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CLAIMS CLAIMS CLAIMS

YOUR NEW BOARD HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR OUR CLUB TO USE 3 NEW CLAIMS PLUS THEY HAVE LEASED 5 ACRES WE CAN BUILD A CLUBHOUSE ON MAP IS NOW AVAILABLE

**Some of you said,
"I want claims!",
some said,
"We need a place
to call our own!"**

by Willie Biron

Most just sat and complained and hoped someone would magically make it happen.

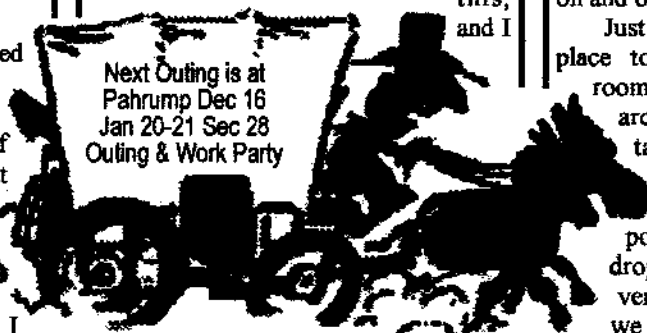
Well I'm kind of envious of other clubs. Whenever I see that they have something I would like to see our club have, I focus my thoughts and eventually in time with some work and help, I manage to get what I want. Selfish, you bet!

You see, I like and want what

most if not all of us do.

I'm happy to report that our club now has a valid signed lease for 5 acres of private land smack dab in the middle of the best Gold prospecting land in the west. It took some work to get this, and I

Next Outing is at
Pahrump Dec 16
Jan 20-21 Sec 28
Outing & Work Party



did have lots of help from Rattlesnake Brad and Frank.

The reason I'm so excited about this is the dream I've had the past ten years of having a club house near our claims to get in out of the weather, have a nice outing, sit in the shade, enjoy great comradery, the list goes on and on.

Just think of the possibilities, a place to put in comfortable rest-rooms, sit and play cards, Sit around the campfire and spin tales...you get the picture?.

Dave is the owner of the land and has made this possible. When in the area, drop by and say hello, he's a very friendly prospector like we are. By the way, he was made an Honorary Goldsearcher for

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**CLUB MEMBER
JOHN GREEN TELLS
HIS STORY ABOUT
FINDING 25 OUNCES IN
ONE DAY WITH HIS
MINELAB SD2200D**

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Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada Calendar of Events and Meetings

Dec. 13	Mid-Week Outing *
Dec. 16	Outing to Pahrump
Dec. 27	NO BOARD MEETING THIS MONTH
Jan. 03	General Membership Meeting
Jan. 10	Mid-Week Outing *
Jan. 17	Mid-Week Outing *
Jan. 20-21	Outing Section 28
Jan. 24	Mid-Week Outing *
Jan. 31	Executive Board Meeting
Feb. 07	General Membership Meeting
Feb. 14	Mid-Week Outing *

* For all mid-week outings check with Dan Boone at

November 1, 2000
General Meeting Minutes

Called to order by President Frank Mahoney at 7:00pm. Vice President Sam Johnson excused working, Secretary Bridget Pope excused sick.

All other offices present. Motion was made and second to accepted the minutes as printed in the Beautiful, new, early, on time, arriving High-grader. It was second and passed.

A total of 104 signed in for the meeting, with 14 guests being in attendance.

Treasurer report was presented and accepted. Other business was under Good and Welfare, Dan Green was sick and after a brief stay in the hospital, he is home and resting (get well) we need you. The meeting at 7:25 was then turned over to Willie who spoke on the proper ways to file claims and about our new properties. (all information and location to be in the next newsletter).

President Frank announced the next outing would be at section 34, on Nov 18th. The Mohave Prospectors have been given an invitation to join us.

Our new committees for outing and public relations were formed during the break with one member chairing each.

Thank you to Ashley Sgambato who drew the tickets for tonight's drawing. She was given a nugget for

her help.

The following won tonight's door prizes.

Dan Miller, nugget, Bradley Estein, gram scale, Gus Lagerstrom, classifier, Robbyn Gibbons, folding chair, Jim Vedral, nugget, Dan Miller, nugget, James Baumgras, prospectors loop, Ron Woods, gold concentrates, Walter Dempsey, ribbed matting, Jim Blythe, gold pan 14", Yvonne Fine, sweatshirt, Fred Zajac, Clay Gone 8oz bottle, John Burk, display chair, Madelaine Dayton, powerbar, Richard Montana, sniffer, Ashley Sgambato,

The meeting closed at 8:40pm with a reminder about the Christmas Party on Dec. 8, 2000 at 6:00 PM.

NOTICE:

The board minutes will appear in the next issue of this publication, as they have not yet been given to me

NOTICE

PLEASE FILL IN YOUR HOLES
IF YOU ARE A DETECTOR
PROSPECTOR OR A
DRYWASHER PROSPECTOR
ANYONE CAUGHT NOT FILL-
ING HOLES OR DIGGING UP
CACTUS PLANTS, WILL
BE BANNED FROM
OUR CLUB CLAIMS

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NEWSLETTER

RATTLESNAKE BRAD



and a

Happy New Year

It's been our pleasure
serving you the past few
months as Editor of the
Highgrader and the
Membership Chairman.

It's our prayer that each of you
will have a great year of pros-
pecting in 2001 and please re-
member the true meaning of
Christmas.

From *Rattlesnake Brad*
and *Yvonne.*

PLEASE NOTE

Jack Bond is putting together a
photo album for the club. If
you have any pictures of the
club members, outings, etc and
would like to donate them,
please bring to meeting and
give to Jack
Thank You

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

by Dan Green

January

The guest speaker for January is Walt Lombardo. He is the director of the Department of mines and minerals for the State of Nevada. He will talk about GOLD, WHERE IT WAS, WHERE IT IS AND WHERE WE SHOULD BE LOOKING FOR PLACER GOLD. He was a guest speaker once before.

February

The guest speaker for February is Gus Lagerstrom, Western Sales Representative for Minelab USA. He will be speaking about Minelab's two latest detectors, the GP Extreme and the Explorer XS.

March

The guest speaker for March is Stanley Paher. Author of many books about Nevada, Gold mining in Nevada and Placer gold fields.

Other future speakers will be, Richard Wyman. Geologist. He was one of the more interesting speakers from our past. He will tell us where gold is most likely to be found. He was the owner and operator of the Techatacup Mine in Nelson, Nevada for a long time.

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY THE WEBSITE

WWW.

GOLDSEARCHERS.COM

IS NO LONGER THE OFFICIAL WEBSITE OF THIS CLUB.

ANY AND ALL INFORMATION ON THIS WEBSITE SHOULD BE DISREGARDED.

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD 11/29/2000

New web site is

www.goldsearcher.com

It should be running by the time you get this newsletter

NOTICE

All committee chairmen, part-time editors, ads, articles and whatever else you may want in the Highgrader, must be given to editor no later than the 25th of the month. After that, editor will try to get it in, but cannot guarantee it.

