

AUGUST 2026 ISSUE

COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS

The monthly newsletter of the Comstock Gold Prospectors



Presidents Letter

-George Eglinger

With this beautiful warm weather, I hope all you fellow prospectors have had a chance to find your treasure in them there hills. As the water recedes, it leaves more opportunities to find what winter pushed out of the mountains.

We received all the assessments needed. Rachelle and I turned in Nevada's paperwork and is completed. I made a trip to Quincy to complete part of CA and hoping to have it all turned in before the end of the month. I have met with Downieville event planners on a couple occasions to finish planning our September event. I also proposed being a part of the Nugget Shoot for 2027 as it will be a great opportunity for our club. We will discuss that more at the upcoming meeting. As privilege to the club David Lawler is our upcoming speaker and I hope everyone is available to attend and obtain morsels of knowledge he has to undoubtably offer. Happy Prospecting and Hope to see you all at the August 25th meeting ---George

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**Board of
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**Meetings held 4th
Tuesday of the Month**

**Next Meeting
August 25th 2026**

CALANDER OF EVENTS

Upcoming Club Meetings, Club Events, Member Events and Outings

Planning Ahead Mark your Calendars for the upcoming Meetings

Month	Monthly Claims Committee meeting	Monthly Club Meeting	Outings and Events
August	August 10th	August 25th	
Septemeber	September 14th	September 22 nd	Downiville Days
October	October 12 th	October 27 th	

You will not want to miss August Guest Speaker

August Guest Speaker: David A. Lawler



David A. Lawler– Minerals Geoscientist/Explorationist
Mr. Lawler brings +30 years of experience in mineral exploration and development. His wide-ranging and diverse experience conducting assessments of precious metals base metals, diamonds, gemstones and industrial minerals for numerous private investment groups and mining companies on international and domestic mineral projects. He also has been instrumental in the evaluation, exploration and development of minerals deposits throughout North American and Latin America. He also is responsible for/and associated with the discovery of several precious metal and gemstone deposits throughout his 30-year career.t

September Guest Speaker

*September Guest Speaker is still pending to
be filled*

October - Tami Force

New Speakers Welcome

Juli's Tidbits



The Club had the pleasure of having our member, Jim Godde, talk about & show us a couple of Solar Cooking tools.

If you have ever wanted to live off-grid or cook while going on an extensive camping trip, the Solar Chef Oven is for you.

For \$350, you will literally be able to cook anything under the sun.

For questions or more information, please contact Jim Godde at 702-600-5721.

The Comstock Prospector's Club is now in the home stretch in anticipation for DOWNIEVILLE GOLD RUSH DAYS. Sonya, with Discover Downieville, has been putting in so much effort to make the Gold Rush Days the talk of the nation. There are great speakers lined up:

Lucia Patterson, a certified geologist with NV Division of Minerals, NDOMdata.com, Ray Mills, metal detectorist, Mike Pug of Gold Cube, & Tami Force NV Ghost Towns & Beyond and author of In the Glow of the Sierra & In the Shadow of the Sierra. **MUST ATTEND!**

Our last meeting was well attended. We got to hear about the panning demonstrations at Rancho San Rafael Park. We had 4 volunteers helping 205 kids in only 6 hours (3 hours each day). We also heard about the Union Flat Nugget Hunt on the Yuba River. Chris shared that he found his best gold at the Hunt which prompted him to join our club. Welcome Chris!

Now is the time to join "The Comstock Prospector's Team". The Board Members are focused on making our club the best in the nation. The 2 open positions requires very little time and comes with a lot of training and support.

Positions needed to fill:

President

Treasurer

If interested, please call, email, or talk in person to anyone currently on the Board.

Club Outings



18TH - 20TH
SEPTEMBER
2026

**DOWNIEVILLE
GOLD RUSH DAYS**

PRESENTED BY:
COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS - RENO, NV

PROSPECTING
IN DOWNTOWN
DOWNIEVILLE

LIVE
MUSIC

GOLD PANNING WORKSHOPS ~ GOLD VENDORS ~ GUEST
SPEAKERS ~ THE NEVADA GUNFIGHTERS ~ GOLD RUSH DAYS
NUGGET HUNT ~ SHERIFF'S GALLOWS TOUR ~ TOWN-WIDE
PANCAKE BREAKFAST ~ EVENING CONCERTS
ARTISAN MARKET ~ PRIZE RAFFLES ~ KIDS ACTIVITIES

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

DiscoverDownieville.com
Presale: \$10 ~ Family pass: \$25

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**DOWNIEVILLE
GOLD RUSH DAYS**

- 2026 -
SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

ONE TICKET, FIVE HISTORIC HUBS

- DOWNIEVILLE, CA -
YUBA THEATER,
DOWNIEVILLE COMMUNITY HALL &
NORTH YUBA HALL
- SIERRA CITY, CA -
KENTUCKY MINE MUSEUM
MAIN STREET CAR SHOW

ADMISSION & TICKETING
ONE TICKET FOR ALL THREE DAYS!

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PRESALE ADULT ALL-ACCESS
WEEKEND PASS:
\$10.00

PRESALE TEEN PASS 13-17 YRS
\$5.00
KIDS UNDER 12 FREE

PRESALE-FAMILY ALL-ACCESS
WEEKEND BUNDLE:
\$25.00
(COVERS 4 PEOPLE-JUST \$6.25 PER PERSON!)

