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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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can help to keep our operating
costs down**



Wishing everyone a Happy and
Prosperous New Year in
2012

From the
UPI BOARD,
Directors,
and Volunteers!!!



HOPE TA SEE YA AT DA First Annual Board Meeting !

January 21st at 11:00am

Round Table Pizza, 2120 Daniel St., Manteca, CA 95337



UNITED PROSPECTORS INC. MESSAGE FROM YOUR OFFICERS



President
Don Siegel

2012 is just around the corner and your governing board is planning a fun year. The opportunity lies in the involvement of our members in helping us be the organization that you would like us to be. Most of the input on how to run the organization comes from a few, and this is ok, but all of us together can build a better club. There are many outside forces trying to take our freedom to locate and prospect for gold and minerals away from us, but if we can remain strong we stand a chance to continue our pursuit of the yellow metal! So join us in making UPI a fun, well rounded organization by volunteering for an open board position.

We will be holding our first meeting of 2012, on January 21st at 11:00 am, at the Round Table Pizza, 2120 Daniel St., Manteca, CA 95337. This is the same location as last year.

Good News! We recently acquired a new claim just outside Coulterville. The claim is called "Reboin" and respectively named in honor of our past long time Editor-In-Chief and current Historian, Bill Reboin. The claim is available for use now and the coordinates and directions to this new claim are located on page 9 of this newsletter. Please remove page 9 of this newsletter to keep with your UPI Claims Guide.

Don



Vice President
Ed Ozga

Happy New Year to you all! I look forward to another promising year for UPI. While these past couple of years have not been the best for miners, good news is that our membership is back up. We currently have a total of approximately 400 family memberships. We truly appreciate all of you that stuck through the hard times and those of you new members that believed in us enough to join in these tough times. In an effort to acknowledge your support, we have no intention of increasing our yearly dues. However, with that said, some things need to be done to keep our operating costs in the black.

Here's where we need your help. The printing and mailing of newsletters is our biggest operating cost. All of you with computer access have access to the UPI website at www.unitedprospectors.com and some of you are already accessing this newsletter on line. With that said, we are asking for volunteers who are willing to forego receiving their newsletters in the mail and then accessing the newsletter directly on line. Please keep in mind that you will receive an email notifying you when a new newsletter is posted to our website. In addition, many newsletters are still being returned in the mail as non-deliverable, so, if you have moved and believe that UPI may not have your current mailing (or email address), please send your current mailing address to Dave Williams, Member Director, at Membership@unitedprospectors.com or give me a call at 925-706-8193. Also, if you are willing to volunteer to receive your newsletter via the website, please contact Dave as soon as possible and let Dave know that you are able to help us cut our operating costs.

May There Be Gold In Your Pan, Ed Ozga, UPI Vice President

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NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR

If you see a picture you would like to have, email me with a description of the picture and your name and address. I will be happy to email or snail mail it to you.

-YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED-

I am looking for your camp side recipes, stories of your outings, club information, items for sale, pictures, etc. Please contact me with your information and input.

Linda Moore, Editor Bellmusic4u@sbcglobal.net (707) 552-2393



Contra Costa County Chapter News

A BIG THANK-YOU TO ALL THE PEOPLE WHO HELPED MAKE THE BEAR RIVER OUTING SUCH A HUGE SUCCESS!



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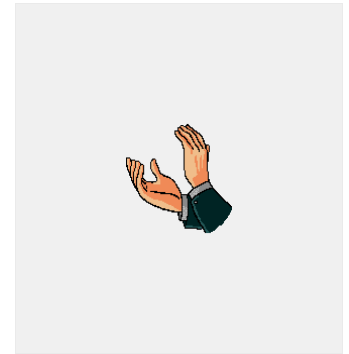
Jess for
LaDonna Bagwell



Linda Lutrell



Mikey & Jonathon
The boys give a special thank-you to Brandy



BIG special thanks to Laurie & Ed Ozga for organizing the outing. Good Job Guys!!



