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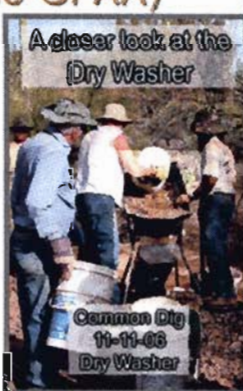
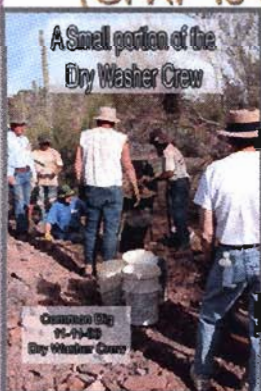
"ABRACADABRA"

Got Gold?

(GPAP Common Dig on 3-10-07)

(GPAP is the Phoenix Chapter of the GPAA)

The GPAP Common Dig on 3-10-07 will be held at the Abracadabra # 1 Claim referred to as Abbey 1 from this point on. Abbey 1 is off of Table Mesa Road between New River and Black Canyon City. Getting to Abbey 1 can be an adventure all by itself. Of course one of the best things about prospecting is getting out of



the city. A trip out to Abbey will certainly do that, the drive out Table Mesa Road is beautiful

2 wheel drive HIGH CLEARANCE.

You do have to cross the Aqua Fria River to get to Abbey 1. If crossing the river in your vehicle is not possible or you are uncomfortable with crossing the river the GPAP will arrange to ferry your group across and back to your vehicle. For those who do want to cross the river if you look closely you can see where most people go to the left at the crossing, the ground is firmer and water is shallower. Of course then we have Mary who takes her Cadillac right across the middle. You should be careful if you decide to take this route. After you cross the river it's not to much further up and down a few more hills and then the big hill with the rock and you are there. The view is spectacular and the air is great.

Don't forget to wave to the ATVer's and the Motorcycle riders on the way in and out. Yes you did hear gun shots on the way in; there is a gun range in the area. No they are not shooting in the direction of the road or where we are prospecting. You are more likely to fall in the river

- Feb. - 1 GPAP General Meeting 7:00 PM
Arizona American Italian Club, Phoenix
- Feb. - 2 GPAA Mesa Gold Show set up
- Feb. - 3 GPAA Mesa Gold Show
- Feb. - 4 GPAA Mesa Gold Show
- Feb. - 14 Valentine's Day
- Feb. - 19 President's Day
- Feb. - 22 GPAP Board Meeting

- Mar. - 1 GPAP General Meeting 7:00 PM
Arizona American Italian Club, Phoenix
- Mar. - 3 Claims Maintenance Abby 1
- Mar. - 10 GPAP Common Dig Abby 1
- Mar. - 17 St. Patrick's Day
- Mar. - 29 GPAP Board Meeting

- Apr. - 5 GPAP Meeting 7:00 PM
Arizona American Italian Club, Phoenix
- Apr. - 6 Good Friday
- Apr. - 7 Claims Maintenance *Golden Dreams*
- Apr. - 8 Easter Sunday
- Apr. - 14 GPAP Picnic *Golden Dreams*
- Apr. - 26 GPAP Board Meeting

- May - 3 GPAP General Meeting
Arizona American Italian Club, Phoenix
- May - 5 Claims Maintenance *not sure yet.*
- May - 13 Mother's Day
- May - 31 GPAP Board Meeting

- June - 7 GPAP General Meeting
Arizona American Italian Club, Phoenix
- June - 17 Father's Day
- June - 28 GPAP Board Meeting

- July - 4 Independence Day
- July - 5 GPAP General Meeting
Arizona American Italian Club, Phoenix
- July - 26 GPAP Board Meeting

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COMMON DIG CONTINUED

or on a cactus than to get shot (except for the lady walking around with the camera she might get ya). Be respectful of the cattle you wouldn't want to upset a possible future meal after all.

