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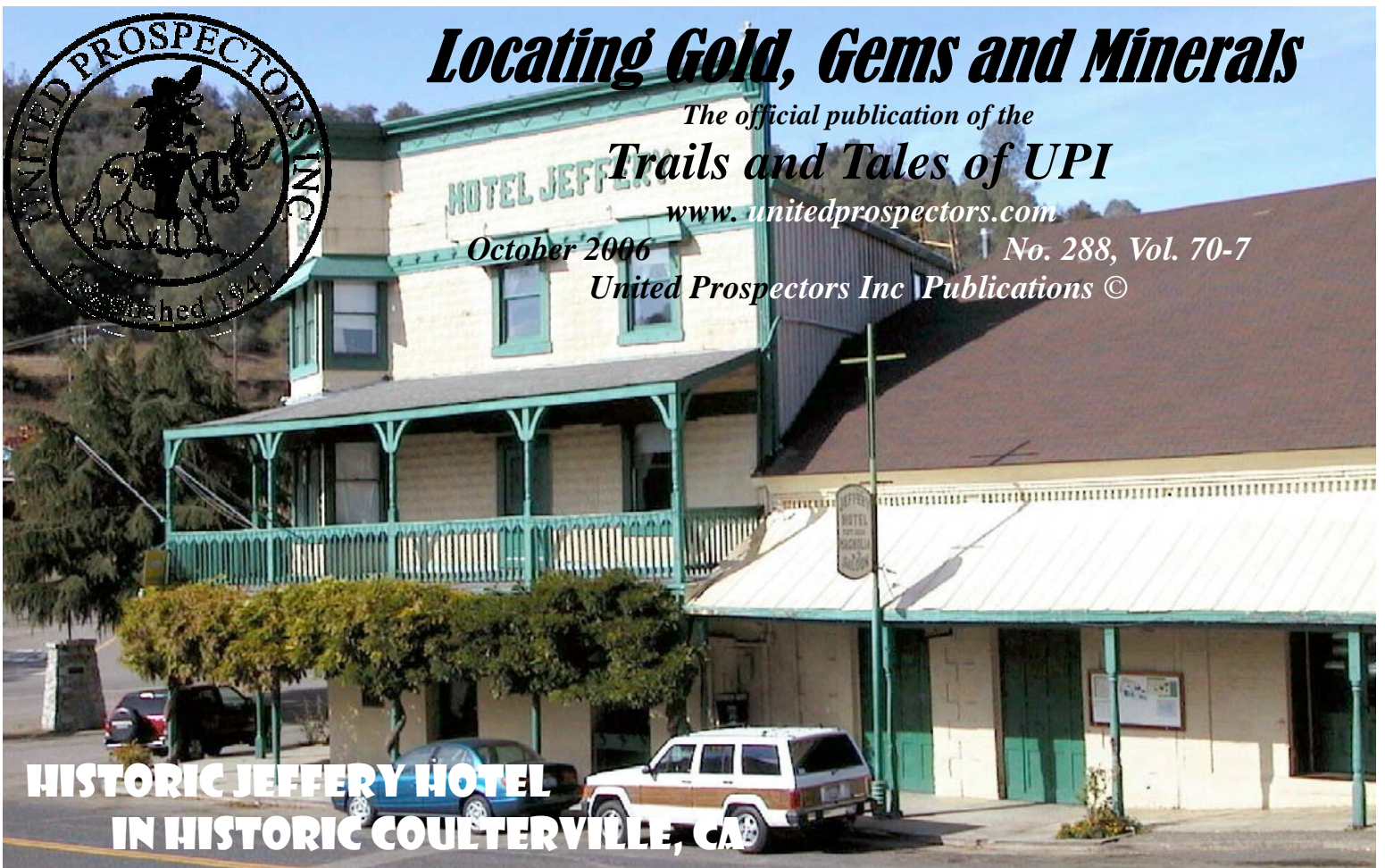
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NOVEMBER 10 THROUGH 12

SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS

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Don Siegel
October 2006

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With our Spanish Creek outing now behind us, we can start planning for our year-end get together. It's hard to believe that a whole season of outings has past us by. We have had a lot of things happen this past year; we have fought some battles with the USFS and done pretty well for ourselves. This being said it is real important that we continue to support PLP, this organization has taken the Feds head on and continues to win battle after battle.

