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Thars Gold in Them Thar Hills....

Annual Food & Personal Hygiene Drive

This year we are again collecting non-perishable food and personal hygiene items (combs, tooth-brushes, toothpaste, floss, deodorant, etc.) to donate to the **Morning Star Boys Ranch**. Last year the socks and underwear were greatly appreciated as was the food. These are teenage boys and as most of you know, a teenager can eat a lot of food.

We are also taking donations for the **Women's Shelter**. Items such as clothes and personal hygiene products are in great demand. They are also needing your used cell phones, working or not.

Bring your donations and get a ticket for each item you bring. Tickets will be drawn for prizes at our **Annual Christmas Potluck** held at the Rathdrum Senior Center on Sunday, December 16th from 1pm to 5pm. (Setup at noon) We will hold a White Elephant Gift Exchange and have lots of FUN for the whole family.

Mark your calendar and bring your donations to the meetings!

THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A PIONEER

This morning Mr. Arcane, with our assistance, made an arrangement with these people to give them his two oxen; and they were to take him and his wife and child, to the sea-shore, at a place called San Pedro, from which place he hoped, in some way, to get passage to San Francisco in a sailing vessel. He had no money, and no property to sell, except perhaps his spy-glass, worth about ten dollars. With this poor prospect before him he started for the sea. He bade Bennett's folks good-bye, then came to me and put a light gold ring on my finger, saying that it and his interest in the little mule were mine. Then he gave his silver watch to Rogers and said it was all he had to give him, but if he had a million dollars, he would divide, and still think it a small compensation for the faithful services 265 we had rendered him. "I can never repay you," said he, "for I owe you a debt that is beyond compensation. You have saved our lives, and have done it when you knew you could get nothing for it. I hope we will meet again, and when we do you will be welcome. If you hear of me anywhere, come and see me, for I want to tell my friends who Manly and

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Notice

The phone number for the NorthWest Gold Prospectors Association is
(208)262-6518

Email: info@nwgoldprospectors.org

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www.nwgoldprospectors.org

November Refreshment List

Russ Brown; Steve Burris; Mike & Nadene Ferry

We need more volunteers. Would like to have at least 3 people per month.

Sign up at the meeting.

The Northwest Gold Prospectors Association meets

at 7:00pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Rathdrum Senior Center located at 8037 W Montana Street, Rathdrum, ID

Our regular outings (May thru October) are at Eagle City Park the weekend following the monthly meeting with a potluck at 4pm on Saturday. Other outings will be announced by the President and posted in the newsletter. November thru March members are invited to meet each Saturday morning at 8:00AM at Kootenai Medical Center Cafeteria in Coeur d'Alene to solve the world's problems. Please join us.



Letters to the Editor & Other fun "Stuff"

By "GoldFever Bob" Lowe, Editor



Set Your Sluice Correctly For Proper Flow

The perfect setup will depend on the specific model and style of sluice box that you are using, but in general the requirements are similar. You need to have a decent

flow of water that will move material over the riffles; enough flow that lighter materials will move out of the sluice and be discharged out he back.

Remember that you want to do some sampling with a gold pan before you bother to set up your sluice. Proper sampling will ensure that you are working in a productive area with enough go to justify using a sluice box.

If you haven't ever used a sluice before then it will take a little trial and error to get it going right. Set the sluice up so that water flows through the box. If the stream has limited water flow then you might need to move around a bit to find a good spot. Ideally, the spot you chose will be relatively shallow so that you will only have an inch or so of water running over the riffles.

In streams with limited flow, this will probably require that you arrange rocks in a V-shape at the head of the box to channel more water into the head of the sluice.

Use a few heavier rocks to lock the box in the stream channel.

You want the sluice to be relatively flat, with just a slight downward angle. This will help move the lighter stuff out of the box, but you don't want to much angle. Just an inch or two higher on the head than at the back of the box will work just fine in most instances. Again, the proper adjustments will depend on the water flows.