By this time you probably want to know what we do at a GPAP Common Dig. Well one of the things we do is dig (Ha Ha Ha). Since this is the Sonoran desert we usually use a dry washer (a piece of prospecting equipment which does not require water to initially recover Gold) we also use water recovery systems when the water is available. One of the advantages of prospecting on Abbey 1 is the availability of water, a portion of the Aqua Fria River runs through Abbey 1. It is a bit of a hike down to the water but if it is deep enough and the water is flowing fast enough the GPAP will arrange to set up a piece of prospecting equipment that recovers Gold by using a natural water flow. Remember all prospecting starts and ends with the Gold Pan. You have to start with a sample which you do with a Gold Pan then when you are finished running the main material through your equipment you have to use the Gold Pan to recover the actual Gold from the concentrates (the fine material left by the dry recover method or the water recovery method). We also have prospecting related interactive demonstrations such as Reading A Wash, Metal Detecting, Gold Panning Techniques, Dowsing, Equipment Instruction and more if possible. At the last Common Dig in November of 2006 Jack Hinton gave a Mossing Demonstration (some demonstrations are not interactive they are just informative).

Next we have a few important details for you. There will be GPAP signs to help show you the way to Abbey 1. The GPAP provides 2 porta-pottys and hand sanitized wipes. There will be a pot luck lunch the GPAP provides the main dish, drinks and the condiments. You need to bring a side dish or desert to feed 10 to 12 folks. you will also need to bring your own chairs. the GPAP puts up 2 canopies for the sales and food tables. The GPAP sells raffle tickets, gold, and some prospecting gear. There is some shade for eating but if you have a pop up canopy you may want to bring it.

EDITORS NOTE: Hats are highly recommended for all ages.

If you want to go and dig with the crew on a larger machine (this would be the DIG portion of Common Dig) then you need to bring a shovel. Check in is from 7:00 AM to 8:00 AM and we like to start setting up the machine at 8:00 am and start the diggin.

By now you are probably wondering why would I want to go out that early on a Saturday and dig? Well we call that "Gold Fever" and if ya already have it we'll see ya there, if ya think ya might have "Gold Fever" come to the Common Dig on 3-10-07 and find out. The thing about prospecting is you never know what you will find sometimes you find Gold sometimes you don't however at the GPAP Common Dig each person who participates in the actual diggin or assists with lunch, check in, ticket or merchandise sales will receive a GPAP Pay Dirt Bag guaranteed to have Gold in it (all you have to do is Pan it out).

Now when prospecting you can find a little Gold or if you are lucky a lot of Gold but no matter what you find no one else has ever laid eyes on that Gold before. If you continue to go prospecting even when you find nothing well then it would be safe to say ya have "Gold Fever" THERE IS NO CURE ya just have to get together with other people who have "Gold Fever" and enjoy yourself, that is where the GPAA and GPAP come in (the GPAP is the first chapter of GPAA. Did I to forget to mention that earlier? OOOOOOOPS SORRY!). So if you think you are a candidate for "Gold Fever" join the GPAP at the Common Dig in March and if ya get "Gold Fever" the GPAP will assist you in getting involved with the GPAA. When you join the GPAA you are automatically a member of GPAP all you have to do is show and have fun. OK enough now I'm starting to sound like an ad for the club that is not my goal here, my goal is to encourage you and your family to come out and have some good clean fun.... well about the clean part it is good clean dirt after all right? We do tend to get a little dirty, OK that might be pushing it but you get the idea we have a good time, some real fun, and the whole family is encouraged to get involved. If you can not or do not want to dig there are other things you can do to help check people in, sell raffle tickets, help set up for the pot luck, cook or just buy raffle tickets. If you have experience in any kind of prospecting related field you can give a demonstration or an interactive demonstration (that would be when ya allow the folks to participate and get there hands on the stuff). I almost forgot in the morning we concentrate on diggin and set up for lunch, then after

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lunch we do all the demonstrations. At the end of the day we do the raffles then take down the canopies and those of us who stick around will probably build a fire (weather permitting) and have some fun or, if it is cold and we are tired, we just might go to our beds keep warm and go to sleep. Well that, as they say, is the meat and potatoes of a GPAP Common Dig.

