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## NUGGETS

- Although King Tutankhamun was a minor Pharaoh of Egypt and reigned only 10 years and died at age 18, the innermost of his three coffins was made of solid gold—110 kg (242 lbs) of it!
- Gold is mentioned more than 400 times in the bible.
- The Bible also contains precise instructions from God to cover furniture in the tabernacle with “pure gold”. Nice end tables!
- All the gold in King Solomon’s temple at today’s gold prices would be worth more than \$50 billion with a B US dollars! Now that’s something holy!

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## Annual Claim Maintenance, Forms, Fees

by Calvin Johnson

In order to keep unpatented placer claims, like GPOC has, an annual process has to occur. Either paying a "Maintenance fee" or filing waivers to that fee. This article gives the reader a little more information on what GPOC does annually to maintain our claims on both BLM and US National Forest Service lands.

**Maintenance of a Mining Claim or Site:** "If claimants have a legal interest in 10 or fewer mining claims nationwide and option to perform assessment work and file evidence of the assessment work as described in the next section (43 CFR 3835). All other claimants must pay the BLM an annual maintenance fee per claim or before September 1 of each year. Failure to pay the fee claim or site becoming forfeited by operation of law (43 CFR 3834, 3835, and 3836)."

**Annual Assessment Work:** If claimants have an interest in 10 or fewer claims from payment of the maintenance fee. If claimants are granted a fee waiver, they must

perform annual labor (assessment work) or make improvements worth at least \$100 each year for each mining claim held. Assessment work is work or labor that a claimant performs that develops the claim for production (43 CFR 3836). Geological, geophysical, and filing of a detailed report, including basic findings.

Most state laws require the annual filing of an affidavit of assessment work with the proper county or borough office and the proper BLM state office if the claimant elected to request a waiver from payment of the maintenance fees. The affidavit or proof of labor must be filed on or before December 30 following the filing of a waiver in the proper BLM state office and in the county or borough recorder’s office. Performance of assessment work must be within a certain period, referred to as the assessment year. The assessment year begins at 12:01 a.m. each September 1 and ends at midnight August 31 the next to be performed during the first assessment year in which a claim is located."

GPOC currently has six (6) claims

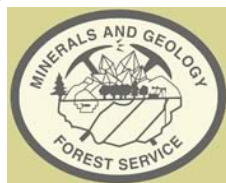
and so GPOC files under what is known as the "small miners waiver", explained above, saving GPOC over a thousand dollars a year. Fees from GPOC permits help offset costs of doing our own reclamation. Responsible prospecting, according to the GPOC code, is of utmost importance to GPOC. Since our GPOC claims are in two different counties of Colorado, we record an annual assessment affidavit with each of the appropriate counties and then GPOC files a copy of those recorded affidavits along with the waiver certification with the BLM Colorado office.

The forms mentioned in this article may be downloaded directly from the BLM web site at the addresses below.

**BLM Form 3830-004 Affidavit of Annual Assessment Work**  
[https://www.blm.gov/sites/blm.gov/files/3830-004\\_0.pdf](https://www.blm.gov/sites/blm.gov/files/3830-004_0.pdf)

**BLM Form 3830-2 (November 2010) - Maintenance Fee Waiver Certification**  
[https://www.blm.gov/sites/blm.gov/files/3830-002\\_0.pdf](https://www.blm.gov/sites/blm.gov/files/3830-002_0.pdf)

Another great resource on mineral claims requirements is the BLM “Mining Claims and Sites on Federal Lands” brochure.  
[https://www.blm.gov/sites/blm.gov/files/documents/files/Public-Room\\_Mining\\_Claims\\_Brochure-2016.pdf](https://www.blm.gov/sites/blm.gov/files/documents/files/Public-Room_Mining_Claims_Brochure-2016.pdf)



GPOC currently holds six (6) mining claims on federal lands owned and managed by the Bureau of Land Management and the US Forest Service.



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The Gold Prospectors of Colorado (GPOC) was founded around 1974 as a non-profit organization for recreational gold prospectors in the Colorado area. Our membership at any given time has grown to over 600 members and continues to grow across the Front Range, the nation, and even the world!

# GPOC Outings & Events Planner

In response to feedback from our members, we are adding a rolling three-month planning calendar to each issue of the Quill. Now you can see and plan for events months in advance—and make requests to the Planning Committee for outings and events in YOUR club! Also check the next page and the GPOC web site at [www.gpoc.club](http://www.gpoc.club) for more info on events including location and start times.


## AUGUST 2017

SPEAKER: RICHARD SAVERS, WMMI DIRECTOR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 GPOC Board Meeting	4	5
6	7	8	9 GPOC Gen. Member Meeting	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 GPOC Long Tom Outing @ Private Reserv.
20 GPOC Long Tom Outing @ Private Reserv.	21	22	23 GPOC Planning Comm.	24	25	26 GPOC Claims Committee
27	28	29	30			

## SEPTEMBER 2017

### MEMBER DISCUSSION ON CLEANUP EQUIPMENT; BOARD NOMINATIONS & ELECTION RULES

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 <b>Labor Day</b>	5	6	7 <b>GPOC Board Meeting</b>	8	9
10	11	12	13 <b>GPOC Gen. Member Meeting</b>	14	15 <b>Denver Gem &amp; Mineral Show</b>	16 <b>Denver Gem &amp; Mineral Show</b>
17 <b>Denver Gem &amp; Mineral Show</b>	18	19	20	21	22  <b>Fall Begins</b>	23 <b>Joint PPAL-GPOC Detecting, 9am @ WMMI</b>
24	25	26	27 <b>GPOC Planning Comm.</b>	28	29	30 <b>GPOC Claims Power Season Ends</b>

- **GPOC Board Meetings** are held the 1st Thursday of each month at **7 pm**, Gold Hill Police Station, 955 Moreno Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO, (access from W. Moreno Ave.). GPOC Members only.
- **GPOC General Membership meetings** are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at **7 pm**, Elks Lodge, 3400 N. Nevada Ave, Colorado Springs, CO. The General Public is welcome!
- **GPOC Planning Committee Meeting.** **7 pm** at Village Inn, Garden of Gods. & 125, CO Springs. GPOC Members Only.
- **GPOC Claims Committee Meetings** are held at WMMI at **10am**, the last Saturday of the month. GPOC Members Only.
- **GPOC New Member Orientations** are held on Saturdays indicated at 10am @ WMMI. March and June are also followed by a GPOC Power Class—where you can study the GPOC Rules, Ethics, and Regulations—and earn discounts on Power Permits.
- **GPOC New Member Outings** are held the Sunday after New member Orientations. Meet @ 9am in the Cabela's parking lot, off the Ridgeway Parkway exit off I-25, south side of Denver

## OCTOBER 2017

### GPOC BOARD ELECTIONS (NO SPEAKER)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 <b>GPOC Board Meeting</b>	6 	7 <b>WMMI Harvest Festival</b>
8 <b>WMMI Harvest Festival</b> 	9	10	11 <b>GPOC Gen. Member Meeting</b>	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 <b>GPOC Planning Comm.</b>	26	27	28 <b>GPOC Claims Committee</b>
29	30 	31 				



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## Summer in the Rockies!

### Metal Detecting for Beginners

Come by the shop for all your metal detecting needs!  
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## The Rock Doc at Prospectors Village



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