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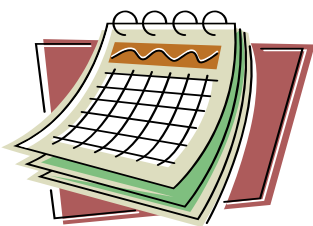
July 2011

Next Chapter Meeting:

July 17, 2011

At the
Milwaukie, Oregon
Grange Hall
12015 S. E. 22nd
Meeting Begins at
1:30 PM.

DATES TO REMEMBER...



Our next meeting

August 21st 2011 Chapter Meeting and Food Drive – Every 2 items given will get you a \$1 raffle ticket

Please submit Newsletter Reports before the FIRST Friday of each Month.

From the Presidents Desk

It was nice to see everyone at the last meeting. I also wanted to thank Betty Bench for bringing the homemade cookies. Also I want to thank all of the kitchen staff for their good work in they do in the kitchen.

I wanted to give a special thanks to the members that helped at the demonstrations that were done at the Courtyard Fountains Retirement Community on June 26th Judy Stevens, Ken & Helen Burns, Rodney Chavez, Robert Rasey, Pat Locnikar, Larry Sharp, Erine Stinson, & Ed.

Don't forget that at this next meeting we are going to have A GPS class & metal Detecting classes the last half of the meeting so bring your GPS and metal detectors.

“SEE YA’LL AT THE UPCOMMING MEETING ON JULY 17TH “

MAY THE BOTTOM OF YOUR PAN TURN GOLD THIS YEAR!!!!

*SINCERELY
THE PRES. ---- AL LEWIS*



**Secretary's report for regular meeting of June 19, 2011
Milwaukie Grange Hall, 12015 SE 22nd, Milwaukie, OR**

Meeting called to order at 1:30 p.m. by President Al Lewis, who welcomed members, prospective members and guests. 60 persons were present, including 46 members who signed in.

Secretary's report for the May meeting as printed in the June newsletter was accepted as printed.

President Lewis requested a moment of silence for Chris Parsons, who had recently passed away.

Treasurer's report for May revenue and expenses was approved as presented.

REPORTS

Club claims/membership - Robert Cadwell reminded members to fill out the attendance sheets, asking that everyone be sure your email address is accurate. A group of members went to the TYROY claim and set posts at each corner of the claim.

Outings - Robert Cadwell reminded members that before going on an outing, you must sign the club form agreeing to the club rules.

GPAA claims - Robert Rasey reported that GPAA has changed its system, so a club now gets non-expiring credits rather than expiring points, to be used to get GPAA merchandise. GPAA has started a program to adopt a claim, like the adopt-a-highway program, for members to keep that claim cleared of trash. There are two new claims in Oregon but only metal detecting and sluices are permitted on these claims.

Library - Beau Gordon was absent; no report. Any member may call Beau and arrange to pick up materials from him. Materials are to be returned at the next meeting.

Safety - Robert Rasey described the three major types of sports drinks, commonly used to replenish fluids during or after strenuous activities. However, some of these sports drinks contain low concentrations of electrolytes, which the body requires. People who work or exercise strenuously should seek professional advice about proper rehydration. Alcohol, coffee, tea, soft drinks or other fluids high in caffeine are not a good source for fluid replacement as caffeine is a diuretic that will cause the body to expel more fluids.

Equipment - Ken Burns described motorized and non-motorized club equipment available to members, including a trailer. His contact information is in the newsletter.

Newsletter - Tom Jones requests materials and input from members for the newsletter. He will run any items submitted past the board before printing them.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TYROY expenses - The group that went to TYROY to set

up posts as requested by President Lewis submitted expenses exceeding \$200. A motion was made and seconded to approve reimbursement of these expenses. Motion passed.

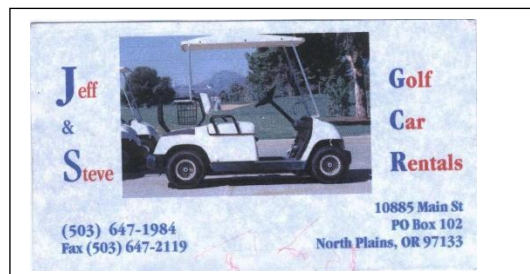
Panning demonstration at Courtyard Fountains - President Lewis reminded members of the panning demonstration starting at 11:00 on June 26, and provided the address. This retirement community also requested a demonstration on metal detecting on Friday, June 24. Robert Rasey volunteered to do this demonstration.

