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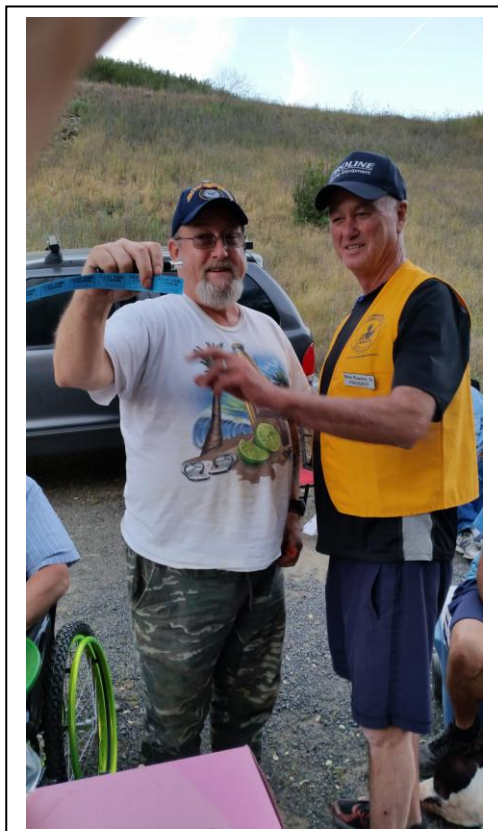
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Nugget winners Chuck Malone, John Meling, and Mike Brickwedel at Moccasin Creek Outing

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR OFFICERS



**President
Don Siegel**

Hi all, let me start with the great outing last month. Thirty plus folks came out to enjoy the fantastic weather, campfires, hot dogs and hamburgers, and lots of fun with a metal detector hunt and an after dark Easter egg hunt.

Now it's time for Bull Creek, one our best claims with a lot of area to mine and explore. We plan on a detector hunt, campfire, potluck, and a great drawing. There will be nuggets, a nice sluice box, lots of tools, and mining gear.

As of this morning (*Editors note: 04/11/15*) there was ample water available to sluice or run a power sluice. We are open to suggestions for fun things to add to our outings and welcome your input on how to liven things up a bit. Come join us May 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

On the fight for our mining rights, I have an idea that will help all of you understand the complicated fight we are involved in. I want you to go to the AMRA web site (<http://americanminingrights.com/>) and look at all the things that you can help with without leaving your living room. I am not advocating that you join AMRA, that's up to you, but, you need to keep yourself abreast of the legal and political activities.

Don



We had a great time at the first outing of the year at the Moccasin Creek claim. It was great to meet up with some of the old timers and I'd like to take a minute to thank the new members who took the time to make it to the outing.



**Vice President
Ed Ozga**

We have quite a few new members this year and I'd like to hear from you. I'm interested in what you think of UPI as a group. We are always looking for new ideas and would appreciate any input you can provide. Do you have any ideas for the upcoming outings, what activities would you like an outing to include, do you have any comments regarding our claims, how about ideas on how we can improve this organization? Also, if you're new to UPI (or not) and have any questions, or just feel like chatting with a prospector, please feel free to give me at call at (925) 706-8193.

Hope to see 'ya at the next outing at Bull Creek on the weekend of May 1st! If all goes as planned, some of us will be there as early as Tuesday the 28th, so please join us early. The activities for Bull Creek have not been decided as of the publishing of this newsletter, so please call or write and let us know your ideas.

May there be gold in your pan, Ed



**The 'Ol
Miner sas congrats
ther Dan Repke for
the 50/50 Moccasin
Crik**



Membership News

We have New Members!

On behalf of the Officers, Directors, and current Membership I'd like to welcome and acknowledge our newest UPI Members:.

Jose Nolasco, Tracy, CA
Kimberly Phillips, Sacramento, CA
Gilbert Mink, Newark, CA
Chris Pastore, Manteca, CA
Alan Neff, Sonora, CA
Douglas Munroe, Sparks, NV
Michael Suhr, El Sobrante, CA

Ricky Woody, James Town, CA
Sid Calija, Stockton, CA
Robert Anderson, Stockton, CA
Peter Lamarche, Stockton, CA
Jeffrey During, Manteca, CA
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You've joined an outstanding fun bunch of likeminded gold and gem seekers. We look forward to meeting you in person at an outing and on the claims.

