

# THE ORANGE COUNTY FORTY-NINERS

# GOLDEN AURA

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**DON'T FORGET OUR NEXT MEETING IS  
February 16th, 2010**

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**Our Next Outing is at The Puppt Feet Claim  
February 27th-28st, 2010**

# **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

**When:** 3rd Tuesday of each month

**Time:** 7:30 pm

**Where:** Garden Grove Woman's Club  
9501 Chapman Avenue  
Garden Grove, California 92841  
(Corner of Chapman and Gilbert)

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## **CLUB OUTINGS**

**Regular scheduled outings take place the last full weekend of the month. "Regular" Club outings in November, December and January are scheduled around the Holidays and/or inclement weather.**

# The PRESIDENT'S MINUTE

Dear Members of the Orange County 49ers, thank you for reelecting me as President. I will take that as a compliment, though the number of individuals running against me was minimal at best. I, along with the other Board Members, look forward to guiding the Club in the coming year. It looks like 2010 will bring the normal amount of challenges and opportunities for the Club. Membership retention is lower than it has been for several years. This is collateral damage due to the state of the economy, and also the fact that dredging has been banned in California. Hopefully PLP will resolve the latter issue by springtime. As to the opportunities, we have had a number of new Members join recently and the weather appears to be positive as far as gold prospectors are concerned. A lot of snow has fallen in the mountains and rain in the desert, all assisting us in finding that pretty yellow metal.

**ELECTIONS:** At the January meeting, the Orange County 49ers held their annual elections for Board Members for the year 2010. The other Officers for the Club are as follows:

**Vice President:** ..... **B Skipper**  
**Treasurer:** ..... **Kathi Brown**  
**Secretary:** ..... **Sandy Hunt**  
**Claims Chairman:** ..... **Blair Johnston**  
**Wagon Master:** ..... **Bryan DeGhetto**  
**Editor:** ..... **Robert Selinger**  
**Member-at-Large:** ..... **Perry Brown and Mike Hulka**

The Club appreciates all the above Board Members for volunteering their time and efforts in making it possible for the Club to properly function. Remember, if you are a Member of the 49ers your suggestions, ideas and thoughts are very much appreciated. You can even volunteer. The Club is continually seeking new ideas and activities for our monthly meetings and our Outings. Do remember we are also interested in speakers for our monthly meetings. Let us know your thoughts.

**GPAA GOLD SHOW:** It was decided at the January Board Meeting that the Orange County 49ers should have a booth at the Lancaster Gold Show. As the Board Meeting was on the 5th, and the show was on the 15th, there was not much time to prepare, or to find volunteers. So the Board decided to take on the challenge. Robert Selinger produced two binders with pictures of our past events and also a colored Claims Guide that is gorgeous.

Skipper volunteered to help set up the show area on Friday, and by doing such, we did not have to pay for a booth. Robert, Bryan DeGhetto and myself worked the booth on Saturday. Bryan drove back to Lancaster to work the booth again on Sunday along with Perry and Kathi Brown. Saturday attendance was good, but Sunday's was light. There were over a dozen Members from the local area

who attended the show and stopped by the booth. With our presence at the show, the 49ers gained a handful of new members, and I am told there may be a few more forth coming.

There is another Gold Show in April, being held in Las Vegas. The Board is considering if the 49ers should have a booth at the show. We will check into the costs and keep you informed. If it makes sense monetary for the Club to have a booth, we may look for some volunteers to help.

**DUES:** If you have not renewed your membership, please do so. Farther back in this edition of the Aura you will find a list of unpaid Members as of January 31st. If you sent in your dues and we received it after that date, don't get excited. If we do not receive your dues by the end of February, your name will be dropped from the membership roster and you will not receive any future newsletters, nor should you be working any of the Club's claims as we will consider that claim jumping, and Skipper is in charge of grabbing a rope and looking for the nearest tree.

**OUR LOSS:** The Orange County 49ers loss two Members in January of this year, Jim Younker and Chuck Davis.

**JIM YOUNKERS**, 66 had been fighting brain cancer for the pass year, and it finally got the better of him on January 21st. He was a long time Member, and a past Board Member. He was a master machinist by trade, and if you had a problem with your equipment he always had a solution. Jim was mild mannered, has a good sense of humor and always a pleasure to have at the Outings. His Mother, his sister and his long time girl friend, Brandi Hall, survive him.

