

September Mid-Week Outing

Pale Burro Claim – Pahrump NV

I arrived on Monday afternoon. It was warm (about 98 degrees), with a small breeze. After setting up I relaxed in the shade. When I got bored just sitting, I got out my panning tub and panned some material from inside my camper. There were three plastic jars.

The first material was some concentrates from our Feb. outing to “Broken Step”. A young man about 12 yrs old ran some material he dug through my wet sluice. It was his first outing but had to leave before he could do the clean-up. There had been a family emergency back at home in Vegas. At that time, I did the clean-up for him and held the concentrates for him. After 6 months and me being bored I thought it was ok to pan it out for him. There was a bit of gold in it so I put it in a plastic vile to save for him.

The next two jars of material I have no clue where it came from. With the wind picking up a little, I slowly panned it out. The wind kept moving the pan around quite a bit making it a little more difficult to swirl the water to be able to suck up the gold. I re-panned the material three times to get all the gold. There was quite a bit of gold in both jars. I wish I could remember where they came from. (I think one of them was from the panning tub at an outing that I didn’t have time to pan out at the time) Well too bad.

No one else showed up Monday so I went to bed at about 11 PM. It was still a little hot but the wind helped cool it off as the night progressed. With the full moon, it was almost light enough to read my newspaper. I couldn’t close the blinds because it would block the breeze. I had a hard time sleeping with all that light.

In the morning I got up just before others began to arrive. Coffee ready, went outside to welcome everyone. As people arrived I explained the boundaries of the claim and gave my best guess as to where the gold was to be found.

One thing I have wanted to check out was the exposed bed-rock that is decaying and breaking up. Breaking it apart and taking the material that had worked into the cracks (“Crevassing”).



This is some of the exposed bed-rock that was worked.



The wet-sluice in action. (Grizz in the white shirt)

We set up my wet sluice and started running material. Gold was found in the first clean-up and in every clean-up all day. The gold was all very fine. No larger pieces were found but everyone had a good time.

There were a few members of the "Nye Goldseekers" that showed up. Their president Grizz was there along with three others from their club. If I had membership papers with me I might have been able to sign up all of them. They were looking for the forms.



Everyone watching and learning

As it got hotter out there, we did more sitting. I found out later that Tuesday may be the last 100 degree day of the year. (Lucky we chose that day instead of Wednesday because it was only going to get to 93)



Members of the Nye Gold Seekers

I was packed up and on my way home by 2 PM. Everyone had a great time and will be back again. As always: if you were not there,

You Missed out Big Time!!!

George.....