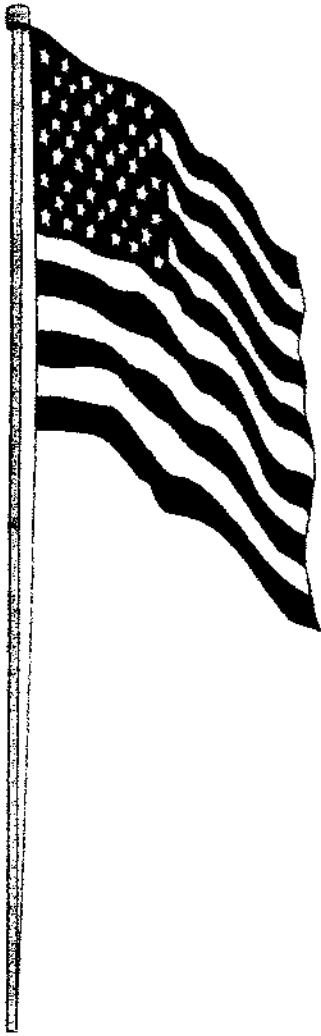


*May it
forever
wave...*



*Over the land
of the free, and
the home of
the Brave*

Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada extend our deepest sympathies and heartfelt prayers to everyone affected by the Attack on America

God bless our heroic Police Firemen, Emergency Medical Services people, Heavy Construction Workers and all of the other rescue workers. Their bravery is awe-inspiring. They have risked their lives and lost their lives, yet they carry on because one person may still be alive under the debris that was once the symbol of that great city.

Our many thanks Go out To the rescue teams and relief workers for their tireless efforts.





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BIG OUTING IN OCTOBER

When? — October 13 & 14TH
 Where? — Section 28 & 5 acres
 What's Happening? — Another BIG OUTING for this year. Detector hunt, panning contest, equipment demos, food, friends and possibly a work party. We will supply the main entree (meat) for the Pot-luck dinner on Saturday evening. We will have the club's propane stove for those who do not have cooking facilities.

Due to the cost of meat we need everyone to sign up ahead of time. Everyone can be accommodated but we must know how many will show up. In the past there have been many who signed up but did not show, and quite a few who did not sign up but came out expecting to have food there for them.

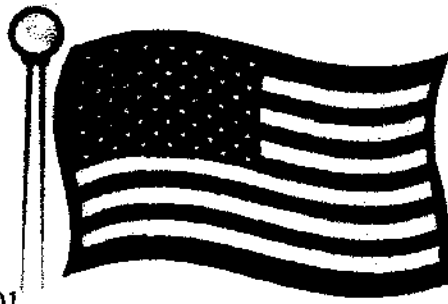
Sign up at the meeting or e-mail me @ — GEOKILROY@AOL.COM or call 7273. I can change the numbers up until Wednesday October 10. Please sign up only if you plan to be there.

George

GOLD SEARCHERS

"Code of Ethics"

1. Before searching/prospecting public sites or lands, always check on laws, ordinances or regulations that may govern your search.
2. NEVER trespass. Always get permission when searching/prospecting private property or claims.
- 3 NEVER leave open holes. Try to leave the area as it was. Fill in and/or level your prospect holes and piles. Leave protected flora and fauna alone. NOTE: Anyone caught not filling holes, will be banned from club claims.
4. Report the discovery of any item of significant historical value to the local historian or museum.
5. If you discover live ammo, explosives or a lethal object, DON'T touch it. Mark the site and notify the Police at once.
6. Be polite and informative to those who inquire about your club/sport/hobby. You are an ambassador of our club and a pastime we want to protect. We will be judged by how we act and respond.
7. Do not litter. Pick up your trash and some extra, please.



Treasurer's Report 9/18/2001

As of 9/18/2001 shows that we have purchased most of the door prize items for October and November.

Checking balance:	\$1,132.03
CD balance:	\$2,674.30
Savings Balance	\$15,485.21
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Total of	\$ 19,291.54

Donation:

Donated by Russell Gremore were 2 Video Tapes on Mine Lab SD 2200 Metal Detectors. Russell has donated numerous door prizes over the years. He is one of the original members of the club. The Metal Detector tapes will go into the Library for issue to members. The Library loans our books and video tapes. **THEY MUST BE RETURNED..** Thank You Russell Gremore.!



