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Seasons Greetings



Left to right: Club President; Daniel Short Jr., Santa Claus; Bill Poore, and the raffle nugget winner, member, Martin Kelly.



Activities from the last scheduled outing of the year. The weather was tough, and the tough UPI gang got tougher! We won!

Mining, detecting, eating and socializing all took place. All of the members present contributed directly and indirectly to the great success of all outing activities. Thank you all!!!!





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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Daniel Short Jr.

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The Coulterville/Moccasin Creek pre-Thanksgiving Turkey Feed was a great success with over 75 members and guests having showed up. We rented the old one room schoolhouse in Coulterville for the potluck and raffle. This was a great addition to our outing as during the event the skies opened up and every one got a free car wash.

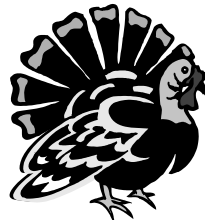
As for the coin shoot at the Coulterville public park we had over 20 entries. We all had two hours to find twenty elusive tokens numbered for the prizes, along with silver and clad coins planted. There were two nuggets, and other assorted mining supplies won by the eight lucky winners that found most of the tokens. Along with the prize winners were those that found the buried coins that were theirs to keep. One of the winners this year included last years first place winner, whom had never used a detector before. She had a chance to use her new detector this year for the first time.

I wish to thank the out going board members for their support and wish the new board members success in the future. Wishing you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

Your President



Outing Report



A wonderful pre-Thanksgiving outing, and what a feast!! OK! Mother Nature was fickle in the Mother Lode for the Fourth Annual Pre-Thanksgiving Outing, and the Second Annual Hunt. In route Friday, from Sacramento, several rains were run into and the weather was gray all over. The further south the less threatening the sky looked, but it didn't look great. All Friday afternoon was grayish with dribbles of rain and it was cold. Not really cold but coats were needed. None-the-less the vacant spots at Coulterville RV were taken up before dark, 9 spaces, with UPI Members. When I went by the claim about noon the claim was empty, and I was thinking, the weather was going to put a damper on things. A number of Members filed into the claim for camping later Friday afternoon.

Saturday morning more members and guests started arriving and it wasn't quite as cold or wet, though there were worries if the hunt would go off or not, the sky was still threatening. The two Dons, Brenda and Beverly and I don't know of others, planted the park with the intention of the hunt being a reality, not a wash out. Steve Barnett made a visit to the RV park early in the morning and suggested that perhaps we could use the Coulterville Community Building for the potluck and raffle. Thank you Steve, a great suggestion. Don Scalise and I pursued this thought, both of us asking around town who and how? Don got the information from Kathy at the Coulterville Chamber of Commerce, and before the Board meeting was over the building was secured for the evening. Thank goodness we took this tack.

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Outing Schedule!
The tentative schedule for 2004 is on page 9 of this publication.

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BOARD NOTES

Board of Directors Meeting October

Oct. 4, 2003, Bull Creek Outing

Meeting called to Order at 9:40 a.m.

Present at Meeting; Dan Short, Ray Hughes, Samantha Wait, Patricia Mobley, Chet Chastain, Steve Letlow, Kathy Short, Tom Eastland and Linda Doyle.

The board was called together for a meeting concerning the nomination of Dan Short for President. Dan had called all the board members and expressed that he would not be accepting the nomination. This was after our last outing at Spanish Creek. This meeting was called to discuss Dan's rescinding his withdrawal for the nomination. Discussion was held and a motion was made by Ray Hughes and seconded by Chet Chastain to reinstate the nomination of Dan Short for President.

Election results: All nominees for their next term were elected by acclamation.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 am.

Board of Directors Meeting November, Coulterville/Moccasin Creek No Report, Computer Virus

SOME FROM OCTOBER BULL



The old miner sez: Beez seein sum o you dis year, be seein sum nex year. In da mean time keep da powder dry and da pan wet an save sum o dat Au fer me. **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!**



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This section is devoted to acknowledging and welcoming all members, new, and those renewing!

