

-ON THE WAY TO THE RIVER-

A history of Kokoweef and the river of gold:

This is a very rough outline of the history pertaining to Kokoweef, the surrounding area and the underground river. I am in the process of gathering more data, so, hadn't intended putting out anything so soon. But with the stockholders' meeting on hand, I thought it might be interesting for you to read about where it started, what happened along the way and what has occurred recently. When all the information has been gathered and compiled it will be available to interested stockholders. I hope the following stimulates your curiosity.

Believe the river does exist; because, the evidence is overwhelming!

If you have any information about Kokoweef (be it fact, fiction, myth, legend, etc.) will you please share it. Thank you.

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- 1527 Spanish conquistadors were in the area.
- 188? Three Indian brothers visited the river.
- 1895 A prospector named Elliot visited the river.
- 1916 A prospector, Riley Hatfield, discovered a cave with a geyser, black sand and gold on the edge of Ivanpah Dry Lake.
- 1927 Earl Dorr made his first trip to the river.
- 1927 May--Earl Dorr returned to the caverns and river with a friend, W. Morton.
- 1930 Dorr invited a miner, Edward Baker, to go with him to the river.
- 1934 Nov. 13--Earl Dorr made his famous affidavit.
- 1935 April 16--CCMCo. organized and incorporated.
- 1938 Dec. 15--Pete Ressler made agreement with Stephen J. Kelly concerning Kokoweef properties he owned.
- 1939 Feb. 20--Kokoweef Associates formed.
- 1940 Zinc found on Kokoweef.
- 1940 Nov. 29--KA gave W.F. Huston lease.
- 1940 Nov.--Dorr's affidavit published in the California Mining Journal.
- 1941 Oct. 9--John O. Little received permission to enter and study the Crystal Cave.
- 194? CCMCo. gave Herman Wallace rights to explore the Carbonate King Mine and John O. Little sub-contracted rights.

- 1945 Feb. 5--CCMCo. gave usage agreement (with option to lease) to J.O. Little.
- 1948 July 1--J.Q. Little exercised option to lease for 99 years.
- 1948 Nov. 13--Members of So. Calif. Grotto of National Speleological Society explored Crystal Cave and discovered a fuse trail.
- 1950 August 9--J.O. Little lease terminated.
- 1952 J.Q. Little signed lease release.
- 1952 CCMCo. gave a contract to C. Bailey to perform earth moving work.
- 1954 Nov. 12--CCMCo. gave lease agreement to KCL.
- 1956 June 15--CCMCo. negotiated a limited lease with Dr. Walter Wayne Woods.
- 1959 May 10--CCMCo. finalized arrangements for a mortgage on some of its Kokoweef properties.
- 1959 Sept. 27--Louis Carrozzi and Frank Abbot died from dynamite fumes in Crystal Caves.
- 1961 CCDev.Co. formed.
- 1961 April 3--CCMCo. gave W.W. Woods & E.G. Dorsett a ninety day limited lease to break into the caverns.
- 1961 Oct. 5--CCMCo. negotiated with KDev.Co.
- 1962 Jan--Large cavern found in Charleston Mountain.
- 1962 CCMCo. continued negotiations with Wood/Dorsett group.
- 1962 Emmett Culligan drilled on property claimed by C.O. Thompson.
- 1962 Summer-- C.M. Lockwood and a group of associates dowsed from Kokoweef Peak west toward Cima Road.
- 1963 Peace officers prevented altercation between prospectors and a drilling crew working for E.J. Culligan.
- 1963 E. Culligan moved his operation southwest near Cima.
- 1963 Jan.--BGMCo. formed.
- 1963 June 1--CCMCo. gave lease to D.E. Dorsett, W.W. Woods, H.C. Soto & C.O. Thompson.
- 1963 Lease with Dorsett, Woods, Soto & Thompson terminated.
- 1963? BGMCo. drilled near Cima Road, and struck a large void.
- 1964 Aug. 18--CCDev.Co. Incorporated.

- 1964 Sept. 12--CCMCo. loan of May 10, 1959 delinquent. To satisfy the loan CCMCo. leased Kokoweef properties to CCDev.Co (who held the note).
- 1964 CCDev.Co. negotiated with Richard Botkin, Robert Flint, Otto Brown, Ralph A. Peebles & King. Negotiations broke down.
- 1964 Oct. 25--Burke Malcom was released from preliminary negotiations concerning Kokoweef properties.
- 1965 June--CCDev.Co. entered lease negotiations with Don C. Kirby.
- 1965 July 12--CCDev.Co. gave lease to D.C. Kirby.
- 1965 Aug. 7--CCMCo. stockholders given opportunity to become stockholders in CCDev.Co.
- 1966 Jan. 26--CCDev.Co. received permit authorizing issuance of stock.
- 1966 May 7--CCDev.Co. authorized UEDev.Co exploration rights to Crystal Cave #2 for 60-days (expires on Aug. 7, 1966). The group does not follow through.
- 1967 April 16--CCMCo. gave lease to Cecil R. McGee and Ralph A. Peebles.
- 1967 May 7--Ralph A. Peebles and Cecil R. McGee died from a plane crash during takeoff from Kokoweef Airstrip.
- 1967 Sept. 5--CCDev. Co. authorized Raymond H. Schnars exploration rights to Crystal Cave #2 for 90-days.
- 1967 Oct. 30--Lease with McGee/Peebles terminated.
- 1968 April 3--CCDev.Co. gave lease to Raymond H. Schnars.
- 1969 Lease with Raymond H. Schnars terminated.
- 1969 July 14--CCDev.Co. gave Lloyd Knowles an exploration option.
- 1969 Oct. 14--CCDev.Co. gave Lloyd Knowles an 90 day extension on his exploration option.
- 1970 Jan. 15--CCDev.Co. gave Lloyd Knowles another 90 day extension on his exploration option.
- 1970 April 15--CCDev.Co. gave lease to Lloyd Knowles for 99 years.
- 1971 Jan. 27--CMCo. formed.
- 1971 Feb. 26--Lease with Lloyd Knowles terminated.
- 1971 April 3--CCDev.Co. gave lease to CMCo.
- 1971 Fossils found in Kokoweef Cave. Mojave River Valley Museum Expeditionary Party look into find.

