PRESIDENTS CORNER

The Spring Picnic was a success; everything went as planned. Chuck and Sheryl and others including Herbie, marked out the picnic area in advance and held on to it, or another group would have moved in and occupied the space despite the fact that we had the porta-potties delivered in advance. While we own the claim, that means we own the right to the minerals on the claim (think gold). We do not have the right to exclude others on the claim for different purposes such as hiking, riding and the like. The weather was perfect, the gold nuggets and the tickets arrived on time, the tables and other equipment were brought in, the battery powered public address system worked, the pan toss event and the panning contests were a lot of fun and last, but not least, the truck from Famous Dave’s’ BBQ arrived and set up the food service on time. As they were never to the site before, I had some concern that they could become lost or arrive late in spite of the fact that I gave good directions and was standing by with a cell phone. Everything went well and there was plenty of very good food. We look forward to doing it again next year about the same time. If we schedule the picnic earlier we risk encountering bad weather; in fact about two weeks earlier I ran into sleet and very cool weather while out prospecting. No, let me restate that; it was cold out there. If we wait to much later in the spring, it gets too hot and the forest may be closed due to the danger of fire. We, the Board, would like to see a larger turn out at the picnic. We do realize it’s a lengthy drive from Phoenix to get to the claim, but after all, we are a prospecting club. Fortunately, the claim is accessible by car and there is enough area to park and still have room to socialize. Next month, on May 19th, our outing is at Turkey Creek on the Mercer claim found on map # 8. This outing is being hosted by Chuck and Cheryl and there will be a blindfold panning contest, with prizes and nuggets. This is to be followed by ice cream and brownies and Chuck and Sheryl and the other members that are helping them deserve our sincere thanks. The weather is getting warmer and many members are heading for cooler locations. I do suggest that any members that can make it, attend the May outing. There is gold to be found on Turkey Creek and Chuck and Sheryl always seem to have some good luck. I have seen good gold taken by others working on Turkey Creek claims, but the ground does not give up its gold without a struggle. Now that we are back at the American Italian Club for our monthly meetings on the third Thursday of the month, I suggest you attend. We usually have a good speaker and everyone has the opportunity to meet and get acquainted with other club members. I look forward to seeing you there. Be safe out there and have fun. See you next month.

Frederick Horn, President
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:
forthTuesday of the month - 7:00pm Club Office

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

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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
How to Get Your Website Username and Password

In order to get your website username and password, you must have a valid email address on file with the club. Simply email a request to the office at: rrpc-office@roadrunnergold.com and we will send you your username and password. It’s that easy. Please remember that if your dues and AMF are not current by March 1st your website members section access privileges will be revoked.

WEBSITE

Don’t forget to check the Forum on the website. Lots of folks are posting interesting topics. If you want to find out if the water is running in Bumble Bee?? Post a question on the forum. It’s a great tool for information exchange. Want to get rid of that old sluice taking up space in your garage? It’s also a good way to place your classified ads for buying and selling. And, don’t forget to the Buddy List area for other folks looking for someone to go out with. It’s always better to share the fun and pain.

Following is a list of new members who joined since the Last newsletter was published.

Please welcome them into our club:

Tim Whalen Peoria, AZ
Danny Cline & Pat Thompson Prescott, AZ
Heidi Speed Sun City, AZ
Nick Faunce Phoenix, AZ
Mark & Cindy Crews Fair Grove, MO
Dave Riley & Kris Schirmer Humboldt, AZ
Jeffery & Joanna Duncan Phoenix, AZ
Walter Warner Prescott, AZ
Daniel Evans Surprise, AZ
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Patrick & Lesley Knaggs Chandler, AZ
David Black Phoenix, AZ
Aaron Cohen & Suzanne Edwards Sedona, AZ
Fred & Diane Alber Phoenix, AZ

BUDDY LIST CONT.

Echo Maurer, (623) 377-0808, 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.”

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 offroad, 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”

Loyd Tjernagel, (605) 695-8452
Area: Wickenburg, AZ
Available: Tues, Wed, Thurs, Can drive, 4WD, Experienced
Equipment: Dry Washer, Metal Detector
Preferred claims: Vulture Mine/Red Basin Claims, Morristown Claims

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
VIP winners at the April meeting:
- Max Suggs – Claims Maintenance.
- Harold Stove – Office Support.
- Bruce Myers – Claims Maintenance.

Be Careful Out There…..
With the onset of triple digit temperatures in central Arizona, the Banner Poison Control Center reminds residents to use extra caution and keep a watchful eye when walking, hiking or climbing in the desert and surrounding mountain parks. Homeowners living near these areas should also be aware of these desert dwellers. Victims of a snakebite should remain as calm as possible and seek immediate medical attention from a hospital emergency room, where they can be evaluated and, if needed, receive antivenin and other treatment.

Tips to follow if a rattlesnake has bitten you:

- **DO NOT** apply ice to the bite site or immerse the bite in a bucket of ice.
- **DO NOT** cut the bite site or try to suck out the venom. Leave the bite alone.
- **DO NOT** try to capture the snake to bring it to the hospital. Identification of the snake is not necessary for treatment. Besides that, you could be bitten again.
- **DO NOT** use a constricting band, cloth or tourniquet. It’s important not to restrict blood flow in any manner.
- If bitten on the hand, remove all jewelry from the bite area as soon as possible because the area can swell up quickly.
- **Call “911” or the Banner Poison Control Center at 1 (800) 222-1222.**

For other medical treatment, the following list will guide you to the nearest medical facility. Please note that these facilities may be 20 or more miles from the claims so please be safe while out on the claims. As always, be sure to tell someone where you are going and when you will return.

