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What a great start to our season, beautiful weather, fun group, and some gold was found at the claim. Our potluck was perfect topped off with a great raffle. I mentioned the gold found; well we had 5 power sluices going at one time on Saturday, along with 4 hand sluices and a couple of pan-ners, and as far as I know everyone found some color.

The best gold I saw that was found was by John Melling; working with a hand sluice for Friday and Saturday and collecting a total of about 2 pennyweights. Sunday morning John found a very nice piece that won him the prize for the biggest piece of gold found during the outing. Did I mention that John found the winning piece as Christa was pulling into the parking area? Persistence pays off.

Check your calendar and mark the days for the next outing, as we have some great events planned. Bring your extra pieces of mining equipment and you can do a little horse-trading. Sunday morning there will be a pancake breakfast, and don't forget the gold. Bull Creek always produces color to those who work at it.

Your Board of Directors has done a great job of making 2006 a fantastic year, and our plans for 2007 are even better. The ways and means director Sid Parrish has pulled together a great bunch of raffle prizes and the gold will be bigger this year, so don't miss an outing!! See at Bull Creek.

Don

## THE OUTING!

Oh boy! It was a really great outing. What a really great way to start off the year. The attendance count was at least 50 and I may have missed a couple or few. Let me know if I did and I make the correction in the next issue.

As you'll see from the pictures in the newsletter literally all of the flat space was taken up with the transportation and camping equipment of the members and guests. It was really great mining weather as well. Just right in my mind. You could work in your shirtsleeves without getting cold or breaking out in a sweat. And to top it all off a goodly number of members found some of the elusive yellow metal. A few did well in that respect, covering the bottom of their vials. (That's about a 10<sup>th</sup> of an ounce in a one-ounce vial.) Well-done folks.

The Board Meeting was held at the schoolhouse on the hill in town, as was the Potluck. This time of the year it is kind of hard to depend on the weather, better safe than sorry. As it turned out it wasn't really needed, none-the-less it was nice. Everybody was comfy and warm for the Potluck and the Raffle(s). Both went really good. As usual there were some creative dishes that were delicious.

As for the mining, most that was done was done by power sluicing up on the high flat bank where the cobbles and boulders were moved to when our predecessors from years back were clearing out the streambed to get to the bedrock to clean up the gold. There was one member dredging and a few that were panning. Working the high bank on this claim seems to me to be the best bet for the weekend miner. There are a couple of places on the claim that if a team wanted to spend some time on a dredge and get to the bottom they could possibly do good.

See ya at Bull.

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## Outing & Board Meeting Schedule 2007

**5/26 - 6/3, Bull Creek UPI, Board Meeting, 6/2\***  
**6/30 - 7/8, Genesee UPI, Board Meeting, 7/7\***  
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**8/31 - 9/2, Bull Creek UPI, no meeting**  
**10/5 - 10/7, Twain UPI, elections and Board Meeting, 10/6\***  
**11/2 - 11/4, the 8th annual Coulterville/Moccasin Creek UPI pre-Thanksgiving Outing.**

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# BOARD NOTES

March 31, 2007 – Moccasin Creek (Coulterville School House)

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

## Roll Call:

**Officers Present:** Don Siegel, President; Tom Eastland Vice President; and Rita Perry, Secretary

**Directors Present:** Christa Eastland, Aaron Matula, Bill Reboin, Denise Matula, Sid Parrish, and Chris Perry (volunteer)

**Directors and Officers Absent:** Samantha Wait, Chet Chastain, Gerald Hurt, and Steve Letlow (volunteer)

**Members Present:** Lorrie Parrish, Bobby and Lisa Wintworth, Daniel and Kathy Short, James Neeley, and Joe and Gloria Sul

Motion was made by Bill Reboin and seconded by Kathy Short to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

1 **Treasurer, Samantha Wait presented by President Aaron Matula:** The checkbook balance as of January 2, 2007 was \$14,087.56. The total assets were \$4,200.00, **total expenses of \$3,264.65**. March 28, 2007, Balanced Checkbook is \$15,022.91. Motion was made by Bill Reboin to accept the Treasurer's Report, Tom Eastland seconded, and motion carried.

