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SPANISH CREEK UPI A HUGE SUCCESS ! STORY ON PAGE 6



The Ed/Pub made one of his infrequent errors in issue 241 describing this rig as 38' long. Correction is 35' long and almost as wide. Bruce navigated this rig through the "narrows" successfully! (More on this inside)

The next scheduled event is "Twain", August 31, thru September 3. This is the clubs general meeting and nominations and elections for officers and directors will take place.

Be sure to be there and share in running your club.



Future UPI Miners With the Prez



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*The old miner sez:
Wheret elz kin ya*

spent so liddle dallars n
have so much fun but
UPI! Seez ya at Twain!!!





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UNITED PROSPECTORS INC. MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT August 2000

I'd like to thank all of United Prospectors members for coming out to the first outing at Spanish Creek UPI. There were a total of 72 members and guests, what a great outing. There was lots of gold taken from this claim; every one was showing off his gold for top bragging rights. We took in over \$625.00 at the raffle and sold about \$150.00 in UPI wearable (tee shirts, ball caps, windbreakers, etc.) The UPI members sure looked good in their new tee shirts and ball caps, and of course don't forget the new wind breakers, there were a few of them being worn on the chilly nights.

We had some roadwork that needed some attention and the UPI members stepped up to the plate with picks and shovels and worked on the road. You'd have thought they were digging for gold as dirt was flying everywhere, of course maybe someone told them that there could be that gold stuff under the roadway. I wonder who could have said that? Not the Prez.

There were a lot of tents and small campers that camped at the middle of the claim, as the dirt road was narrow and members didn't think any one could get a big rig in there. WRONG, Bruce Rouse with his 35 foot class A motor home and Harold Rose with his 28 foot class C motor home made the dangerous narrow trip. Maybe these guy's closed there eye's and held their breath. Please don't try driving to the center of the claim, as the road needs a lot of repair. There are about 16 spaces on the front of the claim to park your big rigs.

WE will be having elections for ALL officers at the Twain outing in September, if you or someone you know that would like to run for office please come to the board meeting on Sunday morning at 9 am, we will be taking nomination for all officers and directors.

We have bought a new claim in Sierra county about 160 acres. This will bring us up to 600 acres in our claim family. I would like to thank Chet Chastain (claims manger) for his time in checking out this claim. If it were not for UPI members like this the club would not grow. We will have more information on this claim as soon as the paper work is compiled. I would like to welcome John Lewis, assistant claims manager in the Plumas county area.

He will be giving Chet added help on Plumas county claims, making sure the paper work is in the location makers and cleaning up the claims, also checking members for currant membership. If you would like to work with Chet on looking for new claims or taking care of our claims please give Chet a call at (209) 474-0766. Hope to see all of you at the Twain outing Aug. 31 to Sept. 2 come early to get a good camp site, they will fill up fast as this has been our big outing of the year.



The old miner sez: Hot digity damn, annuder place to fint golt.

Left: A picture looking down one of the many ravines on the new claim.



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Contra Costa County
Concorde Water Dept.
The rest not set yet.

Mariposa County/Merced
Need chair person and site.

Sacramento County
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Sacramento, CA
First Tuesday of the month, 7:30 pm.

San Joaquin County
Seifert Center
Benjamin Holt Dr. & Alturas Ave.
Stockton, CA
First Wednesday of the month. 7:00 pm

Santa Clara County
Need meeting place.

Chapter Activity

The San Joaquin and Alameda County chapters are going great guns- - - good attendance and good raffles. The Sacramento County chapter is growing slowly but surely. Were getting there. Others starting to move.

BOARD NOTES

Board of Directors meeting August 4, 2001

President Daniel Short Jr. called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

Roll Call:

Officers Present: Daniel Short; President, Leland Brown; Treasurer, Pat Mobley; Secretary.

Directors Present: Bill Reboin, Bob Williams, Chet Chastain, Don Riley, Rod Earnest and Samantha Wait.

Officer Absent: Ray Hughes

Members Present: Allen Sorenson, Mike Ancona, Dennis Mobley, Bruce Rouse, Darrell Kidd, Jessie Ybarra, Alvin Frink, Mike Beckner, Mike Burns.

Motion was made by Chet Chastain and seconded by Bob Williams to accept the minutes from our last meeting. Motion passed.

