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Next Chapter Meeting:

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



DATES TO REMEMBER...

**July 15th, 2007
Chapter Meeting**

**Aug. 4th to 8th, 2007
Chris and Penny's
Chrystal & Gold Claims
Outing**

**Aug. 9th to 12th, 2007
The Club's Blue Bucket
Outing (?)**

**Aug. 21st, 2007
Gold Panning Class for
the Kings Family Kids.**

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



From the Presidents Desk

Welcome to the 7 new people, I hope you will come back and bring a friend.

Wasn't that a great presentation from Dave Rutan. I learned a lot. Did You?

It does not look good for our Blue Bucket outing. There isn't much water there. More information at the meeting.

On Pages 5, 6 & 7 is some information that was emailed to me about the Brown Recluse Spider. IT IS GRAFFIC! AND they ARE in this area. I have had them in my house! If you are bit by one of these spiders get your self to the Emergency Room ASAP!

There will be Signup sheets at the meeting for the Gold Panning Class, Spaghetti Feed on Sept 15th and the one on Oct. 21st. Please add your name to them.

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

Sincerely

Richard Ruth

Secretary's Report for meeting dated June 17, 2007th

Meeting opened 1:33 pm
Milwaukie Grange Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Richard Ruth (Club President) welcomed attendees & visitors. 57 total, 7 new.

May 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). Books for new members are \$5.00

Also, if you need a Permit (600, 700 or DSL) see Dave at the break.

Dave brought up that we have a list of claims (GPAA, other club's claims, open prospecting areas) for anyone interested in knowing what other clubs are "out there" and what they have available.

Robert Wedding (GPAA Claims Mgr.) – Not present. Richard talked about the New 49er's needing help to fight legislation in California about "freezing out" miners. Go to the New 49er's site and locate the letters they are requesting be sent to the legislators.

Eli Nicholson (Outings) – check the new schedule (see handout). Rice Museum exhibit is August 18th and 19th. GPAA Blue Bucket is August 9 – 12. Penny and Chris's claims (gold and crystal) will be open August 4 – 8. Eli is working on getting a date set up for Minor's Meadow in 2008 (during dredging season).

Preston Griffin (Safety) – was here, but had to leave. No report.

Secretary's Report...

Ken Burns (Equipment Mgr.) – Ken - 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). It has been noted that the equipment is not coming back in "good shape" and there may be some changes coming as to how equipment is checked out.

Curt Barnes (Website) – Not here this meeting. *The web 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. Curt has put some "money making ideas" on the website for anyone interested in helping the club finances.*

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

Old Business

Penny Parsons – Estacada Coin Shoot event was wet, but everyone had a good time. If you're interested in metal detecting the event site to find what wasn't found, give Penny a call and she can put you in contact with the right person. The event made the club \$637.

Penny or Jeanne – club hats (baseball type) \$10, mugs \$6, T-shirts \$8, sweat shirts \$12 each, bigger sizes are more. 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 to Jeanne or Richard. Also, our club will do a book later this fall (for sale too).

New Business

On September 15th at the Senior Center (Whispering Pines - Estacada) and after our October 21st meeting (Milw Grange Hall), we will have a spaghetti feed. These will be open to the public. Proceeds will be split between the two organizations.

Scott Atkinson told us about the efforts going on to rewriting the Washington State Fish & Game's Gold & Fish Book. They (he's part of team) are working on more minor "friendly" rules.

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.

Our scheduled speaker, Dave Rutan spoke on placer deposits (alluvial and eluvium) and the differences between the two types. Well presented. Thank you Dave

Richard Ruth's mother, Dorothy Ruth, made and donated ceramic figurines and Sandy donated a bouquet of flowers. Thank you both.

Next meeting scheduled for July 15th 1:30 p.m. at the Milwaukie Grange Hall.

Raffle Items: Eli had "lots of good prizes" Everyone was a winner.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm

GPAA Membership Renewal Credits

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
Gold Life Membership	25.00
LDMA Membership	50.00
Alaska Sign - Ups	50.00.

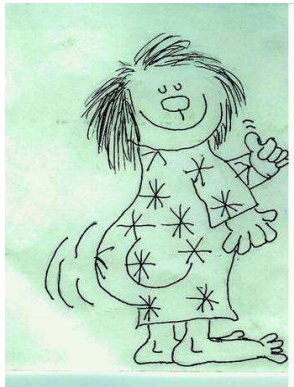
The 2 & 3 yr. Mining Guide renewals credits are adjusted because the member is getting a reduced price.

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. 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

**“BUTTIN IN” WITH Gold
Sally’s TRIVIA**



Where did the Gold for the Oregon
Beaver Coins come from?
Feather River, California.

MUST SELL

Keene 3” Gold Dredge/High Banker Combo - Model Number 17530 (Briggs 5HP Pump Mounted to Heavy-duty Backpack Frame - Very Nice) \$1000 Like New (barely used). Lots of extras including how-to books, videos, mini sluice, classifiers, pans, nozzles, etc. Must sell due to motorcycle accident. (541) 607-1682

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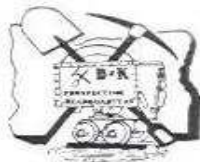
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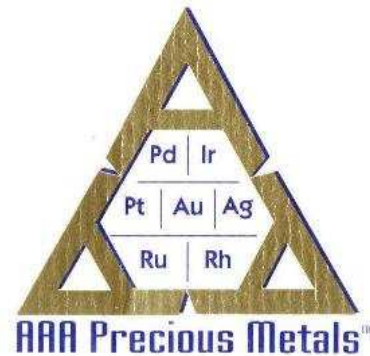
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nasty looking but you must know this.

It's summertime & cleanup is going on. Be careful where you put your hands. They like dark spaces & woodpiles; and cool attic areas.

This guy was bitten by a Brown Recluse spider.



Day 3

The following illustrates the progression of a brown recluse spider bite. The affected skin actually dies on his body.



Day 5

Some of the pictures towards the end are pretty nasty, but take a look at the last one -- it is a picture of the spider itself.



Day 6

The Brown Recluse Spider is the most dangerous spider that we have here in the USA



Day 9

A person can die from it's bite. We all should know what the spider looks like



Day 10

Send this around to people you love, because it is almost summertime.

People will be digging around, doing yard work, spring cleaning, and sometimes in their attics.



The Dangerous Brown Recluse Spider

Please be careful.

Spider bites are dangerous and can have permanent and highly negative consequences.

They like the darkness and tend to live in storage sheds or attics or other areas that might not be frequented by people or light.

If you have a need to be in your attic, go up there and turn on a light and leave it on for about 30 minutes before you go in to do any work.

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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 ect... are color coded so please take only the color for the Highbanker you pick.

It has been brought to my attention that our storage unit was in a big mess and some of the equipment is missing and not signed out. Most of this equipment was donated to our club for the use of every one in our club. Please keep the storage unit clean and neat. When you barrow some equipment sign it out. And bring it back in good working order and clean with no gas in the motors.