- 1972 A group of investors (from Kwajalein) with Concave Mining Company obtained a density identifying instrument (called Geophysical Subsurface Detector) from Chemalloy Electronics. One of the group came to Kokoweef and took a large number of readings; some of which indicated a deep long void with water at the bottom.
- 1972 Sept. 16--Samuel Freedman visited Kokoweef with his Geophysical Subsurface Detector (the one used by the Kwajalein group associated with Concave Mining Co.) and took a number of readings at Kokoweef and an 8-mile adjacent area.
- 1977? Psychic (Wormuth) indicated a huge void under Kokoweef and a tunnel was started to reach the area.
- 1976 Lambert T. Dolphin radar mapped known caverns and tunnels in search of undiscovered rooms.
- 1981 June 29--Dr. Armin J. Bickel, used the Super-Sensitive Subterranean Isotope Sensor and indentified a number of large voids and an underground water system on and near Kokoweef Mountain.
- 1984 Sept. 30--LKC dissolved.
- 1984 Oct. 24--EIN formed to take over Kokoweef lease held by LKC.
- 1985 Jan. 1--LKC stockholders were given the chance to become stockholders with EIN.
- 1986 Nov.--Mining crew headed by Jim Hanhardt found a large down-going vent tube (now called Che's Hole) with air flow.
- 1986 Through spring Schnars Drift was completed. Hanhardt Raise was begun and completed in an attempt to intercept the lower end of Schnars' Hole.
- 1986 Dec.--Psychic indicated a large void in center drift approximately 20 feet beyond Clark's Hole.
- 1987 Drilling Rene's Hole was begun in early part of the year. Work on Che's Hole continued.
- 1988 Early Spring--Work was begun and completed on a drift along the Vertical Fault. The NDP Hole is found in this effort.
- 1988 Late Spring and Summer--Work on Rene's Hole and Che's Hole continues. Work on NDP begun.
- 1988 Fall--Bud Ellman using an infrared camera mapped Kokoweef Mountain and surrounding area from the air. Results show several promising "hot spots." Work on Rene's Hole discontinued. Work on NDP discontinued. G. Applegarth's subsurface detector tried on several spots in the tunnel system, and indicates a large void at the 150 feet below track level near the NDP.
- 1989 Jan. 7--Lambert Dolphin using a ground penetration radar machine scanned a good portion of the tunnel system. Indicates a fair size

void at 70 feet below track level near Che's Hole. And another fair size void at end of the center drift.

- 1989 May--Jim Hanhardt completely surveys the inner tunnels, caverns and exterior of Kokoweef Mountain. Work continues on Che's Hole where a 70 foot tube is found with a good portion filled with white crystals.
- 1989 April/May--Drilled 105 feet with the Longyear 2" drill at the location indicated by Dolphin's measurement. Didn't find the void. Drill moved to near Rene's Hole and it drained the drilling water. Work continues in Che's Hole.
- 1989 June/July--began digging to the right at the 65 foot level of Che's Hole and ran into another tube (now known as Larry's Shaft) which was pinched off at the top (5 - 10 feet below track). No work in Che's Drift as it was temporarily blocked off.
- 1989 July/Aug/Sept--Resumed digging in Che's Shaft payes off with when crew finds a large chamber (25-30 feet ahead). Work continues on Larry's Shaft.
- 1989 Oct./Nov.--Preparatlons begun on a drilling site below Kokoweef Cave (a 200 tunnel). Target is an area below Che's Shaft and the NDP Hole. Dowser and psychics say large void with water flowing at the bottom lies below tunnel portal site. Work continues in Che's Drift where a 60 foot deep chamber was found and signs of a deeper one just ahead (25-30 feet). Minimal effort expended on Larry's Shaft.

Good luck to all of us and on to the river!

Legend to abbreviations

BGMCo.= Black Gold Mining Company

CMCo.= Concave Mining Company

CCDev.Co.= Crystal Cave Development Company

CCMCo.= Crystal Cave Mining Company

EIN.= Explorations Incorporated of Nevada

JM.= Joshua Mine

KA.= Kokoweef Associates

KCL.= Kokoweef Company Limited

KDev.Co.= Kokoweef Development Company

LKC.= Legendary Kokoweef Caverns

SRM.= Silver Rule Mine

UEDev.Co.= United Exploration Development Corporation