; nor return them broken, nor trouble him to fetch them back again, nor talk with him while his water rent is running on, nor remove his stake to enlarge thy claim, nor undermine his bank in following a lead, nor pan out gold from his "riffle box," nor wash the "tailings" from his sluice's mouth. Neither shalt thou pick out specimens from the company's pan to put them in thy mouth or pocket; nor cheat thy partner of his share; nor steal from thy cabin-mate his gold dust, to add to thine, for he will be sure to discover what thou hast done, and will straightaway call his fellow miners together, and if the law hinder them not, will hang thee, or give thy fifty lashes, or shave thy head and brand thee, like a horse thief, with "R" upon thy cheek, to be known and read of all men, Californians in particular.

IX. Thou shalt not tell any false tales about "good diggings in the mountains," to thy neighbor that thou mayest benefit a friend who had mules, and provisions, and tools and blankets he cannot sell,—lest in deceiving thy neighbor, when he returneth through the snow, with naught save his rifle, he present thee with the contents thereof, and like a dog, thou shalt fall down and die.

X. Thou shalt not commit unsuitable matrimony, nor covet "single blessedness;" nor forget absent maidens; nor neglect thy "first love;"—but thou shalt consider how faithfully and patiently she awaiteth thy return; yea and covereth each epistle that thou sendest with kisses of kindly welcome—until she hath thyself. Neither shalt thou cove thy neighbor's wife, nor trifle with the affections of his daughter; yet, if thy heart be free, and thou dost love and covet each other, thou shalt "pop the question" like a man.

A new Commandment give I unto thee—if thou has a wife and little ones, that thou lovest dearer than life,—that thou keep them continually before thee, to cheer and urge thee onward, until thou canst say, "I have enough—God bless them—I will return." Then from thy much-loved home, with open arms shall thy come forth to welcome thee, with weeping tears of unutterable joy that thou art come; then in the fullness of thy heart's gratitude, thou shalt kneel together before thy Heavenly Father, to thank him for thy safe return. AMEN—So mote it be.

FORTY-NINER.

These "commandments" were actually written in 1853 by James M. Hutchings (1818-1902), and first published in the Placerville Herald newspaper. This was the most popular of the hundreds of letter sheets published in the 1850-1870 era, and was so profitable for Mr. Hutchings that he was able to publish the successful Hutching's California Magazine. Be sure and see The California Historical Society's exhibit on Gold Rush letter sheets.

Gladys Hansen
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