

# THE NUGGETEER



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

Hi there to all Prospectors and members. We all know that 2020 has been a rough year and hopefully in 2021 we will be able to go out as a group and get some gold. So sharpen your pans and get ready to go. Thank you guys for all the club support. Happy New Year to all!

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Tonight's precious metals spot prices per Troy ounce were: Gold \$1924.54, Silver \$27.13, Platinum \$10104.15, Palladium \$2474.50, Rhodium \$15800.00.

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## COLORADO SPRINGS CHAPTER



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# MEETING MINUTES



**Attendees 0 in person; 122 by e-mail**

January 6, 2021 COSGPAA Chapter Update

- Our January meeting was cancelled because of a rise in COVID infections and strains on our health care systems. Our next meeting is scheduled for February 3d, but with a new strain of the virus in Colorado and the vaccines not yet widely available we will probably need to cancel again. We will confirm or cancel the week before and let you know with an e-mail.
- We received a thank you letter from the Salvation Army for our members support through the holidays. The gifts and donations made during the holidays are greatly appreciated. For those who are able, continuing support of charitable organizations will help those less fortunate through the Pandemic recovery. On behalf of the Chapter, thank you for all that you do.
- In 2020, we had only four meetings: February, March, August and September, with the last two being moved to a Saturday afternoon and held outside. Our Summer Picnic and Christmas Dinner Party were cancelled; as was the panning demonstration for a youth group, Johnny's Jamboree. But on the positive side, we revived the Chapter newsletter in March; had members participate in the Colorado Gold Panning Championships in August, visited the Capital Prize Mine in June, the Hidee Gold Mine in October; and had a weekend outing to the Arkansas River in October. Once the COVID monster is controlled, we also have some great outings planned. Our invitation to a private place claim in Alma is still open as are private claims in Fairplay and Breckenridge. Vic's Pay-to-dig in Central City was visited and has room for a group outing –dredging and high-banking allowed. Return trips to Clear Creek and the South Platte in Denver, without the flood level waters we saw in 2019. Fill in the spring and fall with “low water” outings to the Arkansas RR Bridge. We have guest speakers and lots of show-and-tell sessions lined up for our meetings. We have lots of GPAA points accumulated and acquired some Gold Bay pay dirt (at a Christmas discount) for door prizes.

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I am doing this Nuggeteer with a different app. Hopefully it will be easier to use. Now any link to email or web address will be active. Just mouse over link and click and the web page will open.

### **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 8:30pm***

#### MEETING DATES

January 2021 **Cancelled**

February 3 2021

March 3 2021

April 7 2021

May 5 2021

June 2 2021

July 7 2021

August 4 2021

September 1 2021

October 6 2021

November 3 2021

December 1 2021 Christmas Party

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### OUTINGS AND EVENTS

*No outings or events are currently scheduled.*

*Our first Chapter prospecting outing for 2021 will be likely be in late April, weather and COVID permitting.*



This is an article from the GPAA web site.

<https://www.goldprospectors.org/News/ArtMID/406/ArticleID/794/Quarantined-and-still-prospecting>

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Thursday, April 23, 2020

<https://www.goldprospectors.org/News/ArtMID/406/ArticleID/794/Quarantined-and-still-prospecting>

## **Quarantined and still prospecting**

by [KEVIN HOAGLAND](#)



Here I am 20 days after the Shelter-in place, and I am still prospecting almost every day. I may not be in the field every day, but I am still prospecting.

At the end of my workday I'll have dinner and settle in at the computer and study areas to prospect when I am able to move more freely. I refuse to watch TV, and the idea of social media being truly social is not how I want to spend an evening at home.

I'm not making huge plans for long extended trips to the next state. Instead, I'm drilling down on local areas and digging deeper into recorded recovery of registered mines and looking at the peripheral areas around the mines.

