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FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Due to a personal reason Greg Olson who published the Highgrader for four years has been replaced. I would like to thank Greg for his time, the club has come a long way, and hope he will stay on board with the web page.

As of September Brad Fine has gracefully agreed to take over where Greg has left off. Brad will be the publisher of the highgrader and also take over the membership committee duties.

The club is moving forward. (as I promised)
We are having more and more events. Midweek trips with Dan Boone, tours to mines, One member is being hosted on TV. Read about all up coming events in the new style highgrader. Be sure to email or call me with your feedback

Frank Mahoney

Lida Trip Report

By Yvonne Fine

What a privilege it was to drive to Lida and then on up into the mountains. Up to 7,500 feet to be exact.


What a lovely spot to enjoy searching for GOLD. The peace and quiet were beyond description. Willie, Dan, Jim, Jack and his grandson, plus Brad and I, had gone on this new claim hunt trip.

We sat up camp and scattered in every direction using dry washers, gold pans and detectors to find the gold in them thar hills.

That evening we sat around the camp fire and talked and enjoyed one another's company. How perfect it was out there in nature. I could see the moon suspended, could feel the presence of it's perfection and had the urge to reach up and touch the stars, so near they seemed.

Then even without finding much gold the experience will go in our journal as a memorable one.

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Next Outings
Sep 23 & Oct 14
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Heritage Museum

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Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada Calendar of Events and Meetings

Sep. 23	Unofficial Outing at Pahrump
Sep. 27	Executive Board Meeting
Oct. 4	General Members Meeting
Oct. 14	Unofficial Outing to Section 28
Oct. 20-22	Outing to Heritage Museum (for info call Dan Gree)
Oct. 25	Executive Board Meeting
Dec. 8	Christmas Party NV Palace

Executive Board Meeting was cancelled due to flood threat, therefore there are no minutes to report. *Ed.*

GSSN Member Meeting
September 6, 2000

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. All Board Members present. A motion was passed to accept the meeting minutes as presented in the Highgrader. Treasurer gave report, and the books are available for any member to see as desired.

The decision of the location of the member meetings is closed. We will remain at the Nevada Palace with the understanding that there will be no more smoking at the meetings. The decision was based on the member responses to the telephone poll.

Frank said that we will no longer publicize overdue fees in the Highgrader in order to respect the privacy of the club members.

The Christmas Party will take place at the Nevada Palace. Tickets are now available for \$5 each. There will be a 4-piece band and dinner will be served. Please see Greg Olsen or Chris to buy your tickets in advance.

New Members:

Gary Jones from Seattle, Bob Reed from Las Vegas, and I apologize to Dave as I was unable to hear his last name and hometown.

Dan Greene introduced Don Gaines as our Guest Speaker for the evening. This fellow has been prospecting all over the country, and is an expert on metal detectors. He brought a few in order to give a nice presentation on how to use one. His advice was basically to research where the best land is to prospect, use a good detector (he suggested Fisher brand), and don't give up! Practice makes perfect. He says to learn from other prospectors and work hard to preserve our heritage.

There is an open house in Henderson on October 7 from 9:00-11:00 am at the McCaul School of Mines. Directions are on the flyer that was passed out. Call Dan Greene for details.

Beth Williams' name was drawn for the big nugget prize, but she left at the break. Andrew Stakiewicz was the winner. Sorry Beth, but you must be present to win the door prizes.

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Bob Burton - Power Bar
Dick Vezzani - Tool Pouch
Doug Roberts - Tool Pouch
Alex Mullins - Nugget for picking tickets
Claudia Piontek - Bucket
Tom Duncan - Compass

Meeting adjourned at 8:30
Bridget Pope

117 Attended Meeting and there
was 6 guests and 4 new members
in attendance

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Brad and I did find a nugget though! What a thrill to spot that gold in the scoop. That nugget took us two tries to find. We went driving around the prospective claim with Willie and Jim looking for corner posts and such and at one point I spotted a dry creek bed that looked promising to check out with the detector.

We had dug down about 6 inches, but Willie and Jim were ready to go on exploring so we decided to go back to the same spot later in the day. Am I EVER glad we did cause that time we went down just a bit farther and there it was...gold and beautiful just, as God had placed it there. Turns out it weighed out at .9 grams.

The temperatures in those mountains were heavenly for the middle of July. Perfect weather for sleeping too.

I'm so thankful that men like Willie, Dan and Jack etc. are willing to MAKE the time to work towards finding claims for this club.

We love our new hobby.



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Barrick submits environment study on Pascua gold find

SANTIAGO, Aug 16 (Reuters) - Canadian miner Barrick Gold Corp. (Toronto: -) has submitted to Chile's state-run environmental commission the environmental impact study for its \$950 million Pascua Lama gold project that straddles the border with Argentina, the government's gazette said.

Located in the Andes Mountains, the project would produce annually 615,000 ounces of gold, 18.2 million ounces of silver and about 5,000 tonnes of copper contained in concentrates, the Diario Oficial newspaper said.

