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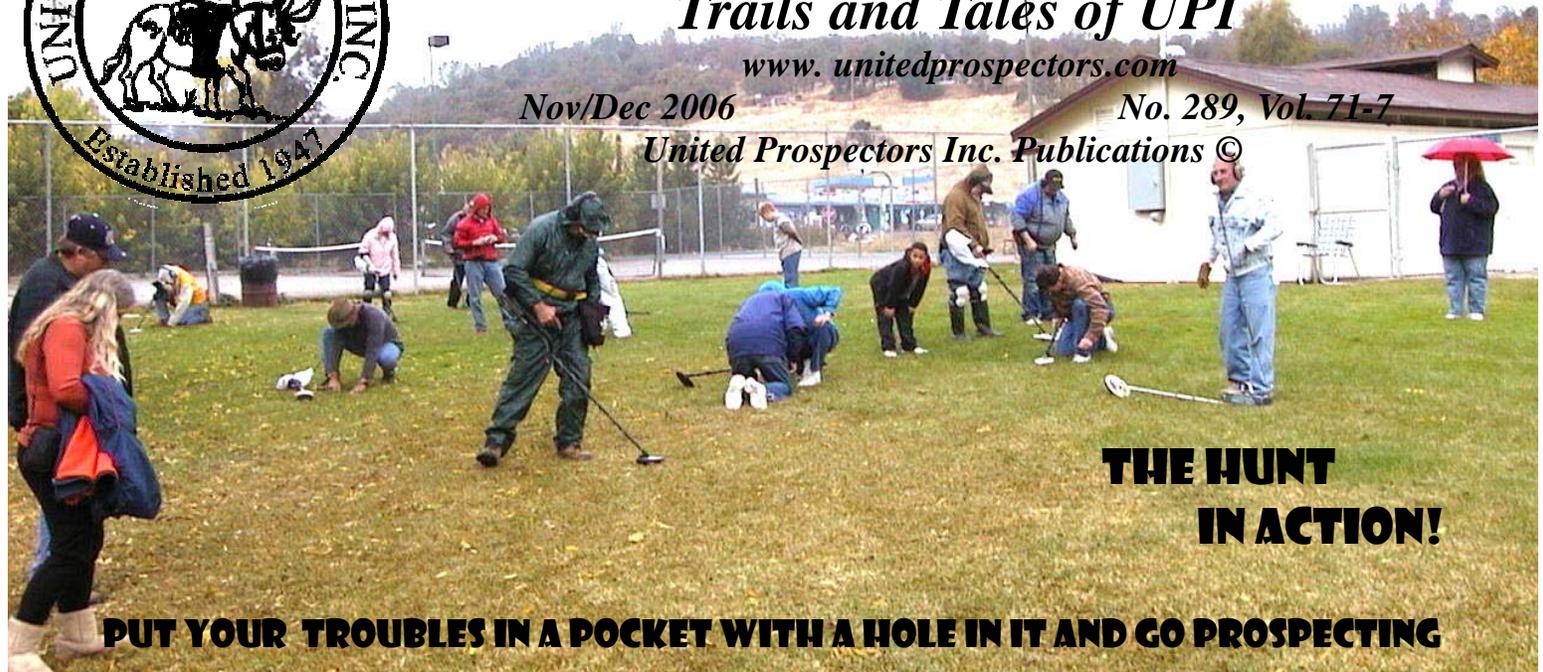
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Coulterville always makes for a great season end and this year we (UPI Members) out did ourselves. Bill recorded a total of 83 attendees and I am sure that there were even more as the room was very full.

To list all of those responsible would be a long list as everyone contributed to the food preparation, the setting up of the room and the tear down of the room. The most important thank you goes to my wife Cindy, not only is she cool with all the mining trips I go on, she also has taken on some other tasks like reworking the Tri-fold and cooking turkeys the last 3 years. So as we enter the time of year that we give thanks for all we have, Thanks Cindy.

As we head into 2007 we must be diligent in our work to be able to maintain all that we have, as the Forest Service and others continue to chip away at our rights to use public land, and our ability to do what we do is threatened. The things we can do are simple, join PLP, and support our advertisers to keep our organization strong. Make contact with your Senators and Representatives and let them know that you don't approve with the loss of land use opportunities facing us. Individually we do not have as big an impact as we do united, so get involved with your organization, help keep us strong.

We currently have an opening on the Board for a Wagon Master. If you are interested in the position, talk with your Board Member friends to get the details.

Looking forward to seeing you all at Moccasin Creek our first outing of 2007.
Don

THE OUTING

Well I don't have a full picture of all that went on at the event, as it was a day trip for me. With the weather information I was getting I wasn't into possibly having to set up in the rain on Friday and having to fold up a wet Coleman on Sunday morning and having to crank it up again when I got home to dry it out properly. I can however give you a pretty full report on what occurred Saturday.

I rolled up to the claim entrance at about 8:30 Saturday morning, and took a few pictures of the site from up on the road. There appeared to be six parties camping there. Hardy souls indeed! The weather wasn't ugly, but it wasn't pretty either. I was spotted and hailed down but I declined because I wanted to be in time for the Board Meeting.

When arriving in Coulterville I did a windshield inspection, I'm good at those I do them all the time in my work, of the Coulterville RV Park and spotted five familiar rigs, then on to the Hotel Jeffery for the meeting. Not being familiar with any part of the Hotel other than the bar, which I have visited only a couple of times over the last seven years, I was at a loss as where to go. All I knew was that the facility that we had use of was upstairs. OK! What door do I go in, what direction do I go once inside of the door. As it turned out those questions were easily fielded and I found myself in the Cedar Room, I think it is called. This is where the Board Meeting and the potluck were held. This should do it!