Here is a list of those members who have joined or renewed since June 2003. If we haven't said it before, welcome aboard.
As of 11/11/2003 information

New Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>
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Vic Belloli	Truckee, CA
Edward Black	Campbell, CA
Harry Bradfield	Tracy, CA
Jack Bradley	Napa, CA
Donald Brown	Fremont, CA
William Carlson	Santa Clara, CA
John Chester	Fremont, CA
Dan Coates	Livermore, CA
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Sean Cox	Chico, CA
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Steve & Jean Dorman	Belmont, CA
Richard Ewen	Pioneer, CA
Steve & Jill Ewing	Woodland, CA
James & Agnes Forshey	Placerville, CA
Gary Gallo	Ukiah, CA
Jack Galusha	San Jose, CA
Joshua Godwin	Hercules, CA
Jim Haggard	Preston, MI
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Keith Kemp
Aaron & Denise Matula
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Tim Obole
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William & Mary Shanney
James Short
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<u>Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>
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Shaun Beattie	Tracy, CA
Michael & Iris Biggs	Dayton, NV
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**Correction to story in issue # 260
 FEDBACK FROM SPANISH CREEK, SNAKE
 BITE!**

This correction article was to appear in issue number 261 of the newsletter. Given the commotion involved with just getting that issue out, coupled with my having an incorrect e-mail address in my address book, I was unable to confirm this information, and it did not appear. I apologize.

The original information regarding the snakebite emergency at Spanish Creek, as relayed to me, may have left the wrong impression of what actually happened. The original information implied that a member had perhaps been playing with the snakes. All efforts were made to make the article strictly informational, general and cautionary with regard to snakes. The Editor/Publisher should have thoroughly queried the information received where-as it was taken at face value.


After having talked to the member involved it became abundantly clear that there was no playing going on. The member has competency in handling snakes and was communicating to other members that there were snakes in the area, by displaying one, and indicating that there were more. The bite that the member received was not as a result of playing with the snake displayed, that snake was released into the stream and swam away. The bite was received unexpectedly, from an undetected snake, while the member was working near their dredge. The member was reaching for their cigarette can among the various tools, implements and supplies that one usually has close by when dredging, when bitten by another snake hidden in the nearby brush.

This explanation should eliminate any misconceptions on what actually occurred. Sincerely, Ed/Pub

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UPI ROLL CALL Coulterville Outing

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

November 1st and 2nd, 2003

Lots and lots of prizes, great friends, and marvelous food made for a very successful Fourth Annual Pre-Thanksgiving Outing and Feed at Coulterville!

MEMBERS & GUESTS

1. Martin and Isabel Kelly. Martin was this outing's first prizewinner and got a nice Large Gold Nugget.
2. Bill Reboin. Bill won an Estwing Pry Bar, and a bag of candy and a snap ring.
3. Beverly Paul. Beverly held the ticket to a Stone Carved Domino Set.
4. Chet Chastain. Chet won the Stone Clock, a pry bar, and some candy.
5. Ivan and Diane Perkins. Diane won the Grizzly Gold Pan, a hex wrench set, and the dust pan brush set. Ivan won the Delta Ranger knife.
6. Steven, Sherry, and Thomas Gay, with Heather Mobley and Fay Limas. Thomas held the ticket for a UPI Sweat Shirt. Sherry won the large flag. Steven won some candy – twice!
7. Ed and Laurie Ozga. Laurie took home the pick claw and a bag of pistachio nuts.
8. Bob and Georgia Azbill. Bob won a Frost pocketknife.
9. Don Siegel. Don won a UPI tee shirt and some candy.
10. Gerald and Cheri Hurt. Cheri won a claw hammer and a fanny pack with hat and fines bottle.
11. Bill and Carol Eastland. Carol took home the 1942 Liberty Head Coin with chain.
12. Tom and Christa Eastland. Christa won a sharpening stone, a sucker bottle, and some candy.
13. Derrall Kidd. Derrall won the screw extractor set and some candy.
14. Debbie Peck and Terry Moore. Debbie won the Swamp Fox knife, and Terry won a 4 lb. Sledge hammer.
15. Bill Blynn. Bill won the camp towel.
16. Derald Smith. Derald won a UPI hat and a fines screen.
17. Dan and Samantha Wait. Dan won a foot warmer.
18. Jim Hamilton. Jim won some candy.
19. Steve Letlow. Steve won the small flag and some candy.
20. Brenda Marsh. Brenda won some candy.
21. Roy and Marti Dunston. Roy won some candy.
22. Rees Hair. Rees won some candy.
23. Leland and Nina Brown. Leland won some candy.
24. Dennis and Pat Mobley. Pat won some candy.
25. Mike, Linda, Laura, and Michelle Doyle. Michelle won the candy here!
26. Dan and Audrey Coffman. Audrey won the candy.
27. Ray Hughes. Ray won some candy.
28. Ray and Audrey Maddelena. Audrey won the candy.
29. Daniel Short. Dan won some candy, too!
30. Jim Blake.
31. Bill Poore.
32. Michael and Tom Vye.
33. Paul Sprenkle.
34. Art and Lucy Apodaca.
35. Ken Liddle.
36. Gino and Carol Giovannoni.
37. Velgene and Jessica Schultz.
38. Don Scalise.
39. Ray and Bernice Budowich.