Construction is set to begin in February 2001 and last two years, it said. Production would begin in 2003, and the project would have a lifespan of 20 years based on current reserves, it said.



While it's true we don't see many of these critters while in the gold fields, they are out there. Please look where you are walking and always be mindful of the fact that snakes are around. If you think about them a lot, it helps to keep your eyes looking for them.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

8-1-00 to 9-8-00

- Banaszek, Voldek & Teresa
- Causey, James & Colleen
- Cohs, Roger & Sharon
- Collins, Thomas
- Evans, David & Nancy
- Foster, Rufus
- Grogan, Tom & Nancy
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- Konitzchny, James
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- Montana, Jerry
- Montana, Richard
- Pehrson, Pat & Randy
- Piontek, Mike & Claudia
- Puck, Hawkeye
- Reed, Robert
- Robinett, Carl & Frieda
- Robinson, Arthur
- Seppa, Dale & Carmen
- Serlovsky, Frank & Diana
- Sixbey, Merritt & Joy
- Stankiewicz, Andrew
- Wiley, James

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



RIB TICKLER

A general practitioner in rural Kentucky often covered the 200 miles to the nearest hospital with more regard for expediency than for the speed limit. One day he took his five year old son along for the ride when he went to make hospital rounds. Afterward, his wife asked their son if he'd enjoyed it. "It was real neat," replied the boy. "A nice man on a motorcycle stopped us and wrote Daddy a prescription."

PAN HANDLING

Story by

David M. Ward

Besides fur, the first financial interest Alaska ever generated was due to its rich gold deposits back at the turn of the century. Fortune seekers came from hither and yon trading in their cantankerous burrows for a sled and a team of ten cantankerous dogs. Thusly outfitted, these durable "D" students mused bravely into the bush to bring to life their frequent dreams of courage, adventure, gold, and a wide profit margin. Some succeeded, but so few it's hardly worth mentioning. Most froze to death, some too broke to buy beans, and a few fell prey to madness, chauffeured along by the constant humming of Schubert, Beethoven, or "Row Row Your Boat," broadcasted continuously by the millions of claim-jumping mosquitoes.

It wasn't until 90 years later, avoiding the rush and pleased with gold's increase in price per ounce, did I, gold pan in hand, take up their grown-over trail to search out what the previous prospectors hopefully missed. Not having a burrow to trade in, I was forced to sell my old broken down truck in order to finance my grub steak, which I find an accurate term for describing my outfit, but a totally unpalatable food source. Being short of cash and snow, I chose to omit the sled and dog team in place of three times the gear I could carry at one time and one dog, S.O.B. (pronounced Saub like the car.)

The gear was all carefully selected with necessity, usefulness, and lightness being the key issues.

Considering the chosen destination laid some twenty trailless miles into the distant bush, things like home appliances and household furniture had to be left behind, but that was about all.

The single dog, S.O.B., that would serve as a guard and companion was also chosen carefully. With the theme of the mission being gold, I logically selected a golden retriever to fill this underpaid employment opportunity. At the time, I thought perhaps this breed was actually nurtured along for its gold-sniffing ability, a theory I've long since abandoned.

Being slightly off, we went. We started out by charging up a modest ridge, then slogged down the other side, then squished across a swamp, and finally trudged to a standstill a couple miles away from point A. I then went back for another one of the two remaining loads.

It continued like this until one day it dawned on me that at this speeding pace, I'd likely die of old age 10 miles short of the mark. The thought of this outcome prompted me in to going through my gear to condense only the absolute necessities in to a second version of my stuff, which was to be carried in a single lode. After stashing my non-necessities, I commenced to carry out this abbreviated plan. After one day of transporting this cargo, I realized the lode was meant to be carried by dump truck. Shortly after regaining feeling in my legs, I sat down and went through the tonnage to select a third version of things that I'd die without

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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.

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CLUB WITH

ANY COMPLAINTS

OR

RECOMMENDATIONS

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With this much lighter lode, it seemed like only months before I emerged from the darkest depths of the bush and onto a road that ran beside an airstrip that occupied the same ground as the red X on my 20-year-old map. Both S.O.B. and I started to growl and grumble, then he bit me.

After applying the necessary first aid, which consisted of a band aid for me and a tourniquet that I placed around S.O.B.'s neck so he would have to open his mouth for air so I could extract my leg, I decided to corrode the airstrip's surface with a few choice remarks and drag my gear, myself, and my choking dog upstream a couple of miles to at least rid myself of the road's view. It was at this location that I commenced prospecting and building up my mastery of gold-pan usage. At first I made the usual mistakes, like spilling the pan into the creek, along with its hopeful contents. I have two favorite ways of accomplishing this act. One, is to take the pan containing my sluice box holdings, which I've spent the whole day shoveling to acquire, and set it tipping on some rocks while I danced around on the slippery stream bottom replacing the sluice box riffles. Somewhere within this routine, something like a shovel or a pick is knocked over. The success in this method lies strictly in the odds. Considering the size of a gold pan as compared to the size of the earth, I find it amazing that the pick or shovel handle will land directly onto the pan's edge nine out of nine .

nine out of nine times, and spring free its imprisoned contents.

