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Chapter Meeting:

April, 20th 2014

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

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

Dates to Remember...



April, 2014
1:30 PM

Our next meeting:

If you bring in 2 cans of food you will receive 1 ticket for our \$1.00 raffle. You can bring in up to 10 cans for a total of 5 \$1.00 tickets. We also have \$5.00 tickets. For better prizes.



From The President's Desk

Come on out and see old friends and make some new ones.

Here's to the joy of living and let there be sparkle in your life and glitter in your pan. We had a good turnout this last month, glad to see you all. This month our meeting time falls on Easter (April 20th). For those who won't be joining us because of other commitments, we'll see you in May.

We had also planned to have a special guest speaker talk to us about the effects of HB 838, but like so many others, he has other commitments too. Fortunately, he will be with us in May.

For those joining us this month, please bring your outing suggestions for discussion. If you are looking for other information, we can also talk about that too. This prospecting season is upon us and it's a good time to lay down some solid plans.

We will continue to have demonstrations and other prospecting information at our meetings, so be sure to mark your calendars for the third Sunday of each month.

Sincerely,

David Chiara.

Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc.

Secretary's Report March 14th, 2013
Milwaukie Grange Hall, 12015 SE 22nd Milwaukie, OR

Meeting called to order by President Dave Chiara at 1:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance conducted.

Attendance:

75 members in attendance to the meeting.

12 visitors in attendance.

Meeting minutes:

A **Motion** was made and seconded to accept the Secretary's report as written and published in the newsletter.

The motion was approved by the Association body.

Treasury report:

Treasure report was read.

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

The motion was approved by the association body.

Membership – Ken Burns

For all the visitors joining us in this meeting, the Portland Gold Prospectors Inc. is a non-profit organization. We do not collect dues and there are no fees associated with being a member. To become a member of the association, you need to attend three meetings, outings, or events. After you have attended these three events, you will be given a membership card and are a full voting member of the PGPI association. The purpose of the association is to educate our fellow miners. If you provide us an e-mail at the sign-up we will send you an electronic copy of the association newsletter.

Outings/ Association Claims - Ken Burns

The association has three claims outside Baker City. They are good claims, but it does take roughly six hours of driving to get there, so day outings are more difficult at this location. We will not have an official outing at the claims, but many of the members go throughout the summer and you are welcome to join together with any of them when they are going over. For day trips, our outings director is collecting interest from the association. Molalla River, Santiam River, Cape Disappointment in Washington and Beverly Beach have all been mentioned and a list of day trips will be published soon. Additional options mentioned by association members during the meeting included: Camp Dakota. It is near Salem and back in the hills. They have Yurts, Tee Pees, tent spots and trailer access. Also Lewisville State Park near Battleground Washington has good access and they do have gold there.

GPAA National News – Robert Wedding

No new news to share.

Library: Joe Web

Available most meetings is a healthy collection of books, maps, DVDS and other items to help educate members of the association. If you are a member, you can check out any of the items for 1 month and return it at the next meeting.

Newsletter: Bill Mutton

The newsletter continues to grow. Bill has received e-mails from three or four of the members sharing articles, books, etc. This is very helpful and Bill Mutton our newsletter editor encourages the association to continue.

Safety - Remember to let someone know when and where you are going.

Fund Raiser – Joe Weber

March 22nd the association will be attending a fund raiser (Noon – 4pm) at the American Legion. Joe will lead the event with some help from other members and he will sell gold bags, hand out flyers from the association and provide visibility with the goal of getting new interested visitors and members.

Audit of the books – Bob Burns

Bob will be leading an audit of the books between the March and April meeting. He will work with three of volunteers/members to do this.

(Respectfully submitted by Jerry Johns, Secretary)

Be on my committee

Outings See Ken Burns

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

Newsletter & Emails

If you have not been receiving the Newsletter by Email,

Please email us at portlandgpaa@aol.com

Don't forget, you can also download the Newsletter from our website.

History of the Month

WHERE TO PAN FOR GOLD IN OREGON

To find gold, you should go where gold has been found before in northeast Oregon, southwest Oregon, and the Western Cascades. These areas have many streams and rivers that can be successfully panned for gold.

FEDERAL LANDS

Mining claims on Federal land are not open for gold panning unless permission has been granted by the owner. However, four areas have been set aside on Federal land in Oregon for recreational gold panning:

Area 1. Quartzville Recreational Corridor:

Located in the Western Cascades, Salem District, Bureau of Land Management (free site). The Salem District Office address is 1717 Fabry Road SE, Salem, OR 97306, phone (503) 375-5646.

Area 2. Butte Falls Recreational Area:

Located in southwestern Oregon, Medford District, Bureau of Land Management (free site). The Medford address is 3040 Biddle Road, Medford, OR 97504, phone (541) 770-2200.

Area 3. Applegate Ranger District:

Located in southwestern Oregon, Rogue River National Forest (four fee sites where there is a charge of a dollar a day for panning in areas adjacent to campgrounds). The Applegate Ranger District address is 6941 Upper Applegate Road, Jacksonville, OR 97530, phone (541) 899-1812.

Area 4. Wallowa-Whitman National Forest:

Located in northeastern Oregon (free sites). Forest Supervisor is located at PO Box 907, Baker City, OR 97814, phone (541) 523-6391. Recreational gold mining in the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest are listed below:

Most campgrounds and major roads are withdrawn from mineral entry in order to keep people from tearing them up or destroying them. Currently they do not have an area specifically set aside for mining but there are lots of places on the forest service lands that are open and checking with your local Forest Service office would be a great place to start.

