



BIRD TAILINGS

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MINING PROJECT

The Board is finalizing the negotiations with Robert Reaves, aka Miner Bob, to have him move his mining equipment down to our Gene's Dream claim and run it for 10 days. Each day 8 RRPC members will have a chance to participate on this operation.

There will be a fee of \$30 to participate. **There is no guarantee of finding gold.**

A Board member will be assigned to oversee the project each day and divide up the gold at the end of the day. Details and signup sheets will be available at the February general meeting. For anyone who will not be at the February general meeting, but would like information on the outing, email the office with your request. The information will be emailed back to you.

This project will take place either the end of March or in April, depending upon water flow. Because of the uncertainty of water flow we cannot guarantee when it will happen. In fact, we are so much at nature's mercy we cannot guarantee that it will happen at all.

If a day does not sell out, or if any paid participants do not show up on their day, the take for that day will still be divided as if there were eight participants present, ten counting the Board member and Miner Bob. Those portions in excess of the number of participants present will become property of RRPC.

If anyone does not show up on their scheduled day they will not get any gold mined that day and they will not get a refund of their \$30.

Participants must be present for the entire time of the project on their day if they are to receive their share. Their share will be decreased based on the amount of time missed. The amount deducted from a full share will become property of RRPC.

We can decide later what to with any, if there is any, gold that becomes RRPC property.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

General Meetings:

3rd Thursday of the month - 7:00 PM @ Arizona American Italian Club, 7509 North 12th Street, Phoenix, AZ

Monthly outings:

Held on the weekends following the General Meeting. Guests are welcome to attend regular meetings and outings.

Board Meeting:

First Tuesday after general meeting - 7:00pm Club Office

New Member Orientation:

Club Office 7:00 p.m.. See calendar for dates.

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Member Address Change Form:

Send to: **RRPC, PO Box 56804, Phoenix, AZ 85079-6804**
or email: rrpc-office@roadrunnergold.com

Member Number: _____

Name: _____

New Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Dues/Fees:

- Annual dues are due by December 1st of each year.
- Annual Maintenance Fee (AMF = \$20.00) due by December 1st of each year.
- \$20.00 Map Packet Replacement Fee
- \$10.00 badge Replacement Fee

GENERAL MEETING RAFFLE WINNERS

Debby Colebeck	Pete Baker
Ron Matlewsky	Bill Nickel
Mary Lynn Mason	Jade Bos
Irma Van Wey (2)	Frenchie Burian
Nellie Yanez	Mary Kahabka

NEED A RIDE TO THE MEETINGS?

The following members need a ride to the monthly meetings each month. Please contact them if you can provide transportation. If you need a ride to the meetings and want to be added to this list, please email or call the office: rrpc-office@roadrunnergold.com, 602-274-2521.

Chris Williams xxx-xxx-xxxx – East Mesa
Bill Smith xxx-xxx-xxxx – South Scottsdale
Frenchie Burian xxx-xxx-xxxx – Congress

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING TO VOTE ON BY-LAW CHANGES

Per Article V, Section 1 the Board has designated the March 2010 General Meeting as a special meeting to vote on a proposed by-law change. Anyone who will not be able to attend that meeting, but would like to vote can do so by mailing in a 3x5 index card with either "Yes" or "No" written on the card along with their name and membership number. "Yes" meaning you approve the change and "No" meaning you oppose the change. The card must be received at the office before the March, 2010 meeting.

It is proposed that Article IV Section 2 be changed to say:

"The general membership meeting shall be held at a place, date and time designated by the Board of Directors with notice given of the same to the membership at least 90 days in advance."

Currently Article IV, Section says:

"The general membership meeting shall be held at a place designated by the Board of Directors on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m."

There are two reasons for proposing this change. First, the Club does not hold a meeting on the third Thursday in December which in violation of the current by-law. Sec-

ond, because of such low turnout at the July meeting, the Board is considering not holding a general meeting in July.

A vote in favor of the by-law change **IS NOT** an endorsement of canceling the July general meeting. That decision has not been made and is not part of this by-law change proposal.

*** FINAL DUES/AMF REMINDER ***

On Feb 1st, delinquent letters were mailed out to those who have not yet paid their annual dues and/or AMF. The final due date for getting your payment in is March 1st, 2010.

If you have already made your payment and your number appears on the included lists, please ignore the letter and thank you for getting your payment in before the final deadline.

For those of you whose number appears on the lists and do not get your payment in by March 1st, 2010, this will be the last newsletter you receive and you will be removed from the membership database and no longer be a member of the club and will not be allowed to prospect on any of the RRPC claims

For those of you who have paid your dues and AMF on time, the club thanks you.

