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**Next Chapter
Meeting:
October 19th 2008
At the
Milwaukie, Oregon
Grange Hall
12015 S.E. 22nd
Meeting Begins at
1:30PM.**



DATES TO REMEMBER...

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

November 6, 7, 8 & 9th 2008
Oregon Gold Trips Work Trip

November 16th 2008 Chapter
Meeting and Election of
Officers

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



From the Presidents Desk

Welcome to the one new person! I hope to see you at the next meeting.

I must complement every one that was at the meeting! During Megan's presentation you all were the most attentive and note taking group I have seen in about 34 years!!!!!! Very Very Good. At the meeting tell you about 34 years ago.

Remember we have something new this meeting, "Show and Tell". Sounds dumb But I think it will be fun. Bring to the meeting the best you have found this year and tell us how you got it and where (what part of the state).

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

Sincerely

Richard Ruth

Secretary's Report for meeting dated September 21th 2008

Meeting opened 1:30PM
Milwaukie Grange Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Richard Ruth (Club President) - Welcomed attendees & visitors. 63 total, 1 new. Glad you all could join us.

Aug. 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) – TROY Ponds were dry, there is a well but only enough water to be able to run a recycling system. Can use dry washers, Vac Pac's. Working on a map from Google that can be distributed. 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.) - Richard mentioned that Robert Wedding had bypass surgery. If you use or have used GPAA claims, be sure to send in report... Visiting one of the GPAA claims requires filing a report.

Eli Nicholson (Outings) – Molalla River outing Oct 3, 4, 5.

Oregon Gold Trip (work trip) moved from Oct to Nov 6-9th meet Dave at Abby's Pizza in Rogue River on Nov. 6th at 6:00P.M. \$20/person for food. Inside painting, new trail to the pond, brush trimming around the pond as well as the road to the Highbanker area, Storage cover for the backhoe.

Mike Malloy talked about the trip to his claim on the Klamath River in Calif. Not enough people came to have a club common but those that did come had a great time, good weather and found lots of gold. Wally brought his lap top and had a slide show of the trip as well as one from the Oregon gold trip work party we had earlier in the year. Thanks Wally great job!

Blue Bucket- Richard will be setting up an outing for next year sometime in the Spring.

The caretaker needs 2 weeks after a GPAA outing.

Safety - Need a new safety person - volunteer -

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

Richard (Website) Web site up but forum still down

Secretary's Report...

Old Business

PA System Neither Jack or Wayne was at the meeting.

Megan Rose (Guest Speaker)

Started out with talk on when someone had actually jumped her claim and all the things she had to go through to fight it. Who to contact first County Sheriff, check with BLM (Portland) and the county get certified copy of the claim filing, witness is needed to testify.

Papers need to be on hand, site needs to be posted properly and that one should spray around the posted sign with florescent paint. If removed this is proof that a sign was at that location.

Junk drawer prospecting:

She went over some of the different items that can be used for prospecting when you are out and don't have your prospecting tools.

Colanders, cigarette travel waste container, ash tray, funnel, 5/8th Nut and 2 bolts (mortar and pestle), dawn soap, small brushes, scales, twist ties, zip lock bags, small straight edge screw driver, magic marker, & gloves. What could be used for a Black sands magnet. She even demonstrated the use of each.

Black Sands: How to remove the magnetics what fluxes to use and when. Also went over another method of prospecting through already processed gold and minerals found in things like computers, glassware, and too many other items to mention here. She has numerous books/cd's available for purchase on recycling and prospecting. She did a great job of keeping it interesting and amusing.

Thanks Meagan!

New Business

Molalla River Recreational area (Mike Malloy)

Proposal going on to change this to a Wild & Scenic area. We need to make some noise to our State Rep's about not doing this. It's an area close to Portland that we can go and mine, if this does happen we will be shut out! This would also disallow the use of motorcycles and ATV's.

Lew Meyer's (Book Sale) Former owner of D& K was in had a large selection of mining, mineral books on sale for 1/2 price!

