

Colorado State Geologist – Vince Matthews

Vince Matthews became State Geologist and Director of the Colorado Geological Survey in 2004. He received Bachelors and Masters degrees in Geology from the University of Georgia and a Ph. D. from the University of California, Santa Cruz.

After spending twenty years in the natural resources industry, he returned to academia in 1997 and then joined CGS in 2000. He is the author of more than 60 technical articles and abstracts and was senior editor of the multiple, award-winning publication, Messages in Stone: Colorado's Colorful Geology.

Matthews was the representative for the State of Colorado on BLM's evaluation panel for the oil shale RD&D proposals, played a key role in developing DNR's recommendation to BLM on the Roan Plateau Management Plan, served as technical advisor on energy and mineral resources for the Colorado Roadless Area Review Task Force, and helped develop the programmatic EIS for commercial oil shale leasing.



While You Slept

(Copious Notes from last week's meeting)

By Dennis Baker

- **President Dale**, the old **Goat**, started the meeting by playing a recording of his favorite movie theme, **The Good, Bad & the Ugly** theme. We hope the Goat develops a taste for music sometime in his life.
- **Frank Wagner** led the invocation. Some of us began to hear thunder rumbling. We were glad his prayer was brief.
- **"The King"** (your reporter gave him that moniker) led a rousing song of **"God Bless America"** after nearly losing the crowd by suggesting we play **"Rotary Jeopardy."**
- **Doug Aden**, one of our speakers, suggested to the **Goat** that this reporter be fined for not displaying Aden's picture in the bio section for the speaker. **John Duffy** and **Dennis Pretti** confessed that this reporter had nothing to do with the absence of Aden's picture, though the newsletter did look better without it. **The Goat** reduced your reporter's fine from \$10 to \$5, but made Duffy and Pretti toss in another \$5 each. The production of **The Spokesman** is a time consuming effort, and the editors are unpaid. You get what you pay for. If we keep paying fines, the old **Johnny Paycheck** song comes to mind: **"Take this job and shove it."** **The Goat** won't mind but **Joe Cool Warner** might want us around.
- Speaking of fines, **Mike Blackburn** was fined \$100 for no reason. He is a fine, Christian man, and does not deserve this kind of treatment.
- Actually, **Blackburn** turned 60 recently. With everyone who wants to get even with him, we wondered how he made it this far.
- **Mike Kercheval** was in **Puerto Vallarta** recently and brought back certain enhancement drugs for the President. Things are looking up for **the Goat**.
- **Dr. K** had happy bucks that surgery was able to restore the eyesight of **Eileen Kercheval**, his child bride.
- The beautiful and charming, **Gay Hetland**, had 15 happy bucks for 15 years in **Rotary**. She joined when she was in her early twenties.
- **Tim Sewell** was happy for **Gene Taylor's** ski program.
- **Joe "Cool" Warner** was back home from **P.E.T.S. (President-Elect Training)**. He learned a lot. It's too bad our current president slept through his training.
- **Dee Brinegar** was happy his grandson was in a picture in the **Free Press**, along with **Chris Mahre's** son, **Tommy Mahre**. They were thanking our club for the donations we made to their school.

While you Slept continued

- **Lynn Lickers** was happy that **Denny Herzog** and **Chris Tomlinson** both earned recognition from the **Denver Press Association**.
- **Barb Bowman** wants us all to attend the **GJ Visitor's Center**, March 14, 2009 from 1 to 4 for their remodeling Grand Opening.
- **Donia Moore** reminds sponsors and new Rotarians and other interested Rotarians to attend the new member orientation breakfast at **Good Pastures, March 13, 2009, at 7:30 AM**. Attendance at the breakfast counts as a Rotary meeting makeup.
- **Russell George**, the man with two first names, and **Doug Aden** gave an interesting presentation on the transportation issues facing the state generally, and the Western Slope, specifically. By 2020, they the state will have grown by 1.5 million people. They expect that our Region will receive \$50 million in Stimulus money to go to highway repairs and construction. That money will reach the highway department within 120 days.
- **CORRECTION TO LAST WEEK'S BULLETIN: The Polio Plus committee will be meeting on March 18, 2009 (not the 19th), at 11:15 before Rotary. Call Barbara Gottschalk for more information.**

At Last Week's Meeting

Mike Blackburn is given the **fifth degree** by **President Billy Goat** and fined for one reason or another; and **Jeanie Thomas** fills the room with her usual wonderful and sometimes witty sounds of music.



Fun Facts By Jan Pomrenke

Thanks to the generous comments (or should we say contributions) by **Tom Hunn** last week we all learned something new. Who would have thought that there is an infestation of **Pissants** in our Colorado roads? Having never heard the term I decided it was time to investigate. So, here we have it first hand from **Wikipedia**, the real scoop on Pissants, and I quote, **"In the United States, any small or tiny ant that infests a home is often labeled as a Pissant or piss ant. An actual Pissant is an ant that lives**



in certain European forests and gets its name from the odor produced by its nesting material - pine straw and pine needles. Small indoor ant infestations (those commonly called piss ants, sugar ants) can be any of a variety of small ants... and so forth. That is already more than we wanted to know. Tom, I think you are confused, but then maybe not. Maybe the Pissant is, or should I say Pissants are eroding our highways and therefore the need for stimulus monies. By George, oops, I mean Tom, You've Got It. This is how rumors start.

Upcoming Dates

**Meeting Programs
Claudia Crowell
Program Committee Chairperson**

- March 18** **Rotary Youth Exchange**
Jana Gerow
- March 25** **Grand Valley Catholic Outreach**
Sister Karen Bland
- April 1** **Fun April Fool's Day**
Reed Mitchell

Other Dates

- March 11** **Rotary Exchange Committee**
11:15 Two Rivers Conv. Ctr.

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