

# The Prospector



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## Next Chapter Meeting:

March 15<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...

### Our next meeting

April 19<sup>th</sup> 2009 Chapter Meeting and Food Drive

GPAA Gold Show March 28 and 29. Oregon State Fairgrounds, Salem, Oregon. Setup on March 27<sup>th</sup>.

Please submit Newsletter Reports before the 1st Friday of each Month.

## From the Presidents Desk

It was good to see all off your smiling faces last meeting. I have a feeling we just might have a full schedule of fun and excitement this year. **BUT MOSTLEY PLENTY OF GOLD IN YOUR PAN.**

Please remember the club food drive and be sure to help by donating some can goods. Also, please remember **SAFETY FIRST SEE EVERY BODY AT THE NEXT MEETING.**

Sincerely

Preston Griffin

## Secretary's Report for meeting dated January 18 2009

Meeting opened 1:30PM  
Milwaukie Grange Hall

## CALL TO ORDER

**Preston Griffin (Club President)** - Welcomed attendees & visitors. 53 total, 10 visitors. Glad everyone could join us.

January. meeting minutes in newsletter accepted as posted.  
Read Treasurer's Report. Report accepted as read.

## REPORTS

**Robert Cadwell (Club Claims)** – Member cards next meeting (March). For new people, when you sign in, print clearly your name, address, email address and phone number. To become a member, attend 3 functions. Can be a combination of meetings and/or functions. Books for new members are \$5.00. **ALL MEMBERS**, if you have changes in email address, phone number or mailing address, please note them on the sign in sheet.

**Robert Wedding (GPAA Claims Mgr.)** - (not here in February). 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)** – Tentative schedule still being worked on. Let us know what outings you'd like (see the list at the end of the newsletter). These are all just suggested dates and places you help us decide.

Estacada Coin shoot Is June 20<sup>th</sup> need a few volunteers to run this.

Work Party at Jump off Joe is a possibility. Will know more later.

**Safety** – Bob Rasey has volunteered to lead a Safety Committee. He needs volunteers to help!!

**Ken Burns (Equipment Mgr.)** - Went over the equipment the club owns. 2 Dredges, 1 is 3" combo, 2 metal detectors, 1 spiral wheel, Tom and Perry's clean up kit. Call Ken @ 503-631-3011 for info.

**Richard (Website)** Web site up but forum still down.

**Mining Activities** – (Dave Chiara) – It was brought up that if you want to know more about the political aspects of mining, please join the NWMP club (Northwest Mineral Prospectors). Others that are supporting their efforts are PLP (Public Lands for the People), New 49'ers, Eastern Oregon Miners, Waldo Mining District.

## Old Business

**Food Drive** – (Eli) – Bring your canned or non-perishable foods to each meeting. Get raffle tickets in exchange. 1 ticket for every 3 items.

**Oregon Gold Trips Work Trip (Penny)** There will be a work party at Wines Camp April 2-5, weather permitting. Work 8 hours then you can mine the rest of the time. Plans are to move the orange trommel and other work. \$20 per person for food with the first night's dinner being a potluck. BYO beverages. Penny will call the list the night before if we are unable to get in. If that is the case, the work outing would move to the third weekend. Sign up sheet on the table at the meeting.

**Kamp Kalama (Preston)** – Thanks to members that came up to help with the flood clean-up. Yard clean up and reset some railroad ties that had been moved by the flood. Looking to have a metal detecting out there later.



**President's Award (Richard)** – Two awards were not given at the banquet in January because the individuals were not able to make the meeting. Richard presented one of the awards to Mike Malloy in February. There is still one left to give out.

**Mini-cleanup/Highbanker (Eli)** - \$5.00 per ticket. Drawing for this D&K donated item will be held at the March meeting.

**Announcement before the break** – Hat's \$10, Bucket Hats \$11, T-shirts M-L \$12, XL-XXL 14. Sweat shirts M-L \$14, XL – XXL \$16.

## New Business

**Oregon GPAA Gold Show (Preston)** March 28-29. Setup for the show on the 27<sup>th</sup>. **Volunteers NEEDED** to help setup, take down and man the booth during the show. Sign up sheet on the table during the meeting. There was a motion for the club to purchase \$100 worth of gold and gold pans for the show. Was seconded and approved.

