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Santa Clara County Chapter Christmas/New Year Party



HOPE TO SEE YA AT DEM DAR UP COMING MEETINS!

**2011 UPI Board meeting - Saturday, January 22nd, 11:00am
Round Table Pizza—253 Spreckels Avenue, Manteca, CA 95336**



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
Don Siegel
2011**

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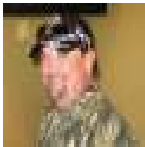
Mark Weber

Hi all. This time of year it is time to put our 2011 plans together. We will be meeting on Saturday, January 22nd at the Round Table Pizza, 253 Spreckels Ave., Manteca, CA 95336 at 11:00 AM.

You can take 99 north or south and turn west on Yosemite Ave. (Hwy 120), at the 2nd light, turn left and find the pizza parlor on the right in the Food for Less parking lot.

We will nail down our budgets, and our outings for 2011. We will finish up with any news issues or concerns for the future of our organization. Currently the weather is not favorable for trips to the gold fields, but be mindful of the fact that all the small creeks that are usually dry are running full speed now. The old timers waited for this time of year to mine these small creeks even working in the rain. The next big find is out there waiting for you to come along, the usual spots have been hit hard and the not so likely spots are waiting for you.

Don



**MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT
Ed Ozga
2011**


Happy New Year to you all. Many thanks to those of you that supported me in the recent election. I look forward to serving another 2-year term as your Vice President. Many thanks to our Claims Director, Ron Coleman, and Treasurer, Aaron Matula for also signing up for another 2-year term, we truly appreciate all your hard work. Congratulations to our newly elected Membership Director, David "Dave" Williams, I look forward to working with you. And, to our outgoing Membership Director, Georgia Azbill, many thanks for a job well done! I can't thank you enough for all your hard work and dedication you showed these past several years, my hat off to you! Speaking of memberships, unfortunately UPI membership is down. With the onset of SB670, lack of dredging activities, and just the economy in general, UPI has really taken a hit on our current membership. At last count our regular membership was down to 289 members, which is extremely low. We will be planning recruiting activities in this new year, so please let us know if you have any ideas. With this good rain we should be looking at a good gold season, so hopefully we will be able to bring our membership numbers up. We are still in need of a Ways and Means Director. Please let Don or me know if you can step-up and volunteer to help UPI. We are also looking at new cost saving measures for the club, one being, an electronic distribution of the UPI Newsletter. More information will be shared about this soon. Also, many newsletters are being returned in the mail as non-deliverable. If you believe that UPI may not have your current mailing (or email address), please send your current address to [Dave Williams](mailto:Dave.Williams@unitedprospectors.com), Membership Director, at Membership@unitedprospectors.com or give me a call at 925-706-8193. Hope to see you out at a claim soon!

MAY THERE BE GOLD IN YOUR PAN, Ed



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-YOUR INPUT NEEDED-

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

Linda Moore, Editor
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IN MEMORY

*A note was received from Karen Kelsey, sister of **James Hammon**
That James passed away July 17, 1910
In his motor home in Arizona.*

James lived in Shellsburg, Iowa.

*Our sympathy is extended to the family
And friends of James.*



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COULTERVILLE OUTING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 13, 2010 9:16a.m.

Officers Present: Don Siegel, President; Ed Ozga, Vice President; Aaron Matula, Treasurer; Rita Perry, Secretary.

Directors Present: Georgia Azbill, Membership, Terry and Debbie Moore, Outing Coordinator; Ron Coleman, Claims; Editor-in-Chief, Jim Madden.

Members Present: Jamie Ferrel, Kit Perry, Cindy Siegel, Laurie Ozga, Allen Coleman, Bob Cutting, Anita Cutting, Diane Perkins, Ivan Perkins, and Clayton Borchers.

Ron Coleman motioned to accept the minutes, Ed Ozga seconded the motion, motioned carried.

Treasurer Report: As of November 10, 2010 the balance of the UPI account is \$8,100.00. Aaron wants everyone to make sure to keep better records for the future regarding receipts.

Membership Report: Life Members 71, Other Members 29, Regular Members 289. Tri-fold will be updated in January. It was mentioned again to have UPI Membership Business Cards placed on the back of the Newsletter so that members can hand them out to individuals they meet who are interested in joining UPI. Our membership has dropped due to no dredging, and we are hoping this will change soon.

