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Chapter Meeting:

August, 17th 2014

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

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

Dates to Remember...



August, 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 join us on Sunday, August 17th, we've got lots to talk about.

At Sunday's meeting bring your treasures (keep your gold), but bring in those donations you want to place in the Yard Sale at Ken's (Aug 23rd/24th Sat/Sun). Please note they should be in working order, clean and worth something (to someone else). Also, anything that doesn't sell is yours to reclaim or pay for disposal. Remember all proceeds go toward the benefit of our Organization. We will also have a signup sheet for those who want to help (your help is needed and appreciated). As always, volunteering is great fun and you get to know other folks you haven't gotten to know.

Have you been out, prospecting? Want to share some "secrets" with your fellow members? If you're still perfecting your skills, come and ask questions, there's a wealth of knowledge and skills probably sitting next to you.

If you have friends, co-workers or others interested in learning about prospecting, invite them to join us and find out if it's something they'd like to do as well.

Let's make this a great year to have fun and profit by our involvement and find some gold. Even memories become golden with time.

Sincerely,

David Chiara.

Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc.

Secretary's Report July 20th, 2014

Milwaukie Grange Hall, 12015 SE 22nd Milwaukie, OR

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

Pledge of Allegiance conducted.

Attendance:

43 members in attendance to the meeting.

One new 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:

No treasurer report available this month.

Outings/ Association Claims – Ken Burns

Reminder to all members. If you are out on a prospecting adventure, please remember to fill in your prospecting holes. One of the key goals of our association of miners is to train, inform and educate on the rules of mining. As members of this association, we want to be GREAT stewards of the lands. This is our country and we are needed to set examples of how to represent the mining community in its best way possible. In addition picking up trash from others, old batteries, equipment or anything that doesn't belong in our woods are great ways to be good stewards.

Safety:

Great example of taking safety seriously took place at our association claim. One of our members added onto their trommel a hand crank to raise the buckets from the ground to the feeder. This allowed those who cannot always lift heavy items to operate better and safer. There are a lot of creative people in this group. Use you ingenuity and see what you can come up with!

Need new Webmaster for association site: The association is still looking for a new Webmaster that will work for low fees or free. Until then we will be using the current Presidents contacts to set up and maintain the site. This can be expensive and will add up over time, so please help the association by referring anyone you might know who is willing to help our non-profit group set up and maintain our site.

Membership - Ken Burns

New Membership cards are available for 2014. 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.

Library: Joe Weber

The Library is available for all members of the association to use and check out items. New Maps donated by an association member this month. Check them out!

Newsletter: Bill Mutton

Bill was not available during this meeting, but continues to do a great job putting together the newsletter. Please help support him by sharing interesting stories or articles for research. The newsletter is posted every month on the club's website. In addition to this, you can have the newsletter e-mailed to you for free if you include your e-mail address next to your name on the sign-in sheets. If you want to have the newsletter mailed to you, this can be done for \$15/year to help cover the cost of postage, stamps and printing. 10 copies will be printed and brought to the meeting each month.

GPAA : Bob Rasey

There has been a lot of change going on in the GPAA over the past year and as such rumors inevitable rise. The truth is that the GPAA is passing down to the next level of family management as the previous generation takes a step back from running it. With new blood comes renewed energy and focus to get to most out of the organization. Change can be hard as it brings fears of the unknown. However, change can be good. It keeps things fresh and keep the group up to date with the times. Keep an open mind as we going into the next year or two. We should see the annual gold show return to Oregon in 2015 and word is that it is looking to be in Portland.

Things of Interest:

With all of the changes going on, the association board had been waiting to resign the paperwork to remain linked to the GPAA as a group. Contact with GPAA representatives has convinced the board that now is the right time to renew our links with the GPAA. This was put forward to the association in general and a vote was held. The group unanimously supported the effort to re-establish our links.

Board Member at Large transition – One of our board members at large is no longer able to fulfill the role. An impromptu nomination/election was held and Soap Burns will fill in the position until the next election late this year.

(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.

The association is planning a YARD SALE fund raiser on August 23rd. Ken Burns has volunteered his place as the location. He has lots of property for parking and items. We will need both volunteers to staff the yard sale as well as items that you are willing to donate to the club. Profits from the yard sale will go to the Association. These funds go toward items such as rental of the hall, insurance, our library, newsletter and website and annual banquet.

Thank You for your support, if you need ideas as to what can be donated please see Dave or any of the Board members at the next meeting.