Also this past year took several of our dear friends and members. For me the Coulterville outing will always bring back memories of our good friend Daniel Wait. I can picture Dan at Genesee, dredging, down in the freezing cold Indian Creek water having a great time. If he got a speck or a picker he was as happy as a clam.

Mark your calendars for the Coulterville outing now, as we have a lot planned for the weekend. As we have done the last 3 years there will be a coin shoot in the park Saturday, AM 10:00. Christa also has planned a panning contest, to be held at TBA, the potluck at the Jeffery Hotel. At the potluck, the Turkey dinner will take the headlines as it starts the holiday season followed by the raffle. This year we have an additional prize to offer... did you forget about the NEW Drywasher to be raffled off. And if that was not enough we will set up a couple of power washers on Sunday for a group dig, with a little gold for all that participate. One other note; we have a full selection of shirts, sweat-shirts, and hats for that favorite miners Christmas list.

THE OUTING

As circumstances would have it shortly after the Bull Creek outing I became ill. This malady kept me off work for over two weeks. It was a real effort to get the last issue of the newsletter out on time. Having lost that much time from work with critical targets to make at work I couldn't justify taking any vacation time off for the Spanish Creek outing. This being a last minute decision I don't think I reached many of the Board, e-mail, requesting their help in coverage, in time.

It's kind of difficult to write about the activities of a group at an event and cover all of what went on over the course of the event even if one is present to cover it. One is at a disadvantage to cover the event when not present to observe with good outside input. But when the input is lacking written, verbal and or picture wise you do what you can. That's where we are with this newsletter.

Following is a summary of the outing that I received: The weather was rainy Friday night as we arrived and on into the night. Nothing too heavy but enough to keep people away. The first morning was a little cloudy and as soon as everyone took off after the board meeting (thinking the weather was going to stay that way) the sun came out. Sunday morning the fog came in and the sun showed up about 10:00 am.

Verbal information said that there wasn't a porta potty delivered to the site. It would probably be a safe assumption to say that this had some effect over all on tenure of the attendees of the outing, as well as objective.



2002 Coulterville Potluck

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Outing & Board Meeting Schedule 2006

Nov. 10, 11 & 12: Moccasin Creek/Coulterville 7th annual Pre-Thanksgiving Outing. Board meeting at 9:00 AM Saturday, 11/11/06. For those of you new to the organization this is usually the outing with the largest attendance.

Please refer to page seven for the Schedule of Events for the outing and more information on the event.



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Meeting held at - - - Prospectors Claim Store
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BOARD NOTES

October 7, 2006 – Spanish Creek

President Don Siegel called meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

Roll Call:

Officers Present: Don Siegel, President; Tom Eastland, Vice President; and Rita Perry, Secretary

Directors Present: Brenda Marsh, Steve Letlow, Christa Eastland, Aaron Matula, Chet Chastain, and Gerald Hurt

Directors and Officers Absent: Bill Reboin, Samantha Wait, Wesley Smith, and Linda Doyle

Members Present: Christi Perry, Chris Perry, Paul Riggs, Jr. Dean Fallen, Denise Matula, Cheyenne Riggs, Sid Parrish Jim Christensen, Emily Christensen, Miles Riggs, and Beverly Paul

Motion was made by Chet Chastain and seconded by Tom Eastland to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