- **Membership, Denise Matula:** We have 63 life members, 35 others, 355 regular members, 453 Total. We have 18 new members. A lot of our new members are coming from the website. Mark needs to be contacted regarding our website when searching the internet to make sure that everyone gets to the correct site instead of an old one if it is possible. Don is going to contact Mark Weber regarding this issue.
- **Wagon Master, presented by President Don Siegel:** Steve will be volunteering his help with this position as far as putting up signs when he is at the outings and making sure we have port-a-potties. He will not attend the meetings.
- **Outing Coordinator, Christa Eastland:** The Bull Creek Outing will be a week. Christa is going to have a Sunday Breakfast on the last Sunday of the outing and will have a donation can. She is hoping to have a lady's and a man's panning contest and a swap and trade. Also we will be having a board meeting and a potluck dinner.
- **Ways and Means, Sid Parrish:** Sid has obtained quite a few sponsors. He collected a lot of stuff from Treasure Hunter. He has also purchased some items (nuggets, necklaces and gold pans) and he did go over budget, which was allocated to him. When he was in Nevada he purchased some gold for the raffles since we didn't have any. Rob donated some Trinity pans to us. Rob from the 49ers wants to jump up to a half page ad. Rob wants Don and him to go over and pick up the prizes. They also need to go see Pioneer. He also knows some one that has some pins that he is interested in purchasing.
- **Political-Grievance, Gerald Hurt presented by Don Siegel:** The local newspaper "Yosemite Highway Herald", has an article regarding off road vehicle trails will be tying into the forest service roads. One of the areas that may be affected is Bull Creek. Don wants us to write to Groveland Ranger Station stating that we do not want this to happen.
- **Editor/Editor-in-Chief/Publisher, Bill Reboin:** He has the mast page reworked. He has spent a lot of time with Rod trying to get the database worked out. He is having some problems with the formatting structures and changing documents on the Word documents.
- **Chapters, Tom Eastland:** No recent Chapter activity. We have a new member in the Sacramento area that is showing an interest in being the Chapter Chairman. Santa Clara Chapter is growing like crazy. Contra Costa was going to merge with Alameda, but we haven't heard anything further.
- **Claims, Chet Chastain:** Salmon River is limited to a maximum 6" dredge only. UPI limits dredges to 4". He will find out about an 8" dredge on Twain. Our Notice of Intent has been approved. There is a claim for sale on the Salmon River, which now is up to \$68,000. Chet would also like to raffle off Clippership this will be discussed later. Bill said we might have lapsed in our membership to PLP. Dan Short suggested that we contact PLP to find out the recourse we have with Clippership. There was a motion made by Dan Short, totally restrict outside organization from raffles and supporting their organizations at our functions, but was amended by Don Siegel, "No outside organization can come to our function and sell raffle tickets or promote their organization without board approval." Motion carries as amended.
- **Technical Advisor, Vacant:** Chris "Kit" was appointed this position.
- **Treasurer, Samantha Wait:** BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT

Sid Parrish raffle prizes	\$ 621.21
Denise Matula for Postage, Printer Cartridge	\$ 75.76
Total Expenses	\$ 696.97

Also to be included is miscellaneous purchases from the treasurer report	\$ 1,798.46
Total Bills to be paid	\$ 2,495.43



Bill Reboin motioned to accept the bills to be paid, Tom Eastland seconded. Motion carried.

- **Unfinished Business:** A discussion was held regarding Sam Wait's resignation as Treasurer. We will be submitting a 30-day notice to the UPI members regarding an election to elect Aaron Matula as Treasurer, or who chooses to run, plus we still need a permanent Wagon Master and Technical Advisor. This election will be held at Genesee.

Daniel Short made a motion to have Gerald Hurt to find out the status of our membership with Jerry Hobbs regarding PLP plus posting a five-year fee in covering the expenses of our membership. This was discussed and President Don Siegel amended the motion as; Gerald Hurt to find out our status of our membership with PLP based on the donations that we have made and what the plans are in the future regarding whether we should fill out an application card for membership. Sid Parrish seconded. Motion carried. Tom needs the Directors and Officers to send in their completed standardized forms for the positions they hold.

- **New Business:** Dan Short questioned the increase in our dues to UPI and he is going to crunch some numbers for us to try to save some money. He wants to download the newsletter instead of having it mailed. We have discussed this before and we are going to continue to discuss this further. Dan Short will be submitting a proposal for us to look at.
- President Don Siegel adjourned the meeting at 11:30a.m.