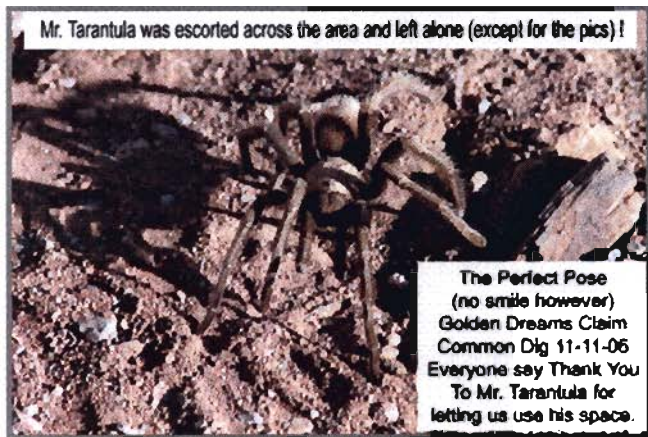
Now as for the fun part. To start with there are some of us who like to go out on Friday and stay till Sunday. What this means is that on Friday night we can have a camp fire and some fun if the weather is permitting. If enough people arrive on Friday afternoon we might get the canopies started, or the main piece of equipment set up or we might just sit around and tell Gold Stories (these are much like "Fish Stories" but for prospectors) or we could just go do some prospecting. What ever we do we have a good time doing it. The porta-pottys arrive some time on Friday and usually stay until Sunday, depending on when the volunteer that tows them out to Abbey 1 leaves, under extenuating circumstances such as inclement weather they might even get taken away on Saturday at the end of the day. If that is the case usually every one is leaving anyway and they are no longer needed the GPAP trailer is usually out on Friday also and the GPAP signs (no guarantees as these activities are all done on a volunteer basis). If we stay on Saturday we usually build a fire just like on Friday and have some fun. On Sunday we either get up and go home or do some prospecting and then go home if you are really lucky you are able to stay until Monday or later. What ever we do we have fun doin' it.

As for the weather it is usually very nice, sometimes however it can be very cold or we can get rained on. I personally have been rained on several times at Abbey 1, once to the point of actually saying that I would never camp at Abbey 1 again. This of course was a hollow threat as I am once again hoping to clear my calendar for the weekend of March 9, 10, & 11 2007 so my husband and I are able to go out on Friday after work and stay until Sunday. Also I will never say that I won't camp somewhere again as I know that I do have "Gold Fever" and will do it even if I 've said I won't.

The Pot Luck always turns out to be great we always have plenty of food. The main dish can be hamburgers and hot dogs or something like chili. If you are an out door cook and have some ideas about something else we can cook out in the desert come and talk to us we'll listen.

The GPAP General Meeting is the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM the meeting is held at the Arizona American Italian Club located at 7509 North 12 street, Phoenix, Arizona that would be between Northern Avenue and Glendale Road on the East side of 12 Street. Please join us and have some fun. The GPAP Board meeting is the last Thursday of each month a JB's Restaurant on the corner of 32 Street and Indian School Road. Everyone is invited to join us at either our General Meeting or our Board Meeting.

PLEASE JOIN US AND FIND OUT IF YOU TOO HAVE "GOLD FEVER"



This Tarantula crossed the area in which we set up our canopies during the Common Dig in November 2006. We took pictures of Mr. Tarantula and allowed him to go across his territory without being molested by any one. This is the way the GPAP treats all creatures in nature.



When you you reach the flat where we have lunch at Abracadabra # 1

this is the view from two different directions.

(Except for some of the water these pics were taken after a rather hard rain.)



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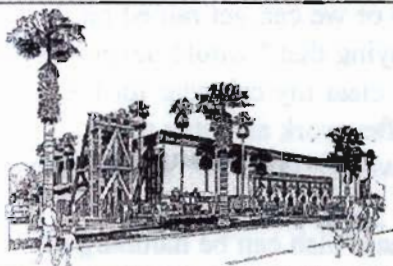
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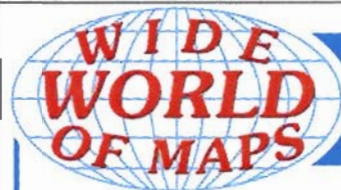
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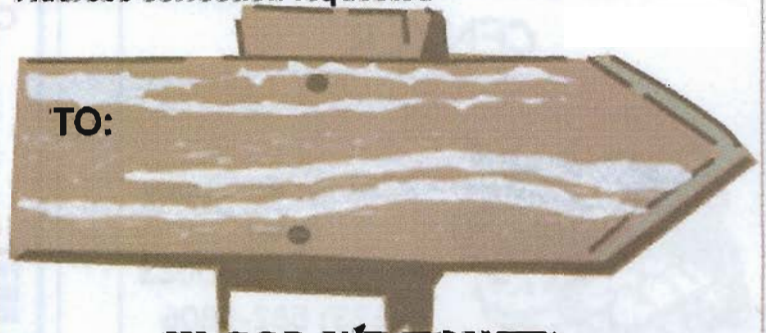
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