We also have another new Lifetime Member: **Paul Hoyle, West Sacramento, CA**. Thank you for choosing to become a Lifetime member and for continuously supporting the UPI.

I'd also like to give a big thank you to all the renewing members over the last month. It's great to see so many friends stay active in the club.

Other membership news:

Electronic renewal notices are up and working! Per last month's newsletter, we are now sending out renewal notices electronically via e-mail. So if you have selected the check box on your application you will now receive notifications when newsletters are available on-line and an e-mail reminder 30 days prior to your member expiration. I'd like to send out my **thanks** to **Mark Weber**, our Web Master, for working out the details and putting this into action. Great job Mark!

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Thanks for your support,
Dave Williams
UPI Membership Director
Fools-gold49@att.net

MEET UPI's NEW OUTING COORDINATOR

Many thanks to Steve Letlow for stepping up as the new UPI Outing Coordinator. Some of you already know Steve as he has been a UPI member for many years and previously served on the UPI Board. If you have any ideas for activities at upcoming outings, please be sure to give Steve a holler (see page 2 for contact information).

Thanks for stepping up to help Steve, we know you'll do a great job!



Contra Costa County Chapter News

Come one-come all for the annual UPI Contra Costa Chapter Metal Detecting Hunt to be held Saturday, May 30th at 10:00 am.

Open to UPI members and immediate family only.

Hunt will be held in: Contra Costa County - Park to be determined

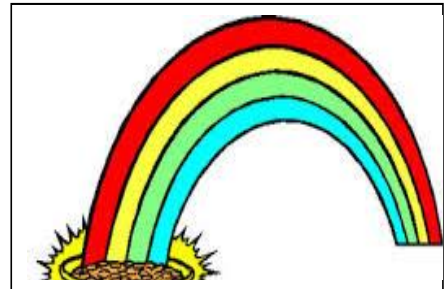
There **will be a potluck lunch** held immediately after the hunt. UPI Contra Costa **Chapter will supply the hot dogs, sausages, buns, and condiments.** Please bring a side dish to share and your own drinks.

Price is: \$10.00 per hunter (please no big foots).

Lots of prizes! 100% Payback, Plus lots more!!

You must RSVP to Bobby Whitworth at (925) 586-6443. Please let Bobby know if you are hunting and/or staying for lunch and how many for lunch.

Hunt will go on weather permitting, however, we will notify you if the hunt must be postponed due to rain.



Contra Costa Chapter is Tripping

The UPI Contra Costa Chapter is Tripping...But, only for the day!

You're invited to join in the fun, when the UPI Contra Costa Chapter spends a day of prospecting, adventure, comradery, and just plain fun!

On Saturday, **June 13, 2015**, join us on an adventure to the **Roaring Camp Mining Company** just above Jackson, CA <http://www.roaringcampgold.com/>

Only 23 spots (sorry, I took the other two) have been reserved for Contra Costa Chapter and other UPI members.

All you have to do is call the Roaring Camp Mining Company at 209-296-4100, identify yourself as a UPI member and pay the \$60 over the phone.

The \$60.00 fee includes a full day of prospecting, dinner (steak, potato, vegetable, desert, etc.), and for those that are still able, dancing will follow.

Note, there will be other prospectors on the trip. I hope that you can make it. I guarantee it will be an awesome time!

Please call me if you have any questions, Ed Ozga, UPI Contra Costa Chapter Chairman, 925-706-8193

THANKS SO MUCH

Many thanks go out to our outgoing Directors and Volunteers. Thanks so much for all that you contributed to UPI during your tenure. We look forward to seeing you at the outings all relaxed...

Sandy Cameron - Outgoing Membership Director

Terry and Debbie Moore - Outgoing Outing Coordinators

Mike Phillips - Outgoing Santa Clara Chapter Chairman



UPCOMING EVENTS



2015 UPI Outing Schedule:

March 27th – 29th - Moccasin Creek (It was great!)

