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## **AUG. 7, 2025 THURSDAY**

### **23rd ANNUAL "SILVER" SUMMER SERIES BBQ IN RENO**

**Guest Speaker: Mr. Doug Silver, Namesake of the Silver Series. Title: "One Big Beautiful Douglas".** Location is at Dan Kappes's home, 13045 Welcome Way, Reno, NV. 5:30 PM Drinks, 6:00 PM Potluck BBQ, 7:00 PM talk begins. **Sponsors for the event are: KAPPES, CASSIDAY & ASSOCIATES and RESPEC.** Please RSVP online by August 4th: [SILVER SERIES RSVP](#) Details on page 3.

## **AUG. 14, 2025 THURSDAY**

### **GSN WINNEMUCCA CHAPTER ANNUAL PICNIC**

The GSN Winnemucca Chapter Annual Picnic will be held at Pioneer Park, 100 Museum Ave, Winnemucca, NV at 5:00 pm. **Food, beer, and lawn games will be provided! Sponsors: BOART LONGYEAR and ALS GEOCHEMISTRY.** For more information, please contact Chapter President, Eli Witte at: [witteeli9@gmail.com](mailto:witteeli9@gmail.com). Details on page 8.

## **AUG. 21, 2025 THURSDAY**

### **GSN ELKO CHAPTER AUGUST BBQ**

The GSN Elko Chapter will be hosting a BBQ at the Main City Park in Elko on **Thursday, Aug. 21st from 6-9 p.m.** **Sponsor: Rangefront Mining Services.** Please contact Elko President, Sergey Konyshov, [sergey606@gmail.com](mailto:sergey606@gmail.com) for more information. Details on page 9.

## **AUG. 23, 2025 SATURDAY**

**SPECIAL ONE-DAY FIELD TRIP IN RENO!** Dr. Donald Hudson will lead an informal, but highly informative, one-day geologic tour of parts of the Wedekind and Peavine districts on the outskirts of Reno. Details on page 4. Register [HERE!](#)

## **GSN SILVER SERIES SPONSORS**



**FROM THE PRESIDENT—AUGUST 2025**  
**Steve Weiss**  
**GSN President June 1, 2025-May 31, 2026**



Members of the Geological Society of Nevada, Greetings and Salutations!

It is an honor and a privilege to write to you as the new President of GSN. I believe I am the 65<sup>th</sup> since 1961 if you count the 14 Chairmen who served in 1967 through 1981. My earliest memories of GSN date to the heady days of the first GSN Symposium, in 1987, at the Nugget. Since then, I have not been disappointed, and I have come to appreciate the opportunities for camaraderie, debate and a shared interest in the advancement of the geosciences and the geology of Nevada that is the essence of the GSN. That essence comes from us, collectively, the members of GSN.

Regrettably, on July 18<sup>th</sup>, we lost some of that essence with the death of David Shaddrick, a friend of many, President of our Society in 2001-2002, and an often-irreverent explorer and generous leader who helped grow the GSN and the GSN Foundation. He will be missed, but I am confident the GSN will continue to thrive in his absence.

We will kick off a new year of interesting speakers once again with Doug Silver's talk at the GSN Silver Series to be held on August 7<sup>th</sup>. A hearty THANK YOU to Dan Kappes, our fabulous host for the Silver Series! See page 3 for details and a link to sign up. From September 2025 through May 2026, our monthly meetings in Reno will be held at the Atlantis Casino Resort so watch for further announcements. The monthly meeting dates will be:



September 19<sup>th</sup>, October 17<sup>th</sup>, November 21<sup>st</sup>, December 17<sup>th</sup>  
(Foundation Fundraiser & Holiday Party), 2025 and  
January 16<sup>th</sup>, February 20<sup>th</sup>, March 20<sup>th</sup>, April 17<sup>th</sup>, and May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Sergey Konyshev has stepped up to be President of the Elko Chapter this year, Eli Witte is the new President of the Winnemucca Chapter and Liz MacDonald will continue as the Southern Nevada Chapter President. Stay tuned in this and future Newsletters for announcements and dates for Elko, Winnemucca and Beatty GSN events.

