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A Message from the President Tim's Tidbits

Hello members and prospectors when you find a lot of black sand be careful because the black sand will rob your small gold.

Tim Pitney
President COSGPAA

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Tonight's precious metals spot prices per Troy ounce

Year	Gold	Silver	Platinum	Palladium	Rhodium
2023	\$1,995.70	\$23.21	\$941.15	\$1,151.00	\$4,350.00
2024	\$2,681.35	\$31.47	\$1,012.28	\$1,078.09	\$4,675.00

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COLORADO SPRINGS CHAPTER



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MEETING MINUTES



November 6, 2024, COSGPAA Meeting Minutes

Attendees: 0 in person; 154 by e-mail

The November monthly meeting was cancelled due to winter weather conditions. The following information is an update on Chapter activity since the October meeting.

Election of Chapter Officers. The nomination of GPAA members to serve as Chapter Officers for calendar year 2025 that was to occur at the November meeting is postponed to the December 2d meeting. The election will therefore be postponed from December to the January meetings. The duties and responsibilities of the various positions are described in the Chapter Bylaws, a copy of which is posted on the Chapter website, www.cosgpaa.org.

Chapter Christmas Party. Currently, 22 members and guests have confirmed reservations to attend the Chapter Christmas Party & December Meeting on December 7th. Please sign-up by Dec 5th so that we can provide a headcount to the restaurant. The fee can be paid during **sign-in** at the restaurant. To sign-up please contact Chapter Treasurer Alton Oakes by phone or text at 719-439-3590 or by e-mail to agoakes@earthlink.net. Details for the party are included in this edition of the Nuggeteer and are on the Chapter website, www.cosgpaa.org.

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Alaska Trip. On October 7th, we sent an email to the membership that two additional spaces had become available for the August 2025 Skookum Gold Camp trip. Those interested were asked to make their reservations directly with Skookum Gold Camp ASAP and to subsequently notify our outing coordinator, Chapter VP Joel Swisher. As of Nov 8th, Joel reports that no one has contacted him about the additional spaces. Joel can be reached by phone: 719-622-8693, or email: joelswisher1@gmail.com.

November Outings/Events. The outing to Clear Creek in Denver on Saturday, Nov 2d was attended by six members/guests. We worked the creek below and to the west of the Broadway Street bridge. As usual the gold was small but plentiful, if you dug in the right spots. No additional outings or events are planned before the December meeting.

Clear Creek & Broadway Bridge, Denver Nov 2, 2024



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EVENT NOTICE: December Meeting and Chapter Christmas Party

When: Saturday, December 7, 2024, 12:00 – 4:00 PM

Where: Airplane Restaurant, 1665 N. Newport Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80916.

Directions: From the intersection of South Powers Blvd and East Fountain Blvd, drive East on Fountain one block to the first left turn, which is N. Newport Road. You will see the “airplane” that is part of the restaurant in the NE corner of that intersection. Turn left onto Newport and take the first right turn into the parking lot which is shared by the restaurant and the Radisson Hotel. The main entrance to the restaurant faces this parking lot.

Details: The event set up and sign-in begins at 11:30 am with a short Chapter Meeting starting at 12:00 pm. The Party will start immediately following the meeting with dinner orders taken by the restaurant waitstaff. During sign-in, attendees will pay their cost share and receive a copy of the party menu. Adults (age 15+) \$10 each; Children (age 10 – 14) \$5 each, and Children (age 9 and under) are free. The Chapter will pay the difference and gratuity. Based on requests from several of our members, the restaurant has given us permission to bring our own desserts. Except for the Christmas drawing tickets, the Chapter store will be closed. Entertainment follows the meal and includes:

White Elephant Exchange. If you want to participate, please bring a **wrapped item**, and tag it “white elephant”. The item can be a re-gift, an item you already own that someone else can treasure for a while, something funny, something weird, or something nice.

Member to Member Gift Exchange. If you want to participate, please bring a **wrapped item**, and label it “Gift Exchange Man” or “Gift Exchange Woman”. Usually, a man will bring a gift for a man and a woman will bring a gift for a woman. If an odd number of members participate, you may end up with your own gift – so bring something you wouldn’t mind taking back home with you. Please limit purchases to \$20. Re-Gifting is also acceptable.

Salvation Army Angel Tree Gift Donation. If you wish to participate, please bring a new, **unwrapped toy** to donate. If you have questions, please contact the Fountain Valley Salvation Army at 719-382-1182.

Christmas Party RSVP. Those who did not sign-up at the October or November meetings can pay during sign-in at the restaurant but are asked to make a reservation by Thursday December 5th. For reservations after the November meeting, please call or text Chapter Treasurer Alton Oakes at 719-439-3590, or e-mail him at agoakes@earthlink.net. When using text or e-mail, please include the name of the person making the reservation, a contact phone number, and the number of attendees by age group.

Door Prize Drawing. Prizes will consist of silver coins, rounds and bars and gold nuggets/pickers. Quantity and size of individual prizes will be based upon participation and availability.

Airplane Reasturant Menu

In Flight Beverages – Coke, Diet Coke, Coke Zero, Sprite, Iced Tea, Raspberry Tea, Green or Sweet Tea, Minute Maid Lemonade, Barq’s Root Beer, Dr. Pepper, Mellow Yellow \$3.50

Lunch Preflight

Runway Chicken Wings –Boneless or Bone In \$16.65

Toss your wings in Buffalo, Stevie’s Spicy Asian, BBQ or Teriyaki sauce

Chicken Tenders – Boneless chicken seasoned, like a fighter pilot and deep fried..... \$15.50

Potato Skins – Deep fried and baked with cheddar cheese bacon bits and green onions with sour cream as the co-pilot. \$10.25

Say Cheese! Sticks –Breaded mozzarella sticks! Served with marinara for dipping..... \$9.50

Cheesy Spinach Artichoke Dip – Artichokes, spinach & cheese blended together in a creamy delight served with chips, pita bread, celery and carrot sticks. Pilots should always eat their veggies. . . . \$15.45

World Famous Quesadilla – Chipotle flour tortilla, stuffed with chicken or smoked duck, tomato, green chilies and mixed cheese. Served with guacamole, sour cream and salsa.

