

2013 May Outing To 20 Our Acres



**One of the storms that passed through on Friday
See the Mini Backhoe?**



Everybody Hard At Work



Panning For GOLD!!!!

Jim (Mother) arrived early to start digging. He had his “mini” backhoe fueled and ready. When I stopped at the Dolan RV Park to top off the propane, they jokingly told me he took a “Tonka Toy” to dig with. It was a very small unit painted “Tonka Yellow”. Nobody laughed when he dug the holes though. It was the perfect size for the job.

When I arrived Friday afternoon, it looked like we were in for some rain (see photo) but it blew over with just a few sprinkles.

Pot-holes were dug for everyone throughout the weekend. Some into the sides of the washes and some from the bottom. Lots of material was run.

Jim filled all the holes and a few more at the end of the weekend.

The end product was that there is “Gold” on the 20 Acre property. Nobody working the material Jim dug up got skunked. It was hard to access how much Gold is there because most people only processed about $\frac{3}{4}$ buckets at a time.

The gold seemed to be rather small and flat. Some of it tended to move when I swirled the water in the pan, due to the amount of surface area of the flattened pieces.

**Everyone seemed to have a great time.
Thank You Jim (Mother).**

Friday & Saturday nites we had a campfire. The nite time weather could



Sharing the Panning Tub



**Lunch Saturday
Only Two Shade Canopies
For 50 People**



**Lunch Line
250 Gallon Water Tank
(Half Full)**

**not have been better. Cool but not cold.
Very little wind. Perfect for camping.**

**Lunch on Saturday was great. Pot-Luck
seems to be working. More of the “Home
Made” dishes and salads would be nice.
They are so much better than the store-
bought kind.**

**I had my wet sluice set up and had 250
gallons of water. (I borrowed Marcell’s
trailer with his water tank. Ian and I filled
it up at the water company about two
miles up the road. Cost just \$1 to fill it).**

**Many new people showed up. Ian said
there were 30 people signed up but there
were about 50 for lunch. We need to get
better at signing up so there will always
be enough food. Also with all those
people, there were still some that didn’t
bring a chair to sit in. Two of my chairs
and my glider swing (4 seats total) were
being used when I wanted to sit down to
eat. We could also use a couple more
shade canopies. If you want shade to sit
in, someone needs to step up and bring a
few more canopies with them. The club
has one and I bring one. How about the
rest of you????**

**I brought the gas grill and it was used to
cook at lunch and dinner. I bring it to all
outings for members and guests to use.**

**No need to bring one of your own
especially if you are short of space in
your vehicle.**

**Most of the new people (and quite a few
of the not-so-new) ran material through
the wet sluice. Some of the material was
just a little too wet to dry wash so it was
run through a wet machine.**



See The Snake In There?



Campfires At Nite



**See The Tow Strap?
Thank You Ian!!!!**

Brunch Sunday saw about 30 people. We ate all the food cooked (if there had been many more show up, we may have run out). Lots of help cooking was nice to see. It would be nice to see everyone take a shift once in a while.

After sitting around letting brunch settle, we all packed up. I appreciate all the help cleaning and packing up the wet sluice. It's a big job for one person.

There was a snake spotted. Can you see it in the photo?

In the end, we had a great outing. Good weather, good people, and

GOLD IN THE PAN

**If you missed this one
Shame on You!!!**

I must report an incident on my way home. After crossing the dam and starting up the hill into Boulder City, my truck quit. I was stopped part way up the hill, still partly in the lane of traffic. I had to call for help. Ian was kind enough to tow me up the hill to safety (trailer and all). After letting it cool down overnite, I was able to get home Monday morning. I think it was vapor locking. I will have a new "High Performance" fuel pump installed this week so I can be ready for our next outing / adventure.

George.....