I urge you to consider attending a special and out-of-the-ordinary GSN summer event scheduled for Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> when Donald "Dr. Rock" Hudson will lead an informal, but highly informative, one-day geologic tour of parts of the Wedekind and Peavine districts on the outskirts of Reno. See page 4 for details and registration. The Wedekind-Peavine tour is in addition to, and not to be confused with, the GSN Fall Field Trip coming up on Thursday, October 2nd through Saturday, October 4th.

Lastly, please don't forget to renew your membership for another great year. Dues are still \$50 and payable each September. I look forward to 2025-2026! Saludos!

Steve Weiss

## GSN SUMMER SILVER SERIES—THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2025

**GUEST SPEAKER: DOUG SILVER**

**TITLE: “One Big Beautiful Douglas”**

**Sponsors: KAPPES, CASSIDAY & ASSOCIATES  
and RESPEC**

**TIME: Drinks @ 5:30 pm, Dinner @ 6:00 pm, Talk @ 7:00 pm**

**WHERE: Dan Kappes’s Backyard, 13045 Welcome Way, Reno NV  
(please carpool if you can!)**

**WHAT TO BRING: A Lawn Chair and an Appetizer, Side Dish or  
Dessert to Share. Dan will supply all the catered BBQ!**

Please RSVP online by August 4th at: [SILVER SERIES RSVP](#)

### Abstract

It is very difficult, if not impossible, to predict our near-term future given the interplay of a vacillating Administration with the increasing politization of news by both the left- and right-wing media. This has forced me to read the One Big Beautiful Bill (all 2,507 pages) and extract the facts. Since OBBA will be driving the U.S. economy for the next several years, it will have profound ramifications to the mining industry, its labor force and you personally. This presentation will describe the bill's components as they impact natural resources and senior citizens. For the record, this talk will not judge the bill's contents. Just the facts Ma'am.



***GSN wishes to thank our MAY MEETING sponsors in Reno, Elko,  
Winnemucca AND Southern Nevada!***





## **Upcoming One-Day GSN Field Trip**

### **“Understanding the Geology of Peavine, Washoe County, NV”**

**Led by Dr. Donald Hudson**

**Saturday, August 23, 2025 meeting at 8am**

**Meet at the Gold Building, 2175 Raggio Parkway, Reno, NV**

The GSN invites you to a one-day geologic tour of selected sites in the Wedekind and Peavine districts at the north end of Reno, NV led by Dr. Donald Hudson. Participants will assemble at the GSN Office Gold Building on Saturday, August 23 at 8am. Carpooling is encouraged, though not mandatory – and vehicle consolidation can take place on the morning of the field trip. This trip will not require any off-road driving. Please bring your own lunch and beverages. We expect the tour to run for 5-6 hours, ending at approximately 2pm. The field trip is FREE, but please register [HERE](#) so that we can anticipate an accurate headcount.

Questions and inquiries can be directed to organizing deputy Patty Capistrant at: [plcapistrant@gmail.com](mailto:plcapistrant@gmail.com) or 775-220-2532.

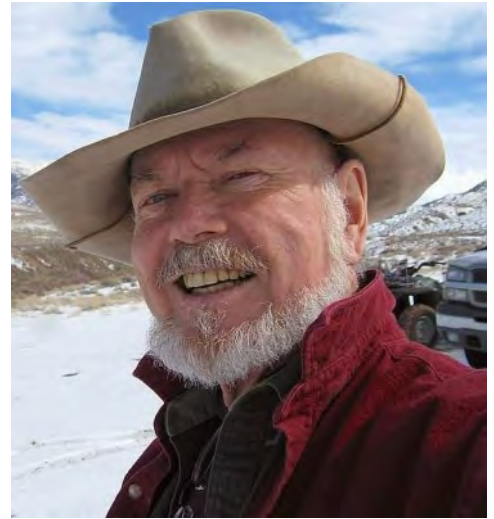


## David R. Shaddrick

### August 1, 1942 – July 18, 2025

David R. Shaddrick passed away in the early morning hours of July 18, 2025, after fighting an aggressive type of thyroid cancer for the past 5 months. He was 82 years old, passing away two weeks before his 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday, which he had planned to celebrate on August 1st.

