Cripple Creek “The World’s Greatest Gold Camp”

Come join us in Cripple Creek, Colorado for the 14th Annual Mining History Association Conference June 4-8, 2003. Registration will begin in the Colorado Trading and Transfer Building at 5th & Bennett Avenue (east end of town) in the room next to the gift shop. After registering, go next door and take a self-guided tour, free to all registrants, of the Cripple Creek District Museum. Once the site of the Midland Terminal Railroad Depot, the museum contains displays that commemorate the town’s history.

On Thursday afternoon, a bus tour will be offered to give an overview of the district’s rich mining history, and will provide a good backdrop for the rest of the meeting. Thursday evening, the welcoming reception will feature a visit with Winfield Scott Stratton (see next page for details). This year’s conference features 20 oral presentations on a variety of subjects, including many devoted to the history of the Cripple Creek mining district.

The CC&V Gold Mining Company will provide a tour of the operating Cresson surface mine, making it possible for conference attendees to see a modern operation from mine through preliminary processing. Another tour at the underground Mollie Kathleen gold mine will provide a comparison of mining today vs. the way it was in years gone by. The Awards Banquet on Friday will feature Duane Smith and his presentation, Henry Teller: Colorado Spokesman for Mining. The Sunday bus trip will take us down to Colorado Springs to visit the Western Museum of Mining and Industry. Lunch will be included, along with tours of the museum exhibits and the new Stratton Archives as well as operation of the museum’s stamp mill.

For more information about Cripple Creek attractions, services and lodging check out their website (www.cripple-creek.co.us). A limited number of tables will be available to vendors. Contact me for details. Please join us to see and feel this dynamic gold camp as it was and as it is today. Send in your early-bird registration form before May 15, 2003.

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"A Visit With Winfield Scott Stratton"

Enjoy a visit with Winfield Scott Stratton, one of Colorado’s richest 19th century mining kings, at MHA’s welcoming reception, Thursday, June 5, from 7:00 p.m. at the Cripple Creek Parks and Recreation Building.

Stratton, an itinerant carpenter and prospector who became Cripple Creek’s first millionaire, comes alive in his portrayal by Richard Marold. In a historically accurate presentation, the texture and excitement of late 19th century Colorado’s booming mine towns is rediscovered.

Through the eyes and experience of Stratton, Marold portrays the paradoxical “Midas of the Rockies” and life in Colorado over one hundred years ago: the rush to the Rockies, the lure of gold and silver, the flamboyance, greed and tragedy of those eager to get rich quick.

Stratton, although the richest multi-millionaire to emerge from the gold fields of Cripple Creek, continued to live modestly and struggled under the weight of wealth. But he gave an extraordinary amount of money back to Colorado and became one of the state’s greatest humanitarians.

Marold, editor of the quarterly journal Cheyenne Mountain KIVA, presents a authentic, entertaining program which brings early Colorado history to life.

“Who, What and Where?” Contest

By popular demand, the “What is It?” slideshow contest, newly titled “Who, What and Where?”, will return to the June 2003 MHA meeting in Colorado. In this revised format, illustrated questions will include famous mining people and mines as well as mining equipment. Prizes will be awarded for each category as well as for best overall score. Give yourself an edge by sending one or more of your favorite slides, copy prints, or *.jpg digital files to Who, What, Where?, attn: Ron Limbaugh, P.O. Box 1333, Gualala, CA 95445, email <limbaugh@mcn.org>. Please do not send originals! Contest officials will consider all material sent, but cannot promise to use everything or to return material to sender.

Contest Teaser: 1) Identify the milling process illustrated above, and 2) on what type of ore was it primarily used? Be sure to attend the contest Saturday night for the answers.
MHA 2003 Conference Agenda

**Wednesday, June 4**

2:00 - 5:00 pm. Registration - Colorado Trading and Transfer Building, 5th & Bennett Avenue
Self-guided tour of Cripple Creek District museum

**Thursday, June 5**

8:00 - 10:00 am. MHA Board meeting - Gold King Mountain Inn, Cripple Creek

10:00 - 12:00 am. Continued Registration - Colorado Trading and Transfer Building & self-guided museum tour

Noon - 2:00 pm. Lunch - On your own

2:00 - 5:00 pm. Continued registration Colorado Trading and Transfer Building
Pre-conference overview bus tour of District - stops at mine sites, etc.

6:00 - 9:00 pm. Welcoming Reception - Cripple Creek Parks & Recreation Building, Cash bar.
Winfield Scott Stratton as guest speaker.