History of the Month

Fossils in OREGON

BLM News Release BLM News Release BLM News Release

P.O. Box 2965 (333 SW 1st Avenue) 97208

<http://www.or.blm.gov>

Now Remember this was from awhile ago and you should always check with local and state/federal rules and regulations before you go out and dig for anything. Also the internet is not always correct with information on who to contact. It might have been at the time of the article, but people leave and phone numbers change. But you should always get ahold of federal and state so you aren't breaking any laws. They can give you the local area to atleast try to get ahold of.

Amateur Paleontologists Find Rare Fossil PRINEVILLE, OR

Imagine an ancient marine reptile with a very large seal-like body, a long tail and an extended head and neck. The head is rather long and sleek, like an alligator, with sharp, pointed teeth. The reptile has a thick abdomen and flat, elongated limbs that serve as powerful paddles for moving through the ocean that once covered most of Oregon 90 to 100 million years ago. Now, imagine you are out for a day hike and you stumble upon the skeletal remains of such an animal. You may not be sure of what you have found, but you have a feeling it is something special. And special, it is....

In the summer of 2004, amateur paleontologists Mike Kelly and Greg Kovalchuk made such a proverbial needle-in-the-hay-stack kind of discovery on public lands in the grey hills of central Oregon. While looking for fossil sea shells (known as invertebrate fossils), Kelly noted a rock with an odd shape in it. That odd shape turned out to be an inch-long tooth. Closer examination revealed more teeth scattered down the slope. They realized that those teeth belonged to a creature with a backbone, a vertebrate fossil. Both Kelly and Kovalchuk knew then they had made an important discovery. They also knew that collecting vertebrate fossils off public land was not allowed and was, in fact, illegal.

So, what to do?

Fortunately, Kelly and Kovalchuk knew exactly what to do. They noted the location of the find with their Global Positioning System (GPS) and left the site undisturbed. Later, Kelly and Kovalchuk contacted John Zancanella, Paleontology Program Coordinator for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Oregon and Washington. They made arrangements to meet in the field to confirm the discovery. Once verified, the BLM acquired the services of paleontologist Dr. James E. Martin, Curator of Vertebrate Paleontology of the Museum of Geology, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, to help recover the specimen.

Dr. Martin, one of the leading experts on marine reptile fossils, has spent many years in Oregon looking for and studying a diverse array of fossils.

“I never expected to see such a specimen from Oregon in my lifetime! This is an extremely exciting and important fossil discovery,” said Dr. Martin.

The specimen discovered by Kelly and Kovalchuk turned out to be a lower jaw of a plesiosaur, a marine reptile that swam in the ocean that covered most of Oregon 90 to 100 million years ago during the Cretaceous. Plesiosaurs were primarily fish eaters and grew to a length of about 25 feet. The three-foot long lower jaw represents the third vertebrate specimen fossil found from the end of the Age of Reptiles in the Pacific Northwest, the other two fossil fragments having been discovered 85 years ago. The fossil is the first plesiosaur from the area and appears to represent a group that was worldwide in distribution during the end of the Age of Reptiles.

The recovered specimen will be housed at the Museum of Geology in South Dakota. The museum staff is currently removing the rock from the fossil to determine the specimen’s condition. The BLM is working with local entities to find a more permanent home for a replica for public education purposes.

“Kelly and Kovalchuk did everything right! Without their exemplary actions – finding the specimen, recognizing its importance, leaving it in place and intact and contacting the right people – we wouldn’t have this story to tell. Their responsible actions have advanced the science of paleontology and made it possible to share this unique discovery with the rest of the public,” said Zancanella.

Zancanella is hopeful that this story will encourage others who find fossils or cultural artifacts on public lands to follow their good example and report the find to the appropriate land management agency.

The BLM, an agency of the U.S. Department of the Interior, manages more land—261 million surface acres—than any other Federal agency. Most of this public land is located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1.9 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM’s multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on the public lands.

Ok So I found this article and tried to copy and post the pictures of what they found and it just would not do what I wanted it to do. So here is the article webpage. The article I found is the second one down, below the metasequoia article. They have some other very interesting articles too. And give some very good ideas and rules and people to get ahold of before you dig or go out looking for fossils.

<http://www.oregongeology.org/sub/learnmore/fossils.HTM>



Some of the other Fossils found in Oregon area's. Please remember always check to see if its ok to dig for anything in the area you want to go to. Even in the city of Fossil, OREGON you have rules to follow, and where you can dig. I have gone to the Oregon coast and seen some fossils for myself, but wasn't sure if you can dig them out or not so I just took some pictures of them and left them there.



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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:

Our club earns purchasing points with renewal of GPAA Membership. Please tell them you're a Portland Gold Prospector member.

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