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Next Chapter

Meeting:

April 19th 2008

At the

Milwaukie, Oregon
Grange Hall

12015 S.E. 22nd

Meeting Begins at

1:30PM.



DATES TO REMEMBER...

Our next meeting

May 17th 2009 Chapter
Meeting and Food Drive –
Every 2 items given will get
you a \$1 raffle ticket

Don't forget the outings
schedule at the end of this
newsletter.

Please submit Newsletter
Reports before the 1st Friday
of each Month.

From the Presidents Desk

THE GOLD SHOW IN SALEM

What can I say? It was great and a lot of fun. It was great seeing many of the club members there I hope all had a good time.

I saw some new equipment along with some different ideas on mining. The Outdoor Channel came up to our booth to interview Eli and myself. It will air on the Outdoor Channel web site some time this month.

I would like to thank everybody who helped at the gold show. I can't thank everybody enough. Hey, what can I say about the weather? At the time of my typing this up to get to Russell, it was 71 degrees and getting closer to what we all like to do.... prospect!!!

We'll must go now and I look forward to seeing you at the meeting on April 19 at the Grange Hall. May the bottom of your gold pans fill with of gold this year. Thank you all once again.

Sincerely

Preston Griffin

Secretary's Report for meeting dated March 15 2009

Meeting opened 1:30PM – Milwaukie Grange Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Preston Griffin (Club President) - Welcomed attendees & visitors. 77 total, 6 visitors. Glad everyone could join us.

March. meeting minutes in newsletter accepted as posted.

Treasurer's report read and accepted.

Robert Wedding (GPAA Claims Mgr.) - (not here in March). If you use or have used GPAA claims, be sure to send in report... Visiting one of the GPAA claims requires filing a report.

Eli Nicholson (Outings) – Went over list of outings.

Bob Rasey (Safety) – Wilderness Survival Kit
As the season starts there are a few things everyone should have at all times.

A hat to protect from the weather (the head has no fat on it so it burns the fastest and loses heat)

A jacket for those cool days and nights

Sun Screen with a high PF rating (29 or higher best)

Water (2 quarts or more)

A first aid kit with;

Bandages

Ointment (for scratches and insect bites)

4 inch compress as well as Tape

Safety Pins

2 to 3 day supply of your medications

A whistle

Fire starter kit in waterproof container

Water proof matches

Some type of tender (cotton ball is good)

A good knife

Something to carry water in

One or more “Space Blankets”

And if you can find “550” cord (about 25 feet)

Food for a day (MRE or some type of non perishable food)

And if you like “Jelly Bellies” type jelly beans as a source of quick energy.

This is not much but it is a start and you can add to it as you desire. Remember to include some way to carry all this and you will have a ready made 48 hour survival kit to carry with you at all times.

Bob also brought up ICE (In Case of Emergency) to include in your cell phone. Label the number you wish to have contacted in case an emergency comes up as ICE.

It was also brought up that cotton balls with Vaseline on them make a good fire starter. Wrap them in foil until ready to use.

Ken Burns (Equipment Mgr.) - Went over the equipment the club owns. 2 Dredges, 1 is 3” combo, 2 metal detectors, 1 spiral wheel, Tom and Perry's clean up kit. Call Ken @ 503-631-3011 for info.

Richard (Website) Web site up but forum still down.

Mining Activities – (Dave Chiara) – Tom Quintal of Willamette Valley Miners would for any one interested in getting on his email distribution list send them up to date information on mining activities. Sheet for name

and email address was placed on the Sign in table for those interested.

Old Business

Oregon GPAA Gold Show – Volunteers needed for set up on Friday, and attending the booth 2 hour shifts Saturday and Sunday also for tear down Sunday after the show. Sign up sheets on the Sign in table.

Oregon Gold Trips Work Trip – Penny – April 2-5. Clear location for Orange trammel, Move the Red Chevy truck from the A Frame to the main lodge. Brush trimming around the pond. Fire Pit, finish Bath house. Post holes for gate to trammel, build framework for panning tubs.

For those that have not been there before or do not remember how to get there meet at 6:00 pm at Evan’s Depot instead of Abbey’s Pizza. Evan’s Depot (Gas station and small market) is on the same road as Abbey’s only about 7.1 miles further down the road.

\$20 for meals, with a Pot luck Friday night. Bring your own beverages. For tools, loppers, rakes, chainsaws, shovels, hammers. Work 1 day then mine 2 day

Trailer Cost & Plans – Ken Burns – Rough cost about \$400. There was a motion to authorize Ken spending \$450 for parts needed to enclose the trailer. The motion was seconded, and approved by the club members. It was also suggested that a work party be set up to help Ken with the build.

There was a second motion to buy 2 porta- potty’s for the club. This was also seconded and approved.

Trailer on Craigs List – Mike Malloy – no luck finding one

Announcement before the break – Hat's \$10, Bucket Hats \$11, T-shirts M-L \$12, XL-XXL 14. Sweat shirts M-L \$14, XL – XXL \$16.