David was born and raised in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to a family with modest means and limited prospects. As with many families in this situation, education was seen as the best way forward. These seeds were sown very early in David's life, which led to his strong determination to get an education and have a professional career. The details, however, remained a mystery for years. After a rather tempestuous and extended primary and secondary career, Dave surprised all his relatives and friends by graduating from Richfield High School in 1961.



David joined the U.S. Air Force in July 1961, where he received training in electronics and served as a Nuclear Weapons Fusing Systems Specialist based in San Antonio, Denver, New York, and the Philippines. While still serving in the military, he began his college career by taking evening classes at Long Island University. He earned credits and maintained a good GPA, which allowed him to enroll at the University of Minnesota, Institute of Technology, following his honorable discharge in 1965.

At that point, David's only ideas for a career were that he enjoyed the challenge of science and engineering and wanted to work outdoors. His first course in Geology awakened a surprising sense of wonder and curiosity that settled this question quite definitively. Finances remained a challenge, so David supported his university adventure with a full-time job. Near the end of his undergraduate studies, part-time work was supplemented by assistance from the recently passed GI Bill for Vietnam-Era Veterans. In 1968, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from the University of Minnesota, Institute of Technology.

Following graduation, David decided to pursue a Master's degree. His choice of graduate school was again dictated primarily by the availability of financial assistance and the promise of in-state tuition. Although he was accepted by several schools, only the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology offered these essentials. He packed everything he owned in a 1960 Chevrolet station wagon (a story unto itself) and moved to Rapid City in the Black Hills of South Dakota in early 1969. He earned a Master of Science degree in geology from "The Mines" in 1971.

While at SDSM&T, David met his future wife, Sandra Shaddrick, and his lifelong friend Dennis Bryan while he served as their TA in various geology classes. The three of them, along with a few other close student associates, spent many a day exploring the old mining districts and incredible geology of the Black Hills. David and Sandy hit it off and eventually married on September 4, 1971.



After graduate school, David accepted a position with Homestake Mining Company as an underground mine geologist at the Homestake Gold Mine in Lead, South Dakota. He spent the next 12 years (1971-1983) with Homestake in numerous positions of increasing responsibility in operations, exploration, and at the corporate headquarters in San Francisco. David liked to joke that he worked his way from the bottom (6500 level of the mine) to the top (11<sup>th</sup> floor of the corporate headquarters) of the mining industry. A notable highlight of this period in his career was the discovery of the Foley Ridge gold deposit (now the Wharf Mine) in the Black Hills just a few miles west of the Homestake Mine, where he, along with his colleague Terry Jennings, developed the original exploration model and did the initial mapping, sampling, and drilling.

David and Sandy welcomed their long prayed-for "miracle" child, Bree Megan Shaddrick, on August 4, 1982, 3 days after David's 40th birthday. David was such a proud parent; Bree was the twinkle in his eye and his constant field helper on weekends, vacations, and even on Christmas Break. When Bree was twelve years old, they spent the holiday repapering claims out in the freezing outback of Nevada, and she was not happy!

David and Sandy took Bree to her first industry convention (NWMA in Spokane) at just 4 months old, where she met many GSN members. Many got to know her well as Dave and Sandy brought her along on field trips and to GSN meetings regularly. Bree seemed to be more comfortable with geologists than with children her age.





(David Shaddrick, cont. from page 5.)

Tragically, Bree was taken from them at the age of 17 in a car accident near Truckee, CA, on December 4, 1999. They were devastated, and to keep her memory alive, they created Bree's Memorial Garden at Rancho San Rafael Park in Reno, Nevada, which offers a peaceful space to reflect on life and to connect with nature's beauty.