**Quartzite area**
Quartzsite Hospital
300 N. 6th Street
P.O. Box 50
Palm Desert, AZ 85380
Phone (760) 922-4115

**Wickenburg area**
Wickenburg Regional Hospital
200 E. Main Street
Wickenburg, AZ 85390
Phone (928) 684-5421

**Prescott area**
Yavapai Regional Medical Center
1003 Willow Creek Road
Prescott, AZ 8630
Phone (928) 445-2700

**North Central Phoenix area**
John C. Lincoln Deer Valley
19829 N. 27th Ave
Phoenix, AZ
Phone (623) 879-6100

**North West Phoenix area**
Yavapai Regional Medical Center
19829 N. 27th Ave.
Phoenix, AZ
Phone (623) 879-6100

**SE Maricopa County/Pinal County**
Arrowhead Hospital
18701 N. 67th Ave.
Glendale, AZ 85308
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**May 2012 Classifieds**

**For Sale:** 4” x 6” Toggle Jaw crusher, 14” x 9” Impact Mill with internal classifier, 10 HP Wisconsin drive 1 ton per hour capacity, 4” x 6” toggle jaw is adjustable down to 3/16” Impact Mill will accept 1/2” and crush down to face powder, depending on classifier screen used. Check out ad on craigslist under mining equipment for pictures. $5200OBO. Golden Valley, AZ. Call Lin at (928) 565-7247

**For Sale:** Black Magic Fine Gold Recovery System. 3” by 8”. Comes with pump and a 20 mesh screen. Also a homemade sleeve to protect the unit for storage. $85 Call Chuck at 623-362-1999.


**For Sale:** Pacific Hydrostar 1.5” gas powered clear water pump with 99cc 4 stroke OHV engine. Pump rated 75 gpm, 79 foot discharge head, 26 foot suction head, max pressure 34 psi. Comes with intake strainer with hose, clamps, 1.5” fitting and instruction book. Like new and never used in field. Purchased 12/2011 at Harbor Freight for total $185 plus cost of hose and fitting. Will sell for $120. Call Bruce at 623-582-4481 north Phoenix.

**For Sale:** 2000 Honda 450 Quad with tow-behind trailer. New battery, almost new tires. Has mirror & horn - street legal. Also has a winch, cooler & gas can carrier and a spot light, lighter socket. $2,500.00. Call Bill at (602) 348-8261

**For Sale:** Life Membership #2992. $400 plus transfer fee. Call Bob at 775-442-0233

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Roadrunner Prospectors Club, Inc.

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MAY OUTING – May 19th

Coming soon!! May Outing – May 19th, 2012. Nuggets & Prizes. 2nd Annual Blindfold Panning Contest and Ice Cream Party!! Turkey creek, Map #8, Mercer Claim. Dredging, Sluicing, Panning. (Instruction if needed)
Panning contest 11:00 am - Ice cream and Brownies to follow.
Come, enjoy and have fun and hopefully find gold !!!!
A Story about Treasures and Ghosts

One of the real knowledgeable miners during the heyday of mining in Arizona in the 1870's and 1880's was a man named Fermin Mejia. He helped develop some of the rich mines in the Prescott area, ran some of the recovery mills, and located a number of excellent mines.

During a bad storm he located some really rich quartz ore. In the November 1883 issue of the Prescott Miner paper the story appears as follows:

Two years ago Fermin Mejia found near the old Senator Mills, on the upper Hassayampa, seven pounds of gold quartz ore, from which he extracted $414.00, calculating gold at $18.00 an ounce. Since that time he has on various occasions made search for the rich source from which this ore came.

Although this report is not fully clear it would seem that he has found a very rich float and had not located the exact vein it came from. Float material is sometimes found quite a distance from the actual quartz vein.

Mr. Mejia waited two years after finding this bonanza ore to report the find to the Prescott paper. Being an experienced prospector, I wondered if he didn't file a mining claim on the area where he picked up the specimen. I checked Yavapai County claims for that two-year period, and sure enough he filed two claims in May and July of 1882.

The first was aptly named the “New Senator” and his description was as follows: "Situated about one mile northeasterly from the old Senator Mine and some 700 - 800 feet east of the Senator Mill." The second claim was named the "Mamon" and adjoined the first claim on the north end.

This is a very accessible area going out Mount Vernon Street on the Senator Highway until you look down at the old Senator. The mill at this point is up to your left. What a super place to try to find another chunk of quartz that is 1/3 gold, using our modern detectors. Even better than that would be finding the vein it came from. We will permit the first two members finding some of this ore to display it at the general meeting and brag. Good Luck!

Another Treasure Story

Somewhere, 20 to 30 miles southeast from Salome, Arizona is a rich red clay ledge of gold.

A rancher in the 1960's was in his pickup looking after his cattle. He was attracted to a red clay ledge and stopped to examine it more closely. He noticed shining particles in the clay. It was gold! He loaded a fair amount in the truck, drove home and contacted a prospector friend to find out what he thought about the samples. The prospector's eyes grew wide just looking at the clay. Panning brought enough gold to easily see that the rancher had found a real bonanza. Plans were made to mine the deposit as soon as the rancher could return from Colorado where he was closing a land deal. Unfortunately, in Colorado he suffered a heart attack and died. The prospector and his friend, a Mr. Rush, who still lives in the Salome area, made attempts to find the ledge, but to no avail. This ledge would be a rich prize for a finder. Seldom can you prospect for something like this while driving in your vehicle. If you do and you "see red" let me know!
Red Basin
New location & New Test
This came from 6
buckets of 1/4 inch
classified; drywashing
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.
Support the 1872 Mining Law

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