New Business

Kamp Kalama Metal Detecting Event (Jeanne Gieg) – Will be held May 2 at Kamp Kalama in Washington. \$3.00 and there will be a potluck.

600 / 700 Permits (Steve Williamson) – Had a few copies of 600 permit for people to finish filling out and send in. These would be needed if you are borrowing any of the clubs high bankers. A Oregon Removal –Fill Authorization form is also needed for the 600 as well as the 700 Dredge permit. Copies of these forms and how to fill them out were emailed out to the club’s distribution list for the news letter.

Mining Activities Legal Websites

New 49'ers – <http://www.goldgold.com>

PLP – <http://www.plp2.org> (check out the forums)

NW Mineral Prospectors Club – <http://www.nwmpc.com>

Waldo Mining District –

<http://www.waldominingdistrict.org/>

Eastern Oregon Mining Association –

<http://www.h2oaccess.com/>

IMPORTANT!!! Members visiting our claims, please report assessment work done and the hours to Robert Cadwell.

Email for newsletter (Russell Grau) If you have not been receiving the Newsletter by email please email us at portlandgpaa@aol.com a lot of email addresses are showing up as not valid when we try to send them out.

If you receive the newsletter by regular mail – check the 4 digit number next to your name. That is the month and year your subscription expires (ie, 0709 means your subscription expires with the July 2009 newsletter). Give your Newsletter Subscription Renewal checks to the Treasurer.

Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc Outings 2009

- ✓ **GPAA Gold show** **March 28 -29th, Set up March 27th**
- ✓ Oregon Gold trips work party 1st weekend in April 2 -5 (Snow dependent) arrive evening of April 2 leave afternoon of April 5

Molalla River	April 11
Molalla River	April 18
Kalama RV	May 2 Metal detecting event \$3.00 and will have potluck
Molalla River	May 9 & 10
Molalla River	May 16 & 17 (Club Meeting)
Old Miner's Meadow *	June 5– June 7
Molalla River	June 13 & 14
Estacada Coin Shoot	June 20 (Need volunteers to run this)
Blue Bucket	June 26, 27 & 28 \$35. per high banker
TYROY	June 29 – July 5 (could include Crystal claim)
Molalla River or	July 11 & 12
Open	July 25 & 26
Open	Aug 1 & 2
Molalla River	Aug 8 & 9
Molalla River	Aug 22 & 23
TYROY	Sept 12 &13 or Sept 26 & 27
Open	Oct 10 & 11
Open	Oct 24 & 25

Other Possibilities:

Mike Malloy claim early June? High banking/sluicing Need 10 people minimum

Mike Malloy claim Aug or? Dredging Need 10 people minimum

Jones Creek

Combined Southern Oregon Roseburg GPAA chapter & Portland Gold Prospector's Eli is checking into this.

* Not available until 2:00 PM June 5th.


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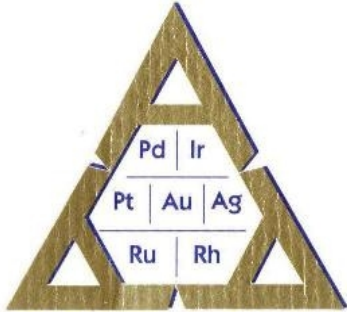


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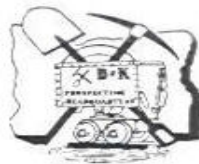
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From an unknown source....

Morris and his wife Esther went to the state fair every year, and every year Morris would say, 'Esther, I'd like to ride in that helicopter.'

Esther always replied, 'I know Morris, but that helicopter ride is fifty dollars, and fifty dollars is fifty dollars'

One year Esther and Morris went to the fair, and Morris said, 'Esther, I'm 85 years old. If I don't ride that helicopter, I might never get another chance.'

To this, Esther replied, 'Morris that helicopter ride is fifty dollars, and fifty dollars is fifty dollars.'

The pilot overheard the couple and said, 'Folks I'll make you a deal.. I'll take the both of you for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and not say a word, I won't charge you! But if you say one word, it's fifty dollars.'

Morris and Esther agreed and up they went. The pilot did all kinds of fancy maneuvers, but not a word was heard. He did his daredevil tricks over and over again, but still not a word.

When they landed, the pilot turned to Morris and said, 'By golly, I did everything I could to get you to yell out, but you didn't. I'm impressed!'

Morris replied, 'Well, to tell you the truth, I almost said something when Esther fell out, but you know, fifty dollars is fifty dollars!'

GPAA Membership Renewal Credits

Buzzard Special	10.00
1 Year Mining Guide Renewal	7.50
2 Year Mining Guide Renewal	12.00
Gold Life Membership	25.00
LDMA Membership	50.00
Alaska Sign - Ups	50.00

The 2 & 3 yr. Mining Guide renewals credits are adjusted because the member is getting a reduced price.

For Alaska sign-up information, please contact the Alaska Administrator.

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.

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