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**GENESEE:
A GREAT
OUTING
IN ALL
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Genesee has to be one of our great outings every year and this year was no exception. The weather was great and many people found color from one end of the claim to the other. Thank you Chet for making all 5 miles of Genesee available for UPI members to enjoy. Chet works very hard to maintain our claims and keep us legal and we all owe him a great big THANK YOU!

As election time approaches we the Board of Directors are asking for your input regarding our claims, it is very expensive to maintain the 25 to 30 claims we currently have. Some decisions need to be made as to keeping all or dropping some of the less used claims. So please contact your board and let them know how you feel about the claims we have and what favorites you would like to hang on to. There will be a claim poll on the ballot in October. The Board of Directors works for you and needs your feedback to keep things fun for all.

I mentioned the election that is to be held at the Bull Creek outing in October, so now is the time for you to be heard. Nominations are now open, so step up and help us continue to make UPI the Organization small miners model after. Also the election will have some issues regarding Bylaw changes and the changes effect the way do our business, so again, get involved and make your self heard.

In closing I want to thank each and every one of the members of UPI for making my UPI experience a fun experience. I look forward every month to meeting up with all of you and all the new members. The outings are great, with or without the gold.

Don



The old miner sez: Yep wit or witout Au da outins beez a buncho fun. Heck der be good frens, good grub, fresh air, an Mother Nature in her finess.



THE OUTING!

It was great to get away out in the somewhat secluded woods of the Genesee claims, and be amongst friends. My guess is that all were happy to get away from all of the fireworks noise and the whooping and hollering that started in my neighborhood, at least, on Tuesday.

By Thursday afternoon the Babcock site was starting to fill up. Not packed, but closer than I personally like to see. I ended up camping at middle Genesee, as I'll call it, with two other members. One member with a small trailer and the other was truck camping. You might say that we, our area, were comprised of the more mature members attending the outing, strictly speaking for myself. We had plenty of room all weekend. We had a number of member visitors asking directions as the sites were new to them being new members and or having not been there before. Friday and Saturday the Babcock site really filled up.

The original site(s) Topsy Tiger and Genesee had one non-member camped on it and Daniel and Samantha Wait camped there also. So here was the outing strung out over about four miles with campers and miners every which where. One member, Pat Avilla, was camped by a road pull out off in the woods where he had his dredge set up just up stream of a side feeder.

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Schedule for 2005

Aug. 12 - 14 - Spanish Creek/CLM Gold
Sept. 9-11 - Greenhorn Creek plus more
Oct. 8 & 9 - Bull Creek, and elections.
Nov. 5 & 6 - Coulterville- 6th annual pre-Thanksgiving outing/feed. Always a great end of the year outing. UPI furnishes the bird, hog, dressing and such. You bring veggies, dessert and other goodies. Held in the old school house, out of the elements.

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The old miner sez: Regarten da curent debacle wit da FS an otherz it look like they gotta be a line drawn inna sand an sez nuf is nuf. It gonna take all partizapaten!

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BOARD NOTES

July 2, 2005

President Don Siegel called meeting to order at 9:30a.m.

Roll Call:

Officers Present: Don Siegel, President; Tom Eastland, Vice President; Rita Perry, Secretary and Samantha Wait, Treasurer.

Directors Present: Bill Reboin, Chet Chastain, Steve Letlow, Tom Eastland (dual role), Gerald Hurt, Wesley Smith, and Aaron Matula.

Directors Absent: Brenda Marsh, Linda Doyle, and Director Editor, vacant.

Members Present: Christa Eastland, Pat Avilla, Bill Greymont, Carol and Bill Eastland, Sid and Lorrie Parrish, Marsha Smith, John Meling, Chuck Ucker, Mark Weber, Jim Silva, and there were others who came later.

Wes Smith took his Oath of Office as Wagon Master Director.

Minutes for last meeting were read and accepted.

Motion was made by Chet Chastain and seconded by Gerald Hurt to accept the minutes from our last meeting. Motion carried.

