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## *A Message from the President*

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**Happy New Year 2009!!**

**Greetings fellow prospectors,**

**Welcome to the New Year and a new chance to find that beautiful yellow metal. As usual, snow cancelled our first outing of the year. We will be rescheduling the outing to Phantom Canyon.**

**Our February outing will be okay, as our outing will be indoors. We will be meeting at the Western Mining Museum, which is off of highway 25, and Glen Eagle Rd. If you missed it last year, try to be there. We will meet Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup> at 1p.m. Call me if you need directions.**

**In the meantime, while we are having all this great weather, try to get out and find a little gold.**

**We have a couple of big outings coming up, which we will discuss at our February 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, so be sure to be there. Don't forget that we will be having a bake sale. Please bring some baked goodies, so you can help support your club. Hope to see you all then.**

**May your gold pans always be full.**

**Ron Woods**

President, Colorado Gold Prospectors Chapter



**Let's get  
some Gold!!!**

## GPAA OFFICERS

President	719-597-6104	Ron Woods
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## APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT

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Nuggeteer Editor	Gene Gardner
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Outings Chairman	J.R. Lewellen
Hospitality Committee	
Membership Chairman	
Web Page	Dave Tickle

## NEW MEMBERS OF GPAA

### NOTE:

**Our club needs your support. If you are interested in filling one of the Open positions listed to the left, please contact one of the Officers or Committee members. *Your help is needed to make our club a success. We hope you'll be an active participant.***

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER.....SIMPLY PRINT AND COMPLETE THE INFORMATION BELOW AND EITHER BRING TO THE NEXT MEETING OR SEND IT IN TO THE ADDRESS PROVIDED.**

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# MEETING MINUTES



## 28 Adult Attendees

- The meeting was called to order January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:28 pm with no flag present we proceeded directly into the meeting.
- The weather did cooperate with us this meeting as we had 28 travelers in attendance. New people attending were Larry from Colorado Springs and also Joe Seford who has panning experience in Alaska. Barney and Janet Flick from Westbrook who are members of the Canon City club as well. Bill Friendly - a two year member from Aurora also made it. Thanks for spending the evening with us.
- Ron talked about possibly moving the club meeting place as we expand; not a vote just yet but be aware of the notion and that suggestions are open. He also mentioned an impromptu club outing was coming up that weekend. Club officers' meeting on a separate night was brought up.
- Depending on club participation a bake sale may happen every year, perhaps twice a year, with a hidden treasure in the raffle.
- Discussion of future club promotional flyers and a past flyer in the C/S Gazette raised a some eyebrows – remember our suggestions are welcomed.
- Alberta gave the club's expense statement for Nov/Dec of \$1473 with \$1037 and change worth of expenses and \$435 above operating cost. You read that correctly COSGPAA - we're in the black. \$485 worth of gold was given away last year!
- Alberta mentioned that we need a run-around/gopher person; long time LDMA member Hap Siegfried volunteered – thanks Hap!
- A volunteer librarian is also needed, we only have about a dozen books, so it will hardly be time consuming.
- Skip talked about four abandoned claims in Colorado he has researched and how the club can purchase these.
- Skip also talked about GPS devices and using the coordinates. These are getting relatively cheap, they are very handy and accurate. Finding color when you are out and about and marking the spot, can help you get back to the area within a few feet. He has marked 32 waypoints in the seven years of GPS use.
- Table-Top ideas for the weekend Gold show in Denver were brought up. We are going to see if the GPAA can send us a loaner banner. Others are looking into a cheaper prices for custom designs also.

- Skipped also suggested necessities to bring with your metal detector: A plastic shovel, a side bag for headphones and extra batteries – good advice.
  - Teddy showed us his trick gold nuggets selling for \$5 – very convincing to the general public. He said one must have a big wallet to stay at the Stanton outing. Well worth it if you've never been, but items got expensive pretty fast.
  - Also discussed was how to get gold out of the dry concentrate. Placing the concentrate on black paper or wax paper for visibility and wetting a toothpick will grab the gold.
  - \$30.00 for the 50/50 split was won by the newsletter editor.
  - Motion to Adjourn and second at 9:17 pm.
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- Don't forget our next meeting is on **Wednesday, February 4th, 2009** at Las Palmitas Mexican Restaurant.
  - Thank you all coming and next time bring your friends!





# MORE MEETING NEWS

## RAFFLE WINNERS FROM JANUARY MEETING

•Gold	Lois Barnes, Donovan Green
•Cripple River Sand	Janet Flick
•Cordless Screwdriver	Bob Combs
•Pocket Knife/Compass	Richard Ruddick, Hap Siegfried
•Canteen	Bob Combs
•Tape Measure	Bob Combs
•Travel Mugs	JR Lewellen
•Tweezers Set	Dale Decatur
•Necklace Gold Cup	Bob Combs, Lois Barnes, Dee Westfall
•Fake Gold Nugget	Ron Martin, Hap Siegfried, Brian Barnes (x 2), Dee Westfall, Janet Flick, Gene Gardner

## EVENTS & OUTINGS

February 7<sup>th</sup>: 1:00 pm Western Mining Museum

March: TBD

## COLORADO SPRINGS GPAA CHAPTER MEETINGS

*All General Meetings are the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month from 7pm to 8:30pm*

*Feb 4<sup>th</sup> – Las Palmitas Mexican Restaurant*



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