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## Chapter Meeting:

September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013

At the  
Milwaukie, Oregon  
Grange Hall  
12015 S.E. 22<sup>nd</sup>

Meeting Begins at

--- 1:30 ---

## Dates to Remember...



### September 2013

Equipment Demo's  
T-Shirts & Sweatshirts  
**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 3 new people from our meeting last month. I hope to see all of you this month.

I have a new PA system coming. It does have two Mic jacks and comes with a wireless Mic. I am not sure if it will be here for the meeting.

I did have a good talk with the supervisor of the new geologist and the only thing she knew about was the 14 day camping limit. I told her about the other 4 issues and she took notes and told me that she would research every thing I told her and get back to me. Then I told her that when her new geologist was leaving she had a big smile on her face. Her supervisor

said **OH NO!!!** Then I told her that our member was still afraid to go back to the claim. She said we don't want you miners to be afraid to go mining. I thanked her for that. As I write this it has been just over two weeks and no response yet. If I don't hear form her by Tuesday I will call her on Wednesday.

Sincerely

Richard Ruth

# HISTORY OF THE MONTH

## THE AREA OF GOLD HILL, OREGON

### The Area History:

According to the legend, the Native Americans in the area considered the area of land as “The Forbidden Ground.” Their horses would refuse to enter the area and, as a result neither would they. In fact, it is said that the area is void of most animals of all shapes and sizes who refuse to go anywhere near it. A geologist by the name of John Lister reportedly came to the area in the 1920’s and was so baffled by what he saw, he stayed there the rest of his life performing all sorts of tests and developing theories about the area. He opened the grounds to the public in the 1930’s and continued to probe its mysteries until he died in 1959.

According to the locals, a gold assay office built in the area in 1904 slid from its foundation in the early teens, coming to rest at an odd angle. Odd angles seem to create an illusion of objects seemingly rolling uphill. The area is known as the OREGON Vortex. The Oregon Vortex is also famous for “height change” as the relative height of the two people changes varying on where they stand.

The area is by the beautiful Rogue River which begins in a volcanic area high in the Cascade Mountains, just inside Crater Lake National Park. The Rogue enters the Bear Creek Valley in the Agate Desert, an arid region covered by massive deposits of river gravel. Below Table Rocks at the Gold Ray Dam, The Rogue officially enters the Klamath-Siskiyou mountain system. In this area you can find formations showing times of uplift and erosion. In places around here are rock formations containing greenstone, partially metamorphosed basaltic lava from around 150 million years ago. Cracks and fissures in this rock are often filled with white quartz; these veins may contain flakes of gold and silver. Other rock types in the area contain gold bearing quartz also. And sedimentary limestone is located downriver from Gold Hill, as are rock formations metamorphosed into marble.

The Euro American history of this area began with sparse settlement on donation land claims, and was spurred by the discovery of gold on “Big Bar” on the Rogue River in the early 1850’s. In 1852, Colonel William T’Vault and his family took up a donation and claim on the south side of the river, opposite the present City of Gold Hill, and named it Dardeanelles. Postal service was initiated and a small settlement developed. In 1860, the first steam quartz stamp mill in Southern Oregon was brought in to replace the mule driven arrastas. The mill operated day and night to crush ore from the rich “Gold Hill” pocked mine discovered earlier that year in the hills of the south side of the river by a farmhand of local land baron, Thomas Chavner.

In the 1880’s Eugene and Julius Trumble started a gristmill. Local farmers brought corn, wheat, and barley to be milled. The mill was purchased in 1890 by Jesse and A.J. Houck, who increased the capacity of the Rogue river Milling Co. by changing to rollers.

Farmers continued to be the primary customers, but reportedly, grain came in as far away as Klamath County. Soon a two-stamp quartz mill was added to the property for reduction of ore from the Ross mine operated by Jesse Houck. And in 1902 a power plant was built in back of the four mills providing electricity for the site, as well as for the town of Gold Hill.

Mr. Houck had earlier helped to establish the town’s first water supply by building the Houck Dam. None of these buildings have survived. Gold Hill was incorporated on February 12<sup>th</sup> 1895, Gold today can still be found in the hills and valley around the Rouge River.

The email and online version link: [www.ci.goldhill.or.us/history.html](http://www.ci.goldhill.or.us/history.html)

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Bill Mutton Email me at: [muttsmining@gmail.com](mailto:muttsmining@gmail.com)

# Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc.