Almost every mine that I have researched was found by prospecting the placer areas around the mines as so many were. What I am looking for are places that the placer would deposit over the last hundred to hundred thousand years or so.

With Google Earth, I'll have a topo overlay up and running with the LR2000 open and using my claim software overlaying everything and I get to prospecting.

I find an area that I want to work, I research the mines in the area, pick a mine and find it on Google Earth or at least the area that the mine should be then bounce back from topo to satellite.



Prospecting from a mile up shows me a lot and I take full advantage of the view. The topo and satellite show the water courses, and even though you can see the slope on the satellite map, the topo shows a lot more information as to the steepness of the slope and a better view of the contour. As much as I use satellite mapping - trees, shrubs, and in my case, a lot of cactus obscures the true flow of the area.

Using both is the best for me. I can look at the contour of the topo then anomalies on the Satellite for the best picture available long before I step foot on the ground. In this spot, the topo mapping shows a quick change in the contour And the Satellite shows what looks like old mine workings.

The next step is to overlay the claims past and present. I use active to assure I will not be claim jumping and to get some current info about the area and the closed claims, to pull as much information as possible for more research.

With the LR2000 I can pull records of when the claims were originally filed, how long they were active and claimant information. All of which is very important. In areas where there were not a lot of workings and a claim was only held for a year or two says volumes about the location. If a claim was only held for a year or so I become very intrigued. Why did the claimant claim the spot and what were the prospecting methods used to recover or not recover gold?

And just because it was only claimed for a couple of years back in the 1980's does not automatically rule it off my list. Remember that there was very little satellite mapping back then and their view from the ground level is definitely not my view from 300' above the ground. There is a good chance that I am seeing things that they may have not seen from the ground level.

If it really catches my interest, I'm logging it in as a possible spot to test using my "interest" gage spreadsheets with 1 = have to go and test, to 5 = I'll get there, someday. And yes I have blacked out the GPS and the Claim names, you didn't think I was going to X marks the spot did you?

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
GPS LONG	GPS LAT	STATE	COUNTY	TYPE L/P	CLAIMED NAME	DATE CLOSED	ACRES
66.790161	-150.742984	AZ	MAR	L		97	20.66
66.676218	-150.662973	AZ	COH	L		93	20.66
67.018066	-150.287187	AZ	MAR	L		16	20.66
67.259371	-150.191028	AZ	MAR	L		83	20.66
67.272721	-150.168164	AZ	MAR	P		11	20
67.367343	-150.124186	AZ	YAV	P		10	40
67.420273	-150.075275	AZ	MAR	P		89	40
67.452169	-150.056387	AZ	YAV	P		90	40
61.2180556	-149.9002778	AZ	MAR	P		84	20
67.489599	-149.875797	AZ	MAV	P		01	40
67.501218	-149.859013	AZ	YAV	P		92	60
67.512183	-149.849962	AZ	PAZ	L		14	20.66
67.589043	-149.786993	AZ	YAV	P		02	20
67.641649	-149.742279	AZ	MAR	L		02	20.66
67.697031	-149.731991	AZ	MAR	P		02	40
60.497802	-149.683631	AZ	MOV	P		87	20
60.496764	-149.680391	AZ	MOV	P		87	20
60.1041667	-149.4422222	AZ	YAV	L		82	20.66
60.1041667	-149.4422222	AZ	MOV	P		87	20
60.750988	-149.251146	AZ	MAR	P		89	20
60.894409	-149.0304	AZ	YAV	P		95	20
61.960602	-147.752625	AZ	MAR	L		86	20.66
64.339835	-146.713817	AZ	YAV	L		83	20.66
65.52809	-144.811109	AZ	YAV	L		95	20.66
64.078326	-141.623989	AZ	PAZ	P		87	40

All of this keeps my mind engaged and not wasting time in front of the TV, I am investing my time in my future prospecting. Which I know will pay me back many more times over than watching reruns.

Just my thoughts, I'll see you out there... someday.



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