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Next Chapter Meeting:

February 19, 2012

At the

Milwaukie, Oregon

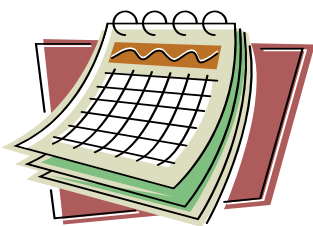
Grange Hall

12015 S. E. 22nd

Meeting Begins at

1:30 PM.

DATES TO REMEMBER...



Our next meeting

March 18th, 2012 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 President's Desk

It was great to see everyone at our Banquette, Bad weather and all. I have a big THANK YOU to the Banquette committee, Ken & Helen Burns, Bob & Spoa Burns, Karen Moore, Dave & Meda Chiara, Melinda Dorning, Jeanne Gieg, Bev Parker and Elaine Ruth. As well as Lorenzo Farnsworth for helping with putting the decorations on the tables.

I have learned that there may be some FAKE club cards out there. So there will be something extra in the lower right hand corner of our club cards, look for it. ☺ Only these cards will be valid this year. Any one showing up with the FAKE cards will have to come to 3 meetings or combination of meetings and outings to get the correct card. Sorry!

Remember the Library raffle for the 10toz Silver bar. The drawing will be at the meeting after the gold show.

Dave Rutan has a big surprise for us, Emily Camp Memberships! 200 to 300 members at \$2000 each, \$500 goes to mining originations like clubs, PLP, GPAA to help protect our mining rights. The rest to charitable foundation Dave has set up. Dave takes nothing for himself. The memberships may be resold but never for a profit! Dave will have more details later. THANK YOU DAVE!

Sincerely

Richard Ruth

**Secretary's report for regular meeting of Jan 15, 2012
Milwaukie Grange Hall, 12015 SE 22nd, Milwaukie, OR**

Meeting called to order by Al Lewis at 12:07pm.
No visitors or new members. 42 members present.
Secretaries report was read by Pat Locnikar. Motion was made and seconded to accepts minutes sa read. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report reported that the full amount of the rent at the Grange for 2012 has been paid. Reported on the December revenue and expenses, motion made and seconded to accept the report. Motion passed.

It was announced that all decorations on the tables will be door prizes.

Dave Chaira ask that any contributions to the newsletter be forwarded to him. If you are not getting a newsletter by email, check the list on the table.

Jim Dorning says raffle for the Garmin GPS will be drawn today. You can still buy tickets @ \$5.00 each.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm. The banquet will start now.

Respectfully submitted by acting Secretary Bev Parker

Club Training for 2012

The following is a tentative schedule for club training for this coming year. Karen Moore has volunteered to do the first one. She has the option to do the other ones on filing for a claim and filing the annual paperwork.

Date
Feb. How do I start looking for a Claim? Karen Moore . TBD
The Art and Science of Prospecting! Two meetings. TBD
How do I file for a claim and when? One meeting. TBD
Panning training. One meeting. July What forms do I have to file, how do I fill them out, who do I file them with and when do I file them? One meeting TBD
Highbanker Demo. One Meeting TBD
Drywasher Demo. One meeting.
If you want to help teach or demonstrate, please contact Richard Ruth.

GPAA magazine chapter contacts that have very nice websites.

Kenai, Alaska Chapter www.gpaakenaichapter.com to look at Building Your Own Equipment and the following link (which appears to come from the Prospecting and Mining Journal Magazine.

How to Mine & Prospect for Placer Gold (link below)

<http://www.icmj2.com/BegCorner/USGSHowToMineForGold.htm#8517h10>

Coming Events!

The GPAA Gold Show will be held in Salem, OR on March 24-25. We need members to sign up to help set up on Friday (3/23) and work in our booth on Saturday & Sunday. Please check your calendar & sign up soon. In the past, we have had some wonderful items made and donated by members to raffle at the Gold Show. If you have a talent and could donate your work, please talk to a new officer now.

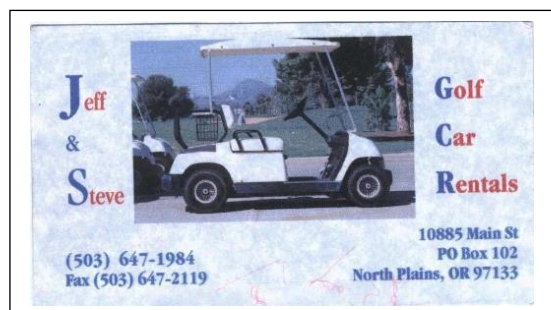
Outings:

If you have a favorite spot to prospect, and want to share for a club outing, please talk to the Claims Representative.

