

THE NUGGETEER



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A Message from the President Tim's Tidbits

Hello members and prospectors glad to see a big turnout this last weekend I appreciate all your support of the club thank you.

Tim Pitney
President COSGPAA

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Tonight's precious metals spot prices per Troy ounce

Year	Gold	Silver	Platinum	Palladium	Rhodium
2024	\$2,311.75	\$27.29	\$953.97	\$1,058.00	\$4,350.00
2025	\$3,154.60	\$33.84	\$993.60	\$999.30	\$5,800.00

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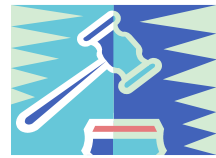


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MEETING MINUTES



May 7, 2025, COSGPAA Meeting Minutes

Attendees: 21 in person; 165 by e-mail

The May monthly meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chapter President Tim Pitney and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Tim discussed the May 2-4 outing to the Railroad Bridge (RRB) claims, attended by more than 20 members and guests. Although rain had been forecast, the weather was beautiful all three days and the water level in the Arkansas River was way down exposing a lot of mid-stream prospecting opportunities. Unfortunately, the increased access included a greater risk of falls on the exposed cobble bars which claimed one of our members twice. Also access to much of the river on this claim is very steep and would require professional rescue efforts should an injury cause a broken bone or a loss of consciousness.

“When I prospect, I always carry a long-handled, #2 round point shovel. It provides a third-leg balance point on steep or uneven terrain, can be used as a prybar to move rocks, an aide to stand up after kneeling too long, and of course, a tool to move dirt,” Alton Oakes. Members and guests were reminded that they are individually responsible for their own safety as well as the safety of their guests. A discussion with US Forest Service Rangers who were visiting the campground revealed that we should call them

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first if an emergency should occur and they will then contact and coordinate the appropriate agency response (EMT, ambulance, medi-vac, search/rescue). Most, but not all, rangers have first aid training and experience.

To support our outing participants, our sign-in sheets will add a space for an emergency contact name and phone number. Anyone prospecting (hiking, fishing, mountain biking, etc.) alone should tell someone of their plans and ask them to notify emergency services if they do not return or check-in as scheduled. (See details in April Nuggeteer Pages 10 – 11)

Chapter Treasurer Alton Oakes gave the financial report and discussed the annual Chapter picnic scheduled for Saturday, August 2nd. Details will be provided at the June 4th regular meeting. At the May RRB outing, several members donated buckets of ¼" screened paydirt to the Chapter from their respective dig locations. Three 3-gallon buckets were auctioned at the meeting. The remaining paydirt will be available at future meetings or concentrated and used in the panning station at the picnic. Alton gave a quick demonstration on the use of snuffer bottles and identifying the differences with similar looking bottles that do not work.

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The GPOC Poker Run will be Saturday, May 10th, beginning at 9:00 am at Founders Park in Florence and ending at Woody's Claim in Salida, with a picnic at noon and drawing at 4:00 pm.

After the door-prize drawing the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm. The next Chapter meeting will be on Wednesday, June 4th. Since the 4th of July Holiday will fall on a Friday this year, the membership voted to confirm our meeting date on Wednesday July 2nd.

Thanks to those who helped with the meeting set up and teardown. Thanks for this month's paydirt donations: Teresa Bailey, Alton Oakes, Jon Ray, and Tim Pitney. Thanks also to Pat Oakes, for providing fudge brownies.

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS May 7, 2024

Gold: Joel Swisher, Teresa Bailey, Tom Burke, Lorraine Siros

Silver: Dave Wheeler, Steve Sprague x2, Daryl Barnett.

Name tag draw: Lorraine Siros.

Special draw (Felix Paydirt): Dave Wheeler

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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 1st Wednesday of each month from 7pm to 9:00pm

MEETING DATES

June 4 2025

July 2 2025

Saturday August 2 2025 Picnic

September 3 2025

October 1 2025

November 5 2025

December 3 2025

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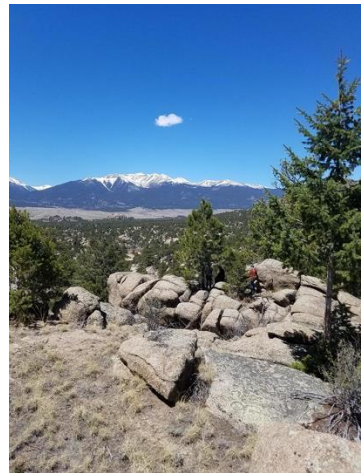
Leave a message and we will call you back.