**CHUCK DAVIS**, 62 passed away after suffering a massive heart attach on January 20th. He was a very active and hard working prospector in the Club. If you ever saw his dry washer and other prospecting related items and gizmos, one would know that he was very ingenious in fabricating such. I spent many days prospecting with Chuck and will personally miss him. Chuck leaves behind two children from his first marriage, Cory 39 and Tami 38, and his wife Cathy and son, Jacob 25.

**JANUARY OUTING:** I did not attend the outing for the month of January as I was in New York and did not return until late Friday night. Farther back in the Aura you will find a recap of the event, which I understand was well attended.

**SPEAKER:** OurspeakerfortheFebruarymeetingwillbeKevinHatch. Hewillbeour "show and tell" for the evening. His father who is located in Wisconsin manufacturers a line of micro sluices. Kevin had a booth at the recent GPAA Gold Show so if you did not see the micro sluices there, now is your chance. Hope to see you all at the Meeting and Outing.

Happy Prospecting  
Steve

# The TREASURE'S REPORT

## January 2010

### INCOME:

50-50 Income .....	\$ 20.00
Membership Renewal.....	710.00
New Membership .....	550.00
Raffle Income .....	175.00
Refreshments Income .....	2.00
Club Merchandise .....	220.00
Miscellaneous.....	0.00
Gift.....	0.00
Add Checks Back.....	0.00
<b>Total Income.....</b>	<b>\$ 1,677.00</b>

### EXPENSES:

Donations. ....	0.00
Merchandise .....	1,085.84
Miscellaneous .....	0.00
Newsletters.....	515.63
October Outing.....	0.00
Porta Potties.....	0.00
Postage .....	25.20
Print & Reproduction .....	0.00
Raffle Prizes .....	150.08
Referrals .....	10.00
Refreshments .....	12.30
Rent.....	100.00
Supplies.....	70.85
Taxes .....	0.00
Web Site .....	0.00
<b>Total Expenses.....</b>	<b>\$ 1,969.900</b>

### CHECKING ACCOUNT

1/1/2010 .....	Beginning Balance	8,792.18
1/31/2010 .....	Ending Balance	8,488.80
	Outstanding Checks .....	120.00
	<b>Check Book Balance .....</b>	<b>8,368.80</b>
		<b>\$ 8,368.80</b>

### CERT DEP

00/00	CD Balance .....	2,336.39	\$ 2,336.39
	CD Statements are sent Quarterly		

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<b>TOTAL CLUB ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 10,705.19</b>
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# The WAGON MASTER'S REPORT



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## **BEN THOMPSON**

Ben Thompson was born in England in 1842, and he owned the famous "Bull's Head Saloon" in Abilene, with partner Bill Coe who was killed by Wild Bill Hickok.

The problem that caused the shooting was about a bull's private parts, shown in the picture of the bull above the saloon. Some townsfolk found it in bad taste, and wanted the parts removed, but when Thompson and Coe refused, Wild Bill Hickok hired some men to paint the offending parts. Coe became upset and this led to the fatal showdown with Hickok.

Thompson was a gambler who drank a lot, and spent a quite a bit of time getting his brother Billy out of various trouble, usually after Billy had killed someone. Thompson's death may have been a revenge killing, because Thompson had killed Jack Harris, part owner of the Vaudeville Theater and Gambling Saloon in San Antonio in July of 1882. Harris had attempted to shoot Thompson through a window with a shotgun, but missed and Thompson hit Harris instead and he died later that night. Thompson went back to his home in Austin Texas and resigned as marshal.

Almost two years later in March 1884 Thompson had met up with King Fisher in Austin and the two of them decided to catch the train back to San Antonio to see a play and Fisher was on his way to Uvalde, Texas where he was a deputy sheriff. After the play the two of them went over to the Variety Theater where Thompson had killed Harris, and ran into his two partners, Joe Foster and Billy Simms. Thompson and Fisher had been drinking heavily and in an upstairs box were Simms, Foster, Thompson, Fisher, and bouncer Jacob Coy. The subject of the Harris came up and Fisher wanted to leave, but Thompson pushed on, and then slapped Foster and put a pistol in his mouth. Very suddenly shooting broke out and Thompson and Fisher were killed. Fisher had never drawn his gun, and Thompson had only shot once, but their bodies had 9 and 13 wounds respectively. It was believed that some shots were fired by a gambler named Canada Bill and a bartender named McLaughlin and a Harry Tremaine who were in the next box, and that they were alerted by Foster.



