

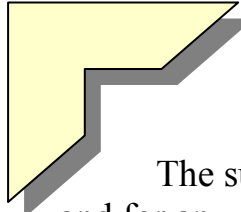


BIRD TAILINGS

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The summer heat is here. I have been out on the claims through early June and for any claims at lower altitudes it is too hot, at least for me, to work effectively. Even at the higher altitudes please keep hydrated. Those of you that attended the last general meeting saw the problems we were experiencing. I received a call about three hours before the meeting was to begin advising that the large banquet room at the Italian Club was out of commission due to the roof caving in. We then were shuttled to a much smaller room that really was over crowded. The Italian Club will not let us use the small room again as they felt we may have exceeded the number of persons allowed in according to the fire code.

The Board has made arrangements for a new meeting location for July, August and September: American Legion, 364 N. 7th Ave., Phoenix,

Also, the meeting dates have been changed to the 2nd Thursday so the new meeting dates will be: July 14, August 11 and September 8

July outing at Turkey Creek cancelled. The Forest service has place restrictions due to extreme fire danger in the National Forest. See article inside.

We hope to have all of this behind us shortly. In the meantime, if you are on the claims, go slow in the heat and carry lots of water, See you next month.
Frederick Horn, President

MONTHLY MEETINGS

General Meetings:

2nd Thursday of the month - 7:00 PM @ American Legion
364 N Central Ave, 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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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

Prescott National Forest Fire Restrictions

BUDDY LIST

PRESCOTT, AZ (June 27, 2011) - Due to increased fire danger, the Prescott National Forest will implement additional fire restrictions that will go into effect Wednesday, June 29, 2011, at 8:00 am. These additional fire restrictions will remain in effect until forest officials determine that conditions have changed sufficiently to reduce the risk of human-caused wildfire. The following fire restrictions will be in effect for the entire Prescott National Forest:

- The use of campfires, charcoal grills, and stove fires (wood, charcoal, and coal burning) are prohibited on all Prescott National Forest lands. This now includes developed campsites and campgrounds.
- Use of explosives is prohibited.
- Smoking is prohibited, except within an enclosed vehicle or building.
- Possessing, discharging or using any kind of fireworks or other pyrotechnic devices is prohibited.
- Operating a chainsaw or other equipment powered by an internal combustion engine will not be allowed between the hours of 11:00 am to 8:00 pm. During acceptable hours, please have 5-10 ft. clearance around your generators and other internal combustible engines.

- Welding or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame is prohibited.

Discharging a firearm, air rifle, or gas gun is prohibited. The use of petroleum-fueled stoves, lanterns or heating devices is allowed, providing such devices meet the fire underwriter's specifications for safety. The public is reminded that fireworks are always prohibited on all national forest lands. They are also reminded that all of the Prescott National Forest is closed to OHV use except for the two areas that will continue to remain open to OHV use - the Hayfield Draw and Alto Pit OHV areas.

Violation of these regulations is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor, by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months or both; 16 USC § 551, and 18 USC §§ 3559 and 3571.

For current information on fire restrictions, closures or wildfires on the Prescott National Forest on our 24-hour fire information number (928) 777-5799.



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) 501-7907, 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, Experienced
Equipment: Dry Washer, Metal Detector
Preferred claims: Vulture Mine/Red Basin Claims, Morristown Claims

Max Suggs, (623) 939-5496
Area: Glendale, AZ (43rd Ave – Northern)
Available: All, Can drive, 4WD/Quad, Beginner
Equipment: Dredge, Dry Washer, other misc.
Preferred claims: Any
"New to club. Don't have a lot of knowledge about gold recovery. Would like to learn more."

Don Tennis, (575) 535-4463
Area: Meyer, AZ.
Available: Fri., Sat., Sun., Can drive, 2WD
Equipment: 2 1/2" 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

Help your club - volunteer today!

BUDDY LIST CONT.

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

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

Bruce Myers, 623 582-4481, Email: bwmyers@cox.net
Area: North Central Phoenix
Available: Mon – Fri., Can drive, 4WD
Equipment: Metal Detector
Preferred Claims: Day trips near north Phoenix
Interests: Beginner

Lee Shaw, 623-748-3655, Email: lee@mygoldbug.net
Area: Peoria
Available: Most any day but Sunday. 2WD pickup, can drive
Equipment: Metal Detector, Pans, Dry Washer
Preferred claims: Any
"I'm a new member and I want to learn."

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

G. Lee & Suellen Moore Scottsdale, AZ
Stan & Ruth Reed Marion, KS
Thomas Smith & Susan K. Blanton
New River, AZ
Leonard & Deanna Gibbs Surprise, AZ

VIP winners at the June meeting:
John Bellissimo – Steak Fry
Jade Bos – Meeting Raffle
Sheryal Gentles – Outings

Bottle of Wine

A woman miner on her way to work and a man are involved in a car accident on a snowy, cold Monday morning; it's a bad one.