- **Treasurer, Leland Brown:** The checkbook balance as of 7/31/01 was \$8,842.50. Income was \$1,214.75 and total expenses were \$2,274.98. Motion was made to approve, seconded and approved to accept the report. Bills were presented; a motion was made, seconded and approved to pay the bills.
- **Membership, Don Riley:** As of the Aug. 2nd there were 356 regular members, 40 life members, 15 complimentary members, 2 honorary members and 5 advertisers.
- **Wagon Master, Bob Williams:** Need to find someone in Coulterville for the Port-a-Potty service in that area.
- **Claims, Chet Chastain:** Markers for USF claims will have post at each end of claim. The numbers will be facing each other. For Plumas County all the claims have been filed and taxes paid. Motion was made and seconded to buy claim in Sierra County for 160 acres.
- **Editor/Publisher, Bill Reboin:** New tri-folds are being put together so that the information on our new claims and advertisers can be updated.
- **Ways and Means:** The President reported that there was \$450.26 taken in at Geneses for the raffle. Of this \$336.00 went into the raffle prize fund. This gives us a total of \$450.26 for raffle prizes. There are going to be new raffle prizes and items for sale at the outings.
- **Political Advocacy, Chet Chastain:** No report.
- **Webmaster:** Rod Earnest brought before the board a recommendation to acquire a search engine service that would link our club to anyone looking for prospecting information. A motion was made and passed that we start the service.
- **Ethics/Grievance, Samantha Wait:** Please be aware of others around you and show respect for their area.
- **Unfinished Business:** Nominations were opened and closed with no new persons nominated. Don Riley suggested the lock at Moccasin Creek be changed back to the original combination.
- **New Business:** Samantha Wait submitted brochures for Port-a Potties. Don Riley would like the bills submitted by mail in advance of the meetings.

HOW DID IT HAPPEN?

These my friends and fellow members are pictures of the UPI "ROAD GANG", that made it possible for UPI members to get past the narrows and on to some prime camping area on Spanish Creek UPI. These members spent several days with hand tools, picks and shovels, cleaning up the road, "cuts and fills", just like the engineers do, removing obstacles, and filling holes so that you could get into the heart area of the claim and mine and camp. And what a camp we had.

Those I can identify from the photos that created this ingress for the members are: Chet Chastain, Derrall Kidd, Dennis Mobley, Dan Short and Dan Wait. Please next time you run into any of these folks please give them a *(Cont on page 6)*



NEW MEMBERS AND RENEWING MEMBERSHIPS

*This section is devoted to acknowledging and
welcoming all members new and those renewing!
Welcome aboard for a year of fun.*

As of 8/9/01 information

New Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>
Roy & Marsha Williams	Livermore, CA
Ben AnoNuevo	Red Bluff, CA
John S. Cook Sr.	Antioch, CA
James Eldredge	Antioch, CA
James Dickinson	Richmond, CA
George Wing	Forks, WA
Lori Maxwell	Oakley, CA
Robert Graveley	Granite Bay, CA
Vic Griffith	Greenville, CA
Michael Bailey	San Jose, CA
Bill McCallister	Livermore, CA
Jesus G. Venegas	Santa Paula, CA
Robert Oneto	Stockton, CA
Jeff Kermer	Fremont, CA
S. R. Kermer	Culver City, CA
Charles A. Kermer	Santa Barbara, CA
Randy Marlow	Quincy, CA
Danny A. Pitcher	Quincy, CA
Michael L. Biggs	Stockton, CA
Lester Lay	Quincy, CA

RENEWING MEMBERS

<u>Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>
Joseph Bruno	San Jose, CA
Mike Hickman	Brooksville, FL
Tim E. Stottlemeyer	Yuba City, CA
Mike & Gail McCann	Paradise, CA
James Haring	North Fork, CA
Mike Murray	Moorpark, CA
Tom & Phyllis Malicki	Benicia, CA
William Bently	Galt, CA
Clayton E. Borchers	Tracy, CA
Bernie & Don Paquette	Dobbins, CA
James Melton	Oakdale, CA
Allen Sorenson	Santa Maria, CA
Ken F. Liddle	Stockton, CA

Welcome aboard! We at UPI hope that during this next year you will find what you are looking for, that is Au, fun and camaraderie. We hope you do well in your avocation and develop many lasting friendships.

The Ed/Pub messed up last month and forgot to acknowledge the renewing members indicated in the bold print above.

