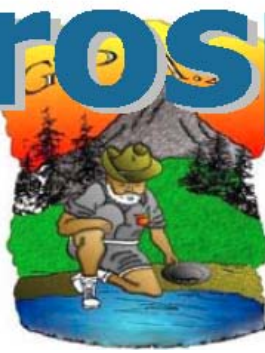


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Next Chapter Meeting:
February 18th, 2007
at the
Milwaukie, Oregon
Grange Hall
12015 S.E. 22nd
Meeting Begins at
1:30PM.



DATES TO REMEMBER...

February 18th, 2007
Chapter Meeting

March 18th, 2007
Chapter Meeting

March 31st through April
1st, 2007 GPAA Gold
Show.

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



From the Presidents Desk

WOW! What a turn out! Of the 66 members that signed up to attend and total of 93 showed up including 9 new people! I would like to personally thank Mary Larson, Jackie, Jeanne and Meda for there hard work and the great food at the banquet. In addition, Julie Lawson for the Center Pieces.

A special thanks to Dick Miller with Royal Family Kids Camp. We look forward to working with you and the kids this summer.

A special thanks to Dan Cox with North West Mineral Prospectors Club for your presentation.

Last but not least is Jim at D & K! As most of you know, our first meetings were held in side D & K. And Jim has supported us all along. So we need to support him as well. *Thank You Jim!!!!*

Well we have started the year off with a bang. Let's make this a great year. Now every one be safe, stay well and bring a friend next time, Prospecting 101 by Bill Adams starts next meeting.

Sincerely

Richard Ruth

Secretary's Report for meeting dated January 21st

Meeting opened 12:25pm
Milwaukie Grange Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Preston introduced new officers and board members.

Richard Ruth (Club President) welcomed attendees & visitors. 93 total, 9 new – Happy New Year. Welcome and glad to have you with us.

December meeting minutes in newsletter accepted as posted.

Bev Parker (Treasurer) read Treasure's Report. Also had annual report available. Report accepted as read, (see report)

REPORTS

Dave Chiara (Claims Mgr.). New membership cards are now available – see Dave. Please sign in! It's the only way we know you were here and remember – three functions are required for annual membership. Please update or 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 and clearly. *The club members names & contact information (e-mail, phone #'s) will be issued – PLEASE REVIEW & MAKE CORRECTIONS. We have updates for those who have already purchased the club book and we have new books for those who have not picked up theirs yet. Items updated – officers and director's list, outing schedule, calendar and a new updated equipment list.*

Robert Wedding (GPAA Claims Mgr.) not present – no updates.

Eli Nicholson (Outings) See the new outings list for trip dates.

Preston Griffin (Safety) When you are going into the woods (especially by yourself), please write down where you plan to be (location, route, etc.) and give it to someone who will be responsible to notify authorities if you do not come back when expected. If you are in the National Forest another good place to leave information is with the Ranger Station or even the county sheriff's office. It's also a good idea to use a "locator" (as skiers use if they are buried in an avalanche). Any means to help those looking for you are valuable tools, especially if your life is at stake (example Kim family stuck in snow in the Coast Range over Thanksgiving).

Secretary's Report...

Ken Burns (Equipment Mgr.) – See new equipment list in your club update. If you need something equipment wise – talk with Ken or give him a call (503-786-3021). The equipment is at "The Storage Place of Clackamas" 157000 SE McKinley Ave (off I-205).

Curt Barnes (Website) present – reported that the web site is "up and running with no problems". It was asked if we could have an open site, so others could respond to question raised (password versus no password required). Curt said he would set it up (*did so, but haven't seen any activity so far*).

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

Trailer Raffle – Carl Hughes won (lucky guy).

Dick Miller representing the Royal Family Kids Camp spoke to us about the camp and its purpose (foster kids 7yrs – 11yrs of age). The organization was started in San Diego and has 32 camps around the country. Each camp has one counselor for every two kids (same sex). Last year they had a metal detector hunt for a treasure chest. This year they would like to take the kids "prospecting" and do some panning. They would like volunteers from our club to help the kids pan. Please contact Richard Ruth for contact information on Dick.

John Blair has equipment to share and wanted to know if others would be willing to share their equipment also. He suggested a book to indicate equipment "pooled" and who has equipment to lend. Anybody interested please contact Richard or Ken.

Julie Lawson made the lovely centerpieces for the banquet tables and donated them for door prizes. **THANK YOU JULIE.**

Thank you Mary Larson, Jackie, Helen, Jeanne and Meda for the wonderful main courses and all the efforts that went into setup, arrangements, cleanup and just plain hard work serving a bunch of hungry prospectors. The side dishes were great too (you all deserve a big hand for making this years banquet a success).

New Business

A committee to update the club by-laws was selected. The members are **Bob Schalk, Ed and Carol Eckersley, Bill Adams and Preston Griffin volunteered.** If you have questions or want to let the committee know your feelings, please contact one of them.

An outing committee was also formed to assist Eli in setting up outings for the club. **Volunteers are Ron Farnsworth Jr and John Blair.**

Jeanne – has club hats on sale - “brimmed type” (like our President Richard Ruth wears) \$11 each and baseball type are \$10 each. See her to get your Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc hat. Remember proceeds support our club (*and wearing it helps promote the club*).

Next meeting scheduled for February 18th 1:30 p.m. at the Milwaukie Grange Hall.

We had a special speaker at our banquet. **Dan Cox** comes to us from a sister club in Milwaukie (The North West Mineral Prospectors Club). Dan gave us an overview of how to find and establish a claim. Dave asked if anyone would be interested in having Dan back to give more detailed instructions on finding and setting up claims. There seemed to be a number of club members interested (show of hands). Contact Dave

Door Prizes and Raffle Items: Eli had “lots of good prizes” Everyone was a winner.



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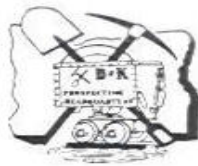
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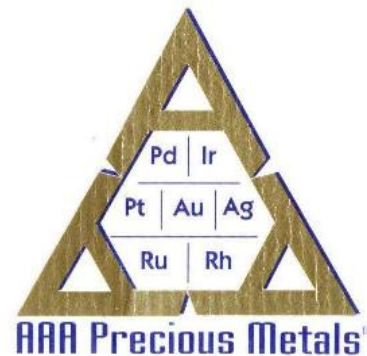
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