

Mystery Gear on the Mountain



A look at large gear remnants on Mt. Baldy. But how did they get there?

Gear on a mountain, you say? How can that be? Someone must be stricken with a bad case of altitude sickness to create that sort of delusion. What's next, gears in space? On a glacier?

Despite overwhelming skepticism, sure enough, pieces of a large metal gear were happened upon by an avid *Gear Technology* reader on his ascent of Mt. Baldy, the second-highest peak in the Cimarron Range of mountains in northern New Mexico. With a flurry of these questions accumulating in his brain, the reader thought it best to leave this bizarre mystery to the experts.

We could hardly believe our eyes. Surely there must be a very logical explanation behind this unusual discovery. Although admittedly perplexed, the Addendum staff dusted off its archeologist caps and came up with its best bets.

Mining Mutiny: In the second half of the 19th century, Mt. Baldy was a booming site of copper and gold mines; an estimated 70 miles of mines exist in the crag. Mining workers were increasingly disgruntled by the poor and dangerous work conditions and minimal income they endured day-after-day. Their sentiments were ignored by the fat-cat mining management, and their dissatisfaction grew into anger and an insatiable thirst for revenge. Striking out against authority, the starving miners destroyed the mine and scattered its pieces as far apart as possible to prevent any simple chance for reconstruction.

The Truth is Out There: Geographically, Mt. Baldy is longitudinally linked to Roswell, NM, a few hundred miles to the south of Colfax County. By way of atmospheric drift, this gear was part of an extraterrestrial vessel wreck. The aliens were collecting Earth artifacts to help write the story of human life when the ill-fated voyage occurred.

Beep! Beep!: Upon close inspection of the gear, you notice "Acme Co." inscribed into the metal. This gear was once a critical component to one of Wile E. Coyote's complex contraptions. Despite his unending clever attempts and admirable determination, the Roadrunner got the best of his plans.

The Lost City: These are obviously gear remnants from the lost city of Atlantis from the netherworld. Probably from some sort of diabolical torture device. After millions of years, they are just now beginning to come to ground from thousands of miles beneath the earth's surface.

Return to Gear Mountain: Archeologists recently discovered the last remnants of the Gear World Adventure Park in New Mexico. This gear-themed amusement park, conceived by Walt Disney, was rumored to feature the Spiral-Bevel Mine Ride, The Helical Mystery Mansion and It's a Manufacturers World. It opened in the early 1950s to lukewarm reviews and closed three days later due to waning public interest. Walt would go on to create another amusement park venture despite objections from friends and family members. On a cool New Mexico night, residents say the ghosts from Gear World can be seen roaming the former park grounds in large gear-related costumes looking to hug kids and sign autograph books.

Think you have an idea as to how this gear ended up on the mountain? Help us crack the mystery by e-mailing publisher@geartechnology.com. Don't be shy, and we'll devote an upcoming Addendum to your theories.