These episodes have been known to invoke verbal outbursts that have caused cured hickory pick handles to curl up and touch ends. The second, but less desirable method I use, is to pick up the pan and stumble over slimy rocks to my panning pool, which is located some 40 feet down stream.

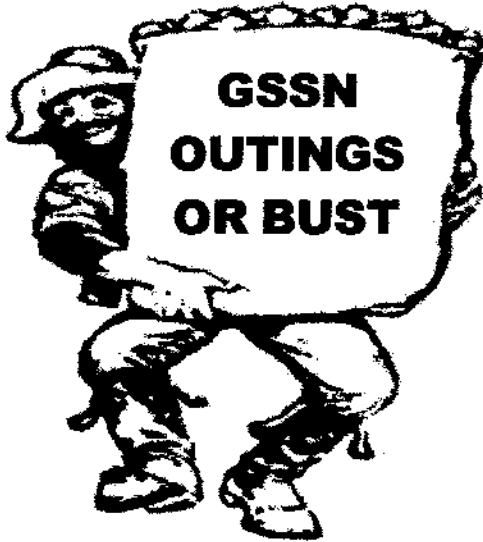
"Why," you ask, "doesn't he just pan it out right there?" Well, it's like this: After I've picked and shoveled gravel all day, I feel entitled to the comfort offered by sitting on a rock

while panning out the day's pay dirt, or in my case, below minimum wage muck. It's not my fault that the only rock suitable for this task was irresponsibly misplaced by, "Mother Nature". During this 40-foot frantic shuffle,

gravity has been known to intensify its efforts causing me to execute Olympic class dives and belly flops into the creek, some of which scored perfect 10's.

Another common mistake made by most inexperienced pan handlers, is to place an empty gold pan on the nearest flat surface, then turn away. The problem in this being is that the only flat surface along a creek, is the creek, and empty gold pans float. I've personally swam, ran and stumbled countless downstream miles in pursuit of just such ocean-bound gold pans.

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Precious metals mixed in quiet trading

By Myra P. Saefong

NEW YORK (CBS.MW) -- Precious metals futures closed mixed Thursday in lackluster trading as gold and silver shares ended lower.

On the Commodities Exchange division of the New York Mercantile Exchange, December gold rose 30 cents to \$282.60 an ounce and September silver added 0.8 cent to \$4.883 an ounce.

In the equities market, the Philadelphia Gold and Silver Index (\$XAU: news, msgs) and the CBOE Gold Index (\$GOX: news, msgs) fell by 2.8 percent and 3.2 percent, respectively.

Within the indexes, shares of Barrick Gold (ABX: news, msgs) fell 3/4 to 16 7/8 and shares of Placer Dome Gold (PDG: news, msgs) slipped 5/16 to close at 9.

Comex gold warehouse stocks, as of late Wednesday, were unchanged at 1,953,207 ounces. Silver stocks were also flat at 100,936,555 ounces.

In other metals highlights, September palladium slipped \$14.90 to \$745 an ounce and October platinum fell \$3.50 to \$568.50 an ounce.

September copper rose 0.05 cent to 86.70 a pound. The London Metals Exchange said copper supplies, as of early Thursday, were down 2,050 metric tons at 450,950 metric tons. Comex stocks fell 356 short tons to stand at 65,103 short tons.

CBS MW

THE GOLD SEARCHERS ARE ON THE AIR

The Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada did a 30 minute television broadcast on Channel 17 with Dr. Volmar Franz on September 28, 2000.

This is the first of a series on Channel 17 where the Gold Searchers will talk about prospecting, panning and the McCaw School of Mines.

On this first segment we demonstrated the way to pan for gold and talked about the activities of the GOLD SEARCHERS and our web page:

www.goldsearchers.com

A 7 Minute video tape about the Mc Caw School of mines was shown which gave a complete tour of the mine and talked about the importance of mining to the State of Nevada.

An appeal was made for volunteers to help out with the tours at the mine.

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Weird Ways West

An California-bound airline in 1849! Don't laugh; it almost happened.

Rufus Porter, founder of Scientific American, planned to fly 49ers west on propeller-driven balloons powered by steam engines. He went to far as to advertise the expedition, and 200 brave souls signed up for the trip. But the "airline" never got off the ground.

Then there was the "wind wagon," sort of a cross between a sailboat and a wagon. It seemed like a good idea on paper; after all, it can be very windy in the West.

A prototype was built and for a brief moment it barreled across the

plains at the advertised 15 miles-per-hour. Then it went out of control and crashed.