Chicken \$15.50 Smoked Duck* \$17.60

Salads

Craisin Walnut Salad – Fresh greens, balsamic vinaigrette and a squadron of Craisins, caramelized walnuts, feta cheese and balsamic glaze \$15.50

Add Chicken. \$5.25 Add Salmon* \$10.00

Blackened Salmon Caesar* –North Atlantic salmon, possibly caught by a sea plane pilot, blackened and served over tossed romaine, Caesar dressing, croutons and parmesan..... \$20.75

Chicken Caesar – Grilled chicken breast, possibly caught by a pilot who wanted chicken, served over tossed romaine, Caesar dressing, parmesan and croutons. . . . \$17.60

Cobb Salad – Crisp salad greens, sliced red onion, diced tomato and bacon, mixed cheese, broccoli, sliced cucumber, and hard-boiled egg.. \$17.60

Add Chicken or sliced turkey. \$5.25 Add Salmon* \$10.00

Flying Fortress Fajita Salad – Tender chicken with diced tomato, onion, jalapeños, green chilies, Mexican cheese, Southwestern dressing in a tortilla bowl with sour cream . . . \$ 17.60

House Garden Salad \$7.00

House Caesar Salad \$8.25

Choice of ranch, bleu cheese, Italian, honey mustard, balsamic, French or thousand island

Baked Spaghetti- A favorite of the Italian Air Force! Italian sausage, sautéed peppers and onions, spaghetti, marinara and baked with mozzarella. Copilot is garlic cheese bread...\$17.99.

Burgers

Vegetarian burger may be substituted upon request. Served with fries or coleslaw.

Substitute sweet potato sticky fries \$4.25 or onion rings \$5.25

Soars with lettuce, tomato, pickles and onion. Burgers are served on a sesame seed bun.

Add a second

beef patty for \$5.25 or buffalo patty for \$10.25

Bison Burger* – Less fat, calories, and cholesterol than turkey or chicken.. . . \$19.75 Upgrade to an Afterburner, BBQ Bomber or Guacamole Buffalo Burger for \$4.00 extra!

Guacamole Burger* – Beef or Chicken, guacamole, Swiss cheese and bacon topped on a juicy burger. The official burger of the Mexican Air Force. . . . \$16.50

Afterburner Burger* – Beef or Chicken. Light this candle! Here's our burger topped with our tangy guacamole, roasted green chilis, and pepper jack cheese.. . . \$16.50

All American Cheese Burger*- Beef or Chicken Your choice of Swiss, pepper jack, cheddar, or American cheese. Better file a flight plan for this burger!. . . \$15.25

BBQ Bomber Burger* – Beef or Chicken Loaded with our sweet & tangy BBQ, hickory smoked bacon, cheddar cheese, and ranch dressing. \$16.50

Teriyaki Burger- Beef or Chicken Teriyaki, Swiss & grilled pineapple. \$16.50

Sandwiches & More _____ Served with choice of fries or coleslaw **Sub sweet potato sticky fries for \$4.25 or onion rings for \$5.25**

Patty Melt*- Grilled patty topped with Swiss and grilled onion on marble rye. . . . \$15.78

Rueben von Crashed –Tender corned beef, turkey, or Bison, sauerkraut, Swiss cheese and thousand island dressing served on fresh rye.

Corned Beef or Turkey\$16.50 Corned Bison\$18.65

Philly Flyer* – Zoomin’! Tender beef or chicken, sautéed onions and bell peppers topped with Swiss. Served on toasted French bread. \$17.00

Italian Sub- Sautéed onions, peppers and marinara over an Italian Sausage patty topped with melted mozzarella on toasted French bread. Momma Mia would be proud!... \$16.50

Piper Club – Get checked out in this Piper! Bacon, lettuce, tomato, thinly sliced smoked turkey, American cheese and Basil-mayo. . . . \$15.50

World’s Biggest Fish Sandwich*- Breaded and deep fried, 1/2 pound white fish \$19.75

Catfish* & Hushpuppies – Catfish and 3 hushpuppies caught by the pilot who went FLY-fishing. Get it? Fly fishing! Blackened or deep fried. . . . \$18.60

Fish ‘n Chips* – A favorite of our friends in the RAF (Royal Air Force). Beer battered and ready for malt vinegar! \$17.75

Deep Fried Shrimp- Golden brown and served with cocktail sauce...\$16.75

***These items, except for chicken, may be served raw or undercooked based on your specifications, or contain raw or undercooked ingredients. Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish or eggs may increase your risk of food borne illness, especially if you have certain medical conditions.**

The following major food allergens are used as ingredients: Milk, Egg, Fish, Crustacean Shellfish, Tree Nuts, Peanuts, Wheat, Soy, and Sesame. Please notify staff for more information about these ingredients.

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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

November 6 2024

December 7 2024 Christmas Party Airplane Restaurant .

January 1 2025

February 5 2025

March 5 2025

April 2 2025

May 7 2025

June 4 2025

July 2 2025

August 6 2025

September 3 2025

October 1 2025

November 5 2025

December 3 2025

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<http://www.therockdoc.net>

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