In 1983, David, Sandy, and Bree moved to Reno, Nevada, where Dave was asked to build a team focused on a gold exploration program in the western US for Atlas Precious Metals. The team he built and managed discovered the original Gold Bar District in Eureka County, Nevada in 1984 and developed the project from 1985 to 1987. They also discovered the Grassy Mountain deposit in Oregon in 1987, as well as numerous projects still being explored today. This is one of the major highlights of David's career. Many young geologists who worked with him say that he freely shared sound geological knowledge and career advice. Anyone who spent any time with Dave knew he passionately loved what he did as an exploration geologist.

David left Atlas in 1987 and embarked on an independent consulting and project generation business in Reno, which he continued up until the end. As an independent consultant and entrepreneur, David worked in every capacity from prospector, field geologist, and project manager, to President and CEO of private and public exploration companies. He worked on or evaluated numerous significant gold deposits in the United States and Canada.

A particularly noteworthy highlight of David's career was his long-standing involvement and countless contributions to the Geological Society of Nevada. From his arrival in Reno in 1983 to the present, David was a fixture of the society, as an enthusiastic member, a consistent participant in monthly membership meetings, field trips, symposia, picnics, golf tournaments, and many other events, and a generous volunteer to the Society. David's volunteer roles began in 1990 as the first Chairman of the Education Committee, staying in the role for five years. He was involved in the formation and organization of the GSN Foundation in 2000 and sat on the committee that established the GSN Board of Directors in 2005. David was elected to the GSN Executive Committee as Vice President in 2000-2001 and became President in 2001-2002. He was appointed an inaugural Director in 2005 and served on the GSN's Board of Directors until his death. He served as Chairman of the Board from 2011 to 2014. David was involved in the GSN Symposium Organizing Committees since the first one in 1987. He successfully led the very important Fundraising Committee for the 2010 and 2015 Symposiums.

In 2010, David organized the grassroots group called the Nevada Mineral Exploration Coalition and served as its President and Director until he stepped down in June 2025. The NMEC is an exploration industry advocacy group that was David's brainchild. He was so enthusiastic about advocating for the exploration industry, small miners, and prospectors at the state and federal levels. He poured his heart and soul (and money) into this cause, and it will continue its mission through the work of his devoted colleagues.

Mr. David Shaddrick was a P.Geol. (APEGBC), CPG (AIPG), SME Legion of Honor member, SEG Fellow, Geological Society of Nevada Honorary Member, and a Lifetime member of both AMEBC and PDAC.

In true David fashion, he threw a party for all his friends and colleagues on June 9<sup>th</sup> to thank them for their friendship, support, contributions, conversations, and camaraderie in his life before he died. He said that, besides the fact that he had cancer, he was having the time of his life visiting and swapping stories with old friends and colleagues over the past few months. Our community has lost an inspirational leader, a passionate minerals explorer, and a great friend in David Shaddrick, but wonderful memories and great stories will always live on in the minds of those who knew him. According to his wishes, there will not be an additional memorial service because he already enjoyed his celebration on June 9th.

If you would like to donate in David's honor, you can send them to the GSN Foundation, where his estate is setting up an endowed fund, or to one of the other organizations close to his heart like the SDSM&T or the NMEC.



Tommy Thompson and Dave on a GSN field trip, Buckskin Mountain, October 2012



GSN 2005 Golf Tournament team included: L to R: Earl Abbott, Neil Prens, Greg French and Dave. Last Place prize winners!



Sergio Pastor, Kaitlin Sweet and Dave sharing his bottle of Old Grand-Dad. GSN field trip, October 2012



# Fall Field Trip!



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**2025 Fall GSN Field Trip:** McGinness Hills and Gold Hill, Nevada: Comparing/Contrasting modern and ancient geothermal systems. Dates are October 2–4 (please note that October 2 is a Thursday, so we can tour the McGinness Geothermal Power Plant on Friday, October 3). Further details and registration will be provided in the September GSN newsletter.