The room was already set up when I arrived. A big thank you to all that took responsibility for having the



Left: Lined up for the start of the hunt.

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01/13/07, first Board Meeting of the year.
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6/30 - 7/8, Genesee UPI, Board Meeting, 7/7*
8/4 - 8/12, Salmon River UPI, alternate Squirrel Creek UPI, no meeting
8/31 - 9/2, Bull Creek UPI, no meeting
10/5 - 10/7, Twain UPI, elections and Board

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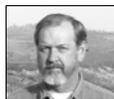
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BOARD NOTES

MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 11, 2006

President Don Siegel called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

Roll Call:

Officers Present: Don Siegel, President; Tom Eastland, Vice President; Samantha Wait, Treasurer

Directors Present: Bill Reboin, Christa Eastland, Aaron Matula, Gerald Hurt, Brenda Marsh, Chet Chastain.

Directors and Officers Absent: Rita Perry, Steve Letlow, and Wesley Smith

Guests Present: Beverly Paul, Shirley Coney, Phil Coney, Ken Millsap, Bob Azbill, Georgia Azbill, Walter Hills, Carol Eastland, Bill Eastland, Dillard McKeever, Bill Poore, Roy A Dunston, Don Lobach, Susie Parrish, Sid Parrish, Mike Phillips, Rick Niemi, Leland Andrews, Joel Orona, Larry Stone, Merv Pate, Ed Pate, Paul J Sprenkle, Jennifer Matula, Alex Matula, Graison, Mark & Lisa Weber & Tony, Art Apodaca, Lucy Apodaca, Dino & Carol Giovannoni, Cindy Siegel.

Motion was made by Chet and seconded by Samantha to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

- 1 **Treasurer, Samantha Wait:** The checkbook balance as of September 30, 2006 was \$14548.95; Effective October 31, 2006, the balance was \$13218.37. Motion was made by Gerald Hurt to accept the Treasurer's Report, Aaron Matula seconded, and motion carried.
- 2 **Membership, summarized by President Don Siegel:** We have 1 honorary, approximately 340 regular with a total of approximately 700 family members.
- 3 **Wagon Master, Wesley Smith** absent – no report.
- 4 **Outing Coordinator, Christa Eastland:** She wants to make a UPI recipe book and needs donations from our members.

The schedule for this weekend will be a detector hunt beginning at 11:30, panning/dry wash demo at 1:00 p.m. and potluck / raffle at 3:30. On Sunday, there will be a group dig schedule from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- 1 **Ways and Means, Aaron Matula:** No report. Sid Parrish will be the 2007 director.
- 2 **Political-Grievance, Gerald Hurt:** PLP needs help through purchases of raffle tickets and Gerald had tickets for sale, as well as a 50 cent liberty coin to raffle.
- 3 **Editor/Publisher, Bill Reboin:** Cindy is doing the publication of the updated tri-fold brochure for UPI.

Bill also received information from PLP that there is a possibility that dredging permits may be cancelled for the entire state. PLP needs support from our membership to continue their fight for our right to mine. They are holding a raffle of mining equipment on December 21st to continue this work. Bill will have raffle tickets to sell at \$1.00 / ticket.

- 1 **Chapters, Tom Eastland:** Had nothing to report
- 2 **Claims, Chet Chastain:** Chet researched and followed up on the eBay claim that was for sale near our Bull Creek claims and noted that the claim did not infringe on our claims. The eBay claim did sell and he will research the new owner and send information on our claim to the owner as well as membership information. The cash advance he received to handle our claims for the rest of the year will be reconciled within the next week. The Salmon River claim will reopen on January 1st. Chet would like the proposed outing schedule for UPI's 2007 season to be finalized at the January BOD meeting. He did propose that we set the first outing for March 30, 31 and April 1st at Bull Creek so miners can use dredging equipment before the season ends on April 15th. Also, Chet suggested we reserve the schoolhouse in advance for next year, which Don said he would do while in Coulterville this weekend.
- 3 Samantha made the motion to accept the proposed March/April outing and Brenda 2nd it. Motion carried.
- 4 **Technical Advisor, Steve Letlow:** Absent, nothing to report.
- 5 **Treasurer, Samantha Wait presented by President Don Siegel:** BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT.

New Checkbook Balance 10/31/2006	\$ 13218.37
Bills present for payment total -	197.73

New Checkbook Balance	\$13020.64
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Motion was made by Gerald Hurt and seconded by "Who" accept payment of the bills. Motion carried

- 1 **Old Business:** On the New Claims Guidebooks, we need to add Denise Matula's address (membership chair elect). The Dixon Scout Jamboree had representation from UPI, Christie and Steve attended.
- 2 **New Business:** We will allow the Detector Magazine folks to post our outing schedules in their magazine, as well as encourage other detector organizations to distribute our UPI outing information.
- 3 Bill also wants contact information from local detector organizations to share news information and our outing schedule.
- 4 Don wants approval to purchase gold for 2007. The amount the board approved is \$800. Samantha made the motion and Chet 2nd it. Motion passed.
- 5 A few guests indicated that they are planning a trip to Denio, AZ??, at the Opal Mine sometime in June. They will post this information on our website.
- 6 Another guest asked about how long is a lifetime membership because they noticed an expiration date when logging in on the computer. Apparently, expiration dates need to be established on the computer database, but lifetime memberships has no expiration date. It's a computer thing.

