



# The Keystone Chronicle



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**July 10-11** Cheyenne GPAA's Annual Outing, Douglas Creek

**Club Meeting:** 3 Aug.  
Location: TBD

**Club Meeting:** 7 Sep.  
Location: TBD

**October 23** – Ghost of the West at the Old West Museum

## Websites of Interest

BLM online mining claims:  
**[geocommunicator.gov](http://geocommunicator.gov)**

U.S. Forest Service, Medicine Bow: **[fs.fed.us/r2/mbr](http://fs.fed.us/r2/mbr)**

Denver Museum of Nature & Science: **[dmns.org](http://dmns.org)**

Wyoming State Geological Survey: **[wsgs.uwyo.edu](http://wsgs.uwyo.edu)**

Legends of America:  
**[legendsofamerica.com](http://legendsofamerica.com)**

Wyoming Tales & Trails:  
**[wyomingtalesandtrails.com](http://wyomingtalesandtrails.com)**

Public Lands for the People:  
**[www.plp2.org](http://www.plp2.org)**

Cheyenne GPAA website:  
**[www.cheyennegpaa.com](http://www.cheyennegpaa.com)**

GPAA website:  
**[www.goldprospectors.org](http://www.goldprospectors.org)**

## June Minutes

Ken Siders called the meeting to order at 7:12pm. All club officers and Board Members were present except Lyle Shingleton and Peter Somontes. Ken explained the Chapter had found out that the airport restaurant had closed. During the Rock and Gem Show the American Legion Post 6 was asked if the Chapter could use the hall to meet in each month. They agreed to have the Chapter and would provide meals at as rescannable cost as they could.

Aimee Reese and Wendy from the Cheyenne Frontier Days Old West Museum spoke to the group, telling of how the Cheyenne Chapter of the GPAA had began helping with the Cowboy Kids Festival. The Museum has a newsletter that is published, and with that subscription of \$35.00 you would also have free admission to the museum. They explained how grateful they have been to have our Chapter help with the Cowboy Kids Festival and the Ghosts of the West events each year. They donated two prints to the Chapter for use in a raffle or however we could use them. Ken thanked them for their generosity.

Ken then turned the time over to Carol Wolfe and Ron McKee for their presentation about Cripple Creek River, Alaska. They showed a slide show and told about the history of the area, GPAA history and tidbits were shared with the group throughout the presentation. The area is rich in Jade and several large Jade rocks were shown, Ron explained that it was very costly to get the large amount of Jade shipped back so many people would bring small amounts or cut slabs. Ron explained how the gold was mined. Dredging, trommel, and metal detecting operations were explained. Once a week on Fridays the gold is divided up and there is a spaghetti dinner, singing and skits. Fishing and other pastimes were talked about. The Chapter had many questions about what to pack if they went (very little – one set of clothes, and a fishing pole. Everything else is there!); what the temperatures were (average

40 to 60 degrees); were blue bowls used (not used a lot); could flat rate boxes bring the costs of bringing out the jade down to a reasonable amount (yes). Ken thanked Carol and Ron for the presentation.

Ken returned to the regular meeting order. There were a total of 53 in attendance. There were four Visitors/Guests that were introduced and welcomed. The April meeting minutes were approved; and the Treasurer's report was given. Don Ashley reported the Nugget Raffles at the 2010 Rock & Gem Show had brought in enough to cover the costs of the nuggets, with a profit of \$397.00. A reminder that the Cowboy Kids event would be on June 12<sup>th</sup> and that set up would start at 9am for any one that wanted to volunteer. No correspondence was reported.

Ken reminded all those in attendance to complete the member update slips and return them to Denise Hubbard by the end of the meeting.

Ken Wilcox reported that the Mountain Goat Trommel, that Dave Fortney had demo'd at the April meeting, was re-tested and it was found the barrel needs to be repaired. The Chapter decided to get it working so that it could be signed out.

The Rock and Gem Show had a great turn out of volunteer members; all volunteers had been listed by the secretary at the event.