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# The Lost Ramy Ledge

## THE TALE

The Last Chance Range stretches for nearly 40 miles along the eastern border of California, in the upper portion of Death Valley country. The range is bounded on the east by Death Valley itself and on the west by Eureka Valley, which narrows to the south as the nearby Saline Range closes in from the west. Immediately west of the small Saline Range lies the beautiful Inyo mountain chain. Over 80 miles long, the Inyo Mountains form the eastern boundary of the famous Owens Valley. The range trends roughly north-south and for the prospector traveling west from the Last Chance Range, it is the last obstacle before one enters the Owens Valley. From the southern slopes of the Last Chance Range, the Inyo Mountains rise up 10 miles to the west, on the other side of the Saline Valley. The southern portion of the Last Chance Range merges with the Panamint Range, which marches away to the south.

The Last Chance Range is extremely rugged and nearly waterless. It is dangerous country to prospect in. But the rewards may outweigh the hazards. It seems that the southern portion of the range may harbor one of the richest veins of gold-bearing ore in all of southern California.

In 1904, a prospector named Alec Ramy was wandering the southern slopes of the Last Chance Range, near the edge of the Saline Valley. Water is scarce in this part of the country and Ramy found himself running short. One evening, Ramy discovered that his situation had considerably changed for the worse. His precious mules had broken free of their pickets and stampeded across the Saline Valley toward the Inyo Mountains. Ramy knew he was in trouble now. He struck out southward along the foothills of the Last Chance Range in search of water but found none that first day. Now desperate, Ramy continued southward. During the nightmare that followed, he stumbled on an incredibly rich ledge of gold-bearing quartz. His excitement was tempered by an awareness of his situation. He gathered some ore samples and continued on. Fortune was with him. A band of Indians saved his life and Ramy eventually made his way back to civilization. When he showed his ore samples around, people's eyes bulged out. Some of the samples were nearly half gold! Ramy returned to the Death Valley country to search for the ledge but never found it. It remains hidden today.

## MINING HISTORY

The rugged mountains just south of the Last Chance Range are home to a small mineralized zone known as the Ubehebe District. Centered on the linear chain of mountains separating Racetrack Valley from Saline Valley, the Ubehebe District was primarily a base-metal operation. Some silver was produced mainly as a by-product.

Grapevine Canyon cuts through the rugged mountains south of Ubehebe Peak. Home of Scotty's Castle, the canyon separates the northwest-southeast trending Nelson Range from the Ubehebe "chain" mentioned above. The canyon has yielded miniscule amounts of gold.

The nearest major mining district lies nearly 30 miles southeast of the area of interest. Discovered in 1906, the massive gold and silver deposits at Skidoo produced nearly \$3 million worth of metal. Named for the popular aphorism "23-Skidoo", the mining camp quickly acquired a bad reputation. Of all the mining camps in Death Valley, only one witnessed a hanging. In 1908, a saloonkeeper named Joe Simpson was hung by a mob of "Skidoovians" for killing the local bank manager.



## **GEOLOGY OF THE AREA**

The area of interest for the Lost Ramy Ledge includes the southern portion of the Last Chance Range and the northernmost part of the Panamint Range (especially the area north of Highway 190). This section of the Panamints includes two smaller ranges, the Cottonwood Mountains and the Nelson Range.

The Last Chance Range and the Panamint Range are both uplifted blocks of crystalline and sedimentary rocks. The Panamint Range is composed of much older rocks than that of the Last Chance Range. Whereas the Panamints are composed mostly of ancient Precambrian to Cambrian metamorphic and sedimentary rocks intruded by small Mesozoic granite plutons, the Last Chance Range consists of vast exposures of Paleozoic marine sediments. This huge belt of Paleozoic sediments extends southward to the rugged country near Ubehebe Peak and Racetrack Valley. Here it comes into contact with the largest Mesozoic granitic intrusion in the entire Panamint Range. This intrusion is batholithic in size, with a total outcrop area of roughly 250 square miles. It dwarfs the smaller plutons found in the north-central, central, and southern portions of the

Panamints. The belt of Paleozoic marine sediments wraps around the batholith on its northern, eastern, and southeastern sides.