Bill Reboin made a motion and Samantha seconded it to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

FIRST BOARD MEETING FOR 2007

Per our bylaws, the first Board Meeting of the year is the second Saturday of January, or 01/13/07. We will be meeting at 9:00 AM for breakfast, and the then into the meeting at the Perkos Restaurant at Bradshaw Road and highway 50 in Sacramento. This is easy to find: east on highway 50 towards South Tahoe out of downtown. South on Bradshaw Road, keep in the right lane, at the Standard station turn right onto Micron Drive and then right into the Perkos lot.

There is an area in the back that will seat about 25-30 in my estimate. The food is good, good quantity and inexpensive. I've taken to eating there



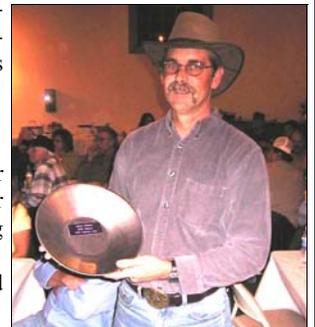
pretty regularly as it is close to home along with the qualities mentioned.

First on the agenda will be the installation of the newly elected Board Members. Then on to the important business of running the organization.

Hope to see you there. EIC/Pub

Right: Mark Weber the Webmaster for UPI was awarded a solid copper pan for his work in the organization and keeping the website up and going. Thanks Mark!

Left: Coulterville/Moccasin Creek Board Meeting in the Jeffery Hotel.



NEW MEMBERS AND RENEWING MEMBERSHIPS

This section is devoted to acknowledging and welcoming all new members and those renewing!

Welcome aboard for a year of fun.

Information is from 10/18/06 thru 12/02/06

New Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>
Leland Andrews III	San Jose, CA
James Black	Jamestown, CA
Randy Bristow	Modesto, CA
Donald Cox	Cupertino, CA
Thomas & Carol Elliott	San Jose, CA
Walter & Mirange Hales	Sacramento, CA
Arlo Hartin	Red Bluff, CA
Duane Lineker	San Ramon, CA
Louis Mastro	Sonora, CA
Les Murayyama	Santa Clara, CA
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Marty Pearson	Truckee, CA
Ron & Sandy Ragsdale	LaGrange, CA
Fred Robertson	West, CA
Thomas Silva	Modesto, CA
Charles A. Smith	Atwater, CA
William Sorensen	Castro Valley, CA
Larry Stone	San Jose, CA
Yosh Umemoto	Cupertino, CA
Len Weise	San Jose, CA

Renewing Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>
Anthony Alexander	La Grange, CA

Renewing Members Cont.

<u>Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>
Al & Jane Bates	Silver, NV
Phil & Shirley Coney	Livermore, CA
Jon & Linda Evers	Santa Ana, CA
George Friel	Merced, CA
Edward Hansen	Reedley, CA
Steve Letlow	Stockton, CA
Jim Lewis	Somis, CA
Ton Lutrel	Concord, CA
Dillard McKeever	Fresno, CA
Dwaine Piezina	Stockton, CA
Seattle Public Library	Seattle, WA
Dennis Smith	Livermore, CA
Joseph Steiner	Lakeport, CA

Members up for renewal, 01/31/07

Jim Ambrose, Steve & Naomi Boswell, Charles Brooks, Gene & Diana Clayton, Tom & Christa Eastland, William & Nancy Greymont, Robert Hana, Randy & Glenette Huckabay, David Ingraham, John & Patricia Luporini, Bob Mappes, Rick Neet, Mike Phillips, Michael Simoskevitz, Carwin D. Slade, Stan Smart, Randy and Janice Trumbauer, Gerald Vande Weg, Bill Westcott. 2007 is coming upon us rapidly, where does the time go? It feels like it's going to be a good year, so maintain your connection by renewing, and we'll see you there.

Welcome aboard for another year of enjoyment with UPI, the small-scale miners advocate. We need to see you at the outings and the Board meetings to help us guide the organization the way you would like to see it go.



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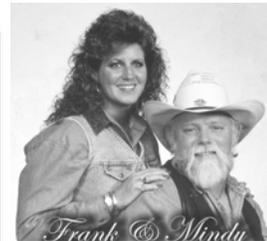
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Below: Ore train and structure.



Right: The claim from the road.



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facility ready for use. There were a total of ten tables and 80 chairs set up ready for the happenings. Members were milling around in anticipation of the Board Meeting. It was absolutely great! In the background but obvious there were several Board Members and general members busily getting things lined up for the potluck.

Meeting time came to be about 9:30. There was a good number of the membership present for the meeting and some provided some good information for the Board to ponder in the future. As a Board Member I really appreciate the member participation at the Board Meetings. Without your presence and input, at the meetings, that leaves everything up to the Board, which has a negative effect with some of the general membership. Can you blame them? If you have something on your mind, be there and speak up. It's your right. It was a quick comprehensive Board Meeting.

OK, next was the hunt, the planted coin shoot. Unless I missed a couple of fingers and toes the hunt had 23 contestants. The time limit for the hunt was one hour. There was a light heavy mist drizzle emanating from above that had some of the contestants protecting their detectors electronic areas with plastic bags, but that didn't deter them a bit. They kept swinging, poking and retrieving to try to gather the highest number of coins to claim the top dog position.