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## NEW MEMBERS AND RENEWING MEMBERSHIPS

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

*Welcome aboard for a year of fun.*

Information is from 02/01/07 thru 05/05/07

### New Life Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>
Les & Jackie Rossi	Rescue, CA
Warren Van Sant	San Jose, CA
Herman Beard Jr.	Lemoore, CA
Ken Sawyer	Freemont, CA
Steven R. Morrisette	Sacramento, CA
Don & Linda Reed	Sacramento, CA
Bill Fisher	Sunnyvale, CA
Joel Hochestetler	San Carlos, CA
Dan Stevens	Vallejo, CA
John Fischer	Walnut Creek, CA
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Terry Stewart	Benicia, CA
Michael Pedneault	Rocklin, CA
Dave & Becky Ferrin	Quartzsite, AZ
Bob & Kathleen Liening	Fairfield, CA
Randy Deblauw	Santa Maria, CA
Steve Sawyer	Modesto, CA
Robert Devine	Red Bluff, CA
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Al Simoni	Concord, CA
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Charlie Cox  
Patrick Dunno  
Ernest Robinson  
Tom Williams  
Clifford Falk  
John Case  
William Scott  
Vicki Krois  
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John Dickensen Jr.  
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David Nelson  
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Riverbank, CA  
San Jose, CA  
Waterford, CA  
Camino, CA  
Concord, CA  
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Magalia, CA

### Renewing Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>
Dottie Leet	Sonoma, CA
David Dhont	Pleasant Hill, CA
Robert J. Anderson	Clovis, CA
James Kelly	Redding, CA
Gregory E. Davis	Tempe, AZ
Emilie Andresen	Stockton, CA
Douglas & Joy Parker	Castle Rock, WA
Andy & Cathy Patterson	Santa Clara, CA
Steven & Ann Nordheim	San Jose, CA
Scott & Sharon Clark	Fair Oaks, CA

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*The old miner sez: Wa ta sorey site are Goveymnt iz!  
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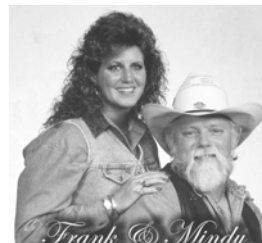
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Daniel McCabe	Napa, CA
Greg Voisard	Coarsegold, CA
John Melling	Modesto, CA
Andy & Adele Rico	Nice, CA
Charles Vanleer	Newalla, OK
Dan & Sarah Lohberger	Milpitas, CA
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Jim Jordan	Visalia, CA
Jim Peterson	Lodi, CA
Ed & Cynthia Burchard	Colfax, CA

*Welcome aboard for another year of enjoyment with UPI, the small-scale miners advocate. We have a great year planned with new and different raffle prizes. We need to see you at the outings and the Board meetings to help us guide the organization the way you would like to see it go.*

**Members up for renewal , 06/01/07**

Ray Budowich, Richard Yoshida, Samantha Wait, Allan R. Batchler, Don & Mary Anne Ivers - Mejia, Barry Bernardi, Douglas Jefferys, Carl Strange, Galan Walters, Robert Burger, Anthony & Ethel Rinck, Wesley & Marsha Smith, Patrick Avilla, Norman Trainer, Brian Coughlin, Mike Pivacek, Richard Giddens, Laith Leboa, Jay Sims, Keith McRobert, Robert Devine Sr., Kelly & Cathy Hall, Merv Pate, Robert

Mc Common Sr., Robert Mc Common Jr., Ron Miller, Robert Knopik, Jorge Gonzales, Wes & Bonnie Hawkins, Ron Watkins, David Murrill, Walt Stever, Carlos Sul, Robert Hoffman, Jess Green, Victor Buttignol, William Denny, James Hayslip, Richard Cristofani, Jay Ramoz, Rick Herron, Caroline Pegueros, Phillip Kear, Yevett & Franklin Haven, Eric Johnson.

OK we have a bunch here that need to get the pen and checkbook out and get their renewal into the Membership Director so they'll be set for the outings still to come. **Please note on page three and the back cover the new mailing address for UPI.**

**WOW!** This is one of the longest membership notices I've seen in a while. Of course there has been a three-month time lapse since the last outing which plays some part in the matter. See ya at Bull!!!