POSSE REPORT

The POSSE met August 20 and 30 and finished closing the mines in the Pahrump, Nevada area.

We will need to meet again on September 29. The POSSE will meet at Railroad Pass Hotel/Casino at 7 AM and depart by 7:30 AM. This is a Saturday.

September 29. We will need to have some committed members to close these killer mines in the Nelson and Searchlight area. The weather should be cool.

Sheriff Vezzani

Presidents Message

Christmas comes once a year. We have our Christmas Nugget Tickets will go on sale soon. Tickets will cost \$5 a piece, or two for \$9. Buy lots of tickets. The money all goes into the club fund.

The Christmas party will be at the Nevada Palace Hotel on Saturday, December the 8th, 6pm to 10 PM. Tickets will cost \$5 for each person. The Christmas nugget will be given away at the party as well as other prizes.

I hope to see as many of you there as possible. More details will be coming at a later date.

Daniel Boone

GSSN GENERAL MEETING

September 5, 2001

Meeting was called to order by President Dan Boone. He welcomed 14 visitors and 7 new members. Treasurers report: With our CD savings and checking we have \$19,509.97 Dan Boone stated that he goes out weekly Wednesday to Sunday. Call him if interested in going along.

Dan Green, membership. The club has 535 members plus what comes in tonight. He needs volunteers for October 19 at the Heritage Museum to show 600 children how to pan for Gold.

George, Outings. October outing is 13 & 14th on five acres in Section 28. There will be signs and need to have members sign up for it at the October meeting. Need a head count so we can get the food. Plans call for a treasure hunt, raffle, food, panning and other classes will be conducted. You can come early in the week. Librarian Joe Cathcart told us about the many books, videos and a metal detector you can check out. He stated that there are a lot of overdue books and tapes out. They need to be brought in.

Claims Committee Art Becker. Claims needs help, seeking volunteers. He will be updating the claims book with new claims, maps, GPS. He will evaluate Gold Butte area. Looking for new claims, Has his own web page; www.artbecker.com. He will hold classes on how to use GPS and much more.

Dan Green stated that our club has received a \$3,000 computer from Compaq Corp. Our newsletter chairman is using it right now and it sure was needed. Thank You Compaq! Education Report Earl Hunter; will be doing demonstrations on panning at the break each meeting.

Posse outing will be Sept 29 & 30. Contact Dick V. Meeting at RR Pass Casino parking lot. Leaving there at 7:30 AM Saturday. Going to Searchlight area. Bring your muscle to work at least an hour and then detect all you want. We work and then detect on these outings. Also bring your own chow and water. All equipment needed for the job will be there.

Webmaster Jim Miller working on a new and better format but he still has the old one up and running. Christmas Party is December 8th here at the Nevada Palace 6 to 10 PM. \$5.00 per person 2 for \$9.00.

Dan Green said to remember to write to the legislators to preserve our mining freedom We still want stories for the newsletter and AN EDITOR IS STILL NEEDED.

Gordon said that there is land to buy near our section 28 and section 34. Claims good access of Doland Springs road. Lots with Gold are \$6,500.

Leilani Lecleric volunteered to be the secretary. Robbyn will be the Greeter at the door.

The unsung volunteers who do things like the ones at the sign-up table are to be commended. Our newest position is ,The Answer Man.

Russell Gremore volunteered to man the table. Ask him anything !!

So, give them a smile and remember that the volunteers are what make any club work.

Without them, nothing gets done.

Gold pick award: donated by Don Adams. A drafting table, won by Tom P. Siphon pump, two way radio by Mark C. Nuggets, Bryant S, Gary J, Que M, Jerry M, Nate C Paul S & Tom P. Siphon pump Don B, Canvas tool roll Bud K, Garret Pan, Carolyn P. Clean up pan, Gary E. Cap John C. Gold concentrate, Fred B. Classifier, Gary E. Sluice with Video, Jared N. Pendant, Carl R. Matting for Gold, Bill P. Scoop, John S Camp utensils, Duane F. Submitted by Robbyn.=

FREE ELECTRIC FOR YOUR HOME

IF you would like to have free electric for your home for the rest of your life, contact: dan5243@juno.com

I will need your name, address, city, state, zip code, telephone # and a fax number if you have one. I will send the information into the company and they will mail you a certificate. Save the certificate. Put it away. When the machines come onto the market, you will have to produce the certificate. There is no cost. It is FREE. This is available to home owners only. Not renters. How can they do this ?