The panning contest followed the detector hunt. There were not as many as there was a while ago for contestants in this activity. Who knows why? Perhaps it was the thought of cold hands in cold water on a cool and less than ideal day. Unfortunately that's the hand we were dealt by Mother Nature. Chet gave a couple of the local girls a lesson in the art of panning. Regardless we survived.

Next was the potluck! What a fantastic event. There was a cornucopia of choices of vittles to satisfy the bodies of everybody and fulfilling their carnal desires for great food. I personally made several rounds of the goodies as many others did as well.

Following dinner of course was the Raffles. We had four raffles, the traditional Raffle, a 50/50 raffle, and raffle for one prize for those purchasing PLP (Please see note at end.) raffle tickets, and the Drywasher raffle. Following all of that the awarding of prizes for the Hunt and the Panning Contest took place. As you can see it was quite an event.

I really enjoyed the event and all of the activities. I was especially happy to see and communicate with some long time Members that I haven't seen in several years in some cases. I think that perhaps this may be one of the drawing features of this annual event. In my tenure it has been the outing that has always drawn the most attendance save maybe for one at Twain while we were aligning our Twain outing with the Twain Miners Fair. This ceased when a black powder cannon became part of Miners Fair Event.

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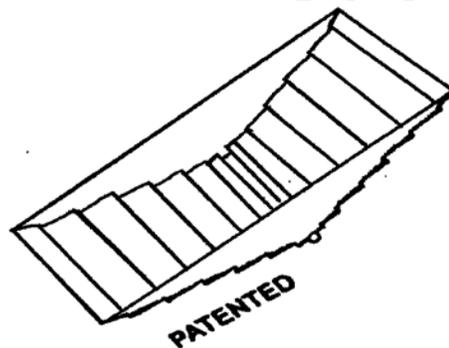
Please support PLP by joining them as a member, or just a monetary contribution to support their legal action fund. There is more on PLP elsewhere in the newsletter. Thank you.

Outing Attendance Record Set!

What a great outing. In the six plus years that I have been producing the newsletter for the organization this one had the largest attendance that I can recall. I have to think that checking some of the files for the past years would prove this out. Unfortunately having 71 really large files I don't have the time to do it. 83 members and guests is what I come up with.

This outing is the first outing wherein the Roll Call column has had to roll over to a second page to cover all of the members and guests and the

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raffle results. (Handled that with smaller font.) Well done to all!! Lets make all of the outings like this. Is there agreement on this? If there is agreement on this, what do we as a Board and you as members need to do to make this happen on a regular basis? Please let us know your thoughts on this, how do we do it?



The old miner sez: Hot doggy! What an outtin. We shur did have a gra time. Ya shooda beed there. Lookie whacha miss.



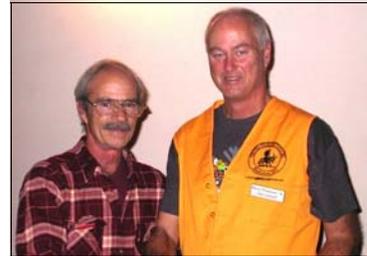
UPI ROLL CALL

List of members and guests present at the 7th Annual Pre-Thanksgiving Outing, 11/11/06 Potluck and Raffle, including Raffle results.

1. Ken Liddle: A bag of sand with California diamonds in it.
2. Rick Niemi
3. Ken & Jean Millsap: Ken won a large folding knife donated by the Azbill's.
4. Phil & Shirley Coney: Shirley won a crevicing tool and Phil won a cigar box with glass tubes for displaying his finds.
5. Ray & Bernice Budowich
6. Tom & Christa Eastland plus Howard: Christa won the number two UPI nugget and a Sacagawea dollar.
7. Tony Alexander & Shirley Blake
8. Armie & Phyllis Hodge
9. Art & Lucy Apodaca
10. David Kerber, Judy Reitz and Harold Lancaster: Judy won a treasure recovery book donated by the Azbill's.
11. Mike, Linda, Michelle and Laura Doyle: Linda won a set of tweezers with Laura winning a grab bag donated by Cindy Siegel and barbeque pellets donated by Ken Millsap. Michelle won a desert scene desk piece.
12. Bill & Carol Eastland plus Bear?
13. Earl & Jerry McKeever: Earl won a pocket tool.
14. Dennis & Pat Mobley: Pat won a pair of forceps.
15. Mike Ancona: Mike won the big UPI nugget.
16. Joel, Laura, Brittany & Ashley Orona: Ashley comes through again. She won a pair of binoculars so she can see the nuggets from further away.
17. Chet Chastain: Chet was the recipient of a pan & Tootsie pops donated by the Azbill's and a bag of beef jerky donated by the Coney's.
18. Bill Reboin
19. Bob & Georgia Azbill and Grayson Wolff: There was some luck going with these folks, Georgia won a 1880S silver dollar and a sample box. Bob won a California history book and a plastic scoop. Grayson won the Trinity pan and a key ring with a miner.
20. Terry Moore & Debbie Peck: Terry won a set of dentist tools donated by the Azbill's. Dentist tools are great for cleaning out the small crevices.
21. Walter & Beverly Hill
22. Paul Sprenkle
23. Ed & Merv Pate
24. Larry Stone
25. Jim Bonetti
26. Ray & Audrey Maddalenna: These folks went home with a Grizzly Pan.
27. Don & Cindy Siegel: Don won the pocket magnifier and Cindy a nice quartz crystal.
28. Terry & Lurea Schoen
29. John & Cathy Melling and Hunter James: John won a small knife and sharpening stone and Hunter is set to go mining, he secured a Maddox, a gold pan and tootsie pops as well as a snuffer bottle and collection vials by the Azbill's.
30. Mark, Lisa & Troy Weber
31. Aaron, Denise, Jennifer & Alex Matula: Denise won an 18" pry bar and a Susan B. Anthony dollar and Alex won a bag of barbeque smoke pellets donated by Ken Millsap.
32. Dino & Carol Giovanni: Carol went home with a couple of big items, an Estwing miners pick/hammer and The Grizzly Mining Kit which is the pan, sluice and how to video. Gino won a bag of barbeque smoke pellets donated by Ken Millsap.
33. Sid, Laura & Suzy Parrish: Sid won a brush kit/crack cleaner and a bag of Barbeque pellets donated by Ken Millsap.
34. Michael Phillips
35. Leland Andrews: Leland won a nice electronic pocket scale and a finishing pan.
36. Bill Poore
37. Brenda Marsh
38. Samantha Wait: Samantha won a flashlight and safety glasses donated by Armor Fire Protection. She also went home with a grab bag donated by Cindy Siegel and a bag of sand with California diamonds in it.
39. Beverly Paul
40. Roy and Marti Dunston
41. Gerald & Sheri Hurt
42. Martin & Isabel: Martin won a bag of Spanish Creek black sand to clean out, and a snuffer bottle/sniping tool. The snuffer bottle should go good with cleaning of the black sand.



