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Chapter Meeting:

June 16, 2013

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

DATES TO REMEMBER...



June 2013

**EQUIPMENT
DEMONSTRATIONS
T-SHIRTS &
SWEATSHIRTS
ORDER TIME**

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 (May it's the 10th).



From the President's Desk

Welcome to the 3 new people who came to our meeting last month. I hope to see you this month.

If you need help your Metal Detector have Mary Sparks with Lucky Dog Supply (metal detectors) in Oregon City coming to our meeting this month. She will give a presentation then we will have a break until 3pm where we will finish the meeting. So if you need help with your metal detector bring it to the meeting. Clarence and Mary are long standing members of the Oregon Treasure Trail Society. A metal detecting club that is over 30 years old. They must be doing some thing right!

Our next outing will be at our claims, TYROY, TYPAT and TYROY & PAT. Starting June 22nd to July 7th. We will have a raffle for a Gold Nugget and some other things on June 29th after our Potluck.

Remember to reapply for your mining permits, dredging and general mining authorization.

<http://www.statelandsonline.com/>.

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 May 19, 2013

Milwaukie Grange Hall, 12015 SE 22nd Milwaukie Or

Meeting called to order by President Richard Ruth at 1:30pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

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

Club treasurer read the Treasure report for the assembled members.

Motion made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as read. Motion was approved.

57 members in attendance to today's meeting. 3 visitors were in attendance.

Outings/ Club Claims – Richard Ruth (coverage for Dave) Club members forward two claims to the board that were for sale. The club president reviewed these, but will likely pass on further exploration of these two. Both were in Southern Oregon and looked like the claims had been filed within the last month or two (winter) with the goal of turning them and selling them for profit. The club will continue to explore options for new claims the club wishes to won. If anyone sees a claim they feel might be interesting and wish the club to explore it, please forward to the board. The club is preparing for its biggest prospecting trip of the season at the club claim of TyRoy. The claim is actually 3 claims totaling 80 acres. It resides 7 miles outside of Baker City and the summer trip is planned for June 22nd through July 7th. There will be a group potluck during the middle weekend. The club is looking into port-a-potty's as an option.

GPAA news – Bob Rasey

The GPAA is interested in any claims that current owners would like to turn management over to the GPAA on. The claim will remain in your name, but the GPAA will take care of the paperwork, pay the fees and in return the claim will be opened up to other GPAA members. As a GPAA member, you need to have the claims book and permit with you whenever you visit a GPAA claim.

Safety: Bob Rasey

It's been a long winter and muscle tone can reduce during long periods of under use. When going out to

start your spring or summer prospecting, remember to start slow and work up to the more strenuous workload.

Club Stores –

The Club has competed its study of whether we wish to retain as a non-profit club 501C3 and move to 501C4 instead. While there are benefits to fundraising and other political alignment, the board recommends we do not make this move as it will not benefit the club in any significant way and does require quite a bit of work to accomplish the changeover. This was presented to the club without any objections.

Las Vegas Gold Summit – Jim Dorning

Jim and Melinda Dorning attended the Las Vegas Gold Summit as representatives for the PGPI chapter. Over 30 clubs were in attendance and 179 members. Some of the topics of discussion was impacts to mining laws. The environmentalists have hit some states very hard. Tennessee is one of these and is practically shut down for prospecting. A picture of Jim and Melinda with Tom Massie are in the May newsletter!

(Respectfully submitted by Jerry Johns, Secretary)

Newsletter & eMails

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

Don't forget, 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).

Be on my committee - OUTINGS

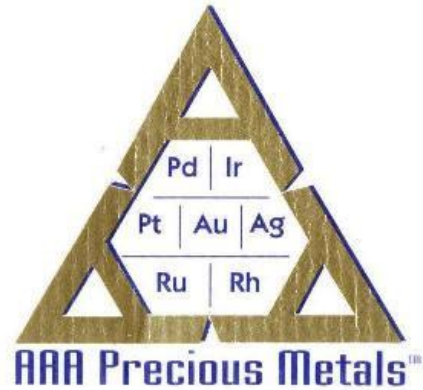
Need volunteers to help check out, select and run outing events. Here's the tentative list.

DATES FOR OUTING ADVENTURES

- **TYRoy - June 22nd to July 7th PLEASE ATTEND SUNDAY'S MEETING – WE'LL HAVE MAPS AND INFORMATION**
- **Molalla River July 27th**
- **N. Fork Santiam River - September 7th**
- **Burnt River – August ???**
- **Rice Museum – August 3rd / 4th event**
- **TYRoy – August 28th to September 3rd**
- **Daybreak Park (Wa) – August 17th**
- **East Fork Lewis or other SW Washington River locations – pick some dates**
- **Other locations – August - October**
- **Benson Beach – Cape Disappointment ?**

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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
- Flash messages on critical events
- Access to our published reports on mining districts
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Here's a link to more info
http://westernminingalliance.org/?page_id=626



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2XLARGE – 3XLARGE \$30.00

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MEDIUM – XLARGE \$36.00

2XLARGE – 3XLARGE \$40.00

BE A CLUB SUPPORTER – WEAR YOUR “COLORS”

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 20,000		Payment Plan @ Sign-up 9,500	
LDMA Membership	45,500		18,200	
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 PGPI 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.

Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc. GPAA

Beverly Beach Outing

As scheduled, on April 13th, 52 members and guests attended the learn how to get gold out of the black sands at Beverly Beach. We with hosts and guides Wes Jeffries and Tammy Roberts. all around and Wes went over the rules and equipment. He looked at everyone's equipment and told them what to leave behind. We hiked about a mile up the beach to the "sweet" spot.



Wes described tide marks and areas to dig in. He also dug into the stratification layers of the sand and showed us what to look for-the "pay dirt". The best tools were buckets, trowels and shovels, and a sluice box. Remember that no motorized equipment is allowed.

It turned out to be the best day ever on the beach. All the way to the beach and all the way home it rained. Somehow, with the good Lord's help, it was clear and sunny all day on the beach. As far as I know, everyone got gold. The beach looked like a war zone, holes everywhere, which all disappeared as soon as the tide fill in most of the holes. the tide chased us off the beach, grilled hot dogs which member

hosted-Thanks Bruce! In all, it was a great outing thanks to the Without you and your participation it could have been completely Kudos and thanks for making it a very memorable day.

Gene Dietzen
Outings Coordinator

Interesting from Gene



April outing to
started at 10:00 AM
Introductions went



came in. We did
Afterwards, as
we met and
Bruce Dixon
members.
different-----



News



Jason in Hawaii: The shoe caught fire right after this



There are other things to do while at the beach.



Sunset in Hawaii- courtesy of Jason

Be on my committee – OUTINGS

Need volunteers to help check out, select and run outing events. Here's the tentative list.

TENTATIVE DATES FOR OUTING ADVENTURES

- **TYRoy - June 22nd to July 7th - THERE WILL BE A SIGN-UP SHEET FOR ALL TO LET OUTING TEAM KNOW HOW MANY ARE PLANNING ON GOING – BE SURE TO LIST DATES (WHEN YOU EXPECT TO ARRIVE AND WHEN DEPART AND HOW MANY IN YOUR PARTY).**
- Molalla River July 27th
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Not many of us have encounters with officials when we are out prospecting, but if you are approached by a government law enforcement agent such as the Bureau of Land Management or US Forest Service here are the suggestions from Public Lands for the People on how to conduct yourself.

Suggested Challenge Procedure:

While pursuing your outdoor endeavor of work, play, recreation or sport and you are challenged by a representative of a governmental Agency or Public Servant regarding the legality of your activity in their area, you should **do the following**:

1. It is wise to politely ask if you are breaking any laws. If you are informed that you are breaking the law, then ask for an explanation of the law and any municipal code that may pertain to the law.
2. You should do as you are asked by the government representative, then ask for their name, badge number, position and the agency and district they represent. Record this information along with the date, time and location of the area you are in.
3. If you have a pleasant response from any of the agents, such as being informative, cooperative or helpful, we (PLP) would like to hear about them.
4. Give this information to your local PLP office or representative and he or she will advise you of the procedure to follow.

(Compliments of Public Lands for the People, www.plp2.org, (909) 889-3039)

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.

My Experience at the Rice Museum – Jerry Johns

On May 4th the Portland Gold Prospectors club had an outing at the Rice Museum in Hillsboro right off Hwy 26. May 4th was a beautiful spring day in Oregon. The sun was out and the club met outside the museum and basked in the beautiful weather while waiting for the tour to begin. This was my first time visiting the museum and I was pleasantly impressed. The Rice Museum is a rock and mineral museum and has been nationally recognized as one of the finest rock and mineral museums in the Pacific Northwest. The Museum is named after Richard and Helen Rice who lived and raised their family on the site. They spent a lifetime prospecting and collecting minerals and opened the museum in 1996 for the express purpose of passing on to the present and future generations the opportunity to obtain knowledge and pleasure from these beautiful wonders of nature.

The Museum resides on a large well-manicured piece of land with mineral samples strategically placed to enhance the outside. However the real gems are found inside two separate structures. The oldest of the structures is the Rice's ranch style home where they raised their family. The home and land has been converted into the museum and every room of the 8000+ square foot home is packed with rocks and minerals. The house is organized so that each room has a theme and is wonderfully laid out. The second building is a recently constructed building focusing on thundereggs (Oregon's State Rock) and sunstones (Oregon's state Gemstone). This beautiful gallery is filled with outstanding crystals and specimens.

The galleries were numerous and include NW Minerals, Petrified wood, meteorite, fossil, Fluorescent, lapidary, agate, faceting, and synthetics galleries. So which was my favorite Gallery? Surprisingly, the gallery that caught my imagination more than any other was the fossil's gallery. This gallery had petrified Dinosaur skeletons and eggs and appealed to my love of ancient dinosaurs. However, I can't write this in good faith without mentioning other key highlights. The Museum is the home of the "Alma Rose" Rhodochrosite. This amazing specimen was pulled from Sweet Home Mine in Alma, Colorado. Another highlight was the fluorescent gallery where the lights reacted to different light wavelengths. Simple Stunning! I would likely be flayed alive if I didn't also mention the Gold display in the basement. Finally, the last great memory for me was the club members that I got to share this experience with. We were able to get all the club members into a single tour that was close to two hours in length. I am reminded of what a great club we have and the people within it. If the club chooses to go back, I highly recommend you take the opportunity to join in. I know I will be back.

If you are interested in learning more about the Rice Museum, please check out their website at <http://www.ricenorthwestmuseum.org/> Jerry Johns

JIM AND MELINDA WITH TOM MASSIE IN LAS VEGAS



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