



The Keystone Chronicle



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July 2, 2009

UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Outing: 10-12 July, at Douglas Creek

Club Meeting: 4 Aug at Cloud 9, 7 pm.

Websites of Interest

BLM online mining claims:
geocommunicator.gov

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

Denver Museum of Nature & Science: dmns.org

Wyoming State Geological Survey:
wsgs.uwyo.edu

Legends of America:
legendsofamerica.com

Wyoming Tails & Trails:
wyomingtalesandtrails.com

Nome Gold:
oldgoldmel@Charter.net

June Minutes

Ken called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm. 45 members were in attendance, 1 visitor and 4 new members were introduced & welcomed.

Previous meeting minutes approved.

Store operations at the Rock and Gem Show brought in \$330 and another \$649 came from ticket sales. The Chapter's bank account stands at \$4775.37.

Ken suggested that next year we raffle off one (1) ounce of gold at the Rock and Gem Show. A motion was made, seconded and approved by voice vote.

The smaller nuggets have been received that were approved at the April meeting.

Don Ashley reported that Chapter pins have been ordered and should arrive in four to six weeks.

Thanks to all that showed up to help at the Cowboy Kids demonstration.

The Chapter is trying to purchase a trailer to carry the club dredge. Cost may be around \$700 but nothing firm yet.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to pay \$80 to Outdoor Recreation for a tent rental for the outing. Pete will pick up and deliver the tent.

Ken made the suggestion that all new members receive a club coffee cup. A motion was made, seconded and approved

End

Raffle Winners

Nome Gold bag - Dennis Rennison
1964 Kennedy Half Dollar- Don Ashley
Hat & Calendar- Earl Leigham
Small Nugget A- Dennis Rennison
Small Nugget B-Carl Filter
Small Nugget C-George Stumpf
Nugget Earrings- Dennis Rennison
Snow Shoes- Ken Sider
Coffee Mug- Don Ashley
50/50 Drawing (\$43.50) – Bob Bruce
Nametag Drawing
Fools Gold Prospector- Earl Leigham

CLUB STORE

Classifiers #20	\$23.00
Classifiers #4	\$23.00
Classifiers #1/2	\$10.00
1 1/2" gem jars w/tray	\$10.00
1 1/4" gem jars w/tray	\$10.00
1 3/4" gem jars w/tray	\$10.00
1 1/4" gem jars	\$ 0.75
1 oz plastic vials	\$ 0.50
1 oz glass vials	\$ 0.40
1/2 oz plastic vials	\$ 0.50
1/2 oz glass vials	\$ 0.40
Colorado Gold Concentrates	\$ 7.00
Gold & Quartz Concentrates	\$11.00
Mesh Baseball Caps	\$ 7.50
Clay Gone	\$10.00
Coffee Mug	\$ 5.00
Crevice Tool	\$10.00
Small Funnel	\$ 1.00
Gold Concentrates	\$10.00
Chuck's Gold Trapper	\$75.00
GPAA Donkey	\$10.00
Magnets	\$11.00
Tom & Perry Mini Sluice	\$20.00
14" Green Pans	\$10.00
Picks	\$ 1.00
Scoops	\$ 7.00
Single plastic loupe	\$ 2.00
Snuffer Bottle	\$ 3.00
Snuffer/vial/Tweezers	\$ 8.00
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Store: George & Peggy Stumpf

Claim Fees are Going UP!

Effective 29 June 2009 The BLM is implementing an increase in the fees collected for mining claims.

This rule implements 30 U.S.C. 28j(c), which authorizes adjustments to the location and annual maintenance fees "to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor every 5 years after August 10, 1993, or more frequently if the Secretary determines an adjustment to be reasonable."

The new location fee is **\$34**, and the new maintenance fee is **\$140** per mining claim or site. Mining claimants must pay the new maintenance fee to maintain mining claims and sites starting from the 2010 maintenance year. These fees are due on or before September 1, 2009.

Under 43 CFR 3834.23, mining claimants who have already submitted maintenance fees for the 2010 maintenance year will be given an opportunity to pay the additional amount without penalty upon notice from BLM.