Christa Eastland, winner of the small UPI nugget.



Mike Ancona, left, winner of the large UPI Nugget with President Don Siegel.

What a bash! I count 81 that attended the Seventh Annual Coulterville/Moccasin Creek Outing. I may have messed a few as attendees were starting to amble around before I finished the list. If the four legged friends are included it's up to 83. Great show folks. This is the largest turnout in my tenure as your EIC/Pub. We need to see more like this.

I hope I have everybody included and have your names spell correctly. Please let me know if there is an error. Thank you, EIC/Pub.



Above: Some of the raffle winners!

MORE RAFFLE WINNERS!



Dang! Look at all of the smiling faces. Was it fun? You Bet!!!!

This member of the Doyle gang is shy on picture taking.

Please excuse the mediocre quality of the photographs. I was having problems with the battery, one minute it's low, the next it's OK. I also kept over estimating the effective range of the flash capability of the camera and was too far away in instances for a good flash report and had to really crank brightness and contrast up via the computer. I made them all appear, but not necessarily the best quality. EIC/Pub

The Raffle the Winners

What a way to end the year. There were a large number of raffle prizes for the event and a large number of winners. 47 prizes by count. There were a number of prizes donated by members present at the event, and the balance was made up by our advertisers in the newsletter by way of donated merchandise, for the raffles, in lieu of dollars for advertising space in the newsletter. The raffle prize donations made by the members present is really appreciated. This shows a team effort in the furtherance of our effort as an organization.

Do you as membership want more and or prizes of higher value for the raffles? If so you can contribute to the motion several ways. You can donate items for the raffles, you can promote UPI to friends and acquaintances and get them to join UPI, and you can promote UPI to and get various business establishments you visit in your daily routine to allow you, UPI, to put UPI Trifolds in a clear plastic display stand on their checkout counter.

Yes it is possible for you to contribute to the forward motion of the organization without being a Board Member, and be effective in the expansion of UPI and helping to protecting our rights to mine as provided by Congress and the Mining Law of 1872.

So what else went on at the outing?

Well lets see - - there was a **detector hunt** that was well attended. The official record shows that there were 22 participants involved in the hunt. There was a standing start, 22 people in a row, and when the Prez gave the go command the participants hit it with the detectors beeping

and grunting and the operators poking and digging at every target it seemed like. With a one hour time limit on the hunt it was non-stop activity. Sweep, sweep, go for the target.

Ray Budowich, pic below left, and I believe one other member found enough coins to cover their entry fee.

That's doing some detecting in my mind. Several other members did pretty good on the coin finds as well. Rays finds and others are pictured below.

Some of the support consisted of help in



Rays Finds



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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST©

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Attention! Attention! **Urgent Crisis!!!**

The California Dept. of Fish and Game is presenting the material following this message, to the court in an effort to discontinue the issuance of dredging permits in Northern California and possibly the entire state of California.

Considering these facts, the deleterious effect on fish life is not because of dredging, but due to the placement of four reservoirs on the river containing the majority of the water and creating a stagnant environment. The Karuk Indian Tribe in Southern Oregon and Northern California have postured the court through the Department of Fish and Game as the lead agency for CEQA (A California Environmental Agency) to show that the Dept. of Fish and Game is not in compliance with existing regulations and suction dredging is deleterious to fish life. They will not disclose their reasons or findings, nor will they provide any evidence of non-compliance. We all know that the DF & G has been trying to stop dredging in California for decades.

Jerry Keene

Keene Engineering Company

The (PLP) Public Lands for the People have recognized this potential threat to dredging and are vigorously fighting to preserve our rights. We need HELP from anyone concerned with preserving our dredging rights in California. Contact your local PLP representative or contact:

Jerry Hobbs (909) 889-3039 or

Barry Wetherby (818) 957-1455, or e-mail bhwetherby@aol.com NOW!

