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## *A Message from the President Tim's Tidbits*

Hello members and prospectors. It's usually easier to pan a few pans before setting up a sluice to make sure there's gold there.

Tim Pitney

President COSGPAA

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### Tonight's precious metals spot prices per Troy ounce

Year	Gold	Silver	Platinum	Palladium	Rhodium
2023	\$1,931.00	\$23.15	\$921.43	\$1,256.55	\$3,450.00
2024	\$2,507.27	\$28.43	\$925.05	\$968.31	\$4,475.00

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## COLORADO SPRINGS CHAPTER



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# MEETING MINUTES



September 4, 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 prospecting reports he has received during the past month, mostly indicating that water levels were still too high in most locations, which is unusual this late in the year. With limited interest in mine and museum tours, no outings have been scheduled before the October meeting. Del Cox, our chapter newsletter editor, introduced our guest speaker Ray Golden. Ray related stories of his prospecting ventures and his studies and finds of lost treasures in Colorado. See Del's comments and photos in the newsletter. After Ray's presentation we took a mid-meeting break to allow members to socialize with him.

After the break, Chapter VP Joel Swisher gave an update on next year's Alaska trip. When Joel spoke with Blake, at Skookum Gold Camp, Blake extended his apologies for being behind in responding to everyone who had left him phone messages over the past month. Skookum Gold Camp closes for the season on September 9<sup>th</sup> this year, so if you have been waiting for a call back it should come within the following week. For those planning to

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go, your deposit is due to Blake by Oct 15<sup>th</sup>. (*This is a change from last month's minutes which listed the due date as Oct 31<sup>st</sup>.*)

Please also notify Joel after your deposit is paid. We still have space for more Chapter members/family/guests to participate. Contact Joel for details and to sign up.

Chapter Treasurer Alton Oakes gave the night's closing metals spot prices and the monthly financial report.

Congratulations to Chapter Member Jon Ray on winning a silver round in the PLP raffle in August. Ray showed us his prize at the meeting.

The Chapter Christmas party and December monthly meeting will be held at the Airplane Restaurant on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from noon till 4:00 pm. Following a short Chapter meeting waitstaff will take dinner orders using a modified lunch menu. Attendees will pay \$10 each for adults (age15+), \$5 per child (age 10-14) and children age 9 and younger are free. Sign-up sheets will be available at the October and November regular Chapter meetings and your cost-share can be paid during sign-up, or pay at the restaurant during sign-in. The Chapter will pay the difference and the gratuity. Attendees may bring donations for

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the dessert table. After dinner, Member Nancy Wood will host the White Elephant Gift Exchange, Member-to-Member Gift Exchange, and collect any gifts donated for the Salvation Army Angel Tree Program. Details are in the Outing Notice, which will be included along with the Lunch Menu we will be using, in the Chapter newsletters through November.

Following the door prize drawing the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm. Thanks to members Daryl Barnett, Pat Oakes, and Lorraine Siros for providing baked goods for the meeting.

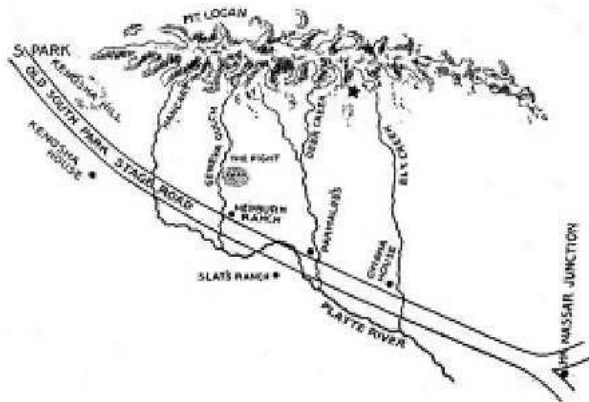
## DOOR PRIZE WINNERS September 4, 2024

Gold: Richard Stockton, Tim Pitney, Lorraine Siros, Joel Swisher.

Silver: Jim Fairclough, Lorraine Siros, Nancy Wood.

## Guest Speaker Ray Golden

Ray did a great job telling us how he does his research before going out to prospect. He does his research for his books like he does for prospecting. His books tell some good true stories about the history of Colorado. Ray has 4 books that he has published. His first book "Christiana's Secret The Lost Treasure of Dead Man's Gulch". This book was inspired after he witnessed a ghost of Christiana in the house where he lived. His second book is "Charlie's Ghost Town: The Phantom Cache". His third book is "Marilyn's Trading Post Gold, Ghosts and Murder". His fourth book is "Mer's Golden Treasure The Devil's Hole". All of his books are out of print. Some of his books can be purchased but are hard to find. A friend of mine found one of his books on Amazon. I have all 4 of his books. 3 of his books I found on line. His fourth book Ray found for me at Granite Canyon General Store in Lake George. They had one more there when I purchased my copy. They also had a good selection of books on Colorado History there. Thanks Ray for an enjoyable evening with you telling us how you do your research for prospecting and your books. Everyone that I talked to after really enjoyed your talk.



Reynold's Map. Star shows location of treasure.





Guest Speaker Ray Golden



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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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month from 7pm to 9:00pm*

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