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Next Chapter Meeting:

Dec. 20th, 2009

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

DATES TO REMEMBER...



Our next meeting
January 17th 2010 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. Any suggestions for outings are appreciated. Talk to a board member.

Please submit Newsletter Reports before the FIRST Friday of each Month.

From the Presidents Desk

it was good to see all at our last meeting. DAVE ROTAN and company from oregon gold trips had some interesting information last meeting and says he will give us more info at our next meeting. I can't wait to hear more on it. Oh yes, we will be voting on our people choice awards and so we will be passing out paper so you may put your choice on it. The Annual Banquet is also coming up so be sure to make plans for it. The Banquet is always a fun time with great friends.

SINCERLEY PRESTON GRIFFIN

Secretary's Report for meeting dated November 15th, 2009

Meeting opened 1:30PM – Milwaukie Grange Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Preston Griffin (Club President) - Welcomed attendees & visitors. 50 total with 1 visitor.

September meeting minutes in newsletter accepted as posted. Treasurer's report was read and accepted as well.

Robert Caldwell (Club Claims) – Club books are available to new members who have attended a combination of 3 meetings or club outings. He also has 1 year and 5 year club cards. Contact list update, going through attendance records.

Affidavits for work assessments for claims due. Make sure to send yours in

Robert Wedding (GPAA Claims Mgr.) - Not here.

Eli /Jim Dorning (Outings) – Outings for this year are completed. Any ideas for next year Please write them down and turn them in. Close or far away.

Anyone know of spots on the Clackamas or Sandy river?

Bob Rasey (Safety) – Holidays coming up and a lot of people are out of work and stressed. Just visiting with them can help out. Also road rage can increase this time of year drive defensively, 911 to report.

Ken Burns (Equipment Mgr.) - If you need equipment call Ken his number is listed in the news letter under Equipment.

Curt Barnes (Website) - Web is up, Forum is down (checked 11/13/2009). We get credits each time one of the links to GPAA, 49r's, D&K ...links are used. These credits are used to help pay for the server. Remember to go to the web often! www.portlandgoldprospectors.org

Note – the Board Members list on the website needs to be updated.

Dave Chiara (Mining Activities) – Not covered because of a time boggle. **BUT**, everyone needs to get involved in whatever fashion you can. If you can donate to PLP or the New 49'ers, please do so. Our rights are being trampled as we lose more land that could be mined.

Old Business

Banquet – Jeannie Gieg is going to head the banquet. Volunteers are needed to help out.

Ideas for Other Outings (Eli) – Ask club members to be thinking about places to go for next year. Contact Eli or one of the officers or bring it up during the meeting.

Possibilities: TYROY, Old miners meadow, rogue river, Copper creek in Washington was brought up and discussed, Oregon Gold trip work party. Please help the club with your ideas. Let a board member know.

2010 Gold Show – Need volunteers to run committee for setup, tear down, manning the booth during the show.

Newsletter and Club Emails – 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 invalid when the newsletter is sent out.

You can also download the newsletter from the club website. If you receive the newsletter by regular mail, check the 4 digit number next to your name. This is the month and year your subscription expires. Give your newsletter subscription renewal checks to the treasurer.

Don't forget the food donations. For every 2 items brought in, you will get a \$1.00 raffle ticket.

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.

Other Items of Interest

CLUB LIBRARY CALLING FOR DONATIONS – Do you have a couple of interesting Books related to Gold Prospecting, Equipment, Metal Detecting, or related topics that you could donate to the Portland Gold Prospectors Library? Also Magazines can be donated. If you no longer need them, please share the information so other members can enjoy! Bring your donated material to a meeting and Jim Dorning will place them in the Club Library. Thanks for your help.