PARTIAL COURT MANAGEMENT DOCUMENT

- - also required Defendants to refrain from issuing permits for suction dredge mining on certain rivers for certain time periods, when the Coho salmon and other species named in Plaintiffs' complaint are most vulnerable.

Plaintiffs and Defendants submitted the settlement to the Court for approval on December 20, 2005. Subsequently, the Court granted Intervenor New 49ers and Intervenor Gerald Hobbs leave to intervene in the action and oppose the settlement. On June 16, 2006, the Court denied entry of the settlement.

Following the last Case Management Conference with the Court on July 17, 2006, counsel for all parties met in Sacramento, initially without their clients on August 2, 2006, and again with their clients on August 31, 2006. The purpose of these meetings was to discuss a possible settlement of the litigation. The parties were unable to agree upon a settlement, but the Department announced its intention to advise the Court of the following at the Case Management Conference scheduled on September 8th.

The Department of Fish and Game, as lead CEQA agency as trustee of California's fish resources, and its Director, Ryan Broddrick, are of the opinion that suction dredge mining in the Klamath, Scott, and Salmon River watersheds under the existing regulations is resulting in deleterious effects on Coho salmon as alleged in Plaintiffs' complaint. As such, the Department stipulates to entry of judgment by the Court: (1) finding the Department is not in compliance with Fish and Game Code sections 5653 and 5653.9; (2) finding under CEQA that such deleterious effects on Coho salmon constitute a substantial change in circumstances under which the Department is currently carrying out the suction dredge permitting program under the existing regulations; and (3) ordering the Department to take necessary steps to bring its suction dredge



Bill Reboin, EIC/Pub and his pooch Samantha.

mining regulations into compliance with Fish and Game Code sections 5653 and 5653.9, and to comply with CEQA. The steps necessary for the Department to bring the existing suction dredge mining regulations into compliance with the Fish and Game Code must necessarily include a timely request by the Department for and an appropriation by the Legislature of sufficient funding for the Department to take appropriate action under the APA and CEQA. - - -



DO YOU LIKE TO- - -Jerry Hobbs, PLP

Do you like to go out prospecting and mining on Federal Lands but have a problem with Government Agency's and their work force preventing you from utilizing "their" your lands?

Do you like to drive around in the mountains and deserts and enjoy the scenery but can't go where you like because the roads are closed?

Do you enjoy going horseback riding across the lands but can't because you may be spreading non-native plant species from horse poop?

Do you love to mountain bike but can't go for a ride in the Wilderness because there are mechanized equipment laws to prevent it?

Do you love to get out and metal detect and can't because your local schools, parks, forests and deserts are closed to access with a metal detector?

Would you like to take your young son or daughter on a local stream to catch their first fish but can't because it is a catch and release only stream?

Would you like to take your family out to use public lands but have a problem with having to pay an entry fee to use your lands?

Have you lost your land or the use of your public land to eminent domain or the Endangered Species Act?

Have you gone out to prospect, mine or recreate only to find out that some over zealous agent is telling you that you are breaking the law when you know your not?

Do you know whom to contact when you have land use problems? PLP does.

If your answer is yes to any of the above questions, then what are you doing to resolve the problem? If you are not helping by either being part of a group or helping fund a group that is fighting back, is it possible that you are part of the problem?

How do you explain to your children and grandchildren about the rights that we once had but now they will never have because you did not fight back to protect those rights?

I think all of you get my point, if not I will say that it is time that you



The old miner sez: Lets socit tooom!!!

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keeping the rain off the operator and the machinery. Some consisted of the support of just being there and rooting one on. The weather didn't stop them.



A couple of family affairs pictured above. The picture on the right was messed up by the paw of yours truly trying to protect the UPI camera from the precipitation.



Left: The starting line and the Prez pointing out the hunt limits and explaining that no digging was necessary as all of the coins were set very shallow, easy to find. **Right:** The players in



action. Ray stopping to put another find in his pocket.

To sort of "handicap the hunt" and put all on the same plane, the hunt prizes for the top collectors of coins were drawn out of a gold pan, perfect, I think. The prize winners were, over and above their finds in the

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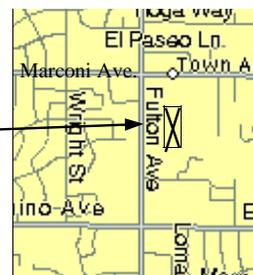


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comments. We will be adding new products and services to
better serve you.



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field were: Ray Budowich, a nice gold nugget, Mike Phillips a silver dollar and a UPI shirt, Arnie Hodge a blue gold pan, Phil Coney a pair of forceps, Leland Andrews a plastic scoop and \$25.00. Well done to all of you folks.

The Panning Contest!

I have sparse information on the panning contest. Unless I misfiled something I find only one file regarding the panning contest in the UPI computer.

After covering the detector hunt I had to seek shelter from the elements. My hands were so cold that I could hardly operate the UPI camera. Moreover in the process of warming the body back up I ran into some Members that I hadn't seen for a while wherein it was more important to me as a UPI member/Board Member to spend time with these people, than taking pictures of the panning contest. I also had to help getting things up the stairs for some. As a result I missed a lot of the panning contest. Rick covered in this area.



Bill Poore creating waves at the panning contest.

PANNING CONTEST STATS!