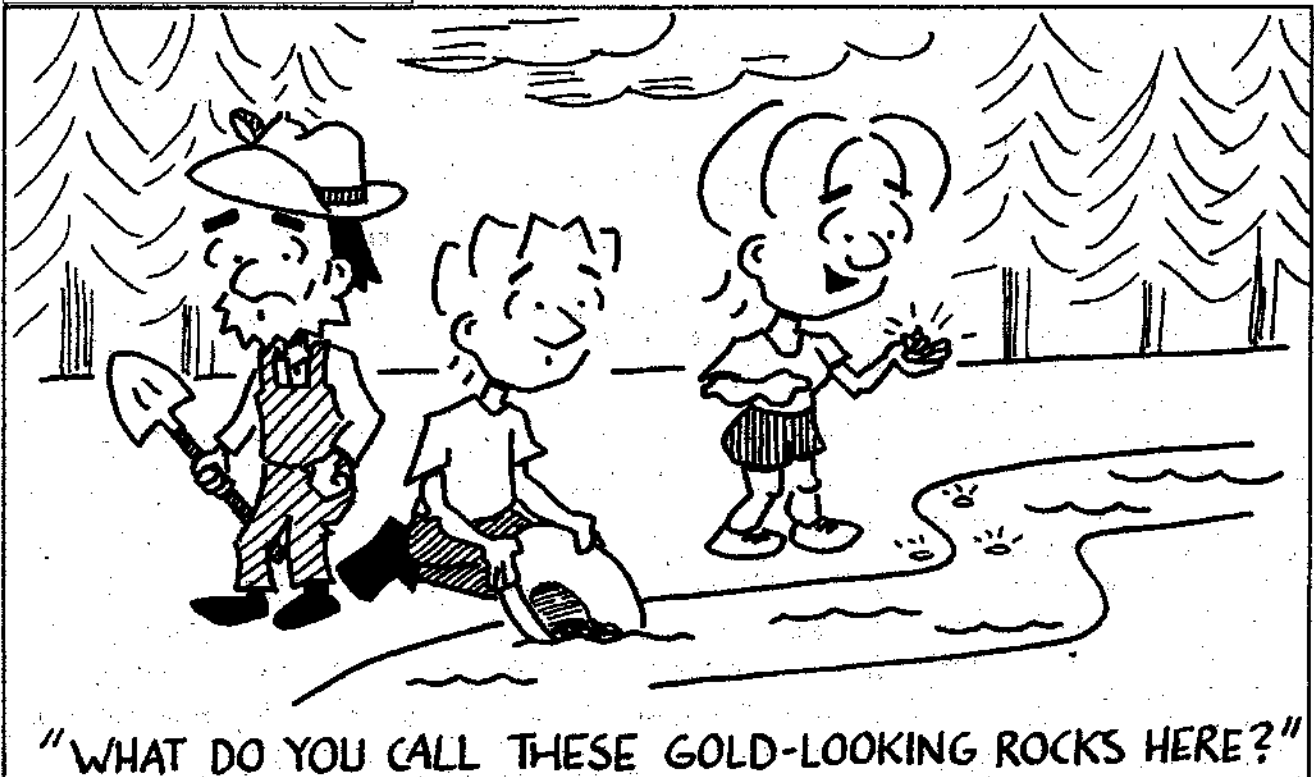
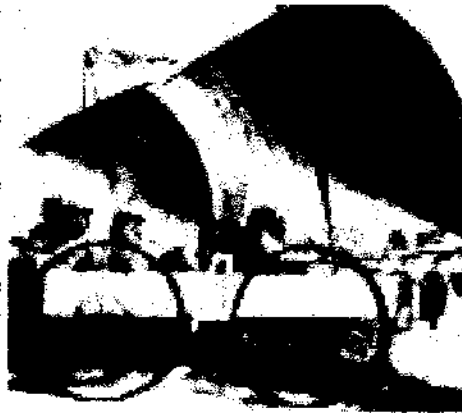
The inventor--Wind-wagon Thomas--kept trying for years, but never succeeded.

Others took a more low-tech approach, making the trip with only a simple wheelbarrow. It's hard to imagine pushing a fully-loaded wheelbarrow for 2,000 miles, but several dozen attempted the trip.

For a time, they could outpace everything on the Trail, but human endurance has its limits.

No one is quite sure if any of them made it all the way with their wheelbarrows.

Why all the weird contraptions? Everyone was in a big hurry to get west--to strike it rich. ✕



**Friday August 25
3:39 PM ET
Friday World
Gold Prices**

By The Associated Press

Selected world gold prices, Friday.

Hong Kong late:
\$273.15 up \$1.20

London morning fixing:
\$273.35 up \$0.55.

London afternoon fixing:
\$273.65 up \$0.85.

London late:
\$273.70 up \$0.90.

Paris afternoon fixing:
\$272.17 up \$0.28.

Zurich late afternoon:
\$273.45 up \$1.10.

NY Handy & Harman:
\$273.65 up \$1.05.

NY Handy & Harman fabricated: \$292.81 up \$1.13.