Also a some special recognition for Tom & Phyllis Malicki: Tom and Phyllis have been contributing members since 1978. They just renewed their membership for three (3) years. Not only have they renewed for three more years , but they have supplied this publication (Cont. on page 6)



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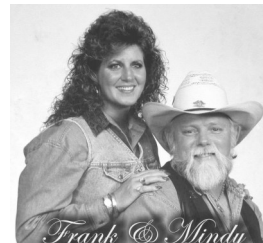
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various archeological articles from time to time, and they have lead a number of side outings where members may locate fossils etc. They have also helped in club guidance from time to time. OK folks, time for some more articles.



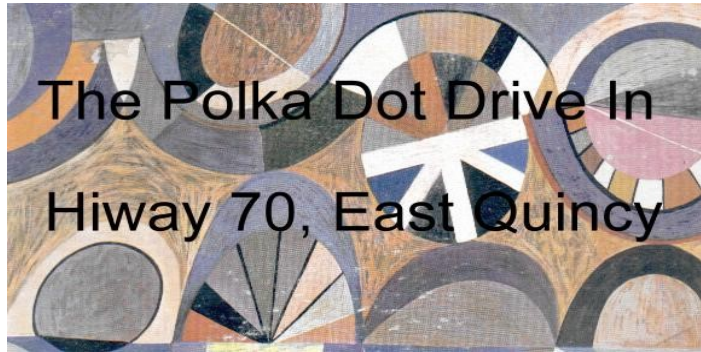
The old miner sez: Be gorrey we shur gots a buncha nuggets under are wing. New uns an oldns. Watch out fer dat golt fever. Wen it gits ya, yer got!

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Happen? (Cont)

hand of recognition. They made it possible for the members to get into this claim by wheels. Witness the 35 footer that Bruce Rouse, picture on the front page, navigated past the 'narrows'. Bruce would have been a quarter mile further away from the happenings had it not been for these hard working members.

Speaking of Bruce, Bruce dispelled all claims that you cannot get big rigs into Genesee. He eloquently navigated his 35' rig into the furthest space from the main road at last months outing at Genesee. He says he does it with his eyes closed.



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Raffle Donations

The Cornucopia had donated a gift certificate to the raffle two years running now, *lower left*, and the Polka Dot Drive In donated a gift certificate for the raffle

also, *upper right*. UPI appreciates these donations and thanks the folks. Please visit them when you are their way and reciprocate.

Ed/Pub note: I didn't have any polka dot s so I used the next best thing I could find. Some of you old Brubeck fans may recognize it. What album cover is it from? Answer on page 15.



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Spanish Creek UPI Outing

The outing was a rave success in spite of the fact that it it/was "*inaccessible*", members warned not to venture too far until they check it out. The road still needs improvement but a handful of members spent several days with picks and shovels cleaning it up some, thus making the access for more members and their rigs than anticipated.

The Ed/Pub was a little slow getting there and didn't get there 'til mid afternoon Friday and boy was he in for a surprise. Drove right in with no hic cups and was amazed to see the number of rigs past the baddy narrows. GOOD SHOW FOLKS!

There were 72 members and guests accounted for and perhaps more not counted. (Cont on pg 7)

Legal Notice

Nominations for 2002-03 Officers and Directorships

There have been no changes in the nominations for Officers and Directors as of the Spanish Creek outing.

THESE ARE THE NOMINATIONS THUS FAR. *Nominations will be open at the Twain outing Board meeting on Sunday morning September 2 nd., at 9:00 AM. Be there and join in running the club.*

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>2 YEAR</u>
President	Daniel Short Jr.	
Secretary	Patricia Mobley	
Directors	Bill Reboin Chet Chastain Rod Earnest Samantha Wait Linda Doyle	
Vice President	Ray Hughes	<u>1 YEAR</u>
Treasurer	Samantha Wait	
Directors	Steve Letlow Daniel Wait Ed Ozga	

The nominations are still open. Nominations can be made at the General meeting at Twain in September.

Nominees must be UPI members in good standing and must accept the nomination. If you wish you can also volunteer to serve as an officer/director, or as a committee person.

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Spanish Creek UPI Outing Cont.

With this kind of a turn out we are going to be forced into doing more work on the road to set an attendance record at the next outing there.

Not only was the attendance great but the entire outing was great. Gold found by most, great weather, great pot-luck and raffle and a lot of great friends all in one place. What more could you ask for? This is UPI!