- **Treasurer, Samantha Wait:** The checkbook balance as of May 21, 2005, was \$9,753.42; total income \$3,292.00.00 which leaves a total of \$13,046.42. Administration Expenses: \$302.11; Claims Expense: \$347.37; Legal Fees & Taxes: \$500.00; Publication Expense: \$1,101.36; Total Expenses \$2,250.84. June 30, 2005, Balanced Checkbook is \$10,794.58. Motion was made by Gerald Hurt and seconded by Chet Chastain to accept the treasurer report and motion carried.
- **Membership, Linda Doyle:** Absent, nothing to report.
- **Wagon Master, Wesley "Wes" Smith:** Tom Eastland was kind of enough to attend to my responsibilities.
- **Outing Coordinator, Brenda Marsh:** Absent, nothing to report.
- **Ways and Means, Aaron Matula:** We need to get quotes on T-shirts so that we can order some new ones. We need to find where we got them before. Samantha created an Inventory List for Ways and Means. The coins that are purchased or were purchased needs to be categorized by type, date, mint, and value.
- **Political-Grievance, Gerald Hurt:** Paperwork on Oxbow was filed. He is still trying to educate the Ranger at Stanislaus as not needing a Notice of Intent because we are non-commercial. When you go in and get your Dredge Permit, what you are actually asking for and what they actually give you is a business license.
- **Editor/Publisher, Bill Reboin:** We belong to EBSCO Subscription Services. It's a service that keeps a list under categories of every periodical publication that has an ISBN number. We have an ISBN number. We are registered with the Library of Congress. Two weeks ago we got a subscription only for a person in Colorado. Hopefully, we will start getting more of this. We will be able to put the old publications on the website under history or something to that effect.
- **Chapters, Tom Eastland:** Linda received a communication from Mike Philips from Santa Clara County. Mike is with a mining group called Santa Clara Gold Mine. They all want to join our group. They also want to start a Chapter in Santa Clara.
- **Claims, Chet Chastain:** I asked for some advances on the Plumas County taxes and rental fees for 18 claims. The other 8 claims that we own now should not have any rental fees this year, because we just acquired them. We have 26 claims. I toured the Squirrel Creek Claim. The Greenhorn Outing is when we plan to release Squirrel Creek. Chet would still like to get rid of some claims to cut our cost. Maximum stay on any UPI claim for mining is 14 days. The member must move to another UPI claim for mining. You may return to a previous stayed on claim after 60 days have lapsed. You must have a spark arrester.
- **Web Master, Mark Weber:** The website fees were due June 30th. They are still having confusion over their billing. They are going to send me a hard copy bill. The bill should be around 160 something dollars a year. Only 98 members are using the Members Only area.
- **Technical Advisor, Steve Letlow:** Will be checking for spark arresters and spill pads.
- **Treasurer, Samantha Wait:** BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT.

Samantha Wait, Administration Expenses	\$ 84.41
Chet Chastain, Claims; Mileage, Supplies Filing and Recording	
Filing Fees and Taxes plus Advance which was approved	
His Total Check	\$3,322.47
TOTAL BILL	\$3,406.88
New Checkbook Balance	\$7,382.70

Motion was made by Gerald Hurt and seconded by Chet Chastain to accept payment of the bills. Motion carried.

- **Unfinished Business:** Nothing.
- **New Business:** Steve Letlow, Bill Eastland, Gerald Hurt and John Meling are the Election Committee. Christa Eastland, Denise Matula, and Carol Eastland accepted nominations for Director positions.

Meeting adjourned at 12:04a.m.



The Board Meeting, check out the member participation.



Above: Wes Smith, Wagon Master, had some medical problems prior to the outing. Here he is, that's dedication.



Above: Three lonesome polecats camped out at last years big strike area.

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 06/15/05 through 07/13/05

New Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>
Joseph Farren	Galt, CA
Deborah K. Firestone	Arvado, CO
Stephen Hand	Woodland, CA
Charles Hawkins	Pacifica, CA
Jack & Kay Lapham	Redwoods, CA
Bill & Angie Plumley	Concorde, CA
James Silva	Ukiah, CA
Clifton Smith	Penn Valley, CA
Ian Thielman	Quincy, CA
Brian Taylor	Hanford, CA
Phil Van Beek	Yuba City, CA
Dale Winkle	San Jose, CA

Renewing Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>
Bob & Georgia Azbill	Pollock Pines, CA
Karl Fierling	Oakdale, CA
Jack Galusha	Pacheco, CA
James & Karen Haring	Northfork, CA
John & Judith Ann Hughey	Modesto, CA
Gerald Hurt	Hanford, CA
Kerri Landry	Quincy, CA
Mike & Gail McCann	Paradise, CA
Rod O'Connor	Rosemond, CA
Joe W. Rowell	Strathmore, CA
Ted Stolting	Fernley, NV
Mark E. Weber	Vacaville, CA
Mike & Vicki Wells	Tallahassee, FL

Members Up for Renewal on 08/31/05

Vic Belloli	Darrell Billups	James D. Blake
Jacqueline Cama	Bruce Carso	Sean Cox
Gary Gallo	Gary & Lora Grutkowski	Sean Hiro
Gene Hurn	Steve & Marie Kleszyk	Tim Obole
Brian Page	Ivan & Diane Perkins	Bill Poore
Al Reynolds	Paul Rupf	David Saunders
William & Mary Shannep	Derald H. Smith	
Allen Sorenson	Trevor Stanley	Richard Varnes
Keith White		

Welcome aboard for another year of enjoyment with UPI the small-scale miners advocate. Lets see you at the scheduled outings and the potluck and raffles. It's always a great time for all on top of finding that elusive yellow metal, Au.