The Nugget winner Martin Kelly, right, with the Club Prez, Daniel Short Jr.

Whew! What a long list!

Bill counted 66 folks at the Pot Luck and Raffle, and that looks about right to me when I study the list. What a nice gathering! And, from what I hear, it sounds like the Thanksgiving meal was as outstanding as the attendance.

As always, I apologize if we missed anybody, or butchered any names. – Mark ☺

Second Annual UPI Detector Hunt!

The hunt was a great success. I couldn't find my files on the details so I'm winging it here. Almost all of the targets planted were found on the day of the hunt.

Prizes for the hunt were: A 1dw and a 2dw gold nugget, two 1 Oz. Silver rounds, 2003 silver dollar, classifier sieve set, deluxe bulb snifter, bulb snifter, silver half dollar, 1945 silver half dollar, crevice tool, gold saver pan, 10" Garrett pan, Advanced Prospecting Book, Nevada City/Grass Valley book and others.

Hunt statistics provided by Hunt Master Don Scalise are: There was a total of: 111 quarters found, and there were 120 planted. 89 silver dimes found, 100 were planted. 109 clad dimes found, 100 were planted. 72 nickels were found 80 were planted. As for the penny's I do not know I did not plant them.

Ray Budowich And Art Apodaca went there Sunday and found the rest of the coins. So there is no more coins there from the hunt. Leland Brown found the most coins 19 Quarters, 22 Clad Dime, 14 Silver Dimes, 5 Nickels, 2 Tokens. **Hunt Master ~~~ Don**

From Leland Brown:

I just want to complement the UPI Officers and Directors for putting on an excellent outing. I thought Don did a great job with the detecting contest, and the Thanksgiving dinner was very well organized. It was a stroke of genius, thank Steve Barnett, getting us inside and the kitchen crew did a fine job dishing out the food. You have my



Hunt Winners!

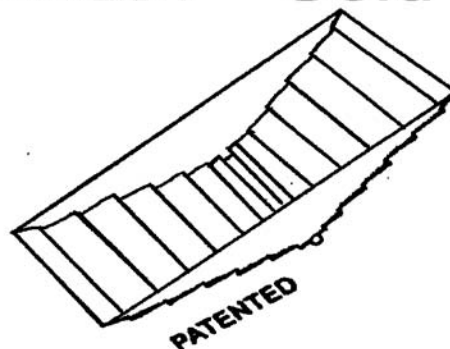
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Outing Report Cont.

The hunt went off without any hitches and there were about 30 involved in that. Almost all of the targets were found, more on this on page 8, and the event wasn't dampened by rain. The hunt was called at about 3:00 so that preparations for the potluck and raffle could begin.

The weather played ball with us most of the day and thank goodness we secured the community hall, because the plug was pulled and it let loose as preparations for the potluck and raffle were being made. The hall was actually the old school house. It was complete with light, heat, rain protection, tables and chairs, and by normal outing cooking facilities, a complete kitchen. Aside from getting a little wet in the in and out traffic required in getting things set up all were warm and comfy. It was a complete success with about 66 in attendance for the doings.



It got a bit nippy Saturday night and Sunday morning. Apparently over night we had had some freezing rain. I was up around 7:00 in the morning and went out to the truck to see ice lumps all over it and everything else, and the doors a little sticky from the ice. The ice could be heard breaking up as the door was opened.

Pioneer Mining Supply in Auburn, CA, and **Gold Mine** in Sacramento, CA donated a good percentage of the prizes for the hunt. If it were not for allies like this, special events such as the hunt would be difficult to put together. In addition both are full time advertisers in the newsletter. Be sure to stop by and see them and thank them for their continued support by purchasing some new mining tools, books, maps and other supplies.

2004 Outing Schedule

April 4th & 5th	Oxbow, pending permission
June 5th & 6th	Bull Creek
July 1 thru 4	Twain
July 31 & Aug. 1	Genesee
August 27 thru 29	Location to be announced
Oct. 9th & 10th	Bull Creek
Nov. 6th & 7th	Coulterville, 5th annual Pre-Thanksgiving outing



AND MORE RAFFLE WINNERS AND OTHER STUFF!



A wonderful pre-Thanksgiving get together. Great food, great friends, great prizes and Santa Claus to top it off!



POTPOURRI

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Some may like it, some may not. I hope it starts you thinking, taking responsibility, and enjoying life and livingness.

Following is member input

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We also like to find "Gold"! It's all in how you dig it!

