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## *A Message from the President Tim's Tidbits*

Hello members and guests. Be mindful, a lot of black sand can rob your gold. Hint: When confronted with heavy amounts of black sands (hematite and magnetite), use more levels of classification to ensure your concentrates are uniformly sized before attempting gravity or magnetic separation..

Tim Pitney  
President COSGPAA

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### Tonight's precious metals spot prices per Troy ounce

Year	Gold	Silver	Platinum	Palladium	Rhodium
2022	\$1,629.81	\$19.22	\$936.10	\$1,874.31	\$12,300.00
2023	\$1,995.70	\$23.21	\$941.15	\$1,151.00	\$4,350.00

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## COLORADO SPRINGS CHAPTER



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# MEETING MINUTES



November 1, 2023, COSGPAA Meeting Minutes

Attendees: 21 in person; 146 by e-mail

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Chapter President Tim Pitney and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Tim welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Chapter Vice President Joel Swisher gave a report on upcoming prospecting trip to Alaska 2025. There are 2 different sights available. One place will supply everything needed for prospecting. The cost the trip varies depending on location. Joel Swisher also announced that he is accepting nominations for chapter officers. The election will be held at the December meeting.

Chapter Treasurer Alton Oakes gave the financial report. Alton talked about the Chapter Christmas Party that will be held at the Airplane Restaurant, on Saturday, December 2d, with set-up and sign-in beginning at 11:30. The full details are in the Event Notice, previously mailed and currently posted on our website, [www.cosgpaa.org](http://www.cosgpaa.org). A copy of the Event Notice and the menu included with these minutes. If you plan to attend but have not yet registered, please RSVP per the Event Notice. Tickets for the Christmas Drawing will be available at the event.

# MEETING MINUTES



October 4, 2023, COSGPAA Meeting Minutes      Continued

Unfortunately, our planned speaker was unable to attend. Member Kiel McIntyre, who is currently employed at the Cripple Creek and Victor Mine as an ore truck driver substituted and gave a very informative talk on the mine's operation and his experience driving of a two-story tall dump truck. He said that the mine is an open pit operation inside an old volcano and that he is working to coordinate a private tour for our chapter.

After the door prize drawing, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm. Thank you to members Pat Oakes, Lorraine Sirois and Nancy Wood for providing refreshments. There are no outings or events scheduled prior to the December 2 meeting.

## DOOR PRIZE WINNERS June 7, 2023

Gold: Richard Logue, Del Cox, Tom Burke, John King, Richard Logue, Tom Burke, Nancy Wood

Silver: Tim Pitney, Tom Braidwood, Lorraine Sirois, Joel Swisher

Name Badge drawing winner Tim Pitney

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**EVENT NOTICE: December Meeting and Chapter Christmas Party**

**When: Saturday, December 2, 2023, 12:00 – 4:00 PM**

**Where:** Airplane Restaurant, 1665 N. Newport Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80916.

Directions: From the intersection of South Powers Blvd and East Fountain Blvd, drive East on Fountain one block to the first left turn, which is N. Newport Road. You will see the “airplane” that is part of the restaurant in the NE corner of that intersection. Turn left onto Newport and take the first right turn into the parking lot which is shared by the restaurant and the Radisson Hotel. The main entrance to the restaurant faces this parking lot.

**Details:** The event set up and sign-in begins at 11:30 am with a short Chapter Meeting starting at 12:00 pm. The Party will start immediately following the meeting with dinner orders taken by the restaurant waitstaff. During sign-in, attendees will pay their cost share and receive a copy of the party menu. Adults (age 15+) \$10 each; Children (age 10 – 14) \$5 each, and Children (age 9 and under) are free. The Chapter will pay the difference and gratuity. Based on requests from several of our members, the restaurant has given us permission to bring our own desserts. Except for the Christmas drawing tickets, the Chapter store will be closed. Entertainment includes:

**White Elephant Exchange.** If you want to participate, please bring a **wrapped item**, and tag it “white elephant”. The item can be a re-gift, an item you already own that someone else can treasure for a while, something funny, something weird, or something nice.

**Member to Member Gift Exchange.** If you want to participate, please bring a **wrapped item**, and label it “Gift Exchange Man” or “Gift Exchange Woman”. Usually, a man will bring a gift for a man and a woman will bring a gift for a woman. If an odd number of members participate, you may end up with your own gift – so bring something you wouldn’t mind taking back home with you. Please limit purchases to \$20.

**Salvation Army Angel Tree Gift Donation.** If you wish to participate, please bring a new, **unwrapped toy** to donate. If you have questions, please contact the Fountain Valley Salvation Army at 719-382-1182.