Like most of the mountain chains in the Basin and Range Province of North America, the Last Chance and Panamint ranges are block-faulted. The Death Valley Fault Zone forms the western boundary of the Panamint Range. The Precambrian rocks that comprise the western front of the range have been uplifted along this fault. The Nelson Range is also fault-bounded, but along its northern flank. This fault extends southeastward through Grapevine Canyon. Grapevine Canyon appears to be the intersection point of two fault zones; one fault zone trends north-south, the other northwest-southeast.

The Nelson Range consists mostly of Mesozoic-age granitic rocks and is host to a few small mines and prospect pits. The Ubehebe District was primarily a copper, lead, and silver-producing area near Ubehebe Mountain. One vein of native gold was found in a quartz and jasper outcrop which produced about 5000 ounces. Gold has also been found on the rugged slopes just west of Ulida Flat.

## **PROSPECTING POTENTIAL**

Ramy's ordeal in the southern Last Chance Range must have occurred somewhere along the western slopes of the mountains bounding the Saline Valley or in the jumbled mountains and arroyos south of Grapevine Canyon. The area is extensive. Prospectors may want to concentrate on the rugged western flanks of Ubehebe Peak and the broken country between that peak and Grapevine Canyon. The Ubehebe mining district did yield at least one small lode deposit of gold. Others may still lie hidden nearby.

South of Grapevine Canyon, the traveler on foot eventually emerges onto Lee Flat. The Lee mines lie just south of this stretch of open country. Prospectors may want to search the area east and south of Lee Flat.

Prospectors must realize that the entire area of interest lies within the boundaries of Death Valley National Park. Prospecting is discouraged and restricted here.



# Gold Prospecting Basics

Name :	Gold
Symbol :	Au
Atomic Number :	79
Atomic Mass :	196.96655 amu
Melting Point :	1064.43 °C (1337.5801 K, 1947.9741 °F)
Boiling Point :	2807.0 °C (3080.15 K, 5084.6 °F)
Number of Protons/Electrons:	79
Number of Neutrons :	118
Classification :	Transition Metal
Crystal Structure :	Cubic
Density @ 293 K :	19.32 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Color :	Gold

Gold is heavy! Gold is 19 times heavier than anything else you will be likely to find in your pan. This is the key to locating and recovering the precious metal. Au, is the scientific symbol for Gold. Gold, silver and platinum were deposited as an intrusion by volcanic pressures into fissures in harder material such as granite. Gold is associated with quartz because the same geologic forces of heat and pressure are necessary to create both. Other indicators created by the same geologic factors would include orange to yellow colored stains in the rock created by iron and copper oxides. These oxides create what is known to prospectors world wide as "black sand", and being heavy, will be mixed in where you find the gold. Water and weathering erode the deposits and the gold being dense works it's way down to the lowest levels ultimately sitting on the bedrock. Look for places where the stream has cut down to the bedrock, Gold will find it's way down to an impenetratable level.

The Rocky Mountains have risen and been eroded down twice over geologic time. Glaciers eroding the mountain sides took the ore deposits and ground them up as they slowly slid down the valleys. These placer deposits have been historically the best place to find "free" or loose gold (placer). As the glaciers melted they dropped their burden of ore laden rock in pockets and streaks. The ore was further washed downstream by the glacier melt. These ancient river beds are known as aluvial deposits and can be identified by the round river rock.

As the present Rocky Mountains were uplifted the ancient river beds were "relocated" into mountain valleys and benches. These "new" mountains have been through the glaciation process as well and these ore bearing deposits are generally located in the same mineral belts. By sampling in likely spots along current day streams in the mineral belts where the flow has cut down to bedrock through the aluvial deposits the educated prospector can locate GOLD!

