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**Next Chapter
Meeting:
December 17th,
2006
at the
Milwaukie, Oregon
Grange Hall
12015 S.E. 22nd
Meeting Begins at
1:30PM.**



**DATES TO
REMEMBER...**
December 17th, 2006
Club Meeting. **Food
and Toy Drive**

**January 21st, 2007
Annual Banquet
Starting early watch
For time.**

**Please submit
Newsletter Reports
before the 2nd Friday
of each Month.**



From the Presidents Desk

The meeting was brought to order at 1:30 pm Sunday. I would like to thank everyone for showing up.

Remember there should be some very fun events coming up this summer the Blue Bucket, Chris and Penny's gold mine there crystal mine the metal detecting program in Estacada Oregon and I hope more educational programs.

I would like to welcome the new board members and look forward to a very busy summer. But remember this is your club and the only way the club makes its money is threw its raffle and silent auction. See all of you in December meeting.

Sincerely, Preston Griffin

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Secretary's Report for meeting dated November 19th

Meeting opened 1:32pm
Milwaukie Grange Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Preston Griffin (Club President) opened meeting, welcomed attendees & visitors. 66 total, 3 new – Welcome and glad to have you with us.

October meeting minutes in newsletter accepted as posted.

Bev Parker (Treasurer) read Treasure's Report. Accepted as read, with corrections (see report)

Dave Chiara (Claims Mgr.). Asked that if you are new to the club, please sign in and give us your e-mail and / or address for the newsletter and other information we send out from time to time. Please write information legibly. New cards will be given out in January, along with updates to the Club book. Also asked if anyone familiar with the White River (backside of Mt. Hood) and the wash out of Hwy 35. Might be a good place to have an outing with all the river material moved around. Could be an opportunity to find some flood gold.

Robert Wedding (GPAA Claims Mgr.) present – indicated that there are claims at the Gold Hill, Rogue River and Illinois – finding good gold in those areas.

Eli Nicholson (Outings) Still working on putting together next year's schedule. We have discussed - Oregon Gold Trip, Rice Museum (April tour), Fossil Dig / Richardson Ranch (thunder eggs), Quartzville / Minor's Meadow, South Umqua (River West campground), Oregon Sunstones/ Nevada Opals, Gold Fever Five. Please let your club officers know which trips you are interested in.

Howard Charleboix (Safety) Not present – no report. Preston talked about concerns on, if you're going out by yourself, be sure and let someone know where you're going and when to expect your return (makes finding you much easier if you don't return as planned).

Secretary's Report...

Ken Burns has taken Derek Sweeney's place as equipment mgr – if you need something equipment wise – talk with Ken or give him a call (503-786-3021).

Curt Barnes (Website) Not present – no report. If you submitted a website access form (last several months and don't have access – please resubmit – you can find the “form” - *see Club Book for signature sheet*). It was reported that the web site is “running smoothly”. *If you do experience troubles, let someone know so we can resolve it.*

Newsletter - (Richard Ruth) should be out the Friday before the 3rd Sunday of the month meeting.

Canned Food & Toy Drive – (Meda Chiara) thank you for bringing in the food and toys. Remember we're still collecting in December and you receive raffle tickets for your donations.

Trailer Raffle – Remember the trailer raffle is \$5 and proceeds support our club. Drawing is at our January banquet.

Estacada Metal Detecting event – Penny Parsons explained about the City of Estacada's Lisa Holman (Parks & Rec) approaching the board, asking if Portland Gold Prospector's would be interested in helping put on a metal detecting event next June 9th at PGE's park in Estacada. The event will be announced nation wide to draw as many participants as can be generated. The City will split the “profits” from the event with our club. There are three events planned, with a graduated fee schedule to cover individual events and a \$95 fee to participate in all three. Note: this event conflicts with the Rose Festival activities that our club has been active with the last three years.