**In Remembrance
Our members who passed on during 2011:
Ron Embrey
Chris Parsons
Steve Williamson**

**GPAA 2012 Spring Gold & Treasure
Show Schedule**

February 11-12	Mesa - Convention Center	201 N Center St. Mesa, AZ 85211
February 18-19	New Mexico - Expo New Mexico	300 San Pedro NE Albuquerque, NM 87108
March 10-11	Red Bluff – Tehama District Fair	650 Antelope Blvd. Red Bluff, CA 96080
March 17-18	Puyallup - Fair & Events Center	110 9 th Ave SW Puyallup, WA 98371
March 24-25	Salem – Oregon State Fair	2330 17 th Street NE Salem, OR 97303
March 31- April 1	Fresno – Big Fresno Fair	1121 S Chance Ave Fresno, CA 93702
April 21-22	Las Vegas – South Point Hotel & Casino	9777 Las Vegas Blvd S Las Vegas, NV 89183
April 28-29	Spokane – County Fair & Expo Center	404 N Havana Ste 1 Spokane, WA 99202
May 5-6	Boise – Expo Idaho	5610 Glenwood Boise, ID 83714
May 12-13	Salt Lake – Utah State Fairpark	155 North 1000 West Salt Lake City, UT
May 19-20	Reno – Sparks Livestock Events Ctr	1350 N Wells Ave Reno, NV 89512



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Ron Farnsworth

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We are supported by the mining equipment manufacturers; small businessmen; political representatives and of course by our claim holders. As a member of the WMA you will receive:

- Monthly e-mail updates on the legal fight
- Flash messages on critical events
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Here's a link to more info

http://westernminingalliance.org/?page_id=626



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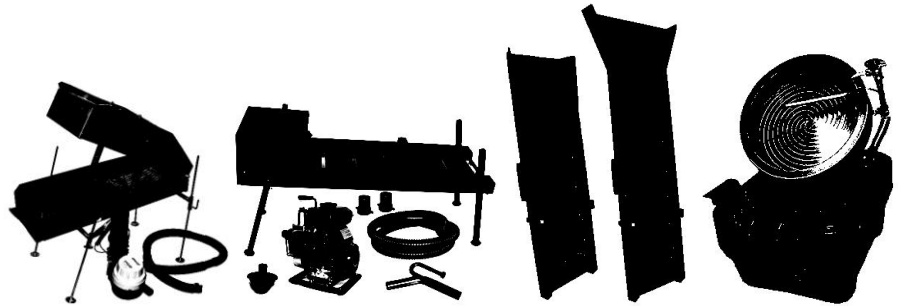


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Outings – 2012

Let your officers know where and what outings you would like listed for this year. Our plans are tentative and your input and support is needed – See Dave Chiara.



Do you know what these items are and how to best use them? If not, come to our meetings to learn about gold prospecting!! We also have a nice assortment of books, magazines, videos and even some equipment for members to borrow for free.

Do you know the Portland Gold Prospectors Inc Code of Conduct and Claim Permit?

1. Carry your Membership Card & Claim Permit At All Times.
2. Member Agrees To Obey All Local, State & Federal Regulations Applicable To Their Activities.
3. Member Assumes Personal Responsibility For Obtaining All Permits Required for Their Activities.
4. Member Is Responsible For Maintaining Claims, Markers, Trash Removal & Keeping Claims Safe For Animals and People.
5. Pets Must Be Under the Control of Their Owners At All Times. Clean Up After Pets in Camping Areas.
6. Member Will be Courteous To All Members and Campers
7. Member Will Show Their Membership Card Upon Request.

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.

All members note:

When you purchase a GPAA Membership or Renewal (listed below) our Club earns Chapter Credits that can be used to acquire GPAA merchandise for club sales or fundraisers.

WHEN RENEWING, PLEASE WRITE A NOTE OR BY PHONE SAY YOU BELONG TO THE PORTLAND, OR GPAA CHAPTER TO REQUEST THE CLUB CREDITS.

The American Mining Law Forum

A fellow GPAA member Larry Chance contacted the club to let us know about a new mining law forum that is available. He and others have been discussing mining law on the GPAA forum for some time now but thought it was difficult to control so they started a new forum for specifically discussing mining laws. They have a SWOMA fellow or two keeping them on the right track. They will continue the discussion at the GPAA forum but wanted to get the word out about their new forum. They believe that by uniting and educating the miners as a whole, we can ensure our rights in the future. Here's the link:

<http://americanmininglawforum.myfastforum.org/index.php>

You can also check out the past discussions at the GPAA forum:

http://www.goldprospectors.org/forum/forum_posts.asp?TID=22323&title=learning-mining-law-regs-rules

Clarence Mohr sent an article from "NewsWithViews.com" (an on-line news source) that covers what the Josephine County (Or.) sheriff Gil Gilbertson is doing to fight the US Forest Service in Oregon. The link is: <http://newswithviews.com/nwv-news/news287.htm>
The article is dated November 23, 2011 It makes interesting reading.

Raffle News

Thank you to all the Members who have donated items for Raffles & the Silent Auctions. Tickets are \$1.00 and \$5.00 ea. You must be present to win.

Public Lands for the People, Inc

Grand Raffle – June 21, 2012

Order tickets at www.plp1.org or contact Guy Nesbitt email

out4gold510@hotmail.com

message 818-363-0963 (leave call back)

Tickets are \$1.00 ea or Book of 12 for \$10.00

Food Drive Time

Bring non-perishable food to donate to a local Fire Dept food bank

Earn Cash for Portland Gold Prospectors Inc.

Our club will earn 5 cents for each UPC symbol we turn in from Flav-R-Pac, Santiam, or Westpac canned or frozen vegetables or fruits.

Save the label or UPC symbols on Santiam cans or frozen products

Bring the labels to the club meeting

Thank you for your support

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