**Receipts for Reimbursements (Molinda)** – Reminded all that she will need a receipt for any reimbursements.

**Trailer (Ken)** – Have a trailer frame that has been donated and wanted to know if the club wanted him to enclose it. Had also thought about adding a toilet to it. Motion to buy material. But after much discussion, it was put on hold until Ken drew up plans and price. Mike Malloy volunteered to check Craig's List on trailer prices. It was also suggested that the club check Cabelea's or other places for a price on their enclosed porta-potty.

**New Board Member** – Big Mike Lewis volunteered.

**Safety** – Bob Rasey volunteered

## Mining Activities Legal Websites

New 49'ers – <http://www.goldgold.com>

PLP – <http://www.plp2.org> (check out the forums)

NW Mineral Prospectors Club – <http://www.nwmpc.com>

Waldo Mining District –  
<http://www.waldominingdistrict.org/>

Eastern Oregon Mining Association –  
<http://www.h2oaccess.com/>

Talking Liberty Narrations (EXCELLENT SITE) –  
<http://www.takingliberty.us/Narrations/>

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

**Email for newsletter (Russell Grau)** 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.

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## Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc Outings 2009

### **GPAA Gold show**

**March 28 -29<sup>th</sup>, Set up March 27<sup>th</sup>**

Oregon Gold trips work party 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in April 2 -5 (Snow dependent) arrive evening of April 2 leave afternoon of April 5

Molalla River	April 11
Molalla River	April 18
Kalama RV	May 2 Metal detecting event
Molalla River	May 9 & 10
Molalla River	May 16 & 17 (Club Meeting)
Old Miner's Meadow *	June 5– June 7
Molalla River	June 13 & 14
Estacada Coin Shoot	June 20 (Need volunteers to run this)
Blue Bucket	June 26, 27& 28 \$35. per high banker
TYROY	June 29 – July 5 (could include Crystal claim)
Molalla River or	July 11 & 12
Open	July 25 & 26
Open	Aug 1 & 2
Molalla River	Aug 8 & 9
Molalla River	Aug 22 & 23
TYROY	Sept 12 &13 or Sept 26 & 27
Open	Oct 10 & 11
Open	Oct 24 & 25

### **Other Possibilities:**

Mike Malloy claim early June? High banking/sluicing Need 10 people minimum

Mike Malloy claim Aug or? Dredging Need 10 people minimum

Jones Creek

Combined Southern Oregon Roseburg GPAA chapter & Portland Gold Prospector's Eli is checking into this.

\* Not available until 2:00 PM June 5<sup>th</sup>.

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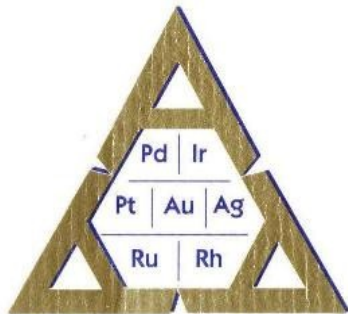
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**Taken from a post on the New 49ers forum:**

It is with deep regret that I have decided to stop suction dredging for gold. With all of the pressure from the "environmentalists" and the Karuk tribe complaining of all of the harm we do to the rivers and fish, I have decided to make my dredge a **River Improvement Unit (RIU)** and to use it in a more ecological and environmentally friendly way.

From now on I will use my **RIU** to improve spawning beds for the salmon, increase dissolved oxygen levels in the river water, creating deep cool holes for migrating salmon to rest in (only temporary holes of course) and last but not least removing heavy metals like lead, mercury, iron and possibly some gold and platinum from the rivers. I am also going to make sure my camp sites and river banks are cleaner than when I found them. I love Mother Nature and the great outdoors and I hate to find a beautiful outdoor site that has been trashed by others. I hope others will step up and put the environment first. I will miss being a gold dredger but look forward to being an environmentalist. I'm sure I will still see many of you on the rivers, be sure to stop in and check out my operations. If you feel you would like to join the **RIU** Club just make a donation to the New 49ers Legal Defense Fund and you will be added to the list of people who care about the environment.

RIU Club President,  
Old Koot

**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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