They have invented a motor/generator that will produce 30,000 watts of power. It will be hooked up to your home. Use whatever you need for FREE. All of the rest will be sold back to the electric company for a price. THAT MONEY GOES TO THE PEOPLE WHO OWN THE MACHINE. That is NOT YOU. You will be free, they collect to money from the electric company (if this comes to pass) If they never get onto the market, it will have cost you nothing. If they do, you get free electric for the rest of your life. Dan Green

September Outing to Barstow Ca. Area

With all of the events of the nation earlier in the week our outing to Barstow was still a success. Some of us arrived on Friday, staying over night at the GPAA Two-Quartz claim. A few others stayed at motels in Barstow. We were to meet at "Peggy Sue's Diner" @ 7:00 am on Saturday September 15.

After finding a dead battery we jump started my van and were off to the diner. A small breakfast and we were off in two groups- one to the claim area and myself to Auto Zone for a new battery.

When I rejoined the group they were in the process of finding the actual claim with the use of the map supplied. There were no map coordinates for use with the GPS. After about an hour of searching, the USGS corner post was found. From there it was just a matter of finding the "Locator Marker" from the previous claim. Every one found out what the "Claims Committee" is up against every time they try to locate a claim using someone else's directions.

The 15 of us who made the trip did some prospecting and found that there were quite a few "Hot Rocks" on the property. There was also a lot of lead found including a couple of 50 cal bullets and some links from the belts that they used.

I spoke with some other prospectors in the area and found that there is a lot of fine gold above and below the first layer of bedrock/caliche. This layer of bedrock is only a few feet deep but is quite thick in places. Most of the area has a lot of "Bomb Crater" type holes all over the place left by previous prospectors leading us to believe that there is a good amount of gold in the area.

My recommendation for the property is that it would be a good claim for those who want to prospect with a shovel, but would be at least as much work for those who want to use a metal detector due to the hot rocks.

George

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*The Journey Of A Thousand
Miles Begins With A Broken
Fan Belt.*

Call- a- friend !

We DO NOT want to keep the club a secret from the world, so call a friend and invite them to the meetings. We are asking that each member call at least 5 people. We have 540 members now. Wouldn't it be nice to have a club of 1,000 by the end of the year !

BOOK REVIEW
GSSN LIBRARY

Great lists of books to check out, just for the asking.

You would be amazed at the collection and variety of information available.

Book #132 Lost Mines and Hidden Treasure
by Leland LoveLace

Brief stories covering many western states. There are four stories listed in NV for those that appreciate treasure hunts. Book lists a total of 25 locations in the West.
(252 pages of interest.)

Book #128 Nugget shooting Dry Placer
Areas.

by Jim Straight

A small book packed with more info than you can imagine. Covers "How to, to what is". Clues to identifying hot rocks; black sand; advantage of concentric; placer/hard rock workings, enhancing hints. Plus a very interesting Q. and A. section.
(50 pages + "mini prospecting & Detecting" insert.)

Book #134 Gold Placers and Placering in AZ
Printed for Arizona Bureau of Geology and Mineral Technology. Listed by Counties. One section covers "small Scale Gold Placering". Full of great info!

Note: Some of the books will be available at each monthly meeting, unless already checked out. If you have the list of our library now and are interested in one of the other ones, give me a call before meeting and I will bring it along. Call me at _____ or Cell. _____ : E-Mail:

_____.net
Joe Cathcart

***Schools in...Schools
on...Ring around the mine
now !***

Yes indeed. The 2001 school year has begun again. Once again it is time to ask for volunteers to help out with our club program...***Mc caw School of mines.***

We need some help with panning and on running tours through the mine. You must call **Dorothy Webb** at **BEFORE** you come out to the mine. She will schedule your time at the mine. It is important to control the amount of people at the mine site.

The program takes about two hours of your time on which ever day you can come out.

The mine is located in Henderson, Nevada near Water Street and Basic Streets. Call Dorothy if you would like to help out on this worthwhile program. Over 20,000 Clark County School Children have come through this mine. This project is FUN, FUN, FUN.

Mining

All of our food and raw materials come from the earth,
As population increases, so does the need for more.
We recycle only a small part of what we consume.