1st GSN Board of Directors. Back: Dieter Krewedl, John Watson, Steve Green, Rich DeLong, Clancy Wendt, Dave S. Front: Kim Craig, Dave Caldwell, Eric Ruud and Robyn Howley, Nov. 2005



Cami Prenn, Laura Ruud and Dave manning the booth at the GSN 2015 symposium.



Dave always had the biggest smile on his face when riding his motorcycle. Lamoille Canyon, 2023



JoAnn Newbury, Dave S. and Warren Thompson. NMEC Great Basin Rendezvous, Lamoille Canyon, NV September 2023.



Dave's genuine smile and ever-present cowboy hat.



Dave S., Mike Ressel and Dennis Bryan on a GSN field trip, Long Valley Caldera, CA, Fall 2018



## GSN WINNEMUCCA CHAPTER NEWS



### GSN Winnemucca Chapter Summer BBQ

Thursday, August 14th, 2025

**Pioneer Park**, 100 Museum Avenue, Winnemucca, NV

The event starts at 5:00 with food and drinks served at 6:00

It's that time of year again! Mark your calendars for the **Winnemucca GSN Annual Picnic!** Join us for a gathering of geology friends, beer and wine, yard games, and as always, dinner catered by The Martin Hotel.

The key difference is that this year, our picnic will not be at Vesco park like it was last year, but will instead be at **Pioneer Park** over by where Highway 95 meets town. **Pioneer Park** should be just as good as Vesco, although it may have fewer benches. If you can, bring a camping chair! If you don't have a camping chair, that is ok. I will make sure the people sitting at the tables squeeze over to make room for you.

### **Sponsors:** Boart Longyear and ALS Minerals



If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at [ewitte@i80gold.com](mailto:ewitte@i80gold.com)

Can't wait to see you all there!

Eli Witte, Winnemucca Chapter President



## GSN SOUTHERN NEVADA CHAPTER NEWS



The officers of the revitalized GSN Southern Nevada Chapter in Beatty, NV are busy planning their event calendar for the coming year. The monthly meetings will begin again in September and the location is the Beatty Community Center. We hope you can join us in person!

Elizabeth MacDonald, So Nevada President





## GSN ELKO CHAPTER NEWS



**The GSN Elko Chapter invites you to attend their  
LAST BBQ of the summer!**

**Thursday, August 21, 2025**

**Food and Drinks @ 6 p.m.**

**Elko Main City Park on Idaho St.**

**FOOD & BEER SPONSOR: Rangefront Mining Services**



Please contact Elko Chapter President, Sergey Konyshov if you have any questions.  
[Sergey606@gmail.com](mailto:Sergey606@gmail.com)

### GSN MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 2026FY BEGINS THIS MONTH!

Thank you in advance for renewing your membership in the GSN for FY 2026! Dues are due by October 1st each year to ensure your listing in the GSN directory. You can find out your actual renewal date by visiting the GSN website:

<https://www.gsnv.org/membership/>, then click on "My Account" to login, then click on "Membership Details". The site gives you the option to reset your password if you don't know it. Please contact the GSN office if you do not know your user name. If your dues expire, we do not automatically take you off the email list. That will happen about November 1st, so please make sure you renew by then. THANK YOU!

### OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

**August 3-7, 2025:** SGA Biennial Meeting, Colorado School of Mines, Golden, CO. Website: <https://sga2025.org/>

**August 6, 2025: Geothermal Industry event hosted by NPGS.** Join us for an evening of networking and refreshments at Craft Wine & Beer, Reno NV. 5-8 p.m. Scan to Register.