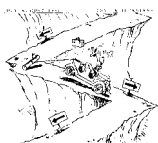
- **Treasurer, Samantha Wait presented by President Don Siegel:** The checkbook balance as of August 27, 2006, was \$11,447.71; total income \$2,251.50.00 which leaves a total of \$13,699.21. **Total Expenses \$804.26.** October 2, 2006, Balanced Checkbook is \$12,894.95. Motion was made by Aaron Matula to accept the Treasurer's Report, Rita Perry seconded, and motion carried. Motion was made by Chet Chastain to accept the bills to be paid and Gerald Hurt seconded. Motion carried.
- **Membership, Linda Doyle, presented by President Don Siegel:** We have 1 honorary, 341 regular, a total of 700 family members.
- **Wagon Master, Wesley "Wes" Smith:** No port-a-potty was delivered. He was absent.
- **Outing Coordinator, Christa Eastland:** Coulterville she will still be having a panning contest and a metal detector hunt. She is going to have bags of gold for sale. Also, there will be the turkey feed.
- **Ways and Means, Aaron Matula:** He has a sellable goods check to turn in.
- **Political-Grievance, Gerald Hurt:** Nothing to report. Had two requests for absentee ballots on September 29, 2006, but the cutoff date was September 23, 2006.
- **Editor/Editor-in-Chief/Publisher, Bill Reboin:** No report. He was absent.
- **Chapters, Tom Eastland:** Contra Costa and Santa Clara is strong. Fresno Chapter, Harold Lancaster stepped down and Bill Poore stepped up to be a contact person. He doesn't want to be a chapter chair.
- **Claims, Chet Chastain:** Taxes and affidavits are done for all of the claims. Still needs to take four of the recorded affidavits to the BLM by December 30. The end of dredging season is October 15th. Salmon River we still to plan to open it January 1, 2007. Moccasin there is a limit of 15 prospectors at a time. It is a BLM claim. No notice is required. The total dredge opening (combined dredge opening) to 4 inches. Only one four-inch dredge at a time. You have to take turns. Two two-inch or one four-inch only. April 15 through September 1 restrictions to accommodate the mountain yellow legged frog.
- **Technical Advisor, Steve Letlow:** Nothing to report.
- **Treasurer, Samantha Wait: BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT.**
No bills were presented for payment.
- **Unfinished Business:** Tri-folds return address will stay as is until the other changes are made. Steve needs some people to volunteer at a Boys and Girls Club in Dixon to teach the children to pan.
- **New Business:** Treasure Hunting Organization wants to put a copy of our 2007 calendar of events for their newsletter. Mark Weber and Bill Reboin are making some changes to the guidebook. Release of Liability needs to be changed to represent all family members and/or guest and a second signature line for the guest to sign.
- Chet Chastain motioned and Steve Letlow seconded the adjournment of the Meeting at 10:20 a.m. Motion carried.



Coulterville 2006??



Above and top right: Pictures of the Board Meeting. Pics supplied by Christa Eastland.



COULTERVILLE/MOCCASIN CREEK!

For those of you new to the organization, this is usually the biggest most festive outing of the year for us. Come and join us in the camaraderie, the meal and the events. Santa Puff may even be there for all of us kids to see and talk to.

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 09/13/06 thru 10/17/06

New Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>
Bruce Chapman	Carson City, NV
Jim Christensen	Red Bluff, CA
Daniel Coffman	Calexico, CA
John De La Riva III	San Jose, CA
David Gentry	Jasper, GA
Terry Maire	Santa Cruz, CA
Ken Miller	Los Banos, CA
Mark Palmer	Sheridan, CA
Ralph Pierce	Red Bluff, CA
Mario Robles	Largo, FL
Steve Scally	Santa Clara, CA
Daniel & Kathy Short	Valley, CA
Jeffrey Stefanoff	Red Bluff, CA
Don Suess	Lodi, CA

Renewing Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>
Bill Poore	Madera, CA

Hirokata Takaseki

Los Angeles, CA

Members up for renewal 11/30/06

Anthony Alexander, Michael Flanders, George Friel, Gary Gailbreath, Edward Hansen, Tom & Janet Ritter