"If it can't be grown, it must be mined"

*It's always darkest before the dawn,
so, if you're going to steal your neighbor's
newspaper, that is the time to do it.*

FREE TICKETS !

*Did you find your name in this
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your name in the Highgrader.
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It can be anywhere. Circle it
and take it with you the the next
meeting. Locate the person
selling tickets that evening and
tell him. You will then receive
seven free door prize tickets.
You may well win one of the
many door prize items to be
given away that evening.
It is free to you, those whose
names appear in the
HIGHGRADER.*

PROSPECTING CLASSES

Did you know that the Gold Searchers of
Southern Nevada sponsors and teaches a
class each month or Gold Prospecting ?

The classes are held at Paradise Park Field
House and/or at the Cambridge Field house.

The class then is invited to our next outing.

For additional information, including dates
and times, please call Earl Hunter at:

MEETING

General membership meeting

Our Monthly Membership
Meeting is held at NEVADA
PALACE HOTEL 2nd Fl.
5255 S Boulder Highway
First Wednesday each month
6:30 PM- 8:00 PM
All guests and prospectors
WELCOMED.

BOARD MEETING

GSSN board meetings are held
the last Wednesday of each
month
Valley Vista Mobile Home
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SPECIAL EVENTS NOTICE !

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November 2, 3 & 4, 2001

Free Workshops and Seminars...

Dealer Displays.. Treasure Hunts..

The River Palms Resort and Casino Laughlin, Nevada. www.fmdac.com

This is their 17th Annual Convention and really is worth going to. Further information, call Robbyn 6 after noon please.

TIPS AND CLUES.

Did you know you save some time detecting for coins in school yards or ghost towns, by learning the difference of sound and reaction from bottle caps vera coins ?

Bury a quarter and bottle cap about 1" deep and separate them by at least two feet. Keep the head of your detector about 1" from surface to ground. Swing detector slowly over each item and listen to when the detector picks up the sound of the item. The bottle cap will sound off prior to the detector head reaching the cap. Over the coin site, the detector head does not respond till right to the edge of the detector head ? Also, using smaller detector heads for coins in parks and playgrounds is more productive. Ghost towns, mining areas are best with regular size heads for the depth.

Those of you who carry strong magnets with you in the field, don't

place them near your electronics or your compass or anything you don't need magnetized, as they can really screw things up. Just ask me !

Did you know that Poncho Villa is believed to have buried vast treasures in several places, both in Mexico and the United States. Poncho Villa badges have been found on our claims in Arizona.

Tips and Clues!

In the days of old, 1840 or so, men fanned out across the land in search of GOLD. Most had to rely on following the leader or stories in the papers. Many were able to search by use of a dowsing rod. You can dowse for Gold or for water in the same way. Many of the prospectors had been miners in the old county. They knew what they were looking for.

One of the things that they looked for as they fanned out across the land, was a certain plant. They knew that if they found a Desert Trumpet Plant, they were near to mineralized soil. The leaves of the Trumpet plant form a flat mat against the ground. The plant has a stem which rises up about one foot off of the ground. It has a pod on top. It likes washes and areas of disturbed soil, especially along road shoulders.

The Desert Trumpet Plant, most always grows in Auriferous soil, that is soil that has the mineralization to support GOLD. The old timers used to look for the Trumpet Plant when looking for areas to prospect for GOLD. So look in the washes and alongside the roads. You now have another clue to where GOLD might be found.

Daniel McClain

A LOOK INTO THE FUTURE !

If we could just look down, into the soil, under the earth, and see everything just as SUPERMAN used to do in the MARVEL COMIC books.! A prospectors dream !

Such a thing is happening right now.

The ground beneath city streets tells the story of hundreds of years of progress. You will find a maze of water mains, steam pipes, electric cables, telephone wires and fiber optics cables.

Unfortunately, not everyone kept track of what went where. An improved ground penetrating radar technology will soon let construction crews dig without fear of causing millions of dollars in damage.

Developed by the Electric Power Research Institute and Gas Research Institute. CART (Computer Aided Radar Topography) uses radar medical-imaging technology to create three-dimensional pictures that guide construction crews. Utilities will be able to use the system beginning later this year.

Is this the direction that the Metal Detector Industry is going?

I hope so.....

