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DEM DAR OUTING OF THE YEAR!

March 25-27

Moccasin Creek



# UNITED PROSPECTORS INC. MESSAGE FROM YOUR OFFICERS



President

Good news, our outing schedule has been set for 2011 (see below). First stop Moccasin Creek the weekend of March 25th. For you new members, the outings are a great time to get to know the other club members. Also, if you need any help in how to prospect, there will be many of us there to assist you. There is a potluck and raffle on Saturday night and other activities over the course of the weekend. Also, thanks to Bob, port-a-potties are available at all the scheduled outings!

Important news. On February 28th, the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) announced the release of the DRAFT Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (DSEIR) for the Suction Dredge Permit Program. This is the next step in the environmental review process prescribed by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The release triggers a 60-day comment period during which agencies and the public are encouraged to review and comment on the document. A copy of the report is available at [www.dfg.ca.gov/suctiondredge/](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/suctiondredge/). Please send your comments forward by April 29, 2011. Also, see page 10 for a schedule of the public hearing dates.

Hope to see you soon, Don.



Vice President  
Ed Ozga

Finally, some good news! Senators Atkinson, Hass, and Bates who introduced SB 765 to charge out of state dredgers \$2,500 for a permit in Oregon have withdrawn the bill. Thanks to all who helped by writing and calling these Senators. In addition, Senator Ted Gains, R-Roseville, CA has introduced a measure (SB 657) that would repeal the statewide ban on suction dredge mining in California until a full environmental review has been completed. Senator Gains has stated that *"It is irresponsible to impose a one-size-fits-all ban on suction dredge mining before we even know what the effects are. There is no scientific evidence that points to suction dredge mining as a cause in the collapse of fish populations. An economic impact report has been started, but there seems to be no urgency in its completion. In the meantime, local economies are suffering and those who depend on the mining to make a living are impacted"*. Senator Gains further stated that his measure *"will ensure the viability of this industry until there is concrete proof that it does more harm than good. The disruption of an entire way of life for some of my constituents is not something that should be done on a hunch"*. Please join me in calling and writing Senator Gains to show our support of SB 657 (916-783-8232, 1700 Eureka Road, Suite 120, Roseville, CA 95661). You can also log onto the Around the Capitol web site to make and review comments [http://www.aroundthecapitol.com/Bills/SB\\_657/20112012/](http://www.aroundthecapitol.com/Bills/SB_657/20112012/), however, remember that calls and handwritten letters get more attention. Remember, together we can make a difference! Hope to see you at the Moccasin Creek outing.

May there be gold in your pan, Ed.

## UPCOMING UPI OUTINGS

March 25-27	Moccasin Creek	June 24-July 5	Genesse
May 20-22	Bull Creek	Nov. 11-13	Coulterville

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### -YOUR INPUT NEEDED-

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

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Springtime is the land awakening. The March winds are the morning yawn.

*Lewis Grizzard*



# Board Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2011 Manteca Meeting UPI Minutes

Meeting called to order at 11:00a.m.

Officers Present: Don Siegel, President; Ed Ozga, Vice President; Aaron Matula, Treasurer; Rita Perry, Secretary  
Directors Present: Ron Coleman, Claims; Dave Williams, Membership; Jim Madden, Publisher/Editor in Chief; Terry and Debbie Moore, Outing Coordinator

Members Present: Terry Schoen, John and Cathy Meling, Laurie Ozga, Claude and Linda Moore, Bob and Georgia Azbill, Chris Perry, Denise Matula, David and Darlene Norman, and James Neeley  
Dave Williams, Ed Ozga, and Aaron Matula took their oath of office.

Ron Coleman made a motion to accept the minutes, Linda Moore seconded the motion, the motion carried.

Treasurer, Aaron Matula: Aaron is dealing with the IRS regarding taxes that we may owe the Federal Government. We are Tax Exempt with the State of California but we are not with the Federal Government. He is working on getting this resolved so that we are considered a non-profit with the Federal Government as well. The State will be electronic next year. He is hoping to get everyone on board that is using checks to make sure they send him the receipts. He needs these receipts to prove what was spent not only for his records to be accurate but in case there is an audit. Beginning balance as of 12/31/2009 \$16,581.86  
Ending Balance as of December 2010 \$7,908.55 Debbie Moore made a motion to accept the treasure report, Ron Coleman seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Budget was discussed as follows:

Claims, \$6,000; Membership, \$1,000; Outing Coordinator, \$1,000; Publications, \$4,500; Wagon Master, \$1,600; Ways and Means, \$2000, Claims, Ron Coleman: BLM was paid their fees that were due. He did find out that we were over paying fees to the BLM in past years. He has not heard anymore regarding the Suzy Q Claim since June. If anyone wants to mine this claim they need to contact, Ron Coleman, Jim Madden or Dave Norman. NOI is only required at Bull Creek. Ron will be looking for more claims in Nevada and

Southern California. UPI may consider releasing Squirrel Creek to small claims, if decided to do so he will draw up the paperwork to proceed.