Members up for renewal 12/31/06

Art & Lucy Apodaca, Jim and Carolyn Appleby, Nancie Barker, Ron & Susan Bassell, Art Basso, Al & Jane Bates, Harvey & Mattie Brookshire, Leland & Nina Brown, Mark & Debbie Buhl, Vernon & Marie Crabtree, Charles Crippen, Gregory E. Davis, Denise Downey, Steven & Kathryn Doyle, Jon & Linda Evers, Jim Ferreira, Richard & Thurlie Fish, Richard Giddens, Ralph & Jeanne Gragg, Lee Greer, Jim Gribben, Doug Hall, Richard Haynes, Wallace & Joan Jackson, Bill Johnson, Allan Katz, Martin & Isabel Kelly, Jeff Kyle, Jim Lewis, Will & Marilyn Lindsley, Ray and Audrey Maddelena, James Madden, Stan and Jan Makiney, Curtis Moser, Georgia Murray, Charles & Ethel Muttart, Andy & Cathy Patterson, Beverly Paul, Dwaine Pierzina, Donald & Brenda Porter, Nancy Powell, Robert & Phyllis Terry, Robert Williams, Martin R. Wockenfuss, Patricia Yaros, Micheak Zastawny.

Welcome aboard for another year of enjoyment with UPI, the small-scale miners advocate. Join us for the tradition of the Coulterville/Moccasin Creek 7th Annual Pre-Thanksgiving Outing. A nice way to end the season.



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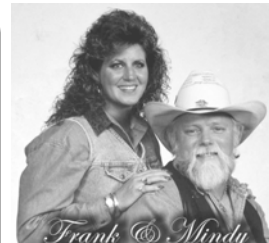
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Gerald Hurt, Grievance/Political Action

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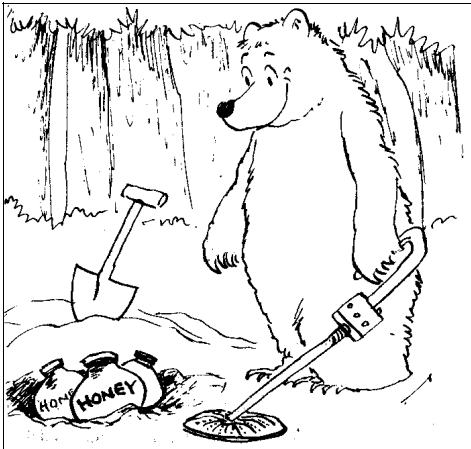
Fever: A disease characterized by a rise in body temperature and by an accelerated pulse, with impaired function (Judgment) diminished strength (self will) and often with delirium. (A melt down)

Gold: A heavy (197.2 Atomic Weight) bright yellow mineral; it is a precious metal; associated with money, wealth and riches.

Gold Fever: An excessive desire for digging or searching for gold as, the gold fever of 1849 in California (like the Spirit of the 49'ers).

Definitions are from - Webster's New Twentieth Century Dictionary- Second Edition, the rest I say as an individual. Words have meaning like the word honor or pledge or faithfully or comply or perform or conduct or good role model, each word supports the other.

Now there is the "Letter of the Law" which is black and white no grey areas. Then there is the "Spirit of the Law" which is unspoken and



I doubt if you'll find any honey during the hunt, but odds are that you could find money!

can be quenched if not nurtured with afore thought and supported with positive action. Unity between the two, (letter and spirit) is difficult and always create conflict when self gets in the way. Leadership then requires putting others before your own wants and always in favor of your leader. If the internal conflict gets too big, always choose to be a uniter not a divider.

I have a book called Advanced Dredging Techniques by Dave McCracken, in this book there is a chapter called "positive stress". McCracken tells some stories of different gold strikes and the problems associated with them. These stories are worth reading. It helps to understand the power of "positive stress". People in these events did crazy things, because they fell pray to the basic emotion that plagues mankind.