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ANOTHER NEW PROGRAM ! (NOT REALLY)

We have always had a bulletin board posted somewhere in our meeting room. Members could post things for sale, advertise 'looking for something or just searching for a partner to go out with. Las Vegas is a special kind of town. Every 24 hour town has special needs. Not everyone can get the weekends off. Shift work at the casino's does not always allow us the freedom to get out during the week or the freedom to enjoy our hobby at odd hours.....

CALL: 393 GOLD (4653) We will post your requests on a central bulletin board at our location. Tell us the day or dates that you want to go out. We will make every attempt to match up people according to their needs, equipment and experience.

Expect to share the expenses. Bring your own food and water. Good Luck !

- Daniel Green..

Before you criticize someone, You should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you do criticize them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes.

WANTED. ! NEWSLETTER EDITOR

The Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada is seeking a person to serve as editor for the Highgrader newsletter.. I am having a lot of fun doing this job. More fun than any one member should be allowed.. You would inherit a COMPAC Laptop computer, (which is neat), lots of stories, (which are wonderful) and the satisfaction of providing information to everyone who reads your stuff. Your position would be supported by an active board, more stories and information than you could ever use and active help from members who would want you to succeed. PLUS you would earn my undying gratitude. I have many other things to do. I would help you get settled into the job.
Daniel Green

THE ANSWER MAN

QUESTION: WHAT KIND OF DETECTOR SHOULD BE USED FOR GOLD HUNTING?

Gold, or nugget hunting, is best done with a special nugget detector. Since there is an awful lot more tiny pieces of gold than big ones, most nugget machines have an extreme amount of electronic gain to find the really tiny pieces close to the coil. This extra gain doesn't translate too much more depth however.

Most nugget detectors don't have any discriminate modes of operation, since to find GOLD, almost requires you to search in the All Metal mode.

Nugget hunting is possible with a good all-purpose detector, but you won't find the little tiny pieces that a nugget detector will find.

QUESTSION: . ARE "AUDIO ENHANCERS" REALLY ANY GOOD?

They operate by amplifying weak signals and attenuating strong signals. Therefore, they tend to make all signals sound alike. They can be very helpful when your hunting mode is **All Metal** or if your detector has an **"audio threshold."** On "Silent Search" detectors, they're not quite as effective. Although one thing they do on silent detectors is limit the sound output in your headphones when you hit a piece of surface trash. This can add to your comfort if you hunt for extended periods of time. Also, they are great if you are hearing impaired.

Question ! "Which detector is best"

For beginners this question can become so perplexing that whatever detector they eventually purchase, they may harbor a nagging feeling it was not a good choice and that the detector won't find any Gold. They always feel intimidated and doubtful about their ability and never become successful Gold hunters.

Perhaps we can put some of these doubts to rest. **IT IS NOT THE CHOICE OF WHICH GOLD MACHINE, or its price or parameters, that decides the "BEST DETECTOR."** Rather it is your confidence in the machine.

You have a choice of deciding which is best for your particular needs and to detect in areas best suited for your machine. To over simplify, the lower frequency **VLF'S (6 to 20 kHz)** are generally considered to be less sensitive to smaller gold

targets, but are more tolerant to "heavier mineralization." Generally speaking, the higher frequency (30 to 70 KHZ) are considered to be better able to find sub-grain flakes (as well as larger nuggets), but many have more difficulty in "heavier mineralized" areas.

While Gold detectors are available with many different features and price ranges, one person may find the "best" as being a simpler machine having few controls to master, and for another it might be a detector having numerous push buttons, toggle switches, and knobs. Depending on the "depth of your pocketbook" and how serious you are about nugget shooting, the VLF types are the least expensive, while PI multi-pulse detectors are more costly.

There are no set rules as there are no set detectors. Success is dependent upon the parameters of the detector used and most importantly the existing ground conditions. (wet or dry) However, with

the right mental attitude, by focusing on the task at hand, consistently digging questionable targets, and spending time to research for open areas to detect where gold of detectable size has been found, you will become a success.

Important accessories are a small piece of gold in a bag or container. Tie a string on it like a yo-yo. Drop it on the ground from time to time to remind you of the sound you are listening for. You can tune in on my favorite song, "zip-zip" It is encouraging to know that the detector is still working. Sometime you can wonder if it has stopped registering GOLD. Another good accessory is a thin rubber bungie cord attached to the control head. Attach it to a harness on you somewhere. This takes the weight off of your shoulder and arm. You will be able to hunt for longer periods of time with little or no discomfort.

Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to fish, and he will sit in a boat & drink beer all day

AN OUTING ADVENTURE
WITH WRONG WAY DAN,
PRESIDENT OF GSSN.

Monday, August the 13th, 2001. The date should have given me a clue as to how the next few days were going to be. It's 5:30 am and the alarm clock is going off. I'm prepared. I loaded the 4 WD Blazer the night before. All I have to do is take my heart attack pills, as I call them, a small mini breakfast. Must leave by am and meet Willie by am at the Nevada Landing casino for breakfast. Willie shows up ten minutes late. We have breakfast and head out to meet Jim and Pat at a gas station in Kramer junction. Jim was there waiting for us. Pat never showed. We left there at 11:30 am and drove to California City. There we stopped and filled up our coolers with food and ice. From there we drove to the Jawbone Ranger station to get a fire permit. Still no sign of Pat. As we were leaving, a lady drove up and asked us if we were prospectors. When we told her yes, she said that there was another prospector at the Red Rock Ranger station looking for us. We found Pat. Finally, what I had been waiting for. A short drive up Piute Mountain, then to Landers Basin Camp. Working in water, running streams, a river, a waterfall. All too good to be true, as I would soon find out. A local that lives on the mountain informs us that they have had no rain this year. The mountain is dryer then it has been in years. No running water, no river, the 15 foot waterfall does not have a

drop of water. Should have brought some dry washer. Still, the camp sight was beautiful. Eighty foot tall pine trees, nice and cool, what more could a guy want? Maybe a little water. We rested the rest of the day. Tuesday the 14th. We decided to visit some of Willie's friends that live on the mountain. No one at home. We decide to drive into Lake Isabella, only 15 miles away. All four of us load into my 4 WD Blazer and start out. A sign that says St. Martins Point, 14 miles. We take the road, and a short time later we come to fork in the rode. Right or left? A small car is coming down the right side of the road, and we stop it and ask where that road goes to. "Lake Isabella", he replies. We go right. About an hour and half later we find ourselves on top of some mountain. A beautiful view, we can see Lake Isabella, about 30 or 40 miles down the mountain. I put the 4 WD into low gear, and we start down the mountain. A very steep and narrow road, with no guardrails or anything to keep you from going over the edge. One slip and we get down the mountain real fast. About 2 hours later, we finally reach the bottom. Willie pry's my hands from the steering wheel, and we decide to treat ourselves by eating at the best restaurant in this small town. I go to the bathroom and wash up some. The young waitresses are smiling at me. I figure that it is because even at my age I still look pretty good. They smile at me the entire time I'm there. I leave a nice tip. Feeling pretty good now we head back to camp, this time taking the correct road. A

half-hour later we get back to camp. I set down in my lawn chair and something doesn't feel right. I reach behind me and find that my shorts are split open from the right back pocket all the way down to the bottom seam. I don't wear underwear. Now I know why the waitresses were smiling at me. So much for being good looking. I asked the other 3 guys about the tear, and they said, they were going to inform me about it sooner or later. We rest for what was left of the day. Wednesday the 15th, we decide that water or no water, we would find gold. We all load into my 4 WD Blazer, except Jim. For some reason, Jim won't ride with me any more. He follows in his jeep. We are going down into what the locals call the "Hell Hole". We soon find out why they gave that name to this road. Almost straight down, over large rocks and deep holes and loose sand. "Watch out for the large rock on the left", Willie says, "You have to go up the bank a little on the right side to miss it". Can't slow down, I go up the bank on the right side, a bit to far I guess. The Blazer starts to tip over onto its left side, both right wheels are up in the air. Luckily, Willie, and Pat are sitting on the right side of the Blazer, the weight keeps us from tipping over. We reach the bottom all in one piece. Now the long drive up the road that is all very loose and deep sand. Good thing we have 4 WD.. We make it up the hill and down a smaller one, and park next to an old cabin. The cabin is fully furnished. Dressers that still have clothes in them, a table, 2 beds, pictures on the wall.