NY Engelhard:
\$274.77 up \$1.05.

NY Engelhard fabricated:
\$288.51 up \$1.11.

NY Merc. gold spot month
Fri: \$274.10 up \$1.20.

NY HSBC Bank USA 4 p.
m. Fri: \$274.00 up \$1.30.

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To prevent the reoccurrence of such happenings, I put into production my golden retriever's inbred ability to fetch gold pans. Now S.O.B. swims, runs and stumbles countless downstream miles.

Along with totally enriching one's life, and freeing your inner consciousness so it can unite harmoniously with the inner-galactic cosmos in the form of screeching curses, panning also increases the prospector's vision by tenfold over the average Joe. For instance, what I call a nugget, I can spot from 10 paces through three inches of murky water while it sets silently at the bottom of a sluice box riffle three quarters concealed by a grain of sand. A non-pro prospector would need to incorporate the aid of an electronic microscope just to confirm its existence.

There's endless other advantages offered to the job title of prospector, most of which escape me at the moment. One that comes to mind, however, are the enormous tax advantages. Last year I was able to utilize the benefits offered to only non-profit organizations, who get to keep most of it. Who needs money when you've got a gold pan that's capable of almost anything. I've cooked, eaten and bathed out of it. During the frozen months, I've increased down hill trail speeds in it. I've frisbeed it through thin mountain air. By dropping it on the ground, I've alerted game for miles around. I've used it to fend off carnivorous bugs, by improvising it as a hat. I sneakily was allowed in to a costume party as a Chinese peon, and I've learned to entertain company by spin balancing it on either my left or right skyward-aimed index finger, and I do mean briefly.

I was once asked what would I do if someone gave me a million dollars, I think now that I've survived apprentice prospectorhood,

arctic winters, and buggy summers, I could honestly say that I'd just keep on mining gold until I spent it all.

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LIDA OUTING

SEP 2-4

by Dan Boone

I went to the Lida outing last weekend on Friday, and put up signs for other people that were coming. About 35 to 40 people showed up at the outing. Because of flash floods, taking out some parts of the road the week before the outing, everyone had to camp in two different places. I advised all with motor homes not to try to make it back to the regular camp site. All the other people were able to make it back there. The weather was a little on the cool side. When the sun went down, it got a bit more than cool. A good time was had by those who made the trip. Several people found some gold, but because of the ground being so wet, one couldn't move a lot of dirt. Myself and Jim didn't find one tenth the amount of gold that we were finding when it was dry. I don't know who the genius was that came up with an outing in Lida for September, "probably the same one that wants outings in the Arizona desert in July, and August. Lida is beautiful in July, and August, and that is where our outings should be for them months. Save September, October, and November for the desert.

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You could ask the board members about the outing, but none of them had the time to come. What is the best way to ruin a club? "DO NOTHING", and it seems that lately, that that is what our board members are doing. The members that pay our dues each year are the ones that suffer when that happens. So come on people, and do something for the club, or resign and let someone that cares take your position. If this offends any of you, well it can't be any more than I have been offended by what is going on with the board members right now, so I guess that we are even. Should we start again, and try to do this right?

Daniel Boone

REBUTTAL FOLLOWS

Dan :

You are speaking out with your feeling and have good points. I am only one person and can not do everything or speak for everyone. Yes the board appointed someone to run the outing. If that person did not do it let Him speak. Yes the board did make outing in the desert, but now its your job. so you speak.

Lets move forward and start fresh

Your pres. Frank Mahoney

How about you, want to sound off.? Positive or Negative
Address your letters to the Editor at the PO Box on back of this newsletter or e-mail me at

Rattl @aol.com

Lets work together to make this a better club, for the good of all. Ed

FREE DAY! OPEN HOUSE!

On Saturday October 7, 2000 from 9AM to 11 AM there will be an open house at the McCaw School of Mines. This is an opportunity for you to bring your friends and family out to the McCaw Mine and see what we have been talking about all of this time. Bring your friends and neighbors. It is an experience that you will long remember. They will thank you for the treat. If you have visitors in town, bring them along too.

To get to the mine from Las Vegas: Take 93/95 South to Lake Meade Drive. Go left (East) to Water Street. Turn right (South) onto Water Street up to Basic Street. Turn right (West) on Basic Street. At the very first street (Tin Street) turn left into the parking lot of the McCaw School. You will see the McCaw Mine down at the end of the school yard. Park your car and get ready for an exciting tour of the mine.

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GUEST SPEAKER A HUGH SUCCESS!

by Daniel Green

The guest speaker for the September meeting was Mr. Don Gaines. Mr. Gaines has been featured on the back covers of several editions of the Gold Prospectors Association monthly magazines.

Don brought his Fisher Metal detector, a bag of nuggets and a world of information on where to find GOLD and HOW to make it your own.

He talked for about one hour about metal detecting and gave demonstrations that were informative and helpful.

He later took questions from the floor. His presentation was one of the best that we have had in a long time.