JEST FER FUN



Blossom Rock



Float ore, found upon the surface or near where lodes or ledges outcrop, and from which they have become detached.

How many words can you find in the words BLOSSOM ROCK. Words must be 3 or more letters and no nouns, slang or abbreviations. We found 25 words in 15 minutes. Can you beat our number and time?

UPI COULTERVILLE OUTING

Gold Panning Contest



UPI COULTERVILLE OUTING

Metal Detecting Hunt



The old miner sez: Woo weee! Were da outin a bigun or what? Seed like thar was peopolz comin outa da woodwerk.



UPI COULTERVILLE OUTING

Raffle Winners



UPI COULTERVILLE OUTING

Raffle Winners



HUGE THANK-YOU to Georgia Azbill for organizing the pre-Thanksgiving potluck at Coulterville . A job well done.

Congratulations Alex Davidson on winning the Blue Bowl.

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UPI MEMBERSHIP REPORT

New Members as of 11/30/11:

James Bledsoe	Delhi, CA
Tony Church	Modesto, CA
George Hanson	Porterville, CA
Conrado Lopez	Porterville, CA
Ross Mehan	Sunnyvale, CA
David Miranda	San Jose, CA
Al Pilliod	Livermore, CA
Donald Pucilowski	La Grange, CA
Paul Rzad	Boulder Creek, CA
Jeanne Villegas	San Jose, CA
Robert Wolf	La Honda, CA

Renewing Members as of 11/30/11:

James & Marlene Courselle	San Jose, CA
Keith Lysak	Fremont, CA
Michael & Gail McCann	Paradise, CA
John Niebuhr	Placerville, CA

Members up for Renewal as 11/30/11

Ken Austin	Los Gatos, CA
Gene Bianchi	San Jose, CA
Alex Dibrowa	Stockton, CA
Richard Hunt	Pinole, CA
Michael Okubo	Hollister, CA
Guy B. Sandahl	Vacaville, CA
Cliff Sherman	Oakland, CA
Jeffrey Shideler	Placerville, CA
Keith Thomas	Roseville, CA

New Members as of 12/10/11


Mark Elstad	Modesto, CA
Michael Ganster	Half Moon Bay, CA
John Lopez	Stockton, CA
Jerry Martin	Atwater, CA
Matthew May	West Sacramento, CA
Phillip Sanchez	San Jose, CA

Renewing Members as of 12/10/11

John Lucy	Hughson, CA
James Madden	San Bruno, CA
Kevin & Sheila Mullaney	Aromas, CA
Kenneth Nordheim	San Jose, CA
Miklos Nemeth	Placerville, CA
Robert Perry	Palo Alto, CA
Daniel Repke	Hickman, CA

Members up for renewal as of 12/31/11

Jim Appleby	Oakley, CA
Leland Brown	Elk Grove, CA
Ron Coleman	Prunedale, CA
Jeffrey S. Faulkner	Vacaville, CA
Ralph & Joanne Gragg	Concord, CA
John Laffey	Livingston, TX
Mike Morrasy	Placerville, CA
James Neeley	French Camp, CA
Bob Nelson	San Leandro, CA
Walt Steever	San Jose, CA
Vern & Holli Travers/Daniels	San Jose, CA
William Walsh	Benicia, CA
William Westcott	San Leandro, CA
Dale Winkle	San Jose, CA
David Wood	Los Gatos, CA

 **Did ya'll know?**
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Gold Discoveries	Year
North Carolina Gold Rush	1803
California Gold Rush	1843
South African Gold Reefs	1886
Kalgoorlie's Golden Mile in Western Australia	1893
Klondike Gold Rush, Yukon, Canada	1896



REMINDER!

If you have a mailing address or email change please send your updated information To Dave Williams, Membership Director. This will ensure you continue to receive your news letters and have access to the UPI website.

David "Dave" Williams
Membership@unitedprospectors.com

No email? Call Linda at 707-552-2393 and she will forward your changes to Dave.