Elections - Penny Parsons – As elections chair announced that elections are today. Penny asked if there was anyone else that wanted to run for office. Members running; **Richard Ruth, President; Penny Parsons, Vice-President; Meda Chiara, Secretary; Bev Parker, Treasurer; Dave Chiara, Claims. Board Members at Large, Andy Miller, Darlene Shaffer, Ed Eckersley, Jackie Parsons, Jeanne Gieg, John Henry, & Ken Burns.**

Election Results:

President - Richard Ruth
Vice-President - Penny Parsons
Secretary - Meda Chiara
Treasurer - Bev Parker
Claims - Dave Chiara
Board Members at Large:
Andy Miller
Ed Eckersley
Jeanne Gieg
John Henry
Ken Burns

New Business

None noted.

Jeanne is taking orders for the “brimmed type” (like our Vice-president Richard Ruth wears), please place your order with her – as she needs a certain number to guarantee price.

Next meeting scheduled for December 17th
1:30pm Milwaukie Grange Hall

Thank you to all who have donated items to the “silent auction”, all proceeds help support our club. Folks that have won the donated item recently are; **Penny, Helen, Helen and Marlene.**

Raffle: Eli had “lots of good prizes” for both the \$1 and the \$5 tickets. Lot’s of winners.



“BUTTIN IN” WITH Gold Sally’s TRIVIA



What was Discovered at Dogtown in 1859?

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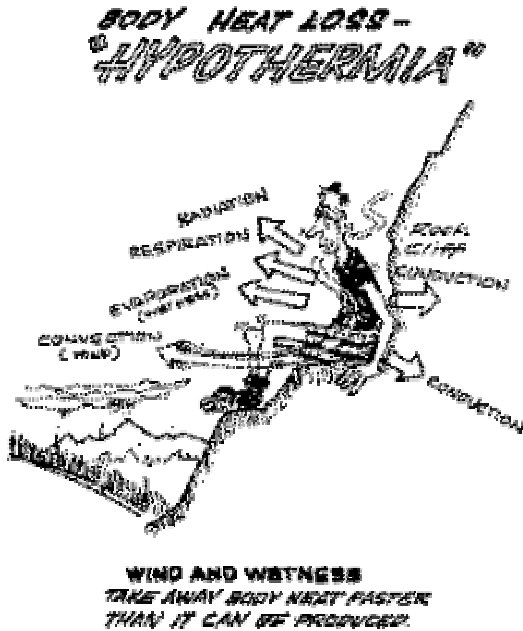
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Safety

From <http://www.hypothermia.org/>

Hypothermia on Land

Signs of Hypothermia



Get victim into dry clothes and keep in a horizontal recovery position. If conscious give a warm drink -

NO coffee or tea - and **NEVER ALCOHOL!**

If in doubt, treat as severe hypothermia, remember to handle the victim very gently.

Get help, attract attention.



Carry a WHISTLE with you! (A Fox 40 is highly recommended)



Assist Search and Rescue crews to find you on the ground.

Keep calm and make yourself visible.

Assist Search and Rescue crews spot you from the air.



If you find yourself in a survival situation, the first thing to do is prevent further heat loss.



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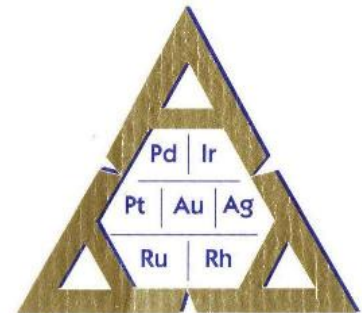
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Storage Unit

Name - A Storage Place of Clackamas
Address – 15700 SE McKinley Ave.

Just off I205 at Exit 12, West side of I205
We have units 46 and 47. Club equipment is in 46.
To enter you will need to show your Membership Card at the office to get the key and the code *462000# to go through the gate.

There is a sign out/in sheet Please use it! In addition, return all equipment in good working order, clean and NO gas in the pump engines. The Highbankers, Pumps act... are color coded so please take only the color for the Highbanker you pick.



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AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING WE STARTED A RAFFEL FOR A 4 X 6 FOLD UP UTILITY TRAILER. THE TICKETS ARE \$5.00 EACH WITH THE WINNING TICKET BEING DRAWN AT OUR ANNUAL BANQUET ON JANUARY 21 2007.