I personally had fun showing some members new to the game how to pan and where to look. You need to learn to think like a piece of gold. Where would land at this point on the stream bed? Enough idle prattle and on to the pictures and other outing news. More starting on page 12.

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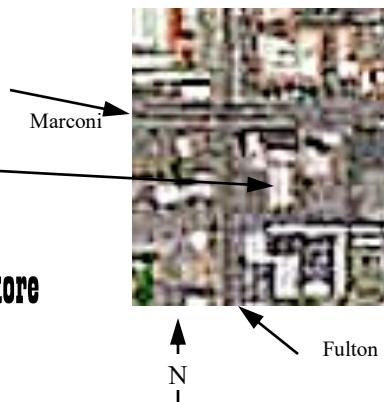
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UPI ROLL CALL

List of members and guests present at the potluck/raffle including the raffle results

Spanish Creek UPI outing August 3, 4 & 5

MEMBERS & GUESTS

1. Bob & Jeanne Williams, the big un, the "Nugget", that is.
2. Leland & Nina Brown, the smaller nugget and the \$20.00 gift certificate to the Cornucopia in Oroville. Would you believe that Leland & Nina stopped here on their way to the outing, got a donation, and then won it fair and square. You should have seen the look on Nina's face when she came up front to collect on the ticket draw.
3. Allen & Anna Sorenson, a hand made gold pan clock.
4. Chet Chastain, the big Estwing pick hammer, and a bottle of wine. Oh Lordy, watch out for this guy.
5. Tom Kurt, Estwing pry bar.
6. Dan, "Da Prez", Short Jr., a fire extinguisher and a bag of salted sand. Why would anybody want to eat salted sand?
7. Jesse, "Bear", Ybarra, "Big Mouth Billy Bass." Jesse must be part bear because every time he gets close to me and "Sam, my pooch", she comes unglued. She's bred for bear hunting!
8. Bob & William Wynhamer, folding camp arm chair.
9. Bret Nordmeyer, dowsing rods.
10. David Botts
11. Jerry & Joan Randall, a mini shovel.
12. Patric, Pamala & Seth Rogers, a gold flake in a vial.
13. Don & Dee Hamilton, a folding camp table, a classifier and dowsing rods.
14. Mike & Kyle Ancona, a pocket knife.
15. Bob & Barbara Lepper, a gold bottle in a leather sheath.
16. Rick & Sue Niemeyer, Delta Knife, for under cover operations.
17. Bill Reboin, 1942 silver half dollar.
18. Dennis & Pat Mobley, the Donkey Wind Mill. Should go great on their new rig's.
19. Jim & Mike Bohannon, the "Gator Knife" & dinner trays.
20. Daniel & Samantha Wait, a bag of salted sand & a tie down rope.
21. Alvin Frink, \$5.00 gift certificate to Polka Dot Drive in in Quincy.
22. Gary Black
23. Don & Bev Kalmbach, broom & dust pan for cleaning up the rig.
24. David Zadwick, Vial with gold flakes.
25. Don & Marilee Riley & Hakeem Saleh
26. Rod & Linda Earnest
27. Shane & Thersa Cox
28. Jonny & Jolene Lewis
29. Lester Lay
30. Ken & Ruth Biggs
31. Darrell Kidd
32. Arnold, Michael & Felicia Thompson
33. Steve Waterfall
34. Paul Turover
35. Larry & Iris Biggs
36. Chuck Klein
37. Jim, Lori & Andrew Maxwell
38. Steve & Charles Kerner
39. Wayne & Rose Harold
40. Bruce Rouse
41. Ken Liddle
42. Mike Murry
43. Mark & Troy Weber



The "NUGGET" winners! Bob Williams, the big nugget, on the left and Nina Brown, the smaller nugget, on the right, both pictured with the club President, Dan Short.



The old miner sez: Waada bunch o peoplez. Golly dang, I kounts 71 o ya rascles. This gotta be some kinda record. Don't know watt, cousin ain't seed nuthin likin this afor. Well dooed ya brave rascals!

With this big number of attendees we need to start planning now for getting more here at the next outing!

POTPOURRI

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST

Views and opinions expressed in this column are the personal viewpoint of the Editor/Publisher, and have no bearing on, nor do they have any relationship toward, the goals, purposes, policies, programs of United Prospectors Inc. This is my playground!

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



Bill Reboin, Ed/Pub and his pooch Samantha.

