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Chapter Meeting:

June, 21st 2015

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

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

Dates to Remember...



June, 2015

Our next meeting:

On June 21st 2015

For every 2 cans of food you bring
in you can get 1 ticket for our
\$1.00 drawing up to 5 tickets



The Presidential Post

From the President's Desk

Please join us on Sunday, June 21st. We'll be talking about the TYRoy Outing plans (it's important to be here for this one – there will be last minute changes that will be discussed). If you're planning on going – you'll need to hear all the details.

It's also been a busy month – our outing at Daybreak Park – Battle Ground (14th), a panning demo at Cabela's in Tualatin (13th) and our next outings.

We will also be having equipment showing (not working demos) and discussing how each functions. Possibly someone will do a panning demo too. Come see.

We have some other great activities planned for July, August and following months, please join us to find out what's scheduled. Things are getting exciting and a lot more active. Come find out what it is.

If you are a new member and want to receive the newsletter electronically, please let me know. If you are not receiving it yet – it's probably because we didn't get it written down correctly.

We will also be having discussions on what "you" would like to see your Chapter doing this year as well. We welcome your input and want to hear from you.

Also, don't forget your canned donations, or your "silent auction" items.

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 May 17, 2015

Milwaukie Grange Hall 12015 se 22nd, Milwaukie, OR

By President Dave Chiara at 1:32 pm

Pledge of Allegiance led by President Dave

Attendance

43 members present

4 Visiting guest were present

Meeting minutes

The President asked for a motion to approve the minutes as sent by e-mail. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Secretary's report as written and published in the newsletter.

Treasury report: Beverly Parker

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

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the Treasurer's report as reported.

Correspondence:

The Association receives a monthly newsletter from Eastern Oregon Mine Owner's Association that is available for members to read.

President's report:

Dave again went over the Gold Snow's success for the Association, thanked everyone to helped.

Claims and Outings:

Ken Burns discussed the upcoming schedule of events to include:

- Daybreak Park: County Park in WA. State, has good access; 35-40 miles from SE Portland. Planned date is June 14th. Signup sheet on the table.
- TYROY Outing: Scheduled for two weeks in June and July. See signup sheet on table. More on TYROY report.
- Cape Disappointment: beach mining, Again in WA state on July 19th or 26th
- Rice Museum of Gems: August 15th, annual rock and gem displays and tour.

Ken gave a report on a recent trip to the Little Fork of the Santiam River on May 5th. Gold was found! Not the best for accessibility. This is a Day Use area, probably will be crowded in the summer as it is popular with the swimming crowd.

Report was also given on the McMinnville UFO Festival. The booth sold gold bags and Plinko did very well. Thanks to those who helped out.

Safety: Jim Dorning absent

Dave Chiara reported that members need to be careful with fire, it's going to be dry out there. Also be careful with ATV's in the brush. Be sure to tell someone where you're going! Carry food and a first aid kit.

It was brought up that it is best to have a 4-wheel drive to get up to the TYRoy claim, especially if it rains. You also need to have a State of Oregon ATV sticker on the vehicle. Cost is \$10, for two years.

Newsletter: Bill Mutton working

Newsletters were left on the table for members and guests to read. Bill also asked for members to pass on info to him about stories that you would like to see in the newsletter.

Library: Joe Weber

Library is for members, if you check out an item, please bring it back the next month so that others can read it. Suggested viewing **Prospecting.com** for good information.

Education:

Joe DeCamp of AAA Precious Metals gave a talk on the process of refining gold and shared some short stories that were very interesting.

A short break was taken.

OLD Business:

Silent Auction items:

Anyone may bring items for others to bid on. Charlie Foster again brought in one of his special picks, Walt brought in a pump for use in getting your fire going. If you have unused equipment that you don't need any more it is suggested you donate it to the club.

NEW Business:

TYROY Plan of operation has been submitted to BLM for review and approval. They have two weeks to approve it or send it back with questions. Until approval is approved, it is reminded that no mechanical method of digging is allowed. Members will be notified when the BLM approval is allowed. Jerry Johns again made everyone aware of the TYROY signup sheet on the table and also of the need to sign a current waiver before going to the claim.

Richard also discussed an organization called "Oath Keepers" based in Josephine County. Richard stated that they seemed to be a worthwhile organization to give to support mining rights.