- 1st. Tom Eastland, 14.85 seconds, wins a gold nugget
- 2nd. Carol Eastland, 15.84 seconds, wins gold in a baggy, 1.85 dw. (dw is the abbreviation for penny weight).
- 3rd. Bill Poore, 19.91 seconds, wins a gold baggy
- 4th. Chet Chastain 21.94 seconds, wins a amethyst crystal
- 5th. Leland Andrews, 29.16 seconds, wins a geode

Other Winners!

Carol Giovannoni won the 50/50 raffle. Lucky lady for the day.
Joe Sul won the Keene dry washer. He wasn't present at the outing, it would be nice to get a picture of him receiving it.

Bill Poore won the Walking Liberty 50 cent piece for the PLP ticket purchases.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS!

UPI doesn't just happen. Outings don't just happen. Events at the outings don't just happen. The publications and the website don't just happen. Individuals/people make things happen. The UPI Board of Directors makes these things happen. In cases the membership makes things happen, though not as often as the Board would like to see. We need your involvement and help, we can't do it all by ourselves. We are a group, lets be a group. We are thankful for the membership help we get as this makes our jobs easier sometimes.

The UPI Board of Directors personally thanks all of you that participated in and helped to make the Seventh Annual UPI Coulterville/Moccasin Creek pre-Thanksgiving Outing the great success that it was. We, yes we all participated in setting an attendance record. We set a record in the scrumptious variety of vittles available to all. We set a record in togetherness and doingness.

Special thanks goes to our UPI President, with help from others, who have three years in a row ventured into the cold darkness, in the wee hours of morning of Coulterville Park, to seed the park turf for your enjoyment. Special thanks also goes to our UPI Treasurer who has made it a personal agenda to insure that this annual event comes off without any hitches. Sam has taken it upon herself to insure that the Potluck comes off as it should. Thank you Brenda Marsh and Beverly Paul for assisting Sam and creating a flawless potluck setting.

Thank all of you Members that assisted in making the 7th Annual Potluck what it was. Thank you to all of the Board Members and the Membership for making the various events of the outing what they were.

Thank you Rick Niemi for filling in for the EIC/Pub and covering the activities on the claim Sunday. Without your pictorial contribution, only one day of the outing would have been covered.

All claim pictures and a few other pictures covering the outing in general were supplied by Rick. Next time you run into Rick please thank him for filling in what would have been blank for Sunday.

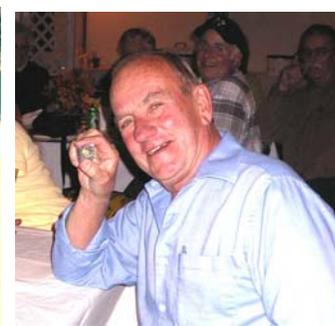
As a member of the Board of Directors of UPI the preceding is what I am thankful for.



Above: UPI Prez Don Siegel and 50/50 winner Carol Giovannoni. Left and right, look at the potluck gathering. Below: Potluck, gold from Christa gold bag and Ray showing his hunt nugget off.



The old miner sez: Sure lookie like to me theez folkz sure knoz how ta put a party on. Jez lookie alla dem der.



A Case for Free and Open

Well, here we are at the end of another dredging season and it was great to see all of you at the Coulterville outing. I would like to thank all of you that have supported the United Prospectors and other associations. It takes a lot of work to keep an organization such as this going. I know Jerry Hobbs of PLP would personally thank you for your support and would encourage you to continue in the years to come.

I have always said that words have meaning and that some time we take for *granted* the meaning of those words. I would like to have you read the introductory sentence to the Mining Law dated May 10, 1872.

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Political/Grievance
Gerald G. Hurt



The old miner sez: Alla doz wit college degree an influential position thet donot know word definition, need ta be stripped o there document an position, for sanity.

HERE'S WHAT YOU LIKE!



The Raffle Prizes!



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come to the party and start participating in saving the rights that we all love by getting involved. There are a few people out there that are doing all of the fund raising for the whole. It is not fair that others who do not get involved to ride the shirt tails of the few that are involved.

There are many organizations out there that are trying to fight a good fight to protect those rights. These organizations do not have the rich benefactors that pass their inheritance on, like the green movement and socialism. No, the organizations I speak of have to work hard for the funds that they are required to pay for legal experts like PLP's attorney David Young to help protect your and your children's rights. I am speaking of non-profit organizations whose members put in hundreds or thousands of hours a year to protect those rights and receive no compensation for their time at all.

Public Lands for the People (PLP) is one of those non profit organizations, one that has either fought through meetings or court litigation or assisted in the fight of all of the above uses of the land at one time or another to protect your (our) rights.

I bring this to your attention because I want the people who have helped to fund these battles to know they are truly appreciated but we need to do more. PLP and its members have prevailed in the last six lawsuits they have been involved in because the few have shown the determination and resolve that it takes to win. Those few who read this will know who they are because they are getting this letter. PLP now has to ask those few to go out and put more effort in getting more people to be responsible and be part of the fight. This is the only way we are going to acquire the funds needed to continue winning these battles. If the above listed problems do not motivate people to pull their head out of the sand and get into the battle, then we shall lose the war.



Jerry Hobbs, facing, with UPI members at the 2004 Coulterville/Moccasin Creek pre-Thanksgiving outing. This is on the porch of the old schoolhouse.