NO SMOKING

We are sorry, but due to consideration of others, there will be no smoking at the general meeting. If you wish to smoke, go downstairs to the casino please. Thank you.

The Gold Searchers club extends our sympathy to the families and friends of Nita Sayer, Art Smith, and Walter Mohr. They all passed away in early November.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL

The year 2000 is coming to an end all ready. You as a member did not have to wait for Santa to get what I promised you I would do.

I promised a better and quicker Highgrader and more outings. You can see that they came true. That is !!!! only with your help.

Now: My Santa wish list as your president.

1. Our own property
2. Our own clubhouse
3. 1,000 paid members
4. Nationwide website and membership
5. BIG BAG of gold (not BOO Coos bag)

Remember this list; you may see it come true soon.

(how about 3 out of 5)

HAPPY AND BLESSED HOLIDAYS TO ALL

Frank Mahoney

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

11-01-00 to 11-28-00

Vint, Anthony & Janice
 Baumgras, Stan
 Hall, Rick
 Kennedy, Mike
 Gale, Robert
 Hall, Louis
 Switzer, Gerald & Kelley
 Riffle, Gary & Vicki
 Hedgecock, Russell & Ruby
 Dethmers, David & Laura
 Jarrell, Ty
 Neeley, John & Connie
 Mayfield, Larry & Cathy

Make these new members feel welcome and show them the ropes.

Membership Chairman Report

Funds collected and deposited

18 renewals =	\$360.00
13 New members =	\$475.00
11 Claim Books =	\$11.00
1 Badge =	\$5.00
33 Various Tickets =	<u>\$151.00</u>
Total deposited =	\$1,002.00

Rattlesnake Brad

NOTICE

In the last issue of the GPAA magazine there is an announcement that our general meetings have been moved to the Orr School. This announcement was made in ERROR. We will continue meeting at Nevada Palace until further notice.

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his contribution.

Now that we have this land, we...oh oh did I say we...go on to the next phase which is to build a cabin, move a mobile home on it, etc. etc.

A mobile home was donated to our club by Dan Green and it must be inspected and moved to the site.

As some of you know building is not all fun, there's also some work involved. The January outing will be partly a work outing, we want to level/clear the ground to accept our fire pit, cabin/mobile home, and set up parking areas, picnic areas etc.

We would like to survey the area with a transit. Level it with a backhoe, and get temporary restrooms, if you can help, please call us we need you now! All volunteers for this project will need to sign another "Hold Harmless" agreement.

Some planning is needed and those of you with construction experience will be needed to help formulate what and how and where. If I end up doing it alone I intend to keep the satisfaction to myself.

Some have said we could have something built, but I believe we will enjoy it more if we all pitch in and do it ourselves. Everyone can contribute even if its only handing the workers a cup of coffee or being a safety observer. Lets show others what we're made of!

Well enough of that for now, Our club has also been in contact with the Mohave Prospectors Association, and we have concluded the claims exchange program we talked about the last 6 months.

GSSN members may now prospect on their claims which totals one half square mile of land fairly close to the area where the Big Willie outings were held.

Maps will be distributed at our next meeting, or you can send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Rattlesnake Brad and request a copy. That's not all! We've also gotten written permission from Joe

Bahde to use his private nugget patch which is not far from the above claims, do show your appreciation by filling in holes, and hauling all trash out. Also show your appreciation by thanking him when you see him.

All in all we have over one square mile of good prospecting claims to use in just this area alone, and guess what...our clubhouse will go up adjoining our claim so it will be exciting to be near so many of my favorite gold spots.

A final note; Before you can use these new areas you must have a current Hold Harmless Agreement on file with Rattlesnake Brad, this was a condition on the lease and other claims usage. NOTE: We do not have the mineral rights on the leased property, so no prospecting, just a clubhouse in this area please.

Willie Biron



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.
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 and we will be judged by how we act and respond.
7. Do not litter. Pick up your trash and some extra, please.

Meetings

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

OUR MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS HELD AT NEVADA PALACE HOTEL & CASINO 2ND FLOOR LOCATED AT 5255 S. BOULDER HIGHWAY, LAS VEGAS, NV ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM ALL GUEST AND PROSPECTORS ARE WELCOMED. THE MAP TO THIS LOCATION IS LOCATED IN THE REAR OF THIS PUBLICATION.

GSSN BOARD MEETING

GSSN BOARD MEETINGS ARE HELD THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE VALLEY VISTA MOBILE HOME PARK RE BUILDING ON CABANA DRIVE, MEETINGS BEGIN AT 7:00 PM ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME. TAKE DESERT INN TO CABANA AND TURN LEFT GO 1/4 MILE AND TURN LEFT INTO VALLEY VISTA MOBILE HOME PARK. REC BLDG. IS ON LEFT JUST INSIDE GATE.

CLAIM'S COMMITTEE MEETING

CLAIM'S COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE HELD THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE VALLEY VISTA MOBILE HOME PARK. THE MEETINGS ARE AT 8:00 PM. THIS MEETING IS THE SAME LOCATION AS THE BOARD MEETING AND ON THE SAME NIGHT.

**THE CLUB'S PHONE
NUMBER: 393-GOLD (4653)**

**PLEASE CALL TO GET HELP
ON ANY MATTER.**

THIS IS YOUR CLUB.

PLEASE WRITE THE

CLUB WITH

ANY COMPLAINTS

OR

RECOMMENDATIONS

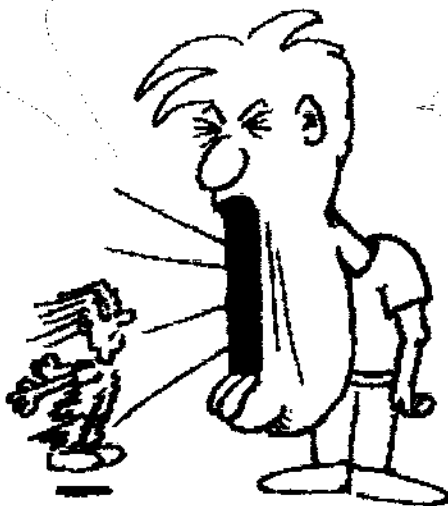
WE NEED YOUR E-MAIL PLEASE

Your e-mail is very important to us, as well as you. On occasion, events, happenings, impromptu outings, reminders, etc. come up and if we have your e-mail we can get the info to you immediately, so you can participate in whatever the event might be. We simply cannot call all 500 or so members. You will not get needless e-mail from us, only information and reminders of upcoming events.

YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS WILL NOT BE SOLD OR GIVEN TO ANYONE.

Don't miss out on these reminders and announcements of upcoming events. If you wish to be included in being reminded of planned events, as well as notified of impromptu events, please send an e-mail to Rattlesnake Brad, with the following message. Add my e-mail to your list for reminders of all upcoming events. Send to: RattlesnakeBr: _____ PS don't forget the (1) at end of name, Thank You

"I SAID I VOLUNTEERED YOU
FOR THE OUTHOUSE
COMMITTEE!!!"