There is also a misunderstanding of what Family Members mean when joining UPI: Spouse and a child or children under the age of 18 living in home. Georgia would like the Chapters to explain this to their members.

Outing Coordinator Report: Nothing much at this time. They are donating 3 major prizes for the raffle this evening. 2011 Outings will be discussed in January.

Editor-in-Chief Report: Laurie has been helping with the newsletter.



Ways and Means Report: We have some prizes left from this year and are in good shape for next year.

Chapters Report: Placerville is still looking for a place to hold meetings and it was discussed to give them seed prizes to get them started.

Claims Report: Has filed all claims, and only has a few affidavits to finish. He paid an attorney to discuss the claim, Suzy Q. If you want to work the claim you need to contact Ron Coleman, Jim Madden, or Dave Norman. Billy Goat Claim has water. We are still unsure about dredging next year.

Unpaid Bills: Don Siegel and Jim Madden will be submitting receipts to be reimbursed. Ron Coleman and Aaron Matula are still working on the PayPal Account. They need some information from Don Siegel so they can continue.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:30a.m.



Gold Mine

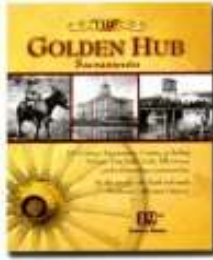
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WHAT'S COOKIN'

FAMILY CAMPSIDE DUMP CAKE

From www.free-camping-recipes.com

Grease a 9" Dutch Oven, bottom and sides. Spread ingredients as they are listed below in the Dutch Oven.

- 1 can (1 lb 5oz) pie filling (I like cherry)
- 1 can (8 oz) crushed pineapple
- 1 box yellow or white cake mix (dry)
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts
- 1/2 cup coconut
- 1/2 lb (1 stick) butter, cut into small pieces



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MY TIME WITH GEORGE



I'm sure you will think George is a funny name for a lady, but that's the way it was.

I like to photograph insects, spiders and other small critters, so my Grandson-in-law captured a large, luscious, shiny black widow spider to serve as a model in my photographing efforts. I immediately set about taking her picture and ended up with several nice portraits. But then what was I to do with George? She was too nice a specimen to send to spider heaven so she became my pet.

I placed her in a quart mason jar and set her on my kitchen counter (I live alone) where she could be watched and fed. However, this ended when my grown daughter came in and told me to, "Get this thing out of the kitchen" (women are like that). George was moved to a two quart jar in the back yard.



As with humans, only the female is dangerous; males are harmless. Therefore, I did treat her with respect.

Feeding George was harder than you might think. After all don't spiders eat insects? Like many of the fairer sex George was a finicky eater. She loved flies and moths but considered beetles and pill bugs to be yuk. You would think capturing a fly would be a cinch but I found that my fastidious neighbors picked up after their dogs so flies were scarce. I, therefore, bought a butterfly net and every day went prancing through my front flower garden chasing butterflies and moths. For some reason my neighbors started avoiding me, but that was alright, I had George for company. I did learn later that my friend, Ray Maddalena, who lives next to a dairy had a surplus of flies and would have sold them to me cheap.

Because the novelty of chasing insects wore off I bought some large mesh screen and placed it over the jar so insects could fly in but George, because of her large size, could not get out. This seem to work for a couple of weeks but then much to my dismay, George disappeared. The question is, did she escape into the wild or did she just die of old age? Black widows can live up to three years, but maybe she was old when she came to live with me.

However, this story ends on a happy note. She left behind a large white egg mass that I'm carefully guarding so George's heirs will soon be living in my back yard.



Leland Brown



ASSISTANT CLAIMS MANAGER REPORT



Friday, December 10th, I took a run to the Billy Goat 1 claim. Miguel was up there metal detecting, he was the one who helped blaze the original trail and put in the claim marker. He came over and gave me a hand hauling rocks and building a set of steps down to the gravel wash.

We did about 15 to 20 feet of stairs. I also dropped by the Suzy Q and cleaned up some trash at the pull out. Someone drove their 4WD across the creek and up the first tailings pile but that is as far as they got. Enough water to run a small sluice or a power sluice. Miguel and I spent about 2 to 3 hours moving rocks, digging, and building the stairs.