New Business

New Officers – Vice President, Secretary, Board Members. Congratulations and thanks to the following for stepping up:

Vice President: Al Lewis
Secretary: Karen Moore
Board Member: Howard Charlieboix
Board Member: Judy Lewis

Grange Hall Rental – Melinda Dorning - Grange Rental increased from \$500 to approx \$550 for 2010. After discussion of looking at other locations it was decided that we probably could not find a suitable location with parking at a better price, there was a motion to approve the rent payment with upper limit of \$600. Seconded and approved.

Liability Insurance on the Grange Rental – The grange also informed us we needed to get Liability Insurance. Insurance to name Grange #268 and members insured. Checked on cost from Ohio Casualty \$266 & 275 from United Heritage Co. Motion to approve. Motion was amended for range of \$266 - \$325. Seconded and approved.

**Special Speakers – Dave Rutan and Doug Bertwell –
[Mother lode Connection!!](#)**

This is a special opportunity for our club members.

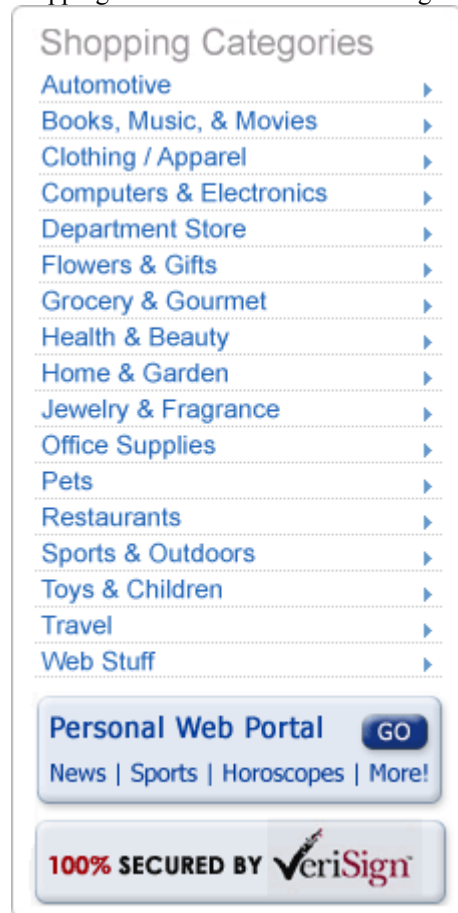
It's a piece of private property with good gold in the middle of the Mother lode area in Calif. The property has 2 creeks and a well on it. No dredging at this time but there would be hi-banking, metal detecting, big trommel. All this with a large area to dry camp.

They passed around a picture of some of the gold found by metal detecting and high banking some of the ancient channel. Very impressive!

They will have further information at our next meeting with more specifics on the packages

Dubli eCommerce – Howard Charlieboix – Brought up about a ecommerce opportunity that may be a way we can make funds for donating to fight for our mining rights. In Europe this program started 2 years ago and they have seen 11-12% growth rate. Quite a few non profit groups are using this to raise funds.

For a partner program annual license fee \$200. The club would get a web site with large amount of store fronts, auctions, shopping. Below are the various categories that are available to shop:



Here are what some of the Auction items are and what they went for:

Completed auctions		
VISA Gift Card \$200 auction completed Value: \$200.00 Sold for: \$50.00 Saved 75%	Subway \$25 Gift Card auction completed Value: \$25.00 Sold for: \$0.25 Saved 99%	Lego Fire Station auction completed Value: \$59.99 Sold for: \$0.25 Saved 99%
Sony PlayStation 3 120GB auction completed Value: \$299.99 Sold for: \$246.75 Saved 17%	Garmin nuvi 1390T auction completed Value: \$291.99 Sold for: \$60.75 Saved 79%	\$50 ExxonMobil Gift Card auction completed Value: \$50.00 Sold for: \$0.00 Saved 100%
Wii Sports Resort and Wii MotionPlus	Apple iPod nano 16GB, blue	VISA \$500 Gift Card

Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc Outings 2009

✓ **Completed for the YEAR. Help us plan for next year's outings. Contact a board member with your ideas or suggestions.**

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And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel of the Lord said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

The Portland GPAA Club wishes all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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.

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