Naturally, this is only a very brief description of how the gold got to it's present location and what conditions to look for. We'll go into a lot more detail but, here are the basics look for:

1. The historic mineral belts in your area of interest. Remember that a lot of erosion has occurred over the last 100 or so years.
2. Locations where streams and construction have exposed possible ore bearing deposits.
3. Locate cuts that go down to bedrock, look for round river rock up in the bank that has been exposed by the stream.

# Members who have not renewed yet!

## MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE NOW \$55.00

Earl & Winnie .....	Arnold	Frank & Cheri .....	Gray	Michael Nell & Brittaney	Fargher
Bret & Deborah .....	Barclay	Tom & Nancy .....	Grogan	Charlie .....	Norton
Shelton & Beverly .....	Beach	Bob & Bea .....	Halahan	Robert & Terttu .....	Obole
Ralph & Agatha .....	Bomback	Clay & Linda .....	Hanna	Ronald & Dayna .....	Obrecht
James & Elaine .....	Borza	James .....	Hernandez	Joseph .....	Peralta
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Steve & Jamie .....	Breckenridge	Michael & Debbie .....	Hess	Shawn & Kelly .....	Quillin
Will .....	Briscoe	Michael & Connie .....	Holderness	Greg & Rosie .....	Qumiby
Art .....	Chavez	Gary & Nancy .....	Hopkins	Steven & Elaine .....	Reed
Kent & Callie .....	Clark	William "Terry" .....	Hughes	Jim & Violet .....	Robbins
Thomas & Arthalene .....	Coulter	Michael & Kimberly .....	Jensen	Stormy .....	Roberts
Fred .....	Curtis	William .....	Jules	Rod & Sue .....	Roeser
Noelan & Dawn .....	Dather	James & Diana .....	Land	Scott & Jennifer .....	Schmid
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Wesley & Krista .....	Fisher	Theodore David & Lisa .....	Marder	Robert & Maria .....	Thomas
John .....	Forrey	Steve & Sandi .....	Marinakis	Paul & Jo-Anne .....	Vandenberg
Ed & Joanne .....	Gaede	Daniel & Lynn .....	Martin	Todd .....	Waterhouse
John .....	Garmany	Greg & Lu .....	McBride	Bill & Sue .....	Wertman
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Robert & Deborah .....	Grantz	William & Susan .....	Myers	Kenneth .....	Zick

## THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST ISSUE OF THE AURA

### SPLINTERS

A woman from Los Angeles, CA who was a tree hugger, a democrat and an anti-hunter, purchased a piece of timberland, near a small logging town in north Idaho.

There was a large tree on one of the highest points in the tract. She wanted a good view of the natural splendor of her land so she started to climb the big tree. As she neared the top she encountered a spotted owl that attacked her. In her haste to escape, the woman slid down the tree to the ground and got many splinters in her crotch.

In considerable pain, she hurried to the General Hospital ER to see a Doctor. She told him she was an environmentalist, a democrat, and an anti-hunter and how she came to get all the splinters. The doctor listened to her story with great patience and then told her to go wait in the examining room and he would see if he could help her. She sat and waited three hours before the doctor reappeared. The angry woman demanded, What took you so long?

He smiled and then told her, Well, I had to get permits from the Environmental Protection Agency, the Forest Service, and the Bureau of Land Management before I could remove old-growth timber from a recreational area. I'm sorry, but they turned me down.

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# GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

## January 19, 2010

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# **NEW FORTY-NINER'S STORE**

## **100% Cotton Short Sleeve Tee-Shirt with Pocket**

**Full color logo on the back  
and black ink logo on the front**

**Colors Available:  
Ash and Tan (4-XL Ash only)  
ALL SIZES \$20.00 each**



## **NEW Baseball Caps \$23.00 each**

Tan with Full Color Embroidered 49ers Logo one size fits all.

# Apache Indian Creation Legend

In the beginning nothing existed--no earth, no sky, no sun, no moon, There was only darkness everywhere.

Suddenly from the darkness emerged a thin disk, one side yellow and the other side white, appearing suspended midair. Within the disk sat a small bearded man, Creator, the One Who Lives Above. As if waking from a long nap, he rubbed his eyes and face with both hands.