You want the speed of water running through

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Meeting Minutes October 12 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Wayne McCarroll at 7:05 PM and Wayne led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary Mary Lowe and were moved and seconded to approve as read.

The treasurer's report was read by Treasurer Diane McCarroll and was moved and seconded to approve as read.

Wayne welcomed 31 members and 1 guest.

The evening's program to be presented was a video "Gold Mining in the Yukon."

Under Old Business Wayne reminded us that at the January meeting we will need three new directors and to notify one of our current directors of your intentions to run for the position ASAP.

All officers' positions will have to be elected at the April meeting and all nominations must be in by March. The open positions are President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Sargent-at-Arms.

Additionally, we will need someone to take over setting up the sound system by April. The Lindahl's will be stepping down. See Ken for more information.

Under New Business Wayne passed around the 2019 refreshment list, three people per month is appreciated.

The last outing of the year is scheduled for October 13 and will be a chili potluck.

Also, beginning November 3rd 8:00 AM at Kootenai Medical Center cafeteria will be the start of the Saturday breakfasts.

Under Legislative and Regulatory Updates was a lucrative business called "sue and settle" used by environmental groups and supported by previous administrations. As an example, the DOI announced that \$4.4 billion was awarded in settlements

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and consent decrees between January 2012 and January 2017, that averages more than \$800 million in taxpayer dollars per year. In the past year the DOI was a party in 96 settlements or consent decrees and paid out more than \$1.7 billion. Note that many of the settlements were not disclosed to the public.

The DOI's fix is to publish details of ongoing litigation and public notices for proposed consent decrees in the Federal Register and allow at least 30 days for public comment, create a

searchable database of judicial rulings, consent decrees or settlement agreement that requires the agency to commit funds or to see budget appropriation or authorization.

Comments are needed on Forest Service part 228 Regulations. On 9/13/2018 the USFS published an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rule-making and request for comment. The agency is considering changes to The Code of Federal Regulations that govern locatable minerals.

Because they lost a court case in 2003 they are trying to codify a 14 day limit for camping on USFS lands and they want to require bonding on activities that were previously exempt of which there is no listing of these activities.

The PLP presented 412 complaints from miners along with a summary of the complaints and suggested fixes. In the PLP's opinion the USFS needs to make drastic changes to remove obstructions to access, expand the definition of casual use, define suction gold dredging as deminimus, remove or significantly lengthen occupancy limitations for those actively engaged in exploration or mining, set firm time limits for approvals of notices and plans based on the acreage involved and provide for approval by operation of law if those time limits are not met and redefine significant disturbance.

Comments can be submitted on line at www.regulations.gov; put FS-2018-0052 in the search bar and hit enter. This will bring up a link to all the documents related to this proposed

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Grubstakin', Swappin' & Peddlin'

Rogers are, and how you helped us. Good Bye!" There were tears in his eyes, voice full of emotion, and the firm clasp of his hand told how earnest he was, and that he felt more than he could speak.

He helped Mrs. Arcane on her horse, then gave Charlie to her, and, amid waving hands and many *adios* from our new-found friends, with repeated "good byes" from the old ones, they rode away. Mrs. Arcane could hardly speak when she bade us farewell, she was so much affected. They had about sixty miles to ride to reach the sea, and as she rode on a man's saddle, and was unused to riding, I knew she would be sadly wearied before she reached the coast.

Our little train now seemed much smaller. Three oxen and a mule were all our animals, and the adults must still walk, as they had done on our desert route. But we were comparatively happy, for we had plenty of good meat to eat, plenty of sweet water to drink, and our animals were contented and improving every day; grass and water seemed plenty everywhere. We put our luggage on the oxen and the mule, loaded the children on Old Crump as we had done before, and were ready to move again. Our good friends stood around and smiled good-naturedly at our queer arrangements, and we, not knowing how to say what our hearts would prompt us to, shook their hands and said good bye in answer to their "*adios amigos*" as we moved away, waving hands to each other.