Don has a reputation as a professional GOLD searcher and has found well over 100 ounces of GOLD. He is an advisor to several metal detector companies.

He was accompanied to this meeting by his beautiful wife Patricia, **THE BEST NUGGET HE HAS EVER FOUND.** She was the red head that was glowing in the back row. She enjoyed the presentation as much as we did.

**THANK YOU
DON AND PAT**

The Bill Gates Car

At a recent computer expo (COMDEX), Bill Gates reportedly compared the computer industry with the auto industry and stated: "If GM had kept up with technology like the computer industry has, we would all be driving \$25 cars that got 1000 miles to the gallon."

In response to Bill's comments, General Motors issued a press release stating:

If GM had developed technology like Microsoft, we would all be driving cars with the following characteristics:

1. For no reason whatsoever your car would crash twice a day.
2. Every time they repainted the lines on the road you would have to buy a new car.
3. Occasionally your car would die on the freeway for no reason, and you would just accept this, restart and drive on.
4. Occasionally, executing a maneuver such as a left turn would cause your car to shut down and refuse to restart, in which case you would have to reinstall the engine.
5. Only one person at a time could use the car, unless you bought "Car95" or "CarNT" but then you would have to buy more seats.
6. Macintosh would make a car that was powered by the sun, be more reliable, five times as fast, and twice as

easy to drive, but would only run on 5% of the roads.

7. The oil, water temperature and alternator warning lights would be replaced by a single "general car fault" warning light.

8. New seats would force everyone to have the same size butt.

9. The airbag system would say, "Are you sure?" before going off.

10. Occasionally for no reason whatsoever, your car would lock you out and refuse to let you in until you simultaneously lift the door handle, turn the key, and grab hold of the radio antenna.

11. GM would require all car buyers to also purchase a deluxe set of Rand McNally road maps (now a GM subsidiary), even though they neither need them or want them. Attempting to delete this option would immediately cause the car's performance to diminish by 50% or more. Moreover, GM would become a target for investigation by the Justice Department.

12. Every time GM introduced a new model car, buyers would have to learn how to drive all over again because none of the controls would operate in the same manner as the old car.

13. You would press the "start" button to shut off the engine.

GOLD RUSH?

It's been over 100 years since George Carmack and his pals Skookum Jjm and Tagish Charlie struck pay dirt in the Klondike on Bonanza Creek in the Yukon Territory of Northern Canada, touching off the last and perhaps greatest gold rush in history.

Their discovery, on August 16, 1896, inspired legions of adventurers from all over the world to seek their fortune during the Klondike gold rush.

N u m b e r s o f "stampedeers" who set out for the Klondike;
100,000,

The number that made it;
30,000,

Provisions the Canadian Government required them to bring;

One years supply (About 1 ton);

Cost of a dozen eggs in Dawson City, Yukon during the gold rush;
\$16.00

Population in the Klondike region in 1890,
30,000;
Today; 3,000.

Largest nugget found in the Klondike;
72 ounces, nearly 6 inches long,

Amount mined out of the Yukon since 1896; more than 12.5 million ounces;

World production of gold in 1896; 9.7 million ounces. In 1995; 73 million ounces.

Price of gold in 1896; \$20.66 per ounce; current average price \$300.00

Peak price; \$850.00 on January 21, 1980.

1975 was the year it became legal for U.S. citizens to own gold bullion,

South Africa is the largest gold producer in the world, second is the United States.

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FREE DAY! OPEN HOUSE!

On Saturday October 7, 2000, from 9AM to 11 AM, there will be an open house at the McCaw School of Mines.

This is an opportunity for you to bring your friends and family out to the Mc Caw Mine and see what we have been talking about all of this time.

Bring your friends and neighbors. It is an experience that you will long remember. They will thank you for the treat. If you have visitors in town, bring them along too.

To get to the mine from Las Vegas: Take 93_95 South to Lake Meade Drive. Go left (East) to Water Street. Turn right (South) onto Water Street up to Basic Street.. Turn right (West) on Basic Street. At the very first street (Tin Street) turn left into the parking lot of the McCaw School.

You will see the McCaw Mine down at the end of the school yard. Park your car and get ready for an exciting tour of the mine.

**SEE IT
YOU'LL
LIKE
IT!**



Annual Christmas Party Update

The Annual GSSN Christmas party details have been finalized.

WHERE.... NEVADA PALACE
WHEN.... DECEMBER 8 AT 5:30 PM
PRICE.... \$5.00 PER PERSON

The party will be at the Nevada Palace Hotel and Casino, upstairs in our meeting area.

- ◇ Live Country & Pop Band
- ◇ Buffet Style Dinner
- ◇ Prizes
- ◇ Great Family Fun
- ◇ Come One Come All

Tickets are only \$5.00 per person. This includes dinner! The price is actually higher, but the club is picking up the rest of the tab. Your pricejust \$5.00 per person!!!

Get your tickets at the next General Meeting at Nevada Palace.

See you there!!!!



