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Chapter Meeting:

November, 16th 2014

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

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

Dates to Remember...



November, 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, November 16th. We're going to be giving details on the Portland Gold Show – you won't want to miss it.

We'll also be holding elections and ask that you cast your vote for your officers. If you have any nominations, they're still open until the vote.

If you didn't see the new highbanker demonstration, we'll have it again (weather cooperating).

We will also be setting up our outing schedule for next year with new places to check out. Join in with your suggestions, too.

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.

This is a great year to be prospecting and having fun and you can profit by others involvement and even find some gold. Remember memories become golden with time.

Sincerely,

David Chiara

Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc.

Secretary's Report Oct 19th, 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:

24 members in attendance to the meeting.

2 visiting guests 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: Beverly Parker

The Treasury report was read by the Treasurer to the association.

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

The motion was approved by the Association body.

Newsletter:

Please let an officer know if you are not getting the newsletter by e-mail. The newsletter has a lot of interesting data and important information about future meetings and outings.

Claims:

Claims director Ken Burns and President Dave Chiara will be going to Baker City during the week of October 23rd. During their time there they will be meeting with the BLM in person, as well as meeting with the Don Foster the farmer and owner of the land we camped on this year. Paperwork for the claim will be filed while they are in town.

There are a couple of association members at Cape Disappointment / Long Beach at the time of the meeting. They will be there a couple more days and if anyone wants to go and learn beach mining, they can talk to President Dave Chiara for contact names and numbers.

Safety:

No safety topics this month.

GPAA: - Robert Wedding

Some logging is going on in and around multiple GPAA claims. By law the logging companies have to leave access open to the claims. If you have any issues, please contact the GPAA.

Elections:

Annual elections will be during the November meeting. Four board member positions as well as Secretary and Vice President are up for election. Nominations were taken for the positions in advance. (See below). Nominations will be opened one more time prior to the election next meeting.

Current Nominations include:

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Vice president</u>
Charlie Foster		Jerry Johns
Penny Parsons		
Bill Bench		
Elaine Ruth		

Spaghetti feed:

The 2nd half of the meeting this month was a spaghetti feed. All enjoyed some great company and good food.

(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

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Article of the Month

So a couple months ago my friend Bruce Wickward and I went to Washington State to do some scouting of an area that looked really good. It was south and east of Mt. Saint Helens, after you go past all the reservoirs. There are three of them, it was quite the drive but it was so pretty.

I told him I had never been here before and was taking my time just enjoying the view. We got to the spot I had seen on google earth, it wasn't that hard to find. I went out with pan, pick and the shovel, started digging down, about 2' down I hit what I thought was bedrock, but it really looked strange it had all kinds of little rocks and sticks in it, but it was hard as concrete, then it hit me ASH!!! From Mount St. Helens, I tried several spots but to no avail. It was like trying to dig at pioneer court house square. So we gave up. It was just too hard and I didn't have a good jack hammer with us, So we decided to just drive around and look at stuff trying to find a better spot.

Well after about 20 min. Bruce asked me if I had ever been to Mount St. Helens. I said nope been to the interpretive center off of I-5 but that was about it and it was probable 25 years ago, So he said lets go there! I said OK. So we proceeded to go the long way around to the Mountain. Folks let me tell you the truth if you've never been the long way around to St. Helens You have to go. We ended up at the windy ridge observatory (it is very aptly named) it is a strong wind that never seems to go away. We were about 15 or so miles away from there when I started seeing the first of the devastation. It was so awesome, the closer we got the worst it got. When I saw Spirit Lake for the first time WOW is all I could say. I got some great pictures from that day and I would like to share some with you I hope you enjoy them as much as I did taking them.

But nothing and I mean not one thing, compares to going there yourself. I will try to explain what each picture is of.



This was the very first view I had of the mountain. We were about 30 miles from it.



First good view of the crater. We are about 15 mile or so from it and you can see the tree to the right is completely striped of everything. Top snapped off.



Here we are about 12 miles away, and this was one of the hills facing the mountain.



About 8 miles from the mountain and this hill got its top completely cleaned down to the bedrock. Everything you see that is growing, has been growing from that day, May 18th 1980, everything was gone on this hill on that day.



First look at spirit lake, that is what 1,000,000 trees look like 34 years after they were blown into the lake most have sunk down to the bottom, the ranger I talked to later, said there are still about 400,000 trees floating in the lake. The first few years the whole lake was covered with trees.



From the first picture of the Lake to this picture we drove about 1 mile or so. That is how big the log jam on the lake is, It is so big the ranger said they could build 30,000 two bedroom homes with just what is in the lake.



This is at the Windy Ridge Observatory, The Lake is at the bottom of the picture, the crater is to the left and as far as you can see, (according to the ranger is about 17 miles to the summit of the hill there in the distance. It laid waste to everything you see. They figure about 1,700,000,000 board feet of lumber went poof that day. That's 1 billion by the way.



This was the best view I could get of the mountain that day and if you look really close on the right hand side of the top picture you can see a rock slide in progress. I truly hope you enjoy this as much as I did. It truly is something special. By the way the cliff you see where the rock fall was, it's about 700 ft. high. It looks so small until you're standing right there.

With the Help of my good friend Bruce Wickward

Thank you so much for letting me be your Newsletter editor

Bill Mutton.



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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 they have available. 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:

The association earns purchasing points with renewal of GPAA Membership. Please tell them you are a Portland Gold Prospector member

**2014
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