**August 24-28, 2025:** IMAGE (SEG, AAPG, SEPM) — International Meeting for Applied Geoscience and Energy, Houston, Texas, USA. [Learn more](#)

**September 23-27, 2025:** Assoc. of Environmental & Engineering Geology (AEG) 68th Annual Meeting. Westin Chicago River North, Chicago IL. <https://www.aegannualmeeting.org/>

## **Upcoming Job Opening: GSN Office Manager**



The Geological Society of Nevada (GSN) is preparing for a significant transition, as our long-time Office Manager, Laura Ruud, will be retiring on March 31, 2026 after many years of exceptional service.

We are seeking a highly organized, dependable, and motivated individual to join the GSN team as our next Office Manager. This role is central to the smooth operation of our globally-reaching professional society.

Ideal candidates will possess:

- Ability to work independently
- Strong administrative and communication skills
- Attention to detail and ability to multi-task
- Familiarity with the Geological Society of Nevada and its mission
- A positive, proactive attitude and comfort working with a diverse group of professionals
- Proficiency with Microsoft suite, or similar open-source software
- Basic bookkeeping skills, or willingness to learn

The position is expected to begin in September 2025, allowing for several months of overlap and training with Laura to ensure a seamless transition.

**Please click this link for a full job description: [GSNOfficeManager](#)**

**Interested applicants should send inquiries and resumes to:**  
**[GSNOfficeManager@gmail.com](mailto:GSNOfficeManager@gmail.com) by Aug 15, 2025.**

**(Please do not send resumes or inquiries to Laura at the GSN Office.)**



## **NLA & AAPL Field Landman Seminar in Tonopah, NV**

The **Nevada Landmen's Association**, in collaboration with the American Association of Professional Landmen is organizing a special AAPL Field Landman Seminar in Tonopah, NV. The cost is free to all AAPL members and \$75.00 for non-AAPL members. Please join us for a glimpse into Tonopah's rich mining history accompanied by 2 additional speakers for a total of 3 continuing education credits.

**Date: September 18, 2025**

**Location: Tonopah Historic Mining Park**

**Time: 9:45am – Registration (timing subject to final review and changes)**

Education: 10:00am 1 Credit – Historic Video and Park Tour

11:00am 1 Credit – David Todaro, Round Mountain Gold Corporation – Day in the life of a mine site geologist

12:00 noon Lunch

1:00pm 1 Credit – Michael Detwiler, PLS, CP - The Full Picture; Surface and Subsurface Mapping with Drones

Here is the link to register: [American Association of Professional Landmen: Field Landman Seminar - Tonopah, NV](#)



## 2027 GSN Symposium (27GSNS) – July 2025 Update

**Symposium Event Dates:** Thursday 22 April to Saturday 1 May 2027

**Location:** The Nugget Casino, Reno Nevada USA

**Theme:** Ore Deposits of the Great Basin – Key to America's Mineral Independence nominated by Jessica Bogossian.

**Update:** All Symposium Sub Committee roles have been filled with GSN member volunteers and planning has advanced for talks, field trips and courses. The website is being worked on and will be launched in Q3 2025 and thereafter the Symposium abstracts will be opened. The Steering Committee is currently reviewing event applications for participants to register and pay online for administrative ease. We are seeking sponsors for the website and event application in return for company advertising (refer below).

**THANK-YOU** to the Sub Committee Chairs for volunteering their precious time as **Geoscience Leaders** to help deliver a **Nevada-Fun and technical Symposium**. Your contribution to GSN as a professional organisation is noted and appreciated.

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The Committee thanks **RangeFront Mining Services** for their in-kind support of providing bookkeeping services for the Symposium, and to **SRK** who generously provide a monthly conference room.

**The next meeting is Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2025 5-6pm PT hybrid Zoom from SRK's Reno office.**

Keep having fun in the sun!



From the 27GSNS Symposium Steering Committee  
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# The David Shaddrick Homestake Mine Collection Up for Auction

## by Fred Holabird

David Shaddrick received his master's degree in Geology at the South Dakota School of Mines in 1971. He proceeded to work for the Homestake Mining Company for a number of years, fascinated by ore deposition controls, local structure, and an exceptional knowledge of local mines and geology. He collected classic ore specimens from not only the Homestake and surrounding mines, but from major gold mines around the world – particularly Canada and Spain as his travel and work allowed.

