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Next Chapter Meeting:

March 18, 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 2nd Friday
of each month (9th March).



From the President's Desk

Welcome to the 5 new people last month and I hope to see you all this month.

We will have 2 spaces at the Gold Show towards the back across from D&K. As well as running the Speed Panning, we could use more volunteers at the booth on both days

Some incorrect information was given to North West Mineral Prospectors Club about our club and it was printed in their newsletter. I had good talk with Jon Becker their President and was invited to their meeting on the first of March. I went. At their meeting they corrected the information and the corrections will be in the next newsletter. I want to send a big THANK YOU to Jon Becker and Scott Atkinson for getting this corrected.

As miners, we must work together with the other clubs or there will be **NO MINING** for any one. That is what the battle is all about, our right to mine.

Bring your gold pans to the next meeting we are going to have Panning and Speed Panning Training.

Be safe, stay well and may the bottom of your pan be covered with gold!

Oh, and the sound system has been repaired.

Sincerely
Richard Ruth

Secretary's report for regular meeting of Feb 19, 2012
Milwaukie Grange Hall, 12015 SE 22nd, Milwaukie, OR
 Meeting called to order by President Richard Ruth at 1:30pm. 54 members and 5 new visitors.
 Motion made and seconded to accept Secretary's report as written in newsletter, was approved.
 Motion made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as read was approved.
 See Robert Cadwell to get you new card.
 Outings- no report.
 Equipment- no report
 Safety- Jim Dorning unable to speak today.
 Website- Tom Jones working on cleaning it up. If you have anything to put in newsletter send it to Dave Chiara.
 Richard had rights transfer paper for the claims written up and notarized for people to use claims. Club cannot have name on claims to protect our 501(c).
 Wines Camp Work Day: May 18th- 19th- 20th. Can only use 20 people to work. You can come early but the gate maybe locked. Cost \$30.00. Potluck on Friday. Lodge has 3 rooms and cabin sleeps 5. Give 1 day work play the rest.
 Gold Show: March 23rd-25th. Set up on 23rd from 8am to finish. Need at least 2 people per shift would like to have three. We also have speed panning to run. "PLEASE WE COULD USE ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET"
 Library: Purchased a backpack and silver bar to raffle now through Gold Show .
 Raffle: Melinda talked for Jim mentioned \$1.00 & \$5.00 items. Kids raffle- Kids will get a free ticket at 3 meetings on the third meeting tickets will be drawn for prize.
 Silent Auction- Will put items in raffle if not auctioned off.
 Bring in canned goods for food drive. Limit of 5 tickets for 10 items.
 Think about starting our meetings at 1:00pm (not 1:30).
 If you would like bucket hats let us know, also check on the price for safari hats.

Training: Karen mentioned LR2000 disclaimer is true. You can find maps and sketch box on map to check for claims
 Would like Eli Nicholson to bring back the quarter drop, and Eli use the quarters to purchase gold when needed. Motion made, seconded and approved for Eli bring back the quarter drop. Forum- need someone to monitor the forum.
 Audit Committee- Need audit committee to go over the Treasurer's books. Tom Jones, Elaine Ruth and VP Bob Burns offered and will meet at 9am before the meeting
 Dave Rutan talked about a new program that has to do with Emilly Camp- patented camp- purchased in 2007. LLC shares are exclusive at \$2000 each, it comes with a set of keys and a certificate of ownership. It is not a security if you sell.
 TyRoy- "NO MOTORIZED EQUIPMENT CAN BE USED ON THE CLAIM" only manual labor with pick and shovels
 Split-the-pot winner was Ron Farnsworth Sr
 Meeting adjourned at 4pm
 Respectfully submitted Bev Parker.

How to Mine & Prospect for Placer Gold (link below)
<http://www.icmj2.com/BegCorner/USGSHoToMineForGold.htm#8517h10>

To paraphrase a Mark Twain quote "The rumors of our

demise are greatly exaggerated", Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc. club is alive and well!

Coming Events! WE NEED HELP WITH THE PANNING EVENT

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 an officer now.

The Tualatin Valley Gem Club Show for 2012 will be held as follows.