It's really nice to see the renewals year after year. There are a number of you that I have never had the pleasure of meeting, only know you by name. Come on by one of the outings and lets get acquainted. Bill Ed/Pub

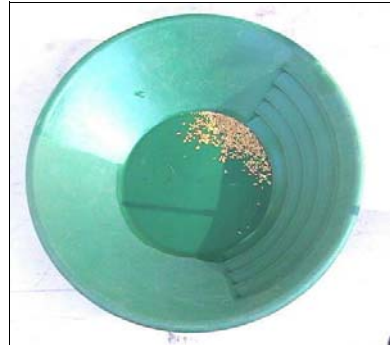
Other Membership Information

Information as of 7/11/05

Membership statistics are:

Honorary: 1
Life Membership: 62
Subscribers: 13
Regular Membership: 348
Family Membership: 800

Right: Some of a members find at the Genesee outing. Though I don't have pictures there have been member reports of some nice finds.



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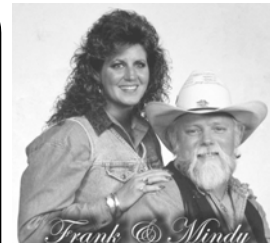
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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST ©

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Your responses to this column and the newsletter in general may play a part in the content of the newsletter and the way I vote as a Director. Please feel free to contact me.

This is my playground! Some may like it, some may not. I hope it starts you thinking, taking responsibility for the group, and enjoying life and livingness and finding Au.



Bill Reboin, Ed/Pub and his pooch Samantha.

RANGER EDUCATION

This little educational process took place when a couple of USFS Rangers visited the campsite of one of our members camped on one of the Genesee claims. One of them was obviously in the know of the Mining Law, while the other wasn't, none-the-less charged with enforcing the Law. Actually both were wrong in this specific incident.

In context, as I heard the story from the member, one Ranger asked the other, how long can this miner camp on his claim? The other responded 14 days. The first Ranger said wrong. The miner can camp on his claim all year long providing it is incidental to working his claim. So Ranger one knows the law and Ranger two doesn't, however she didn't know our NOI "terms of use". An educational process performed one being partially correct and the other not knowing.

In pure understanding of the Law, Ranger one was correct and Ranger two was incorrect. However there are other specific rules and regulations that come into play as to what can be done and what cannot be done on a mining claim. So as it boils out they were both wrong. Ranger two didn't have a clue, and Ranger one only cited the basic law, and didn't know the specifics of the UPI filing. God Bless Ranger one. She at least knew the basic Law.

CLAIMS

What can and cannot be done on a mining claim is spelled out in how the claim is filed. There are a number of ways a claim can be filed. Regardless of how it is filed, unless the pure intent is to prospect only a statement of use of how it will be mined, must be made. Prospect only is to work up and down the claim looking for what may be the big glory hole or the newest big discovery in the Mother Lode area, no tree cutting and no "earth moving" equipment.

Nor does it include a "large group of people" "prospecting". Possible major surface disturbance may occur with large numbers of people.

Under the prospect only concept, there is really not even a need to file a claim. However if you want the mineral rights a claim should be filed. A filing as such does not require that a Notice of Intent, NOI, or a Plan of Operation, POO, be filed. There is currently litigation going through the Court System on this issue because the USFS mind set is that if a claimant does anything more than basically pan in the prospect process, a NOI must be filed. This is not the law as it stands, as of this writing, and this USFS concept of the law is being fought.

The previously presented information primarily pertains to Mom and Pop or individual claimants, or a very small group of claimants. UPI as an organization, and a claimant, having 400 plus members has to look at the claiming process from a totally different perspective.

Imagine in your mind what kind of damage to the land could take place if our entire group decided to spend the entire year mining at our largest claim, Genesee. Major surface disturbance would occur. Grassy and brushy trails would become super highways to the Au providing areas of the claims.

Very basically to prevent this type of potential surface disturbance that could occur, and to prevent the necessity of filing a POO and posting cash bonds for reclamation, UPI's filing format, filed as a NOI precludes major surface disturbances and delineates length of stay by members on our claims. Reference: Your UPI Camping and Mining Rules as spelled out in your Member Guidebook.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS!