## LEGAL NOTICE!

Samantha Wait who has been the UPI Treasurer for years, and has done a wonderful job indeed, tendered her resignation as Treasurer so that she may retire and move to Washington State. Best wishes in the future to you Sam.

Sam has been tutoring Aaron Matula, a UPI member of several years, to our bookkeeping system and policies so that he could take over when the time came. Well the time has come.

Aaron comes to UPI well qualified holding a Masters Degree in Accounting, from U.C. Berkeley. As such Aaron wanting the position and being tutored by Samantha, a temporary appointment was made by our President by authorization of Article IV, Section 3A, 3 .

To make the appointment to the position official, as there are more than six months remaining in the term of office, a general election must be held for the appointment to be official.

**THEREFORE BE IT KNOWN THAT THERE WILL BE AN OFFICIAL GENERAL ELECTION HELD AT THE GENESEE OUTING ON 7/7/07 TO ALLOW THE MEMBERSHIP TO VOTE ON THIS APPOINTMENT.**

The official ballot will be a simple yes/no ballot asking you if you approve or disapprove of the appointment of Aaron to the Office of Treasurer for United Prospectors Inc., for the remainder of the term vacated by Samantha.

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## FOREST SERVICE PROPOSAL

The USFS is proposing several things that may and probably will add to an already existing problem with ORV's, off road vehicles, at Bull Creek. Those of you familiar with Bull Creek and that have frequented the site over the last few years can attest to the damage ORV users have done to areas directly adjacent to the FS camping site we use to access our claims on Bull Creek.

According to the Yosemite Highway Herald April 2007 issue, there was a meeting held in Greeley Hill, by the FS, in February to discuss the proposals with the Community. Discussed was:

- 1 How ORV trails will tie in with FS roads.
- 2 The establishment of two new ORV staging areas one south of Kinsley Station and one at Anderson Valley. I'm not sure where Anderson Valley is, but I believe it is on the way into Bull Creek. Kinsley Station is about a mile past where we turn off the road at Bull Creek Bridge to head up Bull Creek to the camping area.
- 3 Allowing ORV's with no insurance to travel roads the County maintains. The article says that input on this has been requested of the CHP.

As your Editor-in-Chief/Publisher I am dead set against bullet point three. I am also against bullet point two unless the FS strictly monitors and manages ORV use in the area. Signs mean nothing to a lot of ORV people, they go where they want to go and do what they want to do and degrade a lot of land in the process.

This is my opinion on the matter and only my opinion. I for one do not appreciate ORV'ers tearing through the campground stirring up dust and partying until one and two o'clock in the morning. I need to believe that you have an opinion on it as well. If you have an opinion on this matter that you would like to express please address it to the U. S. Forest Service at:

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## Santa Clara Chapter

Our chapter has finished our panning tub and running river to show members how to get the right angle on you sluice box to collect the gold. The river also shows how gold will settle in a stream. Here are some photos. Also we are helping out teaching panning and gold prospecting at the Treasure Hunters store for their Gold Rush days this weekend. Our meetings are going well and prizes are great (example) Back packs with a pan; crevice tools first aid kit, sample vials and more.

Michael Phillips  
Chapter Chair



**Panning Tub**

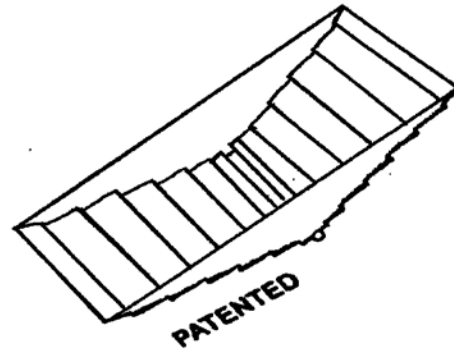


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## CHAPTERS

The Santa Clara and Contra Costa Chapters consistently produce good news and good statistics.

To the left is some of the handy work of Michael Phillips, et al, who heads up the Santa Clara Chapter.

Ed Ozga who heads up the Contra Costa Chapter has an event planned for July which will be open to all UPI Members on his personal claim. Last years event was a success and it is expected that this years will be as well.

Particulars for this event will be in the next newsletter in detail.

