



The Prospector

Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc.

GPAA Portland, Oregon Chapter



A Post from the American Mining Rights Association

Remember the days before the environmental groups learned how to scheme grant money for doing what we do for free? Remember when the EPA knew without a doubt that we were the best resource for extracting the mercury from our rivers and the environment? Remember when the EPA thought we were a great asset to the community? Remember that time when the EPA presented awards to the small-scale mining community? Remember when the EPA sought ways to work with the mining community to receive and dispose of our mercury for us in a safe and economical way (free). They knew who to turn to to get the job done. The small-scale mining community has been removing tons of trash, lead and mercury from our waterways for decades. The program was even listed under the "Innovative Programs" tab on the EPA's website. Dr. Carrie Monahan told California legislators that the EPA program was stopped because it was "so successful."

Remember those days? Well, we do, too. We're the best stewards of the land and we know it.

Today, the environmental groups are shoving the mining community out of the way so that they can line up and receive millions of dollars at the tax trough. When it comes to removing mercury from the watershed, we in the mining community can easily blow

their production numbers out of the water- any time, any day, anywhere. They simply cannot compete with our success and therefore have to do their best to defame, criminalize and ban our activities. Our existence frightens them. It threatens to expose their dishonest money scheme. The Combie reservoir project has received or been budgeted at over \$12.5 Million dollars thus far. What do they have to show for it? Let me rephrase that, What do the California tax payers have to show for it? That's an awful lot of unnecessary money that could have gone towards our schools or infrastructure. Would anybody from the Nevada Irrigation District care to go Apples to Apples with the mining community on this one? We would be more than happy to sit down with the Nevada Irrigation District and expose the lies they've been told.

The following document has been scrubbed from the EPA's website. We wonder why? The truth will set you free.

<https://web.archive.org/web/20130826222705/http://www.epa.gov/region9/innovations/merrec.html>

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September, 2017

Help Wanted!

Please join us in September & October for important volunteering information. This is a very important call for help and we would appreciate your engagement.

Presidents Blog September 2017

This has been such an amazing summer for prospecting, and I can't believe it is almost over. We are having the 2nd to last chapter outing on Sept 9th and it will be on the chapter claims up on the East Fork of the Lewis River. Our final outing will be on Sunday October 8th and will be beach mining at Cape Disappointment (weather permitting). We hope to see you at both of these outings as well as at our upcoming meeting on Sept 17th. Remember we have elections coming up in November and will be taking nominations for President, Treasurer, Secretary, and four board member roles. In addition to these, we are looking for volunteers for an outings director, education director, claims directory, librarian, and kitchen director. As a volunteer organization, we require lots of support from the members to keep the chapter healthy and running

Happy Prospecting,

Jerry Johns

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Chapter Minutes – August 2017

Start time: 1:32pm

Members in attendance: 48

Visitors: 2

Vice President Bill Bench led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance

The Vice President then asked for a motion to approve the minutes as e-mailed and printed. MM/S/P

The Vice President then asked Bev to give the Treasurer's report. After report Bill asked for a motion to approve the report. MM/S/P

Correspondence: None.

The Vice President asked about last month's request from a TV talent person for people with metal detectors. Richard stated that it was for items in the DB Cooper case, they were successful in finding some items and they had turned them over to the FBI.

Membership: The Vice President gave a short report on the levels of membership in the chapter.

Newsletter: The Vice President thanked Tim Snyder for the great job on the newsletter; it continues to give the members good information to the chapter.

Library: Joe Weber gave a short report on the library, how to check out material and when they needed to be returned.

Outings: The Vice President said the next chapter outing would

be on September 9th. This is to our East Fork of the Lewis River. These claims really need to be checked out and to see if we can find good gold on them.

The chapter outing in October is to be at Cape Disappointment in Washington. A date will be given at the September meeting. This will be determined by the tides.

Also, a reminder that elections are coming up in November, we need some new people to step up and offer to take over on several jobs. More news next month.

Chapter claims: Ken gave a brief report on TY Roy and that it was closed for the year. Several members stated that they had gone up to the East Fork claims No notable finds. The Vice President reminded members that they need to report to a officer that they had been there. This helps with the number of hours we need to offset the funds to pay to keep the claim.,

Education: None

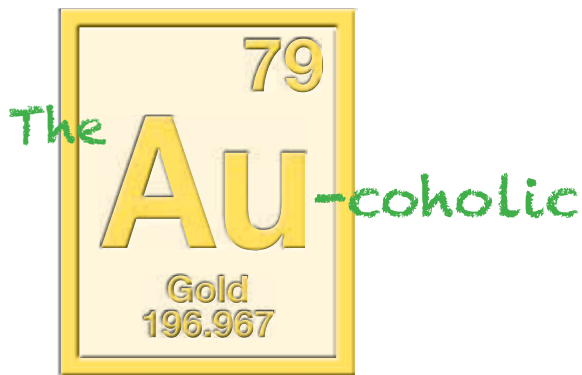
Old Business: Larry Sharp , stated that an audit was due for two years of the books.

The Raffle was held.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35

Next meeting is September 17th





Step 4 Get a Mentor/Be a Mentor

At my Celebrate Recovery 12-step program, we talk about the necessity of having Sponsors and Accountability Partners. It's very helpful to have someone who's been through what we're going through and can help us when we're struggling.