**Christmas Party RSVP.** Those who did not sign-up at the November meeting can pay during sign-in at the restaurant but are asked to make a reservation by Thursday November 30th. For reservations after the November meeting, please call or text Chapter Treasurer Alton Oakes at 719-439-3590, or e-mail him at [agoakes@earthlink.net](mailto:agoakes@earthlink.net). When using text or e-mail, please include the name of the person making the reservation, a contact phone number, and the number of attendees by age group.

# MEETING MINUTES



## Airplane Restaurant Lunch Menu 2023 Chapter Christmas Party

In Flight Beverages – Coke, Diet Coke, Coke Zero, Sprite, Iced Tea, Raspberry Tea, Green or Sweet Tea, Minute Maid Lemonade, Barq's Root Beer, Dr. Pepper, Mellow Yellow \$3.50

### 2023 Lunch Preflight

Runway Chicken Wings –

Boneless or Bone In \$16.65

Toss your wings in Buffalo, Stevie's Spicy Asian, BBQ or Teriyaki sauce

Chicken Tenders – Boneless chicken seasoned, like a fighter pilot and deep fried..... \$15.50

Air Tower Nachos – Fried tortilla chips, beef and bean chili, loaded with diced tomato, onion, jalapeños, green chilies, melted cheese & topped with shredded lettuce & sour cream. These are so big that we call Peterson Air Traffic Control for clearance before we make 'em! \$15.50

add guacamole \$2.00

Say Queso Dip – Queso with pico de gallo and fried tortilla chips...\$10.50

Potato Skins – Deep fried and baked with cheddar cheese bacon bits and green onions with sour cream as the co-pilot. \$10.25

Say Cheese! Sticks – Breaded mozzarella sticks! Served with marinara for dipping..... \$9.50

Cheesy Spinach Artichoke Dip – Artichokes, spinach and cheese blended together in a creamy delight served with chips, pita bread, celery and carrot sticks. Pilots should always eat their veggies. . . . . \$15.45

World Famous Quesadilla – Chipotle flour tortilla, stuffed with chicken or smoked duck, tomato, green chilies and mixed cheese. Served with guacamole, sour cream and salsa.

Chicken . . . . . \$15.50      Smoked Duck\* . . . . . \$17.60

### Salads

Craisin Walnut Salad – Fresh

greens, balsamic glaze and a squadron of Craisins, caramelized walnuts, feta cheese and balsamic glaze . . . . . \$15.50

Add Chicken. . . . . \$5.25

Add Salmon\* . . . . . \$10.00

Blackened Salmon Caesar\* – North Atlantic salmon, possibly caught by a sea plane pilot, blackened and served over tossed romaine, Caesar dressing, croutons and parmesan..... \$20.75

Chicken Caesar – Grilled chicken breast, possibly caught by a pilot who wanted chicken, served over tossed romaine, Caesar dressing, parmesan and croutons. . . . \$17.60

Cobb Salad – Crisp salad greens, cucumber, red onion, tomato, bacon, mixed cheese, broccoli and hard-boiled egg. . . \$17.60

Add

Chicken or sliced turkey. . . . . \$5.25      Add Salmon\* . . . . . \$10.00

House Garden Salad \$7.00      House Caesar Salad \$8.25

### Burgers

Vegetarian burger may be

substituted upon request. Served with fries or coleslaw.

Substitute sweet potato sticky fries \$4.25 or onion rings \$5.25

Soars with lettuce, tomato, pickles and onion. Burgers are served on a sesame seed bun.

Bison Burger\* – Less fat, calories, and cholesterol than turkey or chicken.. . \$19.75      Upgrade to an Afterburner, BBQ Bomber or Guacamole Buffalo Burger for \$4.00 extra!