David and I met by phone in the mid-1980's when he was managing Atlas Gold's Gold Bar project in Eureka County. I was managing a different Gold Bar project in Nye County at the Old Gold Bar townsite in the Bullfrog District. We both had projects of the same name. He worked for a public company, and our project was a private operation. We got together in a friendly cooperative manner to assure ourselves and our companies that there would be no confusion in the identity of the two different projects. Both our careers continued in production and major consulting directions, though separate.

David wrote a major paper for Rio Tinto on gold-in-iron deposits, among many, many other great projects. David has been given the title of "ore finder" by our mutual friend Dave Fitch, another important ore deposits geologist – a distinction that only a special few can claim today.

Over the years, David became very involved with the Geologic Society of Nevada and other technical and educational entities.

### *The Homestake Collection*

David had a keen interest in the ore depositional process in the gold host Homestake formation. He collected classic specimens that illustrated all the key aspects of internal structure and the one depositional process, including many specimens exhibiting native gold. The Homestake native gold is not in large chunks, typical of California's Mother Lode Region. He was also fascinated by the structural folding in other regional formations with many examples in this sale. Dave's ore specimens from Canada, particularly Red Lake – Campbell, are also exemplary. As one of the world's largest regional gold deposits, the area hosts many open pits and underground mines today. It was here, yet again, that our paths crossed, this time without knowing it. In 1980, at the national AIME meeting held in New Orleans, I met and befriended an executive of Campbell-Chiboughamou. He later sent us a large specimen of high grade ore and a miner's candlestick, which I cherish today. On the podium, if time allows, I'll tell the rest of that story, which is hysterical. Dave also had a great benefit of visiting many of Spain and Finland's important gold mines retaining specimens from each that he visited.

His career was a masterclass in world gold deposits.

While working at Homestake, Dave discovered a couple of old bins full of old stock certificates, apparently lost through time, some damaged by "the elements". He saved some of the best, and most were distributed to Homestake folks over several decades.

**We are honored to present David Shaddrick's remarkable collection. He had been eagerly looking forward to seeing his specimens shared with fellow collectors and enthusiasts, but sadly, he passed away in July 2025 just before this catalog went to press.**

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If you are interested in bidding on David's ore specimens or stock collection, the LIVE auction will be online on Saturday, August 9, 2025 at Fred Holabird's Western American site. This is Day 2 of the "Wild West Wonders" Premier Live Auction at the link below. You do need to be approved as a bidder to participate.  
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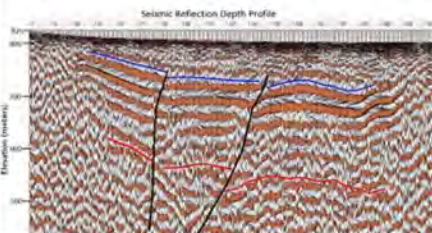