The men then detained me a little while to ask me 266 more about the road we had come over, how far it was, and how bad the Indians were, and other particulars. I told him by signs that we had been twenty-two days on the road, and that the *Indi-anos*, as they called them, had not troubled us, but that there was very little grass or water in all that land. He made a sort of map on the ground and made me understand he would like to go back and try to bring out the wogons we had left behind, and he wanted me to go back with him and help him. I explained to him by the map he had made, and one which I made myself, that I considered it impossible to bring them over. He seemed much disappointed, and with a shrug of his shoulders said "*mucho malo*" (very bad) and seemed to abandon the idea of getting a Yankee wagon. They very much admired an American wagon, for their own vehicles were rude affairs, as I shall bye-and-

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bye describe. We bade each other many *adios*, and I went on my way, soon catching up with the little party. We had been informed that it was ten leagues, or thirty miles to Los Angeles, whither we were now headed.

We had now been a whole year on the road between Wisconsin and California, much of the time with the ground for a bed, and though our meals had been sometimes scanty and long between, very few of us had missed one on account of sickness. Some, less strong than we, had lain down to perish, and had been left behind, without coffin or grave; but we were here, and so far had found food to nourish us in some degree with prospects now of game in the future if nothing better offered. We still talked of going to the gold mines on foot, for with good food and rest our courage had returned, and we wanted to succeed.

Our camp this night was in a nice watering place, where dry oak wood was plenty and grass abundant. It was at the foot of the San Fernando Mountain, not 267 rocky, as we had found our road some time before, but smooth and covered with grass. It was rather steep to climb, but an infant compared with the great mountains so rough and barren, we had climbed on our way from Death Valley. Our present condition and state of mind was an anomalous one. We were happy, encouraged, grateful and quite contented in the plenty which surrounded us, and still there was a sort of puzzling uncertainty as to our future, the way to which seemed very obscure. In the past we had pushed on our very best and a kind Providence had kept us. This we did now, but still revolved the best plans and the most fortunate possibilities in our minds. We talked of the time when we should be able to show hospitality to our friends, and to strangers who might need our open hand as we had needed the favors which strangers had shown us in the last few days.

We ate our supper of good meat, with a dessert of good beans our kind friends had given us, and enjoyed it greatly. As we sat in silence a flock of the prettiest, most graceful birds came marching along, and halted as if to get a better view of our party. We admired them so much that we made not a move, but waited, and they fearlessly walked on again. We could see that there were two which were larger than the rest, and from twelve to twenty smaller ones. The little top-knot on the head and their symmetrical forms made them specially attractive, and Mrs. Bennett and the children were much pleased. The beauty of the California quail is especially striking to one who sees them for the first time.

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In the morning we began to climb the hill, getting along very well indeed, for our raw-hide mocassins were now dry and hard and fitted the foot perfectly. We did not try to make great speed, but kept steadily on, and as we were used to climbing, we reached the 268 summit easily. From this elevation we could get a fine view of the big grassy plain that seemed to extend as far as the eye could reach and, not far from us, the buildings and gardens of the San Fernando Mission. If we could shut out the mountains the landscape would remind us of a great Western prairie. We never could get over comparing this country with the desolate Death Valley, for it seemed as if such strange and striking opposites could hardly exist.

We rested here a little while and then wound our way down the hill to the level land. A few miles brought us to the mission houses and the church of San Fernando. There was not much life about them, in fact they seemed comparatively deserted, for we saw only one man and a few Indians. The man brought some oranges and gave the children one each. After a little rest we moved on over our road which was now quite smooth and gently descending. Night overtook us in a place where there was no water, but we camped and suffered no inconvenience. A stream was passed next day, and a house near by unoccupied. The road now began to enter gently rolling hills covered with big grass and clover, which indicated rich soil, and we never get tired of talking about it.

