



Cheyenne Chapter GPAA

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Meeting: Tuesday 6 January 2009 at Perkins

GPAA Show 2-3 May 2009, National Western Complex, Denver

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.

December Minutes

Joe started the meeting at 7:15 pm with 30 members and 4 visitors present.

Minutes from November meeting were not read. Treasurer's Report - \$4,390.92 in account.

Further info on the common operation that will be held at the Club's Annual Outing on Douglas Creek in July: The actual dredging will take place on Friday and Saturday, and Sunday will be the cleanup and splitting of the gold. The monthly meeting will also be held on Sunday. Also, it is possible that a second dredging unit may be available, which would enable us to have 2 4-man teams dredging instead of just 1. More details will be announced as the outing approaches.

Tickets went on sale at this meeting for a very nice 10.76 g nugget. The nugget will be raffled off as soon as enough tickets are sold to cover the cost of the nugget. Tickets are \$1.00 each. See Don Ashley for info and/or to see this beauty!

The Rock & Gem Club will have their annual Gem Show on May 16 & 17, 2009. This is a great event and we will have a booth set up at the show. We will be asking for volunteers to man the booth and demonstrate gold panning to the visitors. It is an excellent resource for us to expand our membership, so please plan on helping out if you can.

Happy Birthday to Jeff Turvey and also Happy Anniversary to Bear and Pam Gibson!

New Forest Service regulations that go into effect on Dec 8, 2009 were discussed. These regulations allow for the Forest Service to charge serious or repeat
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offenders with criminal charges instead of civil charges as was previously their only option. Evidently they have been having real problems with people actually living on Forest Service lands in some areas of the country, and the current laws basically have no teeth. "The revisions do not affect occupants on legal mining claims who abide by forest regulations" according to USFS officials.

Claims Director Lyle Shingleton announced that 2 of the current co-owners of claims on Muddy Creek want to opt out. Any club member who has filled out a limited Power of Attorney allowing Lyle to file claims on their behalf (or if you get one filled out and turned in before the end of the month) and who would like the opportunity to be a co-owner of these claims, will have their names put into a drawing. The 2 names that are drawn will have to pay their portion of the renewal fees for the claims, which will amount to \$100.00. If you are interested or have further questions, contact Lyle. End

Spot Prices

Metal	Bid	Ask
Silver	\$ 11.01	\$ 11.09
Gold	\$868.25	\$870.25
Palladium	\$182.50	\$185.50
Platinum	\$903.50	\$908.50

Close as of 31Dec08

CLUB OFFICERS

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Store: George & Peggy Stumpf

Archaeologists Unearth Gold Coins in Jerusalem

By VOA News
22 December 2008



7th century Byzantine-period coins excavated outside the Old City of Jerusalem, 22 Dec 2008

Archaeologists in Israel said they have unearthed more than 250 gold coins dating back to the seventh century A.D., making it the largest cache of gold coins from that period ever found in Jerusalem.

A British archaeologist found the treasure trove on Sunday while excavating the ruins of a building. The dig site is now a parking lot on the edge of Jerusalem's walled Old City.

The gold coins date back to the Byzantine period and bear the image of the Emperor Heraclius, who ruled between 610 and 641 A.D. The nearly 1,400 year-old coins depict him in military dress, holding a cross in his right hand.

Officials at the Israeli Antiquities Authority Monday said the coins had likely been hidden in one of the building's walls. They said archaeologists have never discovered more than five Byzantine-period coins at a time in Jerusalem before.

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Courtesy of Associated Press

Raffle Winners

Metal Gold Pan - Jim Motto
Tie-down straps - Don Wegner
Cleanup Kit - Ken Siders
1935 Quarter - Bill Blackman
111 ct Garnet - Barb Blackman
Air Compressor - Dick Williams
1 Troy Oz Silver bar - Barb Blackman
1.59 g Gold Nugget - Bill Blackman

50/50 - \$76.00 - Don Ashley (Donated to Christmas Fund -- Thank you!)

Nametag Drawing:
24pc Tool Kit - Jenn Wilcox

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

Visit Yesterdays on Foxfarm Rd, Cheyenne.

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.

A Gentle Reminder

When renewing your membership be sure to mention that you are affiliated with the Cheyenne Chapter. This brings the chapter credits from the national that we can use towards purchases at the GPAA Shows.

The nearest GPAA show will be in Denver 2-3 May 2009 at the National Western Complex.

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