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If you know of a club member who is ill or needs help,
Prayer or encouragement, call our "Sunshine Lady"
Vicki Walborn 406-756-3711

"CODE OF ETHICS"

Any Violation reflects on all of us!

1. Know and obey the laws, rules and regulations pertaining to mining.
2. Respect private property and mining claims of others. Get Permission First!
3. Conduct your mining activity in a manner that will cause minimal disturbance to others.
4. Plan your operation prior to proceeding to ensure minimal environmental impact and erosion.
5. Restore the area to its original or better condition when finished with your operation.
6. NEVER disrupt or damage wildlife breeding sites, even if it's legal to do so.
7. Remove all trash and debris found in and around all streams, rivers, and campsites.
8. Keep your equipment maintained and in peak operating condition.
9. Use extreme caution when using petroleum products around waterways.
10. MINE SAFELY! No amount of gold is worth your life or the life of others.

CLUB MEETINGS

**JULY 10-11
2010**

**AT THE CLAIM
LIBBY CREEK**

**Call any member listed above
if you need directions.**

99ER'S NUGGET NEWS

Northwest Montana Gold Prospectors Club

JULY, 2010

Editor: Mary Lance

Quote of the month: Honest listening is one of the best medicines we can offer the dying and the bereaved.

Jean Cameron (dying of cancer 1982)

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GOLD PRICES:

AS OF : July 1, 2010

Gold \$1212.00

Silver \$ 17.86

OUR WEBSITE:

NWMTGoldprospectors.com

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GOOD-BYE TO A DEAR FRIEND

In this issue I want to share some things about Herb. Some of you didn't know him and some not very well. I am going to try to bring part of who Herb was to those members. Those of you who did know Herb well, I hope this brings a smile to your face and you remember him fondly. Everyone keep Debby and Eric in your prayers and thoughts. Do what you can to help ease the loneliness they now face. A phone call, a whispered prayer, a visit, or a card. They need all the support we can give them at this terribly difficult time.

The day before Herb died, he and Debby were telling Ric and me this story:

Several years ago, when Herb and Debby's son, Eric, was 2 years old, Herb hurt his back at work. Herb had several compressed discs in his back and was in a great deal of pain. He had been seeing a

chiropractor, and was told to stay in bed with frozen packs on his back, to ease the pain between visits. Eric was delighted that his daddy was home so much, and would cover the bed with toy cars,

candy, suckers, sippee cups, storybooks and whatever else Eric thought daddy might like to have. They would play together when Herb wasn't sleeping. They had so much fun together everyday.....and

every night Debbie would clear off all the toy cars, candy, suckers, sippee cups, and storybooks. It went like that for several days. One

night when they were sound asleep, Herb sat STRAIGHT UP in bed and YOWLED out in horrible pain. Deb frantically asked Herb, "Is it

your back, Is it your back?". Herb PAINFULLY answered "NOOOOOOOOOOOO, I've got a sucker stuck to my ARMPIT hairs".

Eric would like to have anyone who has a story they remember about Herb, to please get him a copy. He loves to hear other people's memories about his dad. You can email them to me or send to Eric Robinson 1720 11th Ave. W Columbia Falls, Mt. 59912

Thanks for taking a minute to bring joy to a boy. Later, Mary

ADVERTISEMENTS

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Members ads will be printed in the newsletter free of charge.

Please send them to my email or my home address by the 20th of each month.

Thank you to the members that sent condolences to Herb's family. I printed them out and put them in a card from all of you. The club was well represented at the funeral. Jill and Clarence counted 36 members.

Two Bits Prospecting Supplies

Braxton and Vicki Walborn

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WHOLESALE - FUNDRAISING

Trenton L. Axtell	(406)745-2595
bedrock_au@yahoo.com	(406)745-2293

I just rejoined NWMGP and plan on attending the September outings.

For sale: One 3 inch Keene combo in excellent condition. \$1000 firm.

One Keene drywasher, never used. \$1000.
Can be seen at the September outings.

My email: bob@chiov.net

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Minutes from the Sat. June 19th,2010 meeting at the first outing of the season.

There were 69 people present at the 1:00 meeting.

Herb Robinson opened the meeting.

-Jill read the minutes .. they were approved.

Sandy R. read the treasurers report.. and it was approved.

Old Bus.