When he looked into the endless darkness, light appeared above. He looked down and it became a sea of light. To the east, he created yellow streaks of dawn. To the west, tints of many colors appeared everywhere. There were also clouds of different colors.

Creator wiped his sweating face and rubbed his hands together, thrusting them downward. Behold! A shining cloud upon which sat a little girl.

"Stand up and tell me where are you going," said Creator. But she did not reply. He rubbed his eyes again and offered his right hand to the Girl-Without-Parents.

"Where did you come from?" she asked, grasping his hand.

"From the east where it is now light," he replied, stepping upon her cloud.

"Where is the earth?" she asked.

"Where is the sky?" he asked, and sang, "I am thinking, thinking, thinking what I shall create next." He sang four times, which was the magic number.

Creator brushed his face with his hands, rubbed them together, then flung them wide open. Before them stood Sun-God. Again Creator rubbed his sweaty brow and from his hands dropped Small- Boy.

All four gods sat in deep thought upon the small cloud.

"What shall we make next?" asked Creator. "This cloud is much too small for us to live upon."

Then he created Tarantula, Big Dipper, Wind, Lightning-Maker, and some western clouds in which to house Lightning-Rumbler, which he just finished.

Creator sang, "Let us make earth. I am thinking of the earth, earth, earth; I am thinking of the earth," he sang four times.

All four gods shook hands. In doing so, their sweat mixed together and Creator rubbed his palms, from which fell a small round, brown ball, not much larger than a bean.

Creator kicked it, and it expanded. Girl-Without-Parents kicked the ball, and it enlarged more. Sun-God and Small-Boy took turns giving it hard kicks, and each time the ball expanded. Creator told Wind to go inside the ball and to blow it up.

Tarantula spun a black cord and, attaching it to the ball, crawled away fast to the east, pulling on the cord with all his strength. Tarantula repeated with a blue cord to the south, a yellow cord to the west, and a white cord to the north. With mighty pulls in each direction, the brown ball stretched to immeasurable size, and it became the earth! No hills, mountains, or rivers were visible; only smooth, treeless, brown plains appeared.

Creator scratched his chest and rubbed his fingers together and there appeared Hummingbird.

"Fly north, south, east, and west and tell us what you see," said Creator.

"All is well," reported Hummingbird upon his return. "The earth is most beautiful, with water on the west side."

But the earth kept rolling and dancing up and down. So Creator made four giant posts: black, blue, yellow, and white to support the earth. Wind carried the four posts, placing them beneath the four cardinal points of the earth. The earth sat still.

Creator sang, "World is now made and now sits still," which he repeated four times.

Then he began a song about the sky. None existed, but he thought there should be one. After singing about it four times, twenty-eight people appeared to help make a sky above the earth. Creator chanted about making chiefs for the earth and sky.

He sent Lightning-Maker to encircle the world, and he returned with three creatures, two girls and a boy found in a turquoise shell. They had no eyes, ears, hair, mouths, noses, or teeth. They had arms and legs, but no fingers or toes.

Sun-God sent for Fly to come and build a sweathouse. Girl-Without-Parents covered it with four heavy clouds. In front of the east doorway she placed a soft, red cloud for a foot-blanket to be used after the sweat.

Four stones were heated by the fire inside the sweathouse. The three creatures were placed inside. The others sang songs of healing on the outside, until it was time for the sweat to be finished. Out came the three strangers who stood upon the magic red cloud-blanket. Creator then shook his hands toward them, giving each one fingers, toes, mouths, eyes, ears, noses and hair.

Creator named the boy, Sky-Boy, to be chief of the Sky-People. One girl he named Earth-Daughter, to take charge of the earth and its crops. The other girl he named Pollen-Girl, and gave her charge of health care for all Earth-People.

Since the earth was flat and barren, Creator thought it fun to create animals, birds, trees, and a hill. He sent Pigeon to see how the world looked. Four days later, he returned and reported, "All is beautiful around the world. But four days from now, the water on the other side of the earth will rise and cause a mighty flood."

Creator made a very tall pinion tree. Girl-Without-Parents covered the tree framework with pinion gum, creating a large, tight ball.

In four days, the flood occurred. Creator went up on a cloud, taking his twenty-eight helpers with him. Girl-Without-Parents put the others into the large, hollow ball, closing it tight at the top.

