



# Cheyenne Chapter GPAA

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Chapter Meeting: Tuesday**  
March 4, 7 pm at Perkins

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April 1, 7 pm at Perkins

**Cheyenne Rock & Gem Show**  
17-18 May, American Legion  
Post 6.

**Douglas Creek Outing: 12-13**  
July 2008

## February Minutes

Meeting opened at 1924 with 40 members present. Two of which are new members, James and Dave Oisten, welcome to you.

-The web site for our club has changed it's name. This is not due to any decision made by the officers of the chapter. There seems to be some kind of problem with the server for the old site or some such inconvenience. Don Wegner is working on it and got the new site going, but we will be trying to get back to our old one. Please be patient with us as we work on this. The new address for our site is CheyenneGold.com.

-The chapter's account is sitting right at \$3,000.

-Don Ashley has found a parcel consisting of several nuggets for our monthly raffles and also one big nugget, 10.76 grams, to raffle at the May Gem show, which will be held on May 17th and 18th at the American Legion Post 6. This is the big building on Lincolnway, right across from the Loaf and Jug and the Big Horn Motel. Tickets will cost \$2.00 this year for the raffle and Bear is not allowed to buy any LOL.

-The chapter still needs to replenish it's "salting" gold. If anybody sees any good deals please contact myself, Bob, Don or Ken, or you can let us know at the next meeting.

-The chapter is still working on getting a member of the Forest Service to come to a meeting and fill us in on any news. Ken got the run around when he went to arrange something. President Bush and the Governor of California, Arnold Schwarzeneger killed a bill that would have done away with most, if not all of the old mining laws. This helps us out greatly. You should all remember the talk a few months ago about the changes that were being posed out in California,

to our knowledge those bills did not get passed. So, no changes for now.

-Bob wants to remind everyone that the claim signs out on the claims do not need to be fixed all the time. We do have several nice signs out there, and we can only hope people leave them alone.

-Speaking of claims, the Muddy claim will be open to members this year. Bob and Lyle are working on the "Permission Slips" for those of us in the club who are not on the claim. Once we get a copy of the GPAA's waiver, we should be able to get the "slips" out to the rest of us.

-Remember that George and Peggy have the store. We should have the small snuffer bottles by the next meeting.

-Also, we are having the change jar for Christmas donations at all of the meetings this year, that way we don't have the last minute drive to build the donations. Plus, we need input before Christmas on who will get what. We have talked about helping two charities this Christmas. *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.

NY Stock Exchange Closing  
prices 26 Feb 2008.

### Spot Prices

Metal	Bid	Ask
Silver	\$19.23	\$19.29
Gold	\$956.55	\$959.12
Palladium	\$544.00	\$549.00
Platinum	\$2125.00	\$2130.00

## CLUB OFFICERS

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Eggleston

**Store:** George & Peggy Stumpf

## CLUB WEBSITE!

If you have tried to get on the club's website www.cheyennegpaa.com lately you may have noticed that it is out-of-service. Please be patient as we iron out some problems.

The club has a website up as of this writing; www.cheyennegold.com.

## Treasure hunters dig for Hitler's gold

By Frederik Pleitgen  
CNN

**DEUTSCHNEUDORF, Germany (CNN)** -- Digging has resumed at a site in the southeastern German town of Deutschneudorf, where treasure hunters believe there are almost 2 tons of Nazi gold and possibly clues to the whereabouts of the legendary Amber Room, a prize taken from a Russian castle during World War II.

Heinz Peter Haustein, one of the two treasure hunters and a member of Germany's parliament, said: "We have already hit a hollow area under the surface, it's filled with water and we are not sure if it is the cave we are looking for."

Digging was stopped more than a week ago amid safety concerns, as authorities and the treasure hunters feared that the shaft might collapse and that the cave -- if it is there -- may be rigged with explosives or poisonous booby traps.

At a news conference Friday, Christian Hanisch, the other treasure hunter, said that geological surveying equipment had located a possible cave about 30 feet under the surface containing "precious metals that can only be either gold or silver. The instruments would not have reacted to any other metal like copper." Hanisch pointed out that his father, who was a navigator in the Luftwaffe, the Nazi air force, was one of the troops said to have been involved in hiding art, gold and silver as the Nazis realized that they would lose the war. He said that when his father died, he left coordinates leading to the spot in Deutschneudorf.

"It's not about getting the reward," Hanisch said at the site. "I just want to know if my father was right and if my instincts were right."

Haustein, who is paying for the expedition, said he hopes that finding the gold could lead to the Amber Room, whose interior is made completely of amber and gold. It was looted by the Nazis from a castle in St. Petersburg, Russia, after Adolf Hitler's forces invaded the Soviet Union in 1941. The room looked so majestic, many called it "the eighth wonder of the world." It disappeared after the war, and today a replica stands in its place in St. Petersburg.

Although parts of the Amber Room have resurfaced, the vast majority remains missing. Haustein has been looking for the room for more than 12 years. "I am certain that large parts of the Amber Room are buried somewhere here," he said.

He said he has collected much circumstantial evidence suggesting that the Nazis hid the Amber Room in old copper mines around Deutschneudorf, but he has no proof.

Haustein said the Nazis began bringing valuables including art, gold and silver to the region around Deutschneudorf as early as summer 1944. Deutschneudorf is in Germany's Ore Mountains, and the mountain where the treasure hunters claim to have found the Nazi gold was a copper mine until the 19th century. Although the mine was shut down in 1882, geologists found evidence that soldiers from Hitler's Wehrmacht -- the German armed forces -- had been there. The machine guns, parts of uniforms and explosives are on display at the town's museum.

Though both treasure hunters say they are certain they will find cultural goods, both admit that they fear disappointment.

"Of course, if you embark on something like this, you ask yourself: 'What if we find nothing again? What if I was fooled?' " Haustein said. "But every man has to go his own way, for better or for worse."

If they do find the treasure, Haustein says, it would legally belong to Germany, although he would recommend that Germany give any Amber Room parts back to Russia.

Treasure hunters have typically received rewards of 10 percent of the value of the goods found, but Hanisch says there are no laws dictating the reward amount.

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## RAFFLE WINNERS!

-Large Metal Clip- Carl Filter  
-Set of 4 Locking Pliers- Bob Bruce  
-1.5 volt Solar Charger- Jerry Bruce  
-1oz. Liberty Silver Dollar- Pete Somontes  
-Flat Chisel- Don Ashley  
-1.4 Gram Nugget- Bear (this is why he is not allowed to buy anymore tickets for nuggets)

Name Tag-Dental Picks for Crevassing-Pam Frantz

50/50-\$49.50- Bear (see, he has won enough ( Just joking of course).

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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 \$55 (\$50+\$5 Shipping) If you would like to order a 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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**Wanted:** 1 1/2" Proline Highbanker/Dredge combo .

**FOR SALE:** 852 Sluice, \$60.

**Call Dallas Lake at 307-421-4507.**

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

**Dennis Renison at 307-632-8056**

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**For Sale:** LDMA membership, paid up, I can't work it anymore. \$2000 or best offer, you pay transfer fee.

**Richard Medlock 632-0668**

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