May 1st – 3rd - Bull Creek

July 2nd – 7th - Spanish Creek

August 27th-September 3rd Twain (Sponsored by Contra Costa Chapter)

October 16th – 18th - Coulterville Area/Pre-Thanksgiving Feed

GPAA Gold and Treasure Expo

April 25 - 26, 2015



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2015 GPAA Gold & Treasure Show Schedule

2015 Las Vegas, NV Gold Show, Apr 25 - 26, 2015

2015 Denver, CO Gold Show, May 16 - 17, 2015

2015 Charlotte, NC Gold Show, May 30 - 31, 2015

2015 Knoxville, TN Gold Show, June 6 - 7, 2015

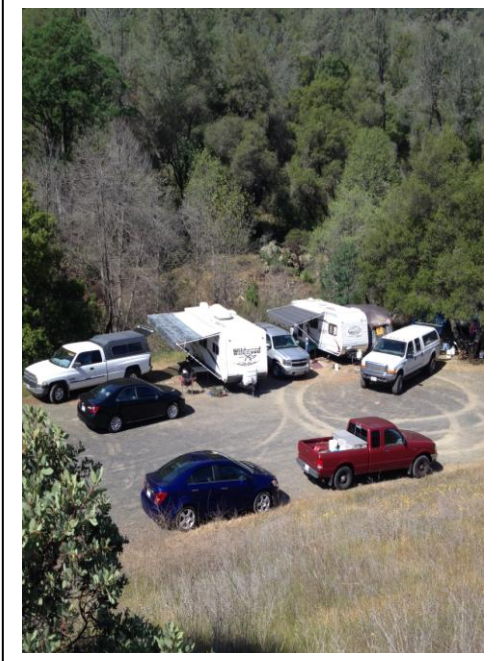


The 'ol Miner sas, try to be
the person yer 'ol dog
thinks you is.



MOCCASIN CREEK PARKING

If you missed the Moccasin Creek outing that was held March 27th through 29th, you missed a great time! To those of you that made it, we appreciate it and hope you had as good a time as we did. Congratulations to those of you that braved the hairy turn and brought those big trailers down to the claim area. There will be a surprise for you the next time that you visit Moccasin Creek claim with your trailers. Some kind hearted UPI members have cleared the turnaround area to make your life a little easier... Congratulations again, that was a brave thing you did...



Plenty of Time Left to Win this Nugget!

Want to **win the beautiful 3.2 gram nugget**? There's still plenty of time! To have a chance, all you have to do is attend all or any of the UPI outings scheduled for this year. Each qualifying UPI member (includes adults and their spouses) who attend an outing will receive a ticket for a chance to win this nugget. The more outings you attend, the more tickets you will receive. All those that received tickets for attending the outings this year will then be entered into a raffle to win the nugget. The raffle will be held at the pre-Thanksgiving Coulterville area outing in October 2015. Tickets will not be provided for attending the pre-Thanksgiving Coulterville area outing and you need not be present at the drawing to win.

If you have a mailing address, email change, or wish to receive your newsletter electronically, please send your updated information to Dave Williams; Membership Director, Membership@unitedprospectors.com.

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Bull Creek by Prospector Anonymous

There's a lot of things to talk about when it comes to gold prospecting and I'm sure that not all would like me to say too much either. A lot of people like to keep their secrets of where they have found some real nice gold on this UPI claim.

I will start off by saying that I to wish not to tell or show anyone my special spots, but I would still like to share some interesting knowledge and a spot or two so that you can go and find gold and discover some real cool spots of your own. I have to tell you now that I've been looking up and down and around this creek for the last 10 years and still keep finding new spots to work and come back to old spots that give me some more gold every time I visit. And, since I can't put all of this stuff in one newsletter, I'll just have to continue until I have nothing more to say about this here Bull Creek

I wish to say that when I first came to the Bull Creek area I was pretty green when it came to thinking outside the box. This area has been worked by some pretty good miners and not too far back it was worked by a small drag line and trommel system. This you can see from the past slate and rocks stacked up to create a road for the what they called a doodle bug rig and the road along the creek bed in spots is down near the end of the UPI lower claim and some spots upper claim too. I'm not sure they ran the system too far up the creek, because the creek above where it gets narrow you'll notice that the tailing piles aren't evident. This tells me that there could be some very nice places to check out. (The trommel evidence can be noticed how you'll see that the piles of rock are laid out like waves on the ocean).

