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Nuggets of News and Knowledge

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Whether you are new to gold prospecting or an experienced old-timer, whether you have just started swinging a metal detector or have been digging targets for years, get the most out of treasure hunting with these nuggets of news and knowledge— tips, ideas, new products and more!



Can You Learn Anything Valuable from TV Reality Gold Shows?

For nearly a decade, those of us who admit to watching TV reality shows related to gold mining have been enlightened and entertained by Gold Rush, White Water, Bering Sea Gold, Under the Ice, Jungle Gold, and others. And the once ordinary people we've gotten to know from these shows— Todd Hoffman, Parker Schnabel, Rick Ness, Tony Beets, Dakota Fred, Emily Riedel, Shawn Pomrenke to name just a few — became celebrities practically over night.



In fact, Gold Rush remains the most-watched Friday night program in all of US television among males aged 18 to 49 and women aged 25 to 54! With so much scenic footage of places like Scribner Creek, Eureka Creek, and the Bering Sea, it can almost feel like you've been there even though the probability of going to Yukon or Nome is as remote as the actual locations. Reality television is a compelling and very influential form of entertainment. It shows real people, real experiences (with some "Hollywood" thrown in) and we somehow relate to them, especially to the "stars" you either love or love to hate. The challenges of inter-miner-relationships that unfold in front of the viewing public can remind you of your own family dynamics, too. *But do you actually LEARN anything VALUABLE about gold mining by tuning in?*

Beyond the entertainment value, the answer is **Yes!** Whether gold mining is the way you make your living or more of a hobby, there are many similarities between large scale and small scale operations. Let's say you go prospecting every Saturday during the summer and have a few nice pieces of equipment and accessories that you haul in your truck. Whether you head for public land or a private claim, you know there are no guarantees. You do some research,

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How Often Do You Do a Clean Up?

How often you should do a clean up of your sluice is largely a matter of preference. Some miners like to see how much gold they are collecting every hour; others will wait several days. The best way to determine when a clean up is needed is to directly observe WHERE the gold is being trapped in the box. As long as the majority of gold is catching in the upper third section of your sluice box, then you know your [sluice](#) is operating at its utmost efficiency. But if you notice that gold is being trapped farther and farther down the length of the box, then the riffles are probably impacted by too much heavily concentrated material, so it's time to do a clean up.

Backpack Gold

set up your sluice, shovel the dirt... [article continues here](#)

Automatic Spiral Gold Panning Machines

If you don't have the muscle power or time, let a spiral panning machine help you separate the gold from your concentrates and black sand quickly and easily! One of the most popular automatic panners is the Desert Fox. This workhorse has been tried and true for decades. The Desert Fox Automatic Gold Panning Machine is aptly named because it was designed to conserve water and will operate on just 3 gallons. It sets up quickly and easily and can run 70 pounds of concentrates in an hour--it's both a separator and a concentrator in one self-contained panning machine. Recovers an amazing amount of flour gold so you never lose even the smallest pieces (which all add up!). Operates on any 12-volt automotive battery; available in 2 speeds. **FREE shipping** on variable speed model. [Get details on Desert Fox— and its bigger brother Pro Camel.](#)



NEW! Nugget Zone Accessory for Gold Cube

The newest accessory for your Gold Cube adds the ability to easily capture the larger gold your other Gold Cube accessories—Trommel or Gold Banker— may miss. The Gold Cube was designed to effectively capture fine gold and no other product on the market does it better, however, when used as a highbanker or just running concentrates, the Nugget Zone can easily get larger gold the punch plate holes may miss. The collapsible Nugget Zone includes: stand attachments, 1100 gal per minute 12 volt pump, hose and attachments, and instructions The perfect companion to your Gold Cube! [Nugget Zone details and video here.](#)



Snake Gaiters Help Keep You Safe

Vacuum



Weighing less than 15 pounds, the VAC PAC is simple to operate and is the perfect tool for every miner who wants to collect material .5 inch or less from crevices and weeds and moss along riverbanks. **FREE shipping!** [Vac Pac details here.](#)

Rock Crushers



Whether you need a manual rock crusher or a motorized version, a rock crusher can be an invaluable tool if it has been designed and built by miners for miners! Tough machines built well and rigorously tested in the field means less work for you. [Browse rock crushers.](#)

GPAA Gold & Treasure Shows



Browse the show floor to find the latest and greatest gold mining and metal detecting equipment, see product demos, attend free seminars, ask questions of the pros, and enter to win thousands of dollars in door prizes.

Just 2 spring shows left:



Be safe when in snake country! Affordable snake bite protection is available for adults and kids. Some years are worse than others when it comes to rattlesnake, copperhead and water moccasin encounters. Mild winters coupled with substantial spring rains and warming trends can lead to higher than average numbers of snake bite victims. The rain ups the insects, the insects up the rodents, the rodents up the reptiles. And when temperatures rise, snakes

seek shelter in shady areas under rocks, log piles, old mining equipment, in vegetation— exactly the types of places where gold prospectors and metal detectorists are hunting! Poisonous pit vipers can strike at a target up to two-thirds of their body length, so even walking in snake country can pose a problem if you accidentally step near or startle a snake. Don't take a chance! [Razer Snake Gaiters](#) help protect your lower legs. [Kids Snake Chaps](#) here.

History Nugget: Eureka, Nevada



In July 1986, Life magazine described Nevada's U.S. Highway 50 between Ely and Fernley as the "Loneliest Road in America." At the same time, AAA representatives warned travelers to avoid this empty 287-mile stretch unless they were "confident of their survival skills." Much has changed in the last 30+ years. The scenery is still wide open, there's not a lot of traffic, but it's far from lacking in amenities.

This scenic corridor retraces the route of the Pony Express and Overland Stagecoach trails, connects you to plenty of recreational opportunities,

and passes through five full-service communities. Eureka is one such stop along the route, and is one of the best-preserved 19th century mining towns in the state.

Lead and silver ore was first discovered in Eureka during the fall of 1864 when a party of five prospectors traveling from the silver camp of Austin came and explored the area. Unlike most new mining strikes, not much excitement was caused by this find— not because the assays of the rock weren't favorable,

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because they were, but because the smelting methods available at the time were not suited to treat the oxidized gold-silver-lead ores (those which are found above the water level) they had found. [Article continued here...](#)



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