Darlene Schafer (Nominee's needed) Position's open are President, Treasurer, & Board member's need people to at least consider running for these position's when asked.

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

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.

Chris & Penny's ADVENTURE 2008

Week Three

We took off from the horse camp and drove Hwy 40 down around the bottom of the Badlands. At one place there were two tall platforms covered with branches, they looked like the Indian burial or where they burned the bodies. As we got to the east end of the badlands we then took the Badlands loop drive back thru to Hwy 44. We seen some unbelievable beauty the colors in the hills and rocks the layers of color and different types of rocks and dirt. We took a Lot of pictures.

We then drove up to Wall Drug in Wall SD. We then drove back to Camp and got ready to head on to Mitchell SD and then On Sunday we will be in Vermilion SD and See our son-in-law Jay. We had a great visit with Jay and then drove into, Nebraska where we got on to Hwy 20. As we started into Iowa, we noticed that there were two major crops Corn and Soy. They where drying out and the harvest was just getting started.

Chris and I drove thru to Wisconsin, on our way to Madison to see Uncle Bud and his family. We chose a campsite and called Kitty and Bill to find out that we where only 15 min. away from there home in Barneveld, WI. So they drove over to the camp and visited with us for a short time with their son Danny and his two kids. We visited Kitty's Beauty Shop and she gave me a haircut and I have been really enjoying it. Bill took us to see the murals that Kim (Kitty Daughter) had painted for the Church, It is an entire room. We then drove into Madison and seen uncle Bud for which we then took Bud to Kitty's for Dinner. We took Bud home in the morning and spent some time with him. Bud took us up to Judy's place and then we visited her at work of a short time.

The next day we started on our way to New York. Chris and I had decided to not take the toll way. And as it turned out the toll way was closed in Illinois just outside of Chicago. All of the traffic was being routed on to Hwy 20, which is the road that we were traveling. We spent 3 hours traveling 50 miles. Spending a night in Indiana, we then drove thru Ohio and Pennsylvania into New York. We found a campground, Chris and I where both tired and enjoyed a good nights sleep (except for the train). This was Lake Erie State Park, right on the shores of Lake Erie. In the Morning, we took a walk on the beach and found a couple of rocks. We then drove up to Niagara Falls and this was fantastic. The Parking was 10.00 except if you are staying in a state campground you get to park for free (my favorite price). We walked along the banks of the Niagara River and viewed the falls and of course took a lot of pictures. After enjoying this for a while, we drove to Lockport, NY. which is along the shores of the Erie Canal. We took a charter boat up and down the canal and thru the double lock. This was as fun and exciting as I had thought that it might be. The boat pulled into the lock and they shut the doors behind us and the gravitation of the water filled the lock in about 10 minutes. We had to rise 25 feet. Then the doors opened and we moved forward and the doors closed behind us and the water filled up the lock the next 25 feet. And then the double doors opened and we were at the level of Lake Erie. We were going thru lock 35, which is the last before the Lake. 2 hours down the canal and take a right then about 1 hour down the Niagara River and we would be going over the falls (yeks). This was a 2 ½ hour ride. When we got back to shore, we drove back to camp.

In the Morning, we drove to Herkimier, NY. to do some diamond mining. We did a little in the afternoon Chris and I found several diamonds some have both ends and have a good color. We decided to stay another day and do some more mining.

Penny & Chris

Chris & Penny's ADVENTURE 2008

Week Four

We did stay and spend another day at the diamond mine. Chris broke open a rock that I found with holes in it and we got 2 nice diamonds. On the very next rock, that he broke open with the sledgehammer we won in the club raffle was the largest diamond we found. It is still in the rock, which just happened to have a flat bottom and will stand to display the diamond. Before leaving NY, I need some groceries. So to the Store we went this was a real surprise to me but it cost quarter to use the grocery cart, and this was now fancy store.

In the morning we started are trip to North Carolina. Driving South out of New York and thru Pennsylvania catching the corner of Maryland and West Virginia spending the night in Virginia. North Carolina is next we stayed two nights in the northern part and went to Gem Mountain and winery. At Gem Mountain, we bought a large bucket of gems and boy did we get a large variety of stones, several quite large. I am having a mystic topaz cut out of one of the stones.

