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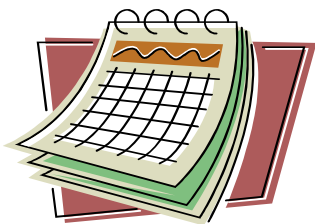
July 2010

Next Chapter Meeting:

July 18th, 2010

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

DATES TO REMEMBER...



Our next meeting

August 15th 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

It was nice to see everyone at our last meeting and some new ones welcome all, I hope to see you at the next meeting. I would like to take a moment of silence to thank all of our troops serving and also all of our fallen troops as well. Sometimes it seems we forget our troops but that's not it at all, we just get busy living.

Our club has had one outing at baker city last month. I hope all found gold there and most of all had a good time. About our claim in Baker City, Richard Ruth has brought up to the club information about digging a holding pond. This will be for the good of the club easier digging and a little more fun. This project will cost between 1000 dollars to as high as 1700 dollars. A few club members has said they might consider putting up the money for the project, if not, I have already brought it to the club member's attention about everybody donating as much as you feel you can to maybe put this project into effect. Please, think about it if you would.

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THE PRES -- PRESTON GRIFFIN**

Secretary's Report for meeting dated June 16th, 2009

Meeting opened 1:30 PM – Milwaukie Grange Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Preston Griffin (Club President) - Welcomed attendees & visitors. 57 total with 5 visitors.

June 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 events annually. Cost \$6.00. Will have the decal inside you install yourself as is or trim the borders you decide. Club Claim Insurance waivers will need to be filled out each year. Redoing attendance sheets check yours for correct name and email address.

Need volunteers to help Robert put together new club books.

Motion to add 20% to the cost of materials for the note books to the cost of each book. 2nd and approved by the members.

Those going to TYRoy outing reminder that motorized digging tools are not allowed at this time.

GPAA Claims – Robert Wedding – Need reports on claims when you use them.

Outings – Eli/Jim Dorning – Ask club members to be thinking about places to go for next year. Contact Eli / Jim or one of the officers or bring it up during the meeting.

Club Library – Jim Dorning – Anyone that has reading material, CD's, etc, pertaining to gold, gems, metal detecting and such they would like to donate to the club, please see Jim. Jim also wanted to thank the Farnsworth family for their large donation of books and magazines. Save your food labels from FLAVOR pack and bring them in.

Bob Rasey (Safety) – Not at this meeting. One of the members mentioned that it would be a good idea to carry a whistle with you while out on the river. Also brought up was a CD/DVD disc that could be used as a signalling device if lost. Other ideas always welcome.

Ken Burns (Equipment Mgr.) - If you need equipment call Ken his number is listed in the news letter under Equipment. We have high bankers, couple of combo dredges, pans, tubs and a couple of metal detectors. If anyone wants to donate equipment to the club, see Ken.

Newsletter & eMails – If you have not been receiving the Newsletter by email email us at portlandgpaa@aol.com

Website – Curt Barnes – Reported by one of the members that some of the links were not working and the newsletters have not been posted since Jan 2010. Russell Grau has volunteered to contact Curt and see if he can help him.

Web is up. Forum is down. Preston reminded the club that we receive credits each time one of the links to GPAA, New 49er's, D&K ... are used. These credits help pay for the server. URL is <http://www.portlandgoldprospectors.org>.

Old Business

Old Miners Meadow – Those that went reported that the water level was high but they had a good time. No one reported on finding any Gold .

DEQ Written Comments to 700J Permit – A meeting was held to go over, answer questions & take verbal comments on the proposed 700J permit for suction dredges and other in-stream devices (hand sluices, rocker boxes, etc) that discharge into Oregon waters at the DEQ office in downtown Portland. Approx 20 people showed up among them 3 were members from our club. Many questions were asked from turbidity to use of hand sluices to max size restriction of dredges for this permit. Up to 4 inch anything over would require a different permit at a cost of \$300 Much of it points to DEQ bending to environmental groups and the past law suit.

It was also pointed out that not everyone has a computer or uses email how was DEQ going to get this information out to those people?

DEQ indicated that sluicing was discussed for the 1997 700J permit but it did not get included. We requested to have these comments made available. Which DEQ agreed to do. They have these comments currently posted on their website along with the 1997 700J permit.