TYROY outing June 24-26 - Pictures recently taken by Carl Hughes of the muddy and potholed road into the claim were available. A sign-up sheet for those planning to go was placed on the table. [By the end of the meeting, no one had signed up to go to TYROY this weekend.]

Molalla River outing July 9-10 - There is about 10 miles of open mining on the stretch of river open for recreational purposes. While there is parking for day use, there is limited camping available as you must be camped at a location with a fire ring. You cannot mine at the swimming hold below the bridge. Also, be cautious of your surroundings, as there is wildlife in this area. Continued to page 4...

PGPI 2011 Outings

April 2 - 3	Salem Gold Show	Completed
May 20 -22	Wines Camp Work Party	Southern Oregon
June 10-12	Blue Moon Claim	Calapooia River
*June 24-26	TYROY Claims (inc. work party)	Baker City
July 9-10	Molalla River	Molalla River Rec. area
July 24-26	TYROY Claims	Baker City
Aug. 5-7	Blue Moon Claim (inc. work party)	Calapooia River
Aug. 26-28	Clackamas River	To be determined
Sept. 2-5	TYROY Claims	Baker City
Sept. 9-11	Molalla River	Molalla River Rec. area
Sept. 30-Oct. 2	Blue Moon Claim [alt. date Oct 21-23]	Calapooia River
Oct. 21-23	Molalla River	Molalla River Rec. area



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Is Recreational Metal Detecting on the Endangered List?

The content of the article revolves around:

- the law: federal, state, counties, cities
- governmental staffing
- national detecting associations
- state detecting associations
- detecting clubs
- the hobby
- detectorist responsibilities
- detector technology
- night hawking
- environment
- conclusion and summary

Your will need to read the article to get the answer to the title question.

Included in the summary is a graphic that tries to represent the impact of regulations on the hobby up to today's time period and on into the future. The graphic is not based on absolute data but represent the articles descriptive content.

Next month (June) the feature article will be about what needs to take place to change the situation. If you have a position on the article email mdhtalk with your opinion.



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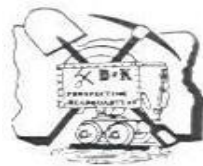
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NEW BUSINESS

Educational demonstrations - The activities director formerly at Courtyard Fountains is now at Rose City Retirement Community, and has requested the club conduct a panning demonstration there in July. Members wanted to know the date before deciding. President Lewis will find out the date and send out a mass email to members to determine interest. Also, the Wilsonville Library has requested the club conduct a panning demonstration for kids this fall. More information on this event will be obtained.

TYROY pond update - Committee chair Robert Burns reported the club is looking at a 3-year project. This year the paperwork will be done, as well as digging several trenches to check for soil content. Photos will be taken of each trench, but each trench must be immediately filled in. The test digging is not considered an outing, so other members of the club may not participate. Next year the first "wildlife and livestock" pond will be dug, with the second pond being dug in the third year.

Announcements - (1) The July meeting will be shortened to allow for training in the parking lot on use of GPS and metal detecting devices. (2) President Lewis will contact the BLM folks in Baker City to confirm whether the term "hand tools" includes small motorized equipment such as rototillers and jackhammers. He has previously heard that BLM interprets motorized equipment to mean tractors and backhoes and other similar large pieces of equipment. (3) The Gem and Mineral Show is September 23-25 in Hillsboro. A flyer with more details will be available at the next meeting. (4) Steve Lewin spoke briefly about his private claim on Copper Creek.

Jim Dorning conducted the raffle for \$1 and \$5 ticket items. The plinko 50/50 split was won by Sopa Burns. Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Locnikar, Secretary

Do you know the Portland Gold Prospectors Inc Code of Conduct and Claim Permit?

1. Carry your Membership Card & Claim Permit At All Times.
2. Member Agrees To Obey All Local, State & Federal Regulations Applicable To Their Activities.
3. Member Assumes Personal Responsibility For Obtaining All Permits Required for Their Activities.
4. Member Is Responsible For Maintaining Claims, Markers, Trash Removal & Keeping Claims Safe For Animals and People.
5. Pets Must Be Under the Control of Their Owners At All Times. Clean Up After Pets in Camping Areas.
6. Member Will be Courteous To All Members and Campers
7. Member Will Show Their Membership Card Upon Request.

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.