Both of their cars are totally demolished, but amazingly neither of them is hurt. After they crawl out of their cars, the man is yelling about women drivers.

The woman miner says, "So, you're a man. That's interesting. I'm a woman miner. Wow, just look at our cars! There's nothing left, but we're un-hurt. This must be a sign from God that we should be friends and live in peace for the rest of our days."

Flattered, the man replies, "Oh yes, I agree completely, this must be a sign from God! But, you're still at fault; women shouldn't be allowed to drive."

The woman miner continues, "And look at this, here's another miracle. My car is completely demolished but this bottle of wine didn't break. Surely God wants us to drink this wine and celebrate our good fortune." She hands the bottle to the man.

The man nods his head in agreement, opens the bottle and drinks half and then hands it back to the woman.

The woman miner takes the bottle, puts the cap back on and hands it back to the man.

The man asks, "Aren't you having any?"

The woman miner replies, "No, I think I'll just wait for the police."

Member Orientation

You do not have to be a recent new member to attend. If you are a member you are welcome to come. We will cover the rules/bylaws, discuss mapping, review the Forest Plan of Operations, etc. Good time for questions? Refer to the Event Calendar on the last page of the newsletter for other scheduled orientations.

I have discontinued the Gold Presentation until this fall.

Sign up by one of the following: At the general meetings, there will be a sign-up sheet at the greeting table that you may fill out or emailing (preferred) rrpc-office@roadrunnergold.com or call the office 602-274-4521 stating which session you would like to attend. Be sure to leave your name and phone number if not emailing. Seating is limited. I will be contacting you to confirm your attendance. You need to wear your badge and bring your member packet with you.

Chuck Horner

The Lost Escalante

One of the most famous of all Southwest lost mines - the one with the iron door - has intrigued many serious students of Southwest history and legend. The John D. Mitchell account was part of the July, 1952, DESERT MAGAZINE. Donald Page also contributed an article on this subject (October, 1956).

The mine is actually the Lost Escalante, subject of Harold Bell Wright's book, "The Mine with the Iron Door." The story is that the Jesuits worked the Escalante in the Santa Catalina Mountains near Tucson, prior to their expulsion, in 1767, from Spanish territory.

A large number of friendly Papago Indians were employed in building a hiding place for the high-grade ore which, of course, the Jesuits would not be able to take with them. But, they had every intention of returning to the New World, with its rich treasures of heathen souls to be converted and gold to be separated from its matrix. Mitchell writes that "the treasure vault was near the south bank of the Canada del Oro - the ruins of the old camp and the foundations of the little chapel where the priests said mass may still be seen." The iron door seals the treasure chamber.

On San Juan's Day in June, 1796, Apaches raided the mine camp, killing and scattering the Papagos. The settlement was destroyed and forgotten. Mitchell says a clue to the Escalante is a ventana - a natural hole in the rock resembling a window. The mine is "one league northwest of the ventana."

Donald Page reports that the first known record of gold discovery in the Canada Del Oro was on June 29, 1843 - long after the Jesuit business. A Colonel Antonio Narbona, commanding a strong military expedition against the Apaches, camped here and found placer nuggets.

The years that followed saw much Apache trouble in Arizona, but by May, 1870, "most of the men and boys of Tucson were hard at work at the same spot, each panning between \$12 and \$30 a day."

The Apaches once again scattered the miners, chasing them out of the Santa Catalinas for a 10-year period.

Know Where You Are Placing Your Hands and Feet

RRPC members, Karl and Faye Weber, and their friend, Doug, and I were out prospecting for gold in the Wickenburg area when our guide and RRPC board member, Jack Engbrecht, stopped his truck on the side of the dirt road. We were curious as to why he pulled over, so we did as well. When we got out of our truck, we saw the animal that piqued Jack's interest: a 3 foot patterned rattlesnake was scurrying across the dirt road to get out of harm's way.

We all were fascinated with the rattlesnake, so at a distance, we observed its movements into the nearby bushes. When it reached the bushes the snake coiled up and took what looked like a defensive posture. It stayed in that posture, patiently waiting for its gawkers to leave. I took a few pictures of it as it sat quietly, and almost invisibly, in the bush. Quietly is an understatement. Ever the mischievous person, I took a couple of small rocks and threw them at the bush. The rattlesnake neither flinched nor darted out. In fact, it didn't even rattle its tail. It sat there, quietly, perceiving that the small rocks were no immediate threat to it, but that the humans darting about it were.

"Wow, Pop," I said to Karl, my father-in-law. "I threw small rocks at the snake and it didn't even move."

"That's something! I always thought you get a rattle warning before they strike" said Karl, as we headed back to our vehicles to drive off.

