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**Next Chapter Meeting:**  
**August 17<sup>th</sup> 2008**  
**At the Milwaukie, Oregon Grange Hall**  
**12015 S.E. 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting Begins at 1:30PM.**



## **DATES TO REMEMBER...**

Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> 2008 Chapter Meeting. Demonstration, Sluice Box – Eli and Ed

Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> to Sept 6<sup>th</sup> 2008 Outing on Mike Malloy's Claim.

Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> to 14th 2008 TYROY Outing

Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> 2008 Chapter Meeting. With guest Speaker Megan Rose, author of Thrift Store Prospecting.

Please submit Newsletter Reports before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each Month.



## **From the Presidents Desk**

Welcome to the four new people! I hope to see you all at the next meeting.

**HEALTH ALERT!** West Nile Virus was found in Mosquitoes in Baker County last week! Use bug repellent when you are in that area!

We had a good time at Wine's Camp. Got a lot of work done and got some Good Gold. A full report at the meeting.

See page three for three short stories on how things that can go wrong when we miss judge distances.

We had a bit of a monkey wrench thrown in to the Molalla River outing, A landslide had closed the area where we normally meet. However, we did have nine showed up on Saturday. We stayed on the west side on the river and did not get much gold at all.

**TYROY:** because of the mistakes, I made in the paperwork we have the TYROY as a 20 acre claim not 40 acres. Sorry.

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

**Sincerely**

**Richard Ruth**

## Secretary's Report for meeting dated July 20<sup>th</sup> 2008

Meeting opened 1:30PM  
Milwaukie Grange Hall

### CALL TO ORDER

**Richard Ruth (Club President)** - Welcomed attendees & visitors. 54 total, 4 new. Glad you all could join us.

May meeting minutes in newsletter accepted as posted.

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

### REPORTS

**Robert Cadwell (Club Claims)** – TYROY Robert and Richard went to TYROY & dug sample holes found gold in each. Added additional 20 acres to claim. Another person did very well by using a backpack vacuum after them by vacuuming out the bottom where they had dug. Possible outing being planned Blue bucket, TYROY and Crystal combined. Directions to the claim were available to those that wanted them. Richard also gave the GPS coordinates. Note these directions and the GPS coordinates won't be in the newsletter or the on the web site!

Unimproved road! Trucks or high clearance vehicles only.  
Dry camping only.

Should only go with someone who has been there before on your first trip! Watch out for rattlesnakes.

For your new club cards please see Robert. Books for new members are \$5.00. For mailing or e-mail changes, please note them on the sign in sheet.

**Robert Wedding (GPAA Claims Mgr.)** - Reported he had been contact with main office about The Pick & Shovel. There haven't been any new claims. This is why people have not been receiving The Pick & Shovel.

**Eli Nicholson (Outings)** – Molalla River outing Aug 2&3, Klamath River in California August 31 – Sept 6.

**Safety** - Richard noted he'd been in contact with the Estacada Fire Department about Safety training at there station. He was also going to contact the Milwaukie Fire Dept.

Steve Eichman also volunteered to do some training small class of 6 but there is a need to rent Practice manikins looking into the cost and location.

**Ken Burns (Equipment Mgr.)** - Richard reported on equipment Contact Ken Burns.

## Secretary's Report...

**Curt Barnes (Website)** - Richard reported it was up and running. [www.PortlandGoldProspectors.org](http://www.PortlandGoldProspectors.org) and see for yourself. We would like to see more folks using / commenting / responding in the forum – it is there for your use.

**Newsletter - (Richard Ruth)** - should be out the Friday before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month meeting.

### Old Business

**Work day at Oregon Gold Trips (Richard)** Work day at Oregon Gold Trips (Penny Parsons) -Oregon gold work party July 24<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup>. Bring tools, hammers, paint brushes chain saw, trimming etc. 1 day of work the rest is for play. Trommel will be ran this trip! Food cost \$20. Per person.

**Estacada Coin Shoot (Richard)** There were 28 hunters which was nearly double the previous year! There was a Profit of \$1720 dollars, which was split \$860 each between the club and the Estacada Fire department

### New Business

**Panning with Preston & Richard** Panning tubs were set up outside and after the break were filled with water. Some of the material Richard had brought from TYROY, Preston also brought material (unknown location) many of the members went out for the demonstration and participated. There were several different techniques demonstrated. Note we need to find out where the shut off valve for the outside faucets. Another bucket brigade!

**Howard (Richard) Howard** Charleboix resigned as Board member at Large due to business reasons he is not able to attend. Richard asked volunteers to replace him. No volunteers at this time

**Email for newsletter (Richard Ruth)** If you have not been receiving the Newsletter by email please email us at [portlandgpaa@aol.com](mailto:portlandgpaa@aol.com) a lot of email addresses are showing up as not valid when we try to send them out.

### Dredge For Sale

I am selling my 4" dredge. This includes Air and canopy

I am asking \$1600. I will give a discount to any Portland GPAA member.