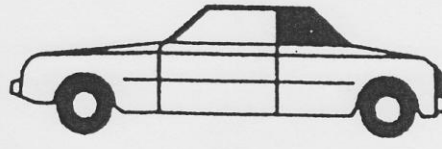
All members note:

When you purchase a GPAA Membership or Renewal (listed below) our Club earns Chapter Credits that can be used to acquire GPAA merchandise for club sales or fundraisers.

WHEN RENEWING, PLEASE WRITE A NOTE OR BY PHONE SAY YOU BELONG TO THE PORTLAND, OR GPAA CHAPTER TO REQUEST THE CLUB CREDITS.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON CONTACT SPOT REPORT

SEX	RACE	AGE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	WEAPON TYPE
HAIR					HAT (Color, type)
GLASSES TYPE					TIE
COMPLEXION					COAT
SCARS/MARKS					SHIRT
TATTOOS					TROUSERS
FOOTWEAR					CAMERA
					DATE
		TIME			
		LOCATION			
DIRECTION OF TRAVEL			NAMES USED/GIVEN		
WITNESSES					

VEHICLE TYPE	COLOR	YEAR
LICENSE NO.	NO. OF OCCUPANTS	
DIRECTION OF TRAVEL		
		
DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT		

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Ron Embry

**We give our Condolences to
 Ron's Family and Loved Ones
 Over His Recent Passing**

CAMPING CHECK LIST

	AXE/HATCHET	SUNTAN LOTION	CLOTHING	FOOD
	ALARM CLOCK	SURVIVAL KIT	BANDANA	ICE CHEST
	BACKPACK	TENT-POLES-STAKES	CAMP SHOES	ICE
	BATTERIES	TOILET PAPER	EXTRA LACES	JUICES
	BINOCULARS	MEDICATIONS	GLOVES	MEATS
	BUNGI CORDS	TOOL KIT	HAT	SNACKS
	CAMERA & FILM	TOWELS	HICKING BOOTS	BREAD
	CAMP CHAIRS	WASHCLOTH	JACKET / COAT	BUTTER
	TABLE	WATER & CONTAINER	PANTS	COFFEE
	CAN OPENER	WATER PURIFICATION	RAINGEAR	COOKING OIL
	CANDLES	WHISTLE	SHIRTS	EGGS
	CHAPSTICK	WIRE	SHORTS	FLOWER
	COMPASS & MAP	WOOD SAW	SOCKS	MEATS
	COOKSTOVE	ZIPLOC BAGS	SWEATER	CONDIMENTS
	COOKING EQUIPMENT:		SWEATSHIRTS	MILK
	MESS KIT		THERMALS	PANCAKE MIX
	CUP		VEST	SALT & PEPPER
	UTENSILES			SOFT DRINKS
	COFFEE POT			SUGER
	DAY PACK			TEA
	DISH SOAP			
	SCRUBBER			
	EMERGENCY BLANKET			
	EMER. SIGNALING DEVICE			
	FIRE STARTER			
	FIRST AID KIT			
	FLASHLIGHT & BATTERIES			
	FOIL			
	FUEL			
	FUNNEL			
	GEAR BAG	MINING EQUIPMENT		
	GRILL	PANS		
	GROUND CLOTH/TARP	SCOOPS		
	HAMMOCK	MAGNETS		
	HAND SOAP	TWEEZERS		
	HANDWARMER & FUEL	SLUCE		
	HEATER	HIGHBANKER		
	INSECT REPELLENT	DREDGE		
	KNIFE AND SHARPENER	MOTOR		
	LATERN AND MANTLES	HOSE & FOOT VALVE		
	LIGHTER	CLASSIFIER		
	MATCHES IN	VILE		
	WATERPROOF CASE	SNUFFER BOTTLE/TUBE		
	PAD & PENCIL	WET SUIT		
	PAPER PLATES	FACE MASK		
	PILLOW			
	PLASTIC TRASH BAGS			
	PLAYING CARDS/GAMES			
	POCKET MONEY			
	REPAIR TAPE/DUCT TAPE			
	ROPE & CORD			
	SEWING KIT			
	SHOVEL			
	SLEEPING BAG & PAD			
	SUNGLASSES			

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24 Grains = 1 Pennyweight Troy
20 Pennyweight Troy = 1 Troy Ounce
480 Grains = 1 Troy Ounce
15.43 Grains = 1 Gram
1 Gram = .0322 Troy Ounces
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