Daniel Boone

SARGENT
(PRESIDENT)
FRANK

MOVING

Planning a move, please send us your new address as soon as possible. You may either send it to clubs address, or send it via e-mail to:

RattlesnakeBrad1

Don't put it off, do it today, so you will not miss any issues of the
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WEAR YOUR MEMBERSHIP
BADGE AND INCREASE YOUR
CHANCES TO BE A WINNER IN
OUR RAFFLE.

Door prize tickets are \$1.00 each,
but if you are wearing your GSSN
Membership Badge you will
get 2 for \$1.00

No Name Tag
\$1.00 each
No Exceptions

Look for the Newcomers Gold Finding Kits

by Willie Biron

These kits are being assembled by the club and made available to new members at cost.

We hope this will make it easier for them to get started.

We plan to demonstrate all items in the kit at the monthly outings and show how to use them.

Get yours today.

Here is January's
door prizes for
your consideration.

1. 10x prospectors loop w/ metal cover
2. Keene Classifier 1/2"
3. Gold Pan, 10" Finishing
4. Gold Pan 14"
5. Gold Concentrates Bag
6. Suction tweezers
7. Pendant w/chain 13mm for flakes
8. 10x25 Binoculars
9. Prospectors light weight pick
10. Plastic Scoop
11. Earphones
12. Mapscale for 7.5 USGS topo maps
13. Lots of gold nuggets, totaling at least five grams.

JOHN GREEN TELLS HIS 25 OUNCE STORY

Talk about a lucky day! A few months ago my father in law, my son and I started our day like any other gold hunting day.

We were scouting out an area to metal detect. I spotted a wash that looked promising but we kept on driving.

A few minutes later something told me to go back to that particular wash.

I parked my truck and got out my Minelab SD2200d metal detector and headed for the wash. I started at the bottom of the wash and proceeded up the wash.

Within minutes I got a signal. I started to dig about a 12 inches down I rechecked my hole with my Minelab, and the signal screamed. I then told myself that this is either a beer can or the biggest nugget I've ever found.

I stepped back to survey the area, it appeared that no old timers had worked the wash.

I did not want to dig this target by myself so I went to get my



THE 25 OUNCES FOUND IN ONE DAY BY JOHN

NOTE QUARTER IN CENTER OF PICTURE

up a 1 oz. Nugget.

Another 50 feet up the wash my detector started to scream again. This was just unbelievable, I started to dig the target about 18 inches down, eureka! I found another specimen nugget that weighed 10 oz.

But that's not all, I went up the wash a little further and again my detector screamed. I dug up an 8 oz.

son and my father in law.

When we got back to the hole I proceeded to dig the target. I dug another 12 inches down and rechecked my hole with my detector and the signal was gone! Then I rechecked the dirt by the hole. There was no signal. My heart stopped and I picked up my pick and lo behold, stuck in the fork was a 6 oz. GOLD

specimen nugget.

All in all that day I found 25 oz. of gold. If that ain't a lucky day, I don't know what is.

Great going John, go do it again, but leave a few for the rest of us to find.

R.B. x



John Green with the approximately 40 ounces he has found in the past two years.

specimen nugget. I jumped up and down with joy and yelled out, "Eureka".

I was eager to continue hunting up the wash. About 20 feet up I got another signal and dug



Another picture of the 40 plus ounces found by John, sort of makes you drool doesn't it?

WE FOUND OUR FIRST PICKER AT THE SECTION 34 OUTING

by George Niederriter

Our First Picker

We set up Saturday morning at "34" (the November Outing). Dan, June & I were here to run our wet sluice to see if we could find Gold. All we needed was a little color to make us happy. What we got was a little more than we expected.

The first bucket we ran was from near the bottom of a wash behind where we set up. There was only one little speck in the cleanup. We moved up a out of the bottom a little only to find one more speck. The third and fourth samples we checked yielded less than that.

We decided to visit with the others at the outing, hoping to find out the "Golden Secret". We talked with members from our club and some from the Mohave club. Some had metal detectors, dry washers, shovel and buckets (taking their material home because it was too wet to dry wash), and one couple even had a cup of coffee for me. We talked about where the "Gold" was and how to get it. Everyone was so helpful. With a large sweep of their hand they told us that the "Gold is out there". When Willie Biron got there he said to "Look for the Red Dirt".

After hearing the stories of the latest find --The 6 Ounce Nugget--, we headed "Out There" looking for "The Red Dirt". We moved to the head of the wash where most of the others were working. Finding bedrock/caliche in the bottom and up the side of the wash, we recovered a bucket of material from the first 8 inches above the bedrock/caliche. We swept the bedrock clean of all material and headed



back to our set-up area.

It was getting late and the sun was going down fast. Working fast we ran the material through the sluice and did a quick clean-up. Panning the concentrated material in the dark and cold is not fun. Not until you see the large piece in the pan when you aren't even half done. It was so dark I wasn't sure that it was even Gold. After screaming for someone to find my

glasses and the flashlight, I showed my wife and son our "PICKER". All of the others that had been standing around to see if we had found anything had disappeared. Even Dan Boone seemed to have left. We packed up and headed for home not wanting to loose any gold in the dark.

The first thing we did at home was to finish panning in the light of our kitchen. There was enough color in the pan to make us happy, but there was also our "Picker". This was our first ever piece of gold that we were able to pick up with our fingers. It probably weighs less than a quarter of a pennyweight, but it was the mother load to us.

**Remember:
The Gold is "Out There"
And Look For
"The Red Dirt"**



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LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE

A parting shot from the Clinton Administration

Miners and timber harvesters are being dealt a parting shot by the Clinton Administration. There are two items of concern, both coming by way of the Forest Service.

The first one is the new "rule" announced by the Forest Service. The policy change requires that managers overseeing 192 million acres of forests put ecosystem health above all other concerns. The Forest Service previously required that its managers, when developing a forest management plan, give equal weight to ecosystem health and other forest priorities such as logging and public access.

The new rule states, "...construction and reconstruction of roads considered reasonable and necessary for energy or mineral development on existing leases would...be allowed for access to fulfill the terms of the lease. However, an emphasis on ecosystem health under the Proposed Action could reduce the lands available for lease in the future... Implementation of the Proposed Action could also reduce the opportunity for exploration and development of presently undiscovered leasable mineral resources in these areas."

Forest Service Chief, Mike Dombeck, stated, "...it is my determination that adoption of the preferred alternative does not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, an EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) is unnecessary."

The decision to forego an EIS undoubtedly leaves the door wide open to lawsuits. Adena Cook, public lands director for the BlueRibbon Coalition, is already discussing the possibility of a legal challenge.

The second item of concern deals with the Roadless Initiative. The Forest Service has released their Preferred Alternative 3, which recommends designating 19,970,000 acres as "roadless." An additional 4,212,000 acres are recommended to be "wilderness" and "roadless," bringing the total to 24,182,000 acres.

All western states will be severely impacted. States losing the most area to the roadless plan include Alaska (7,302,000 acres), Idaho (3,669,000

acres), California (1,928,000 acres), Montana (2,170,000 acres), New Mexico (1,156,000 acres), Colorado (837,000 acres), Oregon (689,000 acres), Utah (446,000 acres), and Arizona (416,000 acres).