FRIDAY, SEPT 18:
VENDORS & RAFFLES - COMMUNITY HALL
GUEST SPEAKERS - YUBA THEATER
LIVE MUSIC - HISTORIC DISTRICT

SATURDAY, SEPT 19:
VENDORS & RAFFLES - COMMUNITY HALL
GUEST SPEAKERS - YUBA THEATER
TALL TALES - NORTH YUBA HALL
KID'S GOLD PANNING - MAIDEN LANE
NUGGET HUNT - NORTH YUBA RIVER
THE NEVADA GUNFIGHTERS
(SHUT DOWN MAIN STREET)
GUIDED TOURS - KENTUCKY MINE
LIVE MUSIC - HISTORIC DISTRICT

SUNDAY, SEPT 20:
PANCAKE BREAKFAST - TIN CUP DIGGINS
KID'S GOLD PANNING - GUEST SPEAKERS
VENDORS & RAFFLES - COMMUNITY HALL
GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE

Community Partners: COMSTOCK | Discover Downieville | HWY49 Adventures | Riverside Mountain Lodge
Carriage House Inn | Cold Rush Café | Boomtown Lounge | Empire Creek Provisions | Sierra County Arts Council
Downieville Fire Auxiliary | Sierra County Historical Society | Downieville Museum | Downieville Improvement
Group | KVMR RADIO

Claims Update

Massive thank you to the club members who fill out their claims reports. They are all turned in with time to spare. All assessments are in and Nevada has been filed, paid for and completed. All new assessments need to be filled out starting September. George has worked countless hours to get the paperwork completed and filed for our club members. Fingers crossed all of CA will be done before the next meeting. These lengthy assignments are not by accident and essential to the clubs operation and core purpose of existence.

July Meeting

July meeting: The Club had the pleasure of having our member, Jim Godde, talk about & show us a couple of Solar Cooking tools.

The Silver round winners where Kevin Cunningham and Diana Dominguez

Classifieds

Utility Trailer 5.5' X 8"

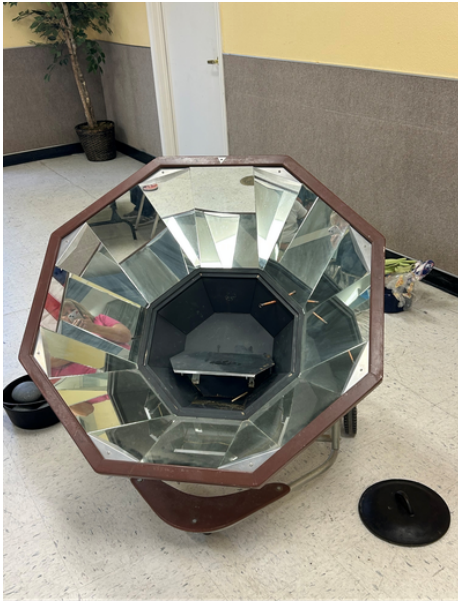
Wood deck, ramps, metal frame, spare tire never used, excellent shape \$750

Call Harley Pongler

775.673.8532



Classifieds Continued



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Please feel welcome to list your classifieds with your Comstock Gold Prospectors. We limit 2 months per ad unless it sells sooner or add changes.

Free ads to all club members

Our Commercial Partners



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General Meeting Agenda

July 2026

Meeting Called to order: 7:30pm by: Jeffrey Benik

Correction to minutes: No Corrections

Membership Report:

Total Members: 395

New Member: (90%, 278 memberships, 395 total members)

Claims Report:

Claims Committee Meeting: Meets Monday at 11:30am Denny's / Reach out to George or Rachelle for questions: (24 Total Claims, 18 are wet claims in Northern Ca, 6 are dry claims in Northern NV, Jahmach and Ken Bennett are pan and shovel only) PLEASE submit work assessment forms online or via mail. Claims forms completed, George is filing paperwork as this newsletter is issued. NV is filed and completed.

Old Business:

(Regarding the upcoming Downieville Gold Rush Days, Our President requests a Vote to give member who volunteers for the event \$25.00 per day each day they volunteer (already approved by claims committee, Voted in YES at meeting)

New Business:

New club board positions available

Upcoming boardmembers needed

(Newsletter in Folder on Table)

(PLP July 2026 Newsletter in Folder on Table / article about upcoming Downieville Gold Rush Days)

(Downieville Lodging Accommodations Sheet in Folder on Table - Lists every Hotel, Motel, Cabins and Campgrounds with contact info.in the vicinity of Downieville)

2026 Elected Officers and Board Members by Wade Lavery • 03/14/2026

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President: George Eglinger – 775.722.8554 Email: President@cgpgold.org

Vice President, ACTING: Rachelle Cranney – with support from George Eglinger

Secretary: Julianne Zamacona – 707.758.5297 Email: Secretary@cgpgold.org

Treasurer: Jim Richards – 775.225.2494 Email: Treasurer@cgpgold.org

Membership: Jeffrey Benik – 775.250.4188 Email: Membership@cgpgold.org

At Large Member(2): Hamilton Reed – 775.841.1294 Email: AtLarge2@cgpgold.org

At Large Member(1): Keith Wilson – 775.450.5723 Email: AtLarge1@cgpgold.org

2026 Presidential Appointees – Committee Chairs, Support Staff & Volunteers:

Christmas Party/Chairperson: OPEN Email: OPEN

Claims/Chairperson: OPEN Email: OPEN

Clothing Custodian: Hamilton Reed – 775.841.1294 Email: Clothing@cgpgold.org

Equipment Custodian: OPEN

Gold Pan Editor: Rachelle Cranney – 775.846.8372 Email: rachelle.neilsen@gmail.com

Historian: OPEN Email: OPEN

Outings: OPEN Email: OPEN

Raffle Custodian: Keith Wilson – 775.450.5723 Email: Raffle@cgpgold.org

Sgt. at Arms: Jeffrey Benik – 775.250.4188

Web Administrator: Justin Shaw – 775.409.8560 Email: j.shaw@disroot.org

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