If you have any questions, please email the office at rrpc-office@roadrunnergold.com or call (602) 274-2521.

NEW MEMBERS

The following folks have joined RRPC since our last newsletter. Please welcome them into our club:

Darrell & Betty Woods	Les Lennier
Michael Malach	Richard Kovalcik & Mary Rose
Todd Engel	Joe & Tamara Lorson
Bill Moore & Dianne Watkins	Jeremy & Nicole Samuelson
Russ & Angy Himley	Zack & Liz Wright
David & Karen Bell	Mike Kelly
Doug McConnell	Brendan & Tatianna Gill
Steve Coombs & Jil Nielsen	Chuck & Sarah Thiel
Stephen Storey	Dan Whitney
Wally Sislerngress	Cheri & Kent Holmgren
Fred Hanson & Charlene Wilson	
Jim & Cathy Wheeler	

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I am pleased to report that after many months of planning the Board is ready to move forward with an exciting mining opportunity (see the Mining Project article in this issue of Bird Tailings for more information). This project reflects the Boards' priority commitment to outings and finding gold. I hope there will be many pictures of much gold from this operation.

This brings me to a warning: I have gold fever, so don't take my enthusiasm as the promise of finding gold. Every time I go looking for gold I expect to find gold. Though past history tells me this rarely happens, my 'gold fever' affliction has me ignore the past and see the future with high expectations.

Another issue the Board has wrestled with is the need to contain costs. One thing we decided to do is cut the number of issues of the Club's newsletter to six a year. This issue of Bird Tailings will be our last monthly issue. Starting in March issues will be bimonthly. We have several other cost cutting measures in the mill. I will report on them when we determine what, when and how.

As the Board discussed cost-cutting, several Board members and one of the guests were very outspoken about the need to improve the website. Their rationale was that an improved website will keep members better informed and attract new members. We are investigating the cost as we begin defining the site design and content. If any of you have ideas on how to improve the website, I would appreciate your input. Call, email or mail your comments to the office.

- Bill Colebeck

OHV DECAL COMPLIANCE ENFORCEMENT CLARIFICATION

In last month's newsletter, there was an article about the OHV decal requirements for 2010. This only applies to ATVs/Quads and not to registered street use vehicles. Sorry for any confusion this may have caused.

For more information about the OHV decal process, go to the Game and Fish website:
<http://www.azqfd.gov/ohv>

DO NOT USE THE JAKE #4 CLAIM ON MAP 12



Effective immediately please do not prospect on the Jake #4 claim, claim K on Map 12. It turns out that even though we have had this claim for several years, we have been over filed on someone else's claim. You may drive thru it, camp on it, hike on it, just do not prospect on it. If you do, you will be claim jumping which is considered mineral trespass and is a violation of federal law. We will be amending map 12 shortly and will mail it as soon as possible.

-Jack Engbrecht

FEBRUARY MEETING SPEAKER

Roadrunner Club member Dr. Erik Melchiorre will be speaking to us at the February meeting about his new book *GOLD ATLAS OF RICH HILL, ARIZONA: A comprehensive guide to the occurrence and distribution of placer and lode gold in the Weaver II Mining District*. This book has over 70 color photos of nuggets from Rich Hill, including our claims, and has the purity and chemistry results for each sample. These results can be used as a "fingerprint" to identify the lode source for some placer gold. Dr. Melchiorre will also show the preliminary results on similar work at Quartzsite on our Diablo Gulch claims.

Dr. Melchiorre is a professor of geology at California State University, San Bernardino. He and his students study placer gold in Arizona and around the world. He has been a hobby prospector for two decades and worked in Arizona at the Bagdad and Morenci copper mines. He will be selling and autographing copies of his Gold Atlas of Rich Hill following the meeting.

FEBRUARY OUTING CHANGED

Because of all the rain we have received and continue to receive the Board changed the February outing to Oro De Valenzuela (map 27) where members can dredge. If the Board can get the Club's trommel operational (It has been sitting unused for so long that it needs to be overhauled.) we will have it there for members to use.

The below list of Annual Members who have not paid their Annual Dues and/or Claims Maintenance fee (AMF) for 2010. Please send in your payment by March 1, 2010 to avoid losing your RRPC membership privileges.