Date and Time:

March 9 (Fri) 10 am – 6 pm

March 10 (Sat) 10 am – 6 pm

March 11 (Sun) 10 am – 5 pm

Location:

Washington County Fair Complex
 NE Cornell Rd. (Across from the airport)
 Hillsboro, Oregon 97123

OREGON COAST AGATE CLUB's 49th Annual GEM & MINERAL SHOW – JUNE 16th, & 17th, 2012

Saturday – 16th 10 am – 6 pm

Sunday – 17th 10 am – 4:30 pm

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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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

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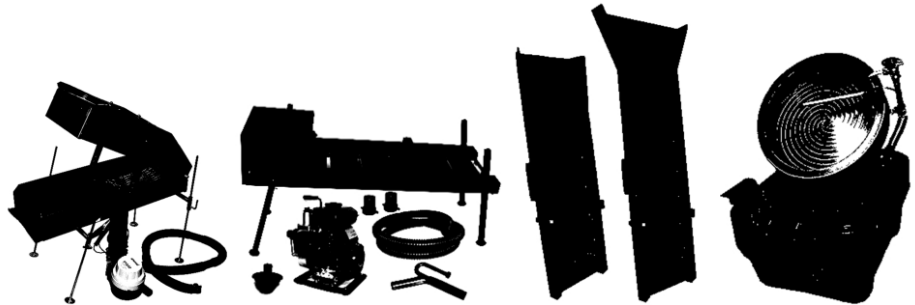


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Outings – 2012

At our March meeting we'll have a list of the proposed outing sites and dates – help us select what and when you want things to happen. We're planning some great get togethers this summer/fall. See an officer or Dave Chiara with your ideas.



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

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

	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year	1 Year w/o mining guide
Buzzard Special	1,365	1,820	2,730	
GPAA Membership Renewal	1,365	1,820	2,730	1,365
Gold Life Membership	Paid in Full 22,750		Payment Plan @ Sign-up 2,275	
LDMA Membership	68,250		18,275	

Alaska Expedition

**Once Expedition is Paid-in-Full
22,750**

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

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:

Our club earns purchasing points with renewal of GPAA Membership. Please tell them you're a Portland Gold Prospector member.

This is the disclaimer you will find at BLM's LR2000 Site

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Hey Prospector

You may have inquired about our mining camp some time ago and perhaps visited. Below is an opportunity for 300 persons who want to own a part of a very unique Patented gold mine in Oregon. This offering is also a fundraising and any Club or Association could also use a 'Share' in the property as a fundraising Prize in any raffle. \$500 of each purchase is a donation or you could keep any amount raised over \$1500...

Here are the details... "**Emily Camp**" in SW Oregon is now structured as an Oregon Limited Liability Company and there are 300 EXCLUSIVE shares being offered and sold for \$2000 each. The LLC is buying 50 percent interest for the 300 shares and has First Right of Refusal to buy the remaining 50 percent. The Shares have full voting rights and include interest in the mining property, the cabins, and all equipment to mine its gold and recreate on the property as joint owners. \$500 of each sale is a donation, and if its made to a 501 (c3) Club/Association (for example Public Lands for the People, or Eastern Oregon Mining Association) it would also be a tax write-off for very good causes.....

MORE INFO. at WWW.oregongoldtrips.com and look for Emily Camp links (Kalmiopsis Wilderness Mining Camp) and on YouTube look for "**Emily Camp Odyssey**" where there are 12 video documentary episodes.

What is Emily Camp?

Its that severely remote PATENTED gold mine in SW Oregon that has got lots of attention in the last 5 years. Its the only remaining Private in-holding in the Kalmiopsis Wilderness that was developed, to the surprise of opponents, using a helicopter shortly after the Biscuit Fire burned all its timber. It was thought to be inaccessible and the owners gave up. The US Forest Service has asked me 4 times if I would sell it. Many environmental groups have also asked me. It is no doubt a "Crown Jewel" and I enjoy poking at them with my rights to use, develop and mine it! Now the game shall get even more interesting.

The news is about Emily Camp, LLC, a business structure I have worked on with attorneys for over a year to promote an individual ownership in this very unique property and to enjoy it for its gold and other benefits. You may get a real laugh as well from this story since the US Forest Service can do nothing to stop it. Its a chance for 300 people to own something the Forest Service or other opponents can no longer control or have a voice in.

