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Next Chapter Meeting:

**September 21th
2008**

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



DATES TO REMEMBER...

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

Oct 3, 4 & 5 2008 Molalla River Outing

Oct 9, to 12th 2008 Oregon Gold Trips, Work Trip.

Oct 19th 2008 Chapter Meeting. Show and Tell. Bring in your find and tell us about it!

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



From the Presidents Desk

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

TYROY: There were six people, including myself, that showed up for the outing. We have found that there is a well on the claim! However, it will not support highbanking. More at the meeting.

Remember to bring paper and something to write with, you may want to take notes during Megan's presentation. Speaking from first hand experience, she will have good information for us.

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

Sincerely

Richard Ruth

Secretary's Report for meeting dated Aug 17th 2008

Meeting opened 1:30PM
Milwaukie Grange Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Richard Ruth (Club President) - Welcomed attendees & visitors. 48 total, 8 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) – Robert has membership cards; new people need to attend 3 functions - combination of meetings and/or functions to receive one. When you sign in PLEASE print clearly, include your email address, if you have one. This way we can send you the club newsletter by email! Books for new members are \$5.00. Mailing or email changes please note them on the sign-in sheet.

Robert Wedding (GPAA Claims Mgr.) - No report. Visiting one of the GPAA claims requires filing a report.

Eli Nicholson (Outings) – TYROY Outing Sept 11, 12, 13 & 14. Meet 10:00A.M. Sept 11 at exit #304 at the truck stop on the left. Blue Bucket outing - cancelled for September by vote. Molalla outing scheduled for Oct 3, 4, & 5.

Oregon Gold Trip – Oct 9, 10, 11 & 12. Meet at Abby's Pizza in Rouge River at 6:00P.M. Oct 9 \$20.00 for food at the camp.

Safety - Need a new safety person - volunteer - WELCOME!

Ken Burns (Equipment Mgr.) - Good selection for Club to borrow. Call Ken @ 503-631-3011 for info.

Curt Barnes (Website) - Richard reported that the Forum was down at the present time.
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 3rd Sunday of the month meeting.

Secretary's Report...

Old Business

Mike Malloy's invitation to his Klamath River claim – Aug 31 Sept 6. O.K. to arrive 8/30. \$100.00 per person.

Penny reported on the Oregon Gold Work trip. A good time was had by all & EUREKA! GOLD WAS FOUND!

New Business

Club needs a new P.A system or repair of our current one. Jack Maxwell & Wayne Gaddie volunteered to look into it.

Russell Grau, Deb Hale & Melinda Darning volunteered to assist **Darlene Schafer** in the nominating process for the new year. Positions open are for President, Treasurer & Board Members at Large. New Ideas and a little of your time are the requirements to make this club thrive. Please do not say no, when asked, until you think about it.

Good to see **Ed Eckersley** back with us!

Outing Tip - Mosquito Repellant – 1/2 Lemon Oil & 1/2 Eucalyptus Oil appears to be better then Deet.

IMPORTANT!!! Members visiting our claims, please report assessment work done and the hours to Robert Cadwell.

Maps of Portland Prospector Club claims will be emailed but not Available to the general public security reasons.

R. (Rick or Rich) Davis won the "BIG GOLD NUGGET!" in the coin drop. See Eli & join in the fun - only .2S¢ per drop.

Email for newsletter (Richard Ruth) If you have not been receiving the Newsletter by email please email us at 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

Chris & Penny's ADVENTURE 2008

We left Clackamas Thursday morning traveling to Pendleton. We spent the night and left the 5th wheel at the Wild Horse RV Park. From here we traveled to Baker

City and visited with our friends Pat and Roy Valentine. We had a wonderful visit and a few games of dice.

We drove back to Pendleton to the 5th wheel and spent the night. In the morning, we drove to Post Falls Idaho to visit my cousins Betty and Ted Argraves.

On Sunday Carrie, Brian, Icel and Barbara came to Betty and Teds to visit with us. Ted is doing fairly well after getting a pacemaker feeling better each day.

We took a slow start on Monday morning, left for Philipsburg Mt., and spent the night. We drove up to Gem Mountain Gemstone mine and sorted thru a bucket of material and found several Sapphires.

Next, we traveled to Dillon Mt. where we drove up to Bannock State Park and visited the Old mining town.

In the morning we drove to Spencer Id., and dug thru the mine run material and found Opals. We found some beautiful opals, several with lots of color one a little darker and lots of color.

After the opals we drove to Crystal Park and dug for crystals. We found some that are double ended and some with double points together, but the best find is a amethyst crystal that is really nice about 3 inches long.

In the morning Chris and I drove to Alder MT. and found a campsite. We then spent the afternoon wandering thru Virginia City with Nevada City Mt. these are both ghost towns.

On Friday morning we traveled to the Red Rock Garnet mine and mined for Montana Garnets. Chris and I had a lot of fun doing this and Steve gave us an extra bucket to go thru. It was sort of a test of material.

After mining we travel to West Yellowstone and this is where I am sending this email from end of week one. Saturday we will drive thru Yellowstone to Cody Mt.

Chris & Penny's ADVENTURE 2008

Week Two

Here is our second week I hope you enjoy, Chris and I are both doing good, and enjoying our self's. We have about 500 pictures so far.

