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Next Chapter Meeting:
April 15th, 2007
at the
Milwaukie, Oregon
Grange Hall
12015 S.E. 22nd
Meeting Begins at
1:30PM.



DATES TO REMEMBER...

April 15th, 2007
Chapter Meeting

April 14th & 15th
Mt. Hood Gems & Craft Show

May 20th, 2007
Chapter Meeting

June 9th, 2007 Estacada
Annual Coin Shoot & Prospecting Show

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



From the Presidents Desk

I would like to say welcome again to our 11 visitors and we hope to see you again at the next meeting, with a friend!

Thank You Dave Rutan for your presentation and you're very generous offer for the four-day trips to your new property! Thank you Dave for the donation of a Oregon Gold Trip for us to raffle off. We will begin this raffle in April with the Drawing in June.

We will have Dave Rutan – Oregon Gold Trips with us again for a presentation on how to read a stream.

As most of you know by now we have our website up again, but with a new name <http://www.PortlandGoldProspectors.org>. In addition, some added features, Thank you Curt. To make a long complicated story short, there are businesses that buy EXPIRED domain names (website names) with in hours or minutes of the time that they expire! Then try to sell the names back for a big profit. So if you or some one you know have a website keep close track of the expiration date and renew it BEFORE it expires.

Stay safe, stay well and I will see you at the next meeting.

Sincerely

Richard Ruth

Secretary's Report for meeting dated March 18th

Meeting opened 1:32 pm
Milwaukie Grange Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Richard Ruth (Club President) welcomed attendees & visitors. 80 total, 11 new - Welcome Doug, Steve C, Dan, Betty, Neil, Steve J, Steve L, Randy, David, Tom James, Gene, Arnold, Jaime and Christi. We are glad to have you with us.

February 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. Showed "how to" access or get Eastern Oregon Miners Association raffle tickets (*this is the "political arm" representing miners interest in the State*). 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 member's names & contact information (e-mail, phone #'s) have been 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.*

Eli Nicholson (Outings) Gold Show Mar 31 – Apr 1. Talked about outings not listed could be "mass e-mailed" to set up for anyone wanting to go – but not on our official club outing list. Let your officers know if you want to do something special and invite other folks along.

Secretary's Report...

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

Preston Griffin (Safety) Now that you will be getting out in the field – bring plenty of water (*and drink it*).

Curt Barnes (Website) – our site is down, but should be back up in a few days (*domain name change, site was charged on a now non-attending members credit card*). Watch for it this next month

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

Old Business

Skip Heberden – Gold Show set up – those assisting with setup (Friday 3/30) and takedown (Sunday 4/1) report in and get badges. Those volunteering for GPAA are also asked to assist D&K folks with their booth. Also, folks "manning Portland Gold Prospector's booth, please be on time. Our club is auctioning off two miner's lamps.

Cook Books – we are still looking for recipes for the Montana GPAA folks (to buy a new claim). Please send them in (Richard). In addition, our club will do a book later this fall (for sale too).

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

Penny Parsons – Gold Fever 1, 2 & 3 GF1 claimed by one of our club members and believes that the other two were "staked on" (unknown by whom).

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

Secretary's Report...

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.

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*).

New Business

Dave Rutan – Oregon Gold Trips gave his presentation on his new claim on the Chetco River.

Preston Griffin – will be our new “door greeter”. Thanks Preston

April 14th & 15th – Mt. Hood Gems & Craft Show - free admission and parking. Get a free raffle ticket, too.

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 April 15th 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 Jon Satoris for the donation.

Don't forget the raffle for the 2' pump donated by D&K – be sure to buy plenty of tickets, drawing is next meeting. We will be starting a raffle for the Oregon Gold Trip donated by Dave Rutan.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm



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GPAA Gold Show

The Gold Show was a huge success for LDMA /GPAA. They had their largest attendance ever with 2846 paid admissions. The Portland Gold Prospectors was able to raise a total of \$757.00 by selling raffle tickets for the Miners Lamps, Coffee Cups, Hats, Knives, Concentrate Bags, and the coin drop.

A special Thanks are in order for the people who helped set-up, take down the booths, and helped our friends at D & K. They were Randy Bradbury, Ken & Helen Burns, The Andy Miller Family, Eli Nicholson, along with our Board Members, Richard, Penny, Dave and Meda, John and Kathy Henry.

We also had other members of the club that helped out in the booth, promoted the club, and help raise the \$757.00.

These members were Ken and Helen, Jackie Parsons, Ed Eckersley, Steve Lilley, Curt Barnes, Eli, Penny, Dave and Meda, Preston and Jean, Richard, Randy Bradbury, John and Kathy Henry.

Again, the club thanks all of you for your time and support and my personal thanks to each and everyone.

Skip

GPAA Information

In the past, you have us say: “On the GPAA membership renewals, be sure to write on the application GPAA Portland Chapter member. We only get credit if you tell them. If you phone in your renewal be sure to tell them you are a member of Portland chapter “. We have not always explained what these credits are and how much we get for what. The credits as awarded as follows:

Buzzard Special	17.50
1 Year Mining Guide Renewal	12.50
2 Year Mining Guide Renewal	20.00
3 Year Mining Guide Renewal	25.00
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LDMA Membership	50.00
Alaska Sign - Ups	50.00.

The 2 & 3 yr. Mining Guide renewals credits are adjusted because the member is getting a reduced price.

For Alaska sign-up information, please contact the Alaska Administrator.

These credits are used to buy things from the GPAA Catalog. If you do not have a GPAA Catalog, you can go to <http://www.goldprospectors.org/catalog/index.asp?PageName=Catalog> to see what all they have.

Richard

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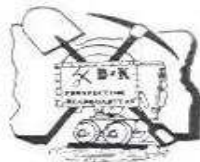
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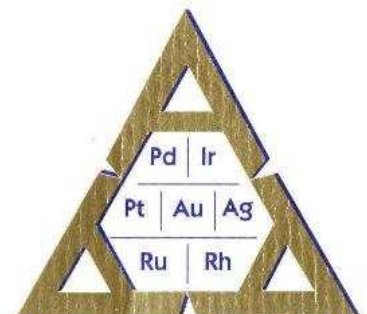
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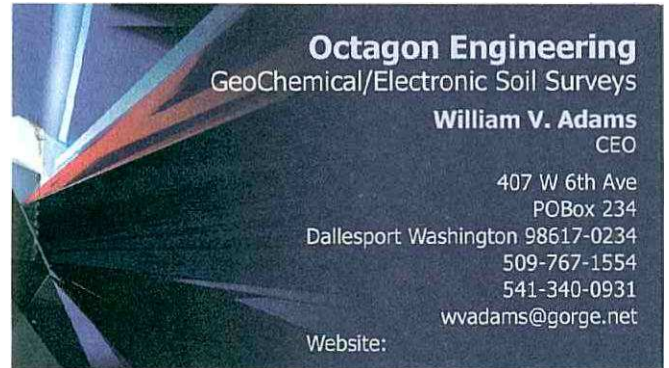
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