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**Next Chapter
Meeting:
May 17th 2009
At the
Molalla River
Outing Meet at the
Pine River Bridge
Parking Lot
Meeting Begins at
1:30PM.**



DATES TO REMEMBER...

**Estacada Coin Shoot
CANCELLED this year**

**Our next meeting
June 21st 2009 Chapter
Meeting and Food Drive –
Every 2 items given will get
you a \$1 raffle ticket**

**Don't forget the outings
schedule at the end of this
newsletter.**

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

From the Presidents Desk

What can I say? This is a GREAT club with fantastic members.

**There is a lot of information in this month's newsletter, so I will
let you get to reading that data.**

**I look forward to seeing you at the meeting on May 17th at the
Molalla River outing. See the information just to the left in the
newsletter for location information. May the bottom of your
gold pans fill with of gold this year. Thank you all once again.**

Sincerely

Preston Griffin

Secretary's Report for meeting dated April 19 2009

Meeting opened 1:30PM – Milwaukie Grange Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Preston Griffin (Club President) - Welcomed attendees & visitors. 68 total, 7
visitors.

April meeting minutes in newsletter accepted as posted.

Treasurer's report read and accepted.

Robert Caldwell (Club Claims) – Has new cards. Contact him at the meetings. He also has some club notebooks at \$6.00 each.

Robert Wedding (GPAA Claims Mgr.) - When renewing GPAA memberships, let them know that it's for the Portland Chapter. We receive credits toward gifts, etc for our club meetings.

Eli Nicholson (Outings) – About 8 people made it to the last Molalla River outing on 4/18. Went over list of outings.

Bob Rasey (Safety) –
When out prospecting have plenty of water to drink available. Watch out for ticks. A wet towel around the neck in warm weather will help cool you down substantially.

Ken Burns (Equipment Mgr.) - Not here this month.

Curt Barnes (Website) - Web site up but forum still down.

Dave Chiara (Mining Activities) - See PLP info below

Old Business

Oregon GPAA Gold Show – Preston – Thanks to those who helped out! Fun, lots of equipment and interesting displays.

Trailer Cost & Plans – Ken Burns – not here

Kamp Kalama Metal Detecting Event – Jeanne Gieg – Will be held May 2 at Kamp Kalama in Washington. \$1.50 and there will be a potluck. I5, north Exit 37. Inside parking lot parking \$5.00. Recommend parking on Metzer Drive at no cost. Sign up sheet on table.

Newsletter & Emails – Russell Grau – If you have not been receiving the Newsletter by email and would like to, please email us at portlandgpaa@aol.com. A lot of email addresses are showing up as invalid when we try to send them out.

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Last of 2008 President's Awards – Richard Ruth – was presented to Dave Rutan.

Club Library – Jim Dorning – If you have any prospecting, metal detecting books or magazines you would like to donate to the club library, see Jim.

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

Award – Preston – Plaque presented to Amy of D&K Detecting and Mining Supplies. Thanks for all the support and everything D&K has done for the club over the years.

PLP Raffle – Preston – PLP2.org website. PLP Legal Fund ---Spring 2009 Raffle ---June 18, 2009. The following is a list of over \$ 12,000.00 in donated prizes:

160 ac. Wet Claim--Donated by Western Mining Claims \$7500.00

Keene 4" Dredge Model #4400ph--Donated by Keene Engineering \$3000.00

Goldmaster GMT Detector--Donated by Whites Electronics \$795.95

\$250.00 Gift Certificate--Donated by Armadilla Mining Shop

Underwater Dredging(Yuba River) # Print--Donated by John Agrella \$250.00

Deluxe Blue Bowl Kit--Donated by Pioneer Mining Supplies \$225.00

Custom Gold Earrings--Donated by Natural Gold Jewelry \$185.00

GPAA Buzzard Special + Tom & Perry Clean-Up Kit--Donated by GPAA \$150.00

Dri-Wash-n-Guard Detailing Kit--Donated by Barry & Ginna Wetherby \$130.00

HystWare Mines and Minerals V1.0--Donated by Gary Hiestard (HyatWare) \$99.95

Nugget Hunting Essentials, Vols 1 & 2--Donated by Arizona Outback \$60.00

For Tickets – Jim Lewis – email goldcado1@plp2.org or (805) 485-7513. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or 12 for \$10.

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/>

Hooka Fittings – A member showed some new and old hooka fittings. The old one's were causing leaks in the system not giving him the air need to breath properly while dredging. He mentioned these should be checked regularly and replaced often.

He also brought 2 samples of Birds eye Rhyolite One from Mexico and the other from Arizona.

Thanks for bringing these in!

Old Miners Meadow – Outing June 5th - 7th - From Sweet Home Oregon, head east on U.S. Highway 20 and approximately one mile out of town turn left on the Quartzville Access Road heading towards Green Peter Reservoir and Quartzville Creek. Old Miner's Meadow is located on the right side of the road approximately 25 miles up Quartzville Road about one mile past Yellowbottom Recreation Site.

NOTE: MINERS MEADOW IS LIMITED TO 20 VEHICLES/RV'S AND 50 PEOPLE.

If you'd like to come please email Steve Williamson at list@saw.net or call him at 503-657-9586

Pot Luck on Saturday June 6th! Bring a side dish to share & your own drinks & BBQ meat or main dish.

