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A Message from the President Tim's Tidbits

Hello members and prospectors when buying pay dirt I do suggest that you run it at least twice if not three times to get all your gold out of the pay dirt.

Tim Pitney
President COSGPAA

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Tonight's precious metals spot prices per Troy ounce

Year	Gold	Silver	Platinum	Palladium	Rhodium
2023	\$1,977.39	\$24.42	\$1,029.11	\$1,410.39	\$5,250.00
2024	\$2,452.95	\$28.76	\$969.95	\$928.30	\$4,750.00

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MEETING MINUTES



August 3, 2024, COSGPAA Meeting Minutes

Attendees: 19 in person (meeting) 45 (picnic); 154 by e-mail

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 pm by Chapter President Tim Pitney and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Tim's opening remarks included a welcome to everyone attending this year's combined meeting and annual chapter picnic. Tim discussed prospecting outings for this fall season and members present felt an August outing would not be well attended due to expected weather and already planned summer activities. The next Chapter outing will be announced at the September 4th regular monthly meeting. Chapter VP Joel Swisher provided an update on the Alaska prospection trip scheduled for August 19-26, 2025. Several spaces are still open. Call Joel to sign up or ask questions. For those attending, a fifty percent deposit is due by October 31st with balance due by 15 March 2025. Payments are made directly with the host, Skookum Gold Camp. Chapter Treasurer Alton Oakes gave the financial report and reminded everyone that the Public Lands for the People (PLP) raffle drawing is tomorrow (Sunday August 4th) for those who already bought tickets. Winners will be notified directly by PLP. Planning for the annual Chapter Christmas Party begins at this meeting. Membership was polled and recommended we have the party at the Airplane Restaurant again with the same menu

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options. Member Stephen Kanatzer will provide a current menu and pricing for the next meeting when we formally vote on the venue. When asked about the choice of door prize drawing items, a consensus preferred to have more prizes available rather than one primary, expensive item. The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 pm by Tim.

The Picnic began with Alton giving youth panning kits to those youngsters present. With several late arrivals, 18 kits were provided for at least 45 attendees – and likely more. Each kit included an 8” or 10” pan, jar of pay dirt, eyedropper, collection bottle, and a copper Prospector Coin. A new panning booth set-up this year provided 34’ of shade covered, “waist high, river access” and it was packed all afternoon. In addition to Gold, we also added amethysts, garnets, pyrite and fossilized shark teeth to the panning sands. Based on our observations, we expect a visit from a CDC Investigator for holding a *gold-fever super spreader event*.

Thank you to guest Justin Spencer for manning the BBQ grills again this year. The burgers, brats, and hot dogs were enjoyed by all. All the side dishes and desserts were delicious and plentiful.

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Thank you also to all those members and guests who arrived early and stayed late to assist with the set-up and teardown. And a special thank you to members John Wood and Richard Cook for their expertise in resurrecting an abandoned lawn mower and providing a manicured lawn just in time for the picnic setup. The picnic ended at 2:45 pm.

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS August 3, 2024

No door prize drawing this month.

Picnic August 3 2024



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PROSPECTING EQUIPMENT FOR SALE.

FOR SALE

GOLD FOX 6" GUNSLINGER TROMMEL

This is Gold Fox's large trommel. It comes with two drums, a flared sluice with Dream Mat and Gold Hog matting, and a Miners Moss and expanded metal sluice extension. It is RED in color and has a 1 1/4" male NPT hose attachment and requires a 12 volt battery to operate its fast/slow drum speed. Asking \$1000 or best offer. If interested, I can send photos; contact Ralph at ralphparkes@gmail.com for more information. Also, go to goldfoxusa.com and if they have the 6" in stock, click on their link for a description and photos.



We have a special guest speaker for our September meeting. His name is Ray Golden, Gold Prospector and Author. Ray has written 4 books about Colorado History. These are factual stories that Ray has done extensive research for each of his books. Enclosed is poster for his last book "Mer's Golden Treasure The Devil's Hole". Ray's latest book is hard to find. I have been talking with Ray and he has done some research for me to try and find his latest book. He did some calling around where he thought it might be found and gave me a couple of places where I might be able to find it. Ray is a very interesting talker, he mainly talks about prospecting and how he goes about doing research on where he goes prospecting for gold. I encourage everyone to attend our next meeting on 4 September to listen to Ray Golden speak. Thanks

HOT OFF THE PRESS



After becoming an author worthy of distinction for his first three novels, Christiana's Secret, Charlie's Ghost Town, and Marilyn's Trading Post, Ray Golden has created another novel that you won't want to put down. Ray has become a well known Author and History Detective in Colorado and spends his time with his faithful dog, Sarah, roaming the Rocky Mountains and solving Old West mysteries. You might find them in a Colorado River panning for gold, or falling down from a mountain cliff while looking for buried treasures. Ray also teaches the art of gold panning at events around Colorado.



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Meetings are held on the First Wednesday of each month

From 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM at:

The Salvation Army building:

208 Cunningham Drive

Security, CO 80911

All General Meetings are the 1st Wednesday of each month from 7pm to 9:00pm

MEETING DATES

No Outing/Event schedules prior to August 3d Meeting

September 4 2024

October 2 2024

November 6 2024

December 4, 2024

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