Last day to order by phone is Oct. 9, 2025

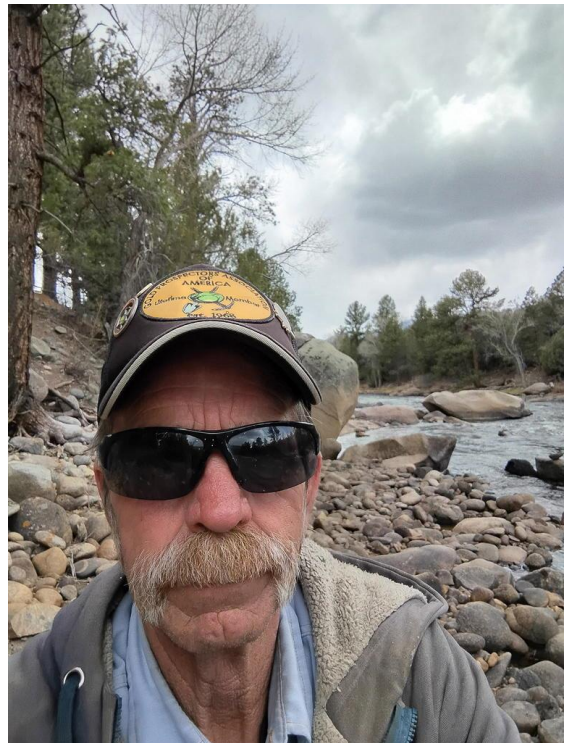
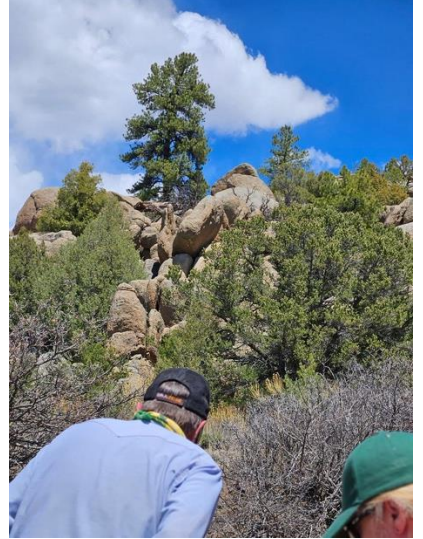
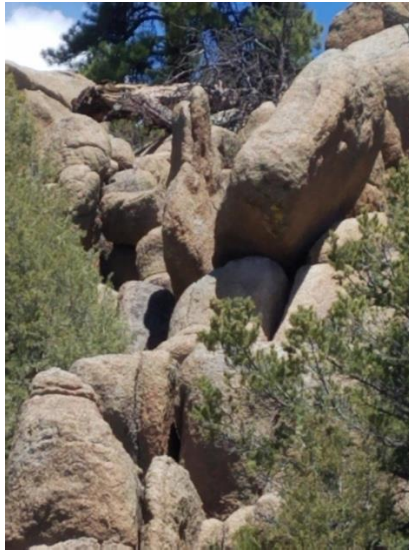
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Drawing Oct. 11th!

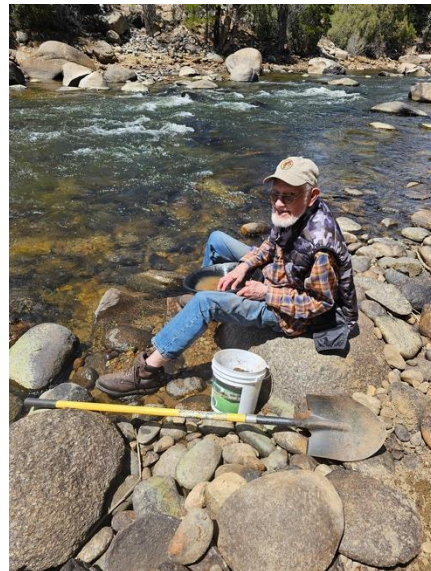
Outing at Buenavista, CO



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