Clinton is expected to give his final approval after a 30 day waiting period expires December 18, 2000.

Within the Roadless Initiative EIS is the following statement pertaining to mineral withdrawal "The potential impacts to roadless values from mining activities can be severe in localized areas, but are not believed to be significant and widespread on a national level."

"Exploration and development of salable mineral resources are subject to agency discretion. Access to these resources could be reduced by applying the Proposed Action as compared to the No Action Alternative. The effect could be an increase in the cost of these resources to local communities because they would have to be obtained from other, more distant sources."

Additionally, the Forest Service expanded the plan to cover the Tongass National Forest over the objections of most Alaskans. Jack Phelps, of the Alaska Forest Association, said the decision could put a number of the area's sawmills out of business.

"There is absolutely no justification scientifically, economically or ecologically for any further roadless withdrawals in southeast Alaska," he said.

The original plan exempted 8.5 million acres (3.4 million hectares) of roadless areas in Alaska's Tongass National Forest the nation's largest national forest because Tongass is already covered under a separate forest plan completed in 1999.

Rep. Don Young, R-Alaska, said the move will destroy local economies.

"This administration has devastated the economy of southeast Alaska, and this new decision will make the situation even worse," he said.

On the Internet:

Roadless Initiative

<http://roadless.fs.fed.us>

Ecosystem Health Rule:

www.fs.fed.us/forum/nepa/rule/

Blue Ribbon Coalition:

www.sharetrails.org

43 CFR 3809

The House approved the Fiscal Year 2001 Interior Appropriations bill (H.R. 4578). The good news is they kept last year's language pertaining to section 3809. Although the bill allows the BLM to make changes additions or deletions from section 3809 rules, it states that the BLM shall follow the outline and provision detailed in the National Research Council (NRC) report entitled, "Hardrock Mining on Federal Lands."

A report that accompanied the legislation stated, "The statutory requirement was based on a consensus reached among Committee members and the Administration. On December 8, 1999, the Interior Solicitor wrote an opinion concluding that this requirement applies only to a few lines of the Report, and that it imposes no significant restrictions on the Bureau's rulemaking authority. The Committee does not agree with the Solicitor's opinion, and does not intend the language in this section to constitute any ratification of or agreement with that opinion." The legislation was signed on October 11, 2000.

BLM's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) regarding 43 CFR 3809 Final Surface Management Regulations for Locatable Mineral Operations has been released, and their preferred Alternative 3 obviously ignores the comments submitted to them during the open comment period.

NRC commented that it favors BLM retaining the distinction for casual use operations and that it believes BLM is properly regulating small suction dredging operations under the current regulations as casual use. However, BLM published the following wording in Alternative 3, their preferred alternative: "Suction dredge operators may be required to contact BLM to determine if the proposed activity may proceed as casual use, or if a Notice or Plan of Operations will be required." The preferred Alternative 3 goes on to say, "Regulations would specify that small suction dredges could be casual use." The phrase "could be" is ambiguous at best.

BLM also recommends changing the definition of unnecessary or undue degradation. The definition has been changed in their final proposed regulations to include: "...conditions, activi-

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*All That Glitters.....
Sometimes Really Is Gold*

Imagine stumbling over a big rock. Imagine that rock glittering in the sun. And imagine the surprise at finding that rock to be nearly pure gold.

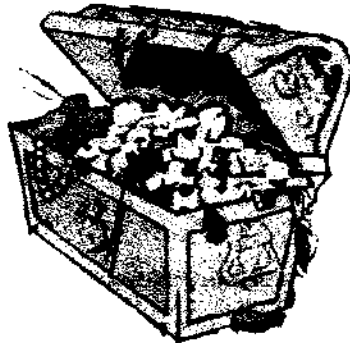
An anonymous prospector working in western Australia found a 56 pound chunk of the precious metal, and it is nearly 90 percent pure.

"Usually, the only place you can see a piece of gold like this is in a display case behind very thick glass," said Jean Morrison, a professor at the University of Southern California.

"This is what every prospector dreams about. Every man and his dog jump up and down with joy over something like this," the prospector said in a statement.

"It's so bright that you think it can't be real. But then, 56 pounds of real gold does look fake," said Morrison.

The nugget is to be auctioned off at Sotheby's. Melted down, the gold would be worth more than \$250,000. But in a single nugget, the price is expected to be much higher.



We are raffling off a Minelab Musketeer Colt

This detector retails for \$399.00

Tickets are only \$5.00 each or two for \$9.00.

Get yours while they last, only 125 will be sold.

Drawing will be at Christmas party if all sold.

YOU NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

Can't make the meetings, you can send your ticket money to:

GSSN, P.O. Box 96732, Las Vegas, NV 89193

We WILL put your tickets in the drawing. Make sure you give us your phone number when ordering tickets, so we can call you if you are the lucky winner. Tickets are first come first served, so get your money in the mail now!! No limit.

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"THANK YOU"

The year 2000 has been a busy year for the GOLD SEARCHERS of SOUTHERN NEVADA. The EDUCATION COMMITTEE sends a message to the many volunteers who have helped us develop and maintain our club programs during this year. " THANK YOU " from all of us. YOU have made this club what it is !

The December dates for the Mc Caw School are: December 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. and December 11, 12, 13, 14. There will be NO PANNING on the 13th. Classes are at 9:30 AM. Thanks for the help during the year ! Year 2001 will be busier !

YEAH, I KNOW I'M NOT SANTA, BUT LAST AUGUST THE BIG GUY DECIDED IT'D BE FUN TO TRY PANNING FOR A WEEKEND, FOUND HIS FIRST FLAKE AND HASN'T BEEN BACK SINCE



**New York
CBS
Market Watch
November 30, 2000**

NEW YORK (CBS.MW) - Gold futures prices, as well as gold company shares rose Thursday, lifted by the easing of the U.S. dollar against the Japanese yen.

"Relatively, the dollar is still at a high level compared to most foreign currencies," said Dave Meger, a senior metals analyst at Alaron.com in Chicago. But when the greenback softens like it has at the moment, it spurs rallies because gold is made less expensive relative to foreign currencies.

From a technical standpoint, the chart "still looks like the market is slowly working itself higher, but more help from dollar weakness is needed to keep the pressure on the large short position (traders who've sold contracts and haven't offset those sales) in the market," Meger added.

December gold rose \$3.70 to close at \$270.10 an ounce on the Commodities Exchange division of the New York Mercantile Exchange, after losing more than \$3 on Wednesday. February gold added \$3.70 to \$273.30. December silver gained 5.9 cents to \$4.674 an ounce, while March silver rose 5.8 cents to \$4.758.

Comex gold warehouse stocks were flat at 1,863,708 ounces as of late Wednesday, while silver stocks were also unchanged at 96,222,552 ounces.

In other metals highlights, December copper slipped 1.25 cents to 84.55 cents a pound. Inventories at the London Metals Exchange fell by 1,650 metric tons, as of early Thursday, to stand at 349,350 metric tons. Comex stocks rose 47 short tons to 64,910 short tons as of late Wednesday.