WHAT DO YOU THINK?

As your new editor, I would like to know what you think about this newsletter.

What do you like?

And

What don't you like? Please take a few moments and either write me at

P.O. Box 96732, Las Vegas, NV 89193-6732

Or

E-mail me at
Rattlesn

@aol.com

Also do you have ideas for this newsletter or articles, etc. If you take pictures at outings please e-mail them to me. I want this newsletter to be something that you like and enjoy and also be proud of. Please take that moment now and let me know how you feel Thank you for your time

Rattlesnake Brad

GOLD NUGGET DONATED TO THE GOLD PICK AWARD

The GOLD NUGGET that was given out as the GOLD PICK AWARD was donated by Mr. John Green.

John has been a member for a few years but this was the first meeting that he was able to attend. He has only been to one outing.

He has learned some of his prospecting skills through the HIGH-GRADER.

He wanted to share some of his good fortune with other members by donating this nugget.

He had also donated a METEORITE to the club for a future use by the club.

Thank you John

From time to time, other members have donated time and material to the club. As space allows, we will write about some of these thoughtful gifts.



MINELAB GIVEAWAY

You don't have to adjust your eyes you saw correctly. We are raffling off a Minelab Muskeeter Coll. This detector retails for \$399.00 Tickets are only \$5.00 each or \$9.00 for two.

Get yours while they last, only 125 will be sold. Drawing will be at Christmas party if all sold.

Things To Do On The www.goldsearchers.com Internet Web Site

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- Visit On-Line GSSN
- Member Discussion Groups
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This site is designed, developed and scripted by Greg Olson. Please visit the site often as he updates the info daily

Facts About Gold

Gold has played a prominent role in the social and economic fabric of civilization for thousands of years.

What is Gold?

Gold is a heavy, yellow, metallic chemical element. It is a precious metal, with a high degree of ductility and malleability, that is used in the manufacture of a wide range of products including jewelry, electronics, and coinage

How is Gold Weighed?

The weight of gold or gold articles is usually expressed in troy ounces.

1 troy ounce = 1.097 ordinary ounce

1 tonne = 32,151 troy ounces

How is Purity Measured?

The purity of gold articles is generally described in three ways:

PERCENT (parts of gold per 100)	FINENESS (parts of gold per 1000)	KARATS (parts of gold per 24)
100.0 percent	999 fine	24 karat
91.7 percent	917 fine	22 karat
75.0 percent	750 fine	18 karat
58.3 percent	583 fine	14 karat
41.6 percent	416 fine	10 karat

What Does it Mean?

Gold Filled: Also called gold overlay, a layer of at least 10-karat gold permanently bonded by heat and pressure to one or more surfaces of a support metal, then rolled or drawn to a prescribed thickness. The karat gold must be at least 1/10 by weight of the total metal content.

Rolled Gold Plate: Material consisting of a layer of plating of 10-karat gold or better which is mechanically bonded to a base metal. The karat gold content may be less than 1/20 but must be properly identified by weight in terms of total metal content.

Vermeil: Gold at least 15- micro-inches thick, bonded to sterling silver by an electrolytic or mechanical process.

Gold Leaf: Pure gold that is pounded into sheets applied to other surfaces by hand. Usually about 3 micro-inches thick.

This is the first in a series of articles on gold. Next month we will cover the history of gold. Ed.

EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN

The fair sex was not exempt from "gold fever" - one out of ten stampedeers was a woman.

Journalist Annie Hall Strong offered some advice for women headed to the Klondike. Her article, "Hints to Women," first appeared in the December 31, 1897, edition of the *Skaguay News* and was reprinted in newspapers around the country.

She wrote that "women have made up their minds to go to the Klondike, so there is no use trying to discourage them."

Speaking for the female stampedeers, Strong boasted that "when our fathers, husbands and brothers decided to go, so did we, and our wills are strong and courage unflinching. We will not be drawbacks nor hindrances, and they won't have to return on our account." Strong herself had been one of those who contracted what she termed "acute Klondicitis."

She arrived in Skagway in the late summer of 1897.

Over a thousand women crossed over the Chilkoot or White Pass trail between 1896 and 1900.

along the trails was noted in the letters and diaries of male stampedeers.

In at least one instance, their presence encouraged one man to continue on. In a letter to his wife, Kitty, Fred Dewey wrote, "It is a big day's work to haul 100 pounds a distance of four miles. There are three women alone on the trail and they are taking their own stuff in. I would be ashamed to back down before difficulties that those women surmount."

These are the stories women whose lives were caught up in the Klondike Gold Rush in very different ways.