In twelve days, the water receded, leaving the float-ball high on a hilltop. The rushing floodwater changed the plains into mountains, hills, valleys, and rivers. Girl-Without-Parents led the gods out from the float-ball onto the new earth. She took them upon her cloud, drifting upward until they met Creator with his helpers, who had completed their work making the sky during the flood time on earth.

Together the two clouds descended to a valley below. There, Girl-Without-Parents gathered everyone together to listen to Creator.

"I am planning to leave you," he said. "I wish each of you to do your best toward making a perfect, happy world.

"You, Lightning-Rumbler, shall have charge of clouds and water.

"You, Sky-Boy, look after all Sky-People.

"You, Earth-Daughter, take charge of all crops and Earth-People.

"You, Pollen-Girl, care for their health and guide them.

"You, Girl-Without-Parents, I leave you in charge over all."

Creator then turned toward Girl-Without-Parents and together they rubbed their legs with their hands and quickly cast them forcefully downward. Immediately between them arose a great pile of wood, over which Creator waved a hand, creating fire.

Great billowy clouds of smoke at once drifted skyward. Into this cloud, Creator disappeared. The other gods followed him in other clouds of smoke, leaving the twenty-eight workers to people the earth.

Sun-God went east to live and travel with the Sun. Girl-Without-Parents departed westward to live on the far horizon. Small-Boy and Pollen-Girl made cloud homes in the south. Big Dipper can still be seen in the northern sky at night, a reliable guide to all.

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# Dalton Gang

You had to have a score card in the Old West, as lawmen turned outlaw and outlaws turned lawmen. Grat, Bob and Emmett Dalton - leaders of the infamous Dalton Gang - all wore badges before turning to the dark side. Grat was a U.S. marshal, Bob served as chief of police for the Osage Indians and Emmett was a deputy to both brothers at one time.

They reigned from 1890-1892, specializing in train and bank robberies. They were related to Jesse James, though they acted later and independently of the James Gang.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Dalton family came from Jackson County, Missouri. Lewis Dalton was a saloon keeper in Kansas City, Kansas, when he married Adeline Younger, the aunt of Cole and Jim Younger. By 1882, the family lived in northeast Oklahoma and by 1886 they had moved to Coffeyville in southeast Kansas. When the Oklahoma Territory opened for settlement in 1889, the family claimed homestead land near Kingfisher. Thirteen of the couple's 15 children survived to maturity.

## **LAWMEN:**

One son, Frank Dalton, was a deputy U.S. Marshal, killed in the line of duty in 1887. He had been tracking a horse thief in the Oklahoma Territory. When he located the suspect on November 27, 1887, he confronted him and a shootout erupted, resulting in Frank being killed. Perhaps hoping to avenge their brother's death, the three younger Dalton boys—Gratton "Grat" Dalton (b. 1861), Bob Dalton (b. 1869), and Emmett Dalton (b. 1871)—became lawmen.

## **OUTLAWS:**

But in 1890, the boys turned to the dark side. Bob, the wildest one, killed a man for the first time when he was 19. He was a deputy U.S. Marshal at the time and claimed the killing was in the line of duty but some suspected that the victim had tried to take away Bob's girlfriend. In March 1890, Bob was charged with introducing liquor into the Indian Territory. He jumped bail and did not appear at trial. In September 1890, Grat was arrested for stealing horses, a capital offense but the charges were dropped or else he was released. After being discredited as lawmen, the Daltons soon formed their first gang.

Bob recruited George "Bitter Creek" Newcomb, Bill McElhanie, and Blackfaced Charley Bryant to ride with him and his brother Emmett. Bryant received his nickname because of a gunpowder burn on one cheek. Grat was visiting his brother Bill in California when the gang was formed, but joined it later, as did Bill Doolin, Dick Broadwell, and Bill Powers. Their first robbery target was a gambling house in Silver City, New Mexico.