Outing Coordinator, Terry and Debbie Moore: Looking forward to the coming year with more fun. They would like to continue with games they had last year which were successful. These games included a detector hunt, egg hunt, camp fire games, and considering a few new ones. They are going to be involved with the Redding Gold Show this year March 18<sup>th</sup>. They need volunteers to show up to help set up. Mike Phillips is in charge of the booth.

Wagon Master, Bob Azbill: Tentative Schedule for Outings as follows; Moccasin Creek March 25, 26, and 27; Bull Creek May 20, 21, and 22; Genesee June 24 thru July 5 meeting and potluck will be held on the second weekend; Coulterville November 11, 12, and 13. It was agreed to have a potluck at Coulterville with UPI purchasing the turkeys and ham. It will be determined at a later date where the dinner will be held.

Membership, Dave Williams: He met with Georgia for his training session. There are 68 Lifetime Members, 306 Regular Members, 17 Other Members. There were 107 new member packets sent and 177 renewal packets mailed as well. There will be changes made to the wording on the Membership form regarding age. It will now read something to the affect "Over the age of eighteen". PayPal is now available for renewals and purchasing items: [payment@unitedprospectors.com](mailto:payment@unitedprospectors.com) will be used to

purchase through PayPal. Jim Madden will take the Tri-folds to Redding to entice people to join UPI. Chapters, Ed Ozga: There aren't any new chapters. Hoping that Stanislaus and San Joaquin may start one up. Georgia is hoping for an El Dorado Chapter with regards to her Gem and Mineral Club members may want to join it. Chapters will be publishing their outings in the newsletter.

Publisher/Editor in Chief, Jim Madden: Linda is asking for input for the newsletter such as articles, games, and recipes. Linda thanked Laurie for helping with the newsletter. Ads were discussed and hoping to continue with some and having to delete a few.

New Business: Mileage will be \$.51 for the Claims Director and also it will be decided for others on an individual basis. Claude Moore won a gold pan and Denise Matula won a nugget from a Participation Raffle Drawing.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:11p.m.

## Mark Your Calendar Now

April 23, 24, & 25, 2011 -  
Two Day Gold Prospecting  
& Mining Summit, and One-  
Day Hands On Training.  
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# Santa Clara County Chapter News

As a chapter we will be helping Gold Prospectors Assoc. this year with the setup and take down of the Redding Gold Show March 17 - 20th. UPI will be represented at this show with a membership drive. We will also be back at the San Jose Fairgrounds with our gold and gem stone panning booth April 15-17th. Also we were asked to come back to the Amaden Mining Museum for their mining day event July 30th.

Mike Phillips, Santa Clara County Chapter Chairman

# Contra Costa County Chapter News

## IN MEMORY

UPI would like to extend our condolences to the family of Rich Hunt. We will miss our friend.

Richard Randall Hunt (1966 - 2011) - A resident of Pinole, CA, Rich, at age 45, passed away March 1, 2011 from a heart attack. Rich is survived by his wife, Harriet and children Sara and Seth and numerous relatives. Donations are being accepted for the Memorial Fund for Richard Hunt Family. You can visit any Wells Fargo Bank and deposit to account #9816864244.

Seth, you take care and we hope to see you again one of these days.



On January 20, 2001, the Contra Costa Chapter presented Ed Ozga with a thank-you gift. Thanks Ed for serving many years as our Chapter Chairman.

We appreciate all your hard work!

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Jim Madden

# Assistant Claims Manager Report

After walking the small stream I saw a good potential spot along the shore. The rock stuck out sharply from the bank and there seemed to be a lot of small gravel built up on the downstream side. Setting up the sluice box I worked all the material and cleaned up the shallow bedrock. Cleaning out the sluice and panning produced a small amount of fine gold and a small picker or two. This should have been a good gold trap and I would have expected more from it. Scanning the area again, and imagining the water flow during the spring melt and heavy rains, I could visualize the stream washing new material downstream over the top of the rock depositing it in the low pressure zone.

