



Cheyenne Chapter GPAA

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November 3, 2008

UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Meeting: 7 pm, Perkins,
Tuesday, 4 Nov .

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Tuesday, 2 Dec.

Websites of Interest

BLM online mining claims:
www.geocommunicator.gov

U.S. Forest Service, Medicine
Bow; www.fs.fed.us/r2/mbr

Denver Museum of Nature &
Science: www.dmns.org

Wyoming State Geological
Survey
www.wsgs.uwyo.edu

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.

October Minutes

Joe Still opened the meeting at approx
7:10 p.m. with 29 members present.

The plans to move our meetings to the
American Legion fell through. We are still
looking for a suitable place. For the time
being we will continue meeting at Perkin's.

The GPAA will be sponsoring a Gold &
Treasure Show in Denver on May 2-3,
2009 at the National Western Complex,
4655 Humboldt Street. See the Nov/Dec
issue of the magazine for more details.

Joe proposed some changes to the
procedures for using the club's dredge. No
fees will be charged for using the dredge,
and individuals will check it out for a
period of 5 days at a time. The motion was
seconded and voted on. It passed
unanimously.

Treasurer Don Ashley reported
\$3,980.92 in the club's bank account.

End

Raffle Winners

Black & Decker Drill/Driver - Mary Ann
Bolenbaugh
Mini LED Camp Lantern - Barbara
Blackman
Rotating Window Thermometer - JoAnn
Kennison
Telescoping Forks - Jeff Turvey
Pyrite Crystal in matrix - Jim Motto
(Donated by Ron McKee & Carol Wolfe)
Pyrite Crystal in matrix - Rich Richersen
(Donated by Ron McKee & Carol Wolfe)
.36 carat Opal - Joe Still (Donated by Rich
Richersen)

1.59 gram Gold Nugget - Joe Still

50/50 DRAWING - \$55.50 - Peggy Stumpf

NAMETAG DRAWING - Knee Pads - Ron
McKee

| Metals | Price | Change | High | |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|
| Gold (CMX) | | | | |
| December 08 (\$US per Troy oz.) | 740.50 | -2.40 | 746.50 | 10/28 1:29pm |
| Silver (CMX) | | | | |
| December 08 (\$US per Troy oz.) | 8.79 | -0.41 | 9.08 | 10/28 1:24pm |
| Platinum (NYM) | | | | |
| January 09 (\$US per Troy oz.) | 808.80 | +11.60 | 808.80 | 10/27 9:55am |
| Copper (CMX) | | | | |
| December 08 (\$US per lb.) | 1.86 | +0.05 | 1.88 | 10/28 12:59pm |

CLUB OFFICERS

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Activity Chairman: Bear Gibson

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Secretary: Don Wagner
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Eggleston
Store: George & Peggy Stumpf

Colorado gold mine looking for silver lining

by Erica Berenstein – Tue Oct 28, 3:59 am ET

BOULDER, Colorado (AFP) – A small-scale Colorado gold mine which had been cashing in on the uncertain financial times and the soaring price of the precious metal is now feeling the burn of the credit crunch.

Last year the Cash Mine in Boulder, high in the Rocky Mountains where the Colorado gold rush first began in the 1800s, reopened and once again began extracting gold by hand for the first time in four decades.

While the economy creaks under the weight of struggling banks, the prospects for gold look good. But with the credit squeeze, the outlook for the small business is suddenly bleak. It is the only active underground gold mine in Colorado, and just months ago the rising price of gold had suddenly made small-scale mining profitable again.

The mine employed 30 staff, who were digging out some 580 tonnes of gold ore a month, earning a net profit of about 16,000 dollars a month.

High prices meant an increased return on the piles of muddy crushed rock that general manager Matt Collins and his operation were scooping out from under the Rockies and sending to Mexico, for processing into pure gold.

Under a warm autumn sun on the outskirts of Boulder, some 35 miles (65 kilometers) northwest of Denver, a handful of miners descended on a trolley deep into a hole in the mountainside. A motorized cart weaving through the dark, skinny tunnels was the most modern piece of equipment they used. The rest dated back to the 1950s and 1960s. Deep inside the mountain, in a hollowed out area several hundred feet underground, the men hand drilled up into the 2-foot wide strips of gold ore deposits lacing through the mountain.

"At least I still have all my fingers!" yelled one grizzled old-timer over the buzzing sound of his drill.

After some tough start-up years, the Cash Mine had just broken even thanks to high prices and high-quality ore. In mid-September, when several American financial institutions began to falter, the price of gold made its largest one-day jump ever. Prices this past year have peaked at over 1,000 dollars an ounce, significantly higher than when the price crashed to around 300 dollars per ounce 10 years ago. During such times of financial turmoil on Wall Street, investors often look for what they perceive to be safer places to stash their money.

"Gold is the only form of money we have that is not a debt," Ned Schmidt, publisher of The Value View Gold Report told AFP.

But then came the credit squeeze, and operations are expensive.

"In a development like this, trying to raise capital, money for development and for infrastructure becomes very difficult in tight financial times," said the mine's manager, Collins. "Currently we're in one of those tight financial times with the liquidity crisis."

At the end of September all but six employees were laid off, as tough times in the economy made financing day-to-day operations nearly impossible. Schmidt said the injection of cash into financial markets is sure to keep the metal's prices high. He noted that with asset markets decimated, it's not just investors but also the general public that is looking for a stable place to put their money. And the psychological factor is strong.

Collins hopes his mine will be able to cash in one day soon. For now, he says the plan is to "pull back and await better financial conditions to ramp up to full production."

Meanwhile, an October report into gold from JP Morgan seen by AFP said: "A lot of buying from 'end is nigh' types continuing."

And in perhaps a concrete sign of the times one Merrill Lynch banker reported that last month a friend who had lost confidence in the banks had gold bullion delivered to his home.

This report from Yahoo.Com

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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 \$70 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.

FOR SALE: 852 Sluice, \$60.

Call Dallas Lake at 307-421-4507.

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

Dennis Renison at 307-632-8056

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

Richard Medlock 632-0668

For Sale: Whites MXT Metal Detector; Whites DD Gold Coil/MXT; Whites 12011 Pinpoint; Whites Headphones E Series. New in Box. Paid over \$1000, Sell all for \$850.
Lou Lopez 778-8434

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