Ironically, earlier in the day, Jack advised Doug to be careful about walking into the bushes because they could potentially be home to some nasty critters, including rattlesnakes. Being an Arizona native, I already knew this, but now the point is more salient. If you're out and about, whether gold prospecting or just taking a nature walk, be careful, because a rattlesnake can be very hard to see, and it may not rattle its tail to let you know it is there.

Chris Bolts

Please note, Life Memberships may only be purchased by current RRPC annual members in good standing.

This is an article that was written a few years ago but is worth repeating –

WHAT EVERY MEMBER SHOULD KNOW----

We had a incident on the Red Basin claims that makes me believe that it's time to remind all our members to get out their Rules and Regulations and read them again.

A member was digging some rather deep holes, putting the dirt in large containers in the back of his pick-up and taking it home. From the size of the holes, it was evident that he had been doing this for some time. When he was asked when he planned on bringing the dirt back to fill his holes, his reply was "I don't – after I run it through my dry washer I just dump it behind my house." He was reminded that our club rules state that we are each responsible for filling our holes and making the area look as undisturbed as possible before we leave the area. His reply was that he had only been a member for a year, had not bothered to read all the "stuff" we had sent him, but if that was the type of club we were, he didn't want to belong and would not renew his membership. Needless to say he was unhappy to be told he would have to dump all the dirt he had already in the truck back into the holes and make the area look as close to 'natural' as he could, but he did comply.

This brought to mind the fact that maybe YOU, the members of RRPC, may not be aware of the fact that we now have almost **\$118,000** of the clubs funds deposited in CD's as reclamation bonds in the names of the Bureau of Land Management and the various Forest services. These bonds are required by the various government agencies and **CAN BE CLAIMED BY THOSE AGENCIES** if they should happen to visit a claim and find the kind of holes and damage that this member had left. **And** we could also lose our use of that claim. If you should happen to see someone or know of someone who is doing damage to one of our claims, if they are a member, all we need is their member number, if they are NOT a member, invite then to become a member and learn our rules and regulations. If they are not interested in becoming a member, get a name if you can or just a vehicle license plate number. Then please let one of the board members know, so we can deal with the problem.

. The governmental agencies are looking for any excuse they can to restrict the use of our claims – so let's not give them anything to complain about! **THE FUTURE OF THE RRPC DEPENDS ON EACH MEMBER LOOKING OUT FOR THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CLUB.** So please help protect the environment and Club's funds and be sure that we fill our holes, and abide by our own rules.

July 2011 Classifieds

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Brad Rutledge #6240, Phone: 970-879-7733 or bradrutledge42@gmail.com

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Wanted: Gold King DPC Concentrator. Call Doug at: (928) 458-6171

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JUNE OUTING COIN HUNT AND TREASURE FOUND BY ONE MEMBER



COIN HUNT WINNERS SHOWING PRIZES AND FINDS FROM TURKEY CREEK





These pictures show how well a snake can blend in with the brush and desert landscape.

We must always be mindful that they live here and we are just visiting. Be careful as a bite will ruin your day.





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— Mavis Hicks —

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RRPC Calendar of Events

	General Meeting	Board Meeting	New Member Orientation	RRPC Outing/ Event	Location	Special Event
Jul-11	07/21/11	07/26/11	7/13/11 - 7pm	07/23/11	Turkey Creek Claims Map 8	
Aug-11	08/18/11	08/23/11	8/10/11 - 7pm	08/20/11	Turkey Creek Claims Map 8	
Sep-11	09/15/11	09/20/11	(not scheduled)	09/17/11	Bumble Bee King Map 26	
Oct-11	10/20/11	10/25/11	(not scheduled)	10/22/11	Bumble Bee King Map 26	
Nov-11	11/17/11 (Annual Meeting)	11/22/11	11/9/11 - 1pm & 7pm	11/19/11	Leave No Holes Map 21	Coin Shoot
Dec-11	None	12/20/11	12/14/11 - 7pm	12/10/11	Sahuaro Ranch Park - Phoenix	Steak Fry
Jan-12	01/19/12	01/24/12	1/11/12 - 7pm	01/21/12	Red Basin Map 13	
Feb-12	02/16/11	02/21/11	2/8/12 - 7pm	02/18/11	Oro De Valenzuela Map 27	
Mar-12	03/15/12	03/20/12	3/7/12 - 7pm	03/17/12	Sharon Lee Claims Map 11	
Apr-12	04/19/12	04/24/12	4/11/12 - 7pm	04/21/12	Betty Claims Map 6	Spring Picnic
May-12	05/17/12	05/22/12	5/11/12 - 7pm	05/19/12	Turkey Creek Claims Map 8	Mercer Claim
Jun-12	06/21/12	06/26/12	6/6/2012 - 7pm	06/23/12	Turkey Creek Claims Map 8	

** = Change from previous schedule

New Member Orientation is held at the club office at 2744 W. Osborn Rd, Phoenix