<http://www.deq.state.or.us/wq/wqpermit/mining.htm>

TYROY – Richard Ruth – Richard wasn't here. There is a wait on the donations/financing (for bond money).

Food Drive – Eli – The food drive will continue throughout the year. 1 ticket for 2 cans of food or non-perishable food items. Please check expiration labels to make sure the food is still good. The fire departments are EXTREMELY appreciative of our donations of food when we deliver. So keep it UP!!

Announcement before the break – Eli announced a “Pack Raffle” with new mining items being added to a backpack monthly until the drawing. Tickets are \$5 each.

Mining Fashionwear – New T-shirts are available for those that ordered them. There are also hats, visors, t-shirts and sweatshirts available at the club table during the break.

Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc Outings 2010

TYROY	July 30 – Aug 1	
Molalla River	Aug 1 st	
Clackamas River	July 30 – Aug 1	
Calapooia River	Aug 7 - 8 or 21 - 22	Work party
TYROY	Sept 3 - 6	
Clackamas River	Sept 4 – 5	
Moalla River	Sept 18	
Clackamas River	Oct. 9 thru 10	
Calapooia River	Oct 2-3 or 23-24	Proposed new dates

New Business

New Claim? – Preston – Agroup went up and looked at a claim on the Calapooia River that may be available. Called the Blue Moon. Can handle 4 or 5 trailers, he did not recommend anything over 25 ft. Will be planning a work party to extend the trail down to the river. Also there is heavy logging traffic. There is an alternate route but not sure gates would be open. One of the members mentioned that if you have a CB, that CH 17 is the one that the loggers use you can check for gate status and traffic in the area.

700J Permit – Steve – id those that have /had Dredge permit get mail to send in for new permit? Needs to be sent in before the end of the month to continue with dredging or sluicing in the rivers. Those not having one will need to send in for the new permit if we are not successful in stopping DEQ from issuing it.

1. If you have registered under for this permit in the past, coverage under the permit will continue if you have paid the either the \$25 annual fee or the \$90 fee for upcoming permit term. The payment must be received no later than June 30, 2010. Coverage under the permit will be denied if payment is not received by June 30, 2010.
2. DEQ plans to reissue the 700-PM permit later in July due to a large number of public comments to consider for the proposed 700-PM permit. DEQ will update this website to keep you aware of the progress. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Billings at (503) 229-5073.

Misc details – Happy Father's Day and a belated Happy Mother's Day to everyone! Thanks for bringing in the cookies and brownies. **Jeanne** – Is there any interest in getting club jackets? Cost, not sure but think between \$35 and \$50. Will check. Colors green, burgandy, black, blue. **Outings** – The Clackamas, Molalla and Calapooia rivers were brought up as possible outings either for a day or weekend outing.

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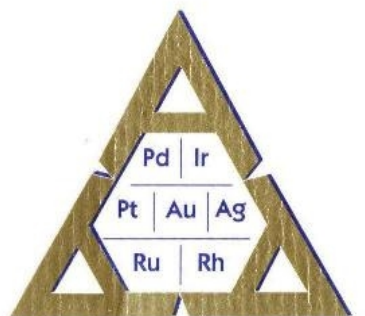


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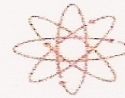
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For sale – Ernie Stinson – Asking \$350. The new NUGGET system for trapping your fine gold is here! This unit has an upper slide drawer and punch plate in the hopper box. The carpet provided will not allow the gold to pass through. In the lower box we have inverted riffles to help keep the sluice clean of unwanted gravels. With the expanded metal and ribbed carpet included, you're sure to recover all the gold that passes the hopper. This unit also comes as a 12 volt system, The 1700 Atwood pump Will Give give you all the power you need. The dimensions are 26" long X 7" wide X 3" tall side walls. The hopper box is 13" long X 7" wide X 4" tall. This total package includes all hoses and a pump. You only need to add the 12 volt battery.

This unit comes with: Tub, 2 baskets, A/C-D/C power converter 10 amp. Asking price \$350
Contact Ernie Stinson at 503-760-1571

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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