At the top of these hills we had another beautiful view as far south and west as the eye could reach. Small objects, probably horses and cattle, were scattered about the plain, grazing in the midst of plenty. Our own animals were given frequent opportunities to eat, and again and again we rejoiced over the beauty. Of course it was not such a surprise and wonder as it was when such a view first burst upon our sight, but it pleased and delighted us ever. On the east was a snow-capped peak,

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Club T-Shirts Are Available

S, M, L & XL are \$14 each
2XL & 3XL are \$16 each

New caps & visors are available
See and purchase at the meetings and the outings
Makes Perfect Gifts

Editor's Note

We are always looking for stories to fill our pages.

Please take a minute to jot down a story (fact or fiction) and send it into me.

Tell us about your experiences, plans or ideas.

Letters to the editor, pictures, jokes (clean, of course), cartoons and ads are all welcome.

Recipes, web pages of interest, email, magazine and news clippings are also needed.

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Prichard Tavern – Still home to its Famous Broasted Chicken also serving Alligator Bites, Frog Legs, Hand Formed Hamburgers and Ice Cold Beer! A great place to meet old friends and make new ones!

Editor's Note: Be sure to try their "Flat Iron Steak"

Notice

Eagle City Park is privately owned and operated and is for the exclusive use of Eagle City Park Members and their guests and is open to all NWGPA members the weekend after the second Wednesday of the month from May thru October, free of charge for day use. Overnight camping during this weekend is \$10 per family for the whole weekend (Friday thru Sunday). Potluck picnic is at 4pm on Saturday that weekend.

You are welcome to come and prospect and / or camp at other times. The fees are \$10 per family per day, \$20 per family per weekend (Friday thru Sunday), \$65 per family per week and \$250 per family per month.

Please call 208-699-8128 for reservations.

To get to Eagle City Park take I-90 to Kingston (Exit 43), then take the Coeur d'Alene River Road to Thompson Falls/Prichard Creek Road (Mile Post 23), take Thompson Falls/Prichard Creek Road (2.6 miles) to Eagle Creek Road, take Eagle Creek Road (1/2 mile) to Eagle City Park entrance on left side of road. GPS is 47°38'51"N & 115°54'37"W

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and here we were in the midst of green fields of grass and wild flowers, in the softest climate of an early spring. These strong contrasts beat 269 anything we had ever seen. Perhaps the contrast between the great snow mountain and the hot Death Valley was greater in point of temperature, but there the heat brought only barrenness, and of the two the snow seemed the more cheerful. Here the vegetation of all sorts was in full balance with the balmy air, and in comparison the snow seemed a strange neighbor. It was quite a contrast to our cold, windy March in Wisconsin, and we wonder if it is always summer here. We were satisfied that even if we could get no further we could live in such a land as this. The broad prairie doubtless belonged to the United States, and we could have our share and own a little piece of it on very easy terms, and raise our own cattle and corn. If the people were all as kind as those we had met we were sure at least of neighborly treatment. I have endeavored to write this just as it seemed to us then and not clothe the impressions with the cover of later experience. The impressions we then daily received and the sights we saw were stranger than the wildest fiction, and if it so strikes you, my friendly reader, do not wonder.

As we came over the hills we could see a village near the southern base and it seemed quite near us. It was a new and strange sight to us as we approached. The houses were only one story high and seemed built of mud of a gray color, the roofs flat, and the streets almost deserted. Occasionally a man could be seen, sometimes a dog, and now and then an Indian, sitting with his back to the house. The whole view indicated a thinly populated place, and the entire absence of wagons or animals was a rather strange circumstance to us. It occurred to us at first that if all the emigrants were gone our reception might be a cool one in this city of mud. One thing was in its favor and that was its buildings were about fire proof for they had earthen floors and flat roofs.

We rested half an hour or so just outside, and then ventured down the hill into the street. We met an American almost the first man, and when we asked about a suitable camping place, he pointed out the way and we marched on. Our strange appearance attracted the attention of the children and they kept coming out of the houses to see the curious little train with Old Crump carrying the children and our poor selves following along, dirty and ragged. Mrs. Bennett's dress hardly reached below her knees, and although her skirts were fringed about the bottom it was of a kind that had not been adopted as yet in general circle of either Spanish-American or good United States society. The shortness of the dress made the curious raw-hide moccasins only the more prominent, and the whole make-up of the party was a curious sight.