Braxton got the dredge permits done for the club with the Forest Service and also the plan of operation for our Acer claim thru 2013.

Jill read correspondence thanking the club for the silver round donated by the club for the David Wolter fund raiser in AZ with our sister club there.

New Bus:

Clarence reported on the wood gathering outing last week end, June 12th at Dennis and Donna Thorntons property by Somers where they donated the wood and about 11 of us sawed, loaded and hauled about 11 cords of wood to Olney for Gary and Rita Hall. It was a big project but a beautiful day. We roasted hot dogs for lunch and the MFMU group donated a fantastic barbecue dinner from Famous Daves. A big thank you to NWMGP members.. Brent King, Charlie Kins, Braxton Walborn, Jill and Clarence, and Fred Hodgeboom and his son for their help. The rest of the help was from MFMU. Fred is a NWMGP member and the president of the Montanans for Multiple Use group.

There was correspondence from Bill and Maxine Fritz, long time members from Maryland that wished they could be here but won't be this year.

A brief discussion was held on the raffle for next years Gold Show. As soon as we get those prizes we'll get tickets ready to sell.

Gary Henry inquired about a date to have all corners marked on our claims. It was discussed and a crew will mark them with Jerry B. who has done some work in this direction. Those who work on this at the next outing will be eligible for a split of the club's gold for that day, as they too are working on a club detail.

Our dredge outing will probably be in August as dredging season is from July 15 to Sept. 1st. Ron Maupin will lead this if he does not get called to work. The gold from this will also go into the club split. So get out your wet suits and learn all about dredging.

It was brought to our attention that Sandy R., Treasurer, has spent \$300 for the computer program to do her job. The club will reimburse her for that purchase.

Vicki W. informed the club that she and Braxton will be taking over the Spring Kick Off as Jill and Clarence have done it for 15 years now. Any one who can help them with that next May would be appreciated as it is a lot of prep work. We also voted to move it to the third Saturday in May.

Thank you to Wayne H. and all for their help in preparing the area for our outing. He will be reimbursed for his expenses.

Sandy R. found a small nugget with her metal detector and donated it to the club split.

Clarence did the dig this outing with his excavator and will dig at the July 10th outing. The excavator cleaned the settling ponds Friday and dug dirt. It was very hard digging. A total of 12.8 hours by Sat. and 2 hours on Sun. for a total of 14.8 hours.

The extra dirt dug at the end of the outing will be covered and used at the next outing. Please respect that area.

Members can dig everywhere else on the claim for their dirt during non- outing times.

Herb asked for introductions. There were 10 new members signed up at the outing and several others that came to this first outing. Good to see everyone.

We then held the raffle after the meeting was adjourned.

Raffle:

ITEM	DONATED BY	WINNER
Top o Deep bag of gold dirt	Club	Brock W.
Top o Deep bag of gold dirt	Gary Henry	Janet Liston
Silver round	Club	Sandy R.
Clock..piggy	Robinsons	Gary Henry
Amethyst	Billy M	Ron M
Laser Level	Robinsons	Richard Brown
Wallies (stickers)	Robinsons	Jill T

Mineral Book
Poke w/ vial
Crystal
Snow Globe
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Ratchet Set
Sunglasses
Classifier Bucket
Sunglasses
Amethyst
30 piece tool set
Sunglasses
Deer hide wall hanging
Shovel
Duct Tape

Robinsons
Wayne H.
Ron M.
Robinsons
Penny Van Dort
Robinsons
Jerry Bartch
Sandy R
Robinsons
Braxton
Robinsons
Billy M
Les Breniger
Robinsons
Robinsons
Umphreys
Wayne H

Jenny Sander
Charlie Kins
Mike Geer
Janet Liston
Dustin Spru
Ken Sharp
Billy M
Janet Liston
David Powers
Ron M
Roper
Norm Coverdale
Gary H
Amada Hopkins
Jenny S
Sandy R
Ron M

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS!!!!