Add a second beef patty for \$5.25 or buffalo patty for \$10.25

# MEETING MINUTES



## Airplane Restaurant Lunch Menu Continued 2023 Chapter Christmas Party

- Guacamole Burger\* – Beef or Chicken, guacamole, Swiss cheese and bacon topped on a juicy burger. The official burger of the Mexican Air Force. . . . \$16.50
- Patty Melt\*- Grilled patty topped with Swiss and grilled onion on marble rye. . . \$15.78
- Afterburner Burger\* – Beef or Chicken. Light this candle! Here’s our burger topped with our tangy guacamole, roasted green chilis, and pepper jack cheese.. . \$16.50
- All American Cheese Burger\*- Beef or Chicken Your choice of Swiss, pepper jack, cheddar, or American cheese. Better file a flight plan for this burger!. . . \$15.25
- BBQ Bomber Burger\* – Beef or Chicken Loaded with our sweet & tangy BBQ, hickory smoked bacon, cheddar cheese, and ranch dressing. . . . \$16.50
- Teriyaki Burger- Beef or Chicken Teriyaki chicken breast, Swiss & grilled pineapple. \$16.50
- Sandwiches & More Served with your choice of fries  
or coleslaw Substitute sweet potato sticky fries
- for \$4.25 or onion rings for \$5.25
- Rueben von Crashed –Tender corned beef, turkey, or Bison, sauerkraut, Swiss cheese and thousand island dressing served on fresh rye.
- Corned Beef or Turkey .....\$16.50 Corned Bison .....\$18.65
- Philly Flyer\* – Zoomin’! Tender beef or chicken, sautéed onions and bell peppers topped with Swiss. Served on toasted French bread. .... \$17.00
- Italian Sub- Sautéed onions and peppers over an Italian Sausage patty topped with melted mozzarella on toasted French bread. Momma Mia would be proud!... \$16.50
- Piper Club – Get checked out in this Piper! Bacon, lettuce, tomato, thinly sliced  
smoked turkey, American cheese and Basil-mayo. . . . \$15.50
- World’s Biggest Fish Sandwich\*- Breaded and deep fried, 1/2 pound white fish \$19.75
- Catfish\* & Hushpuppies – Catfish and 3 hushpuppies caught by the pilot who went FLY-  
fishing. Get it? Fly fishing! Blackened or deep fried. . . \$18.60
- Fish ‘n Chips\* – A favorite of our friends in the RAF (Royal Air Force). Beer battered and ready for malt vinegar! . . . . . \$17.75
- Deep Fried Shrimp- Golden brown and served with cocktail sauce...\$16.75
- Angus Steaks Seasoned and flame broiled to your liking. Served with  
fries or coleslaw. Substitute sweet potato sticky fries \$4.25 or onion rings \$5.25
- Top Sirloin\*. . . \$19.75 NY
- Strip\* 12 oz.....\$23.80 16oz.....28.00 Upgrade
- your steak to a Neptune with lobster & shrimp stuffing topped with Hollandaise for \$6.25
- \*These items, except for chicken, may be served raw or undercooked based on your specifications, or contain raw or undercooked ingredients. Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish or eggs may increase your risk of food bourne illness, especially if you have certain medical conditions.

# WHERE TO LOOK WHEN METAL DETECTING FOR GOOD POTENTIAL

BY NEIL HEATER



**H**istory is just that — history. Who was in a certain place or what happened over there is a part of the story. The evidence of the event or person passing through may be important for remembering.

Well, since we are not discussing how to share the folklore around the campfire, let's look at a technique for discovering the objects. In this case, we are looking at finding the evidence using a metal detector.

All kinds of techniques and lessons exist on how to use a metal detector. However, where do we go to make the possible finds for the backstory? There are a few simple things you do can to make a world of difference when using a metal detector to back up the story.

## **Before heading out to metal detect, do your due diligence**

Admittedly, going out metal detecting can be a spur-of-the-moment decision. You have a day off and some local park or open space gives you the opportunity to get out and investigate the terrain. For those times there is no need to research ahead of time.

Nonetheless, metal detecting for most people is about seeking out unusual or priceless objects. It is for this reason that concentrated research may provide greater results to locate more desirable discoveries.

Sometimes we overlook the information we gain from others about a good location to prospect with the metal detector.

One time, I was given a tale from an old-timer (your stereotypical grizzled beard and floppy hat) of an area in western Colorado. As a boy growing up in the area, his father had passed on a story of a town that existed nearby in the region. It was a simple mining camp and had activity for a short time. This gentleman shared how he had discovered the general location and done his searching, but without the benefit of a detector.

With this information in hand, I passed the info to a cousin who owned a metal detector and together we went to check out the small meadow where the encampment once stood. Much of the surface layer had been picked through, but we did discover some interesting pieces using the instrument.

I discovered this colorful person simply by eating in a local café in that part of the state. He was glad to share the tidbit simply by asking him if he knew much about the area.

Ask questions when you are visiting someplace new. It's amazing how the locals want to pour out trivia and stories of their hometowns.

Another point in "due diligence" is checking on what has been found in a particular region. What evidence exists of particular objects that were discovered?

As simple as it may sound, people find common things like old nails or fencing. That can point to an area that has a ranching or mining history. It works like a domino effect. One or two items of correlating attributes can open up more intriguing finds.

Some years ago, I learned of a local mining area that still offered up amazing treasures for people that hunted through the old mining town. Our family went up to an area that was known to have been a mainstay for gold digs in the late 1800s. Old gold pans and other mining instruments were being found.



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## COLORADO SPRINGS CHAPTER

### COLORADO SPRINGS GPAA CHAPTER MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the First Wednesday of each month

From 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM at:

The Salvation Army building:

208 Cunningham Drive

Security, CO 80911

*All General Meetings are the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month from 7pm to 9:00pm*

#### MEETING DATES

December 2 , 2023 11:00 AM Christmas Party (Saturday) Airplane Restaurant

January 3 2024

February 7 2024

March 6 2024

April 3 2024

May 1 2024

June 5 2024

July 3 2024

August 7 2024

September 4 2024

October 2 2024

November 6 2024

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