The new final rules muck things up even further and nullifies some of the information in Ranger Education. "CFR 228 final Rule is published June 6, 2005". I'm not going to try and explain it in this publication; it's better, in certain respects, than the interim rule, but not much. It appears at first glance that the FS has succeeded in getting suction

dredges and engine powered dry washers classified as motorized earth moving equipment in the new Rule. These areas need further study which will follow next issue. The USFS only has the authority of Congress to control surface disturbance of public lands under their jurisdiction, as directed by law. Moreover suction dredging, in the State of CA, as permitted in the State of California by the authority of the CA Dept. of Fish and Game. is not a surface disturbance by any stretch of the imagination. **It is the redistribution of sub-surface stream bed materials.** None-the-less you are still going to be required to protect yourself from potential prosecution by the State of CA to purchase a CA Standard Dredge Permit if you suction dredge in public lands administered by the FS. You can view the entire rule by going to: www.gpoaccess.gov/ecfr. On the browse waterfall select Title 36 and click. On the next page select browse parts 200-299 and click, next page select 228 and click, and you can see the entire rule.) There is a analysis of the rule in the July issue of ICMJ that points out pluses and minuses, but there are still a number of gray areas and leaves to much up to the local ranger. The complete rule with more analysis will follow in next issue of this newsletter.



Isn't this pretty? A shot of Babcock from up on the road. The greenery and the weather were all anyone could ask for except that they may find that glory hole.

As this writer views the situation it is time for all miners to get on the band wagon and do the only thing the USFS and those in charge of the USFS understand: being taken to court as individuals and as the entity, and forcing them to get their ethics in through administrative procedure. The FS is not the legislative authority that is charged with writing law, they are the administrator, enforcer of the law as dictated by congress, not as dictated by low, mid or upper level civil servants, bureaucrats. You can help by joining PLP now. (Public Lands for the People)



The old miner sez: Letz all get a gether at Spanish Creek an have a great time!





UPI ROLL CALL

List of members and guests present at the Genesee outing, Potluck and Raffle including the raffle results.

July 1 through 4

1. Mike Pivacek: Spade, Small Knife, Pocket Knife
2. John Meling: Fossilized Sand Dollar
3. Chuck Ucker: Sucker Tube, donated by Pat Avilla.
4. Daniel and Samantha Wait (Buddy): 1942 seeded Half Dollar Necklace, Pruning Sheers, Gold Mining Book, and Amethyst Necklace, bag of gold, Donated by Pat Avilla, Eveready Flashlight, Donated by Tom Eastland.
5. Bill Reboin (Samantha): Large Fire Extinguisher, Donated by Terry Schoen.
6. Steve Letlow.
7. Wes and Marsha Smith: Won the 50/50 Raffle, Sniper Tube donated by Gerald Hurt
8. Sam and Tenia SanTangelo.
9. Bill and Carol Eastland (Tucker).
10. Richard and Carol Worthington (Molly). Wonder Bar,
11. Don and Cindy Siegel.
12. Hank and Linda Sisles.
13. Carol Lacy.
14. Bill Greymont: Rock Hammer, RV Friends Telephone Book, Handmade and Donated by Bob Williams, Bottle Cooler Donated by Bob Williams, and Small Fire Extinguisher
15. Gerald and Cheryl Hurt.
16. Kit and Rita Perry: Gold Magnet, Hex Key Set, and Hibachi
17. Tom and Christa Eastland (Howard).
18. Bill Poore: Painted Saw blade
19. Chet Chastain: Small Fire Extinguisher
20. Pat Avill and Sharon Schlemmer: Large Quartz Crystal
21. James Silva: Super Gold Pan, Deluxe Snifter Bottle
22. Steve and Jackie Hand.
23. Terry and Mike Schoen.
24. Leland and Nina Brown: Small Gold Nugget.
25. Bob and Jeanne Williams: Small Quartz Crystal
26. Joel, Brittany, Ashley and Laura Orona.
27. Sid, Laurie, and Susanne Parrish: Large Gold Nugget, 1885 Morgan Silver Dollar
28. Aaron, Denise, Jennifer, and Alex Matula.
29. Mark, Lisa and Troy Weber: 18" Crowbar, Grizzly Gold Kit, Compass, Large Pocket Knife
30. Dennis Robnett.
31. Vic Belloli.



Left: A little confusion here, but I believe this is Susanne Parrish, winner of the large gold nugget pictured with Don Siegel, President of the organization.

Really good show folks! I count 61 members and guests including four of mans best friends present for the potluck and raffle. There were three young fellows that were apparently new members but were not prepared for the potluck that disappeared somewhere along the chain of events. This would have put us at 64, which I believe is a record for Genesee.

OTHER RAFFLE WINNERS!