We then drove to the LDMA camp Vein Mountain. This is a camp with a lot of trees, which in the hot weather would be nice. The first day here as very rainy (our first really wet day). We set up camp and watched the rain, I know they needed it. The camp is well maintained with clean pond and they where bring material from the Thermal city mine for a fee. The next day we did some gem hunting in a bucket and visited he mineral museum.

Moving on to Franklin, NC and the gem fields, we did a day digging for sapphires. I also found a couple of garnets. We got about 30 carets of sapphires. Driving to the next stop, Loud Mine LDMA camp in Georgia. This is also a beautiful camp, clean, mowed and friendly. I only wish the Oregon LDMA claims would look half this nice. We visited a winery and did a bucket of gems at Gold n'Gems. This is just down the road from the LDMA camp. In the morning, we are headed to Stone Mountain. Fuel is limited here in GA we could only get 10 gal. at a time but we didn't have to wait in any lines. This was the first time we had any problems. We got a few groceries at the Piggly Wiggly store. Stone Mountain was very nice unfortunately, we are there off-season and not on the weekend, so most of the stuff is closed. We were able to ride the gondola to the top of Stone Mountain. Where I found a lose rock, so I have a rock from the top of the mountain. We strolled thru the plantation and petted the animals in the barnyard. We also saw the 3d movie which was short but very cool. We spent the night here and had I known that a lot of stuff was going to be closed up I would have not spent the night. Getting to the space the assigned us was down a step driveway and I dented the top of my tailgate on the truck (grrrrr).

So it was off to my brothers in Alford, FL. We stopped a visitor information center, looking back at the trailer one tire didn't look right, and it wasn't. The tread had peeled off. Luckily, it did not do much damage, took the cap off of the sewer line but no breaks, bent the small door in the bedroom slide, and scuffed the side. Chris was able to bend the door back in place and we got a new cap. At Bills, we replaced the tire. Bill and Lola have a nice place and Bill has and is doing a lot of work on it. They have horses, goat, cats, kittens, birds, and dogs. It was so nice to get a chance to see their place. Bill and Lola took us to Panama City and Destin FL., Chris walked in the Gulf of Mexico, and the water was warm. The Sand is white but course. After a couple of days, it was off to Fort Myers Beach and our Daughters place. On our way there the spare tire that we had put on blew I was only going 45 miles an hour and slowing for a light. So I got into a parking lot so we could change the tire and the tread had peeled off again. This time it took of the cap and broke the gray water line. The break was after the drain valve so that was the lucky part. The tread also wrapped around the axel between the drum and springs. We had seen a Goodyear tire shop about a mile before the blowout so we went back to them for a tire. They had to undo the springs and shock absorber to get the tire treads out. They did replace the tire with Goodyear's blessing and it only cost 17.55 for the new tire. We did find out the tires are 10 or 11 yrs old. So we now have new tires on the load axel. I feel a lot better about that now. All thou these tires have taken us over 8,000 miles so far on this trip. Leeanna had found a Park that was very inexpensive, a very nice park with plenty of amenities. Leeanna made it to the park before we got checked in and was so glad to see her dad that she had us all teary eyed, even the ladies behind the counter. Leeanna and Geri drove to the Beach and we all went for a walk in the Gulf. The water is warmer here then up by Bills. This is the first morning here and we had a thunder and lightning storm for which Chris spent about an hour outside watching. He came inside to finish watch the storm after the bugs started biting him. We are planning on spending about a week here before moving on to the west and our trip home.

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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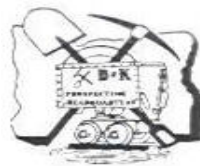
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Outings

- 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
- Done** Weekend trips to Molalla River – **Mike Malloy & Ken Burns** – Oct 3, 4 & 5
- Oregon Gold Trip – **Eli** – Nov 7, 8 & 9 Meet on the 6th – 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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