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A Message from the President Tim's Tidbits

Hello members and prospectors whent up in the mountains and you are around a mine always take a little time and check the tailing piles.

Tim Pitney
President COSGPAA

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Tonight's precious metals spot prices per Troy ounce

Year	Gold	Silver	Platinum	Palladium	Rhodium
2023	\$1,823.20	\$21.31	\$879.53	\$1,215.25	\$3,450.00
2024	\$2,669.55	\$32.02	\$1,020.95	\$1,056.75	\$4,825.00

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COLORADO SPRINGS CHAPTER



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MEETING MINUTES



October 2, 2024, COSGPAA Meeting Minutes

Attendees: 20 in person; 154 by e-mail

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chapter President Tim Pitney and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Tim discussed the election of Chapter Officers. Positions required to be filled by election include President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Chairperson. VP Joel Swisher will accept nominations at the November Chapter meeting for all board positions and conduct voting at the December meeting. Board elected positions are for a one-year term, January to December. Only active GPAA members may serve as Chapter Officers or vote for elected positions. The Chapter Secretary will verify current membership status for nominees and voters at the respective meetings against the current membership roster provided by GPAA. Members who are not listed on the roster may verify their membership status with a current membership card.

Chapter Treasurer Alton Oakes gave the monthly financial report and advised that the Chapter's liability insurance had been renewed effective Oct 7, 2024. A sign-up roster for the Chapter Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec 7th was available at the meeting. Members and guests can sign-up at the November meeting or by

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phone or text to Alton at 719-439-3590 or by e-mail to agoakes@earthlink.net. Please sign-up by Dec 5th so that we can provide a headcount to the restaurant. The fee can be paid at the meeting or during **sign-in** at the restaurant. Details for the party were included in the September edition of the Nuggeteer and are on the Chapter website, www.cosgpaa.org.

VP Joel Swisher was unable to attend the meeting but provided the following update on the Alaska Trip. We have 12 members participating with verified deposits received by Skookum Gold Camp, which fills our available quota.

Chapter member Richard Logue gave a brief presentation on the use of Virtual Reality (VR) goggles and a mapping program to explore prospecting locations. Richard said it is a much better way to study terrain overview and zoom in on specific targets, compared to mapping programs alone.

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The next Chapter prospecting/panning outing will be Saturday, November 2nd, on Clear Creek in Denver, weather permitting. Panning, sluicing and battery-operated equipment is permitted. We will meet in the parking lot along the south border of the Clear Creek Business Park between 9 – 9:30 am. This location is described as Site A-17 in Finding Gold in Colorado, 1st Edition. Additional details and driving directions will be provided in an Outing Notice, sent separately.

Following the door prize drawing the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm. Thanks to member Daryl Barnett for providing baked goods for the meeting.

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS October 2, 2024

Gold: Lorraine Siros, John Mischler, Mike Sargent, Del Cox.

Silver: Theresa Bailey time 2, Tim Pitney.

Name Tag: Del Cox gloves, Lorraine Siros gloves, Thomas Burke coozie, Daryl Barnett coozie, Jim Fairclough tarp.

The Steamboat Pilot, June 5, 1936

THE MOUNTAIN OF **GOLD** PERHAPS a mountain of **gold** appears like one of those marvels which could never exist outside of fairy stories, but two men actually found such a place. The Flsk expedition to the West came from Minnesota In the early 60 s. Leading the wagon train were Captain J . L . Flsk and Dr. W. D. Dlbb. near Fort Rice, on a branch of the Yellowstone river, the train made camp. They were approaching dangerous country, and Captain Flsk and Doctor Dlbb rode out alone to see what lay ahead. They went to the southwest after some time on the way, they came to a deep and gloomy **canyon**, and In the rocks around them could be seen traces of **gold**. This was interesting, so they kept on. The farther they rode, the more **gold** appeared. At last the horses became tired, and since a small cave was near at hand they put the animals in this shelter to rest, out of sight of Indians who might be about. After they had walked two miles, they saw so much **gold** In the rocks that they could hardly believe their eye's. Realizing that this was the ideal end for any Journey, no matter where it might be headed, they staked claims—claims tor themselves, claims for relatives and friends, and claims for every man In the wagon train—as fast as they could. Dark came while they were still staking off the glorious golden mountainside. Why go back now, only to return at daybreak? They decided to stay where they were, and to enjoy the unique experience of sleeping on almost solid **gold**. But during the night an experience of another kind caused them to change their minds. Indians had seen them—Indians who perhaps felt a prior claim to the mountain of **gold**, and who did not propose to have that claim jumped. Fortunately for the white men, there were not many Is the attacking party, but they realized that they must retreat Immediately. Sliding and stumbling, unable to see their footing, never knowing when death would reach them , the two men managed to reach the cave where the horses were. It was too dangerous for them to remain In the **canyon**, for daylight would come shortly. Somehow they made their way out of the place, running and fighting, desperately aware that their lives hung on very slender threads indeed. But by some marvelous province, they escaped and rode to the wagon encampment—only to find It, too, besieged, and by a larger band of Indians. One can Imagine Captain Flak's depression.

He had left the party for which he was responsible, and here he was, returning, perhaps, too late, and Doctor Dobb entered the fight, and managed to rejoin the party, but most of the **gold** with which they had filled their pockets was lost. For two weeks the unfortunate wagon train stood off the Indians. Each day the white men grew more apprehensive and their attackers bolder. At last one man, feeling that he would as soon die outside or inside the camp, left for help, and got to Fort Rice in safety. Soldiers immediately rode to the rescue, and the bedraggled expedition returned to Fort Rice with them. And now came the greatest disappointment of all. Orders had been given that the train should proceed no farther. The Indians were rising, and to venture deeper into their territory would be foolhardy. Captain Flisk had all a soldier's respect for orders, and he knew that he must obey. But before they started back for the states, he tried to find out something about the mountain of **gold**. There was little to tell. Other men had ventured part of the way into those gloomy mountains, but some had been killed, and all efforts to see what lay in the canyons had been abandoned. Perhaps it was this same wonderful mountain that Father Jean Pierre de Smet saw. Just where this was, the good old man would never say, for he feared that white miners filled with the peculiar madness engendered by the chase of the golden **phantom** would drive off or kill the Indians of the region—and Father De Smet loved humanity more than **gold**. However, we need not doubt that he saw it, for the priest himself told it in St. Louis. I know, he said, where **gold** exists in the Rocky mountains in such abundance that, if made known, it would astonish the world. But he would tell no more, except that to himself he had seen the location, and told his Indian guides of its value and that if white men heard of it they would pour into the country and deface it. While Father De Smet often described the beauties of the land he loved so well, he never revealed anything that might yield a clue to gold.

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 October 2 2024

November 6 2024

December 7 2024 Christmas Party Airplane Restaurant .

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