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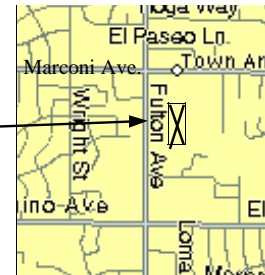


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Pre-Thanksgiving Outing Itinerary And Other Needed Information

Start of the day, breakfast get together at the Coulter Café, 7:30 AM,
Nov. 11, 2006- - -

1. Board Meeting: 9:00 - 11 AM at Hotel Jeffrey*
2. Detector Hunt: Begins at 11:30 AM entry fee is \$10.00, great prizes
3. Panning Contest: Begins at 1:00 PM, entry fee is \$5.00, great prizes
4. Potluck: 3:30 - 7:30 PM at Hotel Jeffrey*
5. Drywasher ticket Draw 7:00 PM, after dinner and regular raffle provided we have accrued enough money to raffle it off as at this outing.
6. Group dig on the claim about 9:00 AM Sunday morning to 2:00 PM

* We must do the set up and the tear down here as we have had to in the past at the schoolhouse. Please lend your support to this activity. Thank you.

Accommodations!

Options:

- Dry camping at the claim. Porta potty is to be on site.
- You can make reservations to stay at the historic Hotel Jeffrey, *mention that you are a UPI member and there is a discount available.* Some members have stayed at the Jeffery in the past and really enjoyed it.
- Coulterville RV Park is also available. Full hook-ups are usually available as well as some small rig sites and tent camping sites with water and electricity. Toilet and shower facilities are also available. To make reservations to pull your rigs into here contact Frank at (209) 878-3988.

As of today, 10/22/06, Frank has one full hook-up space and six smaller water and electric only spaces available. Better call soon.

Turkey Time at Coulterville!

It's hard to believe, it's Turkey time at Coulterville again! If you have a favorite dish you would like to bring, please contact Samantha Wait. She is organizing the feed. Samantha's e-mail address is treasurer@unitedprospectors.com. Her phone number is (209) 931-4279, give her a call and discuss what you may bring to augment the meal.

Dredging season is over, and if you haven't got enough gold, I will have bags to sell. There will be panning trays, to pan out your concentrates. There will also be a panning contest, and we will have a blue bowl set up, so you can suck up every last bit.

See you at the creek side!

Christa Eastland / Outing Coordinator

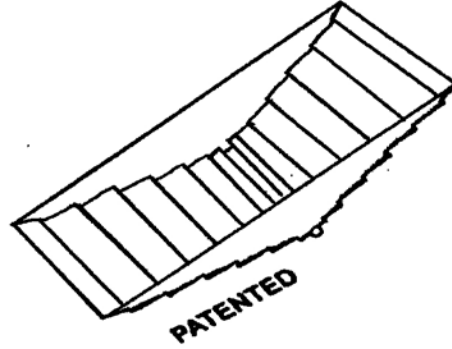
Vittles Being Brought

Beverly Paul said she would bring a sugar free pie and deviled eggs.
Brenda Marsh I will bring homemade (I hope) dinner rolls and butter. Maybe an appetizer plate if I have time.
Chet Chastain is bringing mixed vegetables.
Don and Cindy Siegel a couple of UPI turkeys.
Tom and Christa Eastland a couple of UPI hams.
Kit and Rita are bringing a turkey to deep fry. This should be interesting, this is supposed to be really good.

Vittles Being Needed

Sweet potatoes/yams, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, salads, cranberry sauce, deserts, soft drink (cider etc.) Please see next column for more.