Copies of the entire rule will be available at the outing. *End*

There's A New Sheriff in Town!

Well, not quite. But we do have a new USFS Ranger in charge of the Medicine Bow. Her name is Marla M. Wertz.

Don Ashley has been in contact with her and invited her to attend one of our meetings.

Now, what you may not know is that the Forest Service cut our operating season by three days, naming 7 September as the date when all mining activities must cease.

Ms. Wertz has kindly extended the deadline back to the original 10 September. Ms. Wertz has not yet indicated when she will be visit, but she has indicated that she intends to come up sometime during the operating season.

If you see her please extend to her the hospitality that we are known for. Our club has always had good relations with the Forest Service and making a good first impression can only further that cause.

Remember to keep a copy of your Letter of Intent with you while working the claim. The form can be obtained on the Medicine Bow National Forest website. *End*

Reduced Fees!

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Membership Renewal

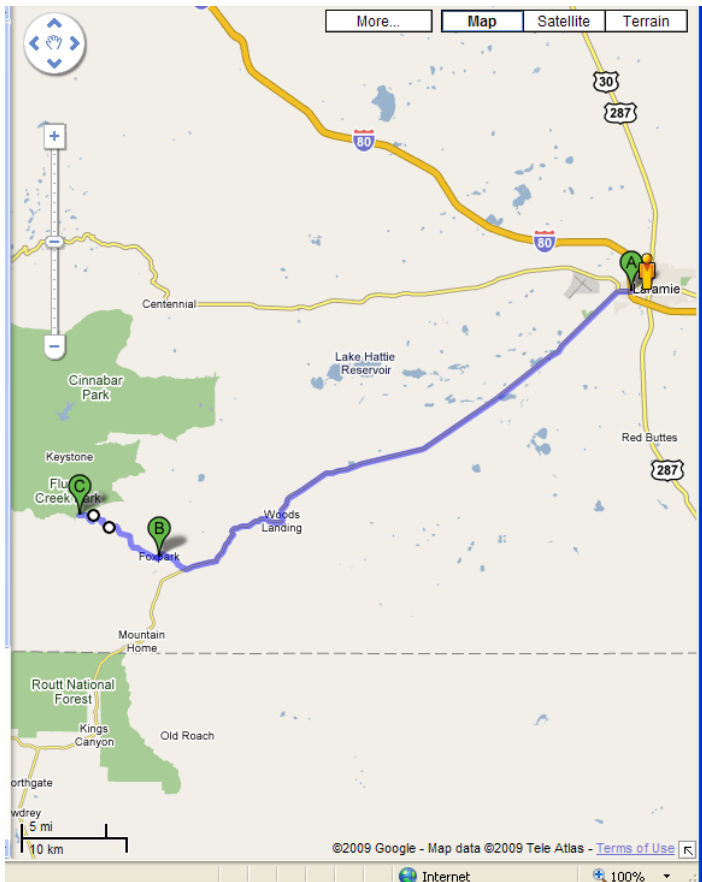
If you decide to renew your membership on the GPAA's website, remember this;

At the check-out page there is a comment section, ENTER your member number in the comments AND what club you are affiliated with.

If you renew by phone the operator will ask for your member number but they never ask which club you are with. You have to remember to tell them you are with the Cheyenne Chapter.

Every club receives 'points' from the national for each member in their chapter. These points can be exchanged for goods we can use in our raffles or the store.

End



DIRECTIONS TO THE JULY OUTING

Travel West on I-80 from Cheyenne to Laramie (A)

Take Exit 311, turn LEFT and stay on Hwy 230 (South) towards Snowy Range and Woods Landing

Stay on Hwy 230 from Exit 311 for approximately 35 miles to the sign for Fox Park. (B)

Turn right off of Hwy 230 towards Fox Park on USFS Road 512 (Platte River Access Rd) At Fox Park you must turn left and stay on USFS Road 512

Total dirt road distance from Hwy 230 is approximately 8.3 miles. Look for the campers in the open meadow on the left. (C)