The last topic covered was about the National Forest Lands and the need for everyone to be sure to turn in the Letter of Intent and keep a copy for your own records. A collection was taken for the PLP, \$79.00 was collected.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Tickets were drawn for the raffles; 50/50; name tag; and a mystery prize.

*End*

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Tweezers	\$ 5.00

## Raffle Winners

Alaska gold bag – Ken Siders  
 Topaz – Larry Duvall  
 Peridot – Larry Duvall  
 Gold Nugget - Dave Bray  
 Gold Nugget - Madelaine Shappell  
 Gold Nugget – Don Ashley  
 Sports Knife –  
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50/50 – Ken  
 Name Tag – Jenn Wilcox

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the Chapter website.

## CLUB OFFICERS

**President:** Ken Siders

**Treasurer:** Don Ashley

**Board Members:** Peter Somontes, George Stumpf

**Newsletter:** Peter Somontes

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**Prizes/Raffles:** Eldeana Van Kirk & Pam Gibson

**Activity Chairman:**

**Vice President:** Ken Wilcox

**Secretary:** Denise Hubbard

**Claims Director:** Mark Bolenbaugh

**Store:** George & Peggy Stumpf

## Directions to July Outing

1. Travel West on I-80 from Cheyenne to Laramie.
2. Take Exit 311. Turn Left at the bottom of the exit. Go straight and follow Hwy 230 towards Woods Landing.
3. Stay on Hwy 230 from Exit 311 for approximately 35 miles to the sign for Fox Park.  
**First timers:** After Woods Landing Hwy 230 passes through a canyon and the road has some steep grades and sharp curves.  
**BE CAREFUL!**
4. 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.
5. Total dirt road distance from Hwy 230 is approximately 8.3 miles. Look for the campers in the open meadow on the left.

**NOTE: AS OF 29 JUNE THE MEDICINE BOW USFS WEBSITE SHOWS FR 512 FROM WY 230 TO DOUGLAS CREEK AS OPEN. FRs 500 AND 542 FROM ALBANY ARE ALSO OPEN. EXERCISE CAUTION ON ALL FOREST SERVICE ROADS IN THE SNOWY RANGE. THERE HAVE BEEN MANY WASHOUTS AND DOWNED TREES.**

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## Notice of Intent NOT Required

*Below is the exact wording for the LAW that the FS operates under. If you are not using motorized equipment the FS CANNOT require you to file a Notice of Intent.*

### **§ 228.4 36 CFR Ch. II (7–1–09 Edition)**

#### **§ 228.4 Plan of operations—notice of intent—requirements.**

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (a)(1) of this section, a notice of intent to operate is required from any person proposing to conduct operations which might cause significant disturbance of surface resources. Such notice of intent to operate shall be submitted to the District Ranger having jurisdiction over the area in which the operations will be conducted. Each notice of intent to operate shall provide information sufficient to identify the area involved, the nature of the proposed operations, the route of access to the area of operations, and the method of transport.

#### **(1) A notice of intent to operate is not required for:**

- (i) Operations which will be limited to the use of vehicles on existing public roads or roads used and maintained for National Forest System purposes;
  - (ii) Prospecting and sampling which will not cause significant surface resource disturbance and will not involve removal of more than a reasonable amount of mineral deposit for analysis and study which generally might include searching for and occasionally removing small mineral samples or specimens, gold panning, metal detecting, non-motorized hand sluicing, using mining claim;
  - (iii) Marking and monumenting a disturbance;
  - (iv) Underground operations which will not cause significant surface resource disturbance, battery operated dry washers, and collecting of mineral specimens using hand tools;
  - (v) Operations, which in their totality, will not cause surface resource disturbance which is substantially different than that caused by other users of the National Forest System who are not required to obtain a Forest Service special use authorization, contract, or other written authorization;
  - (vi) Operations which will not involve the use of mechanized earthmoving equipment, such as bulldozers or backhoes, or the cutting of trees, unless those operations otherwise might cause a significant disturbance of surface resources;
- or
- (vii) Operations for which a proposed plan of operations is submitted for approval;