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UPI Thanksgiving

As usual UPI will be providing the Bird and Hog for the Pre-Thanksgiving Outing. This also usually includes the stuffing and gravy, and sweet taters too. We will provide! We rely on the membership to fill in the blanks. What are the blanks? The usual that you would expect at a Thanksgiving feast: Bread, rolls, biscuits and butter or a substitute for this tasty animal fat. Salads, vegetable dishes, deserts, sauces, incidentally my favorite desert is blueberry cheesecake. Like last year last year anybody that brings my favorite will be pictured with me, your cantankerous old EIC/Pub on the front page of the newsletter. Last year this was with long time members Art and Lucy Apodaca. Great people.

Let your minds wander; a Thanksgiving feast is a creation and a time to enjoy, a time to be thankful for who we are and what we stand for. A time for the camaraderie that has held this organization together for 60 years, and helped hold our Country together for a few years short of four centuries. This is our time as a group and comrades to celebrate. See you there with your creations.

Please contact Samantha Wait if you have questions on what to bring or what is needed. Samantha can be reached at (209) 931-4279 or at, treasurer@unitedprospectors.com - - - Thank you.



The old miner sez: Yeh no thez politicos is a getting hot n heavy wit da lections roun da corner. I wanna vote fer anethin dat Clinton er Bush sport. Me thinks they be bad fer ya. Ifin ya enjoy yer legal firearm ya bedder give Feinstein a big no to.



UPI ROLL CALL

List of members and guests present at the Spanish Creek Outing, Potluck and Raffle including the raffle results.

Spanish Creek, October 2006

1. Steve Letlow: Large UPI nugget.
2. Joel Orona: Small UPI nugget. From the picture below it looks like Joel also won some old time mining equipment.
3. Dean Fallen and his son: Small crevice tool.
4. Sid Parrish: Sid was hot, he went home with a large crevice tool, two snuffer bottles some vials and a leather snuffer bottle belt pouch, a black sands magnet and a UPI ball cap. Goodness he's set for a while.
5. Eric Cohen: Ratchet tie down straps, a small pan, a flashlight and a folding camp shovel. Not to shabby.
6. Jim Christensen: A wood display box.
7. Rick Herron: A seven bottle display pouch.
8. Bruce Rouse: A gold dollar.
9. Chet Chastain: A Large pan.
10. Don Siegel
11. Brenda Marsh
12. Beverly Paul
13. Gerald Hurt

I count 14 that attended the outing, potluck and raffle. If I have it wrong let me know and we'll make corrections as necessary. I was only supplied with a raffle winner list and a few photos. There were faces I recognized, but couldn't attach a name to and there were faces that I didn't recognize. There was also a number of people that left after the Board Meeting.

Raffle Winners!

All photos were supplied by Bruce Rouse with Chet hanging on to the camera. Thanks fellows!!!

Right: These two fellows were moving too fast for the camera!



Left seated: Steve Letlow and Joel Orona, UPI nugget winners.



All Pictured Out!

Well folks, what you see in pictures for this outing are all on the cover page, page four, and on this page.

God willing I'll be at the Coulterville/Moccasin Creek Outing with the trusty digital.

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Detectorists Get a Win!

WWATS, World Wide Association of Treasure Seekers, has recently learned that the "pilot program" for metal detecting in nine of the Arkansas State Parks was a huge success and the state parks department there has decided to end the program and allow metal detecting in the nine parks to all. You will still need to register with the parks for a free permit as the attached statement tells you.

However, a phone call was received from the Arkansas State Attorney General's office several weeks ago when this new directive of opening the nine parks came across their desk. The Attorney General's statement was; "This Will Not Do!" It is their belief--as ours, that ALL state parks in Arkansas should be open to the hobby of metal detecting, so the Attorney General's office is preparing to introduce a Bill before it state legislators to make metal detecting legal in all their state parks. The attorney general's office stated that such a Bill being approved will stop any chance of someone or special interest group from attacking this recreational hobby in the future.

Good news for a change.
Keith Wills, President

ARKANSAS STATE PARKS

In a meeting on Thursday, September 21, 2006 with the SPRTC Arkansas State Parks, Recreation & Tourism Committee it was voted unanimously to end the two year pilot program which allowed recreational metal detecting at nine of the parks under the control of the Arkansas State Parks System.