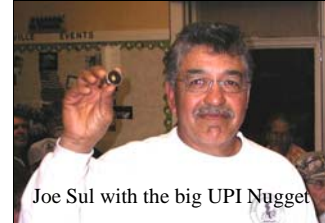
Thanks guys for the great work and promotion of UPI!



## UPI ROLL CALL

List of members and guests present at the 3/31/07  
Outing, Potluck and Raffle, including  
Raffle results.

1. Bob Azbill: Bob was the winner of one of the nicest UPI Raffle items in my tenure. (Going on eight years.) He won a complimentary one night stay at the Hotel Jeffery. The luck of the draw. In addition he won a nifty license plate frame donated by Steve Letlow a UPI member and also an advertiser.
2. Rick Niemi
3. Art & Lucy Apodaka; Art won a head lamp for borrowing in those dark holes or walking in the dark.
4. Kit & Rita Perry
5. Aaron & Denise Matula: This couple went home with a "Trinity Pan" and scoop, a bug zapper and a magnifying glass and vial.
6. Tom & Christa Eastland
7. Don & Cindy Siegel
8. Roy & Marti Dunston; These folks went home with a fanny pack with a snuffer bottle, a candle set and a piece of gold ore.
9. Stan & Gail Webster; These folks went home with the Grizzly Panning Kit.
10. Bill Graymont & Ann Marie: Bill was the lucky 50/50 winner.
11. John & Cathy Melling
12. Ron & Sharon Rowe: Information provided to me says that Ron Crow won a magnifying glass with tweezers and a crevic-ing tool. Hope I got this right.
13. Bobby & Lisa Whitworth: The Whitworths went home with a tote sack, a Sacagawea Dollar and a UPI ball cap.
14. Larry Stone: Larry won a pair of knee high rubber boots.
15. Bill Sorenson: Bucket handles.
16. Sid, Laurie & Suzie Parrish
17. Leland Andrews: Leland won a square pan, UPI fanny pack and tweezers with a brush along with a tote bag.
18. Dennis & Pat Mobley
19. Steve, Connor, Bobbie & Ken Sawyer: Ken won the small UPI gold nugget, and Steve won a knife with a sharpening stone.
20. Steve & Joy Letlow: A sniffer bottle and a Black Oak bottle wrap that looks like a "Twiggy bikini".
21. Randy Bristow; Randy went home with a Sacagawea Dollar. There are claims that this general item is worth more than a dollar.
22. Joel, Laura, Brittany & Ashley Orona
23. Joe & Gloria Sul: These folks did quite nice winning the large UPI nugget, a knife with sharpening stone, a cooler box and a flash light with safety glasses. You need to watch out for those high powered flashlights.
24. Charlie Cox
25. Don Cox & Adam: Looks like Adam did good going home with a chisel, a book on Snipping and a brush for cleaning up the bedrock for the last bit of Au.
26. Bill Reboin & Samantha
27. Dan & Kathy Short
28. Ray Budowich
29. Steve Barnett



Joe Sul with the big UPI Nugget



Ken Sawyer with the small UPI Nugget

OK folks it looks like we had a total of 53 members and guests turn out for the first outing of the year. This is really great. I hope it is a preview/prediction of outings to come. I hope I didn't spell your names wrong or miss anybody. EIC/Pub.

It is participation of the group at the group functions that makes us, UPI. The camaraderie at the outing was great. All participated in at least one aspect of the get together, if not more. Keep it up folks and we'll maybe soon get to some 500 plus in the membership roster. Thank you. Bill