Walking the creek can be done in sections so that you can watch where you walk and pay attention as you go, you'll find that gold has a lot of neat places to hide. The time of year to go to Bull Creek is any time you can get there. Watch the water rush down the creek and see where the drop zone's are and look for log and stick jams, because they have a habit of being around long enough to collect and then they blow out. This can turn out to be a very good place to search for that AU stuff. When the water is low, look for low spots which most likely will run into a crack that collects.

I've found some very nice gold in cracks that have roots growing into them, just wear gloves for it may be poison oak roots. I've even replaced the crack with new stuff to catch more gold. It doesn't pay to just dig a hole down and expect to find some gold because you worked so hard to get there. I dug down one time and wanted to come back and so I covered the hole with some logs and the other stuff and thought I was real smart in doing so and another member found it and got into it with a 4" dredge and sucked up what I didn't find. If you don't want others to get into your hole just fill it most of the way back up with all the big rocks you moved out. This spot happened to be a place that this member has been keeping his eye on and found it before me, but this is what I'm talking about. The more you're out there the more you will get to know a place that gives you the AU.

I was dredging with a 2" one year there and came across some white quartz veins about two inches wide and used a pick axe under water to crack open just to see if there was any gold and sure enough I found a few flat pieces. Now should I've dug deeper and should I go back to that spot?

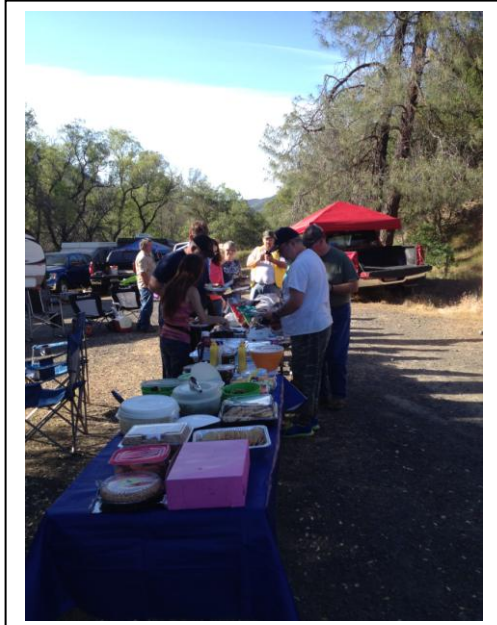
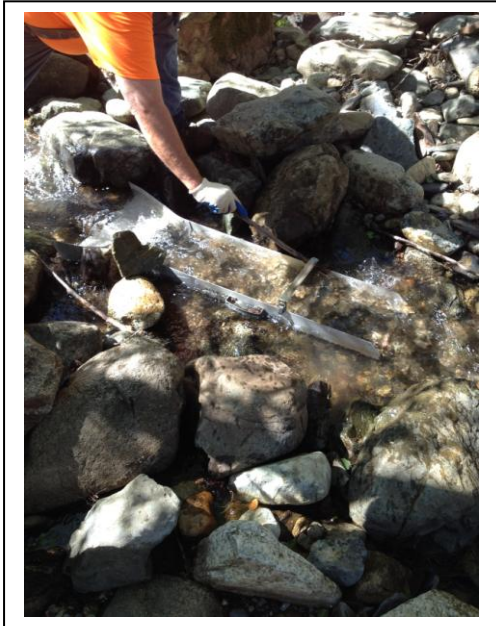
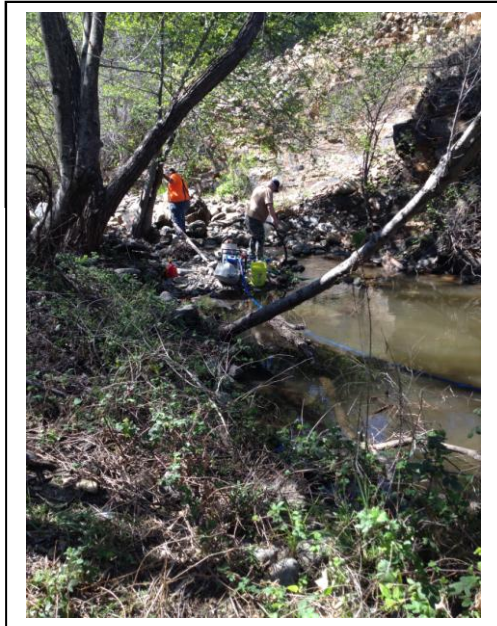
I will talk more on this here Bull Creek in another newsletter, so until that time I will be out there as much as I can.