Above: Nina Brown, winner of the small gold nugget. This is the first outing for a while for Leland and Nina.



The old miner sez: Lookey dez facez! Nary a froun an all smilez. Dat be to da good food, da camaraderie and da great raffle prizes.

THE OUTING!

Below: One of the younger members is building a teepee out of firewood.



Left: Were you there? You bet. Check it out! Was it fun? You bet. Was the weather good? You bet. Everything from motor homes to tents and you make'em camping rigs.



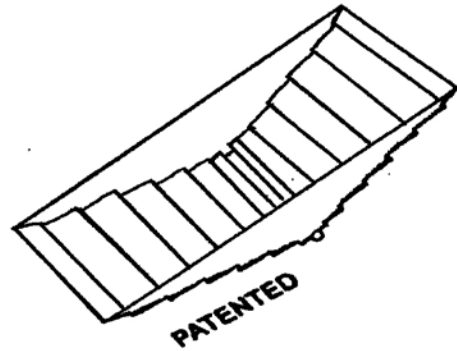
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A couple of other members, Prez Don Siegel and Director Gerald Hurt opted to pack their dredges down into this area as well. It was downhill going in but uphill pulling out. Moreover it was a ways from the road. Pat had done well there as did Don, I haven't heard from Gerald. There were members scattered here and there along the length of the claims mining, and some of the places looked really good. Other members stayed close to camp, Babcock, for their mining activities.

Roll Call Saturday showed that there were 58 members and guests present at the outing. Including our good four legged friends we had 62. If this isn't a record for Genesee, I think it is in my tenure; it is certainly close to a record. There was also a really good turnout of members at the Board Meeting, which we of the Board really like to see. We like the members involved so they can see what takes place and so they can get involved. There were nominations made and accepted for running for Director positions on the Board. We like to see this. Now get ready for the TV blitz, just kidding.

Chet Chastain, Claims and I took a little trip to Susanville. It was a really pretty trip through the high forest, over the hump and down to Honey Lake Valley and to Susanville and Wal-Mart. The trip over the hill looked a lot like areas I used to hunt in around Beckwourth. It used to be really good hunting in that area. Speaking of animals I tripped off

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to Greenville for some supplies and saw a couple of doe and five wild turkeys on the drive.

In the evenings after the members got dry, cleaned up and fixed dinner there were campfire gatherings. The fire brings the group together; the smoke helped keep the mosquitoes away and kept the group warm as the evening grew later. Speaking of Mosquitoes, with the West Nile Virus becoming a problem in California it is advised that long clothing and a good insect repellent with DEET in it be used. It is suggested that being outside at dawn and dusk, when the skeeters are most active be avoided. However when camping this may not so easy to do. So carry that can of repellent.

At the Board Meeting Chet brought up the importance of all members following the mining and camping rules as listed in your Guidebook. All it takes is a Ranger having a bad day and a member violating our mining and camping rules and we could lose a claim(s). The mining and camping rules in the Guidebook reflect the types of use of the claim(s) as stated in the Notice of Intent that we have to file, and are on file with the FS. This is our use agreement with the FS. We need to play by the rules or possibly loose. Also spark arrestors and spill pads are a must on your engines. The FS requires the spark arrestors and UPI requires the spill pads.

Thank you for the great outing. See you at Spanish Creek/CLM Gold!

ELECTION CENTRAL

Things have changed since the last issue of the newsletter: There was an Election Committee formed, late, none-the-less formed, with Steve Letlow our Technical Advisor being the Committee Chair. John Meling, Gerald Hurt and Bill Eastland volunteering to be committee members. They may be approaching you for the nomination of members you would like to see belonging to the Board of Directors of UPI. They will also officiate over the election in October.

Changes in the sample ballot occurred as well. President Don Siegel

was nominated for President and accepted. Christa Eastland, Carol Eastland and Denise Matula also accepted nominations for Director positions.

In addition to these changes taking place, the Board recommended that some changes take place in the Organizations nominations/elections/voting processes. The proposed changes in the processes are below, and will appear on the ballot for your vote.

This is a no "chad" pen, pencil voting process only. Please mark your ballots clearly. We do not have the time or money to take gripes to the Supreme Court.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Board of Directors of UPI has proposed the following Bylaw change(s) in the Nomination/Election process so that all members of the organization can have their say/vote in who runs the Corporation, not just members of the Corporation that attend the Board Meetings/outings.

Proposed changes are italicized.

ARTICLE IX ELECTION OF OFFICERS/DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. Elections shall be held at the scheduled meeting in October.