PLP is involved in two lawsuits now, one with the California Dept. of Fish and Game and the Karuk Indian Tribe that is now going to trial and second, the 9th Circuit Court with the U.S. Forest Service and the Siskiyou Regional Education Project. If we lose the Karuk lawsuit, any river or land in this country that has a Threatened or Endangered Species will be under the gun for new studies that will create temporary or permanent closures. If we lose the Siskiyou lawsuit, every Forest Plan in the country can and will be modified to supercede the Laws and Regulations of the land and will circumvent our U. S. Congress.



Nugget found by a member!

So with this in mind, please buy lots of raffle tickets and PLP Support Pins, go out and bring in new blood and for those of you that need tax deductions or know people who do, please remember that PLP is a tax-deductible 501 c-3 non-profit organization. All of these funds go to protecting your land use rights and getting better information out to you. PLP has always requested that you donate, this time because of the dire circumstances I am asking you do dig deep and search out new funds to continue the fight.

Donations, Funding and Ticket sales can be handled thru Barry Wetherby, 3700 Santa Carlotta St., La Crescenta, Calif. 91214, 818-957-1455 or you can get membership applications and use Pay Pal on our website "plp2.org"

Thanking All Of You In Advance

Jerry Hobbs
President of PLP

OK folks! Jump into the thick of this issue and join PLP to help in the fight for our rights as granted by law. Joining PLP helps them with monetary resources as well as helping UPI and all small-scale miners. EIC/Pub.

WHAT GIVES?

Hundreds of gas and oil leases that investors bought from the Federal Government may become worthless by the action of a federal judge. We seriously need to cut our dependence on oil and natural gas purchased from unstable nations, half way around the planet. Moreover we need to come up with energy sources that are less polluting. However in the meantime we need in country sources for these sources of energy until there is an alternative.

Thank 20 environmental groups and among a few other states, California, that sued the FS over the Clinton road less issue. Thank U.S. District Judge Elizabeth Laporte, who agreed with them. This action is preventing access to these leases, thus pretty much denying development of these leases.

The environmental groups and judges that side with them are making this Country dependent not only on energy sources, but other raw materials, from other countries and continents. Energy and raw materials are needed for our daily lives.

Having read about some of the potential problems of the lease development there are things that need to be addressed, and addressed sanely. Denying, or "not ising" the problems is not addressing the problems and is the easy way out. The larger problems of artificial dependency will only persist.

Democrats Around the Corner!

Well I guess you reap what you sow is coming around. The extremism of President Bush and his faithful minions has created a situation wherein the Democrats will shortly control both houses of congress. Not that there wasn't some need for some correction and control of the goings on of the present administration.

Oh my are we going to have to keep our eyes and ears open and be ready to jump on the band wagon and attack when necessary. With the crew coming in it is guessed that there will be heavily polarized legislation that is anti-mining and anti-Second Amendment coming into being soon. Thank goodness the Executive branch is still Republican.

Is there a big need for other less polarizing and dividing political parties?



That's All Folks!





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Newsletter Schedule

The next few issues of the newsletter will be coming to you bi-monthly as is always the case during the off season.

This issue is coming to you a little early so you will have it before the Holidays. There is also time sensitive information in it.

*Please respond to
PLP.*

Thank you. EIC/Pub

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Meeting, 10/6*
11/2 - 11/4, the 8th annual Coulterville/
Moccasin Creek UPI **pre-Thanksgiving
Outing.**

* **Indicates** that there is currently a Board meeting scheduled for the outing, however it may be subject to change after discussions at the first couple of Board Meetings in 2007.

If you want your input heard on where and when Board Meetings should be held, be present at the first couple of Board Meetings.

UPI Wishes All Of You

*A Very Merry Christmas And A
Sappy And Prosperous New Year!*

Legal Fund !

PLP Christmas 2006 Legal Fund Raffle

December 21, 2006

Do it!

PLP (Public Lands for the People Inc.) is A 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Corporation. Do you need a tax write off? Their intent and purpose is in keeping the Mining Law of 1872 alive and real so that small-scale miners can continue doing what they do without undue regulation and harassment. They also support the use of Public Lands by other Public Lands users that are not abusing the Public Lands in their activities.

As indicated elsewhere in this newsletter it is time to build a good defense to defeat the current offence. I learned long ago the best defense is a better offence. PLP's record indicates that they have the better offence, but the offence needs to be paid. How is the offence paid? Through donations, membership and raffles. Join PLP.

The raffle scheduled for December 21, 2006 has eleven raffle prizes totaling within change \$7300.00. Top item is a Proline 4" dredge with T- 80 compressor valued at \$3000.00 plus. The bottom item is a Dry

Wash'n Guard Auto Detail Kit valued at \$120.00. And there is lots in between. Whites Metal Detector, Minelab Metal detector, an ounce of gold, a dry washer, a Deluxe Prospecting Kit, a rocker box, an 8.12 dw gold nugget, a Blue Bowl Set and a \$150.00 gift certificate.

If you enjoy what you are doing with UPI or any other of your similar affiliations, you need to stand up for your rights. You can do this now by participating in the PLP Legal Fund Raffle, or by submitting your most generous donation to them.

To do this you can order raffle tickets, \$1.00 each, by contacting Barry Wetherby at: bhwetherby@aol.com or calling (818) 957 - 1455. You can also submit your most generous donation via Barry.



The old miner sez: We be havin dese ankle bite bureaucrats, an enviro whackos nippen at are ankels to long. It be time to, threu da court, put em outo der mizery, an bery em. Agred? Ya do dat ta terminel case aminals dontcha?

SEE YOU AT THE NEXT OUTING!



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