And don't leave any large holes for others to fall into.

To be continued...



MOCCASIN CREEK OUTING - March 2015



MOCCASIN CREEK DRAWING WINNERS



Steve Letlow and Prez Don



Maggie Bruce and Our Prez



Dan Jordan



Ed Ozga



Mary Padilla



Theo Marcelja



Lance Schmidt

**The Ol' Miner sas
congrats to all 'ya
winers!**



MOCCASIN CREEK DRAWING WINNERS CONTINUED



Glenn Frisbie



Dave Williams



Paula Roderick with THE Prez



Tina Mink



Gill Mink



Scotty Ward



Weighing that Elusive Yellow

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15.43 grains = 1 troy gram
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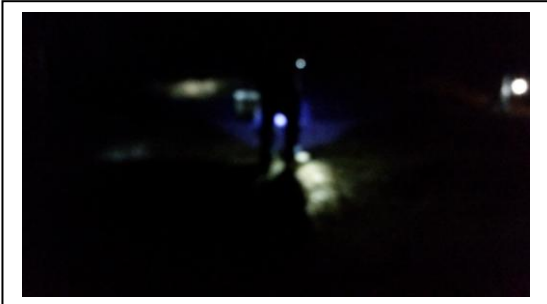
NOTICE FROM THE CLAIMS DIRECTOR

As promised last month, the directions to our new claim, the Burnt Stumpy, are enclosed on page 13 of this Newsletter.

Please remove page 13 of this Newsletter and keep with your MEMBERS CLAIMS AND RULES GUIDE BOOK, until such time that the guide book is updated.

Any questions, please give me a holler, Mike Hammond, UPI Claims Director

UFO SIGHTING AT MOCCASIN CREEK



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Poison Oak, Ivy, and Sumac

What does it look like?



Poison Ivy, the most common of the three plants, is characterized by three or five serrated-edge, pointed leaflets. These leaves assume bright colors in the fall, turning yellow then red.

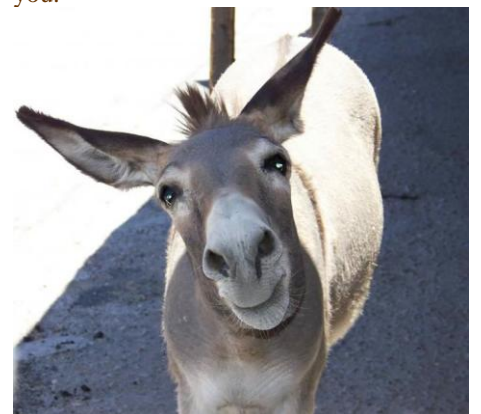


Poison Oak has three oak-like leaves and grows as a low shrub in the eastern U.S. and as both low and high shrubs in the western U.S., where it is most prevalent. Poison oak produces whitish flowers from August to November that dry but may remain on the plant for many months.



Poison Sumac has seven to 13 staggered leaflets with one on the tip of the plant. Mainly found in the eastern U.S., poison sumac grows in peat bogs and swamps as a shrub or a small tree. The large allergen-containing fruit is white and grows between the leaf and the branch.