Member IDs Delinquent in 2010 Dues and/or AMF - (151 Members)

4529	4532	4688	4704	4724	4772	4869	4871	4899	4941	4955	4961	4978	5001
5027	5043	5059	5090	5116	5123	5149	5168	5178	5179	5199	5224	5280	5281
5283	5298	5307	5336	5403	5404	5457	5483	5501	5519	5548	5571	5585	5587
5601	5610	5618	5619	5645	5659	5678	5686	5708	5719	5734	5738	5744	5760
5761	5766	5767	5791	5793	5805	5808	5819	5824	5829	5832	5839	5841	5846
5853	5866	5875	5876	5878	5881	5883	5884	5893	5902	5918	5923	5924	5929
5931	5933	5935	5949	5953	5956	5958	5959	5960	5965	5966	5974	5983	5984
5990	5997	5998	6005	6006	6008	6011	6013	6015	6016	6018	6019	6022	6024
6027	6037	6050	6051	6052	6058	6059	6062	6063	6064	6067	6074	6077	6079
6080	6081	6082	6088	6090	6091	6093	6094	6104	6105	6109	6112	6116	6117
6118	6119	6125	6130	6131	6132	6133	6140	6141	6144	6146			

The below list of Life Members who have not paid their Annual Claims Maintenance Fee (AMF) for 2010. Please send in your payment of \$20.00 by March 1, 2010 to avoid losing your RRPC membership privileges.

Life Member IDs Delinquent in 2010 AMF -- (240 Members)

1001	1016	1017	1018	1019	1032	1036	1058	1066	1069	1080	1084	1085	1088
1091	1098	1105	1106	1110	1111	1125	1127	1152	1154	1159	1165	1171	1172
1175	1187	1190	1198	1201	1213	1219	1242	1243	1261	1271	1281	1290	1301
1305	1316	1324	1338	1340	1341	1343	1347	1352	1358	1359	1364	1376	1380
1390	1404	1408	1419	1434	1450	1459	1493	1499	1503	1527	1538	1563	1570
1572	1588	1607	1627	1639	1668	1690	1703	1710	1715	1716	1718	1730	1773
1799	1827	1853	1858	1860	1873	1954	2038	2044	2086	2092	2104	2189	2214
2223	2253	2257	2277	2286	2293	2298	2307	2314	2369	2374	2381	2401	2410
2434	2438	2552	2581	2591	2611	2620	2621	2627	2647	2659	2677	2703	2712
2743	2750	2795	2799	2802	2806	2836	2848	2856	2876	2878	2887	2914	2941
2962	3009	3012	3051	3055	3082	3128	3165	3173	3178	3181	3195	3208	3231
3236	3247	3270	3274	3295	3370	3418	3426	3438	3476	3487	3496	3498	3524
3528	3541	3548	3565	3587	3591	3599	3604	3617	3634	3656	3668	3681	4046
4052	4061	4130	4142	4143	4159	4161	4250	4264	4276	4278	4282	4310	4315
4337	4338	4344	4347	4425	4426	4475	4495	4505	4533	4560	4649	4707	4723
4756	4790	4810	4865	4893	4895	4909	4936	5053	5092	5109	5127	5132	5141
5301	5303	5313	5318	5339	5352	5419	5423	5451	5535	5595	5602	5765	6127
6159	6183												

If you have already mailed in your payment, your club thanks you. If not, please send your payment to:

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Phoenix, AZ 85079-6804

Thank You,

Bill Colebeck
Membership Chairman

BUMBLE BEE KING CLAIM REPORT

TO ALL : We checked out the Bumble Bee King claim on Jan 24th. 2010. Do you remember the big tree and sandy area where we had the hot dog lunch at the Sept outing? Well it's about 100 yards downstream and boulders, sand and river rock have filled up that area. The road that many members worked on the side across river is filled in with several feet of sand and river rock. On the lower end of claim where many members camped and worked drywashing is covered with several feet of sand and rock. The road to cross the river on the lower end is also filled in with sand and rock. Looking downstream, most of bedrock looks to be covered over with gravel bars. This area was moved by lots of water during the last storm. Good prospecting to ya all. -- Chuck 'n Sheryal Gentles

PROSPECTING BUDDY LIST

The following members are interested in teaming up with other members for prospecting.

Echo Maurer, (623) 556-4695, mritter4@cox.net

Area: Surprise

Available: Any day, Cannot drive.

Equipment: Dredge, Metal Detector, Toyota available.

Preferred claims: Any claims area

“Would like to learn dry washing.”

Ginny Poladian, (602) 246-6985, helloitsme-ginny@yahoo.com

Area: North Central Phoenix, 15th Ave/Glendale

Available: Any day, Can drive, 4WD, Beginner

Equipment: Metal detector, sluice

Preferred claims: Any/all claims

“Would like to learn metal detecting and general mineral knowledge.”

