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Next Chapter Meeting:
May 20th, 2007
at the
Milwaukie, Oregon
Grange Hall
12015 S.E. 22nd
Meeting Begins at
1:30PM.



DATES TO REMEMBER...

May 20th, 2007
Chapter Meeting

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

June 17th, 2007
Chapter Meeting

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



From the Presidents Desk

I would like to say welcome again to our 7 visitors and we hope to see you again at the next meeting, with a friend!

Remember we are going to have a metal detecting class (weather permitting) so bring your metal detector.

Oregon Senate Bill 64 (2005): we had a little excitement didn't we? Later in the Newsletter is a copy of this.

To all of you that have volunteered so far this year **Thank You!** It means a lot to me to see hands go up when we ask for volunteers. This is **everyone's club** and it will **survive, thrive and grow or not** depending on our **volunteers**. We have more to do this year some will be hard but all most will be fun. **So thank you again!!!**

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

Sincerely

Richard Ruth

Secretary's Report for meeting dated April 15th

Meeting opened 1:32 pm
Milwaukie Grange Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Richard Ruth (Club President) welcomed attendees & visitors. 77 total, 7 new - Welcome **Mike J., Neil, Gene, Charles, Christine, Mike C. and Devyn.** We're glad to have you with us.

March 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.). Club Membership Cards – It takes 3 functions (a combination of monthly meetings and / or outings to qualify for membership). Be sure and sign in at each meeting (legibly, please). Also, if you need a Permit (600, 700 or DSL) see Dave at the break. Also, it was asked if anyone was having trouble getting their permit (it had been reported that DEQ was not accepting permit application). Apparently, based on member response that was not the case (Andy Miller said he just applied and got his in about 2 weeks). Dave also asked if members knew how to use steel wool and D cell batteries to start a fire. Apparently some folks knew and some didn't. *For those that don't, put the two batteries end to end (pos – neg between two) with a positive exposed on one end and a negative on the other end. Put the ends of the steel wool on each pole (BE SURE TO KEEP YOUR HANDS CLEAR OF THE STEEL WOOL WHERE IT IS MOST LIKELY TO CATCH FIRE – DON'T WANT TO BURN YOUR HANDS).* Have dry kindling close by, so you can drop the burning steel wool on it. *For emergency purposes, this is really a "slick" way to get a fire going quickly.* Anybody else got any nifty tricks like this they would like share – let an officer know.

Secretary's Report...

Several of our members were asking about a metal detecting class – Dave asked Penny to elaborate on what was going to be done at the Estacada Metal Shoot. Penny indicated that it would be better to set something up here (Milwaukie Grange Hall next month - weather providing). So, at the break, if you want to "check it out" things will be set up in the parking lot for you to get some hands on exposure. Clarence Mohr volunteered "nuggets" for targets.

It was also asked if / what the club is doing about "Club Claims". Dave was going to bring it up at the board meeting following this meeting (*we're working on it*)

Books are available as well as updates for existing member's books. Please sign in! 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) 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.* Robert Wedding (GPAA Claims Mgr.) – present – please send in reports on GPAA claims you've worked (these are needed for assessment).

Eli Nicholson (Outings) – check the new schedule (see handout). **Oregon Gold Trip (Jumpoff Joe Creek – Dave Rutan)** will be May 31st – June 3rd. **Note** there won't be a second trip this year in **Sept or Oct due to the Little Chetco trips planned.**

Preston Griffin (Safety) - if you have "a medical condition" that club officers should know about – be sure and turn in the form (in book) so officers will know what condition may need to be dealt with in an emergency. *Remember – if you're not able to communicate during an emergency and we don't know what your condition is – valuable time could be lost in treating you.* Also, be aware the West Nile virus is a "threat" and be sure to wear some type of repellent.

Secretary's Report...

Ken Burns (Equipment Mgr.) – It was reported that one of the high banker motor/pumps was not working. Ken will check out – if we need repairs – may need to have it repaired, commercially. Ken asked if anyone “good” at small engine repair – several indicated they would be willing to assist.

See new equipment list in your club update. If you need something equipment wise – talk with Ken or give him a call (503-631-3071).

