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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
2024	\$2,507.27	\$28.43	\$925.05	\$968.31	\$4,475.00
2025	\$3649.93	\$41.83	\$1,395,.44	\$1,212.36	\$6,925.00

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COLORADO SPRINGS CHAPTER



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MEETING MINUTES



September 3, 2025, COSGPAA Meeting Minutes

Attendees: 00 in person; 168 by e-mail

The September monthly meeting schedule for Wednesday, September 3, 2025, was cancelled due to construction on the parking lot and landscaping around the Salvation Army building that created an access hazard especially after dark.

The last week in August we had 13 Chapter members spend a week, or more, prospecting and mining at the Skookum Gold Camp in Central, Alaska, which is in the Circle Mining District. A shuttle from the Gold Camp picked us up at Fairbanks Airport Tuesday afternoon after dropping off the previous week's guests. We arrived at the camp about three hours later and were assigned rooms in the Bunkhouse and fed dinner in the Roadhouse. Wednesday morning, after breakfast and being given a bagged lunch, we were taken on a tour of the mining claims available to us and treated to some local history. The tour ended at the Portage Creek mining area around noon, and we were able to prospect the creek and mine with high bankers and other equipment still set up by the previous group. We returned to the camp for dinner and used the covered patio to clean up the day's cons. For the rest of the week many of us partnered in 2-4 person groups to travel/mine back at Portage Creek or at several locations along Deadwood Creek. The most remote site along Deadwood Creek was named Jurassic Park. It was only 14 miles from camp but took an hour to reach by ATV with the "road" only allowing speeds of 5-7 mph in sections. Decades ago, most of the areas were commercially mined as evidenced by the abandoned, deteriorating and overgrown dozers, wash plants and related equipment we passed while travelling to and from the camp. The tour also pointed out several active commercial mining operations. The only cell phone service available was at the camp via Wi-Fi. A second emergency Wi-Fi point was available along Deadwood Creek near the location of the 6-inch dredge but required set up and starting a portable generator when needed. We had to use it a couple times when we had vehicle breakdowns. It probably rained to some extent every day. At the Jurassic Park location the couple of warm dry days were treated with clouds of mosquitos but they were easily defeated with long sleeve shirts and head nets. Some of our group took time from mining for local sightseeing trips. On Monday we stopped mining early and returned to camp to clean up our last cons and return equipment from the remote locations. Teddy, the camp host and videographer, helped dry and weigh our gold finds, a necessary step for those who worked as teams and needed to divide up their finds for the trip home. A couple of our members didn't fare well in their prospecting/mining efforts and the camp jumped in and provided several buckets of pay dirt for them to process at camp. Thank you, Skookum.

During the ride back to the airport there was a discussion about our group returning next year. The camp owner, Blake, said our group would have priority to book the same week in 2026 and would receive the same fees even though their standard rates were to increase by \$300 a person, provided we booked by October 15th. The Chapter received an e-mail confirmation of that offer and has published a proposed outing notice that will be discussed at our next Chapter meeting on October 1st.

Other Chapter business for the October meeting will include possible Fall outings, scheduling for the Chapter Christmas Party, and the

Minutes continued.

nomination and election of Chapter Officers for 2026. Member Stephen Kanatzer has said that the Airplane Restaurant is still available on the first two Saturdays in December if the membership votes to return there. Election of officers will be conducted at the December meeting, which is normally held in conjunction with the Christmas Party the first Saturday in December, with new officers' service beginning January 1st.

The next Chapter meeting will be Wednesday, October 1st, at 7:00 PM. There are no local outings or events before the next meeting. Due to numerous delays in the construction projects at the Salvation Army building, please be alert for a possible change in venue.

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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

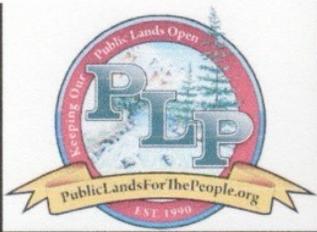
MEETING DATES

October 1 2025

November 5 2025

December 3 2025

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Pictures from the Alaska trip



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