Looking upstream again I did not see any obstructions that would divert the flow away from this spot. Everything looks good all the elements are there, but they always say gold is where you find it. This spot just did not produce.

So we roll back the calendar a few months to when heavy rains came down and during the snow melt the waterway was a rushing torrent. Looking at it from that perspective the waterway you are looking at today has a different flow pattern than it did months ago.

There is a large boulder in the middle of the stream, you can see water is being pinched between the boulder and the shore where the sure fire gold trap was waiting to catch all the gold.

Visual inspection of your gold trap shows why it was not a producer. Water flow in the

area speeds up and the wake around the boulder enlarges shooting a fast stream of water into your gold trap eliminating the low pressure area, any gold small and nuggets were washed quickly downstream. The fast water eliminated the low pressure zone below the rock.

What about the fine gold you did find? The reason for this is a stream or waterway will have varying amounts of flow coming down it changing the drop zones. As the rains subside or the snow melt slows down, the stream flow changes all the high and low pressure zones. Lower water flow alters the dynamics of the big boulder, the large wake going around it shrinks and is far enough away that the low pressure zone returns to the trap and it starts to deposit the smaller particles downstream from the rock. Mind you all of the larger gold that was moving when the waterway was high and fast has already deposited somewhere else downstream in another drop zone. At summer time current flows in this spot there is no longer the force available to keep the larger pieces of gold in suspension and most of the gold coming downstream probably dropped out long ago leaving only the smaller pieces and fines.

There are some who have been at it long enough that they can read the river in the summer and usually come up with a pay streak. Most of us do not fall into that category.

With practice one can develop the skills to do this and increase the chance of finding a pocket or pay streak.

So what do you do to increase your ability to read the stream and find gold? You can sit and imagine all day about what is flowing where and where gold might be hiding. What you think may be happening in some cases may be true but for the majority of the time we are more wrong than right. Sometimes finding gold turns out to be just luck.

## Research

Grab your raincoat and camera then go make some onsite inspections during rain lulls or during snow melt. Photograph the area and take videos. Pan the camera on the stream slowly (and this is important), so you can take in the whole picture at a good pace otherwise you will be constantly backing up the scene to catch all the action. Another important tip is DO NOT GO WALKING AROUND WHILE VIDEOING. They will look like the super hero flash was filming while running. All you will see is a blur like the camera was rolling down hill. It can actually make one dizzy trying to watch.

I cannot emphasize enough about slow panning of the camera. I have taken video's of streams or inside a condo to record damage from a tenant only later to replay and find it

I cannot emphasize enough about slow panning of the camera. I have taken video's of streams or inside a condo to record damage from a tenant only later to replay and find it streaked by. Take couple of test videos and replay them on your computer to get a feel for the right speed. Today I did some test videoing on the Billy Goat 1 and watched it at the cabin. The scenes where I panned around the creek or walked a short way were shaky and very abrupt.



# Assistant Claims Manager Report (Continued)

After printing the photo's you can mark the areas you watched on the video that looked most promising. Next summer drag along the photos and use them to locate the good spots.

Quite a number of years ago I used a 35 mm camera to photograph the American river near Colfax. It cost me quit a bit in film development and printing but it proved to be very worthwhile. The following summer I located a real hotspot that produced 3 or 4 ounces of gold. Of course gold then was dirt cheap but I got a nice sum from it that paid well.

With today's digital cameras the several gigabyte memory card is more than adequate to research your summers mining trips.

### Making accurate records

Another good idea is when you print out the photos write the creek name, claim name or other identifying information on the backs and rename your video for easy identification. I was digging through some photos one day that I took about 30 years ago. These were taken in the summer, the area looked promising. I was mining elsewhere and on the way out these areas caught my attention so I took photos. Of course I never labeled them so there is no clue as to where or what creek they were taken on.

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### Organize your data

I carry a hand held GPS unit and mark the photo spots. Once home I transfer the Way Points to my National Geographic Topo map in my computer which allows me to name my waypoint. You can also mark the spots in google earth I have never downloaded the photos there but that is also an option. Once I download the photos and video's into the computer I create a folder and name it the same as the way point. This way everything is organized and easily accessed.