January platinum climbed \$5.30 to \$605.90 an ounce and March palladium added \$10.15 to \$818 an ounce.



(Continued from page 8)...UPDATE

ties, or practices that cause substantial scientific, cultural, or environmental resources that cannot be effectively mitigated."

A huge burden would be placed on small miners in terms of bonding—the preferred Alternative 3 recommends "actual-cost bonding required for all Notices and Plans."

I would encourage you to visit www.blm.gov and view the entire document if you didn't receive a copy by mail. The document includes over 500 pages of comments, which are overwhelmingly in favor of no changes to 43 CFR-3809.

Clinton signs Steens Mountain

Washington, DC (AP) President Clinton signed two bills that were among the top priorities of Oregon lawmakers this year measures to fund rural schools and protect an area of southeastern Oregon known as Steens Mountain.

The Steens Mountain bill creates 175,000 acres of wilderness, with grazing banned on 100,000 acres of that wilderness. Mining and geothermal development—drilling into the earth to harness heat for energy—will be banned on about 1.2 million acres.

The legislation also trades nearly 18,000 acres of private land for 100,000 acres of government land to eliminate the checkerboard pattern of private and public ownership and to ensure that the higher elevation land now owned by ranchers is protected. Ranchers will get nearly \$5.2 million of federal money for lost productivity and disruption to their operations.

"Today symbolized what Oregonians can do when they work together to solve a problem," said Rep. Greg Walden, R_Ore.

Walden, DeFazio and Reps. Darlene Hooley and Earl Blumenauer, both D_Ore., along with Sens. Ron Wyden, D_Ore., and Gordon Smith, R_Ore., stood behind President Clinton in the Oval Office as he signed both bills.

Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt and Interior Department Solicitor John Lesly also attended the signing ceremony.

**Group sues to reverse
Sequoia National Monument
designation**

Fresno, CA (AP)—Logging interests and recreational groups sued to eliminate the Sequoia National Monument, contending President Clinton exceeded his authority when he acted unilaterally to protect ancient groves of the giant trees.

A lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in Washington argued Clinton's action, taken under the 1906 Antiquities Act, did not meet the requirements of the law.

One of the plaintiffs, Sierra Forest Products, has closed one of two lumber mills in the area, laying off more than 100 workers.

"We were basically cruising along with ample supplies, but when you have half your timber supplies wiped out by the national monument there's not enough timber to keep both operations running," said Kent Duysen, the logging operation's president.

"It's overkill," said plaintiff attorney Gary Stevens. "The monument proclamation is laced with general references to artifacts or unidentified archaeological sites to justify it. We believe none of those generalized references pass the test."



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DREDGINGS'

by Joe Cathcart

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PROSPECTING FOR DRY PLACER DEPOSITS

Because old timers were very thorough in their search for placer gold, most of the obvious or easy-to-find placers have been discovered and mined in the past.

Therefore, most of the undiscovered placer deposits will be fairly well hidden, and it will be much more difficult to detect their presence.

A fairly good knowledge of the basic geological processes is an indispensable asset when prospecting for placer deposits, such as information pertaining to the exploration area's topography, previous geological history, and current and past mining history.

Besides the specifically designed aid in the location of hidden mineral deposits such as geochemical, geophysical and geomagnetic prospecting methods, careful observation of the types and characteristics of detrital material present in an area and proper use of the miner's gold pan.

This can lead a prospector to a major placer discovery.

Some of these indicators are: rounded quartz pebbles; an abundance of angular quartz particles; large rounded rocks or boulders in a localized area; "streaks" of black sands in short stretches of dry washes or in runlets on hillsides; brownish stained patches or streaks on hills in alluvial fans, or on creek deltas; rounded pebbles and rocks in areas where eminently angular material is present; and abrupt changes in the type of material found in the bottom of ravines and dry washes.



Just Ramblings'

by Joe Cathcart

PANNING VS. SLUICING

Gold pans are really a testing and cleanup device as the next step upward in handling gravel in volume is the sluice box.

First you test for color with the pan and upon finding it, you should produce valuable mineral with something that will handle volume.

New learners attempt to handle volume with a gold pan. Facts: In a cubic yard of gravel, there are between 180 and 210 pans of gravel, depending on how full you fill it.

A simple sluice box will handle a yard an hour, if the miner can hack the filling and hauling of the buckets.

Using a sluice, gives you a chance to classify material before dumping in the sluice, which also saves time of picking large stones out of the gold pan.

Carry a small sluice as well as the pan when you travel.

Another point of thought, shoveling gravel out of the creek into the sluice may lose a percentage of values. As a shovel is pulled through the water with material, the heavy values simply skid off the shovel. Best to use a vacuum or a bucket as a scoop.



**There is no
occupation that
man is so anxious
to enter with so
little knowledge
as
gold mining**

Cleaning Gold

by Russ Gremore

When you find a gold nugget with your drywasher or metal detector, usually it will be covered with clay, dirt, or cliché (lime deposits) and sometimes mercury or its layered in rock.

My way of cleaning a nugget is by soaking it in a mild acid such as "LIME AWAY". This will remove the dirt and lime deposits and you can use a toothbrush or toothpick to remove the harder stuff but never use an abrasive cleaner.

If you have recovered a nugget that is specimen gold or a jewelry rock and you want to expose more of the gold by dissolving the outer layers of the rock so that the gold will show better, soak the specimen in "WHINK RUST STAIN REMOVER", a cleaning product, that contains hydrofluoric acid and is available in most grocery stores and cleaning supply houses.

If you have access to Hydrofluoric Acid, it is very dangerous so follow the directions carefully. If you use H/F ask your supplier for the safety information about using and disposal of this product.

All acids are dangerous, so use every safety precaution when using any acids. H/F is colorless and has an irritating odor. It attacks all the tissues of the body, which results in deep tissue burns that are extremely slow to heal. The acid penetrates to the bone causing bone damage. The vapor will burn the eyes and cause blindness. H/F attacks glass, concrete, and many metals (not gold) and also attacks materials such as leather, natural rubber, and wood. Do not store H/F in glass containers. Store only in polyethylene bottles. Use neoprene, nitrile, or liny gloves when handling H/F, and never let it touch your skin. Also, keep it away from any ammonia. If you want more information on HYDROFLUORIC ACID, go to www.tufts.edu. Remember, be very careful when using any acids.



Gold Tid-Bits, Part 1, What's It Worth?

by Willie Biron

In this and future articles, I will share the methods and tools I use to collect gold from the claims of our club. I do not profess to be an expert, quite the contrary, I'm just a novice that has been bitten by the gold bug.

I once attended a class where the objective was to "get all the gold", don't leave any for anyone else. Well I can tell you from experience that no matter how thorough you are, you wont get it all.

On the clubs claims I've often heard that this or that area is cleaned out, only to see or hear about another find bigger than the last. To the novice, it appears that this hobby is an expensive or at least a very tiring one judged by the expensive metal detectors, special dry washers, wet wash recirculators and god knows what.

