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Chapter Meeting:

August 18th, 2013

At the
Milwaukie, Oregon
Grange Hall
12015 S.E. 22nd

Meeting Begins at
--- 1:30 ---

Dates to Remember...



August 2013

Equipment Demo's
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Buy yours at the next
Meeting.

Our next meeting:

Remember at every Chapter Meeting we have the Food drive- Every 2 cans you bring in gets you 1 ticket for the Raffle. Upto 5 tickets total.



From the President's Desk

Welcome to the 8 new people from our meeting last month. I hope to see all of you this month.

My report will be short this month. We have some important matters to talk about so please we need every one at the meeting.

As I write this SB838-B is still in the Governor's office unsigned. We still need to call the Governor and ask him to VETO this bill.

On a less important matter, the Library will not be at the meeting this month. Because the boxes are beyond my 50lbs limit set by my doctors. We still need someone to take over the Library.

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

Sincerely

Richard Ruth

HISTORY OF THE MONTH

Lindsay Applegate traveled through the Rogue River Valley, the 1848 California gold discovery brought Gold Rush-bound prospectors through southwest Oregon. In 1850 and 1851, miners found gold on Josephine Creek, the Illinois River, and on creeks near Jacksonville. Publicity about the find in the San Francisco Alta California brought miners to the region from California and the Willamette Valley and soon gold-seekers staked claims on the Applegate, Illinois, and Rogue rivers. Miners also worked placers on the coast near Pistol River and Port Orford and at present-day Gold Beach where black sand held gold and platinum deposits. Primarily young men in their twenties and thirties, the miners came from Belgium, Ireland, Switzerland, Germany, England, and other countries, as well as from Massachusetts, New York, Missouri, Tennessee, and other states. Although no reliable census data exist for the early 1850s, the 1860 federal census counted several hundred miners in various mining precincts. Using rockers and sluice boxes to process the gravels, enterprising miners worked long hours. "I commenced to dig," Herman Reinhart wrote while working in the Waldo area. "After getting down about two or three feet, I washed out a pan of dirt and got a good prospect of coarse gold....We kept bailing out the water and digging down to about three and a half feet. It was so good a prospect that I concluded to stake off our claims."

At Althouse, Browntown, and Sterlingville canvas tents and log dwellings clustered near the diggings. The mining camps of Waldo and Ellensburg (Gold Beach) soon developed into service centers where frame and brick buildings replaced temporary structures. Jacksonville emerged as the first true community in the region, with churches and schools as well as boarding houses and saloons.

Although no precise date marks the end of the first period of gold placer mining in southwestern Oregon, the initial boom had ended by the late 1860s. With few exceptions, the mining camps faded from the landscape. As the miners moved on, merchants and farmers became the new leaders in the economy.

The miners left an altered landscape behind them: hillsides stripped of timber, vegetation hacked away to clear stream banks, and water diverted from streams for mining ditches. Only late-nineteenth-century hydraulic miners could exceed this destruction. So as you can see some folks can destroy nature and ruin it all for the rest of us that do care about and for nature.

We all need to take care of what we have been given while we still can, because if we go out and just don't follow the rules we have now. We will have a new set of rules we don't want to have. When your out there prospecting just pick up a little and don't leave any of your stuff around for others to find and complain about. I love prospecting and never want to do damage to nature, in fact most of what I do I think has been proven to help nature and wildlife.

Anyway have fun! Hope you find a lot of gold.

Bill Mutton Email me at: muttsmining@gmail.com

Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc.

Secretary's Report July 21st, 2013

Milwaukie grange Hall, 12015 SE 22nd

Milwaukie, Oregon

Meeting called to order by:

President Richard Ruth at 1:35 pm

Pledge of Allegiance conducted.

Meeting Minutes:

Motion Made and seconded to accept the Secretary's report as written in the newsletter.

Motion was approved.

Treasury report:

Treasure report was read by the President in the treasurer's absence for the assembled members.

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

Motion was approved.

Attendance:

64 members in attendance to the meeting.

