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NOTE:

Due to our meeting time of the first Tuesday of the month and in July this falls on JULY 4TH WHEN MANY HAVE OTHER OBLIGATIONS, the July meeting has been cancelled.

Next scheduled meeting will be on August 1, 2006.

Also our president had someone hit his truck head on, putting truck in body shop for a few weeks. Thank goodness he is alright, but without his truck, he cannot attend an outing, so he has not scheduled an outing for the month of June.

Member should feel free as always to go prospecting at any time they wish on the club claims. For safety it is advised you never go alone, but have at least one person with you in case of emergency.

While spotting snakes is relative rare, they are out there, so keep your eyes moving and watch out for them.

If you wish to sell gold related items, send ad to editor at RattlesnakeBrad@frontiernet.net Or call 928-767-4189

HEY!!! DON'T FORGET THE CLUB OWNS MINING EQUIPMENT, THAT IS AVAILABLE TO ALL OF OUR MEMBERS TO USE. CONTACT PRESIDENT JERRY KLAFTER AT 928-757-3028 FOR AVAILABILITY AND TO RESERVE A TIME TO USE EQUIPMENT.

IF IT ISN'T GROWN IT HAS TO BE MINED

\$\$\$ Raffle Winners \$\$\$

Door prize	Dorothy Thompson
Scale	John Agnew
Silver round	Mike Medlin
Beginner pan set	L. Herring
Shovel	Delbert Jognson
Belt buckle	Leroy Wilkins
Classifier	Ron Buie
Book	George Stone
Solar panel	John Dimon
Chisel set	OK Lucas
T-shirt	Vern Bowman
Chair	Don Dehart
Mug set	Don Dehart
Pan	Fritz Clemens
Rack/gloves	Chuck Davis
Book	Ken Fisk
Knee pads	Jim Molitor
50/50	John Agnew
Lady's gift	Sharon Smith
June grand prize winner of the dry washer	Don Dehart

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**Treasurer's Report
For 5-2-2006**

Income	
Raffle	\$370.00
50/50	\$49.00
Dues	\$275.00
Total	\$694.00
Expenses (Special)	
Outing	\$315.00
Expenses (Regular)	
Printing	\$31.00
Rent	\$150.00
Raffle prizes	\$275.00
Total	\$456.00
Bank	\$1,763.73

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1996 Keene 4' Gold Dredge.
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Keene 151 Drywasher
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Desert Fox Gold Machine, like new in it's own case. 12 volt. Will sell for \$200.00 Paid \$275.00 new.
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JUNE 2006

OFFICERS FOR 2006

President Jerry Klafter 928-757-3028 Vice-President Mike Medlin 928-715-0910
Secretary Jerry Carreiro 928-757-4103 Treasurer Shirley Klafter 928-757-3028

Minutes Tue June 6, 2006

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm. Members in attendance were 64. Pledge of Allegiance followed by the introduction of new members and guests. Reading and approval of the minutes of the may 2nd meeting followed by the treasurer report. The treasury report with \$1763.73 in checking account after expenses.

Old business all old business has been resolved. No old business to report

New business the treasurer Shirley Klafter passed around the idea of a show and tell with a pot luck in either November or December, members can bring there prospecting equipment and set it up in the parking lot.

T-shirts, a number of members have asked for them, the treasurer Shirley Klafter has received some prices and she will look into the best deal possible and update us at the next scheduled meeting for approval.

Claims payments are due in August we will keep all 3 claims.

Jim Anderson was our guest speaker and explained a little about leaching, an environmentally safe leaching solution to retain your flour gold, Jim Anderson is looking for other members who might be interested to share in the purchase of the solutions in bulk to save money, a member asked if Jim Anderson would demonstrate the use of these solutions in the leaching process, questions were asked of Jim Anderson during the break, an update and demonstration would follow at a later date.

Thank you to the following members for their donations, Retta Atkins, Jerry Klafter, Jerry Carreiro, Dorothy and Larry Thompson, Stanley Richard, Tony Proce.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY RETTA !!!!!

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WARNING RATTLESNAKES ARE OUT BE CAREFUL AND KEEP YOUR EYES MOVING

Note from the treasurer though it is mid year now would be a good time to begin nominating officers for 2007, talk with your fellow members and throw some names into a hat.

NO MEETING IN JULY NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON AUGUST 1 ST. 2006

Dear fellow members once again the talking amongst you during the meeting is making it difficult for other members to hear the officers or guest speakers, we ask that you please respect the members next to you and wait until the coffee/smoke break to chit-chat thank you.

Meeting concluded with the monthly raffle and the June grand prize.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm



NEW MEMBERS

Donald Lammon
Ben May
Brian Deloff
Jonathan Keitz
Walter Hand
Michael Varchiimin
Harold Stillwel
Dora Pupuhi
"PU" Pupuhi
Vard Phillips
Amy Phillips

Traffic on the Trail

Bumper-to-bumper highway congestion isn't just a modern phenomena. Rush hour traffic on the Oregon-California trail was just as bad--probably worse.

The image of a lone wagon on the endless prairie is largely myth; it's more accurate to imagine a moving city. Many reported seeing wagons all the way to the horizon day after day.

And just like today's highways, there was quite a bit of jockeying for position. The goal was to get in front of the pack because anyone who was behind had to eat the billowing dust kicked up by the wagons ahead. Competition was fierce; those in the back often had to put on goggles just to see.

The crowded conditions got even worse in the evening when the wagons came together to camp. Many 49ers discovered that previous wagon trains had overgrazed the prairie, and so there was no remaining grass for the oxen and mules to graze. So it was not uncommon for 49ers to venture miles off the trail in the evening in search of grass for their animals.

A more serious consequence of all this crowding was poor sanitation. Each new wagon train dug their latrines near the previous group's--and there was often leakage into the water supply. The result was illness and death.

GOLD PRICES

	High	Low
May 9	\$700.70	\$681.50
May 11	\$705.00	\$693.40
May 14	\$726.30	\$707.80
May 21	\$677.80	\$651.00