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BHPC Meeting, February 21, 2009 held at the Minneluhzan Senior Center in Rapid City. The meeting was called to order by President Mike Borden, with 52 people present.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes approved as published.

Old Business

1. Wally is doing gold panning and metal detecting sessions at the Sports Show this weekend.
2. The booth for the show is set up, volunteers needed for Saturday afternoon, evening and Sunday.
3. Mike has a contact with a convenience store in Keystone where the club might be able to sell club merchandise.

New Business:

1. Wally said that Schiff is predicting gold will go to \$8000 an Ounce.
2. Wally announced that Lew Wight's friend Jim was killed in an explosion in his trailer across the road from Lew's. He read the following poem: (see page 3) Meeting adjourned.
Judy Farris, Secretary

Guest speaker David Wolff spoke about the steps in the development of an enduring mining community from discovery to continued production. His speech was very informative and entertaining. Dr. Wolff associate professor of history at BHSU, and an award-winning author focusing on the Black Hills, mining, and western history. He is Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Adams Museum and a members of the Homestake Adams Research and Cultural Center Advisory Committee. His book, ...Seth Bullock - Black Hills Lawman... is set for release in May 2009. It is published by the South Dakota Historical Society. Wolff examines the life work of Bullock as he helped build Deadwood, found the town of Belle Fourche, and promote the Black Hills. The book can be ordered through Amazon and will be available at Borders and other locations in the Hills.



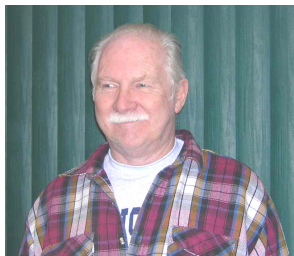
ADVENTUROUS ARGONAUTS

by

Wallace "Wally" Slattery

FORREST GOODWIN

Having run out of ghost towns to write about, I'm starting a new



column! I will focus on outstanding members of our club, what they have contributed to our club, and some of their favorite Argonaut adventures.

"Argonaut," as you remember, means a person who seeks the golden treasure.

My first Argonaut's name is very familiar to all of the longer-term members, because he was a co-founder of our club. Forrest died of a brain tumor in December 2005, but his legacy is something we all continue to enjoy and appreciate - the club and all the positive adventures it evokes.

Forrest moved to the BlackHawk area of Colorado when he was young, where I understand that his father operated a gen-u-ine hard-rock gold mine.

Incidentally, as a youngster he used to play cards with the mayor, sheriff, and fire chief; he even used to drive the fire truck on fire calls before he had a driver's license!

After his Army stint through the middle 60's, he moved back to Colorado where he married Claudia. This union produced two children - Pam and Andy. Some of us

have met Pam; all of us know Andy, of course. Forrest worked in a Steel Fabrication Company for many years, then retired from Wal-Mart as a maintenance supervisor.

In 1999 the family moved to Lead, SD, and not long after met Dennis Shipley, who was trying to get a prospecting club organized. The new club met in September 1999 for the first time at Dennis' claim (now known as Bear Pickens) on Deer/Iron Creek. Well, the new club has certainly prospered, hasn't it? Now it can boast upwards of 500 members, attendance is way up, and everyone will speak of the great times we have at our outings.

Forrest's unfortunate passing affected all of us who knew him, but I personally can tell you that his lust for adventure stayed with him right up to the end. I can certainly vouch to that; we got together on some really fun trips into these fabulous Hills.

Here's to you, Forrest; when we meet again, we'll have a great time swapping war stories!

Wallace Slattery

IN MEMORIAM

We learned last week of the tragic death of our good friend, and Lew Wight's sidekick, James "Jim" Bellman, out on Lew's claim when his camper burned from a propane leak. Jim was a quiet, nice sort, who was always handy and helpful when we prospected. I'd be holding my classes out there, for example, and there was Jim, quietly helping out. And he was an excellent, hard-working prospector to boot.

I dunno. It seems that we've had too many deaths of prospecting buddies lately. First Cindy Hall-McGee, then T.J.Mack, Lew's lady, and now Jim.

They will be sorely missed.

THE PROSPECTOR'S BENEDICTION

May the Hills slope down before your soul,
May the grass grow green and warm beneath you.
May the stream water run fast and clear for you,
May the diggin's be soft and pliant.
May there always be nuggets in your pan,
May old friends gather with you at dusk.

Wallace Slattery

Feb 21st Meeting - Booth at Sport Show - Panning & Detecting w/Wally



Special Guest Speaker
David Wolff

Thank You !



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Please limit your photos to 512kb each or less in size, as we have limited storage space. If you post a For Sale ad they will only be 1 month at a time as to give others a chance to post their ads, do to the limited site space Google offers for this free group.

If you have signed up for the group and were denied access it is because you are not in the current 2009 member list.

<http://groups.google.com/group/blackhills-prospecting-club>



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Our Next
Meeting will be...

Last Inside Winter Meeting

Date: March 21

Place: Minnehaha Senior Center in Rapid City

Time: 10 AM

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