Howard  
971-645-0655

## How things that can go wrong when we miss judge distances.

Friday at the Oregon Gold Trips work trip was an event full day! In the morning we cut fire wood and loaded it in to a members 4X4 pickup plus a trailer. On the way out, and up the hill, he had to go around a 1947 dump truck. In the process of doing that, the road under the right rear tire gave way. In trying to get unstuck, the road under the right front tire gave way. We sent for help, Dave came with the backhoe. As we were chaining up the 4X4, I herd some one yell LOOK OUT! As I got my head got from under the left front of the 4X4, the dump truck was no longer uphill from me but had backed into the bank below me with the left front wheel in the air. It had missed my legs by about 3 feet. The motor did not start and the brakes did not work on the dump truck. We unloaded and detached the trailer. Then Dave did an excellent job of getting the 4X4 unstuck with out any damage the 4X4. Then we reattached and reloaded the trailer. Went back to the main building and unloaded the 4x4 and trailer.

That afternoon two of us, Steve Eichman (an RN) and I, were working on the Green Trommals two engines, one for the trommal and one for the conveyer belt. After we got them both going, we saw that the belt was loose. So we shut the engine down. I found Ken, who had in stalled the belt, and ask him how to adjust it. So he showed me as he adjusted the belt and said we needed to start the engine to check the tracking. We tried to start the engine but it was being stubborn so Ken went back to what he was doing and continued with the engine. I got the engine going, went around to the other side to get the wrench to adjust the belt, and did not duck far enough. I rammed my head in to the corner of the hopper! Said a few bad words took my hat off, no hole in it, and checked for blood and there was a little. So I grabbed rag shoved it onto the wound and adjusted the belt. Then went to the cabin for help, about 20 yards. I must have been something to see because when Penny, Helen and Steve saw me their eyes got big, they sat me down, we played 20 questions, Helen washed my face, and I got a clean paper towel for my head, Steve look at my head and went after his first aid kit. Steve got the bleeding stopped and bandaged the whole top of my head. Penny took me to the ER and 3.5hrs later, I had three staples in my head and a Tetanus shot in my arm. The moral of this true story is wear a hard hat, not just a hard head, when you are working on heavy equipment NOT a soft wide brim hat!

Saturday evening one member's van had a flat tire. So he put a can of flat repair, or what ever it is called, into the tire aired it up the rest of the way and drove the van for several minutes. The tire looked ok. He went to park the van for the evening making sure the hole was at the bottom of the tire. In the process of doing that, he put the right front tire in the ditch and was stuck. Sunday morning three members got into the back of the van and two pushed the front and got the van out of the ditch.

Richard

## Coin Drop Version 4

The quarter drop is where you can win. In Version 4, you have a chance to win the Nugget on display, on display because it is too Big to fit into the vile! If you drop a quarter into the jug of water and it lands on the gold pan in the middle, you win your chance to draw a vile. It is luck of the draw pull. If you select the vile with a kernel of Unpoped popcorn in it, you Win the Big Nugget. There many others that are smaller you could also win. It only takes one drop to win. Please come to the meetings and try it, see what you could win.

Eli

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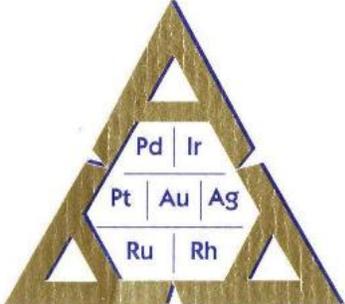


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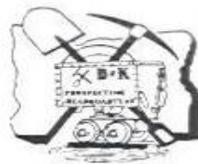
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## Outings

**Done** Spaghetti Feed March 16 - Penny & Richard

**Done** Gold Show - Robert Cadwell & Penny Parsons - March 28<sup>th</sup> setup, March 29<sup>th</sup> & March 30<sup>th</sup>

**First one!** Weekend trips to Molalla River – Mike Malloy & Ken Burns - May 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Done** Southern Oregon Gold & Treasure Show- Eli & Richard Ruth - May 30<sup>th</sup> Setup, May 31<sup>st</sup>, & June 1<sup>st</sup>

\*\*\* Weekend trips to Molalla River – Mike Malloy & Ken Burns - June 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> - \*\*\**Canceled due to River*

### *Levels.*

**Done** Estacada Event - Penny & Richard - June 21<sup>st</sup>

**Done** Outing W/Roseburg Chapter – Eli & Richard Ruth – June 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Done** Weekend trips to Molalla River – Mike Malloy & Ken Burns – June 28<sup>th</sup>

**Done** Oregon Gold Trip – Eli – July 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, & 27<sup>th</sup> – Work Trip

**Done** Weekend trips to Molalla River – Mike Malloy & Ken Burns - Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>

Blue Bucket – Richard – Cannot have one until after Sept 14<sup>th</sup>!

TYROY – Richard - Sept. 11, 12, 13 & 14<sup>th</sup>

Weekend trips to Molalla River – Mike Malloy & Ken Burns - Late Aug. first of Sept.

Mike Malloy's Claim on the Klamath River. - Mike Malloy & Ken Burns August 31<sup>st</sup> – Sept 6<sup>th</sup>

Weekend trips to Molalla River – Mike Malloy & Ken Burns - Late Sept. first of Oct.

Oregon Gold Trip – Eli - Oct. 10, 11 & 12 Meet on the 9<sup>th</sup> – Work Trip

## GPAA Membership Renewal Credits

Buzzard Special	10.00
1 Year Mining Guide Renewal	7.50
2 Year Mining Guide Renewal	12.00
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

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