As I was writing this a thought occurred to me, put your photos in a ziplock bag and paper clip those to the corresponding topo map.

Now when one of these spots turn out to be a good paying location I can go back into my topo program, create a text box and indicate how much gold it produced. Even put a gold star as a flag to remember hit this spot again next year.

### Review

Review your videos and photos several times before summer. Use a marker to circle additional hot spots. Eventually you might want to grade

the photos and come up with a plan to prospect them.

I had used these techniques many years ago but now with the digital cameras and video capabilities it becomes very cheap except for the fuel costs to get there.

### Additional tips:

- Batteries
- Large giga byte memory card

### Topo maps

Make sure you carry in your **pocket** a couple of sets of batteries for your camera.

Today I filmed my way down to the creek and got the exhausted battery message when I got to the bottom of the hill and had to hike back to the top in my heavy waders.

Do not guess on how much space is available on the memory card if you already have photos on it you should download them and clear the card. Video's take a lot of memory once it is full your research trip is over. I have a 2 GB card now but am replacing it with a 8 GB so I can hit a few spots without downloading the card.

While in Alaska for two weeks I filled up two 2 GB cards. Luckily the second one filled the morning I was leaving

With all the online maps and computer mapping programs I still rely on good old paper maps.

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### Creek Bottom Finds at the Trading Post

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Coulterville, CA  
**209-878-3899**

# Gold Is Where You Find It

This is the story of my first visit to the site listed in the GPAA's claims guide as CA70. It was early on a Sunday morning and I was planning to visit this new claim site that I had seen in the claims guide. I judged it as being about one hour away from my house in Pollock Pines. The directions seemed very clear and I figured it should be a snap to find. With my wife Georgia, as navigator and co-pilot we set out to find riches at CA70. I followed the directions as narrated by my wonderful wife and we were nearing the site. I turned off the main road at the prescribed mileage and proceeded down a dirt road. (I use the term "road" very loosely. After the prescribed mileage we looked for the turn off that would take us to the Forest Service marker designated as the X marks the spot in the claims guide.

As an extra measure of accuracy we brought my GPS unit along to help us pinpoint the site. By following the directions and the GPS settings we could get no closer than a few miles away. We needed to go more to the south and east. There were no roads going in that direction anywhere that we could discern. Finally after two hours of trying different roads, (again very loose definition), we decide to go back to the main road and try going more south and east on it. A mere mile further down the main road, (past where the directions said to turn off), there was a nice paved road veering off in the direction the GPS unit said we needed to go. After only 10 minutes of beautiful travel we rounded a corner and saw a Forest Service marker with the proper designation on it.

There was a great little pull out next to the stream and a nice section of exposed bedrock with a fine looking sand and gravel bar in the center of the water. A little ways upstream the water cascaded off bedrock into shallow pools and tumbled over small falls into more pools all laden with sand and gravel. I could just "see" the gold shining in the streambed in the subdued light that filtered through the canopy from above.

While I donned my rubber knee boots, Georgia took her pan and trowel and headed to the sand and gravel bar in the center of the stream where she sat down and proceeded to start panning. I then grabbed my sluice and bucket full of digging implements and headed upstream toward the pools under the small

falls.

I found a great spot to set up my sluice and got it positioned just right with a perfect flow and started to look for just the right place to dig up some of that good yellow metal. I didn't even get a half of a bucket of material before Georgia started calling to me to come see if what she had was really gold. So, I set my bucket down next to my sluice and started to walk down stream on the polished bedrock in about eight inches of snowmelt. It didn't take more than a few steps before I slipped and the next thing I knew I was on my back in the eight inches of snowmelt with sand and gravel washing into my shirt, shorts, and rubber boots. Hastily bounding to my feet I proceeded to shake the water and material out of my shirt and shorts. The boots were a lost cause since my socks were soaked now. I sat on the edge of the stream and lifted first one then the other foot to drain the water out of the boots.

I didn't bother to take them off since I didn't have a spare pair of socks. I just waded down to where Georgia was. She commented on my joyous celebratory dance over her find and said that I should not have gone all the way under water since I did not know at that time if the find was indeed gold, but, that she did appreciate my graceful recovery.