“Daabya” Takes Some Bold Steps!

It appears that our “Commander and Chief”, President Bush, is starting to flex his muscles with regard to the freedoms Americans have had since we divorced the King of England.

Several times in as many weeks, or less, he has stood up for the principles of “Our Country.” He stood against both those that have no legal connection with this country, and those within, that would tear us apart, and said NO!

Twice he told the UN NO! First, you are not going to relegate us to a third world country, suppress our economy via unproven theories on air pollution. Second he said no to letting the UN get their foot in the door, of our Country, on firearms control.

Three, the Bush administration slapped the liberal Democrats in the face stressing the Second Amendment rights of (legal) firearms owners. Boy are they in a tizzy. In this vein, a California Court has said that



firearm manufactures cannot be held responsible for criminal activity involving firearms. Imagine automobile manufactures being held liable each time there is a death by motor vehicles involved in criminal

activity.

Time For More Bold Steps

Now we need to get down to brass tacks and the real issues regarding recreational mining. Recreational miners, a whole bunch of them, using 4” dredges, on one site, cannot do what Mother Nature does

in altering the stream in one wet year. Moreover it has been pretty substantially proven that the fish in recreationally mined water courses thrive.

Dredging loosens nature packed stream beds so that fish, such as the female salmon, that digs a depression in the stream gravels to deposit her roe and have it fertilized have an easier job. Thus survival, provided



Loosening stream gravels

there is a male around to complete the job, and Mother Nature plays ball with that specie. Heavy rains or lack of rains at the wrong time can totally upset the program.

Unfortunately for recreational miners and other recreational earth resource users, as well as raw material suppliers, we are at the effect of those that claim they know. There are too many self professed experts out there, environmentalists, without a clue, calling the shots. Moreover it appears that the archeologists etc. out there think that they are the only ones “licensed” to locate artifacts. By law that’s true. In reality it is an absurdity. It’s called job security. It’s time we take a stand and say enough is enough. Look at Tom

Hicky’s situation for picking up a few rusty “common” nails in a State Recreational area.

EDITOR/PUBLISHER JOB DESCRIPTION

As UPI grows, a little over 10% per year the last couple of years, organizational changes have to take place. That is management must organize behind production, so that we may continue to produce.

This being the case we are working on a club constitution, which among other things describes the various activities/responsibilities of officers, directors and chair people. As such I have been requested to write up what I believe are my duties/responsibilities.

My responsibilities/duties are to Edit and Publish the Newsletter & the Annual “Handbook”, and all other necessary publications that are pro-survival for the club. Other necessary publications defined as “the Trifold” and the handbook we supply our advertisers with showing pictures and brief descriptions of our claims so that they may help further promote UPI. These publications must be acceptable to the general club membership, our advertisers and the general public. Believe it or not this a lot of work as there are constant changes and new events.

Over the last few (cont on page 10)

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months I have received a number of "urgent requests" for directions and or maps to our various claims. The overwhelming reason for the requests is related to "some sort of disconnection" with your Handbook. Yes I have this data in raw form in in files in various mediums, and not all of it is easily accessible in my computer. It is in a myriad of various storage mediums so that my computer doesn't slow down for lack of hard drive space.

In the future such requests will be put on the correct line, Membership. Membership is responsible for Handbook distribution, I only edit and publish. Lost, or what

have you, Handbooks will require your mailing a check or money order for \$5.00 to the Membership chair person , on receipt Membership will mail you a new Handbook. In short, so you don't end up short, guard your Handbook, like you do any other item that you cherish and depend on.

Membership Fee Raising!

As you may or may not recall at one of the earlier board meetings this year, it was voted to raise the annual club membership fee \$5.00, to thirty-five (\$35.00) dollars per year, starting next year. Doing so will enrich the treasury for the purchase of more and better claims, as well as covering other raising club expenses.

When we reach ten



The old miner sez: It be a sad thin wen da pollyticians fergets where day gits der freedoms an put der ideers o what iz in front o da docyment dat lets dem be where day iz. Sad, Sad.

claims we will need to start paying \$100.00/year for all claims as we will no longer fall under the small miner exemption.

Get a jump on this and re-new your membership before the first of the year. Better yet get a couple of three years before the price goes up.