REBOIN UPI
GPS Coordinates: N37 42.594' , W120 13.440' Elevation 1500
46 ACRES TOTAL

Waterway Name: Blacks Creek

Location/Directions Information:

The Reboin Claim is located approximately 1.6 miles west of Coulterville, CA on State Highway 132, or approximately 50 miles east of Modesto, CA on State Highway 132.

The claim adjoins the Billy Goat claim on the west end and the Potosi mine which is patented land on the eastern end. Access is at the next turn out east of the Billy Goat parking area! It is a short 100 yards downhill to the creek. It could be dry during the long hot summers. Reports are that the creek was mined hard over the years, but not much has been done recently and it appears that the banks are wide open to exploration. Also there are many old hard rock mines in the area so there is the potential for float and high placer deposits. There are several nice deposits of Marioposite on the hills above the blacks Creek on both sides.

[Map it with Google Maps](#)

Nearest Camping facilitie(s) (RV, trailer and tent): Coulterville, CA

Nearest Telephone: Coulterville, CA

Nearest RV dump station: Coulterville RV Park (209) 878-3988

Nearest Hospital:

Tuolumne General Hospital
101 Hospital Road
Sonora, CA 95370
(209) 533-7100

Nearest Grocery Store(s)/Gasoline/Propane: Coulterville, CA

Nearest Largest Town or City:

Coulterville - 1.7 Miles
Sonora - 31 Miles
Modesto - 50 Miles

Other information regarding this claim: Other nearby recreational opportunities can be found at Don Pedro Reservoir and Lake McClure

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IN MEMORY

Rosalie Owings

January 25, 2011, Rosalie told me she had some bad news "I have cancer." We had the Hospice Chaplain Scott come over. Our first meeting was good. He found out, that we had been together for soon-to-be, 21 years. We explained, that we wanted to get married, but got derailed every time. He got the ball rolling. I bought the license, she set the date. We were married March 26, 2011.

April 7, 2011....I Woke up, didn't feel any different although my movements were difficult. Rosalie's son looked at me "Asked if I wanted him to call 911". I told him to "Call ". Diagnosis was I had a light stroke.

Fast forward to October; I made sure, someone was with Rosie at all times. She had been bedridden since February . Rosie was asked about going to the Hospice House in Hughson. She said "No, I want to stay with Richard." End of story...

Anyway, I was with her October 19, 2011 when she passed away. Rosie went with no pain. Would have been 69 years old December 11, 2011. We buried her October 26, 2011, at the cemetery on Scenic Drive. Chaplain Scott officiated.

Richard Owings, Life Time Member

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ASSISTANT CLAIMS MANAGER'S REPORT

Jim Madden

Does anyone know the name of the engine sitting in Coulterville?

Answer is the Whistling Billie.

During the early 1890s the Merced Gold Mining company began construction of the first steam railroad in Mariposa County. The thirty-inch, narrow gauge track ran from the Mary Harrison mine to Coulterville, where it crossed Maxwell Creek on a fifty-three foot high wooden trestle. It then wound its way along the contours of the hills until it reached the forty-stamp mill at the Potosi mine on Black Creek. The engine from that railroad, "Whistling Billy", remains in front of the Coulterville history Center today.

On December 4th the town of Coulterville had a grand lighting ceremony across from the Jeffery Hotel. All of the storefronts along Main Street and the Train engine sitting on tracks at the museum were decorated. Most of the town was out dressed in holiday outfits and elves and other period costumes were in abundance. All gathered around 55 gallon drums full of burning wood for the celebration. The barrels had HO HO and other sayings cut out of them and were quite spectacular. Unfortunately I arrived just as the celebration was ending, I was returning to Groveland from Rosamond where we have our annual Roaring Camp miners potluck hosted by Tom and Fran Leftwich. You can read articles written by Tom in the ICMJ he currently has one in the December magazine. Also of note Tom has a series of western and mining related books the latest is Gold Mining Picking and Grinning. The books are on Lulu.com, put his name in the find box. Hopefully you can visit Coulterville, spread some cheer and buy some raffle tickets for their Christmas drawing.



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