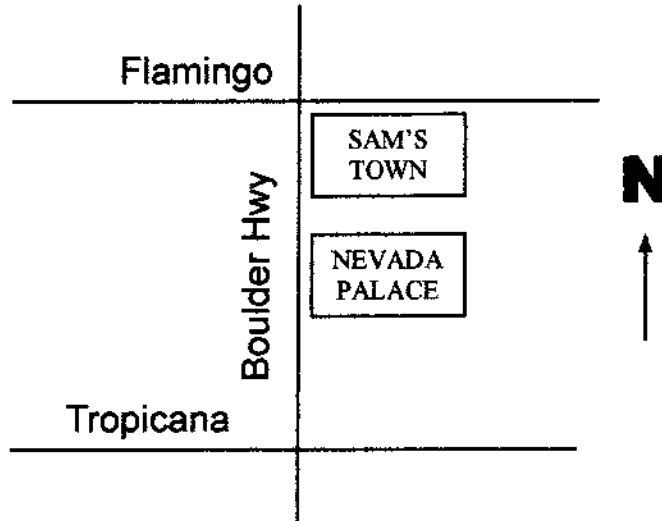
Women pulling sled loaded with provisions through the muddy streets of Skagway, Alaska in 1898.

Women went into the Klondike with male relatives and on their own. Some who traveled alone signed on to cook and clean for groups of men in return for help in moving their provisions across the passes and down the Yukon River.

The presence of women

*Over the next few months, we will bring you some of the stories of women during the gold rush days. Hope you enjoy them.
Ed*

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**Monday August 21, 11:28 am ET
Europe gold ends weaker,
silver set to test support**

LONDON, Aug 21 (Reuters) - Europe's precious metals markets ended a subdued session on Monday with rangebound gold still looking for inspiration while silver and the platinum group metals (PGMs) were virtually unchanged.

But silver was proving to be the central talking point in the market place for a change, as it was seen heading for a test of the \$4.80 support level, which would take it to its lowest since December 1998, when it touched an intraday low of 4.81.

Dealers said the gradual decline in prices had revived speculation that U.S. investor Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway was liquidating some of the huge silver holding accumulated several years ago. As of 1998, it was thought to have amassed up to 130 million ounces, or about 16 percent, of world silver supply.

While no evidence has emerged of any Berkshire sales, the market often turns to Buffett rumours when silver is caught in a bearish phase.

"The rumours are getting stronger and louder day by day," said one London-based trader. "There is a sort of feeling that people who normally do not trade in the market are trading in the market."

But other dealers attributed the price slip to talk of renewed official Chinese sales.

Spot silver was last unchanged from the New York close at \$4.83/\$4.85.

Gold met producer selling on Friday and on Monday continued to slip lower, last at \$274.90/\$275.40, falling back from opening levels and erasing all early gains made since Friday's New York close at \$276.40/\$276.90. The afternoon fix was at \$274.60, down from the morning one at \$276.40.

"The metal is finding good support on the downside... volumes remain thin for now due to the summer, so that currency moves often appear to be the dominant factor in the market." Weakness in both the euro and Australian dollar against the U.S. dollar capped any intraday upside potential.

Traders said the market was also waiting for the U.S. Federal Reserve Bank's rate-setting committee meeting looming on Tuesday with consensus building for the Fed not to raise rates.

In PGMs, spot prices were steady but the equities were strong, boosted by the positive market response to the friendly takeover of South African miner Kroondal by Australia's Aquarius (Australia:AQP.AX - news)(quote from Yahoo! UK & Ireland: AQP.L). Kroondal released better-than-expected maiden results on Monday, with results from Amplats due out on Tuesday and Implats next week.

Platinum was last firmer at \$566.00/\$574.00 from \$563.20/\$571.20 after session of very thin trade, while palladium was virtually unchanged at \$730.00/\$745.00 from \$730.75/\$750.75.

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WEEKDAY OUTINGS ARE BACK!

For those of you that like to go out on the weekdays, I will be going to the White Hills area, every Wednesday for the next few weeks. (NOTE: the first Wed. of the month I stay in town to go to club meetings.) I have to go to the BLM in Kingman to get some claim activity reports first. Don't want to start finding gold just to find out that the land has a claim on it. I will be leaving each Wednesday morning and any one that wants to go along is welcomed. The only thing you must remember is that I stay a few days when I go. You will have to drive back by yourself if you are not into camping out. When I check a new place for gold, I like to make sure that I work enough ground to get a good feel for the area. Hope to see some of you on these trips. Call for more information

Dennis Brown

REACH OUT AND TOUCH SOMEBODY'S LIFE

The McCaw School of Mines is seeking volunteers to provide tours of the mine and to demonstrate panning for GOLD for the student visitors.

The mine is in Henderson, Nevada. Access into the mine is off of Basic Street and Water Street, across from City Hall. Volunteers are given a script and are trained to do particular segments of the tour. Volunteers are needed at 9:30 AM on scheduled days. A day at the mine is two hours long. If you can come one day per week, that is great! The dates for October are: October 3, 5, 6, 9, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 30, 31

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Ed

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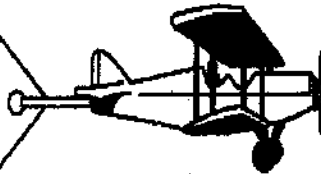
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