IN MEMORY OF REX O. DRAKE

Past RRPC club president Rex Drake passed Away on August 14th, 2012 at home in Dewey Arizona. Rex was born October 12th, 1940 in Panama City Florida. He proudly served as a Gunny Sergeant in the Marine Corps and served two tours in Vietnam. He retired from the Marine Corps in 1972. Rex developed a passion for Gold prospecting and Civil war reenacting. He was president of the Roadrunners Prospecting Club from 2001 to 2008. He kept the club vibrant and successful earning respect and friendship from many members who will dearly miss seeing him at cub functions. Rex is survived by his loving and faithful wife Roslyn, 2 daughters, Kristin and Magen and his son Cody. Rex was blessed with 6 grandchildren, Emily age 14, Jacob age 13, Kyle age 11, Clayton age 9, William age 5 and Jaxson age 6 months.
MONTHLY MEETINGS

General Meetings:
3rd Thursday of the month - 7:00 PM @ Arizona American Italian club 7509 North 12th St. Phoenix, AZ

Monthly outings:
Held on the weekends following the Third Thursday of the month. Guests are welcome to attend regular meetings and outings.

Board Meeting:
forth Tuesday of the month - 7:00pm Club Office

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

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Phoenix, AZ 85079

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http://www.roadrunnergold.com

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Phoenix, AZ 85017-5023
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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: ____________________________

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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
PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We finally had an outing in August and it went well thanks to Chuck and Sheryl Gentles. The pictures are in the newsletter. Now that autumn is approaching I expect we will have some fine outings and we are trying to put together a coin shoot for November. More on that topic to follow.

In September we nominate persons to serve in the positions officers and members on board. This year we have the positions of President and Secretary up for election and two board positions that are for a three year term. Anyone wishing to serve in any of those positions should be nominated at the September General Meeting. Those persons may then stand up at the October meeting and state their positions. The final list of nominees is determined at the October meeting and then the election occurs in November with the ballots counted at the November meeting. In a separate article in this newsletter the job descriptions will be set forth. There is work associated with the positions and I suggest you read the job descriptions. So if anyone wants to serve they should make their wishes known.

As many of you know if you have attended a meeting or read your newsletter in recent months, BLM has changed the rules on how they charge annual maintenance fees. We are now required to pay $140.00 for each 20 acres of claims we have, instead of $140.00 per claim. That means that for our 160 acre claims we now have to pay eight times $140.00 or $1120.00 by September 1st. Jack Engbrecht with some significant help from Bob Wierzal and Pete Baker was able to amend some of our larger claims, reducing the size by eliminating some of the unproductive acreage. Those amended locations were recorded in the appropriate counties during the month of August. Our claim maps have also been changed and will be sent to you soon. This was a lot of work and Jack, Pete and Bob deserve our sincere thanks. By the time you receive this newsletter the fees will have been paid to BLM. Previously we circulated a questionnaire/survey and members did not favor dropping a large number of claims. Even though we removed several hundred acres and dropped 4 claims, the large increase in fees we paid to BLM this year means that we will have to raise the AMF to members this year to $44.00. Even though this is a large percentage increase, it is a yearly fee and each time I go out to one of our many claims, I spend that amount on gas. We all know the price of gas has doubled in the last few years, but so has the price of gold. Having said that, we realize that this increase will be a financial burden on some and we expect to loose some members as a result. It will be a while before we know the impact of this, as our fees are due to BLM in August and we do not start collecting AMF from our members until November.

Our By-laws speak to the issue of increasing the AMF fees when they are increased by BLM, but an amendment to our By-laws is necessary for the purpose of clarity. When the AMF fees originated, they were imposed on a “per claim” basis and the BLM did not care about the number of acres in the claim. Our By-laws dealt with the AMF fees on a per claim basis as well. The BLM rules have changed; they now look to the number of acres in any given claim. This means our By-laws need to be amended to take this fact into consideration. Starting in October our “Claims Patrol” will begin in earnest. We want to be sure all holes re being filled in and we want to be certain that those persons prospecting on our claims are members. Therefore we are taking the action that I described in prior newsletters. Lastly, I would like to remind everyone that the months of August and September have more snakebites than the other months. This is because the baby snakes are born in late July and he monsoons lower the temperatures and more people are out and about. The young snakes have very potent venom and no loud rattles to warn. Please be careful and if you or someone with you is bitten, get to a hospital as quick as possible.

In closing, have a good month.
Frederick Horn, President
BUDDY LIST

Echo Maurer, (623) 377-0808, mriter4@cox.net
Area: Surprise
Available: Any day, Cannot drive.
Equipment: Drywasher, Dredge, Hi-banker, final recovery systems. Have pickup. Limited driving due to vision problems. Preferred claims: Any claims area

Dick Tucek, (623) 975-2849
Area: Surprise
Available: Any day but Sunday, Can not drive
Equipment: Metal Detector Preferred claims: Stanton area, Leave No Holes, Bumblebee King

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 off road, carries a lot. I’m retired.”