We went down the hill a little further to the lower bottom to camp, while the barefooted, bareheaded urchins followed after to get a further look at the strangers. Before we selected a suitable place, we saw two tents and some wagons which looked like those of overland travelers, and we went toward them. When within fifty yards two men suddenly came to their feet and looked at our little party approaching as if in wonder, but at twenty steps they recognized Bennett and came rushing forward. "My God! It's Bennett" said they, and they clasped hands in silence while one greeted Mrs. Bennett warmly. The meeting was so unexpected they shed tears and

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the sluice to be just enough, but not too fast. If the flow is too fast, you will definitely lose fine gold. If it's too slow, the riffles will get clogged with sands and you will also lose gold, so you need to find the optimum speed.

This can definitely take some testing and experience to figure out.

Remember, it's alright to shovel gravel directly into the head of the sluice box, but for optimal gold recovery I would recommend that you do some classifying to remove the big rocks. It will definitely help you capture more fine gold.

Sluice boxes are really handy tools for gold prospecting. If you already have a gold pan, but you want to step-up to something that you can move a little more material than a sluice box is the way to go. They are still inexpensive, but they will increase your gold recovery.

Use newer matting for better recovery

The mining equipment used today is actually very similar to what the old timers used during the early gold rush. The general concept of gravity separation of gold has not changed, but there have definitely been some advancements over the years that help us modern prospectors recover a lot more gold.

One advance is the great choices for matting that you can use to line your sluice boxes, (whether in a normal sluice, highbanker, dredge, etc.). When prospectors first started adding matting to their sluice boxes they used carpeting, and later miner's moss.

This increase recovery rates of fine gold significantly. Now there are highly specialized mattings that do an exceptional job at increasing recovery rates, particularly with fine gold. The added cost of this specialized matting material will pay itself back with increase gold production.

Work an area thoroughly

A smart prospector once said "Don't run away from the gold!" This means when you've found the gold, stay on it and get it all! It is amazing how many times a prospector will find some gold, spend a little time digging in the area, and then move onward. If you've found a nice pocket of gold, take the time to mine it properly.

This is also true if you find a gold nugget with a metal detector. If there is one nugget, there is a very good chance that there are more. Yet prospector will often dig up a nugget and then keep on moving, looking for the next one. You are better off staying put... take some time and look around the immediate area. Work slowly. Maybe try removing some overburden and expose some fresh bedrock. You might be surprised how much more gold you will find within just a few feet.

A number of us meet at Zips, across the highway from the Senior Center for dinner at 4:30pm on the day of the meeting. Come join us!

quietly led the way back to camp. This was the camp of R. G. Moody and H. C. Skinner, with their families. They had traveled together on the Platte and became well acquainted, the warmest of friends, and knowing that Bennett had taken the cut off, they more than suspected he and his party had been lost, as no sight of them had come to their eyes. They had been waiting here six weeks in 271 order to get some reliable news, and now Mr. Bennet answered for himself. Rogers and I, belonging to another party, were of course strangers.

Leaving them to compare notes, Rogers and I took charge of Old Crump, the oxen, and the mule, unpacked them, and arranged camp under a monstrous willow tree. Bennett and his wife were taken into Mr. Moody's tent, and an hour or so later when Mrs. Bennett appeared again, she had her face washed clean, her hair combed, and a new clean dress. It was the first time we had found soap, and the improvement in her looks and feelings was surprising. Bennett looked considerably cleaned up too, and appeared bright and fresh. The children had also been taken in hand and appeared in new clothes selected from the wardrobe of the other children, and the old dirty clothes were put in process of washing as soon as possible.

To be continued.....

