

The Prospector

Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc.

GPA Portland, Oregon Chapter



Editor's Note:

What a crazy few months! I didn't get October's *The Prospector* newsletter finished in time. So Mike gave me permission to combine October and November into one issue. And now I'm late with November! I apologize to one and all.

Oct-Nov, 2020

Cindy Wright shared some great pictures of July's TY Roy outing.



More **photos**
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**PRESIDENT'S BLOG
October-November, 2020**

>>>>NO MEETING IN NOVEMBER<<<<

We are 9+ months into the Covid-19 pandemic, with no quick or easy answers in sight.

As President of PGPI, I have been making the decision regarding monthly chapter meetings; I have asked for ideas regarding alternatives to a full group meeting or a different location, etc. I have not heard from anyone in the chapter regarding a different location or meeting format. However, I have heard from several members that holding the current course of NOT having meetings is the best way to keep our members safe. I appreciate all sides to this decision insofar as some members may think we are being overly cautious. I really can't speak to that other than to say some people are getting incredibly sick and some people are dying. I don't have the answers as to who, how or why. With that being said, I think most prudent course is to NOT have monthly meetings for the time being. I know I would be devastated if one of our members got sick as a result of attending a meeting.

In any event, Clackamas County remains in Phase I - which provides the following conditions: Indoor meetings/activities are capped at 10 people with required social distancing. Cultural, Civic and Faith based groups can have up to 50 people, with required social distancing - I am not sure our group fits the definition of either "Cultural" or "Civic..."

This is frustrating because at this time of year we would normally have nominations and the election

for some new officers and board members. In addition, we would be planning for our annual potluck, plus working on the 2021 GPAA Gold and Treasure Show. We would also be working to organize more outings, speakers and demonstrations for 2021. As it is - we will have to see how it goes.

Since we can't hold nominations and the election of some officer and board member positions now, Charlie Foster recommended that we extend everyone's term by one year. I am making a similar recommendation to the Board; my recommendation is that we extend everyone's term by one year or hold nominations and the election when meetings resume, whichever comes first. I am not sure if it requires a vote by chapter members or not - If it does, we will notify our members by e-mail.

Since none of us has been through something like this before, I am trying to do what I think is best and safest for the group. However, I remain open to any other thoughts or ideas - I don't want anyone to lose interest in the group because we aren't having meetings right now....

Please forward this to anyone I missed.

Thank you!

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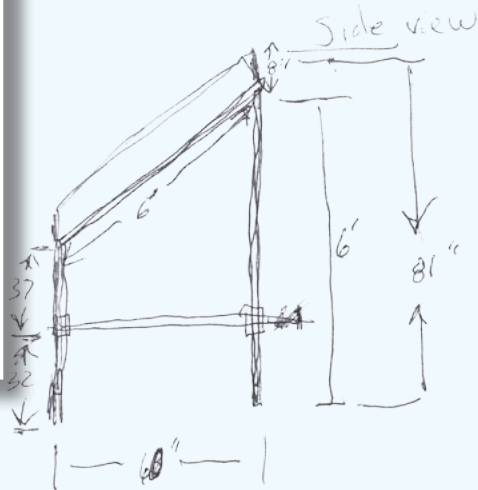


Mine Site Map

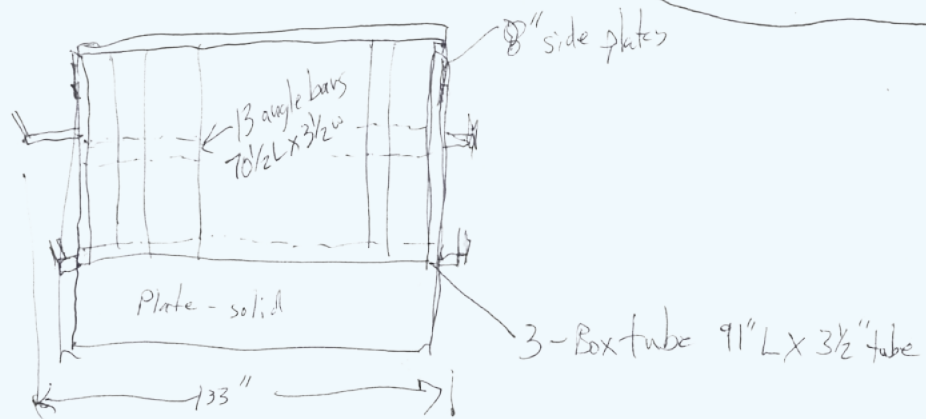


[Mossis & Larry]