In return, it was also decided by the SPRTC that the parks system and the recreational metal community could in fact co-exist in a manner consistent with other activities controlled by the park officials. Therefore, the SPRTC voted to make it policy to allow metal detecting in nine of the state parks that were listed in the pilot program. The new policy is consistent with the rules and guidelines that governed the pilot program.

The Arkansas State Parks that now allow recreational metal detecting are Crowley's Ridge, Daisy, DeGray, Lake Catherine, Lake Charles, Lake Dardanelle, Lake Ouachita, Village Creek and Woolly Hollow. Metal detecting is to be confined to swimming areas that have beaches.

As with the pilot program, metal detecting will be permitted from the day after Labor Day until the weekend preceding Memorial Day between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Sunday through Saturday. Detectorists will continue to be required to register at the park visitor center, complete a registration form and follow the same rules and procedures as have been in place during the pilot program.

The Arkoma Coin & Relic Club of Siloam Springs began working to get metal detecting allowed in the Arkansas State Parks back in 1998



Bill Reboin, EIC/Pub and his pooch Samantha.

and with the assistance of Mr. Greg Butts (Director of the State Parks system), we have finally reached this milestone for our hobby.

Our hobbyists can consider this a big step in overturning a state parks directive dated July 1975, which prohibited the use of metal detectors on any portion of state park property.

Jim Beyers, Secretary
Arkoma Coin & Relic Club of Siloam Springs
Siloam Springs, AR.

ELECTION TIME! POLITICS

Well we had our election time. (Results on next page.) No mud slinging, name calling, no deep searches into ones past for out ethics behavior to broadcast, no political party to kowtow to. No big moneyed interests or lobbyists. Sweet and simple.

Seeing as it is that time of the year it seems only appropriate that some politics appear in this column. Those of you that have been around for the last year or two may recall an article in this publication titled "Have you Hugged a Miner Today?" It was a good article on the importance of mining by a CA State Assemblyman. It is thought that the following article from the same Assemblyman would be appropriate in this publication.

Why We Need Bigger Government By Assemblyman Ray Haynes, CA

There is always a good excuse for big government.

I thought I would spend some time to catalogue some of those excuses, just to put them down on the record. Whether it is on the floor of the Senate or Assembly, in budget or other committee hearings in the Legislature, these excuses pop up from time to time. In this era of term limits, it is rare for those in decision making positions to hang around long enough to hear these excuses repeated, so this article can act as a

chronicle, since I have now heard many of these excuses over and over again.

Let's start with the environment, since that seems to be one of the topics we have heard about of late. The excuse for big government can be broken down into four major categories: air, water, soil and the globe.

First, air: The excuse goes something like this: Business owners are greedy, say the proponents of big government, and care only about making a

profit. Given half a chance, these greedy business owners would kill off all of their customers, their neighbors, their children, their spouses, and themselves by spewing dirt into the air on purpose just to make this profit. Only government can save the lives of all of these people, so government needs more money, more power, and more bureaucrats.

Water: Greedy business owners like dirty water, because it increases their profit. So government needs more money, more power and more bureaucrats.

Dirt: Greedy business owners dump stuff on their own property because that is how they increase the value of their property. Only government can stop this greed, so it needs more money, more power, and more



Detecting in Coulterville park

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bureaucrats.

The Globe: People drive cars, and cars spew greenhouse gases. Farmers raise cattle, and cattle spew greenhouse gases. Business owners liked the age of the dinosaur, and therefore, spew greenhouse gases to return to that age. Politicians talk a lot, and spew greenhouse gases, but politicians can control everyone else's greenhouse gas emissions to make sure that the globe never again gets as warm as it did with the dinosaurs, so government needs more money, more power, and more bureaucrats.

