

The Prospector



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



DATES TO REMEMBER...

March 18th, 2007
Chapter Meeting

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

April 15th, 2007
Chapter Meeting

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



From the Presidents Desk

I start my report this month by correcting an error, I missed the following members on the Banquet committee: Darlene, Helen, Jean, Jim and Marlene. Thank you for your hard work and the good food.

A big welcome to the 11 new people that came to the meeting and I hope to see all of you at the March meeting.

For those that stayed for Prospecting 101, have you tried looking for a claim using the information Bill presented to us? I have! Thank You Bill. And in short order I found 7 lode claims within 25 miles of my house. All closed in the 60's, 70's and 80's. With a little more digging I have found information on a lode claim that was closed in the 30's and is not on BLM's LR2000 or Geocommunicator!

At this coming meeting, Prospecting 101 will begin after the raffle for those that do not want to stay for the class.

Sincerely

Richard Ruth

OREGON GOLD TRIPS – DAVE RUTAN WILL BE AT THE MARCH MEETING.

Secretary's Report for meeting dated February 18th

Meeting opened 1:33 pm
Milwaukie Grange Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Richard Ruth (Club President) welcomed attendees & visitors. 70 total, 11 new - We're glad to have you with us.

January meeting minutes in newsletter accepted as posted.

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

REPORTS

Dave Chiara (Claims Mgr.). New Club Member Books are available as well as updates for existing member's books. It was asked if members wanted Gold Fever 1, 2, & 3 drawing held. *Responses were limited and board decided to offer to the Gunn's.*

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.) – need reports, losing claims in California (but nothing yet in Oregon).

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

Secretary's Report...

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Preston Griffin (Safety) Nothing new to report. Gave waterproof matches hint (how to) for emergency use.

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). Our equipment is in unit # 46 and the key is in the office. Need to show your membership card when getting the key. Please return key to office when done. The equipment is at “The Storage Place of Clackamas” 157000 SE McKinley Ave (off I-205).

Curt Barnes (Website) not present – our site is down for 30 days (domain name change, site was charged on a now non-attending members credit card). Will be up and running next month.

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

Old Business

Preston, Ed, Bob and Bill are working on By-Laws committee to update our club by-laws.

Estacada Coin Shoot – Penny reported that things are progressing and there are forms on the table for vendor participation. Also – THIS EVENT WILL NEED 50 MEMBERS TO HELP ON JUNE 9TH. If you help “plant coins” you can't participate in detecting.

GPAA Gold Show – Salem Mar 31 – Apr 1 (Sat / Sun) Set-up on Friday (8 – 11), tear down on Sunday afternoon. There is a signup sheet on the table for volunteers for setup / tear down and help in our booth. Note: setup and tear down will be both for GPAA and for D&K booth.

New Business

Northwest Montana Gold Prospector's Club (GPAA) looking for receipts for a cookbook for raising funds to buy a claim. Send any receipts to Helen or Jeanne.

Eastern Oregon Miner's Association (EOMA) is holding a big raffle for fund raising for their legal fund (they "fight" may of the legal suits brought in Oregon). They have many valuable prizes. Their website is at www.EOMA.org. Give **Andy Miller or Dave Chiara** a call if you need tickets or are wondering what they are raffling.

Bill Adams held "Prospecting 101" Class 1 and had a limited number of pamphlets to hand out. See Dave at the March meeting for additional supplies.

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*).

For those of you who renew your GPAA memberships on an annual basis – please let them know you are a member of this club and we'll get credit for it.

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

Door Prizes and Raffle Items: Eli had "lots of good prizes" Everyone was a winner. We'd also like to thank Chris Lawson for the donation of the "Blue Bowl and Larry Whittington for the polished rocks.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm



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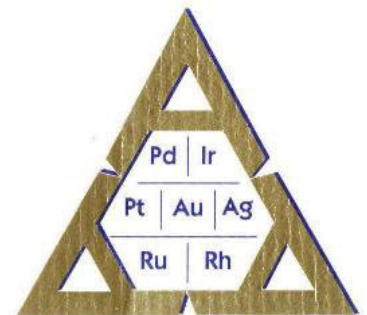
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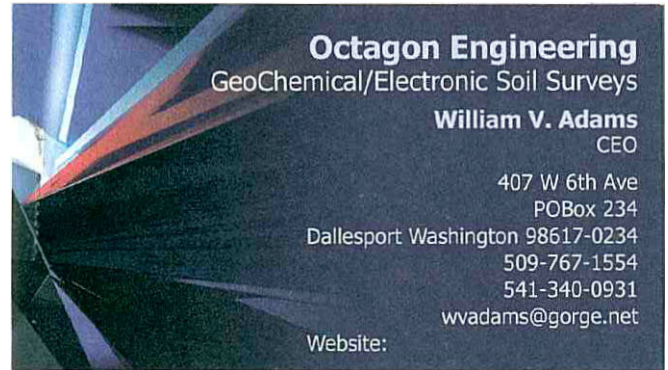
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