

Nampa ID Chapter GPAA Newsletter

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PRESIDENTIAL NUGGETS

Hello Fellow Prospectors,

Here we find ourselves at the beginning of not only a new year but a new decade. I'm sure all of you are hoping for a better year this year than last. Let's all hope for a tremendous decade. On a much smaller scale, but no less important, we have the gold show coming up in a few weeks. If you would like to participate at the show please come to our planning meeting on January 26th at the same place as the regular meeting. The meeting will be at 7 pm. Please bring your ideas and anything else you think might be useful at the show. I think this show will be a very fun and memorable time for all involved.

On another subject, soon our club will be electing officers for the next term. We all need to be thinking about how we (you) can support the club. Proper leadership is essential for the continuing life of the club. I hope there are some individuals out there who will step up and make a difference. You don't have to be any certain type of person or personality, you just have to want to try.

I want to give a big heartfelt thank you to all of the current club officers. You guys and girls have done an outstanding job the past few years. I can't thank you enough for all you do.

I also wanted to thank Ernie from Atlanta Gold for helping us understand the difference between a tunnel and a shaft. I hope we can look foreword to many more talks by Mr. Simmons.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting.

Rob

NEXT OUTING

The GPAA GOLD & TREASURE SHOW!

February 6 - 7, 2010

Expo Idaho

SAT 10am - 5pm

SUN 10am - 4pm

Adults \$5; Kids under 12 FREE

JANUARY 5TH MEETING MINUTES

Nampa Chapter GPAA Meeting Minutes - 5 January 2010

President Rob Forbes welcomed all and asked the new members and visitors to please introduce themselves.

No Secretary's report was given due to the Secretary's absence.

Treasurer Karin Hunter gave the report for both December '09 and Jan '10.

VP Cary Singleton thanked Karin for all her work.

Tickets are still being sold for the sluice. 56 tickets have been sold so far.

Outings Director Larry Steele went over the '09 outings and said the new Director from the next elections will determine the outings for the 2010 season.

Business items:

Tshirts with and w/o pockets are for sale. Rob will call Vicki to order 2 dozen hats.

Rob asked for a show of hands to see how many members will be able to help with the National GPAA show in February. There will be a meeting at the restaurant Tuesday, 26 January 2010 at 7pm for show helpers.

Local media will need to be advised. Karin will contact GPAA to see what they offer for advertising.

Suggestions for the show include - raffling a hibanker or other equipment, nugget raffle, bringing equipment for demonstrations (ie: hibanking, metal detecting, gold panning - Don Headricks offered to loan his large panning trough), perhaps equipment for sale, a digital photo display of our club outings. Karin will be there for new membership sign up.

Danny Prochaska is building trommels....check out: www.summitmining.com Ray Bixler will carry them at his shop 'Finders Keepers'.

Jim has power sluices for sale at \$120.00 and also stream sluices.

It was noted that the newspapers are still showing our meeting place as Snake River Elementary.

Chief Operating Officer Ernie Simmons from Atlanta Gold gave a discussion on hard rock mining and explaining the diagram that he handed out at the December meeting.

Bill Gardunia won the door prize nugget.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Oakander for Jesse Leib

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, February 2nd at the Canyon Creek Restaurant in the Shilo Inn
(at the Nampa Franklin exit - North side of the freeway)

Meeting starts at 7pm

Come early to get your raffle tickets, talk with your friends and grab a bite to eat!

ATTENTION

Tuesday, January 26th is a special meeting for those who have ideas and/or can help with the GPAA Gold & Treasure Show that will be held in Boise at Expo Idaho on February 6th & 7th.

Meeting is at **7pm TUESDAY** at our usual meeting place (see below).

TREASURER'S REPORT

Income:

Raffle \$306.00

Membership: \$204.00

Mining Guides: \$30.00

Donations: \$26.00

T-Shirt Sales: \$46.00

Sluice Raffle: \$60.00

Restaurant patron reimbursement: \$11.50 \$683.50

Disbursements:

Check to Cary Singleton for Raffle Items
\$86.46

Check to Karin Hunter for November's
Newsletter printing \$19.08 \$105.54

OF INTEREST

FOR SALE: Generator: 4000W Generac - 10 years old, used very little - \$400
Call Darrell Larsen at 454-2167 for more information

FOR YOU METAL DETECTOR FOLKS, this is from a website (www.buzzle.com) that has some interesting stuff. This was written by Earl Hunsinger:

Thar's gold in them thar hills! This famous saying is believed to have been inspired by a statement made by an assayer in Georgia at the time of the California gold rush of 1849. According to the [Digital Library of Georgia](#) Dr. Matthew Stephenson was trying to convince a crowd of miners to stay in Georgia rather than go west in pursuit of gold. Speaking to them from the steps of the local courthouse, he pointed to Findley Ridge and pleaded: "Why go to California? In that ridge lies more gold than man ever dreamt of. There's millions in it."

Prior to the California gold rush of 1849, Georgia had experienced its own gold rush, back in 1828. However, according to the website Reedmine.com, the first documented discovery of gold in the United States took place in North Carolina. When twelve year old Conrad John Reed brought home the 17 pound yellow rock in 1799, his family thought it would make a nice doorstop. Three years later, after they discovered what it really was, the nation's first gold rush began. Shortly after this, in 1803, a slave discovered an even bigger yellow rock, a gold nugget weighing 28 pounds.

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