It was discussed giving support to Oath Keepers and Eastern Oregon Mine Owners Association, and Public Lands for the Public and American Mining Rights Association. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and approved to send the following to:

EOMA - \$600

PLP - \$300

OATHKEEPERS - \$200

ARMA - \$200

Richard shared a story about clay on TYROY claim

President Dave Chiara thanked the kitchen staff and those who donated cookies and

The meeting was adjourned and the raffle was held.

(Respectfully submitted by Bill Bench, Acting Secretary)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday June 13th
Sunday June 14th
Sunday June 21st
June 22nd – July 5th

Cabela's – Family Great Outdoors (PGPI has a booth)
Day Break Park (WA) – Gold Prospecting
PGPI Association – Business Meeting 1:30pm
TYROY – Mining Claim group event – Gold Prospecting DO Not Go to TYROY without
Checking first with Dave or Ken. You Might get in trouble. We are not sure what BLM is
Doing yet with the permit we must have to prospect on the claim.

Sunday July 19th
Saturday July 25th
August 1st and 2nd
Sunday August 16th
Saturday August 22nd
Sunday Sept 6th
Sunday Sept 20th
Saturday Oct 10th
Sunday Oct 18th
Tuesday Nov 10th
Sunday Nov 15th
Wednesday Dec 9th
Sunday Dec 20th
Thursday Jan 7th 2016
Sunday Jan 17th 2016

PGPI Association – Business Meeting 1:30pm
Cape Disappointment (WA)- Beach Mining
Rice Museum – Summer Festival
PGPI Association – Business Meeting 1:30pm
North Fork of the Santiam – Gold Prospecting
Lewis River – Gold Prospecting
PGPI Association – Business Meeting 1:30pm
Beverly Beach – Beach Mining
PGPI Association – Business Meeting 1:30pm
1st planning meeting for Annual (Pot Luck) Banquet to be held in January – FREE PIZZA
PGPI Association – Business Meeting & annual elections 1:30pm
2nd planning meeting for annual banquet.
PGPI Association – Business Meeting 1:30pm
3rd and final planning meeting for Annual banquet
Annual Banquet, swearing in of the officers, awards ceremony and Door Prizes.

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Be on my committee

Outings See Ken Burns

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

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Article of the Month

Remember it is always advisable to check with Park staff before you go digging anywhere on the Oregon coast. You should be careful not to be on private property and always clean up after yourself. Fill your holes and take what you bring. And if you want to help if you see someone else's trash take that will you when you leave. Leave it better than you found it.

I found this on nevada-outback-gems.com, Pretty nice website with a lot of good info. Check them out.

Oregon Beach Placers:

Beach placers along the Oregon coast were richly productive for a time after their discovery in 1852 and have since yielded small amounts of gold and [platinum](#) annually. Renewed interest in then was caused by the industrial depression that followed 1929. A little [placer gold](#) may be found in almost any section of the beach, but the bulk of it is confined to certain stretches south of Coos Bay. Along the Oregon coast gold and platinum bearing deposits were discovered on the present beaches in 1852 and on the ancient elevated beaches 18 or 20 years later. In places the deposits were rich, and for a time they were mined extensively. According to a popular report a production of several million dollars, chiefly in gold but with a minor content of platinum, was obtained. After the more profitable stretches had been worked over mining activity decreased, but no season has passed without some production. In 1930 and 1931 renewed interest in the deposits was stimulated by the fact that the value of gold had become relatively enhanced as the result of the depressed economic conditions throughout the country. For this reason a field examination was made in June 3, 1931 of parts of the coastal belt, chiefly between Coos Bay and the California line. Increases in the price of gold since the field work was done gives the deposits an added interest.

The generally mountainous Oregon coast is bordered in places by coastal plains that range from a quarter of a mile to 4 miles in width and are mostly less than 100 feet high. The plains are of two different geomorphic suites. 'One consists of lowlands composed of bay mouth bars or barrier beaches and the filled embayment's behind them; the other is a group of slightly elevated marine terraces. The different terraces are capped with Pleistocene marine sediments, the largest area of which is between Port Orford and Cape Arago and is related to an ancient shore line at an altitude of

170 feet. Beds formed offshore compose a terrace plain about South Slough that is somewhat lower, and there are remnants of beaches in some of the other terraces. The placer deposits are wave-concentrated layers in the beaches and offshore beds and are generally called black sands for the reason that they are composed largely of [magnetite](#), [chromite](#), and other heavy minerals, most of which are dark-colored. Commonly these layers contain small particles of gold and platinum, and in places the metallic particles are abundant enough to be extracted profitably. The gold and platinum that are recovered from the beach deposits occur as particles most of which range in size from that of a small pinhead to microscopic specks. A sample of platinum from the Pioneer mine consists mostly of rounded flat grains from 0.8 to 0.05 millimeter or about 0.03 to 0.002 inch in diameter and from 0.05 to 0.005 millimeter or less in thickness. These grains weigh from 0.55 to 0.01 milligram.