Prior to the Biscuit Fire of 2002, Carl Alleman owned the claims prior and thru the 1980's. He patented the 60 acres in 1988 just in time before the Department of Interior placed a moratorium on mineral patents. Great job Carl! The land stretches approx. 3/4 mile down the Little Chetco River in the Heart of the Kalmiopsis Wilderness and consists of approx. 140,000 bank cubic yards of alluvial gold placer gravels proven to be economical to mine by the US Forest Service during its own mineral exam. The access, at the time, was difficult. The old road constructed in the 1940's travels nearly 10 miles through the wild mountains and is nothing but dirt and rock. In the 1990's, Carl lost his access to the US Forest Service new blockage of the road and sued them over the access, however liberal judges worked against him and he gave up. The USFS then played appraisal games with Carl by attempting several times to devalue his property with their own internal appraisers. They did so by valuing the minerals as merely "recreational mining" in nature despite their own mineral exams proved otherwise. (see YouTube.com video series "Emily Camp Odyssey" for the complete story). I then bought the property after the fire with the intention of never using the road, thus avoiding the US Forest Service jurisdiction altogether.

Development after the Fire. After 2 weeks and 26 airlifts, four cabins were built onsite. The USFS was surprised since they thought Carl had been defeated and the property would remain vacant and inaccessible. Fortunately, the fire had killed the trees to the point that cutting some down was allowed be needed 'safety' to build the helicopter pad. This was the only benefit of the fire but a good one. This would have been challenging prior to the fire without a permit and of course every greenie in the State would fight issuance of a permit to fall live timber there and likely tie it up in court for years with bogus "pink salamander" stories. Now that access is no problem, there is nothing the USFS could control.

Fast forward to today after several years of enjoyment...

Raising Capital for Mining while buying your own Share. In the Summer of 2011 we filmed the documentary mentioned previously and I have steadily worked on a business structure to offer ownership in the unique camp. This is now done. At the time of this writing and just 3 weeks of promotion, there are 26 shares sold and many others coming in. I have passed several large checks to Public Lands for the People (PLP), Waldo Mining Association and others (for the donation). My goal is to sell out the 300 shares and Emily Camp be visited EXCLUSIVELY by anxious and proud owners of the company that owns it for their private enjoyment. The shares are transferable and may be willed through inheritance. The visitation and management is all internal to the company and by a voted manager to handle repairs, replacements, taxes, and visitation schedule rotations. The helicopter travel and management will over time become routine through the use of a company website (accessible only by the share holders) that provides an updated list of the owners to coordinate and communicate. If we all wish to change something or make an improvement onsite, we all vote since we own it.

If interested in knowing more about how Emily Camp is and can further raise money for your organization, please contact me at 360-513-5465.

Also, see me at:

GPAA Show in Salem, Puyallup, Red Bluff, and Las Vegas!

Photos and other information can be found at www.oregongoldtrips.com and searching there for Emily Camp or the Kalmiopsis Wilderness Mining Camp.

Thank you,

Dave Rutan, managing member

As for some Q&A.

The LLC memberships are a single tier and all have the same voting rights. They are transferable between family members, otherwise the LLC has first rights to buy back, then the members themselves. Each share is for an individual and may not be owned by a couple, or a group. The dues are \$25/year. I have set up a company website for communications and posting of the members contact information, and the Operating Agreement, as well as other stuff to grow over time. There of course is no disbursements and a member keeps all the gold they find. I limited the number of people onsite to 16 staying in the cabins. The LLC is buying 50 percent interest in the property and has First Right of Refusal to buy the remainder. There is a Buy/Sell Clause. Property taxes are about \$410/year. The budget allows for a reserve and we can all make improvements or additions by vote. Its a cool place and if you or anyone wants to fly in for a hour of show and tell, I have others waiting to share in the cost to do the same. Its about \$250 or so each. (this will drop in half when there is no dead air time wasted when flying people out at the same time)
Thanks again and hope to sell all 300. It will raise \$150,00 for fighting for our mining rights. It sure won't make the environmentalists happy but not a damn thing they can do about it.

Dave

[The LLC interests] are being offered exclusively for the purpose of permitting persons acquiring a [Membership] to obtain recreational use of the [Land]. [Memberships] should not be viewed or acquired as an investment and persons purchasing a [Membership] should not expect to derive any economic profits from resale of their [Membership] in the [LLC].

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

PGPI has started a children's drawing

Gold Prospecting is for everyone, including families and kids. Kids 15 yrs and under who attend a PGP meeting will receive 1 free raffle ticket for a special Kid's Raffle. The first drawing will be held at the April meeting and every 3 months thereafter. The more you attend, the better your chances to win!

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

Do you want to win a 1st Prize 10oz. Silver Bar or a 2nd Prize Mining Tools with a Backpack? This Raffle ends on Sunday, March 25th at the GPAA Salem Gold Show, so buy your tickets (\$1.00 ea or 6 for \$5.00) at the March club meeting. See Beau Gordon at the Library Table. Raffle supports the Library Materials for PGP club members.

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