You would almost think that someone is still living there. There are claw marks high upon the outside walls of the cabin. We looked down into the river that runs below the cabin. Not a drop of water in it. Willie and Pat grab a small pan, a scoop, and a gallon of water. They walk down the steep hill. Two scoops of dirt and they pan it out, and find about 50 or 60 small flakes of gold. HOT SPOT. We decide that we need more equipment to work with, so we head back to camp. Jim's little dry wash should work. Back up over the small hill and down the large one. Going to need more speed to get up the next hill. Almost to the top, and my 4 WD starts spinning its wheels. Can't make it over the top, not enough speed. The Blazer slides back down and get stuck against a bank, kind of sideways. No problem, 4 WD low should pull me out. I drop it into low, and the guys notice that only my back wheels are turning. I bury them up to the axle. It would seem that my 4 WD is only a 2 WD. About an hour and a half of shoveling, and Jim gets the Blazer free, and over the top of the hill. Willie, Pat, and myself climb the hill. Jim walks back down the hill and get his jeep, and drives up over the top. He decides to lead. Pat gets into Jim's jeep. For some reason, he no longer rides with me. Another 400 yards we will reach the top of the Hell Hole. Jim and Pat goes first and reach the top. My turn. Up we go in my 2 WD Blazer, there on the right side this time is that very large rock where I almost flipped us the first time. Have to climb the hill bank to the left this time. Ten

minutes later, Jim walks down the hill and finds us stuck in a small hole. Didn't make it up the hill. Another hour or more of shoveling sand, moving large rocks, and rebuilding the road. Once again, Jim gets the 2 WD Blazer up and over the hill. Willie and I climb up the hill. We get back to the camp and are too tired to go out again.

Thursday, the 16th. Willie wants to go down Hell Hole again and get some more gold. I don't care if we are getting 900 flakes to the scoop, I'm not going down that road again. We decided to visit Willie's friends again and look for some old mines. I get into my 2 WD Blazer, everyone else gets into Jim's jeep. I'm riding alone now. Don't know why! I follow Jim and the rest of the guys. We visit all day and explore, but can't find the old mines. We return to camp and cook dinner. Willie makes a very good stew. We rest.

Friday the 17th. We go down the small hill at the other end of the camp. There's pockets of water down there. A chance to at least to do some high banking, and maybe find some gold. Willie works for hours on the high banker, but for some reason can't get it running. Jim has one that he has made himself, and he gets it working, but the pump is not pumping the water fast enough. We carry the equipment up the hill. The hill has seemed to get higher all of a sudden. We get back to camp and eat dinner. Willie's friend Barney, stops at our camp. He agrees to take us to the mines tomorrow. Saturday, the 18th. We all pile into Jim's jeep. I won't ride me anymore. Don't know

why! We meet Willie's friend and head out. After a few wrong turns we find the first mine. Still standing is a rare two stamp mill made from wood. We go to the mine, but it is filled with water. We explored the old cabin. Jim collects some tailings from the old stamp mill. Later we will check it for gold. Leaving there, we go to another mine, but this one has caved in. Still not a bad day. The altitude is getting to me, can hardly move now. Can't wait to get back to the camp and rest. Willie is too tired to cook tonight. I make a sandwich. Sunday the 19th, we leave for home. Thank God. Now you know why not many people go with me on my mid week outings. I'll be going out again next week if any of you want to go with me, just give me a call.

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When prospecting or mining, it's always a good idea to make sure your car or truck battery is fully charged. The traditional way to do this has been with a battery charger. Lots of portable equipment uses 12 volts DC. This includes the bilge pumps on recirculating sluices, and gold wheels, or spirals. One way to provide power is with an extra car battery. If you are going to use one of them, my suggestion is to get the cheapest battery that is the same size your car uses. You can get a cheap one for \$30. However, there is an alternative, which can handle several jobs at once. It is called a portable power source, or battery booster.

A battery booster is a relatively easy to carry self-contained unit that contains a sealed high amperage battery, built-in jumper cables, built-in battery charger, test button, power level indicator LEDs, and a built-in power outlet, using a cigarette lighter connector. The main purpose of such a device is to jump-start cars, with dead batteries. Depending on circumstances, a booster can jump start from 1 to 30 dead batteries. The thing is, few car batteries ever go completely dead. Rather, they just don't have enough of a charge to start your car, but, if the car is already running, they have enough juice to provide an ignition spark for a long time. So, keep in mind you usually need a booster to start your car, but not to keep it running.