The Au-coholic's equivalent would be a Mentor. Someone who can share their experiences and help us keep from making the same mistakes they made.

My friend Eugene's family lives in Montana. They have a small stream running through their property.

Eugene was going to go visit them one week a couple years ago. I had told him that I was interested in prospecting and he seemed intrigued. I shared some of (the little bit of) what I knew. I lent him the little *Gold Panning is Easy* booklet that came with my Garrett panning starter set.

He was appropriately enthused, so he got himself a pan and small sluice and headed to Montana.

When he got there he scouted out the property and found an area where a small waterfall created a pool. He announced to his family that was where he was going to prospect. His step-father scoffed at the idea: "There's no gold in that crick!"

Nevertheless, he headed out the next morning equipment in hand. After a few hours panning he had a few bright yellow nuggets to show his family.

His step-father couldn't contain himself any longer and busted out laughing. He confessed that he had taken a propane torch and melted some brass into a bucket of water. He took those "nuggets" and threw them in the pool.

Opinions expressed by the AU-coholic are not necessarily those of Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc. I hate disclaimers.



From the 16 to 1 Mine,
Grass Valley, Nevada District,
California

2017 Events Calendar

Sept 17th:

PGPI monthly meeting 1:30pm

Oct 8th:

Beach mining at Cape
Disappointment, weather
permitting

October 15th:

PGPI monthly meeting 1:30pm

November 19th:

PGPI monthly meeting 1:30pm -
ELECTIONS

December 17th:

PGPI monthly meeting 1:30pm

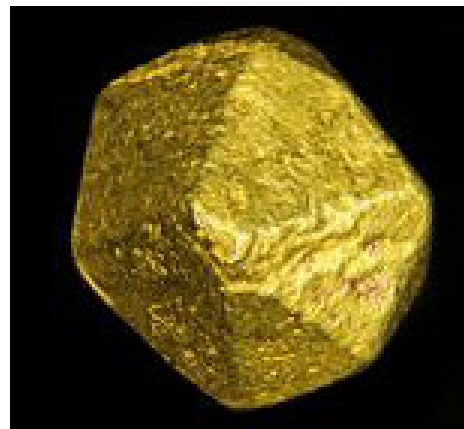
Come join us at our next meeting.

September 10th at 1:30pm.
Milwaukie Grange hall
12015 SE 22nd, Milwaukie, OR

The Portland Gold Prospectors meetings are the third Sunday of every month beginning at 1:30pm. All interested parties are invited to attend the monthly meetings. Become a member of the Portland Gold prospectors, Inc a chapter of the Gold Prospectors Association of America.

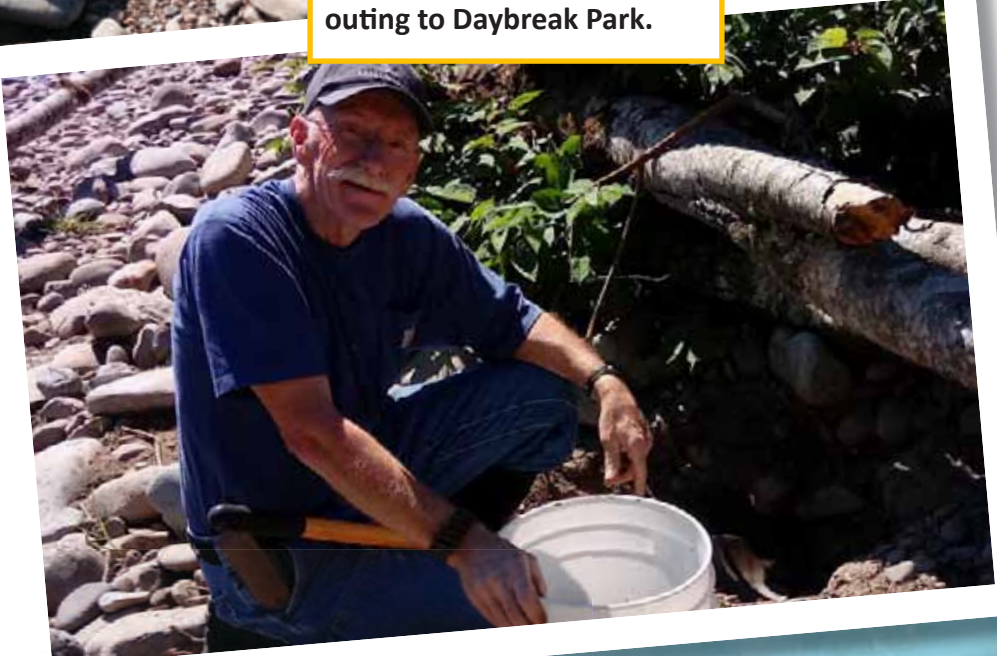
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Gold crystal from Mina Zapata, Bolivar, Venezuela





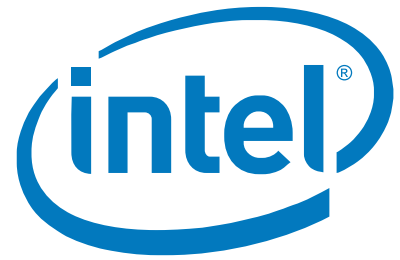
Two prospective PGPI members check out the action at our September outing to Daybreak Park.



Bruce Wickward has the water flow just right in his sluice/highbanker mod.



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