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Chapter Meeting:

October 21, 2012

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

DATES TO REMEMBER...



Our next meeting

Remember at every Chapter meeting we have the Food Drive – Every 2 items given will get you a \$1 raffle ticket – up to five tickets only

Please submit Newsletter Reports before the 2nd Friday of each month (April it's the 6th).



From the President's Desk

Welcome to the 5 new people who came to our meeting last month. I hope to see you all this month.

In the November meeting we will have our yearly elections. We will be voting for Secretary, Vice President and all of the Board Members at large (6). If you are interested, please let us know at this coming meeting.

At our October meeting we will have a short meeting then start demonstration on the mini highbanker and some other equipment and showing the equipment we have. At about 3 we will have our raffle.

I hear the outing at the North Fork of the Santiam on very went well. I am looking forward to the reports.

Remember to bring canned food for our food drive. You will receive a \$1.00 raffle ticket for every 2 cans with a maximum of 5 tickets.

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

Sincerely
Richard Ruth

Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc.

Secretary's Report September 16, 2012
Milwaukie Grange Hall, 12015 SE 22nd Milwaukie
Or

Meeting called to order by Vice-President Robert Burns at 1:30pm.

Motion made and seconded to accept Secretary's report as written in newsletter was approved.

Motion made and seconded to accept Treasurer's report as read was approved.
40 members in attendance to today's meeting; with 5 new visitors

Membership cards: Dave Chiara is still carrying around multiple club membership cards. If you haven't received yours please see Dave!

Newsletter: 10 copies of the club newsletter will be brought to the meeting. First come, first served. However, the newsletter is also posted to the club website and is e-mailed to anyone on the club distribution list. It can be mailed via US>Mail monthly for a \$15 fee (per year).

Outings / Club Claims - Dave Chiara
TYRoy outing was not attended well this round. Sign-up sheet showed many interested bodies, but only a handful showed up. Please be conscious of attending functions if you sign up. If your plans change, feel free to contact the outings directory (contact numbers available on website).
Day trip to North Fork of Santiam on Sept 8th was a success. Most people found some gold on the trip. Park was easy to find, easy to navigate.
October 6th event will be on the North Fork of Santiam again (sign up available via outings director).

Fundraising: Club is still collecting Flav-R-Pac labels. The Club turns these in for money. Raffle is also available at all meetings. Beginning in August, the Club again started raffling off gold nuggets again as part of the \$5 raffle. The Club will also be raffling off a 10oz silver bar in the Gold Show next spring. Raffle tickets are available to Club members during the club meetings leading up to the Gold Show.

Food bank: The Club is still collecting canned food for the food bank. If you turn in canned food at the Club meeting, you receive free raffle tickets (10 cans = 5 tickets).

GPAA claims: Robert Rasey Remember to provide your club number to the GPAA when renewing your membership.

Equipment – If you need equipment, the Club has equipment available for check out.

Library: Library available to all Club members. Most recent donation to the library is a DVD series on Gold.

Leadership rotations are due in November: If you are interested or know someone interested in Club Secretary, Vic President or Member at Large, please nominate by the next meeting.

General items:

Dredge season is coming to a close. Now is the time to condition your equipment for the winter. Reminder to all; that claim jumping is a federal offense and there have been several cases where individuals were prosecuted.

Reminder that new equipment needs conditioned and cleaned. An oil from the factory can make small gold float and you could lose it! Run it through dish washer (plastic gold pans, etc.) or use rubbing alcohol. Fine grain sand paper can work as well.

(Respectfully submitted by Jerry Johns, Secretary)

SAFETY REPORT By Jim Dorning

5 Things You Never Knew your Cell Phone Could Do
Your cell phone can actually be a lifesaver or an emergency tool for survival. Check out these things:

1. Worldwide Emergency Number for Cell phones is 112. If you are out of your coverage area when an emergency hits, **dial 112** and the phone will search any existing networks. The 112 number can even be dialed when the keypad is locked.
2. Locked your keys inside the car? If you have remote keyless entry, call the person with your spare keys at home. Call their cell phone from your cell phone. Hold your phone about a foot from the car door and have the person at home press the unlock button (hold it near the cell phone on their end). Your car will unlock. You could be hundreds of miles away, but they can unlock the car with the other "remote."
3. Hidden Battery Power. Need to use the cell, but the battery is very low? Press the keys ***3370#**. Your cell will restart with a reserve showing 50% increase in battery power. The reserve will return the next time you charge your cell

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Newsletter & eMails

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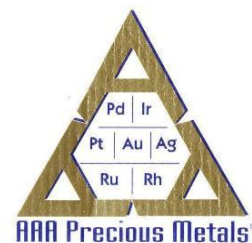
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The WMA is an alliance of miners fighting to restore our legal mining rights. We need all miners to stand together and fight this illegal taking of mining claims and our rights to mine.

If you won't stand up now we will lose all of our rights. We are an organization founded by some of the most experienced miners alive. We are teamed with other organizations fighting to take back our rights for land use, timber management, fishing, hunting and the other activities we, as Americans pay taxes to use.

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
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Here's a link to more info

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



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Outings – 2012 & 2013

At our October meeting let's discuss where we'd like outings/sites and dates for 2013. If you have suggestions see an officer or Dave Chiara with your ideas.

Little North Fork North Santiam River – Oct outing was well attended and gold found.

The North Fork definitely is a good location for training and staying “tuned up” for prospecting. If you have other locations – please suggest them at our next meeting.

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.

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.

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

SAFETY REPORT By Jim Dorning (continued)

4 How to disable a Stolen cell phone! Check your cell phone serial number by keying in these digits: ***#06#**. A 15 digit code will appear on the screen. Write it down and keep it somewhere safe. If your cell phone is stolen, give this serial number to your service provider. They will be able to block your cell phone so it will be useless even with the SIM card changed.

5. Free Directory Service. Cell phone companies charge \$1.00-\$1.75 or more for 411 information calls. When you need to use 411 simply dial **(800)FREE 411**, or (800) 373-3411 without incurring any charges. Program this into your cell phone for future use

Thanks to Jim Marquardt for these tips and remember – be safe out there!

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.

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