Number of Members Attended: 32
Number of Guests Attended: 1

Income: Club Raffle: \$ 68
50/50: = \$38 Payout: \$ 19
TOTAL \$ 87

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Knee Pads
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We have started our 8am Saturday morning coffee / breakfast get together in the cafeteria at **Kootenai Medical Center** in Coeur d'Alene. These meetings will last till the last Saturday in March.

Hope to see you there!

THANK ALL OF YOU WHO BRING IN DONATIONS FOR OUR CLUB RAFFLE.
Diane McCarroll, Treasurer

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rule and you will see a blue comment now button on the web page.

Steve Wright passed out a flier regarding the USFS seeking public comment on improving management of mineral, oil and gas resources.

California State University Long Beach is removing the 50 year old Prospector Pete statue formerly known as the the Forty-Niner Man. It was a rugged looking bearded man sitting on a rock. There were no gold mining or panning tools featured. The University's associated students' organization worked for a year to remove the statue and replace it with only a plaque. The reason stated was "a recognition of our shameful previous association with prospectors," because of the impact the 1849 gold rush had on indigenous people.

The program was presented then a break was called for and the meeting reconvened at 8:20.

After the meeting reconvened, Wayne asked for any old or new business and receiving no responses, the raffles were held and the meeting adjourned at 9:00PM.

Mary Lowe
Secretary

October Treasurer's Report

Balance forwarded September 30, 2018 \$ 15,273.46

Income

Membership) 50.00
Interest (Not provided by EOM) 0
Raffles: 50/50: \$19.00 Club Raffle: \$68.00 89.00
Club Sales: (None) 0
Total Income \$ 137.00

Disbursements

Liberty Mutual (Club Insurance) 500.00
Costco (Paper bowls & roll of stamps) 61.19
Progressive Printing (Newsletter) 232.52
Rathdrum Senior Center (October Meeting) 80.00
Consumer Cellular (Club Phone) 17.68
Total Disbursements \$ 891.39

Balance in checking as of October 31, 2018 \$ 14,519.07

Diane McCarroll, Treasurer

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2018 / 2019 Club Calendar

2018

Nov 3 **Saturday Morning Breakfast Starts**
 Nov 14 **Meeting—Annual Food Drive Begins**
 Dec 12 Meeting—Annual Food Drive
 Dec **Christmas Potluck**

2019

Jan 10 Meeting
 Feb 14 Meeting
 Mar 13 Meeting
Mar 16-17 **NWGPA's 20th Annual Gold & Treasure Show**
Mar 30 **Saturday Morning Breakfast Ends**
 Apr 10 Meeting
 May 8 Meeting
May 11 **Outing—Claims Tour**
 Jun 12 Meeting
 Jun 15 Outing
 Jul 10 Meeting
 Jul 13 Outing
 Aug 14 Meeting
 Aug 17 Outing
 Sep 11 Meeting
Sep 14 **Outing & Eagle City Park Pig Roast**
 Oct 9 Meeting
Oct 12 **Outing—Chili Feed Potluck**
Nov 13 **Meeting—Annual Food Drive Begins**
 Dec 11 Meeting
 Dec ? **Christmas Potluck**

All dates are subject to change & other events will be added when dates are known. Check back often & mark your calendars.

I have a limited number of DVD copies of the resource material that was supplied from the talk that we had on Radical Islam.

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See Bob Lowe or bob@goldfeverminingsupply.com

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Please email bob@goldfeverminingsupply.com of any changes of your email address or home address to ensure delivery of your newsletter each month!

Let's get started signing up for next years refreshment volunteers list. Pick a month that you will be willing to bring snacks to the monthly meeting. Make note of the month you choose so if by some chance you can't make it to he meeting on that date, you can give us a call to find someone to fill in for you. We would like to get at least three volunteers for each month for variety.