Camping, but “no mining” within the camp sites themselves:

- a. Eagle Forks Campground, 9 mi northwest of Richland, T. 8 S., R. 44 E., Pine Ranger District, Halfway, OR 97834, phone (541) 742-7511.
- b. McCully Forks Campground, on McCully Forks Creek just west of Sumpter, T. 9 S., R. 36 E.; Deer Creek Campground, on Deer Creek north of Phillips Lake, T. 9 S., R. 38 E.
- b.1. Powder River Recreational Area, on the Powder River just below Mason Dam, T. 10 S., R. 39 E.; all located in the Baker Ranger District, Baker City, OR 97814, phone (541) 523-4476.
- c. Antlers Guard Station, on the Burnt River, T. 11 S., R. 36 E., Unity Ranger District, Unity, OR 97884, phone (541) 446-3351.

In addition, gold panning is permitted on nearly all streams and rivers running through campgrounds on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and USDA Forest Service (USFS) land in Oregon.

Maps showing locations of campgrounds may be obtained from local BLM and USFS offices; from the Nature of the Northwest Information Center, 800 NE Oregon St. #5, Suite 177, Portland, OR 97232, phone (503) 872-2750; or from the BLM Oregon State Office, PO Box 2965, 1515 SW First, Portland, OR 97208, phone (503) 952-6002.

Tags: [Applegate Ranger District](#), [Baker City](#), [Baker Ranger District](#), [Burnt River](#), [Butte Falls Recreational Area](#), [Deer Creek Campground](#), [gold panning](#), [McCully Forks Campground](#), [McCully Forks Creek](#), [northeastern Oregon](#), [Powder River](#), [Powder River Recreational Area](#), [Quartzville Recreational Corridor](#), [recreational gold mining](#), [Rogue River National Forest](#), [southwestern Oregon](#), [Sumpter](#), [Unity Ranger District](#), [Wallowa-Whitman National Forest](#), [Western Cascades](#), [where to find gold in oregon](#)

For this article I'll put in the Cornucopia Mine. (I found this article at the following web page)

<http://www.oregongold.net/category/oregon-gold/northeastern-oregon-gold/baker-county-gold/>

Entries for the 'Baker County Gold' Category Cornucopia

Jun.17, 2011 in [Baker County Gold](#), [Cornucopia](#), [Northeastern Oregon Gold](#), [Oregon Gold](#) [Leave a Comment](#)

Not far from the Idaho border, and 15 miles north of Halfway, Oregon is the old ghost/mining town of **Cornucopia**. To reach Cornucopia, just travel on the Cornucopia Highway from Halfway, located in Baker County. Cornucopia is located at an elevation of 4700 feet in the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. Cornucopia is actually two towns created by two different mining operations.



Gold was first discovered in Cornucopia in 1884 by a man by the name of Lon Simmons. Old timers would say that some of the ore was so rich that large nuggets would fall right out of the rocks. There were plenty of High-graders. High-graders were men who worked for the mining companies, who just so happened to have gold fall into their shirts or boots. High-grading was common. More than sixteen mines riddle the area and produced 300,000 ounces of gold. Like many mines during world war II, Cornucopia was closed down because it was deemed non-essential mining in the fight against Japan and Germany. Cornucopia in Latin means "Horn of Plenty," but miners named the town after Cornucopia, Nevada.



Today, there is some newer dwellings among the ghost town, but it has plenty of older buildings that still remain from a time not so long ago. Old tailing piles from placer operations are piled along the creek banks. There is old rusting machinery and plenty of still-standing buildings. The buildings take a toll each winter. Here snow has been known to get up to 15 feet deep. Several big gold booms happened between 1884-1886. Cornucopia had several amenities including a store, two saloons and two restaurants. As far as mining towns go, Cornucopia was rather orderly. There were only a few killings over the years.



A bunk house for the Cornucopia Mine that still stands. Over 30 miles of tunnels are scattered over the adjoining mountains in the Cornucopia area and over 6,000 feet of shafts (some of the longest shafts in the United States). The larger mines are known as the Union-Companion Mine, the Last Chance Mine, Queen of the West Mine, and the Red Jacket Mine.



The Last Chance mine was a pocket gold mine. The Union-Companion was a very good producer and was said to have been on the vein itself. In the old days, horses were used to move the ore, but then the railroad was laid and the invention of the pneumatic drill helped the miners to do much better than they did previously. In 1922, the Cornucopia mines received electricity and a twenty-stamp mill was put into operation. It is said that the 20 stamp mill could crush 60 tons of ore per day. One of the most important things to note was that the Cornucopia Mining Companies employed over 700 men in the early 1900's. At its peak, the Cornucopia Mine was the 6th largest mining operation in the United States. In all, it is estimated that over \$20,000,000 in gold was taken at gold prices at a mere \$20 an ounce. It is estimated that 80% of the gold ore body still remains.



The Cornucopia Mine "Then"



Cornucopia Mine "Today"

Tags: [Cornucopia](#), [Cornucopia Mine](#), [Last Chance Mine](#), [Queen of the West Mine](#), [Red Jacket Mine](#), [Union-Companion Mine](#)

I found this web page about 4 months ago and it really is an amazing resource for anyone looking to research one of the many areas to look for gold, I will be putting one of the areas each month for the next couple months. Also next month I will be doing a little more on some of the amazing Ghost Towns around Oregon and Washington states.

Thanks for all the members help in helping for the next few months, some great Ideas members have given me. More will be coming soon.



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