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) – our site is up and running (*working very well*). *Editor's note: please visit site www.PortlandGoldProspectors.org and see for yourself. We would like to see more folks using / commenting / responding in the forum – it's there for your use.*

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

New Business

Skip Heberden – Gold Show went very well (club made \$757 off of sales of hats, knives, coin drop). This show had the best attendance ever (GPAA was thinking of switching show to Roseburg) but not with that kind of turnout.

Penny or Jeanne – club hats (baseball type) \$10, mugs \$6, T-shirts \$8 and buckets (5gal @ \$2 and square @ \$1). Remember all profits go to the club. *If anybody wants to bring in buckets for club sale, please bring on meeting day.*

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

Preston Griffin – *asked for volunteers (committee) for coming up with fund raising ideas. Had several hands raised to join with Preston.*

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.

Secretary's Report...

It was brought up about an **Oregon House Bill 64** trying to restrict metal detecting to archeologist only (no one else could do any searching even on private property). All agreed, everyone needed to write / e-mail their representatives to vote no on this one. ***It was later discovered this bill was proposed in 2005 and is already “dead”. Hopefully, we won't have to deal with this again. It pays to know what's going on in the Legislature – things like this can get voted in and they're hard to get off the books.***

Our scheduled speakers didn't arrive (Dave Rutan or a representative from Washington Resources Coalition).

Next meeting scheduled for May 20th 1:30 p.m. at the Milwaukie Grange Hall.

Raffle Items: **Eli** had “lots of good prizes” Everyone was a winner. No silent auction items this meeting.

The raffle for the 2” pump – won by **Chris Metz**. Congratulations

Meeting adjourned at 3:16 pm



GPAA Membership Renewal Credits

Buzzard Special	17.50
1 Year Mining Guide Renewal	12.50
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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. If there is anything in the catalog that you would like to have for the raffle Please let one of the board members know .

Richard

After looking at the senate bill 64.

I noticed the 2005 date and decided some investigation was in order.

The petition is meaningless. About two years to late. The Oregon Legislature amended the ORS to include the changes listed in the senate bill in 2005.

The following is the actual wording as found in the 2005 ORS's 358.945, 358.953 and 390.235:

358.945 Notice required upon finding of object; exception. (1) If a person who is conducting an archaeological investigation on public lands according to the provisions of ORS 390.235 or on private land with the owner's written permission finds a sacred object or object of cultural patrimony, the person conducting the archaeological investigation shall notify in writing:

(a) The State Historic Preservation Officer; and

(b) The appropriate ethnic group, religious group or Indian tribe with which the object is associated.

(2) If a sacred object or object of cultural patrimony is recovered on any land, the State Historic Preservation Officer shall assist the appropriate group to repossess the object.

(3) This section does not apply to the contents of an Indian cairn or burial regulated under ORS 97.740 to 97.760.

(4) Failure to notify the appropriate Indian tribe as required by subsection (1)(b) of this section is a Class B misdemeanor. [1983 c.620 §8; 1993 c.459 §8; 1995 c.543 §5; 1997 c.249 §116; 2001 c.104 §124]

358.953 Compensation to property owner deprived of lawful use of property; expense of removal. (1) Under the provisions of ORS 358.905 to 358.961, if a property owner is deprived of an otherwise lawful use of private property, the state shall compensate the property owner for the loss in value under the procedures set forth in ORS chapter 35.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects or objects of cultural patrimony are removed from private property at a tribe's request, the tribe shall pay the expenses of removal and, at its expense, restore the private property to its condition prior to the removal. [1993 c.459 §18]

390.235 Permits and conditions for excavation or removal of archaeological or historical material; rules; criminal penalty. (1)(a) A person may not excavate or alter an archaeological site on public lands, make an exploratory excavation on public lands to determine the presence of an archaeological site or remove from public lands any material of an archaeological, historical, prehistorical or anthropological nature without first obtaining a permit issued by the State Parks and Recreation Department.

(b) If a person who obtains a permit under this section intends to curate or arrange for alternate curation of an archaeological object that is uncovered during an archaeological investigation, the person must submit evidence to the State Historic Preservation Officer that the Oregon State Museum of Anthropology and the appropriate Indian tribe have approved the applicant's curatorial facilities.