Subject: Tom Hickey Wins-And So Do We...
08/16/01

Tom Hickey and his Wife who



I have no idea as to how these two UPI members, The Randall's for one managed to get full hook-ups out there in the woods, but they did. As they say a picture is worth a thousand words, and here they are folks. Next time you see these folks ask them how they do it. I looked all over and couldn't find one for my trailer.



were accused of removing archaeological resources from Lake Oroville CA. had their case dismissed by a Judge "In the interests of justice". The DA agreed. A well reasoned decision since the picking up of rock shards and modern day spikes does not constitute a violation of archaeological or historical

law. Tom has asked MLRC to pass along his sincere thanks to those who wrote letters on his behalf. MLRC concurs. MLRC also wishes to thank Tom for not caving in under pressure, which allowed us to provide information to the court as well as the state agencies involved. By sticking with it we were given a chance to do something worthwhile to help win this one. On the flip side, there are many who simply plead guilty when they are not thereby hurting not only themselves

but all of us although we do understand due to the intense pressure via threats of fines, jail time and loss of equipment.

Again the value of an organization like MLRC has proven itself, however, without our contributors we simply would not be here and people like Tom would be left to fend for themselves. We'd like to thank all our contributors. You make it possible for us to do the work we want to do. Below is

Tom's e-mail to MLRC.

Sincerely,
Ron Stockman
MLRC

Hello Ron, Yipeeeeeee We won, after three appearances and about 7hours waiting in court. The district attorney moved to dismiss the case and the judge ruled that the case was dismissed in the interest of justice. It might have been all the support that I got (Cont. from page 10) in the way of e-mail and I really wish to thank all of them that sent e-mail in my half.

Sorry, but my mail station is getting tired and erases on me so I have to save and send part at a time. My public defender, Denney For-

land, of Chico was just great. I hope that you can pass on the good news to the manf????? and the other people that stood

and the other people that stood in my behalf, it should be considered a great victory for us in the on going battle against the senseless rules and regulations that plague us and I feel that the charge was frivolous to start with. Thanks for all the help that you gave to me and the attorney really thought that the final letter to the judge was just great and he was going to use it. Again, thanks, Tom Hickey.

Subject: Mormon Crickets & Environments

Mormon Crickets, which are really not crickets, belonging instead to the family of katydids & long horned grasshoppers, have descended upon Utah with a vengeance. Pavements are covered with them making driving hazardous. All windows must be kept closed or they'll come in. They not only eat up crops but each other if they get the chance. They've also been seen eating the carcasses of snakes & rabbits until nothing is left. Its alleged certain area's water supplies have been contaminated by them. Farmers tried to control them by turning turkeys loose to feed but the crickets ate the feathers off the turkeys. Utah Governor Mike Leavitt has called it the worst infestation in 60 years with 18 of the state's 29 counties declared disaster areas. The worst is not yet over. Waiting in the wings is an equally bad infestation of grasshoppers.

While all of this is bad for the people of Utah and MLRC sympathizes with them the part of this story that interests us the most is the following.

The cricket infestation started on public lands and moved to private areas. Public land management agencies such as the U.S. Forest Service & BLM desired to do what they have done in the past, put out a mild poison to control the cricket hatches. Certain environmental groups threatened to take the agencies to court if they did so, the agencies backed down. People, animals & crops are suffering, livelihoods are being destroyed, a species is running amok & the agencies who are to aid in protecting people and their property is so frightened of these so-called envi-

ronmental groups they stand by and do nothing. They'll pull out all the stops to go after a detectorist digging a small hole on public lands or a gold hunter looking for golden flecks but when an entire state is facing ruin, they stay in their offices.

For years groups such as MLRC did everything within our collective powers to have the agencies remove dead & dying timber, bug infested sectors spreading from region to region destroying our forests. Certain environmental groups filed appeal after appeal along with using threats to stop these harvests. Today our forests are going up in a blaze with everyone agreeing the major cause is too much dead wood. Make any sense to you?

In California certain environmental groups preached the need for clean air and demanded the chemical MTBE be placed in the fuel supply, despite warnings from certain scientists that there was more to MTBE than what the public was being told. Today it has been discovered MTBE has contaminated groundwater and wells with little chance of it ever being removed from the environment. Make any sense to you?

In the Northwest farmers are watching their fields and way of lives dry up all because certain environmentalists demand the low water supply be devoted to saving sucker fish and the relevant agencies are accommodating them. Does this also make any sense to you? The list goes on.....