SECTION 2. Nominations:

- A. At the April or May meeting a nominating committee of three (3) members one (1) Election committee person, who will chair the committee and two (2) members shall be selected in the following manner: Election committee person appointed by the President and two (2) members selected by the general membership.
- B. The duties of the Election/Nominating Committee shall be to solicit and nominate one (1) or more candidates for each elective officer and/or Director vacancy and report to the members at the July meeting.
- C. The Election/ Nominating Committee shall present a proposed slate of nominees at the July general membership meeting. Members present in good standing at such meeting may make additional nominations. The Committee shall then forward its report together with any additional nominations from the floor to the Editor-in-Chief for publication in the next newsletter.
- D. No nomination will be accepted without approval from the member.

SECTION 3. To be eligible for office a person shall be a member in good standing for one year or more at the time of the election.

SECTION 4. Terms of Office

- A. The terms of office shall be two (2) years.
- B. The President, Secretary, and five (5) Directors shall be elected in odd-number years (2003, 2005, etc.)
- C. The Vice President, Treasurer and five (5) Directors shall be elected in even-numbered years (2004, 2006, etc.).

SECTION 5. Election Procedures

The election of Officers shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures outlined in Roberts Rules of Order.

Article IX, Section 1, shall be amended as follows:

SECTION 1. ELECTIONS

- A. Elections shall be held at the scheduled meeting/outing in October.
- B. Absentee ballots shall be accepted for the scheduled meeting/elections in October.
- C. Absentee ballots must be received at the mailbox of the Chair of the Nominating Committee no later than 14 days prior to the scheduled election date to allow time for verification of member status or they will be discarded.
- D. Ballots from expired or other unqualified members will be rejected.
- E. Absentee ballots must have the absentee voters UPI member number on it and must be signed by the member too be valid. Spaces will be provided.
- F. The absentee ballot will be first class mailed, or e-mailed to you, upon your timely request for such, by phone, by land mail, or e-mail, approximately one month before the scheduled Election. To use the absentee ballot, refer to the above. Place your postage stamp where indicated on the ballot and mail.
- G. Write-ins will be accepted on Election Day with the member's authorization and check of membership status.

Article IX, Section 2, shall be amended as follows:

SECTION 2. NOMINATIONS.

- D. The cut-off date for Nominations from the floor will be at the last Board Meeting prior to the election date.

If these proposed changes are voted in at the October outing/meeting they will go into effect beginning in 2006.

Your sample ballot follows on the next page, page 10



A couple of shots as the sun started shutting down and the fire beginning to glow. The smoke helped keep the skeeters away.

SAMPLE BALLOT FOR 2006 POSITIONS

Subject to change as the nominations proceed

Vote for one for each office through 2007

President

Don Siegel: Incumbent _____

Secretary

Rita Perry: Incumbent _____

Write ins _____

Vote for five positions through 2007

Directorships

Chet Chastain: Incumbent, Claims _____

Linda Doyle: Incumbent, Membership _____

Bill Reboin: Incumbent, Ed/Pub _____

Christa Eastland _____

Carol Eastland _____

Denise Matula _____

Write In _____

Appointed positions to be confirmed for Office through 2006

By the general membership.

Directorships **Yes** **No**

Aaron Matula: Ways & Means _____ _____

Wes Smith: Wagon Master _____ _____

Write In _____

Officer Vice-President **Yes** **No**

Tom Eastland: Incumbent _____ _____

Write In _____

Proposed Bylaw Changes

Shall the proposed bylaw changes as proposed in the "Legal Notice" appearing in publications numbers 276 and 277 be implemented?

Yes **No**

 _____ _____



The old miner sez: Me gotta thenk sumtime ifin our Comaner n Cheef be playin wit a full deck. Wit alla smoken mirrors he mus thenk he be magician.

INFORMATIONAL VOTE

The Board of Directors needs information from you to help us make some decisions in the area of claims holdings, and reducing claims expenses. We currently have 26 claims. We currently pay rental fees and taxes on 18 of them. Rental fees alone amount to \$2250.00/year. Next year we will have rental fees and taxes on the remaining 8, again rental fees alone on these will be \$1000.00, or a total in rental fees alone of \$3250.00/year.

We are considering selling several claims for reason of non-use or non-usability for various reasons. Current members would get first grabs on any claim being put up for sale if there were no other previous agreements attached to that specific claim. Claims under current consideration are: Moccasin Creek, Upper Bull Creek, Clippership UPI, Cedar Grove/Clippership, Salmon River UPI, and possibly others.