(c) No permit shall be effective without the approval of the state agency or local governing body charged with management of the public land on which the excavation is to be made, and without the approval of the appropriate Indian tribe.

(d) The State Parks and Recreation Director, with the advice of the Oregon Indian tribes and Executive Officer of the Commission on Indian Services, shall adopt rules governing the issuance of permits.

(e) Disputes under paragraphs (b) and (c) of this subsection shall be resolved in accordance with ORS 390.240.

(f) Before issuing a permit, the State Parks and Recreation Director shall consult with:

(A) The landowning or land managing agency; and

(B) If the archaeological site in question is associated with a prehistoric or historic native Indian culture:

(i) The Commission on Indian Services; and

(ii) The most appropriate Indian tribe.

(2) The State Parks and Recreation Department may issue a permit under subsection (1) of this section under the following circumstances:

(a) To a person conducting an excavation, examination or gathering of such material for the benefit of a recognized scientific or educational institution with a view to promoting the knowledge of archaeology or anthropology;

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(b) To a qualified archaeologist to salvage such material from unavoidable destruction; or

(c) To a qualified archaeologist sponsored by a recognized institution of higher learning, private firm or an Indian tribe as defined in ORS 97.740.

(3) Any archaeological materials, with the exception of Indian human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects and objects of cultural patrimony, recovered by a person granted a permit under subsection (2) of this section shall be under the stewardship of the State of Oregon to be curated by the Oregon State Museum of Anthropology unless:

(a) The Oregon State Museum of Anthropology with the approval from the appropriate Indian tribe approves the alternate curatorial facilities selected by the permittee;

(b) The materials are made available for nondestructive research by scholars; and

(c)(A) The material is retained by a recognized scientific, educational or Indian tribal institution for whose benefit a permit was issued under subsection (2)(a) of this section;

(B) The State Board of Higher Education with the concurrence of the appropriate Indian tribe grants approval for material to be curated by an educational facility other than the institution that collected the material pursuant to a permit issued under subsection (2)(a) of this section; or

(C) The sponsoring institution or firm under subsection (2)(c) of this section furnishes the Oregon State Museum of Anthropology with a complete catalog of the material within six months after the material is collected.

(4) The Oregon State Museum of Anthropology shall have the authority to transfer permanent possessory rights in subject material to an appropriate Indian tribe.

(5) Except for sites containing human remains, funerary objects and objects of cultural patrimony as defined in ORS 358.905, or objects associated with a prehistoric Indian tribal culture, the permit required by subsection (1) of this section or by ORS 358.920 shall not be required for forestry operations on private lands for which notice has been filed with the State Forester under ORS 527.670.

(6) As used in this section:

(a) "Private firm" means any legal entity that:

(A) Has as a member of its staff a qualified archaeologist; or

(B) Contracts with a qualified archaeologist who acts as a consultant to the entity and provides the entity with archaeological expertise.

(b) "Qualified archaeologist" means a person who has the following qualifications:

(A) A post-graduate degree in archaeology, anthropology, history, classics or other germane discipline with a specialization in archaeology, or a documented equivalency of such a degree;

(B) Twelve weeks of supervised experience in basic archaeological field research, including both survey and excavation and four weeks of laboratory analysis or curating; and

(C) Has designed and executed an archaeological study, as evidenced by a Master of Arts or Master of Science thesis, or report equivalent in scope and quality, dealing with archaeological field research.

(7) Violation of the provisions of subsection (1)(a) of this section is a Class B misdemeanor. [Formerly 273.705; 1993 c.459 §12; 1995 c.543 §7; 1995 c.588 §2]

Al Hansen

Pacific NW Treasure Hunters Association

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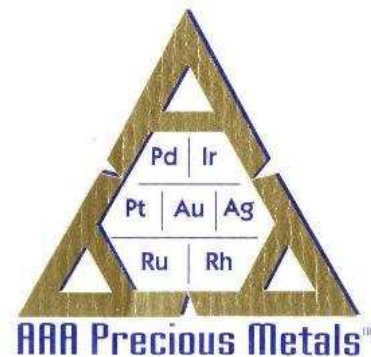
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