Next, welfare: Poor people exist, and existed long before poverty programs were created. There is more poverty today than when poverty programs first started, and the more poverty programs we have, the more poverty grows. Rich people are heartless, and will never help poor people. Therefore, government must create more poverty programs, so government needs more money, more power, and more bureaucrats.

Next, government education, childcare, and children's programs: Parents don't love their children, and want to be sure that every child they raise grows up ignorant and starving, so government must have school breakfast and lunch programs. Childhood obesity is a growing problem, especially among children on government run school breakfast and lunch programs. Ignorance is a growing problem, especially at government run schools, so government needs more money, more power and more bureaucrats.

Next, government health care: People don't know who is a good doctor, doctors don't care about their patients, and greedy business owners only want sick employees. Only a government run health care program can deliver quality health care on a timely and inexpensive basis, therefore, government needs more money, more power and more bureaucrats.

In California, in the last 14 years, government has grown 250%. It has continually demanded more money, more power, and more bureaucrats, yet the problems it was supposed to solve with the money, power, and bureaucrats have gotten worse, so it demands more money, more power, and more bureaucrats. It will never end until the whole thing collapses, which may not be far away. We can only hope.

EIC/Pub Note: In regard to the above article, and in particular the last sentence of the article: Does the article, and the last sentence resemble or make you think of a dwindling spiral?

Mind you, these rascals, our elected representatives, get paid big money and receive phenomenal perks to do our bidding. Do they do it? No! They continually come up with the wrong minded fix for problems. This doesn't work, it needs more money and bureaucracy, does it work later? No! Not to mention the passing of myriads of new laws to solve problems where-as if they enforced current law there would be no problems. (Legally possessed firearms for example.)

I once read an article by a man that in my estimation was extremely intelligent, a modern day philosopher. A statement made by this man that stands out in my mind was: **"Reward down statistics and you get down statistics."** These down statistics, politicians, continually reward down statistics. Thus the dwindling spiral or "we can only hope".

Many politicians are down statistics interested only in their petty party dogma and retaining their and their parties' position of power. You can observe this daily, locally and nationally. Big business and big politics, the elimination of the "constituent" in the decisions of our direction as a Democratic Republic and a Sovereign Nation is hurting us. It is leading us into a rapidly dwindling spiral that must be arrested if we are

to survive as provided by our Constitution and Bill of Rights. Does this remind you of anybodies, any parties in power today?

ELECTION RESULTS!

To keep it simple all members that were on the ballot were elected. Tom, Samantha, Chet, Aaron and Wes were re-elected. Sid Parrish and Denise Matula were elected as new Directors. Wes' name was inadvertently left on the ballot even though he had said he could help out here and there but could not commit to a full term. This said we'll be looking for a replacement for Wes. Any volunteers???

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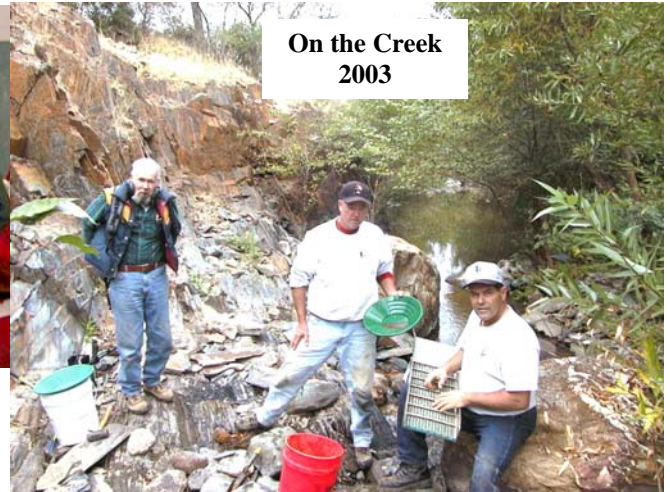


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I detest political correctness because it is a feel good thing created by worthless politicians, not a reality! That said your EIC/Pub says:

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