Road to camp

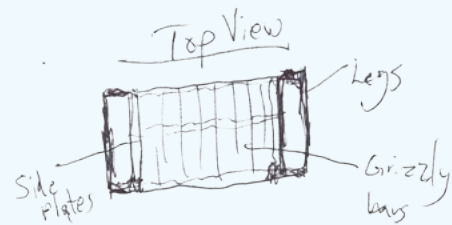
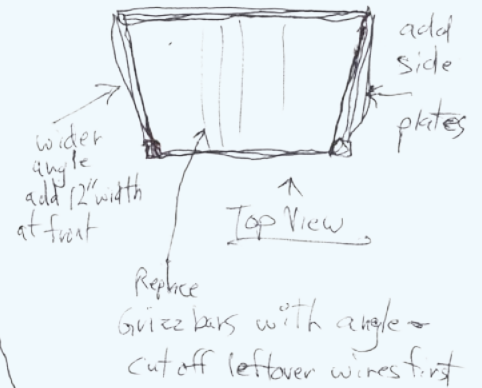


Back view



WishList

- ① cut off bars - replace
- ② Remove expand front tells leg, add side plates on bottom
- ③ Taller Front legs
- ④ Cutoff Top side plates



PANNING DEMONSTRATION

OCTOBER 10, 2020

Jim Erwin, our chapter's Vice President, had an opportunity to organize a panning demonstration, at his home in Estacada, for some members of The Fallen Outdoors, which is a Veteran's group that organizes outdoor activities for Veterans – past and present – from all branches of the military.

Jim coordinated everything with Dakota DeVaux of The Fallen Outdoors; four additional members of The Fallen Outdoors attended.

Jim had four panning stations set up and also had his metal detector out to do some demonstrations. Luckily, everything was set up in Jim's barn, since it was pouring down rain most of the day!

Because space was limited, Jim asked a few members of the Board to participate. Those in attendance include Jim and his wife, Carol, Mike and Gretchen Lewis, Jerry and Carol Johns, Richard Ruth and Cindy Wright. Tim Snyder was also there to take pictures!

After the Pledge of Allegiance, various prospecting equipment, such as the Cube, the Blue Bowl, various sluice boxes and trommels were discussed. However, knowing how to pan is where it all "starts and stops..."



Both Jerry and Richard gave panning demonstrations and discussed their techniques. Then the group broke up to have "one-on-one" time at the panning stations. Jim used some various items to demonstrate metal detecting.

We also enjoyed a wonderful lunch that included hamburgers with all the fixings, potato salad, a mixed hot bean dish, chips (individually packaged) and Hostess cupcakes and Twinkies (individually packaged) and beverages. There was plenty of hand sanitizer available and social distancing (and masks when needed) was observed.

The members of The Fallen Outdoors asked good questions and several expressed an interest in the GPAA and in our club. Each received a small gold pan, a snuffer bottle, a glass vial, and a bag of material to pan.

Hopefully, we will see some of them at our next chapter meeting – when we are able to have one!!

We owe a big Thank you to Jim Erwin and his wife, Carol, for organizing and hosting this event.

Jim hopes to organize additional panning demonstrations!

Note from Jim Erwin:

I'm looking for PGPI volunteers to help with another Gold Panning Demonstration, to be held later this year. The Fallen outdoors has asked if we would do another demo, but I feel it is not right to use the same people over and over. We need to get other members involved. If you have an interest in helping please let me know by calling my cell at 503-519-6200.

Face masks and social distancing will be required.



The new ***Washington Gold and Fish*** pamphlet is now available. You must have it with you whenever you prospect in the state of Washington.

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