Let's first talk about traditional battery chargers. There are fast chargers, which use the rate of up to 10 amps per hour, and trickle chargers, which use the rate of about 2 amps per hour. Fancier models have both options in one unit. If your battery won't start your car, you need to

get as much power into it, as quickly as possible. You'd use the fast charge rate. If your battery is a little low, an overnight trickle charge will probably bring it back up to full charge. Now, what if you have a battery booster? You can use it to immediately start your car, using the built-in jumper cables. Once your car gets started, you disconnect the booster. The regular battery should have enough power to keep the car running, until you got home.

Once you get home, you can then actually charge your car battery from the booster! That's right, just connect the booster to your car battery, and let it charge overnight. You can also trickle charge the booster and car battery at the same time, from the 110V adapter, used to trickle charge the booster. With this setup, you no longer need a separate battery for a power supply, and you don't need an ordinary battery charger anymore, either. There's no need for a quick charger, since you have the booster unit, to get your car started. You don't need to carry jumper cables any more, either. There's no need for a separate trickle charger, since a 1/2A unit is built right into the booster. Best of all, the maintenance-free battery inside the booster is sealed, so you can store it in any position.

There's more. You can get an inexpensive inverter, that will convert 12VDC into 110VAC, which can then be connected to the booster, to run, say, a small TV set. The battery booster comes with one or two automobile cigarette lighter sockets. Using the appropriate plug, you can run your 12V bilge pumps, cell phone, GPS, laptop computer, or anything else along those lines, from your portable power supply.

Where can you get such a device? I went shopping the other day, and found a Prestone 400A version at WalMart, for \$80. It has one cigarette lighter outlet. A few blocks away, at Sam's Club, a much better Century 1000A unit

is being sold for a few bucks under \$50. It has two cigarette lighter outlets. I sure like easy decisions like this one. A 300 watt inverter, also at Sam's Club, costs about \$30, and plugs into the booster outlet, to provide 110VAC. The portable power supply is a sensible and handy item, that will be useful in emergencies, as well as in your day to day mining and prospecting activities. If you are an economic animal, you could charge (pun) people \$10 for a jump start, and let your booster pay for itself in no time at all. I always carry mine in the trunk of my car ... just in case. It's a great feeling knowing that it's there.

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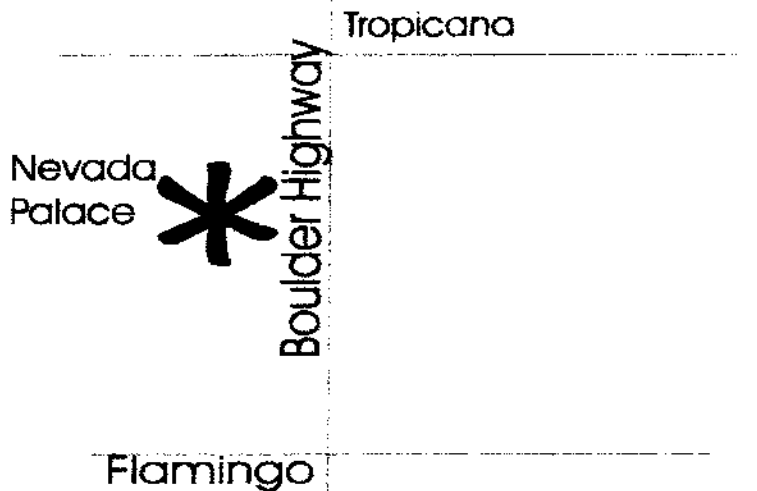
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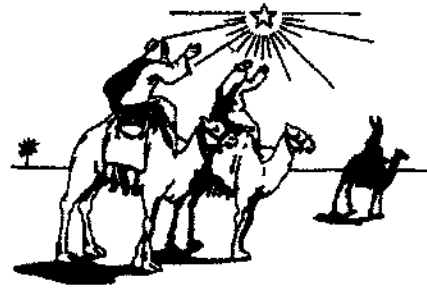
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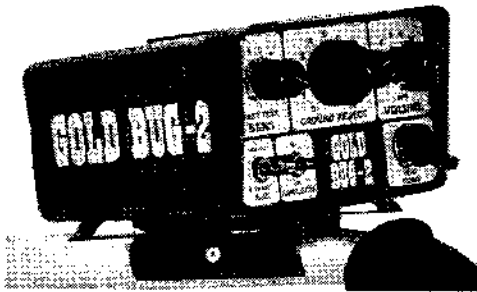
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