In this and future articles I would like for you to find the method which is best for you and your budget to *find and recover some gold.*

Of course if you have money you can buy all the nice toys, but that wont guarantee that you'll find anything.

Through membership in our club, you will be prospecting where gold is being found thus increasing your finds. A little known fact is that gold seekers can actually turn a hobby into profit or break-even venture. Beats the green fees, fishing trips and casino hopping!

Metal Detector, or drywasher! Well many miners "count the Colors" to determine an area they wish to mine, and the more colors, the better the area. Just think how excited you would be if you found 100 colors to the pan. **2 cents**

worth looks like a fortune for flower gold. Flakes not bigger than fine flour gold may look the same but be worth a lot more. What should I go for? The fine stuff or nuggets?

The curse of the prospector/minor is incurable optimism. At best it is difficult to tell the difference between 60 and 80 mesh gold, even though 60 mesh is much bigger than 80 mesh. When you see 80 mesh as 60, and 60 as 40, you see value that doesn't exist.

Lets just suppose you were paid by the flake, 100 colors to the pan would excite anyone, but if you were paid by the weight how much would 100 colors weigh?

How much gravel would you have to shovel to get an ounce? The following chart based on today's price for gold illustrates this:

Gold size	# colors per oz	\$350/oz
Flour Gold	40,000	10 colors = 10 cents
Fine Gold	12,000	3 colors = 10 cents
20 mesh will not pass thru 40 mesh		
Medium Gold	2,200	1 color = 3.99cents
10 mesh will not pass thru 20 mesh		

The claims our club have contain twenty times (*read it somewhere that there is an awful lot more fine gold than big*) more of the above than the larger sizes which we like to call pickers or nuggets that are often found in the area.

The best proven method for recovering gold in the desert south west is the drywasher, you can build your own, or purchase one

from the vendors advertising in this newsletter (*and get a discount*).

To this point I have assumed that you are in it for the gold--right? Well if you're like me, gold sure would be nice, but the friends, the outdoors, the outings and the meetings make it really worth while. Gold is just a bonus.


Lately I have been playing around with metal detectors because the gold is bigger, but the finds are few and far between, — *I've heard that you have to find a pick-up truck full of trash before you get a nugget ..but that's another story—* and I get a lot of walking in, so I continue to study geology, research maps and books to learn more so I wont have to walk so much.

When pickings get slim I can always count on the drywasher to bring home the gold, not much, but it beats getting skunked!

The members of our club are a great source of wealth, we have Geologists, Assayers, Miners and a great library of books to name but a few of the resources members have.

Why not take advantage of it! You may save a few steps, or shovel half as much for the same gold.

In my next article, I will be talking about inexpensive ways to separate the fine gold from the black sand concentrates.

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EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN

When she stepped off the *Excelsior* in July, Ethel Berry did not look like a woman worth over \$100,000. Her worn and tattered dress was held together with her husband's belt.

Seattle reporters, alerted to the great wealth on board the *Excelsior* by reports from the earlier arrival of another ship from the far north, were immediately taken with the

cheery woman amongst the grizzled miners and quickly crowned her "The Bride of the Klondike."

Ethel had gone to the Klondike with her husband, Clarence Berry, who had first gone north seeking his fortune in 1894. Clarence and Ethel were wed when he returned from the Yukon to California in the fall of 1895. When Clarence returned north the next spring, Ethel was at his side. The trip was longer and harder than the young bride had expected. The couple left Juneau, Alaska on March 24, 1895 and did not arrive to their destination until June 10. The couple lived near Clarence's digs along Forty Mile Creek. Fortunately for the couple, Clarence had to supplement his income by tending bar.

When George Carmack came into the bar at Forty Mile one evening boasting of his great gold discovery, Clarence decided to take a chance. He set out for the new discovery, staking a claim on Eldorado

Ethel Berry Bride of the Klondike



Ethel Berry and her husband, Clarence, were among the miners who stepped off of the boat and into the spotlight in San Francisco in July 1897.

cabin with no floor and a pitiful window covered with a flour sack. Amazingly, Ethel was not the only American woman on the creek that winter. The couple's neighbors included Salome and Thomas Lippy, who were also destined to find their fortune that year. Clarence's claim on Eldorado Creek would prove to be one of the richest claims in the Klondike.

In an interview, Ethel Berry described some of the hardships of that winter. "We could not get one drop of water without first

Creek. Ethel followed later, bringing five tons of supplies with her on the steamer, *Arctic*, into Dawson. The couple set up camp, suffering through the icy winter in a poorly built 12 x 16 foot log

melting the ice, which necessitated keeping a fire all day. Keeping the fire is enough to occupy the whole of one person's time. The wood is full of pitch and blazes up and is out again almost before one can walk across the room and back."

Conditions at the mining camp were hard on Edith at first. "The roughest experience I had during my entire stay in Alaska was at the mining camp fifteen miles from Dawson City. When I reached the house where I was to spend the winter, I found it utterly unfit for any woman to live in. There was neither floor nor windows, and Mr. Berry had to cut a hole in the wall in order to get the stove in. Finally all of these difficulties were overcome and I was fairly comfortable." Even though the trip was far easier on her than it

would be for most women (she admits that she "rode all the way from Juneau to the mining camp"), Edith faced a cold and often desolate life in the gold mining camps of Forty Mile and the Klondike. She noted that "I think that I may say that few women could have gone through successfully what I have encountered in the last ten months." When the reporter asked her what advice she would have for single women planning on giv-



Mary Hitchcock and Edith Van Dorn, who were "doing the Klondike" as tourists, recorded their travels with several photographs, including this one that shows them at one of the Berry family

ing in to gold fever, her response was brusque. "Don't go."

After depositing their gold in California and resting up, the Berrys returned to their gold fields in 1898, traveling across the Chilkoot Pass alongside thousands of hopeful millionaires inspired by their success. This trip, Ethel's sister Edna, nicknamed "Tot," was allowed to go along. Tot later wrote about the families adventures in her book, *The Bushes and the Berrys*.

Free from worries about money or supplies, Tot's trip to the Klondike was a great adventure. She was too excited to rest after climbing to the Chilkoot Pass summit. "I picked up a small piece of board and, using it as a sled, I tucked my feet up, held my skirts between my knees, and with one big "whoopie" I was on my way."

Her excitement wore thin, though, as they crossed the various lakes and streams on their way to the Yukon River. "It was bitterly cold," she wrote, "The lakes were frozen to a depth of six or eight inches and snow was everywhere."

Even with all our of our running and our heavy stockings, our feet would get so cold at times that we could go no further.

All the dogs wore shoes made of several thicknesses of burlap tied around the ankle, but it would only be a short time until the sharp ice cut through



Clarence Berry poses with his wife (right) and his sister-in-law Edna "Tot" Berry. Tot recorded her description of life along the Chilkoot Pass trail and in the Klondike gold fields in her book, *"The Bushes and the Berrys."* Photograph from *"Two Women in the Klondike,"* by Mary Hitchcock.

the shoe to the foot. [Alice Edna Berry, *"The Bushes and the Berrys."*]

Ethel and Clarence were cautious with their money, and through studious investments and planning, managed to keep and increase their wealth - a rarity among the gold rich "Klondike Kings."