Secretary's Report July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013

Milwaukie grange Hall, 12015 SE 22<sup>nd</sup>

Milwaukie, Oregon

## Meeting called to order by:

President Richard Ruth at 1:30 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 for the assembled members.

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

Motion was approved.

## Attendance:

53 members were in attendance at the meeting.

3 Visitors were in attendance.

## **Correspondences: Jerry Johns**

The Portland Gold Mining Inc. has received "Certified Mail" from the new Geologist in the Baker City area. The Geologist visited our mining claim and has shared some concerns with us via the mailing. The general message and tone of the letter was that we are using the claim improperly and as such have broken the BLM's use rules. They also expressed additional monitoring and regulations would be required if we organized group outings to the site.

The PGPI President will be contacting this individual and clarifying the message and rules of use as this is a registered mining claim. A couple of key items that we will be expressing are that we are not a "Club" and are not using the site for recreational use. If one member uses the site, it does not limit the rest of the members use. As an association of independent miners, all members have access to the site and use under the BLM rules. Water sources on the claim were not created by the club, but were created for cattle grazing for local farmers who use the land. After the discussion has taken place, feedback will be shared at the next meeting.

## **Membership- Dave Chiara**

To get a 2013 association membership card you need to be an active member of the PGPI group. It does not cost to join the association. 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 PGPI claims and participate in all activities PGPI related activities. 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.

## **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.

## **Outings/ Association Claims – Dave Chiara**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> outing of the summer to the TYROY claim as a work party will not be taking place. Because of the notification that we cannot camp overnight on the claim for more than two weeks in a 90 day period under BLM rules, we will cancel the late august work party.

## **Newsletter editor: - Bill Mutton**

Bill has been exploring options as the new association Newsletter editor. Due to limited space on the newsletter, he is proposing we have a long and short version of the newsletter. This will allow us to sharing research of areas, pictures etc. without making the file too long for those who print it out. This was supported by those in attendance.

## **Safety: - Bob Rasey**

**Ticks, stinging insects** – Remember we are in the woods and such are subject to ticks and stinging insects. Know how to treat and remove them as needed. If allergic, carry your own medicines to counteract the reactions.

**Library:** Thank You to our new Librarian Joe Web. Joe will be bringing the library to future meetings for all the members to use. If you have proposals of items to purchase, please funnel them Joe's way.

**Meeting adjourned at 3:05 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**

- East fork Lewis or other SW Washington locations- Dates?
- Other locations – August – October
- Benson Beach, Cape Disappointment?

## **Newsletter & Emails**

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## Can you find Gold with UV light?

Ok so from what I can find out off the internet from about 4 different scientific sites, It is impossible to find gold with a longwave or shortwave UV light of any kind or power. Now they do say that you can find other minerals that are found with gold.

But and this is a big but, Just because you find a mineral that is sometimes found with Gold it doesn't mean Gold is anywhere around in the area. I hate the old saying of Gold is where you find it, my car is where it is too but that don't mean its worth anything at all. Finding Gold is a long process that requires a lot of hard work and a lot of time. The best term I've heard is, **Go where Gold is known to have been found before and The more dirt you move that more Gold you will get.** Plain and Simple. But ohhhhh so true.

When we were out at TYROY I saw people that were moving a lot of dirt and working hard everyday they were there but they found a good amount of Gold for that work. Again if you're looking for Gold with a UV light some of the minerals that travel with Gold will be fluorescent, but Gold itself is not fluorescent at all.

But some diamonds, Rubies, and a lot of other Gemstones are fluorescent and give off many different colors of the rainbow. I wonder how many diamonds we have just thrown back into the gravel not knowing what they were. A Quick scan with a UV light could let you know if you might have a diamond or maybe a ruby or what about a nice quartz piece with some Gold in it.

Some Gems and Minerals fluoresce at different wave lengths too. There is Shortwave and some are at longwave lengths. There are some UV lights that can do both for about 100 bucks or so, you can spend 100's but I have found some online for about 100 dollars that have a good range of both wave lengths

I hope this helps in your daily search for the precious metal known as GOLD

If you want me to research something for you, Please just email me and I will always see what I can find out for us to learn as much as we can about finding gold.