Any misspellings, grammatical errors, and/or misinformation are intentionally placed in this Newsletter for the amusement of those who enjoy pointing them out. Thank you.



BURNT STUMPY UPI – 40 ACRES

GPS Coordinates: N37° 40.754' W119° 59.759'

Location/Directions Information:

The Burnt Stumpy Claim is located approximately 13.4 miles from Greeley Hill near Coulterville, CA.

From Greeley Hill Market: Set your odometer to 0, and head East on Greeley Hill Road (away from Coulterville). Keep Right to stay on Bull Creek Road (SR 2S05).

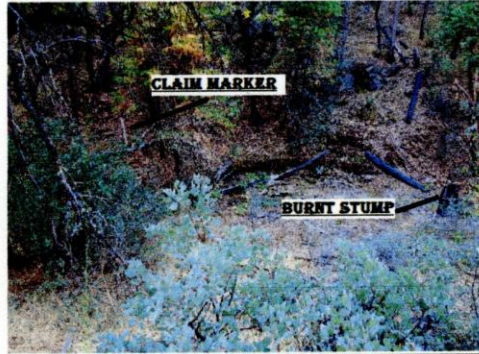
At 10.6 miles, Turn Right at the Bull Creek/Anderson Valley Road Intersection (keeping straight takes you to our Bull Creek Claims). You'll be passing over Bull Creek.

At 12.4 miles, Veer Right onto SR 3S10. You'll arrive at the middle of the claim at approximately 13.4 miles. Too your left will be a large burnt stump and across the creek bed, a 4x4 post marking the center of the claim. If you've come to a dead end at the top of the hill, you've gone too far.

Access to the claim is roadside parking on a dirt road. There are several pull offs along the claim and creek bed. Most of the creek bed is only 10 - 20 yards from the roadside, so it's very close. There is a slight downhill to the creek and there are some steps cut in.

Other information regarding this claim:

The claim is mainly a dry creek bed with lots of new areas to dig and a higher part of the creek. This area was last claimed almost 30 years ago and shows lots of promise. Since there's mainly no water on the claim, you may have to take your paydirt back down to our Bull Creek claims to process (approximately 7 miles away).



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Coulterville RV Park (209) 878-3988

Nearest Hospital(s):

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Nearest Grocery Store(s):

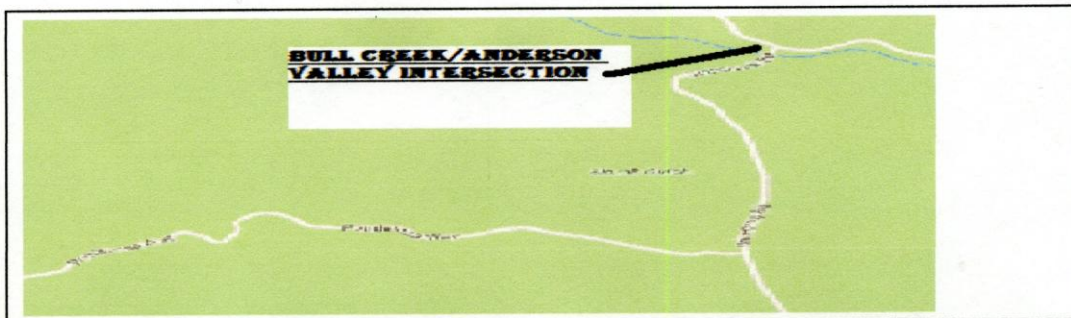
Greeley Hill Market, Greeley Hill, CA
Coulterville, CA

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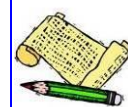
I would really appreciate any input you may have for the newsletter. Please send articles, letters, adventures, recipes, short stories, etc. Anything you would like to share with the UPI members it would be much appreciated. Anything to do with gold prospecting so we can share your thoughts with other members.

Do you have a personal short story you would like to share?

Do you have pictures you would like to share?

All of the above are welcome.

Laurie Ozga
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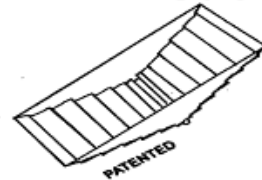
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