They brought out \$1.5 million from their claims along Eldorado Creek, moved to Fairbanks during the Tanana gold rush and made more money there.

When the couple returned to California, Clarence bought oil land in Bakersfield that proved to be yet another solid investment.

Clarence died in 1930. Ethel died 18 years later in California.



The Berry family at work at one of their sluices. Photograph from the Library of Congress

YOU CAN ASK HIM

... A Bit of Humor

There was this Christian lady that had to do a lot of traveling for her business, so she did a lot of flying.

Flying made her nervous, so she always took her Bible along with her to read and it helped relax her.

One time, she was sitting next to a man. When he saw her pull out her Bible, he gave a little chuckle and went back to what he was doing.

After awhile, he turned to her and asked, "You don't really believe all that stuff in there do you?" The lady replied, "Of course I do. It is the Bible." He said, "Well, what about that guy that was swallowed by that whale?" She replied, "Oh, Jonah Yes, I believe that, it is in the Bible."

He asked, "Well, how do you suppose he survived all that time inside the whale?" The lady said, "Well, I don't really know. I guess when I get to heaven, I will ask him."

"What if he isn't in heaven?" the man asked sarcastically. "Then you can ask him." replied the lady.



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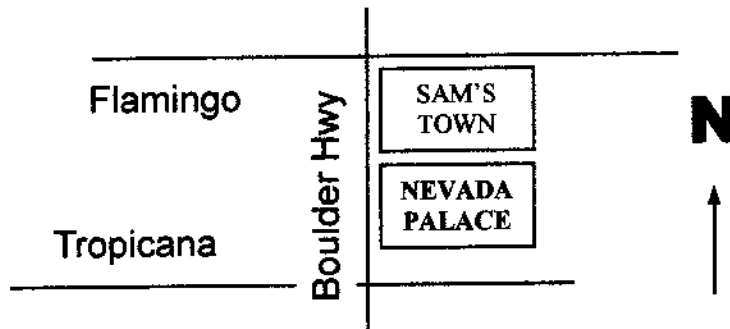
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Preface

This document is a copy of one of the letters I found in an abandoned cabin in the old mining camp of Cerbat, Arizona while metal detecting ghost towns back in the early 50's. Mining in the Cerbat range began in the late 1860's. The post office was established Dec. 23, 1872 and discontinued June 15, 1912. The mining camp was nestled in a remote canyon running west from the mountain range and was pretty isolated in early days. The town was reached by a 300 mile steamboat trip up the Colorado River from Yuma, AZ to Hardyville and then by stage over a wagon road another 40 miles.

Minneapolis, Minn.

Oct. 10th, 1919

Dear Mr. Cook.

Myers left last night for Flaudrian S.D. and will leave there tomorrow (Saturday) for Arizona with eleven men, if he takes all that is ready to go.

The County auditor up there called me on the long distance today and wants to know if Myers had started, that he had 11 men ready to go and that they were all good men with plenty of money. He should at least get enough out of that bunch to start the mill unless his expense eats everything up. Some R.R. fare what?

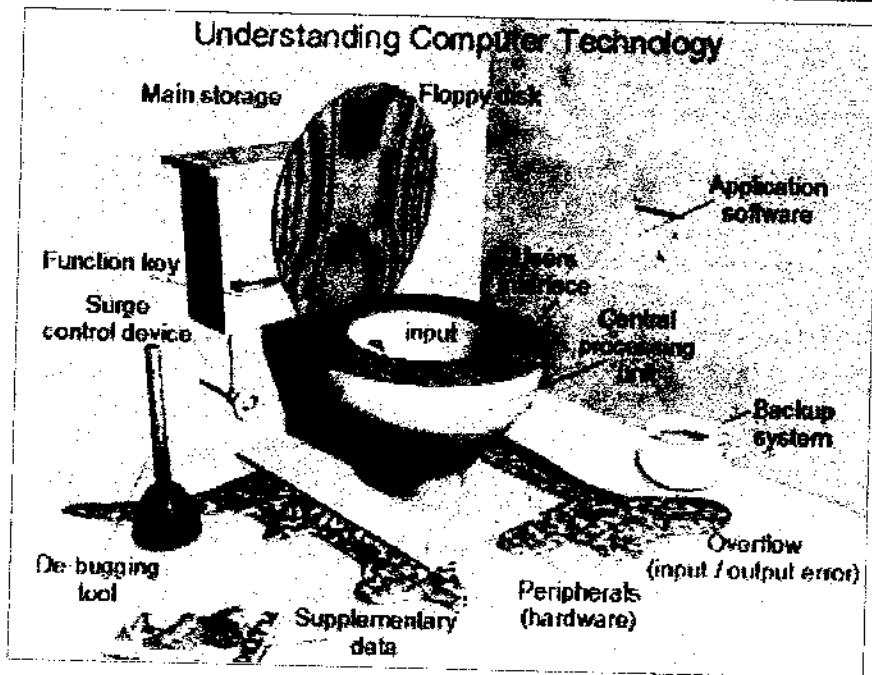
I tried to get a clean up on that reserve list of his yesterday. I told him that I couldn't hold any of them that were merely prospects if cash contracts have come in for them in the meantime, he checked off quite a few of them that he said must be taken care of, even if he had to pay for them himself. I dope this up as being stuff that he

collected or contracted in some other way and as near as I can figure he is about \$7,000.00 on the other side of the ledger. That is only on the stuff I have on the books. I don't know whether or not there is any more in his grip, but I think not. I wrote Mr. Bell today regarding this matter and asked him to try and get this bunch of men to sign their contracts and leave their checks with him out there so I would have a chance to pull some of this in on the Commissions. It wont be safe under the circumstances to sell more than

\$95,000.00 more of the bonds, that will only leave \$2,000.00 or \$3,000.00 to take card of possible further "accidents." I am writing you all this in confidence, so that you will know where we stand in case Mr. "D" should get back and you had a deal with him, hope he will turn up soon. With best wishes and kind personal regards.

Yours Very Truly,
Alexander Rose

I have written this exactly as was hand written except for the highlighted portion. The quotation marks and underlining are part of the original. (Was this letter part of a scam)? JCC



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On this video tape you will hear what a REAL gold nugget sounds like in the ground. You will see close up views of nugget recoveries.

This is your chance to follow four professional prospectors as they show you how they find GOLD for a living.

Larry Sallee had been a guest speaker at one of our meetings. Larry wrote the book Zip_Zip. He will demonstrate how he finds GOLD using a Goldmaster II.

Floyd Allen (also know as "Frugel

Floyd") will demonstrate finding nuggets using a Minelab XT 17,000. Glen Anderson finds GOLD using a Tesoro LOBO.

Bob Gutowski (also known as NUGGET BOB) will show you why the GOLD BUG became famous for finding GOLD.

As you walk along with these professional metal detecting experts you will learn the right way to set up your particular detector. Show you how to deal with hot rocks. What type of ground to look for when detecting. How to control your search coil for the best results. How to set up a grid pattern when you find a GOLD patch. They will show you the tools that they use while working, give you some hard earned tips and much, much more.

