

**Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine, 5360 Castles Road, Helena, Montana, USA, 59602, 02/23/03:**

**Hi everyone!** Some of you have signed up via my email pop-up box on our web site at [www.sapphiremine.com](http://www.sapphiremine.com)  
Here is #6 newsletter, (revised a million times - edition) - Yay - the technologically challenged rises again.

Thanks for your interest in sapphire and gold mining.

Another newsletter.

Note: Price increase for shipping. UPS has raised their shipping price twice. We finally had to raise our package prices. I have added \$5 to each package to cover the increase. So it goes! This is our first price increase in - what for ever - twenty years anyway.

I will be making changes to our website. We had a great comment and photo from one of our customers who found a treasure trove batch of sapphires in their last order of concentrates. Thank you Kathy Cavins for the fun report! She had some lovely gems including pink, lavender, blue and green sapphires. I will post her photo on our site!

We received a copy of The Learning Channel, Search for Amazing Treasures - documentary on the Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine! Russ finally reached a person by phone at TLC. They missed the first deadline in January to air the program. Now it is scheduled sometime in May. Really - that is better for us as it is the beginning of travel season, end of school and timed just right for summer adventurers. The preview is sensational! Wish I could videoclip it for all of you - but - you will just have to wait!

Russ returned from Laughlin, Nevada - Cloud's Jamboree Gem Show back to Montana. He arrived in a "window". That's what we call it here when there are a few good travel days. Otherwise, the weather can be extremely dangerous. Blizzards have abounded off and on so he was very lucky. We had another blizzard. Conditions have blown up, blackened sky, heavy low clouds sunk to the ground. Montana web cams tell the tale.  
<http://www.mdt.state.mt.us/travinfo/weather/camera.html>

I am still packing boxes of sapphire gravel concentrates in the office. It is going to be below zero temperatures so must hurry before my hands freeze!

Waiting for summer paradise!

Deb Thompson

Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine call for gravel deliveries at 1-877-diggems or [www.sapphiremine.com](http://www.sapphiremine.com) for ordering!!