

# The Gold Pan

April 2024 Issue

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### **Next Meeting**

**April 23, 2024**

All members  
Welcome

### **President's Letter**

“O Gold! I still prefer thee unto paper, which makes bank credit like a bark of vapour.”

— Lord Byron

\*\*\*Fred Leissler Obituary Below

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Fred will be missed by ALL in our Club!!!

Many members had their first outing with Fred and his patient instruction of prospecting objectives! A real trooper and longgggg time member of our Club....

Always willing to help out in all of our activities and never turned down an opportunity to help current and new members. He was one of our greatest assets...

It was suggested by Keith, that we rename the Pirate Claim to "Pirate Fred" which the board agreed to and was approved by the membership....

When heading to a claim, be sure and get signage from Jeffrey and fill out an assessment form.

Our March speaker was Chris Ralph with the usual excellent presentation and great info! I hope our members were able to purchase his book which is the "Bible" of prospecting. No speaker this month...so if someone wants to step up, do not be shy.

Rachelle is stepping aside as Secretary in order to enjoy her family and ensure an attentive family environment. Good for you! We will miss your presence and you will be fondly remembered!

Juli has willingly volunteered to assume the duties of secretary. Thank you much!!!, Juli is also our Web Administrator and would like help in this position eventually passing the job onto someone else. This position entails getting Newsletters out on the web and an occasional "email blast". Not difficult or time consuming as Juli has done a great job getting it set up.

Thanks Rachelle and Juli!!!

At the next meeting we will begin selling raffle tickets for the two-night stay at the Downieville River Inn, in August for the Gold Days. \$5 per ticket or 6 for \$25. This is a \$250 value!!!

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Once again...God Bless Fred and his family...His legacy will be cherished by all!!!

~Jim

Obituary

**Fred Leissler obituary**

Fredrick Leissler Jr. was born in Port Angeles, Washington, to Fred and Emily. He spent his formative years at the Heart of the Hills in Olympic National Forest, where he enjoyed a rustic lifestyle with an outhouse as a bathroom and frequent fishing excursions to provide dinner for his family and sisters, Joy and Mary. Fredrick's adventurous spirit led him to attend the Winter Olympics in Cortina, Italy, with Coach Justa Olander and the US cross-country ski team. Soon after he summited Mt Rainier with Jim Whittaker one of the founders of REI. Later he summited Mt Olympus with Bill Bauer in wet sleeping bags!

After completing his undergraduate studies at Western State University and competing with Bill Koch under Sven Wick on the XC ski team, Fredrick pursued graduate studies at Colorado State University. He embarked on a fulfilling journey as a Park Ranger across multiple national parks before serving in the Navy for approximately seven years. During this time, he married his first wife, Vicki, in the Philippines, and they welcomed two children, Jim and Mary, into their family.

Fredrick later moved to Fort Morgan, Colorado, where he lived on a farm; and eventually relocated to Idaho Springs, Colorado, where he taught Math

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and science, and was the Head Ski Coach. Following his passion for education and outdoor activities, he became involved in the Unitarian Universalist community upon returning to Fort Collins, Colorado.

Throughout his life, he cherished outdoor pursuits such as cross-country skiing, hiking, Boy Scout Troop leader, and became a ski instructor at Hidden Valley and Beaver Meadows in Colorado. In Reno, Nevada, he met and married his current wife, Eleanor, gaining two stepsons Tom and Ed and seven additional grandchildren. With family members he summited Mt Whitney, Shasta, and Lassen. He enthusiastically participated in the UU book club, hiking club, cribbage club, the Kentucky Camp volunteers in Arizona, and potluck gatherings, especially enjoying paella nights. Fredrick also indulged in his love for gold panning with his friends and obtained his Master Gardener certification, displaying a deep appreciation for plants and trees.

Above all, Fredrick's love for salmon was unmatched, and he even believed himself to be a reincarnated salmon. He loved visiting the Whisky Creek Fish Hatchery on the Oregon coast for their annual fin clipping event. He cherished spending time with his children and grandchildren, Natalie, Tristan, and Elizabeth, creating lasting memories and imparting unforgettable stories. Fredrick lived a vibrant and adventurous life, leaving behind a legacy of love, laughter, and cherished moments.

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He will be deeply missed but fondly remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Please join us in person on Saturday, April 27th 2024 at the Unitarian Church in Reno at 2pm for his Celebration of Life. Or virtually, please say hello, or leave a good story on his or my Facebook wall.