I confirmed that she did have a couple of nice flakes in her pan. Then I excused myself and headed upstream to finish gathering material to feed through my sluice. As I limped up the stream I could feel sand in my shorts doing exactly what sand does. There was also a generous helping of Sand and stones in my boots. At this point all I wanted to do was sit on a rock and feed my sluice. I dug up enough sand and gravel to fill my bucket about three fourths full and found a somewhat comfortable rock to sit on while feeding the material through my sluice. The sand in my shorts made every move a new experience. I had nearly forgotten about the sand and stones in my boots when, again I heard Georgia call out that she had found more gold. Would I come and put it in the vial with her other flakes? Not being one to begrudge a fellow prospector a bit of good luck I slowly waded down-stream to see her latest find. Again, she had a couple of nice flakes. One was larger than the first couple together. After picking the flakes out of her pan and congratulating her on her luck, I headed back

upstream. The rocks in my boots were really starting to dig into my feet. I got back to my sluice and noted that there still was no shining yellow metal staring up at me from the black ribbing. I settled down on my rock and started once again to feed material into my sluice. I watched intently as the material washed through the riffles and out the other end. I was more than half way through the bucket before I saw anything stick in the rubber ribbing at the lead end of the sluice. I stared at the little fleck of yellow as I fed more material in and it did not move, and I was pretty sure it was "color".

Georgia called me back to her sand bar one more time to pick some more flakes out of her pan. I still had not emptied the stones out of my boots and they were poking into the bottoms of my feet with every step. I told her, I think I am going to finish up my bucket then clean up the sluice, as I was not having much luck and my feet were getting sore.

I waded back upstream to my sluice and finished running the rest of the material through it and then cleaned it up. I found one small flake in the black rubber ribbing and saw there was a good measure of black sand in the carpet as I washed it out into the bucket. As I said before, I don't begrudge another prospector a little luck in finding a good amount of color. But, when the other prospector is your wife it can be a tender subject, almost as tender as my left foot was getting. As I carried my sluice, bucket and assorted digging implements back to the vehicle one of those rocks was making a pretty good dent in my big toe.

Jokingly, Georgia suggested I empty my boots into her pan to see if she could find any more gold. That is just what I did, and sure enough she did. She held up a penny-weight nugget that dropped out of my left boot.

Well, she had that nugget made into a stud earring and I wear it now to remind me to listen to Georgia, because when it comes to finding gold she is tops.



~ Bob Azbill ~



# Membership Report

**New Members as of:**

**10/19/10-10/31/10**

Anthony Anaya Susanville, CA  
Hans Betcher. Stockton, CA

**11/30/10**

Daniel Repke Hickman, CA  
Alex Dibrowa Stockton, CA  
Richard Hunt Pinole, CA  
Michael Okubo Hollister, CA  
John Lucy Hughson, CA  
Keith Thomas Roseville, CA  
Jeffrey Shideler Placerville, CA  
Cliff Sherman Oakland, CA

**12/31/10**

William Walsh Benicia, CA  
Jeffrey S. Faulkner Vacaville, CA  
Bob Nelson San Leandro, CA  
Mike Morrasy Placerville, CA

**1/31/11**

Carl Dragna Turlock, CA  
Kim Konvolinka Groveland, CA  
Jamie Chavez Martinez, CA  
Randy Judd Sun Valley, NV  
Mike Evans Santa Rosa, CA  
Dina Kouchakji Los Angeles, CA  
Thomas Nourse Half Moon Bay, CA  
Richard Scott Los Gatos, CA  
Francisco Marcal San Bruno, CA  
Javier Perez-Nungaray Modesto, CA  
Darren Misasi Stockton, CA  
Chuck Armocido Yuba City, CA  
Scott Enos Citrus Heights, CA

**2/28/11**

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Michael L. Buckley Lemoore, CA  
Randolph Rogge Atwater, CA  
Gene Wilkins Modesto, CA  
Michael A. Moore Merced, CA  
Alvin Misasi Stockton, CA  
Phillip A. Babcock San Jose, CA  
David Cherry Fresno, CA  
Don Auchard La Grange, CA  
Ron Cervenka Turlock, CA  
Wade Oien Monterey, CA

**Renewing Members as of:**

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Bill & Carol Bowman Citrus Heights, CA  
Aaron & Denise Matula Castro Valley, CA  
Kenneth Nordheim San Jose, CA  
James & Marlene Courselle San Jose, CA  
Raymond Romeo Richmond, CA  
Derek & Cynthia Onstein Paradise, CA  
Burl & Mary Ann Carl Reno, NV