Craig Clevidence and family.
Lynn Murray and Richard DeVaughn
Jerry Slinger and Peggi Bork
Robert and Jenny Chiovaro
Ron Hamberger
Jeremy Behmer and Tamala Justice
Kenneth and Betty Sharp
Russell and Linda Johnson
Kimberly Hockaday
Monica Hayes and Bret Nelson.
Mark Sullivan
Katie Henley and William Koelsch
Leona Littlefoot and Robert Littlefoot
Ronald and Dorothy Leonard
John Slesar and Family
Kenneth Galloway
Steven Lockrem
Jim Pfannenstiel
Pette and Emalyn Walters and family
Glen and Deva Trebas
Armond and Joan Cheek
Tisch Haas
George and Darlene Johnson

Love and Understanding

A farmer had some puppies he needed to sell.

He painted a sign advertising the 4 pups and set about nailing it to a post on the edge of his yard. As he was driving the last nail into the post, he felt a tug on his overalls. He looked down into the eyes of little boy.

"Mister," he said, "I want to buy one of your puppies."

"Well," said the farmer, as he rubbed the sweat off the back of his neck, "These puppies come from fine parents and cost a good deal of money."

The boy dropped his head for a moment. Then reaching deep into his pocket, he pulled out a handful of change and held it up to the farmer.

"I've got thirty-nine cents. Is that enough to take a look?"

"Sure," said the farmer. And with that he let out a whistle.. "Here, Dolly!" he called.

Out from the doghouse and down the ramp ran Dolly followed by four little balls of fur.

The little boy pressed his face against the chain link fence. His eyes danced with delight. As the dogs made their way to the fence, the little boy noticed something else stirring inside the doghouse.

Slowly another little ball appeared, this one noticeably smaller. Down the ramp it slid. Then in a somewhat awkward manner, the little pup began hobbling toward the others, doing its best to catch up...

"I want that one," the little boy said, pointing to the runt. The farmer knelt down at the boy's side and said, "Son, you don't want that puppy. He will never be able to run and play with you like these other dogs would."

With that the little boy stepped back from the fence, reached down, and began rolling up one leg of his trousers.

In doing so he revealed a steel brace running down both sides of his leg attaching itself to a specially made shoe.

Looking back up at the farmer, he said, "You see sir, I don't run too well myself, and he will need someone who understands."

With tears in his eyes, the farmer reached down and picked up the little pup.

Holding it carefully he handed it to the little boy.

"How much?" asked the little boy. "No charge," answered the farmer, "There's no charge for love.."

The world is full of people who need someone who understands..

Submitted by Dan Sanders



Herbert Laurence Robinson

Montana, My Montana

I have slept as your guest by a cool waterfall, been pulled from my dreams by a meadowlark's call. I have climbed your highest mountain, deep with snow in mid-July, and seemed a little closer to your magnificent Big Sky. I have seen the tamaracks turning, blazing in the sun. And walked upon a path of gold, laid down for everyone. I have drank the sweetest water from your pure and icy streams, I thank you, my Montana, for giving substance to my dreams. I have seen the other forty-nine, and do not love them less, But Montana, my Montana, You're the place I choose to rest.

In Loving Memory

HERBERT L. ROBINSON

December 14, 1960 June 24, 2010
Kalispell, Montana Kalispell, Montana

FUNERAL SERVICE

11:00 a.m. Tuesday June 29, 2010
Our Saviors Lutheran Church

OFFICIANT

Reverend Peter Erickson
Pastor - Our Saviors Lutheran Church

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sara Ehlert Accompanist
Sandra McCracken Soloist
"Amazing Grace" Congregational Hymn
"Psalm 23"

"On Eagles Wings"

PALLBEARERS

Josh Wilhelm Todd Weigum
Dave Reynolds Rick Lance
Braxton Walborn Kevin Koponen

INTERMENT

Glacier Memorial Gardens

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home
Caring for the Family

A Celebration of Life
– Herbert Laurence Robinson –
December 14, 1960 – June 24, 2010
Our Savior's Lutheran Church – Columbia Falls, Montana
Tuesday, June 29, 2010 – 11:00 a.m.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Congregational Hymn

Amazing Grace

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Scripture Readings – *selected readings from the Gospel of John*

Poem

Footprints in the Sand

by Mary Stevenson

Solo

Psalm 23

Remembrances

Sermon

Prayers

A Special Remembrance

Prayer of Committal

Solo

On Eagles' Wings

All are invited to the burial service at the cemetery following the service in the church. After the burial there will be a luncheon back in the church fellowship hall. All are welcome.

*The drawing on the front cover is by Herb.
It is of an old abandoned mining camp,
one of his favorite things.*