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COMMERCIAL ADS BY OUR MEMBERS INFO

If you are interested in advertising your product or service in these pages, contact Rattlesnake Brad at 451-0828.

All members on the board, committees, and/or donate much time to the club can have one free commercial ad approximately the size of a business card each month. The board will decide who qualifies for these ads. A person who qualifies for a free ad may upgrade to a larger size at half the price.

Ad Prices are for six months

1/6 page \$20.00

1/4 page \$25.00

1/3 page \$30.00

1/2 page \$40.00

Full page \$60.00

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BACKHOE SERVICE Available on weekends

- Pads
- Trenching
- Grading



Ray Anderson Construction
Lic# 12566A

Call
245-4785 or 491-4400

03/2001

PROSPECTING PARTNER WANTED
Have Keene drywasher and detectors. Call Gary at 453-5414 or e-mail at garyvegas@aol.com

Minelab SD2200d
metal detector
With three coils
Only one month old
\$2,200.00

Call Mike
460-2946

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74 JEEP P/U
Runs, needs work \$700. 89 Mazda 323 \$800. Call Sam 258-9776 or e-mail at samffr@gateway.net

1- 4000 Generator
1- 5000 Generator
Fred—452-2984

11/00

6" SUCTION DREDGE
\$300 Call Larry at 775-372-1408

METAL DETECTOR MINELAB SD-2200
With two 11" coils, one 18" coil, a carry case, battery charger, and manual. List price is \$4065 Will sell for \$2125.00 Call for details. Russell Gremore 702-524-1156 E-mail THUNTER@PDAI.COM

Remodel now
17 new boxes of Z-Brick best offer. 243-3739

2 NEXTEL PHONES
1 I-600 AND 1 I-390 both w/ chargers & like new. \$50 ea. Ron 431-3121

GARRETT DETECTOR
Grand Master Hunter CX 10"
Hot head coil.
List \$800 Asking \$500 O.B.O. 1 yr old
Call Daniel

For Sale

1978 Tioga 24' Motor Home 440 engine, sleeps 5, separate bath w/shower. Microwave, air conditioner. Everything works great. Very good condition \$4,800.00 434-0759 02/2001

19' Prowler Camp Trailer
1976 In very good condition New tires, water pump, commode, curtains, seat covers, dual propane tanks, (all within last year) Electric brakes, 110v air cond.

ONLY \$2,800.00
Call 432-2935 11/2000

KEENE DRY WASHER
3.5 hp Like new
Runs great
\$395 FIRM
Alan 641-0209

METAL DETECTOR
White's Spectrum XLT w/ phones. 120 mm Bullsete scope & video 6 mo. old. Call Shirley 396-3991

WET WASHER
Recently overhauled
Tcumsey engine, \$150.
Bill at 646-1713

Sprague, Gerald & Jan

SHARE A RIDE
Share ride to meetings from Laughlin, Searchlight, or Cal Nev Ari
Call George (702) 298-4264

GOLD MINE

32 acres patented land 7 mile E. of Quincy, CA on Hwy 70 on oth side of the Hwy. 1/4 mile of Greenwood Creek. Good dredging, placer gold, timber, trout, deer, bear, and year round access. \$200,000 more or less. ALSO: 3 3/4 acres patented land, 4 1/2 miles N from Searchlight on Hwy 95, 2 miles E on Grndpaw Rd. Negotiable Call "Boo Coo" (702) 458-8588

1973 Dodge
3/4 ton pu 2wd
Crewcab 318 motor, new trans, tires, radiator, runs good, truck also comes with a cabover camper in great shape. One owner \$3,500.00
Call Jim 649-6594 01/2001

METAL DETECTOR
White's Goldmaster complete with earphones & batteries. \$450
Call 566-8084 or 655-0155

KEENE DRYWASHER
Very good cond. 3.5 hp eng. W/ 4" discharge hose. Sells new for \$950. Asking \$425 Call Ron at 641-8675

GOLD—4—LESS
From flour to 30 oz nuggets
call (702) 243-3739

4" over/under PESCO
Dredge. Too many extra's to list. Rolls Royce of dredges w/VW price. Like new used 4 hrs. Also 2 Motorola radios D33LRA5BK Call Jim (562) 941-6520
GOLD CLAIMER TROMMEL
Also 4" Keene Flair dredge w/Air pump, Keene 151 Drywasher Highbanker Dredge 3"

EXP. PARTNER NEEDED
Recently retired and available anytime. Ask for Jerry after 5pm at 451-6843

BUY & SELL MINING CLAIMS
Call Joe at 293-5206

GARRETT DETECTOR
Gold Stinger w/ carrying case & headphones \$200. 2.5" 5 hour dredge \$350. Call Lyle 877-3188

BED LINER
Fits 99 Ford Style
Side p/u Black.
Asking \$105 O.B.O.
Call Robbyn afternoons at 645-6571

CAMPING RENTALS PROSPECTING GEAR RENTALS
Camping gear including tents, sleeping bags, prospecting gear, metal detectors, dry washers and other outdoor necessities available for rent by the day or week.
Large selection
Call Rick at Desert Outfitters 2101 S. Decatur Las Vegas, NV 89102
(702) 362-7177
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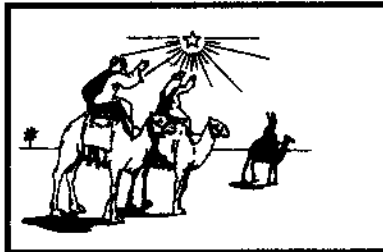
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The official publication of the
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Please direct your comments to:

**RATTLESNAKE BRAD
EDITOR & PUBLISHER**

At the P.O. Box address above.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL? PLEASE

HELP THE VOLUNTEERS THAT KEEP THIS CLUB GOING. WHEN YOU RECEIVE YOUR RENEWAL NOTICE PLEASE HELP BY FILLING OUT THE FORM AND SENDING IT AND YOUR CHECK IN PROMPTLY. THAT WILL SAVE YOUR CLUB MONEY AND THE VOLUNTEERS A LOT OF TIME.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

The following members are to renew as of 12/1/2000

If you have already sent in your renewal, THANK YOU

Duga, Steve
Fuchs, Edwin
Stiles, Gene & Diana
Sullivan, Richard "Hank"

Wright, Mike & Gabriela
Keifer, Dick & Ruth
Wynn, Robert & Brenda
Smiley, Jerry & Janet

Green, John
Wesely, Michael
Smith, John & Victoria

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THE WEBSITE WWW.GOLDSEARCHERS.COM
IS NO LONGER THE OFFICIAL WEBSITE OF THIS CLUB.
ANY AND ALL INFORMATION ON THIS WEBSITE SHOULD BE
DISREGARDED. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD 11/29/2000

A new site will be up and running within a few days, most likely by the time you get this news-
letter it should be running. The club has complete control and any member can offer ideas on
what they would like to see on this site. It may still be under construction, so bear with us.

Check it out at www.goldsearcher.com