



The Keystone Chronicle

Cheyenne Chapter GPAA
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April 30, 2012

UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Meeting: 1 May 2012,
7 PM, American Legion Post 6

Cheyenne Gem & Mineral
Society's Gem & Mineral Show
May 19-20, 2012 - American
Legion Post 6

Club Meeting: 5 Jun 2012,
7 PM, American Legion Post 6

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April Meeting

Ken Siders called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Club officers and Board Members were in attendance at the meeting. There were a total of 52 in attendance. Three visitors, Russell Stephens, Bernie Butler, and Ric Thomas were introduced and welcomed.

The minutes of the last meeting and treasurers' report were approved. There was correspondence from the Headwaters Chapter of the GPAA, letting us know about their outing on Saturday May 19, 2012. This is the Rick Radke Memorial Metal Detector Hunt in Radersburg, Montana. If anyone wants more information about this outing and a registration form, please contact Denise Hubbard. There will be copies of this form at the next meeting.

Ken thanked everyone for the card for his wife.

The Iowa GPAA will be here August 10 to 12, for the get together. Our Cheyenne Chapter usually does demos at our outing every other year, the members in attendance at this meeting decided we should have demos in August when the Iowa Chapter is here.

We were told that the current Letter of Intent for prospecting on the National Forest was on the website.

The By-Law changes have been made reflecting the annual meeting and the elections to be in October of every year. There was a motion made to approve these changes, and it was seconded. Everyone in attendance was in favor of these changes.

Longtime member Peter Somontes will be leaving; Don Ashley said he would take over the job of Treasurer until the October elections, and Don Wegner will do the newsletter. Ken also asked someone to take over as Club Secretary. Wendell O'Connell will take over until the October elections.

Please remember to sell the tickets for the Gem & Mineral Show, turn in the sold ticket stubs and money at the next meeting. The Gem & Mineral Show will be May 19th & 20th.

Our club will be putting on a gold panning demo at the David Romero Park on April 25th, which is open to the public from 6pm to 9pm. Boy Scouts are doing some outdoor demos.

April 20th is the Las Vegas Summit.

PLP information can found at <http://www.plp2.org/>

The California Fish & Game Final SEIR can be found at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/suctiondredge/>.

The California Department of Fish & Game issued their Final Subsequent Environmental Impact report on suction gold dredging on March 7. The agency had released the draft SEIR for public comments on February 17, and allowed less than three weeks for the comment process. Fish & Game decided to ignore the numerous requests for an extended comment period and went ahead with publishing the regulations.

Websites of Interest

Medicine Bow National Forest:
fs.fed.us/r2/mbr

Wyoming State Geological Survey:
wsgs.uwyo.edu

Wyoming Trails & 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

There is one positive development in California we would like to mention: a few county sheriffs are getting fed up with the heavy-handed tactics of Fish & Game, the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service.

During a February 28 meeting, these sheriffs banded together in an effort to develop a joint policy to restore private property rights in Northern California. This is noteworthy because sheriffs have the authority to prevent other agencies from conducting enforcement activities in their jurisdiction without their permission.

“Our county could be destroyed if we don’t take time to stand up and fight for it,” said Siskiyou County Sheriff Jon Lopey.

It was suggested by Ken Siders to go to this site and read the entire article and that there were many others with good information.

We are reminded to eat here at the American Legion; they start serving at 6pm, and do this for our chapter meeting. They do not charge us for rental of the hall, so if we can support them by purchasing dinner here it will only prove beneficial to the chapter.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45. The next meeting is May 1, 2012 at 7:00pm.

Gold Show Dates
 2012

SPRING CIRCUIT

Boise, ID May 5–6
 Salt Lake City, UT May 12–13
 Reno/Sparks, NV May 19–20

FALL CIRCUIT

Rapid City, SD Aug 25–26
Casper, WY Sep 8–9
 Butte, MT Sep 15–16
Denver, CO Sep 22–23
 Mesa, AZ Sep 29–30
 St. Joseph, MO Oct 13–14
 Dayton, OH Oct 20–21
 Spartanburg, SC Oct 27–28

RAFFLES

General Raffle:

Nome Gold – John Eggleston
 Shovel – Dixie Bruce
 Nugget – Don Ashley
 Strainer – Thea Renison
 Screw driver – Sean Slutzky
 Tupperware – Keeda Van Kirk
 Gold grabber – Don Wegner
 Mitt - Carl Filter
 Small thermos – Joseph A Still
 Hummingbird – Ray McGehee
 Small thermos – Cort Schaible
 Long Shovel – D Thompson

Attendance Raffle:

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 Duct Tape – Dixie Bruce
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 Copper – Jacob Foster

50/50 Raffle:

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More than a dozen members of the Cheyenne GPAA Chapter volunteered to demonstrate prospecting methods and equipment at a free, public demo at David Romero Park on April 25th. In addition to good old fashioned panning, there were demonstrations of using a spiral wheel, metal detector, recirculating mini-highbanker, Blue Bowl, rockers, and dry washers – and I probably missed a few! A great time was had by all. A special **Thanks** goes out to all who volunteered to help!

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For Sale: Wet suit, XL, one piece, hood, gloves, booties. \$100 **Cort Schaible 635-4810 Cell: 286-5335**

For Sale: MAX II 800T 6 Wheel ATV, Kohler 624CC 20 HP, T20 Skid steer trans, WT 700lbs, Asking: \$2,000, Originally \$8,500. NADA \$2,180-\$2,870. **Don Ashley 307-220-8751**

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