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Next Chapter Meeting:

Sept. 16th, 2007
at the
Milwaukie, Oregon
Grange Hall
12015 S.E. 22nd
Meeting Begins at
1:30PM.



DATES TO REMEMBER...

Sept. 16th, 2007
Chapter Meeting

Sept 15th, 2007
Spaghetti Feed & Silent
Auction at the Estacada
Community Center

Oct. 21st, 2007
Chapter Meeting and
Spaghetti Feed & Silent
Auction

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



From the Presidents Desk

How many of you are planning on being at the Estacada Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction at 5pm on September 15? Tickets are \$10 for the dinner and the hall will only hold 100 people so order your tickets now!

The Royal Family Kid's Camp Gold Panning training was a BIG Success! There was a little glitch in the program, The Canby Grove Convention Center was double booked! We ended up with 6PM to 7:30PM and 33 Kids to train in 2 groups of 12 and 1 group of 9 kids. So we setup to train 6 kids at a time. It was hectic and a blast. Also Dick Miller had brought a 5 gal. bucket of classified paydirt from Arizona. I setup my mini highbanker and ran the bucket through before the panning started and in between groups. Every kid that came near just had to stop and see what was going on. There was enough color to cover the inside edge of my GPAA gold pan about 1/4 the way a round, about 1/16" wide. That got a lot of attention! We have been invited back for next year. Camp starts Aug 14th 2008 and I have said YES! Now for a BIG TANK YOU to all of the volunteers!!!

Ken Burns has all of our equipment now. More later.

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

Sincerely

Richard Ruth

Secretary's Report for meeting dated Aug. 19th, 2007th

Meeting opened 1:43 pm
Milwaukie Grange Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Richard Ruth (Club President) welcomed attendees & visitors. 33 total, 1 new (**welcome Harvey**).

July 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.). Please pickup your Club Membership Cards – only 5 months to go before new ones are issued. Be sure and sign in at each meeting (legibly, please). Books for new members are \$5.00

Robert Wedding (GPAA Claims Mgr.) – not present. (*if you use a GPAA site, please send in a report*).

Eli Nicholson (Outings) – Rice Museum event going on this weekend (Sat/Sun). Tuesday (8/21) in Canby is the start of the "Royal Family Kids Camp", anyone wishing to join in helping with the panning demonstrations, please see an officer at the break. *Check the new schedule (see handout). GPAA Blue Bucket is August 9 – 12. Penny and Chris's claims (gold and crystal) scheduled for August 4 – 8 THIS ACTIVITY WAS CANCELLED DUE TO DRY WEATHER and FOREST SERVICE SHUTTING DOWN FOREST. Eli is working on getting a date set up for Minor's Meadow in 2008 (during dredging season).*

Preston Griffin (Safety) – Not Present (Rice Museum).

Ken Burns (Equipment Mgr.) – Not Present (Rice Museum) – Richard announced that access to the storage/equipment locker has been suspended with restrictions placed on usage. This was necessitated by lack of care in returning equipment, un-returned equipment and fuel left in equipment. Equipment usage will be discussed at board meeting and check out & return will most likely be thru an officer.

Curt Barnes (Website) – Not Present. *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.

Secretary's Report...

Old Business

Richard Ruth – Royal Family Kid's Camp – Tuesday Aug. 21st – Volunteers teach kids to pan (have 34 kids). *See Richard if you're interested in helping.*

Richard Ruth – Spaghetti Feed & Silent Auction at the Estacada Community Center – Sept. 15th and at the Milwaukie Grange Hall – Oct. 21st (after our club meeting) \$10 per person. Need volunteers & spaghetti sauce.

Penny & Chris's claim – Forest Service has closed Baker County forests/camp grounds due to extraordinary dry conditions (and no water at Blue Buckets – ponds are dried out). Trip scheduled August 4th – August 12th CANCELLED.

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. Please send them in to Jeanne or Richard, as our club will do a cook book later this fall (for sale too).

New Business

Ron Farnsworth (Sr.) announced that *Gold Fever Three* was renamed *Farnsworth Fever* and that folks from the club are welcome to use the claim. *Please let them know what you find (any activity goes against the requirements for assessment).* Thank you Ron.

Larry Whittington brought in his "finds" from around the state (metal and non-metal items) that were of a "curious nature" to show the things that one can find while metal detecting or panning. *Larry also made a suggestion about possibly the club renting it's equipment (to help out our working fund). If you have additional ideas, please discuss during meeting or with an officer.*

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 September 16th 1:30 p.m. at the Milwaukie Grange Hall.

Raffle – Eli conducted the raffle – lots of good prices.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm. Board meeting followed.

An email from Dick Miller , The Royal Family Kid's Camp.

RICHARD,

THANKYOU SO MUCH FOR THE CLUB'S PARTICIPATION IN OUR FOSTER CHILD KIDS CAMP. I, ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR PERSONAL PARTICIPATION. THE PANNING WAS A HIGHLIGHT OF THE CAMP. THE KIDS WERE STILL BRAGGING ABOUT THEIR GOLD ON THE BUS BACK HOME.

YOU GUYS "TOUCHED SOME LIVES" WITH A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE THAT THEY WILL NEVER FORGET. OUR NEXT CAMP STARTS ON 14 AUG 2008. WANNA DO IT AGAIN?

DICK

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 was the first California Gold found that was made into Gold Coins by the U.S. Mint?

Estacada Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction

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Please see Richard Ruth to order your tickets.

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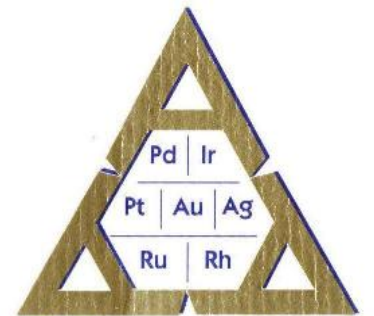
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Storage Unit

The equipment that we had at this storage unit is now stored by Ken Burns.

