



Explanations for Zone 3 Clues



CLUE 1

You yearn for the bottle and want to begin
Don't forget, coveting is a sin
Apologies in advance, CW is a ninny
But if I were you, I'd stick with Ginny.

SOLVE 1

“Coveting” is a subtle hint here to a general religious theme, but the real heavy lifting in this clue is “Ginny”, which is intended to help hunters narrow down to the county the bottle is in. Josephine County was named in honor of Virginia Josephine Rollins. “CW” (clue writer) was me just saying I’m a goofball, but the bottle finders had a really incredible alternate solve on this. They solved it to the musician CW McCall, who has a song titled “Wolf Creek Pass” which got them very close to the bottle’s location early in the hunt.

CLUE 2

The gang of 8 in the Church act
Includes a gem within our tract
If above or below is your inquiry
Mind the symbol of Caesar’s consistency

SOLVE 2

“Church’s act” here is a reference to Senator Frank Church from Idaho, who authored the original Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, in which one of the original eight rivers (“gang of 8”) was the Rogue River. The symbol of Caesar’s consistency is a reference to Act 3 in Shakespeare’s play “Julius Caesar” in which Caesar refers to himself as being as steadfast as the North Star. North Star = above the Rogue.

CLUE 3

The hunt is always an epic tale
Of cracked clues and those that fail
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If you bump into Hastings, be sure to say hi
A lunar dale is near the trail
And offers a chance to imbibe

SOLVE 3

“Epic tale” is a nudge that this clue is about a book. Hastings is a character in Jack London’s novel “Valley of the Moon” (hence, “lunar dale”). London wrote that book while staying at Wolf Creek Inn (near Golden), and the character Hastings is considered to be fashioned in London’s likeness (and local ghost stories suggest London’s ghost still haunts the place). Once you solve for Wolf Creek, the word “near” does some heavy lifting to imply that the bottle is not necessarily at Wolf Creek, but is nearby. “Chance to imbibe” is another nudge. Golden, where the bottle was actually hidden, was famous for having two churches and no taverns. Wolf Creek became a nearby watering hole for locals.

FOUND!

CLUE 4

Identify a nifty invention
By solving this perplexing question:
What number can you try
By putting Sin City at the end of Pig’s Eye?

SOLVE 4

“Nifty invention” is meant to get you thinking about a patent. Sin City is a nickname for Las Vegas, and Pig’s Eye is a nickname for Saint Paul, Minnesota. “Number can you try” tells us we’re looking for a number. The area code for Saint Paul is 651. If you put that before the Las Vegas’ area code (725), you get the patent number: 651725. Patent 651725 is for a mining elevator/separator that was invented by the Ruble Family in Golden. This clue gets you to Golden and very close to the bottle.



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CLUE 5

Two churches but not a drink to be found
I heard Columbus has something round
A golden opportunity isn't a lark
For those who wish to postmark

SOLVE 5

"Two churches but not a drink to be found" again confirms Golden. Columbus was the operator of the General Store/Post Office in Golden, which is where the bottle was hidden. "Postmark" is another reference to that building.