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
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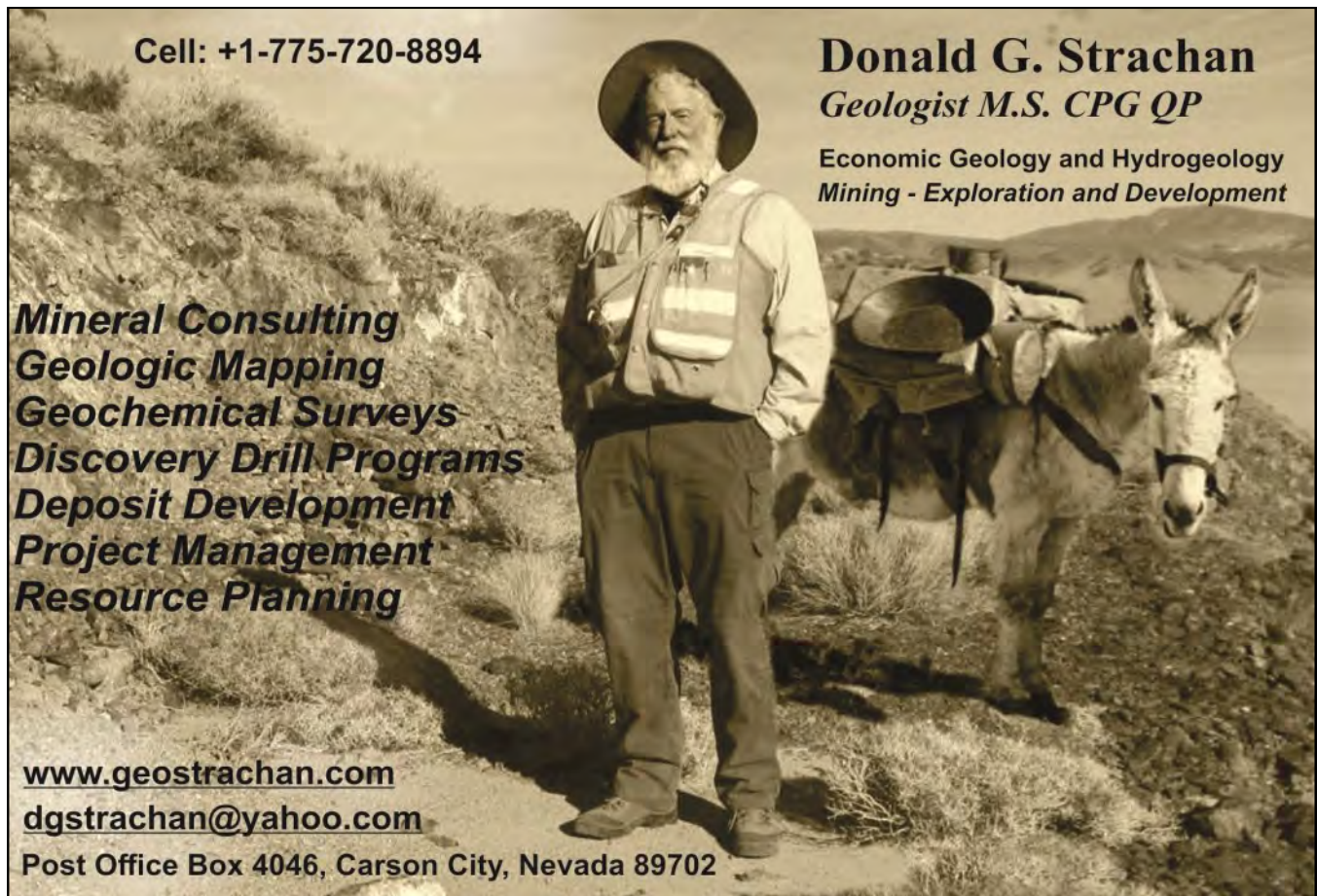


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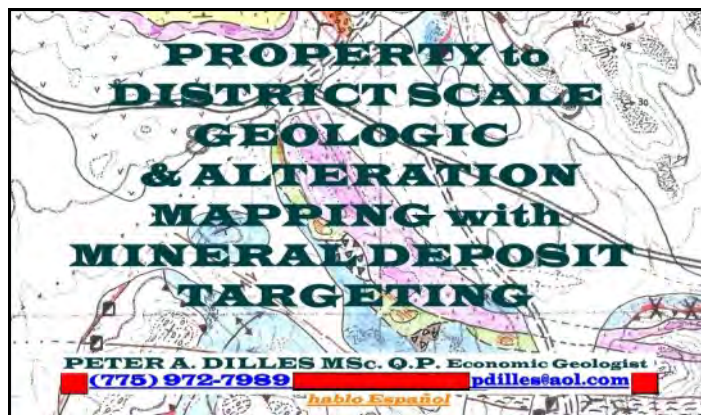
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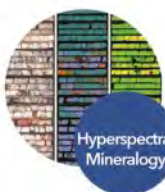
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