8 Visitors in attendance.

Membership- Dave Chiara

To get a 2013 membership card you need to be an active member of the Association. It does not cost to join. If you attend three events (meetings, outings, etc.) during the year you will receive a membership card that is good for the calendar year. The membership card allows you to use the Associations claims and participate in all activities Association related. If you are new you will receive a card after your third meeting/event. **Please sign in on the sheets near the entrance so this can be tracked.**

Outings/ Association Claims – Dave Chiara

Association members just returned from its biggest outing of the year. Of course we speak of TY Roy, the claim outside Baker City, Oregon. This year's event was everything it was hoped for. Attendance at the Saturday night pot luck was **21** people! For many of the attendees this year, it was their first time on the claim. A Big thanks goes out to Dave, Ken, Helen, Bob as well as the experienced members who took time out of their trip to ensure everyone got a good start and partners where appropriate. Gold was found on the outing and like many sites, the more dirt you moved through the more Gold you found. People had all kinds of equipment there from gold pans to trommel's, high bankers to Gold cube and a Gold Hog. All in all, the trip was a huge success. What a great association we have.

Newsletter editor: - Bill Mutton

Many thanks to our new newsletter editor Bill Mutton! It's good to see more of the members stepping into roles of support. Bill clearly brings with him a lot of passion for making the newsletter the best it can be. He will be reliant on the members to help him make the newsletter great by sharing stories, historical input on areas of interest, and articles on outings.

GPAA news – Bob Rasey

Please note that a GPAA claim in the 'claims book' has been removed. Momentary Lapse of Reason was pulled. **Remember:** You have to have a GPAA claims permit to work on any GPAA claim. Also fill out the visitor info so the GPAA knows how much they are being used.

Safety: - Bob Rasey

Fire Safety: It is the season for wild fires! While some wild fires are caused by lightning, it is always sad to hear of those created by negligent campfires. When you're finished with a camp fire use drown, stir and drown it again method, Fires should not be warm to the touch, if so, drown it again with water to be extra safe.

Library: Our association librarian Beau is unable to continue in his role as librarian. We are looking for someone who can store the books and bring them to each meeting the library is a great resource, but we need members that are willing to help to keep it active!

Training: We were privileged this month to have guest Trainers. Mary and Clarence from Lucky Dog Metal Detectors. They shared some history from their metal detecting club, and brought with them a collection of findings from their past adventures. They also brought with them a few metal detectors and used the break time to walk members through their usage and answer questions. I was a great treat to have them join us and we thank them for taking the time out to join us.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm

(Respectfully submitted by Jerry Johns, Secretary)

Be on my committee – Outings

Need volunteers to help check out, select and run outing events.

Here is a tentative list.

DATES FOR OUTING ADVENTURES

- Rice Museum – August 3rd /4th event
- Burnt River – August???
- Daybreak Park (WA) – August 17th
- N. Fork Santiam River – Sept 7th Sign up at the August meeting.
- East fork Lewis or other SW Washington locations- Dates?
- Other locations – August – October
- Benson Beach, Cape Disappointment?

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Molalla Day trip – July 27th

Another great outing!

It was a beautiful summer day. July in Oregon is such a beautiful time of year. The weather report projected mid 80's and dry. We had 15 people join us on this day outing up the Recreation Corridor of the Molalla River. We headed out at 9am with "Three Bears" as our destination.

Two new parks were added to the Molalla Recreation Corridor this year. One of the parks is an overnight park, and the other (our destination) is a day use park called "Three Bears". "Three Bears" is located in a shaded canyon. The paths down to the river were roughly 50-100 yards from the parking lot, newly created and easy to navigate. Picnic tables were available and future overnight camping spots laid out. (Overnight camping projected to open 2014) Where the trail meets the river there are steep walls on one side promising shade until midday. The trails open up on a large swimming hole with small areas of fast water (rapids) at each end.

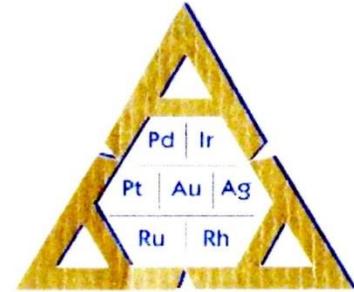
As expected the prospectors headed for the fast water to lay down their sluice's while the kids went directly to the swimming hole. This day would be mostly dedicated to sampling this new location. A few colors were seen most places, but the prize goes to our newest member who stuck it out the longest and went the deepest to finally get good black sand. (Perhaps the secret to this location is further down?) Regardless of the quantity of gold found on this day, everyone seemed enjoy themselves. Why shouldn't they! It was a truly magnificent view, great weather and great people!

Story and Pictures provided by Jerry Johns: Thank you so much jerry.



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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:

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