Directions to Mololla River BLM Outing – Here is a link to the BLM site has some basic directions and also by putting in your starting address will customize the map for you.

http://www.blm.gov/or/resources/recreation/site_info.php?siteid=210

From downtown Molalla, head east on Main St/OR 211. Veer right at the OR 211/Mathias Rd intersection, following signs for Feyrer Park. Once past Feyrer Park (operated by Clackamas County) and over the Molalla River, follow signs for Dickey Prairie and turn right. Continue south on Dickey Prairie Rd, passing the Dickey Prairie Store. 3.7 miles past the Store, turn right on Molalla Forest Rd and cross Glen Avon Bridge. Hardy Creek Trailhead is 3.5 miles south of the Bridge.

Recreational Mining Guidelines for the Molalla River

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Salem District would like to welcome you to the Molalla Recreational Mining Corridor. Below is a summary of state and federal agency requirements for recreational mining. The BLM does not require any additional permits over and above those required by other agencies. If you have general question or comments about the corridor you may contact the Salem District Office at (503) 375-5646 or write to the Cascades Resource Area, BLM Salem District, 1717 Fabry Road SE, Salem OR 97306.

Recreational Mining Area Boundary

The Molalla River recreation mining area begins 1.4 miles after crossing Glen Avon Bridge and ends at Horse Creek Bridge. The recreational mining area only includes the mainstream of the Molalla River, and does not extend to any of its tributaries. Mining laws and regulations for prospecting apply outside of the recreational mining area. Please respect private land mineral rights outside the recreational mining area.

General Guidelines – Includes Panning and Sluicing

1. **Digging in banks or where there is vegetation or tree roots is not allowed** (Neither the 600 highbanking permit or the 700-J dredging permit authorize this). Digging is allowed in dry gravel beds where there is no vegetation, but please fill in any holes you dig.

2. Mining equipment may include gold pans, rockers, sluices, water pumps, suction dredges equipped with a four inch or smaller hose, etc. **See Permit Requirements for Dredges and Highbankers for further information.**

3. The swimming hole at Pine Creek Bridge is closed to recreational mining, during the summer months between Memorial Day Weekend and Labor Day Weekend. The swimming hole extends 500 feet downstream from Pine Rock Bridge.

4. For dredges, a suction hose having an inside diameter of four inches is the maximum allowed on the Molalla River.

Permit Requirements for Dredges and Highbankers
Persons covered by either permit must have the permit in their possession during mining activities.

1. **Dredges: A National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General 0700-J Permit**, (issued by ODEQ) is required for the operation of any suction dredge on the Molalla River.

2. **Highbankers: A Water Pollution Control Facilities 600 Permit** (issued by ODEQ) is required for the operation of any highbanker on the Molalla River. **Highbankers may be used under the high water mark on gravel beds or rock formations, but may not be used in areas where there is soil or vegetation. Please fill in any holes.**

Compliance with ODEQ permit requirements is required for the Molalla River.

To Obtain Either Permit Contact

ODEQ at 503-229-6978 or go to www.deq.state.or.us

Permitted Season of Use for Dredges

The permitted seasonal work period for dredging activities on the Molalla River begins on July 15 and ends on August 31. Harassment of fish in the stream is prohibited by state law. Dredging is not permitted during periods that fish eggs could be in the gravel at the dredging site.

September 2005

Finally – Guess the number of quarters in the jar at the meeting. Winner to be announced.

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

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Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc Outings 2009

- ✓ **GPAA Gold show** **March 28 -29th, Set up March 27th**
- ✓ Oregon Gold trips work party 1st 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	CANCELLED
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 5th.

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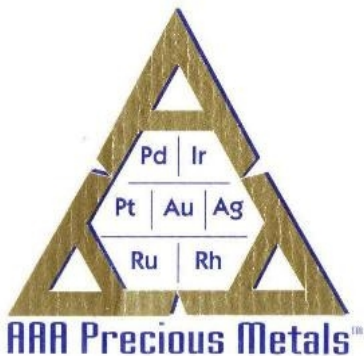
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From Wikipedia (<https://secure.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/wiki/Governmentium>)

Governmentium (Gv) is a well-known joke in scientific circles, and is a spoof both on the bureaucracy of scientific establishments and on descriptions of newly discovered chemical elements.

Governmentium has one neutron, 25 assistant neutrons, 88 deputy neutrons, and 198 assistant deputy neutrons, giving it an atomic mass of 312. These 312 particles are held together by forces called **morons**, which are surrounded by vast quantities of lepton-like particles called **peons**. Since Governmentium has no electrons, it is **inert**; however, it can be detected, because it impedes every reaction with which it comes into contact. A minute amount of Governmentium can cause a reaction that would normally take less than a second to take from four days to four years to complete.

Governmentium has a normal **half-life** of 2-6 years; It does not decay, but instead undergoes a reorganization in which a portion of the assistant neutrons and deputy neutrons exchange places. In fact, Governmentium's mass will actually increase over time, since each reorganization will cause more morons to become neutrons, forming **isodopes**. This characteristic of moron promotion leads some scientists to believe that Governmentium is formed whenever morons reach a critical concentration.

This hypothetical quantity is referred to as **critical morass**. When catalyzed with money, Governmentium becomes **Administratium**, an element that radiates just as much energy as Governmentium since it has half as many peons but twice as many morons.

GPAА 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 GPAА Catalog. If you do not have a GPAА 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.

**2009
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