In February 1891, after Bob Dalton had joined his brothers in California, a Southern Pacific Railroad passenger train was held up. The Daltons were accused of the robbery, based on little evidence. Bob escaped and Bill was acquitted, but Grat was arrested, convicted, and given a 20-year prison sentence. According to one account, even though Grat was handcuffed to one deputy and accompanied by another while being transferred by train, he managed to escape by diving head first out of the train window. He landed in the San Joaquin River, disappeared under water, and was carried downstream by the current. Grat must have taken the key to the handcuffs from the first deputy's pocket as he slept and then timed his escape to take place when he knew the train would be on a bridge. If he had landed on the ground, he would most certainly have been killed. Grat found his brothers, and they made their way back to Oklahoma Territory.



Between May 1891 and July 1892, the Dalton brothers robbed four trains in the Indian Territory. On May 9, 1891, the men held up a Santa Fe train at Wharton (now Perry). Passing Orlando, they stole eight or nine horses. A posse chased them, but the gang escaped.

Four months later the Dalton gang robbed a train of \$10,000 at Lillietta, Indian Territory. In June 1892, they stopped another Santa Fe train, this time at Red Rock. Blackfaced Charley Bryant and Dick Broadwell held the engineer and fireman in the locomotive. Bob and Emmett Dalton and Bill Powers walked through the passenger cars, robbing the passengers. Bill Doolin and Grat Dalton took on the express car. They threw the safe out of the train, gaining just a few hundred dollars and some watches and jewelry for their efforts. The gang scattered after the Red Rock robbery, but soon Blackfaced Charley was caught and killed in an escape attempt.

The gang struck again in July at Adair, Oklahoma, near the Arkansas border. They went directly to the train station and took what they could find in the express and baggage rooms then calmly waited for the train to arrive. When the train came in at 9:45 p.m., they backed a wagon up to the express car and unloaded all the contents. There were armed guards on the train, but for some reason they were at the back of the train. In the gun fight that ensued, 200 shots were fired. The guards fired at the bandits through the car windows and from behind the train. None of the Dalton gang was hit. Three guards were wounded, and a town doctor was killed by a stray bullet. The robbers dropped out of sight.

Not content with just robbing trains, Bob Dalton wanted to make sure his name would long be remembered. He bragged that he could "beat anything Jesse James ever did—rob two banks at once, in broad daylight." And on October 5, 1892, the Dalton gang attempted to do just that when they set out to rob the C.M. Condon & Company's Bank and the First National Bank in Coffeyville, Kansas. They disguised themselves by wearing fake beards but they were still recognized by one of the townspeople.

While the gang was busy trying to hold up the banks, the people armed themselves and prepared for a gun battle. When the gang exited the banks, a shootout began. Three townspeople got shot and town Marshal Charles Connelly was killed when he ran into the street after hearing gunfire. Grat Dalton, Bob Dalton, Dick Broadwell and Bill Powers were killed. Emmett Dalton received 23 gunshot wounds and survived. He was given a life sentence in the Kansas penitentiary in Lansing, Kansas, serving just 14 years before being pardoned. He moved to California and became a real estate agent, author and actor, and died in 1937 at age 66.

Bill Doolin, "Bitter Creek" Newcomb, and Charlie Pierce were the only members left of the Dalton Gang, although none was present at the Coffeyville shootout. It was suggested later that there had been a sixth man holding horses in an alleyway and that he had escaped. That man was believed to have been Bill Doolin but it was never confirmed.



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February 16th	27 & 28	Puppy Feet	Easy	Yes
March 16th	27 & 28	Puppy Feet	Easy	Yes
April 20th	24 & 25	Puppy Feet	Easy	Yes
May 18th	29, 30 & 31	Duiesenberg	Easy	Yes
June 15th	25 & 26	Rose Creek or TBA	Easy	No
July 20th	30 & 31	Rose Creek or TBA	Easy	No
August 17th	Sept. 3, 4 & 5	Tailings	Med	Yes
September 21st	24 & 25	Kern River	Easy	No
October 19th	30 & 31	Duiesenberg	Easy	Yes
November 16th	Dec. 4	Day Outing, Goler Gulch	4-WD	
December 21st	Holiday Party			



Access Easy	Good access for Passenger Car, 2 Wheel Drive, RV, and Trailers.
Access Medium	Can be accessed by 2 Wheel Drive. RV's, Trailers and 5th Wheels check with other members!!!
Access Tuff	Serious 4 Wheel Drive Trail/Dirt Road.
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