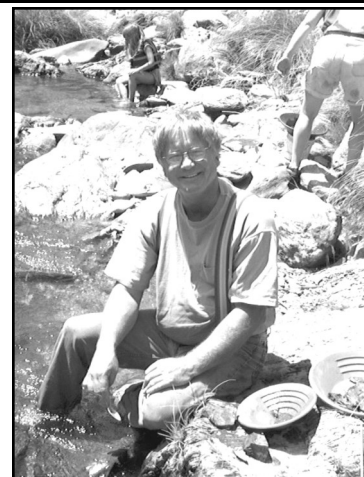
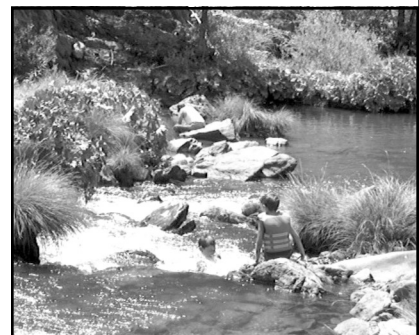
All of this is called the new morality. Flora & fauna must always come before humans. Courts designed originally to protect humans now toss humans to the side in favor of critters. The loss and pain of a person means nothing compared to the poisoning of a cricket. Our agencies have become weak kneed when it comes to protecting us, maybe so have some of us.

Its all starting to catch up with us & in the end we will all pay the price, unless we begin to speak up even louder. We are the species who have the ability to speak out, and make

sense doing it.

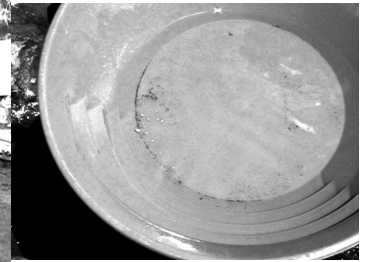
Ron Stockman
MLRC

Some of the Outing



Our weebe-meister, Rod Earnest, takes a break from mining for a photo session

Spanish Creek UPI Outing



Far left is the road into the main camping area as you can see it isn't a super highway. I think the picture to the immediate left is of Gene-see but I cant swear to it, it was e-mailed to me with no identification. Oh well its all fun! Below: detectorists jawing.



Amanda sez: 'member me? I beez da olt minerz weef! Lookin like youse all hat a goot time atn da outin. I sure did. Duz ya 'member me last name yet?

The Outing Continued



Left: Caught these two seals playing in the water at the outing. One looks to be the common variety other than its sitting upright in fresh water. The other one with the round red muzzle, as well as being in fresh water is something unusual. Keep this quiet. Hope we didn't run into an endangered specie here. They look so much like humans maybe we did run into a endangered specie.



As can be seen in these pictures, all ages participate in the outings. Good food and good raffle prizes.



Spanish Creek UPI Raffle



Lower Right: Please excuse the ed/Pub for misplacing notes and forgetting names, But it was Arnold Thompson on the left that, red shirt that made and donated a prize for the raffle won by _____, on the right. Oh, Oh, I messed up!

Hope you enjoyed the outing, as I did, and this newsletter. Remember the next outing **is at Twain, August 31 through September 3**. This one is the annual meeting and there will be nominations and elections for Officers and Directors at this meeting.

This is usually a big turnout event. See you there. Ed/Pub





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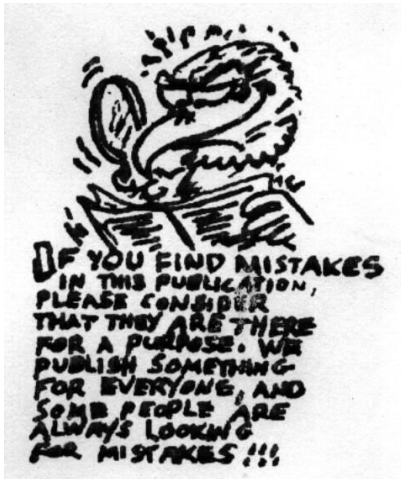
October 12, 13 & 14 - - - Bull Creek UPI 1 & 2

November 9, 10, & 11 - - - Coulterville/Moccasin Creek UPI.
 The second annual UPI pre-Thanksgiving feed.

Answer from question on page 6: The Dave Brubeck Quartet album "Time Out". Feature cut was "Take Five."



The old miner sez: Dem UPI shirts n hats shore iz nisones. Git youself sum.



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