Tom, Christa & Howard

Subject: OXBOW

We went to Oxbow Saturday. The news said that it was going to be HOT! HOT! So we left Howard home. It turned out to be a perfect day.

First, Christa and I found the biggest picker, then later Steve held up his hand and said: Can you see this? A very nice piece of gold. Later, Ken and his partner found a even larger piece.

Chet found some nice gold using a Dry Washer. Dick & Carol had a new Keene Power sluice and used it for the first time. Bill and Carol found gold down in the willows. The Delta Gold Diggers were there!

Can you believe that, nice Gold at Oxbow!! Another great day of mining!

Be there or don't be anywhere!

It's all in how you dig it!

Tom, Christa, Howard

From: Ed Ozga [OzMiner@msn.com]

Subject: Physician

I recently picked a new primary care physician. After two visits and exhaustive lab tests, he said I was doing "fairly well" for my age. A little concerned about that comment, I couldn't resist asking him, "Do you think I'll live to be 80?"

He asked, "Well, do you smoke tobacco or drink beer/wine?" "Oh no," I replied. "I've never done either."

Then he asked, "Do you eat rib-eye steaks and barbequed ribs?" I said "No, I've heard that all red meat is very unhealthy!"

"Do you spend a lot of time in the sun, like playing dredging/mining/high banking/rock climbing?" "No, I don't," I said.

He said, "Do you gamble, drive fast cars, or sexually fool around?" "No," I said. "I've never done any of those things."



Bill Reboin, Ed/Pub and his pooch Samantha.

He looked at me and said, "Then why do you give a damn if you live to be 80?"



Autumn arrives and with that the Holidays follow !

Well after a really interesting and seemingly long summer it appears that we ushered in fall with the Coulterville outing. We got clobbered with some weather and it has kept with us. Well, we need it. We need it so there will be new Au washed in and that redistribution will occur. We need it to restore natures reservoirs so that life and livingness can go on.

In certain respects this time of the year, the end of the outing season, is a sad time of the year for me. No more outings for several months which equates to not seeing friends for a while. Not sharing the camaraderie of

the group. Newsletters are cut down in size and frequency. Too much spare time.

Though doing this project every month 6-8 months in a row gets to be a real pain sometimes it is something that seems to grow on one. I have to say it has been a learning experience. It has also vastly improved my computer abilities. I look back at my first year of publications and just kind of shake my head and smile.

I will miss all of you nuggets, you are my gold, over the off mining season, and over the Holidays. With that I want to wish you all, for myself and the rest of the Board, **HAPPY THANKSGIVING, MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!!!**

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MORE OF THE OUTING!



Left: The Coulterville Community Clubhouse. This is the old school house where we held the potluck and raffle.

Above: Some Au found on Moccasin Creek during the outing.

Right: Part of the Doyle gang having fun.

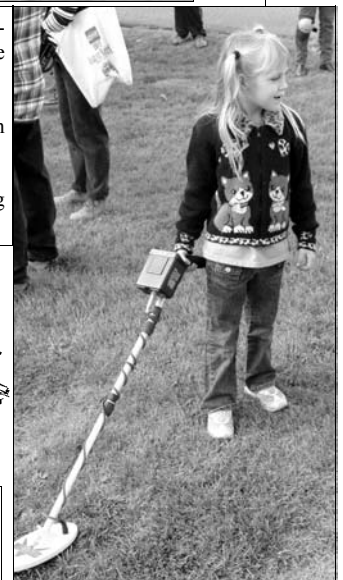


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MORE OUTIN PICS!



Left: Our Vice President Ray Hughes hamming it up!

Right: Steve Letlow the Wagon Master left talking to a member while the hunters get organized.

Below left: On the left, Nina Brown, and the right, Brenda Marsh who helped with the hunt.



Right: On the left in front, Don Scalise, Hunt Master helping a member find a target that they hit.

Below: Club President, Dan Short with Santa.



For those new to UPI that were unable to make the outing, next year will be the fifth annual Pre-Thanks giving outing. Look at all of the smiles and happy people. Join in.

Also on the left is a view of the camping/parking area of the Moccasin Creek claim from the main road.

A Very Happy Thanksgiving, and a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year To All!



MORE PICS AND STUFF!



Well folks this is it for this year. I hope to see and or hear from you during the off season. The connection doesn't only take place at the outings, and that's the reason for the Chapters, the telephone and the internet.

The best to all of you, from all of us!!!





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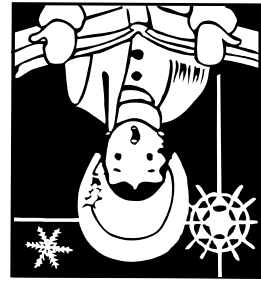
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