

SEPTEMBER 2026 ISSUE

COMSTOCK GOLD PROSPECTORS

The monthly newsletter of the Comstock Gold Prospectors



Presidents Letter

-George Eglinger

As summer is winding down and we can feel the crisp air of fall in the mornings. May we celebrate the perfect air by keeping our pans full and prospecting. Wrapping up the summer, we had David Lawler as our guest speaker in August discussing minerals of the world and mining statistics and opportunities. September is the event of the year “Downieville Days”; Please come join us and enjoy all the festivities of the festival and remember to scan and purchase your tickets ahead of time if you are able. Looking ahead we have several board positions opening up for next year including the President’s seat. We are looking to see some new faces fill those seats and bring your talents to the table. Thank you everyone who consistently shows up and volunteers for the club. This community could not be possible without you as a collective. With that, I will be missing you at the next meeting but hope to see everyone during Downieville Days September 18th -20th

---George

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

**Next Meeting
September 22th 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
September	September 14 th	September 22 nd	Downieville Days
October	October 12 th	October 27 th	Boyscout Adventure Hike
November	November 9 th	November 24 th	

August Guest Speaker was David A. Lawler

The rare minerals that are impacting



August discussion was impressive to say the least. The countries around the world leading in export and supply for rare earth minerals. Including Nevada being a star on the charts for Lithium

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.



New Speakers Welcome

No September Guest Speaker

An admired expert:
Exploring and documenting Nevada's History, including ghost towns, mining camps, and historical sites. Find her on social media to stay up to date on her latest work. Bringing Nevada's lost history back to life.

October Guest Speaker the club excitedly welcome's back Tami Force!



Juli's Tidbits



My thoughts are consumed with Downieville Gold Rush Days September 18-20. I sure hope you have made plans to attend. Stop by the Comstock Club table and say hi. At the last club meeting, we talked about the great speakers lined up for the entire Gold Rush weekend. Lucia Patterson with Nevada Division of Minerals, will be the first speaker Friday at 2pm. She always gives great information in order for you to search for your next nugget.

We had the pleasure of, once again, hearing from David Lawler-Geoscientist Extraordinaire. With the concerns of our county's mineral dependence on unfriendly foreign lands, David gave us insight into some real important minerals that we can, and are, mine in America.

- *Gallium for cell phones and solar panels
- *Germanium for silicon chips
- *Indium & Tellurium for industrial uses
- *Vanadium is used in protective armor
- *Platinum for space age products
- *Tungsten for harvester tools and tanks
- *Graphite for reactors, batteries, and let's not forget pencils
- *Lithium for batteries
- *Manganese successful miners can fetch \$22,650-\$24,000 per metric ton

We all need to be supportive in mining these minerals and rare earth elements in our own country. Thank you, David Lawler.

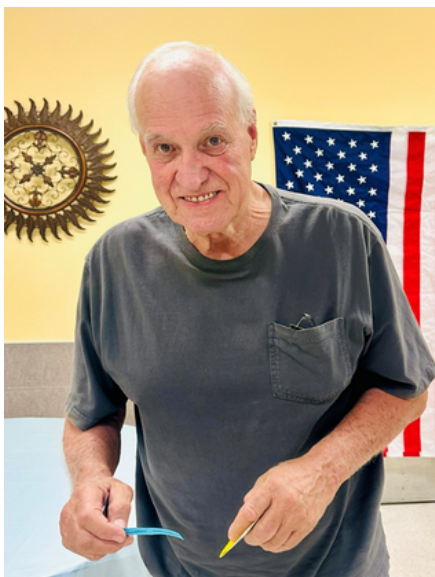
SEE YOU AT DOWNIEVILLE GOLD RUSH DAYS!

August Meeting

August meeting: The Club had the pleasure of having an expert David A Lawler, discusssing rare minerals mined around the world, as well as untapped resources.

The Silver round winners where Rick Davis and Gary Leonard

**Silver Round member drawing
Rick Davis**



**Blue Ticket
Silver Round
Winner
Gary Leonard**

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 GALLOWES TOUR ~ TOWN-WIDE
PANCAKE BREAKFAST ~ EVENING CONCERTS
ARTISAN MARKET ~ PRIZE RAFFLES ~ KIDS ACTIVITIES

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

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



**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!



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

Volunteers Needed

Panning demo October 3rd

This Year's Event Date: October 3, 2026

At Bartley Ranch Regional Park in Reno.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

WHAT IS AN ADVENTURE HIKE? AN ADVENTURE HIKE IS...

...Food, Friends, Music, & Fun for all ages!

What's a Community Celebration without food, music and refreshments? Included in your registration fee. Come when you wish, and stay as long as you want between 11am and 3pm.

...A Treasure Hike

Earn "gold nuggets" by participating in the Activity Fair and curated hiking trails. Your "gold" can be redeemed for food, and refreshments back at the pavilion.

...An Activity Fair

Enjoy a selection of hands-on activity stations for individuals and families. Pan for real gold, try your hand at fly casting, learn a new skill, or enjoy a game or two. Pick your favorites, or visit them all!

...A Walk in the Park

Oh yes, it's a hike! Hike the scenic trails of Washoe County's Bartley Ranch Regional Park above the City of Reno. We will start you off with a day pack, water, snack, and a map. Located at 6000 Bartley Ranch Rd.



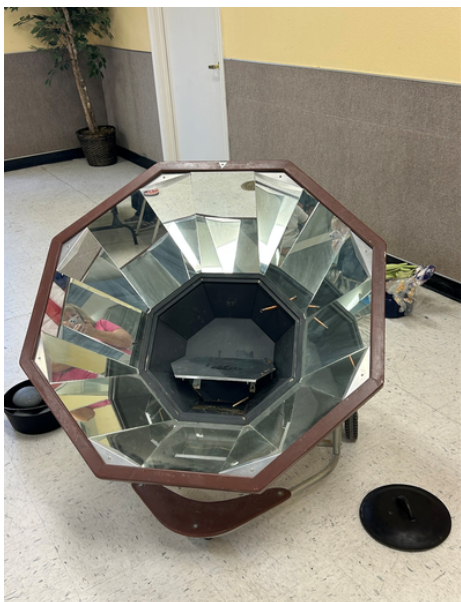
Classifieds

Utility Trailer 5.5' X 8'

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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.



Claims Update

Massive thank you; to our retiring President George Eglinger. He has tirelessly traveled through the fires, traffic, road closures and the never ending construction to complete all our assessment paperwork. Although, it is typically the club VP position to complete the paperwork. It was not possible to have it completed so quickly and clean without George. Not just for our club claims, also leased claims. We are accepting new paper assessments to prepare for 2027 filings as being proactive is the easiest way to finish everything timely.

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

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General Meeting Agenda

August 2026

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

Correction to minutes: No Corrections

Membership Report:

Total Members: 421

New Member: (96%, 296 memberships, 171 individual and 125 family 421 total members) After the upcoming event we will be well over 100%

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) All paperwork is filled and registered. Please continue to send in assessments for our 2027 filings to be ahead of the calander.

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) Nugget Shoot approved for the calander for next year. Details to follow.

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): Open 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

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Sgt. at Arms: Jeffrey Benik – 775.250.4188

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