Randall Stockwood, (928) 501-7901, 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”

Don Tennis, (575) 535-4463
Area: Meyer, AZ.
Available: Fri., Sat., Sun., Can drive, 2WD
Equipment: 2 ½” High-Banker, other misc.
Preferred claims: Big Bug 1&2, Turkey Creek claims, Mercers I am open to suggestions. Please call and we can go from there.”

Rich Nipko, 321 432-8209, Email: rknipko@yahoo.com
Area: Goodyear
Available: All days, Can drive, 2WD, Experienced
Equipment: Metal detector, panning
Preferred claims: Any New to club, recently retired”

Michael Schratt, 815 814-2145, Email: auroracad5@aol.com
Area: Tempe
Available: Saturdays, Sundays, Can drive
Equipment: Metal Detector, pan
Preferred Claims: all claims
Interests: Nugget hunting, coin hunting, ancient artifacts, antique treasure maps, tales of lost or buried treasure
Area: Phoenix

Brian Venetz, 602 486-5976, Email: bvenetz83@gmail.com
Available: Fridays, Saturdays, Can drive, 2wd, Beginner
Equipment: Sluice, Pan
Preferred Claims: All

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

Eugene Hemphill Mesa, AZ
David Gatlin & Brenda Strothmann Cave Creek, AZ

VIP winners at the July meeting:
- Harold Stover – Office Support
- Al Childers – Meeting Support
- Leon Dibbern - Refreshments

August Outing in the Pines

Saturday, Aug 18th, was a great day to spend some time on the Betty claims for the outing. Cool breezes, some shade and fun was shared at the Team Blindfold panning contest, WHAT !! YOU SAID BLINDFOLD. Yay, what a kick, sounds crazy, seems impossible but after seeing the size of the nuggets for 1st place made you BELIEVE we can do it. Thanks to all the members that came and joined in for the activity. Even had a MIRACLE, got the ice cream there without melting, and some brownies from Chris & Judy Smith. Several members were informed on the locations of the claims - where the Gold is better and bigger. We have a great prospecting club and a great Board to take care of it. Special appreciation to all they do. Best of luck to all. God bless, Chuck & Sheryal

The RRPC Board of Directors and the Roadrunners prospectors club wants to acknowledge the time, effort, and work that Chuck and Sheryal have done to put on club outings in the Prescott National Forest. Their enthusiasm good cheer and friendliness furthers the intent of our club to make gold prospecting fun and informative.

A BIG THANKS AND HUGS FROM ALL OF US AT THE RRPC.
Help Roadrunners “Go Green” and go for the GOLD

For every 20 Roadrunner members that sign up to receive our monthly newsletter in their email, we will have a drawing for a gold nugget in the weight range of .3 to .4 dwt. We are making this offer through the rest of this year and it is for those members that do not currently receive our newsletter electronically.

The emailed version of the newsletter is in color, making the claim maps and photos sharper and picture perfect. Also, the newsletter arrives a week earlier than the mailed copies, making announcements timelier. You can save copies on your computer as a future resource for later review, either on the screen or by printing a paper copy. Most importantly, you will be doing your small part in helping us “go green” and also save your club postage and printing costs.

You can sign up now by sending us an email address along with your name, member number and home address to rrpc-office@roadrunnergold.com. Please use “Sign Me Up!” in the subject field. Or, fill out the attached form and mail it to our office.

Winners will be announced in future newsletters and a gold nugget will be mailed to the members address. Also, a member must be in good standing and only one entry per member.

Yes, I want to “Go Green” and go for the GOLD

Name and Member Number:
Address:
Email address:

Please mail this form to: RRPC, PO Box 56804, Phoenix, AZ 85079

September 2012 Classifieds

**For Sale:** Life Membership #3662. $400, Buyer pays $250 transfer fee.
   Please call Ken at: (602) 978-6789.

**For Sale:** Life Membership #1155. $400, Buyer pays $250 transfer fee.
   Please call Kathleen at: (928) 772-5892.

**For Sale:** Life Membership #2619. $400, Buyer pays $250 transfer fee.
   Please call Richard at: (928) 684-3738.
Sheryal checking the number of BB’s in the Blind panning contest.

Blind panning contest winners Bruce Myers and Don Christ.

Looking for those elusive BB’s in the Blind Panning contest.

Check out the size of the Gold Nuggets the winners of the Blind Panning contest received for their prize.  
WOW! WOW! WOW! WOW!
A great prize made by Chuck. Looks like they are happy. Fun and prizes too. What a good time. Winners Chris and Judy Smith.

Blind folded or not the BB’s were found after a lot of fun and laughs.
Roadrunner Prospectors Club, Inc.

Please use this form to make Dues or AMF payments and for ordering replacement Maps or Badges

Name: ____________________________ Member Number: ______

Street Address: _____________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip: __________________________________________________________________

Phone Number: ________________________________________________________________

Replacement Maps: $20.00. Replacement Badges: $10.00 each.

