



The Keystone Chronicle



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June 9, 2011

UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Meeting: 7 June 2011,
7 PM, American Legion Post
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Cowboy Kids Festival at the
Old West Museum, June 11th

Wy State Museum Demo

CFD Wild Horse Gulch
Demo

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

Wyoming State Museum
wyomuseum.state.wy.us

May Minutes

Ken Siders then proceeded with the meeting by discussing the Gold Show in Las Vegas. The Chapter elected officers will now have membership for two years free. There is also a change in the current credits process for each Chapter. It is changed to a point system. Chapters will receive points for individuals signing up, officers attending national functions (50,000 per person). When Don and Ken attended the function this year our chapter now has 100,000 points. This amount of points would give us approximately 10 to 12 pans to sell through the store. Last year it was voted that \$300.00 would be given to officers for attending national functions. A motion was made and seconded to pay Don and Ken each \$300.00 for reimbursement of travel costs for this year.

Ken told members that Gold Magic had donated several items for us to use for the monthly general raffle. Items were: hat, scoop, CD and pan.

Don requested that anyone having raffle tickets for the Gem & Rock Show please turn in tickets and money. He stated that whatever the tickets brought in he would donate the rest of the money to cover the costs.

Ken Siders asked the members, "What three items do you need when going out prospecting? The answer is – 1) Membership card; 2) Claim permit card; and 3) the claims guide.

Ken reminded us that the Private Claim owner should also have paperwork on you.

The July outing is still not looking good. The USFS reps let us know the plans in the Snowy Range at our April meeting. The USFS has let contracts for logging beetle killed trees along FSR512 and FSR543, the logging to take place this summer. The flats where we normally camp will be the staging area for the logging company and the bridge will be rebuilt to handle heavier vehicles. FSR512 from Fox Park north to the Platte Access Road will be logged beginning as soon as the snow clears with the road being closed at undetermined times. These closures will be temporary but we can expect heavy truck traffic. FSR543 is scheduled for logging to start in August, again with temporary closures and heavy truck traffic. These dates are flexible and may be advanced or delayed as circumstances require. The route from Albany on FSR500 to FSR542 to FSR543 is NOT suitable for large rigs. So access to the claim and camping will be impacted. Members can call the Laramie Office of the Forest Service at (307)745-2300 and ask for a list of road closures and it will be

mailed to them, or members could check the website. The USFS has offered us the use of the Bobby Thompson Campground at NO cost for our activities. It has been discussed and the members felt that it was not going to work for us. A possible site is a field just north of Fox Park, it is large enough to handle our group and access is good, the downside is we would still have to travel on at least part of FSR512 and the hassles that would entail. Another possibility is at Rob Roy, the USFS has a campground there, which could handle our group; there is a fee of \$10 per night. The members thought that might be too far away. Ken emailed Tom about an area, an open meadow around Fox Park around Road 230 which may be available for a day meeting. We may not be able to have an official outing this year. Hopefully there will be more information available by the next meeting.

Don Ashley reminded members to renew their GPAA membership, and that the Buzzard's back for renewals. We will have a can available for the members to bring in saved pop tops from cans and this will help with the cost of nuggets.

Ken and Don passed on a suggestion to use empty sand bags as portable buckets.

The pan was passed for the PLP monthly donation, which is used for the purchase of PLP raffle tickets. Our donation is made and our Chapter has a chance of winning a prize we may be able to use or place for sale in our store. In Oregon, the PLP helped them to win their case on dredging. This meetings donation came to \$76.76.

Ken encouraged the new people to make sure we had their phone numbers and email addresses. Secretary records e-mail addresses, which are passed on to Pete Somontes, for the newsletter to be sent to them each month.

It was explained that we needed volunteers to work the Gem and Mineral Show, and for anyone interested to be there May 14 & 15. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm. *End*

CLUB STORE

Classifiers #20	\$23.00
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Classifiers #1/2	\$10.00
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Suction Tweezers	\$ 0.25
T-Shirt (adult)	\$12.00
T-Shirt (kids)	\$10.50
Tweezers	\$ 5.00

Raffle Winners

Yukon necklace – Jessie Parker
 Survival Tool – David Fortney
 Gold Ore – Ken Parker
 Pocket Knife – Jeb Jordan
 Sunstones – Holly Sullivan
 Copper Ore – Lewis Coblente
 Loupe – Jeb Jordan
 Gloves – Jim Henzie
 Buffalo Nickel – Darryl Adams
 Pliers/Tools – Dave Thompson
 1.36 nugget – Don Wegner
 Picker – Peter Somontes

Attendance:

Nome Gold – Eldie Van Kirk
 Whistle – Unknown

50/50 Raffle:

\$121.00 – BB Rhodes

Cowboy Kids Festival

The Old West Museum is conducting their Cowboy Kids Festival on Saturday June 11 from 10am-2pm. We have been asked to return and conduct our demonstrations. We need volunteers, with their equipment, to show up no later than 9:30 am to set-up. More details at the meeting.

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www.oldgoldme@Charter.net

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 Booties. \$100

Cort Schaible 635-4810 Cell: 286-5335

For Sale: 2007 Polaris Sportsman, 800 EFL,
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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.
 Your ad will also be on the Chapter website.

Fire Safety

With the beetle killed trees falling all over the Snowy Range the danger of a catastrophic forest fire increases each year.

NOW is the time to check your equipment. Are the spark arrestors functional on your generators, dredges and chain saws? Better to replace them now and not have to worry about them.

Sell your gold to us!

If you are thinking of selling your gold nuggets talk to Don Ashley first. The club is always buying nuggets so why not yours?

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