Bill Graymont, 50/50 winner



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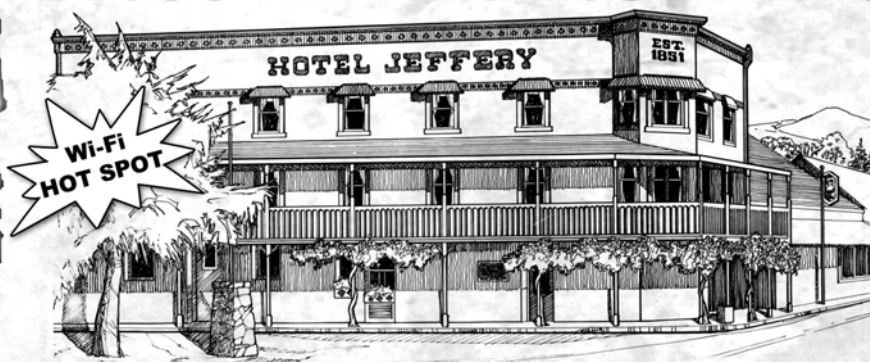
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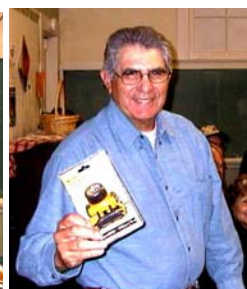
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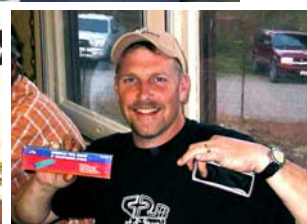
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## Raffle Cont.



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## MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST©

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY PASSES NO-FEE**

### **RESOLUTION**

**Sacramento, April 23, 2007** Today the California Assembly overwhelmingly passed Assembly Joint Resolution 21, calling on the U.S. Congress to repeal the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act. FLREA authorizes public lands agencies to charge access fees for federally managed public lands, including National Forests and Bureau of Land Management areas.

California's resolution is similar to those already passed by legislatures in Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and the Alaskan House of Representatives, and sends a clear message to legislators in Washington DC who are evaluating the FLREA's future. The text of AJR 21 can be read at: [http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/asm/ab\\_0001-0050/ajr\\_21\\_cfa\\_20070418\\_173938\\_asm\\_bill\\_floor.html](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/asm/ab_0001-0050/ajr_21_cfa_20070418_173938_asm_bill_floor.html)

AJR 21 passed the Assembly by a vote of 62-10. At its hearing before the Committee on Water, Parks and Wildlife on April 18th the resolution's author, Assembly member Anthony Portantino (D, Pasadena), stated that "the fees created a backlash from people who saw them as double taxation and a barrier to public access. Fee opponents point out that this fundamental change in public lands policy had been accomplished without public debate or Congressional discussion," a reference to the FLREA's passage in December 2004 as a last-minute rider to an important appropriations bill. The Resolution was co-authored by Assembly member Bill Maze (R-Visalia) and by District 36 Senator Dennis Hollingsworth.

Testifying in favor of AJR 21 were Alasdair Coyne of Keep Sespe Wild and John Karevoll, representing the Western Slope No Fee Coalition. Coyne testified that "the law this resolution addresses, a permanent fee authority for federal public lands which make up nearly a quarter of California's area, has served to increase the variety of fees that face Californians who enjoy to visit these lands.

The Forest Service circumvents the protections in the FLREA by grouping several minimally developed or undeveloped sites together and designating them as a High Impact Recreation Area (HIRA). Despite FLREA's prohibition on charging solely for parking or use of dispersed areas the Forest Service has designated 31 HIRAs in the Adventure Pass areas of Southern California alone. These 31 HIRAs encompass some 396,230 acres with an additional 280 individual recreation areas designated as fee areas. Each of these HIRAs provides access to undeveloped backcountry, for which the FLREA also prohibits fees. In addition, many Forest Service roads continue to be posted as "Fee Required Beyond This Point" even though the FLREA prohibits entrance fees, fees for general access, and fees for driving through public lands.

Karevoll testified that, "If I drive my son to a basketball game at our high school and pull to the side of the road to check out the view, I can be ticketed, ultimately fined \$5,000 or get six months jail. We're not talking about a developed scenic turnout, just the side of State Highway 18. So the Adventure Pass is clearly a barrier, it keeps people away. I can tell you that forest visitation has dropped the past few years despite the Inland Empire's growth. In fact, half the time I see nobody. Even on



Bill Reboin, EIC/Pub and his pooch Samantha.

major holidays."

Other groups supporting AJR 21 include the Sierra Club, the California Native Plant Society, the California Equestrian Trails and Land Coalition, the Planning and Conservation League, Public Lands for the People and Free Our Forests.

AJR 21 will now go over to the California Senate for hearings and a floor vote.

EIC/PUB note: This information supplied by Deborah Nakamoto for WSNFC. Call your State Senators and let them know how you feel. I firmly believe that the USFS, BLM et al need to be reined in and held accountable. As you can see there were some problems in reformatting the original document received for this publication. Sorry.

