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Chapter Meeting:

July, 20th 2014

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

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

Dates to Remember...



July, 2014
1:30 PM

Our next meeting:

If you bring in 2 cans of food you will receive 1 ticket for our \$1.00 raffle. You can bring in up to 10 cans for a total of 5 \$1.00 tickets. We also have \$5.00 tickets. For better prizes.



From The President's Desk

Come join us on Sunday, July 20th, we've got lots to talk about.

We'll be going over recent events (TYRoy, etc.) and new outing items and you don't want to miss it. With lots of summer still ahead of us – do you have an outing idea you'd like to share?

Are you ready? Is your equipment up to par and do you know where to go? How about your prospecting skills – are they up to speed?

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.

We are also planning a "Yard Sale" at Ken and Helens (Redland) and we need items to sell (donated to PGPI for support or partial proceeds). We will also have a signup sheet for those who want to help (your help is needed and appreciated). As always, volunteering is great fun and you get to know other folks you haven't gotten to know.

Let's make this a great year to have fun and profit by our involvement and find some gold. Even memories become golden with time.

Sincerely,

David Chiara.

Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc.

Secretary's Report June 15th, 2013
Milwaukie Grange Hall, 12015 SE 22nd Milwaukie, OR

Meeting called to order by President Dave Chiara at 1:30PM

Pledge of Allegiance conducted.

Attendance:

36 members in attendance to the meeting.

No new visitors in attendance.

Meeting minutes:

A **Motion** was made and seconded to accept the Secretary's report as written and published in the newsletter.

The motion was approved by the Association body.

Treasury report: Beverly Parker

Treasure report was read.

A **Motion** was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as read.

Motion was approved.

Need new Webmaster for association site: The association's current webmaster is resigning his role and we need a new web master. Professional webmasters are expensive and will cost the group \$700 - \$1000 per year. However, if anyone has the skills or knows a relative with the skills that is willing to help us out, we can cut that cost significantly or possibly all together. Please speak to your friends, neighbors and relatives to see if anyone is willing to help here.

Outings/ Association Claims – Ken Burns

Ken and Dave took a trip up to Washington (Cape Disappointment) to find where the association could plan a future day trip/event. They were not successful in finding the correct beach area where gold is being found, but did get to see some nice wildlife including an Elephant Seal. If any members of the association have been to Cape Disappointment, please work with Ken and Dave to help locate the correct location.

A couple of members announced they will be going over to the claims in eastern Oregon. All members are able to visit the claims when they wish, but you do need to contact the association president or claims director before going over so that they can track who will be there and when. There are restrictions in place that all association members need to follow.

Membership - Ken Burns

New Membership cards are available for 2014. If you have attended 3 meetings, outings or events with the association you are considered a member. There are no fees required to be a member of the association. You will be asked to sign a waiver form releasing the association of any liability for injury during any outings.

Library: Joe Weber

The Library is available for all members of the association to use and check out items. New Maps donated by an association member this month. Check them out!

Newsletter: Bill Mutton

Bill was not available during this meeting, but continues to do a great job putting together the newsletter. Please help support him by sharing interesting stories or articles for research.

New Business:

The association is planning to do a "Garage Sale" fund raiser in August. The garage sale will use items donated by association members and all profits will go to the association treasury. Ken Burns has volunteered his house.

(Respectfully submitted by Jerry Johns, Secretary)

Be on my committee

Outings See Ken Burns

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

Newsletter & Emails

If you have not been receiving the Newsletter by Email,

Please email us at portlandgpaa@aol.com

Don't forget, you can also download the Newsletter from our website.

On August, 23rd The Association is having a Yard Sale at Ken Burns House, so we need donations

If you have anything that you can donate for the association, we all would be glad to have them, It is something we all can do and even a small donation is better than none.

Thank You for your support, If you need ideas as to what can be donated please see Dave or any of the Board members at the next meeting.

History of the Month

Molalla River - Oregon Gold Prospecting

Filed under [Clackamas County Gold](#), [Molalla River](#)

Located within Clackamas County and roughly forty miles southeast from Portland, Oregon is the **Molalla River Recreation Corridor**. There is a little gold in the Molalla River and the gold that is found is found in spotty occurrences along the river. Gold is believed to have traveled into the Molalla River from the Ogle Mine area, and other unknown or small low grade deposits. There is free camping in the area, but many places it is hard to find a speck of gold. Try reading the river for gold occurrences. Gold will travel on the inside bends of the river and the shortest route in between bends. Try the cracks in the basalt bedrock. There are many boulders in the area that may have deposited a pay-streak a feet or so in front of them (downstream) when the flood levels of the river were overflowing. The gold here is mostly fine to small flakes, and sometimes you will find nothing at all. A lot of pan testing is required to find a good spot.



The recreational mining area starts about 1.4 miles below the bridge located at Glen Avon and ends south at the Horse Creek Bridge. You can use a dredge up to four inches, but no bigger. Dredging is allowed from July 15th to August 30th. The nice thing about this area is it is not too far from Portland to do some Oregon gold prospecting and is a good area for a new, but patient greenhorn to hone his or her skills. The key here is to take many sample pans and don't give up. Go find some of that Clackamas County gold!

WHERE TO PAN FOR GOLD IN OREGON

To find gold, you should go where gold has been found before in northeast Oregon, southwest Oregon, and the Western Cascades. These areas have many streams and rivers that can be successfully panned for gold.

FEDERAL LANDS

mining claims on Federal land are not open for gold panning unless permission has been granted by the owner. However, four areas have been set aside on Federal land in Oregon for recreational gold panning:

Area 1. Quartzville Recreational Corridor:

Located in the Western Cascades, Salem District, Bureau of Land Management (free site). The Salem District Office address is 1717 Fabry Road SE, Salem, OR 97306, phone (503) 375-5646.