Week 2. From west Yellowstone we took time to see Old Faithful and then drove out the east entrance past Yellowstone Lake which I think is the first time that I have seen this vast lake and the first time Chris has. Coming out the east entrance and on to Cody, WY. In Cody we went to old town which they have moved a lot of old buildings to one site. This was a rainy day. As we toured the old town an interesting point came up. Chris the night before watched the movie Jeremiah Johnson, and His gravesite was moved to the old town in Cody Wy. Chris and I have crossed the continental divide 4 of 5 times now. We traveled thru the Bighorn Scenic Byway with lots of Antelope and Deer to see. As we now see the rivers flowing towards the east instead of the west. The next stop was Sheridan, Wy. which is rated the #2 western town. Well I don't know about that as we drove thru the buildings reminded us of Baker City Oregon. We were not impressed. But the next place that we visited was Devils tower Wy. in the Black Hills. This was a very impressive work of art.

We are now in South Dakota that has a lot of places that we are interested in visiting. We drove to a forest service campground that was to be open until Sept 11 but was closed Sept 7. We visited a forest service office to find that there was a campground partially open and we went there and it was open if you only had an 8 foot camper not a 33 foot 5th wheel. So I had to back up about 300 feet to get out of this place. We found a place to camp, we then drove back up to the Crazy Horse Monument which I enjoyed very much. I even have a piece of the mountain. (for a donation) and then to Mount Rushmore I was very impressed by the flags of the USA. I would not have missed either of these places.

The next day we visited Custer State Park which is a wild life drive thru and seen a lot of Buffalo, Antelope and prairie dogs, we also seen some turkeys. From here we drove to Hot Springs SD. Which I was disappointed in. The springs were only 74 degrees and a pain to feel.

Next we traveled to Wind cave National Park and we toured the cave to include over 300 stairs. The best part for Chris was the elevator ride up. As we started the tour of the cave we encountered a Rattle Snake. Which the tour guide was surprised by the snake at about 1.5 feet away from it. Chris being my man chased the snake with his cane off the concrete path so we could all pass safely. There was a couple next to the tour guide that was worried that Chris might hurt the Snake, they did not know they were within the snake's strike zone. The Cave was beautiful both Chris and I enjoyed it very much.

In the morning we hooked our home on wheels and went Jewel Caves we watched the video but had decided not to take the cave tour as it was over 700 stairs not including the up and down which is by elevator, we did watch the video of the tour and enjoyed that..

So off to the Willow Creek horse camp. The best part of this camp is that it is off season and the price was 0. After getting the trailer set up here we went to Keystone and the Big Thunder mine. This was an interesting tour as the guide was 70 and knew nothing about mining. Let alone panning. And he was instructing people on how to pan (years). Put water to the first line in the pan and work it, and then see what you have. (Oh my god). Well after this we drove up close to Rapid City to Bear Country USA. This is a drive thru wild life park. We saw several animals to include a white buffalo. Mountain Lions, Elk, Mountain Goats, Mountain Sheep, Wolves, Lynx, Bobcat and Bear's. Today we visited Lead and the Homestead mine which is an open pit gold mine. Then to Deadwood which is an old west town. The Celebrity Hotel was very interesting with the costumes from several movies. This is a Casino town. I did not do well here, I lost \$40.00. We drove back to camp via hwy 16a and then 244 got some good pictures of Mt Rushmore and some Mt. sheep. Oh did I mention that we had been looking for Mt. Goats in the Mountains and found them in a yard just outside of Hill city today. Our next stop will be the Bad Land and the Buffalo Gap grasslands.

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 Unpopped 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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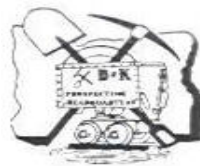
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Outings

- Done** Spaghetti Feed March 16 - **Penny & Richard**
- Done** Gold Show - **Robert Cadwell & Penny Parsons** - March 28th setup, March 29th & March 30th.
- First one!** Weekend trips to Molalla River – **Mike Malloy & Ken Burns** - May 3rd
- Done** Southern Oregon Gold & Treasure Show- **Eli & Richard Ruth** - May 30th Setup, May 31st, & June 1st
- *** Weekend trips to Molalla River – **Mike Malloy & Ken Burns** - June 7th & 8th - ****Canceled due to River Levels.*
- Done** Estacada Event - **Penny & Richard** - June 21st
- Done** Outing W/Roseburg Chapter – **Eli & Richard Ruth** – June 22nd
- Done** Weekend trips to Molalla River – **Mike Malloy & Ken Burns** – June 28th
- Done** Oregon Gold Trip – **Eli** – July 24th, 25th, 26th, & 27th – Work Trip
- Done** Weekend trips to Molalla River – **Mike Malloy & Ken Burns** - Aug. 2nd & 3rd
- **** Blue Bucket – **Richard** – ******Will setup for next Spring!**
- **** **TYROY** – **Richard** - Sept. 11, 12, 13 & 14 - **** **All Ponds were dry!**
- **** Weekend trips to Molalla River – **Mike Malloy & Ken Burns** - **** **Canceled due to TYROY & Mike Malloy's outings!**
- Done** Mike Malloy's Claim on the Klamath River. - **Mike Malloy & Ken Burns** August 31st – Sept 6th
- Weekend trips to Molalla River – **Mike Malloy & Ken Burns** – Oct 3, 4 & 5
- Oregon Gold Trip – **Eli** - Oct. 10, 11 & 12 Meet on the 9th – 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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