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## Chapter Meeting:

**July 21, 2013**

At the  
Milwaukie, Oregon  
Grange Hall  
12015 S. E. 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Meeting Begins at  
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## DATES TO REMEMBER...



July 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 (July it's the 12th).



## From the President's Desk

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

If you need help your Metal Detector we do 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 brake on 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 (OTTS). OTTS is a metal detecting club that is over 30 years old. They must be doing something right!

Our TYROY outing was a big success! Everybody got GOLD. The first week we had a total of 22 members mining and 20 for the pot luck on Saturday.

As I write this SB838-B has passed the Ways & Means Committee in the House. The bill is headed for the full House for a vote. This bill will kill Dredging in Oregon. Now do what you think best for mining in Oregon. If you want to make phone calls here are some numbers: For Senators phone numbers, Democrats & Republicans, click on this link <http://www.leg.state.or.us/senate/> . For House of Representatives phone numbers, Democrats & Republicans, click on this link <http://www.leg.state.or.us/house/> . If you decide to call PLEASE do not yell or shout that makes all miners look bad. Treat the person/s you talk to with respect. If you do not give them respect they will not respect you!!!

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 June 16th, 2013**  
**Milwaukie Grange Hall, 12015 SE 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.  
46 members in attendance to today's meeting. 5 visitors were in attendance.

**Outings/ Club Claims** – Dave Chiara  
No new claims purchase. Continue to route interesting prospects to Dave or a Board member. If you know anyone personally selling a claim, these are likely more interesting to the club.

Sign up on the table for Molalla River outing on July 27<sup>th</sup>. Level of interest taken, and over a dozen club members showed an interest. Official sign up is on the table.

August outing will include the Rice Museum, It is an annual event.

September's plan is the North fork of the Santiam River by Salem.

**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. Also the GPAA has new claims in Oregon and Washington. Look them up.

**Safety:** Bob Rasey  
Tick season is upon us now so if you're going to a place that is known for ticks please don't just kill one if you find it on you, they carry Lyme disease and other things so please just carefully pull with a pair of tweezers to pull them off. There are some video's on YouTube by

Doctors and Vets to show you what they look like and how the best way is to take them off.

**Club Stores** –  
The Club has completed 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.

(Respectfully submitted by Jerry Johns, Secretary)

### Newsletter & Emails

If you have not been receiving the Newsletter by email, email us at [portlandgpaa@aol.com](mailto: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).

**Well our worst nightmare might be around the corner, SB838 has passed the house and the senate. It will be going to the Governor's desk, so it's not if it's when. It will become effective upon signing.**

### 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

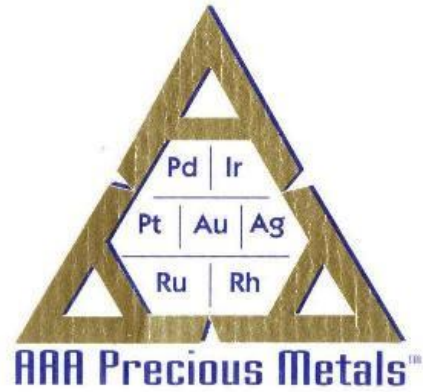
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**If you went to the TYROY outing Please bring \$5.00 to the July meeting to help with the cost of the outhouses.**

**Also, please let Dave know what work you did for assessment purposes (road rut filling, litter pickup, etc.) so we can claim that for this years assessment on the Club claims.**  
**Thank you.**

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### Western Mining Alliance is Fighting For You But They Need Our Help!!!

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
- Flash messages on critical events
- Access to our published reports on mining districts
- Join the Watershed district and the mining district

Here's a link to more info  
[http://westernminingalliance.org/?page\\_id=626](http://westernminingalliance.org/?page_id=626)



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**CLUB T-SHIRTS AND SWEATSHIRTS**

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**BE A CLUB SUPPORTER – WEAR YOUR “COLORS”**

**GPAA Membership Renewal Credits**

	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>2 Year</b>	<b>3 Year</b>	<b>1 Year w/o mining guide</b>
<b>Buzzard Special</b>	<b>1,365</b>	<b>1,820</b>	<b>2,730</b>	
<b>GPAA Membership Renewal</b>	<b>1,365</b>	<b>1,820</b>	<b>2,730</b>	<b>1,365</b>
<b>Gold Life Membership</b>		<b>Paid in Full 20,000</b>		<b>Payment Plan @ Sign-up 9,500</b>
<b>LDMA Membership</b>		<b>45,500</b>		<b>18,200</b>
<b>Alaska Expedition</b>			<b>Once Expedition is Paid-in-Full 22,750</b>	

**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

Hello: My name is Bill Mutton and I'm taking over the newsletter, So my first question for everyone is, What did I get myself into? No not really I love this stuff.

Ok so I have some ideas for articles for the paper, 1, some sort of small history lesson on places in Oregon that have been known for gold. 2, a small article on things that pertain to prospecting or ghost towns, stuff like that. I would also like people that would like to have research done on a certain area or item done, please let me know. Also if you would like to have an article put into the newsletter please send it to me and I will see what I can do with it.

Thank you so much for this opportunity  
Bill Mutton [muttsmining@gmail.com](mailto:muttsmining@gmail.com)

The History of Sumpter Oregon

From: [www.historicsumpter.com/sumpter-oregon-history.html](http://www.historicsumpter.com/sumpter-oregon-history.html)  
Then put into my own words for the article

Well depending on what version you go by Sumter Oregon either was found by a Lieutenant and another man walking to fort Sumter or it was found when 5 men were on the way to California and stopped to rest and started panning the small creek they camped by. Either way it was around the late 1850's or early 1860's again depending on what story you are reading, History seems to be a little fluid at times. The people called the town Sumter, Oregon.

The first post office in the area was established in 1874 and ran till 1878 then re-established in 1883 and at that time the name of the town was renamed to Sumpter, Oregon. Sumpter grew very slowly as the only way into the town was a very small one lane road. After sometime the route soon became the stage coach road and soon became the main road, connecting all the little boom towns and mines in the area. Once hard rock mining began in the Sumpter valley and also the pneumatic drill was introduced about 1895 the town really started to grow in size.

Soon stamp mills for crushing ore and new methods to chemically extract the gold added to the growth of the town. In 1897 a railway was extended into Sumpter, the population at that time was about 300 towns folk and the US Census for 1903 showed 3,500 registered voters. Not including women, children or the Chinese. The population could have been more than 10,000 by some estimates.

Now in 1899 brick buildings started to be built, streets started getting paved (really?), The Sumpter Valley Railroad started delivered as much as six car loads of mining machinery each day, and hauled six hundred car loads of timber each month to mills in Sumpter and Baker City. There were 7 (seven) daily stage lines in Sumpter connecting the surrounding mines and towns.

Millions of dollars of gold were extracted from the mines around Sumpter, with the daily wage for miners being \$4.00 a day for a 10-12 hr. shift. The peak of the gold rush came in the early 1900's when in one year they pulled out \$8,943,486 from 35 mines in the area. (Now at 20 dollars on ounce) that's a lot of Gold!!! At TY ROY we are only about 23 miles from all this History.

Well that's all for now about the Sumpter area, more next month.

Bill Mutton

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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 of the People, [www.plp2.org](http://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, and 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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