**11/30/10**

Gene Bianchi San Jose, CA  
Ken Austin Los Gatos, CA  
Guy B. Sandahl Vacaville, CA

**12/31/10**

Jim Appleby Oakley, CA  
Ralph & Joanne Gragg Concord, CA  
James Madden San Bruno, CA

Walt Steever San Jose, CA  
James Neeley French Camp, CA  
Ron Coleman Prunedale, CA  
David Wood San Jose, CA  
Dale Winkle San Jose, CA

**1/31/11**

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Art & Lucy Apodaca Merced, CA  
William Johnson Elk Grove, CA  
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James West Weed, CA  
Gary V. Nunes Visalia, CA  
Rudolf Reyes Fremont, CA  
Terry Schoen Ripon, CA  
William Greymont Port Washington, WI  
Olan & Susie Makemson Columbia, CA  
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George Lancaster, Jr. Sunnyvale, CA  
Frank & Kathleen Madse Novato, CA  
Pat & Kim Dunn Livermore, CA  
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Frank Sanchez Gilroy, CA  
James Forbes Fresno, CA  
Greg Pontziouz Livermore, CA  
Michael Hern American Canyon, CA  
Carla Herbert Gilroy, CA

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Leland & Nina Brown Elk Grove, CA  
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Nancie Barker Morgan Hill, CA  
Al & Jane Bates Silver Springs, NV  
Donald & Brenda Porter Lucerne, CA  
Will & Marilyn Lindsley Livingston, TX  
Art Basso Burbank, CA  
Ron & Susan Bassell North Highlands, CA  
Georgia Murray American Canyon, CA  
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Rick Neet Garden Valley, CA  
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Allen Smith Atwater, CA  
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Larry Richardson San Carlos, CA  
Will Hand Concord, CA  
Steven Sandberg Mountain View, CA

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Beverly Paul Folsom, CA  
James & Sarah Hill Lemoore, CA  
Mike Phillips San Jose, CA  
Al Cordeiro Cobb, CA  
Tom & Karen Murphy Susanville, CA  
Doug Thomas Malibu Lake, CA  
Chuck Ksenzulak Danville, CA

**Up for Renewal as of 2/28/2011**

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Fred Heil Modesto, CA  
Warren Van Sant San Jose, CA  
Donald Cox Cupertino, CA  
Kevin Davis Concord, CA  
Bryan James Warriner Concord, CA  
Steve & Kathy Sutter North Highlands, CA  
Tony Arredondo Selma, CA  
Ray Dolchanczyk Mariposa, CA  
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# Assistant Claims Manager Report (Continued from page 7)

It is nice to be able to see the satellite images but eventually your screen will be full of marking pen doodles. Get a good set of topos for the area that you can mark up and make notes on. You can work between the computer and the paper topos during your winter research.

It looks like a promising year for finding gold. The rainfall has been heavy at

times and fast moving streams are moving gold to new hiding places. Been watching the outdoor channel, gold fever, all of the gold mining shows and Gold Rush Alaska. Have not been this fired up for prospecting in some time.

There are 4 or 5 places I want to poke around this summer and one secret

spot where I have mined for many years with good success. The few people I have taken there all complained for days about sore muscles from the hike out.

There is always a gold pan bucket and shovel in my truck as you never can tell when I will come down with a bad case of GOLD FEVER.

Hope to see you out on the claims this year.

Jim Madden

## Fresno Gold Show



There will be a small gold show in Fresno presented by CVP. It is not associated with the GPAA show but they do know about it. The date is scheduled for April 30

and May 1. It will not be as large as the GPAA due to the building size. They are limiting the vendors to about 27. Several clubs are on the waiting list to represent themselves there. Entry is \$5 and they are not sure about the parking fee, the rental package indicated \$5 but she

heard that parking would be free. Will get back on that as the show gets closer. She said are trying to not duplicate dealers as much as possible due to the size of the building. Nancy from CVP is the main contact. I will still be at the GPAA show in Redding.

Jim Madden



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Fresno	Thursday 3/24	CA Retired Teachers Association	3930 East Saginaw Way Fresno, CA 93726
Sacramento	Tuesday 3/29	Cal EPA HQs Building Byron Sher Auditorium	1001 - I Street Sacramento, CA 95812
Yreka	Wednesday 3/30	Yreka Community Center	810 N. Oregon Yreka, CA 96097
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