Ed Sammons, (480) 319-7731, eray4@yahoo.com

Area: Apache Junction - East Valley

Available: Any day, Can drive, 4WD

Equipment: Dry Washer, Metal detector

Preferred claims: Hayden Claims or Leave No Holes

“I’m open to trying other claims if they actually have some gold on them.”

Mike Landgraf, (602) 678-6789, bzazab@hotmail.com

Area: Apache Phoenix, 7th Ave./Dunlap - Sunnyslope

Available: Any day, Can drive, 2WD, Beginner

Equipment: High-Banker, Metal detector

Preferred claims: Turkey Creek

“Have 650cc buggy for offroad, carries a lot. I’m retired.”

Dick Tucek, (623) 975-2849

Area: Surprise

Available: Any day but Sunday, Can not drive

Equipment: High-Banker

Preferred claims: Stanton area, Leave No Holes, Bumble-
bee King

Randall Stockwood, (928) 501-7907, ran1mo@aol.com

Area: Pleasant Harbor Resort, Peoria

Available: All days except Sunday, Can drive, 4WD

Equipment: Dry washer, Metal detector

Preferred claims: Any and all

“Need some one to be with”

Loyd Tjernagel, (605) 695-8452

Area: Wickenburg, AZ

Available: Tues, Wed, Thurs, Can drive, 4WD, Experi-
enced

Equipment: Dry Washer, Metal Detector

Preferred claims: Vulture Mine/Red Basin Claims, Mor-
ristown Claims

Mike Kelly, (602) 696-0655, Email:

cun7098@yahoo.com

Area: Phoenix, AZ

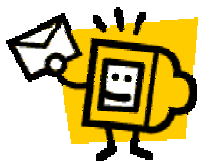
Available: Sun, Mon, Tues, Can drive, 2WD, Beginner

Equipment: Metal Detector

Preferred claims: Any

NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

We had a good response from the membership requesting this feature. If you haven’t done so, please consider using this option. By having your monthly newsletter sent to your email address, you will receive the newsletter about a week sooner and you will see the content in living color. Our early subscribers have commented on how much better the pictures appear and like getting it sooner in the month. So, if you would like to participate in this, send an email to



rrpc-office@roadrunnergold.com

asking to be placed on the email mailing list. Thank you.

CLASSIFIEDS FOR SALE

Life Membership #1061, \$300.00. Buyer to pay transfer fee. Buyer must already be a RRPC member in good standing. Call Debby at xxx-xxx-xxxx .

Life Membership #2871, \$350.00. Buyer to pay transfer fee. Buyer must already be a RRPC member in good standing. Call Jim at xxx-xxx-xxxx .

For Sale: **Keene model DW212V Drywasher/Puffer**, 12 volt powered or hand crank operation, Excellent Condition 450.00 Kolpin ATV Universal Rear drop basket rack w/tailgate, 75.00. Front ATV Universal basket 50.00. Call Tony or Tammy at xxx-xxx-xxxx

For Sale: **Gold Grabber II** w/5HP engine/140GPH pump \$700. **Dahlke 4” dredge** w/4HP engine/200 GPH pump \$1800. Many extras. Cash only. Please call Tom at xxx-xxx-xxxx or cell xxx-xxx-xxxx . Go to tgbproperties.com for more info.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONTH	GENERAL MEETING	BOARD MEETING	RRPC OUTING/EVENT	LOCATION	Non-RRPC EVENT
Sep-09	09/17/09	09/22/09	09/19/09	Bumble Bee King	
Oct-09	10/15/09	10/20/09	10/17/09	Bumble Bee King	10/10/09
Nov-09	11/19 (Annual Meeting)	11/24/09	11/14/09 Annual Coin Shoot	Leave No Holes	
Dec-09	None	12/15/09	12/12/09	Sahuaro Ranch Park	
Jan-10	01/21/10	01/26/10	01/23/10	Red Basin	(Canceled)
Feb-10	02/18/10	02/23/10	02/20/10	Oro De Valenzuela (map 27) **	Feb 13-14 Gold Show
Mar-10	03/18/10	03/23/10	03/20/10	Red Basin Claims (map 13) **	
Apr-10	04/15/10	04/20/10	04/17/10	Betty Claims	Spring Picnic
May-10	05/20/10	05/25/10	05/22/10	Turkey Creek Claims	
Jun-10	06/17/10	06/22/10	06/19/10	Turkey Creek Claims	
Jul-10	07/15/10	07/20/10	07/17/10	Turkey Creek Claims	
Aug-10	08/19/10	08/24/10	08/21/10	Turkey Creek Claims	

** = Change from previous schedule