### **ANOTHER HURDLE FOR MINERS?**

As we have informed you in past issues the State of California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) entered into an illegal agreement with the Karuk Tribe and the Tribes environmental whacko supported attorneys. Much thanks goes to Public Lands for the People, PLP, a 501 (c)

(3) Non-Profit Corporation dedicated to preserving the Mining Law of 1872, amended, and protecting our rights as miners. Thank you is also in order to The New Era 49'ers for fighting for their/our rights under the 1872 law, amended. As you should know from previous issues, the Court result was that in the interim we could again mine on our Salmon River claim until additional legal footsteps are taken to a final conclusion. One of the legal footsteps was that DFG was ordered to do a new EIR. We will keep you up dated as we get data on this.



John Melling's personal finds as of Sunday morning.

The CA Dept. of F & G apparently doesn't remember the EIR, Environmental Impact Report they produced back around '99 or 2000. That EIR stated that "Suction Dredging" is non-deleterious to the environmental survival of waterways in the State of California. Providing of course that the Suction Dredge Permit Rules and Regulations were fol-



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lowed. Moreover the Report stated that small scale suction dredging was beneficial to aquatic creatures for their continued survival, as I recall.

Thus the current Court

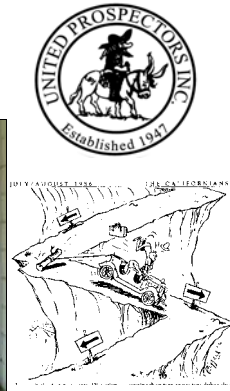
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The old miner sez: Lets socit tooem!!!



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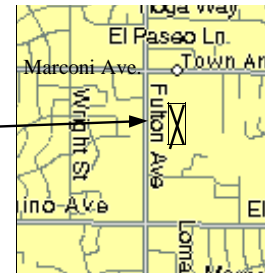
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(Continued from page 10) **New Hurdles?**

Order, that the rules and regulations stay as they were, for about a decade plus, when evidence was produced that DF & G re-wrote the rules and regulations without due process.

Moving ahead it appears “bureaucratic/political and environment whacko correctness” is again trying to overcome sound science as the means of heavily regulating/eliminating small-scale suction dredging. One might say, and they would most likely be saying so correctly, that these folks are simply justifying their existence and their high pay jobs.

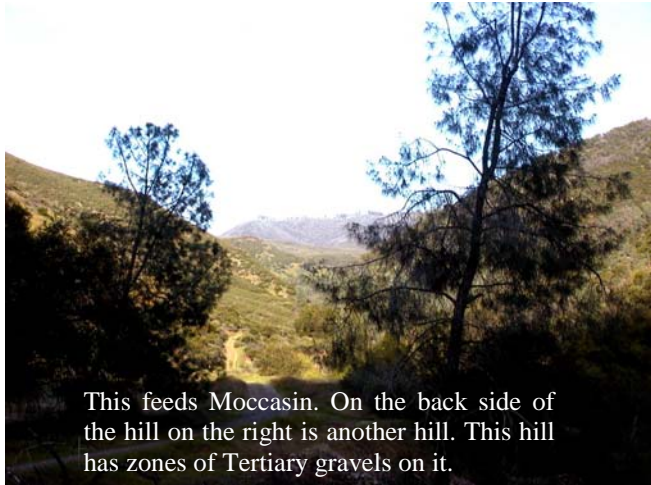
Enter the California Water Resources Control Board (CWRCB). It is not like they haven’t been around for a while. They have always been in the background. Just as the Army Corp. of Engineers was around messing with small scale, suction dredging in the late ‘90’s and early 2000’s. For those of you new to mining and prospecting especially small-scale dredging, back then, you not only needed a California Suction Dredge Permit, but you also needed a Corp. of Engineers Permit. There were and as far as I know, but don’t take it for fact, and still are CWRCB rules/permits required for certain types of operations that generally exceed small-scale suction dredge mining operations. As a fact however, the

Stanislaus National Forest people, the governmental stewards of the land that our Bull Creek claim is on, tried to force us to have this whatever permit number issued by the CWRCB to dredge Bull. Well they were nixed of that idea. Our operations didn’t fall into the regulatory conditions of CWRCB due to size of operation(s) and other conditions requiring that permit.