Area 2. Butte Falls Recreational Area:

Located in southwestern Oregon, Medford District, Bureau of Land Management (free site). The Medford address is 3040 Biddle Road, Medford, OR 97504, phone (541) 770-2200.

Area 3. Applegate Ranger District:

Located in southwestern Oregon, Rogue River National Forest (four fee sites where there is a charge of a dollar a day for panning in areas adjacent to campgrounds). The Applegate Ranger District address is 6941 Upper Applegate Road, Jacksonville, OR 97530, phone (541) 899-1812.

Area 4. Wallowa-Whitman National Forest:

Located in northeastern Oregon (free sites). Forest Supervisor is located at PO Box 907, Baker City, OR 97814, phone (541) 523-6391. Recreational gold mining in the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest are listed below:

Most campgrounds and major roads are withdrawn from mineral entry in order to keep people from tearing them up or destroying them. Currently they do not have an area specifically set aside for mining but there are lots of places on the forest service lands that are open and checking with your local Forest Service office would be a great place to start.

Camping, but "no mining" within the camp sites themselves:

a. Eagle Forks Campground, 9 mi northwest of Richland, T. 8 S., R. 44 E., Pine Ranger District, Halfway, OR 97834, phone (541) 742-7511.

b. **McCully Forks Campground**, on McCully Forks Creek just west of Sumpter, T. 9 S., R. 36 E.; Deer Creek Campground, on Deer Creek north of Phillips Lake, T. 9 S., R. 38 E.

b.1. Powder River Recreational Area, on the Powder River just below Mason Dam, T. 10 S., R. 39 E.; all located in the Baker Ranger District, Baker City, OR 97814, phone (541) 523-4476.

c. Antlers Guard Station, on the Burnt River, T. 11 S., R. 36 E., Unity Ranger District, Unity, OR 97884, phone (541) 446-3351.

In addition, gold panning is permitted on nearly all streams and rivers running through campgrounds on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and USDA Forest Service (USFS) land in Oregon.

Maps showing locations of campgrounds may be obtained from local BLM and USFS offices; from the Nature of the Northwest Information Center, 800 NE Oregon St. #5, Suite 177, Portland, OR 97232, phone (503) 872-2750; or from the BLM Oregon State Office, PO Box 2965, 1515 SW First, Portland, OR 97208, phone (503) 952-6002.

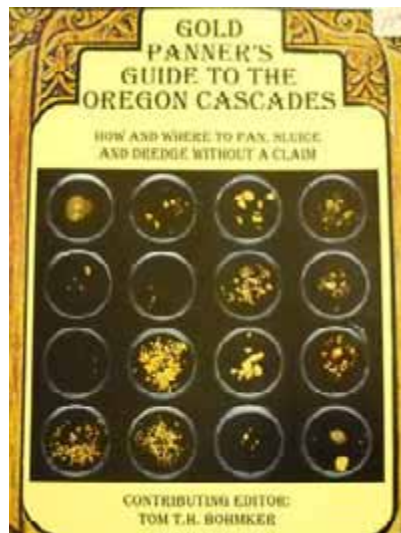
As always Please check with Federal, State, and Local Authority's to check on open and closed areas Of mining, and maybe you could be on someone's claim. I know the Wallowa-Whitman area is mostly closed to mining, But I included it because of the numbers to contact folks to find out where you might be able to go.

Gold Panners Guide To The Oregon Cascades: Book Review

Mar.27, 2010 in [Oregon Gold News & Misc.](#), [Reviews](#) [Leave a Comment](#)

Tom (T.H.) Bohmker is a gold miner and author of many gold prospecting and gold mining guides. OregonGold.net is one of the few online retailers of his books, and in recent conversion the subject came up about his newly released book entitled "Gold Panners Guide to the Oregon Cascades." I was drawn to the book, because it entails information about a lot of places I have prospected and gold hunted, such as Quartzville, Calapooia River, Blue River, Bohemia area (including Brice & Sharps Creeks), the North & South Forks of the Umpqua River...just to name a few.

I do a lot of research for this website and have posted information on many of these gold locations myself. I must say that Tom has insider information as to where to find gold in the State of Oregon. If you... as a internet user, find the information posted here at oregongold.net useful, then you will be wise to invest in this book. This book goes into much further detail, than the information posted on this website. The information he covers gives a rare, if ever seldom heard or read history that any true gold miner or prospector hungers to learn. After all, gold prospecting is part geology, part mystery and part treasure hunt, and in order to find the gold you must do your research and learn. This book is a very good research tool.



After doing much research, about many of these places where to find gold in Oregon, I am envious of the knowledge of information in this book. I told Tom I would not give away all his secrets in this book and would keep most of information I give away here to a minimum. But there is so much information I am just going to say, you need to buy the book to find out. This was not meant to be a sales pitch, but it looks like it turned out that way. I fully can put my recommendation on this book, and I hope a few of you out there will check it out. I am sure you will be glad you did. To Tom, "I am sorry...you worked hard on this book and I just cannot bring myself to give away any of the information for free. Thanks for choosing oregongold.net to sell your Gold Panners Guides. Looking forward to seeing more in the future. If you would like to purchase "Gold Panner's Guide to the Oregon Cascades", you may find it by clicking right here —

-> [Gold Books](#)

We also carry other mining and prospecting guides by Tom (T.H.) Bohmker as well as other gold mining and prospecting books.

I have this book and I really, really like it. It has some very good places to check on. Bill

This website is where I found this month's article and it has some very good information on a lot of different things, Including some of the prospecting shows last year and upcoming ones for this year.

<http://www.oregongold.net/tag/where-to-find-gold-in-oregon.com>



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All members note:

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Portland Gold Prospectors Association Meetings.

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