Although a few specks of gold or [platinum](#) can be found almost anywhere along the present and ancient beaches, the workable deposits so far discovered form only a part of the whole and, as a rule are confined to the beaches bordering the shores that have receded under wave attack. In those beaches that are retreating under wave attack the deposits are variable and inconstant, but certain beaches are likely to be richer or more often workable than others. In the shores that are now retreating the beach varies in extent and composition from time to time as the result of wave action caused by storms and tides. Thus a stretch that is barren on one day or in one season may be productive at other times. There are, however, certain stretches that have been richer and are more often workable than the rest. These are, in order from north to south, in the vicinity of Newport, Whisky Run, Cape Blanco, Port Orford, and the beaches near the mouth of Rogue River.

Owing to the transitory character of the foreshores of the present beach no definite estimate of reserves can be made, but it is concluded that deposits suitable for small scale operators will continue to form here and there along certain parts of the coast. Ordinarily these deposits may be expected, under the working conditions possible, to yield from a few cents to 2 pennyweight a day per man. In places the backshore contains noteworthy amounts of gold and platinum, but in the decade immediately preceding 1932 attempts to mine the deposits apparently met with no success, and no basis for an estimate of their value exists. The backshore of the present beach and the ancient beaches up to an altitude of about 170 feet have been the most productive. The pay streaks generally ranges from a few feet to 200 or 300 feet in width, is 3 or 4 feet thick in the middle, and tapers toward the edges. It consists

largely of alternating layers of black and gray sand with more or less cobbles, boulders, and drift wood and in the ancient beach, is mostly covered with a barren sand "overburden" 20 to 60 feet thick.

The immediate sources of the beach minerals, including gold and platinum, are the shores that are being cut back by the waves. Most of the gold-bearing beaches are south of Coos Bay, along the coast opposite the Klamath Mountain region, described by Diller, which contains several areas of gold-bearing lodes. The lodes of the interior were the ultimate sources of the gold from which it has been carried seaward at intervals since middle Tertiary time. In the past, as at present, the streams sorted the gold during its transportation, leaving the larger grains near the source and distributing progressively smaller and smaller particles downstream. As a result of stream sorting only the finer particles reached the coast. No definite source of the platinum has been found, but its distribution and its association with chromite suggests the abundant serpentinous and other basic intrusives of the region. However, no relation of the platinum and chromite of the beaches to any particular rock mass could be made out.

Pay streaks have been worked in the ancient elevated beaches or related offshore beds in the terrace plains north of Port Orford, north of the Rogue River, around South Slough, and in a terrace 800 feet above sea level at the Peck mine, on the spur north of the Sixes River. On the terrace plain north of Port Orford the deposits were formed when the sea stood about 170 feet higher than now. At that level the shore was cut back along two stretches one of about 4 miles between the Sixes River and Denmark, the other of about 4 miles extending north of Cut Creek. Pay streaks that were concentrated by the waves along parts of their stretches are exposed in the Majden and Butler mines, north of the Sixes River, and in the Pioneer, Eagle, Fletcher & Myers, and Rose mines, north of Cut Creek.



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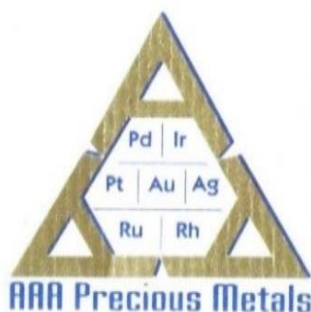
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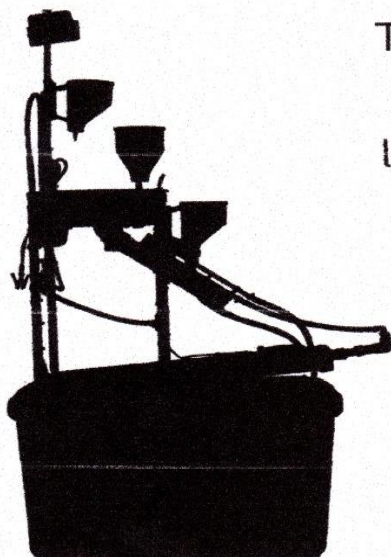


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