Well appearances indicate that since the DF & G got called to order and their hands slapped, CWRCB was called upon by those pulling the strings to step in and take over from where DF & G was left. In a very short explanation, there is not enough room in this publication for the complete article. (A complete analysis of this potentially new hurdle for miners is in the April 2007 issue of ICMJ’s Prospecting and Mining Journal. I believe that you can also get the information from their website at [www.icmj.com](http://www.icmj.com) . CWRCB has proposed very onerous regulations including “Compensatory mitigation for all impacts.”

Public Lands for the People (PLP) are on to this and has committed to litigation if necessary. Please make your most comfortable donation to PLP so that they can continue to fight these activities that are adverse to logic and a detriment our survival as individuals and a group, miners/prospectors.

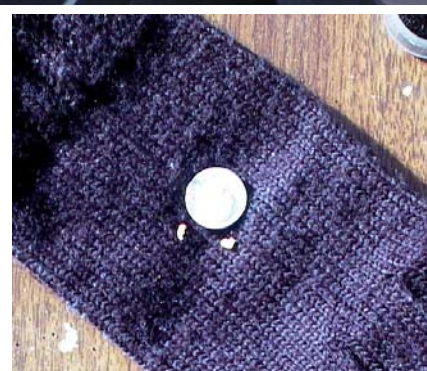
## SOME MORE OF THE OUTING IN PICTURES!



This feeds Moccasin. On the back side of the hill on the right is another hill. This hill has zones of Tertiary gravels on it.



Check out the intrusive dyke upstream from the claim.



**ABOVE: INDIVIDUAL FINDS, I DON’T REMEMBER WHO, a dime is provided for scale.**

An archeological team, digging in Washington DC, has uncovered 10,000 year old bones and fossil remains of what is believed to be the first Politician.



*The Old Miner sez:* They remain a unanswer question here; Were dis politician bury like dis fer a messege to da pepolez, or waz dis dere normal struksure at da time, soz day could be seed as day be?





## WAYS & MEANS

Sid Parrish

Hi All,

WOW! What a great turnout at Moccasin. The raffle was a big success with many winners and some lucky multiple winners. The Big winner's were the Azbill's (way to go Bob! Thanks for hiding out with us!) with a nights stay at hotel Jeffrey's, Leland Anderson the pyramid pan. (I heard that Leland tried his new pyramid pan on Sunday and got quite a bit of gold). The 50/50 raffle paid off at \$91.00. Quite a week-end for some lucky winners! Thanks for all your support and remember when purchasing from our sponsors to remind them that you are a UPI member and appreciate their donations to our raffles.

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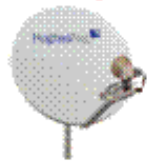
UPI Store items: Tee Shirts and hats have increased to \$12.00 and \$7.00. Remember to check your newsletter for ordering info. Items can be purchased at All UPI events.

Our next outing is Bull Creek and we will have more exciting raffle prizes. The featured Items on this outing are a mini recalculating sluice and camping items.

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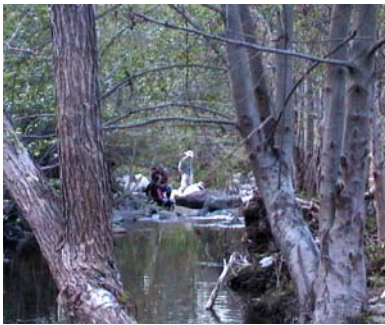


## MORE OF THE OUTING!





## THE OUTING SUMMATION: THERE WERE MINERS EVERYWHERE!



Sid and Laurie had some problems with their new trailer. I wonder if the name had anything to do with it?



**EIC/Pub Note:** I have been accused of being too political perhaps. Well if you haven't figured it out, that is the world we live in. The world run by politics and big money/groups.

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**SEE YOU AT THE NEXT OUTING!**

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meeting scheduled for the outing, however it may be subject to change after discussions at the first couple of Board Meetings in 2007.

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**Outings/Meetings Continued**

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These members need to be willing to be 100% involved in helping run the organization and the direction it takes. They must be present at the scheduled Outings/Board Meetings that they have voted on and, published a schedule on for the general membership. (Directors/The Board make these date decisions.)

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