2018 Refreshment Volunteers

Nov: Russ Brown; Steve Burris; Mike & Nadene Ferry
 Dec: Bob & Mary Lowe; Earl & Kandy Weese; Wayne & Diane McCarroll

2019 Refreshment Volunteers

Jan: Bob & Mary Lowe, Wayne & Diane McCarroll, Norman Sabens
 Feb:
 Mar: Frisque's & Bill Pense
 Apr: John Ohlson
 May: Mike Fisher
 Jun:
 Jul: Bob & Pat Beck
 Aug:
 Sep: Wayne & Diane McCarroll & Bob & Pat Beck
 Oct: Russ Brown & Steve Burris
 Nov: Bob & Mary Lowe, Mark Cook
 Dec: Christopher Custer

We need more volunteers.
 Would like to have at least 3 people per month.
 Sign up at the meeting.
Thanks to all who have signed up!

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Drinking and Driving This Holiday Season

I would like to share a personal experience with my friends about drinking and driving.

This might save you the cost and embarrassment of being arrested for DUI this holiday season.

As you know, people have been known to have unexpected brushes with the authorities from time to time, often on the way home after a "social session" with family or friends.

Well, this year, it happened to me. I was out for the evening to a party and had more than several margaritas coupled with a bottle of rather nice red wine. It was held at a great Mexican restaurant.

Although relaxed, I still had the common sense to know I was slightly over the limit. That's when I did something I've never done before...I took a taxi home.

On the way home there was a police roadblock, but since it was a taxi they waved it past and I arrived home safely without incident. These roadblocks can be anywhere and I realized how lucky I was to have chosen to take a taxi.

The real surprise to me was I had never driven a taxi before. I don't know where I got it, and now that it's in my garage I don't know what to do with it. If you want to borrow it, give me a call.

DID YOU KNOW.....

That 1 oz. of pure gold is approx. the size of a cube of sugar? That 1 oz. of gold can be flattened out to 300 sq. ft.? That a mixture of one part nitric acid and 3 parts hydrochloric acid (*aqua regia*) will dissolve gold? That in 1966 all the refined gold in the world would make a cube 50 feet on a side?

What is gold?

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Atomic Number: 79
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What is a carat?

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How is gold weighed?

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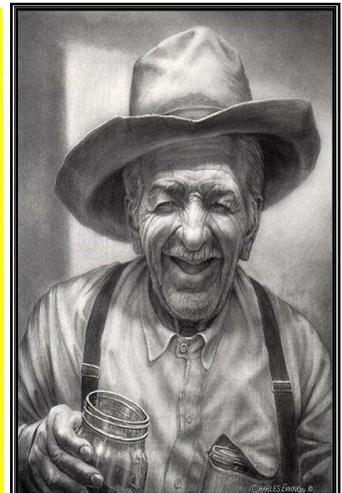
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2019 Refreshment Sign-Up

Need at least 3 volunteers to bring refreshments to each months meeting. Please signup at the meeting and do your part to help out. See page 8 to find dates we need to fill. Thanks!



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Recipe(s) of the Month

BUCKEYE DIP

4 oz cream cheese
 1/2 c peanut butter creamy
 1/8 c milk
 1 c confectioners' sugar
 8 oz cool whip
 12 oz mini chocolate chips
 graham cracker sticks or Belvita Biscuits (your choice of flavor)

Mix cream cheese, peanut butter and milk together until smooth. Add in confectioners' sugar and blend until smooth. Fold in Cool Whip and mini chocolate chips (for best consistency let set in refrigerator 2 hours before serving) but can be enjoyed immediately. Serve with graham cracker sticks or Belvitas, if desired.

BEST CRACKER DIP EVER

8 ounce package of cream cheese
 1 cup ketchup.
 1 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce.
 2 teaspoons lemon juice.
 1 teaspoons horseradish adjust to taste.
 Salad shrimp
 Green onions, sliced (garnish)

Spread cream cheese in a serving dish. Mix rest of the ingredients in a bowl. Spread over cream cheese and top with green onions. Serve with crackers of your choice.

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Question of the Day!

Just what is your fair share of what someone else has worked for?

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