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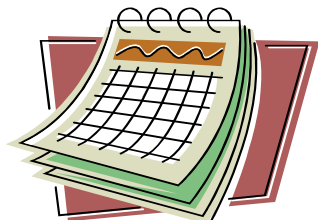
Next Chapter Meeting:

Jan. 17th, 2010

At the
Milwaukie, Oregon
Grange Hall
12015 S.E. 22nd
Meeting Begins at
12:30PM.

Banquet to Follow
the Meeting
(NOTE TIME
CHANGE)

DATES TO REMEMBER...



Our next meeting

February 21st 2010 Chapter
Meeting and Food Drive –
Every 2 items given will get
you a \$1 raffle ticket

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

From the Presidents Desk

A little late but MERRYCHRISTMAS & HAVE A HAPPY NEWYEAR. Hope this year will put more GOLD in your pan. More important, I hope everyone stays healthy and almost as importantly, employed (unless of course you are retired). I'll see you all at the banquet. The Banquet is always a fun time with great friends.

SINCERLEY PRESTON GRIFFIN

Secretary's Report for meeting dated December 20th, 2009

Meeting opened 1:30PM – Milwaukie Grange Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Preston Griffin (Club President) - Welcomed attendees & visitors. 55 total with 2 visitors.

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

Club Claim's – Robert Cadwell – Club books are available to new members who have attended a combination of 3 meetings or club outings.

Sheet with for email updates for Newsletter on table. Also Also went over the club's claims liability signature sheet. Will need to have a signed copy before going to the claim. These can be found in the club book.

GPAA Claims – Robert Wedding – No new information on Copper Creek claim in the GPAA book. Some dispute on boundaries with another claim.

Outings – Eli/Jim Dorning – Any ideas for next year, please write them down and bring them in. The ideas can be close or far in distance.

Bob Rasey (Safety) – Recent lost hikers on mount hood could have been found alive. There are personal location beacon devices that are not to expensive that can be bought, rented ,the internet, REI, Dicks and other places. Good idea whether just winter traveling or outing to the woods to have a survival kit in your vehicle never know when you may get stuck or have to spend the night in it. Tire chains, bag of cat litter, extra clothes, blanket, snacks, water, shovel. People that get lost usually go through several phases, denial, panic, then depression which can lead to death.

Best chance for survival is to admit you are lost, don't wonder around, stay put instead. Also letting someone know where you are going to be and expected time back.

Ken Burns (Equipment Mgr.) - (not here) 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 12/18/2009). 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

Dave Chiara (Mining Activities) – Not covered

Banquet – Jeannie Gieg -- Help needed to set up at 10 AM on the morning of the 17th.

Banquet (continued)

Itinerary for the Banquet :

Short club meeting starting at 12:30 PM

Banquet to start between 1:30 to 2:00 (depending on the food and the kitchen being ready)

Everyone coming to the banquet needs to bring a dish

A-L – non-main course dish and a desert

M-Z – non-main course dish and a salad

After the banquet, anyone who can, even if you haven't signed up, please stay and help us clean up the hall.

For those people that do not have email wishing to attend but did not sign up on the banquet sheet please Call Preston at 360-673-3179 we need to know in advance number attending!

2010 Gold Show – Need a Volunteer(s) to run committee for setup, tear down, manning the booth during the show. Sign up sheets on the table.

Newsletter and 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 not valid when we try to send them out. You can also download the Newsletters from our web site

If you receive the newsletter by regular mail – check the 4 digit number next to your name. That is the month and year your subscription expires (ie, 0709 means your subscription expires with the July 2009 newsletter). Give your Newsletter Subscription Renewal checks to the Treasurer

Annouce before the break – For every 2 food items you receive a \$1.00 raffle ticket.

New Business

Peoples Choice Award Nominees (Preston) – Members were asked to submit names for People's Choice Award. The person that has done the most for the club in the past year. Names were written by members on separate pieces of paper and put in a locked box. These were then tallied and given to the President.

Pick and Shovel (Al Lewis) – If you have not been getting the Pick & Shovel Gazette from GPAA on a regular basis you can contact Al and he will contact GPAA. These are supposed to be sent out every 4 months or when there is a update. Robert Wedding will also be contacting GPAA about this.

Raffle – Held and many nice prizes were won by club members.

Thanks to everyone for the food and toys that have been donated throughout the year! It makes a big difference.

Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc Outings 2010

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

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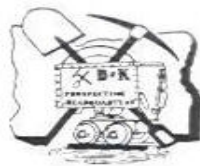
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Special Speakers: Dave Rutan and Doug Bertwell about...

The Motherlode “Connection”

Dave and Doug Gave us the program over view on the MotherLode Connection retreat. A fee based mining opportunity in California on PRIVATE property that they are setting up. This is old Virgin river channel with a great deal of potential.

From now through Feb 2010 this plan is being offered to members of the Portland GPAA club. There are two plans. Both are for 5 weeks of prospecting, 1 week each year for 5 years. Keep all of the gold that you find!

Plan A – Heavy equipment and a trommel are included. Cost is \$10,000.

Plan B – You provide your own equipment.

With both plans you will provide your own food, lodging (RV), fuel and transportation. They presented a non-binding contract with no money exchanged until the minimum capital is committed to the project.



For additional pictures of the property go to the following URL:

<http://motherlodeconnection.webs.com/>

Thanks to Dave and Doug for offering this to our group FIRST!

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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