



The Keystone Chronicle



Cheyenne Chapter GPAA
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September 30, 2010

UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Meeting: 5 Oct.
Location: American Legion
Post 6,

October 14: 7 pm. "The
Evolution of Gold Recovery
Processes at the Carissa
Mine" State Museum, FREE

October 23 : Ghost of the
West at the Old West
Museum

October 30: Panning demo
at the State Museum 12-3pm

Club Meeting: 2 November
Location: American Legion
Post 6. **7:30 PM. Also
Charity Collection tonight!**

Websites of Interest

BLM online mining claims:
geocommunicator.gov

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

Wyoming State Geological
Survey: wsgs.uwyo.edu

Legends of America:
legendsofamerica.com

Wyoming Tails & Trails:
wyomingtalesandtrails.com

Public Lands for the People:
www.plp2.org

Cheyenne GPAA website:
www.cheyennegpaa.com

GPAA website:
www.goldprospectors.org

September Minutes

Ken Wilcox called the meeting to order at 7:08pm. All club officers and Board Members were in attendance by the end of the meeting. Ken Siders was en-route from the claim site and arrived during the meeting. The members were told about the fire in the Fox Park area, which is near the GPAA claims site that started today. There were a total of 41 in attendance. The 2 Visitors/Guests were introduced and welcomed. They were Pat Parker and Andrew Woods.

The August meeting minutes and Treasurer's Report were voted on and approved. The Secretary of State Annual report was sent in and fee was paid.

Members were reminded that as they came in they should have received a name tag ticket, and that if they wanted to order a name tag they could see Denise Hubbard or Don Ashley. If there were enough orders the club would not have to pay shipping.

The old business of the 21 day camping limit was brought up. Ken stated that Ken Siders was trying to get Tom Florich (Director – Public Services & Infrastructure Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest) to come to a meeting to speak to the members. Lyle Shingleton said that the lawyer he had been in contact with, had decided the firm was not interested in representing the case. Don Wegner stated that the 21 day limit was in direct conflict with the mining law. Don Ashley asked if Don Wegner had the law and would he email it to him. A discussion concerning the recovery of the land from mining campers, and if 21 days would be enough, especially if the miners were coming in at different times. Don Wegner stated that since miners could not camp on their land or close to their claim because of the signs stating no camping – that was where the conflict came in. The club would try to have a forest person at the meeting to talk to the members. All members are encouraged to think about the questions they would like to ask, and to maintain calm attitude for our guest. If you want to have more information please set up a personal visit to the office for further discussion. Members were also encouraged to voice their opinions to the legislature or other government officials, and a reminder that we are voting this year. Get to know the politicians and their viewpoints. A motion was made and seconded to move off the 21 day topic.

A short discussion was about the California legal suit. \$245,000.00 was given back to miners, although the dredging was not opened back up.

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Raffle Winners

One large gold nugget – Jen Wilcox
Dig Scale – Jen Wilcox
BBQ – Eldie VanKirk
Clock – Dave Darling
.2g gold nugget – Rich Richerson
Pocket knife – Ken Siders
.22g gold nugget – Don Wegner
Outdoor Channel gear – Sheryl
Weissel
Gold pan and vial – Eldie VanKirk
Nome Gold – Dave Bray
Necklace - Rich Richerson

50/50 – total was \$117.00 and Carl
Filter took home \$58.50

CLUB OFFICERS

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Ken Wilcox asked if anyone had any pictures they would like to have added to the scrapbook that Eldie Van Kirk had put together and was now circulating. She asked that if anyone knew names of the people in the pictures to write it next to the picture. Please give Eldie any pictures you have so the scrapbook could be better!

The members were told the "Christmas Jar" would be at the meetings for donations. The donations will be given to a charity. Members are to think of a charity, suggestions will be taken and the club will decide which one to give to at the December meeting.

Events coming up are: For those of you who don't know, once a month on Thursday evenings the Wyoming State Museum has lectures on a wide range of subjects. On Thursday October 14th at 7:00 p.m. their program will be "The Evolution of Gold Recovery Processes at the Carissa Mine". If you wish to attend just show up around 6:30 to get a good seat. IT'S FREE. October 23 Old West Museum; October 30 State Museum for kids trick or treat.

Mark Bolenbaugh gave a talk about how to file a claim. He said that the BLM had a "Mining Claim information packet" that takes you from start to finish. In the packet are forms with examples. These forms do have places that need to be notarized. Turn forms into the County first, then you have 90 days to file with the BLM. The BLM can give you a print of the map area or you can use BLM LR2000 on the internet. You need to check closed claims and refiled new numbers. You can amend the claim information. Once you have a validated claim you need to mark the claim with a sign. Other topics were: reserve; quit claims waivers; validation of claims; and waivers per claim. Mark Bolenbaugh or the club officers will help the members when needed. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

End

November Meeting Delayed

Since November 2 is an election day and the American Legion Post 6 is a polling place, our meeting is **pushed back to 7:30 PM.**

This will give the last voters time to clear out of the parking lot. Polling actually takes place in another room and will not interfere with our meeting.

End

CLUB STORE

Classifiers #20	\$23.00
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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
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Lou Lopez 778-8434

Visit **Yesterdays** on Foxfarm Rd.

Nome Gold! Marvin & Mel Terry at www.oldgoldme@Charter.net
1-877-666-3465

For Sale: 2007 Polaris Sportsman, 800 EFI, 4x4, loaded. \$7,500/ OBO

Contact Jim Motto (307) 638-7929

To have your ad placed here Email Peter Somontes at psomontes@yahoo.com or see me at the meeting. ad will also be on the Chapter website.

Thanksgiving is not that far away so I thought this might be of interest.

APPLE SAUSAGE STUFFING

- 1 lb. mild sausage (roll, not links or patties)
- 1/2 lb. hot sausage
- 2 lg. onions, chopped
- 9 small stalk celery, chopped
- 1 1/2 pkg. bread cubes for stuffing
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 4 large red apples with skin, chopped
- Apple Cider

Mix everything together. Add enough apple cider to dampen the stuffing. Stuff as usual. This is enough for an 18-20 lb. bird.

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Black Hills gold nugget unveiled

Posted: Sep 16, 2010 4:51 PM MDT

Rachael Embler



The hefty piece of gold is 2.14 inches long and weighs 5.27 troy ounces (KOTA)

There's gold in them there hills! That's exactly what a couple of prospectors found while panning for gold in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

Charles Ward and Byron Janis found the largest surviving, uncontested, gold nugget in 120 years, which is now on display at the Journey Museum in Rapid City.

The hefty piece of gold is 2.14 inches long and weighs 5.27 troy ounces.

The prospectors sold the piece to the owner of a clock shop in Rapid City. Ward said it's hard to explain uncovering such a treasure.

"You know I pick it up and look at it and my heart gets a going ... and his face lights up and then we know we've got the real deal and right after that you know we just do a little dance in the creek there with water up to our knees and then we break out the cigars and call the wives," Ward said.

While they would not release how much it sold for the owner of the clock shop Chris Johnson said he may eventually be able to get a \$100,000 for it.

Thanks to Steve Frantz for finding this article.

Below are some pictures of the fire in the Medicine-Bow Forest southwest of Foxpark. These pictures were taken by Ken Siders from the flats where we hold our outings. This fire is now out, but there remain a lot of dead pines just waiting for a spark.