Please give us your choices of claims that should be considered for reduction from our claims inventory below:

	<u>Keep</u>	<u>Remove</u>
Salmon River UPI	_____	_____
Twain**		
Original Genesee	_____	_____
Genesee 1	_____	_____
Genesee 2	_____	_____
Genesee 3	_____	_____
Genesee 4	_____	_____
Genesee 5	_____	_____
Spanish Creek UPI	_____	_____
Upper Greenhorn	_____	_____
Lower Greenhorn	_____	_____
Clippership UPI		
Cedar Grove, two claims	_____	_____
Moccasin Creek UPI	_____	_____
Upper Bull UPI	_____	_____
Middle Bull	_____	_____
Lower Bull	_____	_____
CLM Gold UPI	_____	_____

Our membership can respond to the Claims Manager at any time on this subject, via e-mail. Please see address on page 3 of the newsletter.

**** Listed for count only. This claim has significant UPI history attached to it.**

The Raffle!!



Was there laughing gas in the air? No! But it sure was cleaner than most of us breath daily. Good effects!



The Potluck!



There were some really good fixings at the potluck as usual. All of it was really good and there was a great variety. **Upper left and lower right:** Easing into the raffle after the great chow. **Upper right and lower left:** The chow line.



The old miner sez: Seez whatcha be missin iff'n ya ain't be'en ta da outins?



The Outing By Tom

Genesee: What a great outing! Babcock crossing, this beautiful, quiet area, woke up to a huge UPI gathering! We had members camping wherever there were places to park, in RV's or tents. It was a little busy in camp Saturday, but it was fun.

Something new happened at this outing. Rita got all the girls together and did something called "Mary K". Where they put stuff on their faces and they could buy Mary K products. This was a success. They got "all beautiful" for us Gold Miners! **Now at our next outing, Rita plans to do something called "Micro-derm abrasion and make up"?** (Ed/Pub: **I think this long for Facial.**) Whatever that is! Too bad we did not get some pic's! Maybe next time!

As usual the Potluck was great, and there were good raffle prizes! The camp fire that evening was just right. It doesn't get any better that!

Some members camped at our first Genesee claim, and others camped in areas down stream. But we all gathered for a enjoyable time together.

There was some nice Gold found. New members, new faces, more memories. To those UPI members who did not attend, you missed something special! We hope you will join us at our next outing August 12-14 Spanish Creek.

Tom Eastland, Vice Pres.
If you dig it, it's yours!

Great Exercise for Getting in Shape for Mining!

I came across this exercise suggested for seniors, to build muscle strength in the arms and shoulders. It seems so easy; I thought I'd pass it on. The article suggested doing it three days a week. Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side:

1. With a 5-lb. potato sack in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides, and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute; then relax. Each day, you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer.
2. After a couple of weeks move up to 10-lb. potato sacks.
3. Then 50-lb. potatoes sacks, and then eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb. potato sack in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute.
4. Once you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each of the sacks.

Fourth of July!!

What is the Fourth of July? Yippee, yippee, a three-day weekend. If you are lucky enough you can stretch it to a five-day weekend or more if you have accrued vacation time that you are fortunate enough to take when you desire. We all deserve it; we all need some personal prime time to get away from the rat race to make our employers rich, and making the planet go round. Some can do it; some cannot, not that they don't deserve it.

What is the significance of the Fourth of July? Observing the goings on, the loose nuts holding steering wheels creating carnage on the highways, and the lack of promotion of "Independence Day, July 4, 1776", referring only to 4th of July, perhaps leads one to believe that the only significance to the day is that of three day weekend as described above. Oops! Forgot about all of the great sales on everything from soup to nuts.

July 4, 1776 is the day that the peoples of the Colonies of America declared independence from the suppressive King of England and his

enforcement minions in this Country. Should we not celebrate this Declaration of Independence? You bet we should. However it appears that perhaps we are being duped into the celebration part only, of that great "Declaration" day. It appears we are loosing the significance of what was said and directed toward the Suppressive King of England and his minions and what that Declaration stands for.

I am far from being an expert on U.S. history, however I have the ability to observe the obvious. In my civics and history classes I was told I didn't need to understand why? Instead I was instructed to remember the dates. Teaching at its poorest! A student needs to understand, not just memorize, so that the true significance of the event, document is understood.