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## Guest Speakers

### April No Guest Speakers

*\*\*Please feel welcome to volunteer to be our guest speaker if you have some useful information for the club; we will also take any suggestions or ideas for additional speakers.*

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## Outings

### **Downieville Gold Rush Days is on for August 1-4, 2024**

We are having a raffle for a two night stay at the “Downieville River Inn” during the event which is on the river and adjacent to our claims in Downieville! We will be selling tickets for \$5 a piece or 6 for \$25. This is a good deal for a package worth \$250!

~Thank you Wade Lavery for Sharing the Below Event With the Club~

# EARLY DAY GAS ENGINE & TRACTOR ASSOCIATION SHOW



NORTHERN NEVADA ANTIQUE POWER CLUB IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO PRESERVING THE PAST AND PASSING ON THE HISTORY TO FUTURE GENERATIONS.



Jim Miller, EDGE & TA President [Jim.M.Miller72@gmail.com](mailto:Jim.M.Miller72@gmail.com)  
618-520-3326 Exhibitors Must Be EDGE & TA Members

Saturday, April 27, 2024 9:00 to 3:00

## HISTORIC DONOVAN MILL

900 Main St Silver City, NV Hwy 342

Comstock Foundation for History and Culture

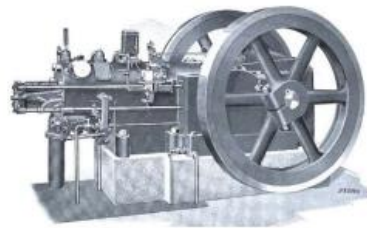
### DONOVAN MILL TOURS

MILL BATTERY #4 AND ROTARY STAMP MILL

OPERATING AT 10:00, 12:00 & 2:00

**GOLD PANNING & BLACKSMITHING DEMONSTRATIONS  
SWAP MEET**

\$20 INCLUDES THE SHOW  
AND MILL TOUR  
12 AND UNDER ARE FREE!  
PARKING AT SOUTH END OF SITE



INGERSOLL-RAND 55 HP OIL ENGINE

**The Club no longer offers Equipment Rentals**

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Due to nearly no demand at all, the club no longer offers equipment rental.

## **Classifieds**

### **Minelab Monster Metal Detector**

\$700

If interested, Please contact:

Patty Halas: 904.806.1780

### **NORTH FORK YUBA RIVER CLAIM**

**17acres+/- Easy access with offroad parking.**

1mile east of Downieville . Upstream from "The Lure". Downstream from "KVB" claim.

Beautiful bedrock and gravel

\$5000

**Contact: Ray Ryba 760.807.1774**

### **20 ACRE PLACER CLAIM**

#### **SHASTA RIVER**

#### ***Huge Price Reduction***

Unpatented 20 acre placer claim on BLM land, 15 miles from Yreka, CA. Includes 1/3 mile of year-round river. Gold rich placers in streambed, gravel benches and a long bar created by a 150° river bend. Lode gold found historically in canyon walls above claim. Former Union Mine at top of 900 ft canyon above claim produced & shipped a \$51,000 bullion shipment Jan10, 1918 (1918 dollars - see Mindat). That's more than \$5 million at today's prices. Although located in a steep canyon, you can drive your pickup as close as 15 yards to the water with an easy hike to the river bank. Several campsites within 2 miles of claim. **Asking \$5,000. Contact Steve (775) 742-3336.**

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*Ads are Free to Members in the Gold Pan Newsletter*

## **General Meeting Agenda:**

March 2024

Meeting Called to order: 7:30pm by: President Jim Richards

Correction to minutes: No Corrections

### **Membership Report:**

Total Members: 301

New Member:

154 Individual/ 147 Family

### **Claims Report:**

Claims Committee Meeting: Meets Monday at 11:30am Denny's / Reach out to VP Gary Hagstrom for questions.

### **Old Business:**

### **New Business:**

Outings and Events

### **Outings Report:**

**Downieville Days August 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>**

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**Board of Directors-2023**

| Postion:               | Name            | Phone Number | Email Address         |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| President              | Jim Richards    | 775.225.2494 | President@cgpgold.org |
| Vice President         | Gary Hagstrom   | 775.409.4996 | VP@cgpgold.org        |
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| Member At Large        | Ed Cranch       | 760.221.4748 | AtLarge2@cgpgold.org  |
| Member at Large        | Keith Wilson    | 775.450.5723 | AtLarge1@cgpgold.org  |

### Appointees

| Position                    | Name           | Phone Number | Email Address              |
|-----------------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Christmas Party Chairperson | OPEN           | OPEN         | OPEN                       |
| Claims/Chairperson          | Gary Hagstrom  | 775.409.4996 | Claims@cgpgold.org         |
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| Historian                   | OPEN           | OPEN         | OPEN                       |
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**Please reach out to the board if you are interested in Volunteering!**

**\*\*All "Gold Pan" submissions are due 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month\*\***