Bill Mutton

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# Washington State Prospecting

By Gene Dietzen

9/2013

If you would like to go prospecting in Washington State it's easier to stay on State land or Forest Service land. That said--now is the time! The season is open from August 1<sup>st</sup> through the end of February. You are allowed to prospect on inland waterways and tributaries---not Beaches (they require a separate permit). You will need the Washington State Fish and Game booklet called the "Gold and Fish pamphlet"--these are free and can either be downloaded or picked up at a Fish and Game office. This is your permit. It allows you to dredge and highbank, pan and sluice within the guidelines of the rules inside the pamphlet (it must be accessible to you nearby--like your car). Read it and pay attention to the "timings" (Also known as windows of operation). It varies from place to place. Check to be sure!

## Passes

There are two (2)

Annual Northwest Forest Pass. 62 and older pay and get a lifetime pass, otherwise it's an annual pass.

WA and OR State only. [http://www.discovernw.org/store\\_annual-northwest-forest-pass-national-forests-in-washington-and-oregon-only\\_09942.html](http://www.discovernw.org/store_annual-northwest-forest-pass-national-forests-in-washington-and-oregon-only_09942.html)

Discovery Pass, annually costs \$30, or \$10 per day. Good in WA State only. <http://www.discoverpass.wa.gov/>

In Clark County, Washington--you can go to Lewisville Park

<http://www.cityofvancouver.us/parksrec/page/lewisville-regional-park> along the East Fork of the Lewis River, and Daybreak Park (<http://www.cityofvancouver.us/parksrec/page/daybreak-park-boat-launch>) within a short distance of Lewisville Park. There is plenty of exploring for gold on the USFS land East of Sunset Falls campground (USFS Pass Required). You GPAA members can access the Copper Creek claim as well. Check the Mining Guide for directions and claim location. (stay off of other claims in the area and have your access cards--you will be challenged) Stay off private Property without written permission. All of the Fish and Gold Pamphlet rules apply.

## Beach Prospecting

Both the South end of Long Beach (Beards Hollow--watch the tide as you can drive on the beach and get locked in) and Cape Disappointment State Park have fine flower gold. The appropriate equipment must be used to retrieve it. There's actually four(4) authorized beaches. I use the Gold Cube, a garden cart and 12VDC.

A special permit is required to prospect there. You will also need the "Fish and Gold Pamphlet" as well. It's called the Ocean Beach Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA). Go on-line to the Dept of Fish and Wildlife's website and fill out the

application. It's located on the far right under the licensing and permits page from the pull down menu- [Application for Ocean Beach Mineral Prospecting Hydraulic Project Approval](#). You can eMail it back to: [hpaapplication@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:hpaapplication@dfw.wa.gov), or mail in to: Fish and Wildlife Habitat Program, PO Box 43234, Olympia, WA 98504-3234, or FAX it to: 1360-902-2946. It's free. Pay attention to the rules on the permit about equipment-also, the Fish and Gold pamphlet rules as well.

Hint: they always ask if you already have the Gold and Fish Pamphlet first.

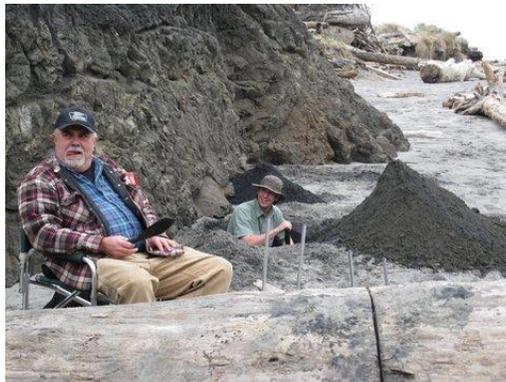
You use to have to call the DFW and state your intentions About when you were going. They have discontinued that requirement as of this date. Your permit is good for five (5) years! Pretty simple-huh? These beaches have rich deposits of black sand and plenty of gold.

Here's the good news-you can highbank, dredge, sluice on the beach, and use gas or electric motors. Also, you can try to get a campsite in the State Park (Discovery Pass Required for access or camping-\$10 a day, \$30 and year).

That's all for now!

Gold Luck and Clear Skies,

Gene



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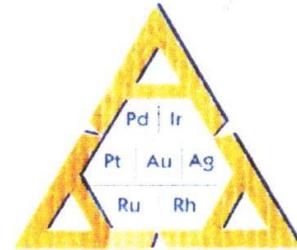
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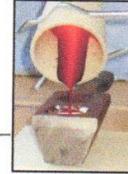
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**All members note:**

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