What does this have to do with our pursuit of happiness as small-scale miners? Lets dissect this a little bit, let us put it into the perspective of the USFS and BLM vs. the Small-Scale Miner:

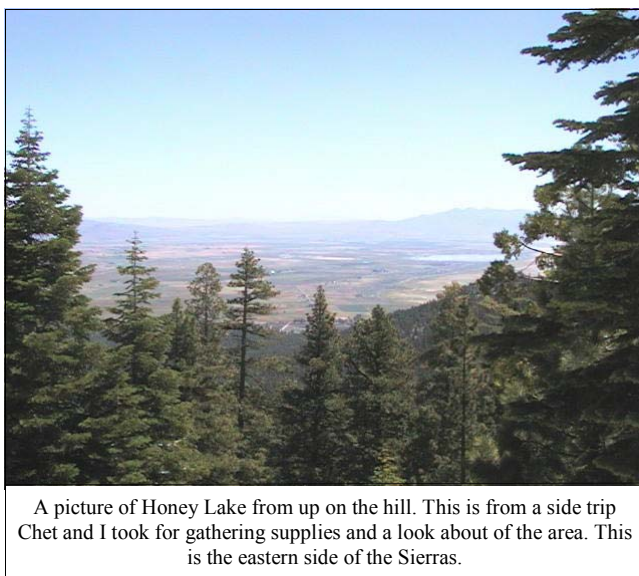
Various bureaucrats involved with the USFS (United States Forest Service), and the BLM (Bureau of Land Management) and various other agencies that are charged by Congress to administer the laws of the Public Land, as passed by Congress; we are a land of law, have been perverting the law, and have been assuming the position of Congress. The U. S.

Congress passes laws, not the various bureau, department and agency heads.

If you are wondering where this is leading to, good for you. The USFS and the BLM, neither a part of the U.S. Government that has the authority to pass laws, has for years been trying to, and enforcing upon the small-scale miner their interpretation of the Laws of Congress, and "Their Rules."

Current information indicates that when the FS (Forest Service) refers to "Public Land", they refer to it as Forest Service Land. Correction: It is not Forest Service Land; it is Public Land, Public Domain, administered by the Forest Service as directed by Congress. Neither the USFS nor the BLM owns The "Public Land, we do. They, the USFS and BLM are charged by Congress to administrate over the "Public Land" as directed by Congress, and we the people are charged with directing

Congress. Do you see the similarities that lead to July 4, 1776? This is in just two facets of the US Government, lobbied by "greenies", web that

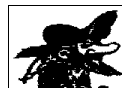


A picture of Honey Lake from up on the hill. This is from a side trip Chet and I took for gathering supplies and a look about of the area. This is the eastern side of the Sierras.



A members camp out in the woods by himself. The big chunk of granite made a great out in the woods fire place.

is slowly chipping away at our rights to "Our Public Land" as citizens. Are we not doing something correctly?



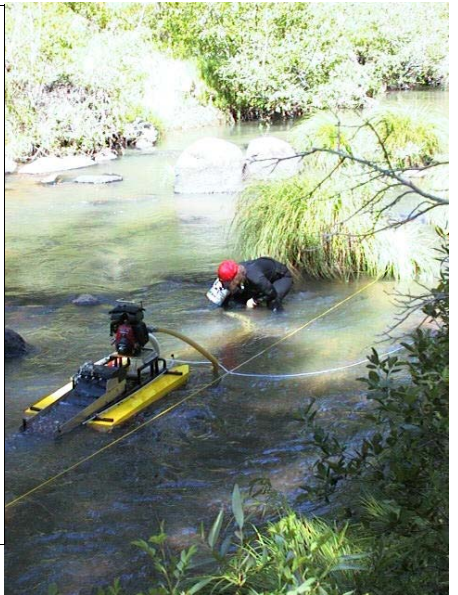
The old miner sez: It be sayed afore an it be sayed agen, ifin ya wanna do whats ya do in da woods ya needa get involve an start taken some sponibility.

More of the Outing!



Almost every place I looked in the water there were these aquatic creatures that somewhat resembled seals. But only one of them had a snout.

I believe that most of them are of a specie that needs to be put on the endangered species list. I did happen to catch a picture of one that not only had a snout, but an unusual snout as well. A little research showed that I was fortunate enough to capture a picture of an engandered "red-headed buckasnoutus, mineros" from the Estlandousauous family *at the right*.



This bedrock was thoroughly scoured.

These were some long shots for the camera, full zoom, but there are members down there.



More of the Outing!



Near left: Yours truly congratulating the President of the organization on a great day and evening. At Genesee.



Below: Had to really burn the picture below to get it up to speed. It should reproduce pretty good.



Left: Isn't this place beautiful?



SPANISH CREEK PRE-VIEW!

There is no lack of space for camping on this claim, though there is on CLM Gold. You can camp at Spanish Creek and day trip it to CLM. Both have produced some nice finds for members. Hopes are that the storms brought new material in.



CLM Gold is tight in the woods and is best suited for tent or truck camping. I believe that I could get in with my crank up Coleman, but I don't think that much bigger should be attempted.

Just look at the abundant space available for camping at Spanish Creek! The motor home above right isn't a slouch for size, and look at the space all around it. See you there! Ed/Pub



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