Dues Pymt: $__________ AMF Pymt: $_______ Maps Pymt:$_______ Badges(s) Pymt: $_______

Name as you want it to appear on the badge: _______________________________________

(Second name): _______________________________________________________________

Please make Check or Money Order payable to: Roadrunner Prospectors Club, Inc.
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Use this form if paying with a credit or debit card
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Credit/Debit Card:  VISA  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  Total Amount: ______

Card Number: ________________________________________________ Exp. Date: ____/______

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Billing Address:

First Name: ___________________ Last Name: __________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________________

City: __________________________ State: __________ ZIP: __________

Phone Number: ___________________ Member Number: ____________________

Signature: __________________________ Date: __________________________

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**Job Duties for the Coming Election**

Below is a list of some but not all of the duties and responsibilities of the open positions for this November’s election:

**President:**
- Responsible for the overall operation of the club.
- Preside over the General and Board meetings.
- Provide backup for the Treasurer during absences.
- Required to attend both monthly meetings.

**Secretary:**
- Record the minutes of the General and Board meetings.
- Maintain the master file of the meeting minutes.
- Assure that historical records are retained including the newsletter (Bird Tailings) file.
- Required to attend both monthly meetings.

**Board Members (some but not all of the following):**
- Assist with various club functions such as the Coin Shoot and Picnic.
- Lead claims marking and maintenance events.
- Research future claims and evaluate existing claims.
- Lead outings.
- Assist with publishing the monthly newsletter.
- Required to attend both monthly meetings.

### Secretary Job Description

The Secretary is responsible for maintaining the records of the club. In this capacity, the Secretary is charged with maintaining the business procedures and ensuring that they are followed, reviewed and updated annually.

Specific duties of this position include:
- Recording the minutes of the General and Board meetings.
- Maintain the master file of the meeting minutes.
- Manage the Board Assignments file (the Board To-Do list)
- Develop and maintain the records retention schedules for all Club documents in accordance with the Records Retention guidelines.

**REX DRAKE**
President

The President is responsible for the overall operation of the Club. In this capacity, the President oversees the general functions of the club and implements the Club By-laws and Rules and Regulations.

Some of the specific duties:
- Supervise the Office Manager.
- Deal with membership issues.
- Review the Monthly Planning Guide at the monthly Board Meeting.
- Deal with questions and issues.
- Act as liaison with outside contacts such as press releases and publications.
- Approve newsletter content and format.
- Sees that business procedures are documented and followed.
- Sign or countersign all certificates, contracts and other instruments of the Club.
- Conduct the General meeting.
- Manage the VIP drawings.
- Manage the annual Club property inventory.

Along with the Treasurer:
- Purchase the gold used by the Club.
- Cosign checks as required by the By-laws.
- Renew rental agreement for the office.
- Renew Commercial Liability Ins. and Directors & Officers Ins.
- Renew the rental agreement with the general meeting provider.
- File Annual Report with the Arizona Corporation Commission.
- File Trade Name Status with the Arizona Secretary of State.

The President is required to attend all General and Board meetings and provide input as applicable on issues up for discussion.

IN MEMORY OF REX DRAKE

I met Rex Drake thru the Roadrunners Prospectors Club when he became president in 2001. In 2002 Rex talked me and many others into sitting on the Board of Directors to fill a few vacant positions. During this time the club was going through some challenges with the organization and business of the club and needed the guidance and energy that Rex displayed during his tenure as club president.

Rex had a way of getting others to follow and spent a lot of time organizing various committees to get the clubs work done and revamping the way the clubs finances were accounted for. He worked tirelessly for the club and was always at the club functions and outings.

Rex’s family had to sacrifice some time with him as he was always involved in club business or an outing. He made room for everyone so the sacrifice would be less painful. I remember him planning to attend some Civil War reenactments with his son Cody and he would speak about the events and the fun that was had during those times. When possible his wife Roslyn would join him at the outings and would help out with what ever needed doing. They truly represented the Family aspect of being a Roadrunner member and we always looked forward to seeing them at the club functions.

For those club members who have never met Rex and had the opportunity to swap stories with him you may not understand the loss we feel over Rex’s passing. His leadership and enthusiasm during his term as RRPC club president is what makes the club what it is today and kept it going in the right direction to succeed. His smile and friendship will be missed the most by us all. May God bless Rex and his family.

Bill Nickel
Editor and Friend
Pro Gold Prospecting Equipment & Supplies is now the new distributor of the clothing and products for the club, you can go directly to the mining shop to purchase your shirts hats and decals, also Pro-Gold will be soon be offering some new items, such as hat pins Car window decals, Sweat pants and many more neat new things to show your support of the club. If you plan to go and buy the product from the store keep in mind that they will want to see that you are a current member so be sure to bring your current membership card, The store does not want to be selling club merchandise to non members. You can reach the mining shop at 623-670-9732 if you have any questions.
## RRPC Calendar of Events

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Support the 1872 Mining Law