



# The Keystone Chronicle

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September 28, 2011

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Meeting: 4 Oct 2011, 7 PM, American Legion Post 6

TBD: Ghost of the West at the Old West Museum

Club Meeting: 1 Nov 2011, 7 PM, American Legion Post 6

## 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)

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

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

Wyoming Tails & Trails:  
[wyomingtailesandtrails.com](http://wyomingtailesandtrails.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)

Wyoming State Museum  
[wyo.museum.state.wy.us](http://wyo.museum.state.wy.us)

## September Minutes

Ken Siders called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. Club officers and Board Members were in attendance at the meeting. There were a total of 48 in attendance. The 3 Visitors/Guests were introduced and welcomed. They were Gary Madsen, Justin Hauf and Jessica.

The group welcomed Irina Zhorov, PBS, she came to hear about our chapter and to learn of some experiences the members have had.

Don Ashley gave the treasurers report. He has done a great job and the members thanked him.

Correspondence was received from the Church that had our chapter give presentation to their youth. The chapter gave them a few items for panning. Along with the thank you note they gave a donation to our chapter. The PLP pan was passed, \$61.00 was donated.

Ken Siders noted that in the Mining Journal it was announced that there would be a moratorium on suction dredging in California until June 30, 2016. This was signed on July 26, 2011.

Another article was about how Interior Secretary Ken Salazar was pushing for wilderness designations. Mark Bolenbaugh, Chapter Claims Director, told about two of the areas, in the Medicine Bow Park that are around the GPAA claims, that are looked at for the designation of "Wild and Scenic Areas".

Lyle Shingleton told the members about the helicopter that was flying around over the past weekend over County Road 504 and the Lake Creek area, which seemed to be doing seismic or mineral exploration. Dave Fortney stated that he had talked to the pilot and was told that they were looking for base metals.

Ken Siders said that everyone had a good time at the outing. Eldie VanKirk was thanked for all of the cooking she did; those attending stated that the food was great. Thanks also went to Pete Somontes for thinking about the tent and bringing it to camp. No rain hit camp, which was very unusual from other years. The tent provided sun protection! An explanation was given about the July outing, it has been to kick off

the beginning of the season. If at any time, we wanted to have another outing, dinner or any other type of get together, any member could make a motion for the group to consider it.

Ken Siders asked for nominations for treasurer. Don Ashley nominated Daryl Adams, it was seconded but Daryl did decline. Another nomination of Pete Somontes was seconded and the membership did vote on and approve Pete as Treasurer. Holly Sullivan accepted the Equipment Manager position.

Eldie VanKirk requested that the members give her ideas for raffle items or make donations for the raffle.

Ken Wilcox reminded the members about the Christmas Fund donation jar and encouraged donations. The members are to be thinking about some worthy organization to donate to this year. Last year we donated to the American Legion baskets, we may want to consider this again.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. The next meeting is October 4, 2011.

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## Rock Show

The Weld County Rock & Mineral Society will be hosting a Rock Show Oct 1-2 at the Greeley Senior Center. Prizes being raffled include gold nuggets. If you would like raffle tickets call Melanie at 970-352-8149 or Anne Nichols at 970-353-4174. Need not be present to win.

Admission is free to the public.

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Snuffer Bottle	\$ 3.00
Snuffer/vial/Tweezers	\$ 8.00
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 me at the meeting.  
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## Grizzly Bear Pancakes

1 1/4 cups flour, sifted  
 3 teaspoons baking powder  
 1 tablespoon sugar  
 1/2 teaspoon salt  
 1 egg, beaten  
 1 cup milk  
 2 tablespoons oil

Sift together flour, baking powder, sugar,  
 and salt. Combine egg, milk and oil; add to  
 dry ingredients, stirring just till the flour is  
 moistened. Bake on hot griddle. Makes 8  
 4-inch pancakes.

*From The National Park Cookbook*

## Raffles

Drill – Sheryl Sullivan  
 Gold Ore – Bobbie Bess  
 Pan – Anne Nichols  
 Gold nugget – Jeb Jordan  
 Survival Tool – Robert Bruce  
 1937 Buff Nick – Lyle Shingleton  
 Loupe – Holly Sullivan  
 Picker – John Eggleston  
 Copper – Emily  
 Silver – Lewis  
 Felix gold – Sean  
 1994 coins – Lewis

### Attendance Raffle:

Three prizes of a whistle, pewter miner, and  
 sluice key chain were given away.

### 50/50 Raffle:

\$67.00 – Holly Sullivan

## Treasurer Transfer

On Wednesday 21 September 2011 Don  
 Ashley transferred the duties of Treasurer  
 to Pete Somontes. An audit was conducted  
 by Pete Somontes prior to accepting the  
 position. The present balance in the account  
 is as follows;  
 Club act.: \$7707.28  
 PLP act.: \$61 was deposited on 9/21/2011  
 PLP act. total: \$175.04

The Club still need to complete and sign the  
 bank forms giving Pete access to the  
 account.

## CLUB OFFICERS

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## ***Gold from Space***

AFP – Wed, Sep 7, 2011 A meteor streaks across the sky against a field of stars during a meteorite shower ... Were it not for meteorites striking Earth some four billion years ago, humans would never have laid eyes on the gold that has raised and ruined civilizations, according to a study published Thursday.

Two hundred million years earlier, during the violent throes of planetary formation, Earth was a mass of molten minerals set afire by collisions with planet-sized heavenly bodies. These Olympian crashes probably threw up the Moon and also caused billions of tonnes of liquefied gold and platinum, enough to cover the planet with a crust four metres (13 feet) thick, to sink to the centre, creating its core. And there the precious metals lie, forever beyond the reach of grasping human hands.

This much was known. The enduring mystery was why there remained anything more than trace amounts of gold in Earth's outermost skin, called the crust, and the layer underneath, the mantle. Indeed, precious metals are tens, perhaps thousands of times more abundant in Earth's silicate mantle than they should be if none were added after the great meltdown during the planet's early phase. Hence the theory that gold and other shiny rare metals were imported from outer space after our orbiting, rotating home had cooled enough to harden, at least partially, into rock. But it was only a theory.

To put it to the test, a trio of researchers led by Matthias Willbold of the University of Bristol in Britain analysed ancient rocks from Greenland that took shape shortly after the formation of the core but before the suspected bombardment of meteorites. Their results were published in the peer-reviewed journal *Nature*. Using cutting-edge technology, they measured the isotopic composition of tungsten, a very rare element which, like gold and other heavy precious metals, gravitated to Earth's centre during the formation of the core. When atoms have the same chemical makeup but a varying number of neutrons, which changes an atom's mass, they are said to have different isotopes. These minute variations can indicate both the origin and age of a mineral. Comparing the Greenland samples to rocks from elsewhere on the planet, the researchers detected a tiny but unmistakable 15-parts-per-million difference in the abundance of a particular isotope, called 182W. The gap is perfectly consistent with the theory that the "excess" gold which humans so covet is a fortuitous by-product of an ancient meteorite shower.

"Our work shows that most of the precious metals on which our economies and many key industrial processes are based have been added to our planet by lucky coincidence when Earth was hit by about 20 billion billion tonnes of asteroidal material," Willbold said in a statement.

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