**Friday, June 6**

7:00 - 8:00 am. MHA Journal Editorial Board Breakfast Meeting - Location to be determined

8:00 - 8:30 am. Continued registration at the Womack Center Coffee, donuts and juices - catered

8:30 - 10:00 am. Opening and First Session of Talks - Womack Center
* A Quick History of the Cripple Creek Mining District*, Ed Raines
* Rails to Riches*, Eric Clements

10:00 - 10:20 am. Coffee Break - catered

10:20 - Noon Second Session of Talks - Womack Center
* The Stratton’s Independence Controversy- Revisited*, Paul Mogensen
* The Morse Brothers Machinery Company*, Robert Sorgenfrei and William Parfet
* Cripple Creek to Caribou*, Thomas Hendricks
* The Other Moffat Tunnel*, James Andrews

Noon - 12:50 pm. Miner’s Lunch w/ speaker from Cripple Creek & Victor Mining Co.
on their historic preservation - Parks & Recreation Building

1:00 - 4:00 pm. Tour of Cripple Creek & Victor’s Cresson operating surface mine

4:00 - 6:00 pm. Tour of Mollie Kathleen mine - 1000 ft. level

7:00 - 9:30 pm. Awards Banquet - Parks & Recreation Building, Speaker: Duane Smith, *Henry Teller: Colorado Spokesman for Mining*
Saturday, June 7

8:00 - 8:30 am. Coffee, donuts, and juices - catered

8:30 - 10:10 am. Third Session of Talks - Womack Center
No Place For a Woman: Gender at Work in Cornwall's Metalliferous Mining Industry, Sharron Schwartz
Smallpox: Victor vs. the State Board of Health, 1905-1906, Janet Cunningham
Meet Me at the Ballot Box: Women Voters, Striking Miners, and Labor Politics in Colorado, 1894-1914, Marcia Goldstein
White Dust/Black Dust: Women's Paid Labor in a Granite Quarry Community and a Coal Mining Community, 1880-1918, Susan Richards

10:10 - 10:30 am. Coffee Break - catered

10:30 - 12:10 pm. Fourth Session of Talks - Womack Center
George Hearst and the Discovery of the Comstock, Fred Holabird
Mining District ID: Creating Order Out of Chaos from the Colorado Mining Literature, Lisa Dunn
The Changing Underground Labor Force in a Michigan Copper Mine, the Impact of Competition and Technological Change, Stephen LeDuc

12:10 - 2:00 pm. Presidential Luncheon - Parks & Recreation Building, Ed Hunter, The Cape Nome Conspiracy - the Right Wing Again?

2:00 - 4:00 pm. Fifth Session of Talks - Womack Center
Poetry from Goldfield: A Centennial Reading, Sally Zanjani
R.A.F. Penrose, Jr., His Adventure in Arizona, James Sell
Riches for the Taking: Schemers and Dreamers, Dawn Bunya
Animas Forks, Steve Baker
The Mears-Willey Mill in San Juan County, Colorado - An Early Attempt to Reprocess Mill Tailings for Profit, David Thayer and Douglas Thayer

4:00 - 4:20 pm. Coffee Break - catered

4:20 - 5:00 pm. Annual Business Meeting - Womack Center

5:00 - 7:30 pm. Dinner - On your own

8:00 - 9:00 pm. "Who, What and Where" Contest - Womack Center

Sunday, June 8

9:00 - 4:00 pm. Tour to Western Museum of Mining and Industry in Colorado Springs. Lunch included, stamp mill in operation, museum tours, Stratton Archives etc.
Cripple Creek's weather is unpredictable. Like most mountain towns its mornings and evenings are cool. Nights can often drop into the 30s even in summer. While the summer is usually filled with sunny warm days in the 70s, it can also be rainy and can even snow. Bring a warm jacket and clothing to ensure your stay is comfortable.
Cripple Creek is located at 9,500 feet, please follow these health tips:

**Avoid Altitude Illness**
- Increase Fluid Intake
- Decrease Salt Intake
- Moderate Your Physical Activity
- Eat High Carbohydrate, Low Fat Meals
- Reduce Alcohol and Caffeine Intake
- Feeling Worse? Seek Help

**Prevent Sunburn**
- Use Sunscreen (SPF 15-30)
- Always Wear Sun Glasses or Goggles
- Wear long sleeves and a wide brim hat
MHA 2003 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Cripple Creek, Colorado, June 4-8, 2003

Please print or type. Deadline for Early-Bird registration: postmarked May 15, 2003

Attendee Information

Today's Date: ____________
Name (for name badge): ____________
Spouse's Name (for name badge): ____________
Address: ____________
City / State / Zip / Country: ____________
Telephone: ____________ Email: ____________

☐ I am a current member of MHA (check mailing label for "2003")

Conference Registration

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