Had a chance to get to the tech shop and powder coated two signs for the Billy Goat 1 claim. Put the signs up on Thursday, January 6th. The first one is at the upper end of the claim. It is about 10 feet downhill along the new rock steps so you need to stand on the edge of the parking area to see that one. The second sign is at the lower trail. It is visible from the road and is placed at the edge of the hill. Both signs are 12 x 12 bolted to a stand alone fence post, yellow background, and black lettering. I put the upper one off the road so at least one of them will be around for a while.

Hope to see you out on the claims this year, Jim Madden, Assistant Claims Manager.





CHAPTER NEWS



SANTA CLARA COUNTY CHAPTER NEWS

The Santa Clara Chapter put on a gold panning demo at the grand opening of the Almaden Quick Silver Mining Museum. We all had a great time. There was over 1000 people who attended and they were only expecting 400. The parks department really enjoyed us there and fed all our members who attended the event. We also had our Christmas/New Years party and it was great. We had a white elephant gift exchange game and also a raffle. The Santa Clara Chapter is planning a trip this month to the Benitoite mine for a day of mining, we should have a great time looking for benitoite. Here are some photo's of our chapter.



Mike Rodrick opening his gift a camp stove which was taken during our gift exchange game.



Susie Parish opening her gift exchange gift a compass and flash light which was taken from her by her father Sid during our gift exchange game.



This is our Christmas party gift exchange.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 12 State Benitoite mine

Come and find the California State Gemstone "Benitoite". Pricing: \$70 per person.; Kids 12 and under, only \$20; Discount for seniors 70 and over with proof of current Rockhound Membership from any Federation Club, 1/2 price. (\$35)

Mar 19-20 Redding GPAA Gold Show

Set up 8-12 Friday March 18, 2011

Event March 19-20th

We are looking for volunteers to help set-up our booth.

Apr 15-17 Santa Clara Rock & Mineral Show

Set-up is April 15th

Event April 15, 16, 17

Any other UPI member wanting to help out please contact Mike Phillips at kitfoxchumash@yahoo.com or call 408-595-9121.



CHAPTER NEWS



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY CHAPTER NEWS

The Contra Costa Chapter would like to wish all of you a very Happy New Year. Our Holiday break is over and it's time for the first kick-off meeting of the year! The one you don't want to miss. The January UPI Contra Costa County Chapter meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 20th, at 7:00 p.m., at the church meeting room in Concord, CA. The January meeting will include our annual White Elephant Gift Exchange. If you would like to participate, please bring any new (re-gifts are encouraged) wrapped gift and join in the fun! Directions to the meeting and details will be forwarded to the Chapter email mailing list. If you are interested in attending the regularly scheduled Contra Costa Chapter meetings and are not on our mailing list, please contact Ed or Laurie Ozga at OzMiner@msn.com or at 925-706-8193.

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Georgia Azbill, Dave Norman & Rita Perry



Dinner Time

JEST FER FUN!!!



NEW QUESTION OF THE MONTH
How many words can you make from the word **THEODOLITE** (*the-o-do-lite*)

DEFINITION: Surveying instrument used for measuring angles.

RULES: 3+ letters, no plurals slang or proper nouns used. We found 46 words. All words verified with the Oxford dictionary.

How many gold pans did you find in the last newsletter that look like this? ANSWER is 32. How did you do?

How many spiders, like this one, can you find in this newsletter?

bellmusic4u2@sbcglobal.net

Linda Moore



"The old miner sez: gold fever is a spreadin in the year two thousand eleven. Come out and join us at the outins.





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Lucy Apodaca
Jim Appleby
Bob Azbill <i>Four Bucket Handles, Gold Bottle Pouch</i>
Georgia Azbill <i>Gold Dirt, Folding Trowel w/Plastic Vial and Cotton Gloves</i>
Stephen Barnett
Gene Bianchi <i>Sniffer Bottle, Rubber Gloves, Pry Bar, Grizzley Pan, Video, Book HWY 49</i>
<i>Bucket Sluice, Grizzley Pan w/Plastic Vial and</i>
Leland Brown
Bernadene Calsada <i>Grizzley Pan, Gloves, Bottle,</i>
Brianne Calsada
Jonathon Calsada
Mike Castro <i>Fire Extinguisher</i>
Ron Coleman <i>1.3g fine gold, Gold Bottle Pouch</i>

Ray Romeo <i>Pack Shovel, #20 Classifier, Levelers for Blue Bowl</i>
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GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY!
Washington Whopper Headed for Auction.

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QTY	ITEM DESCRIPTION	S	M	L	XL	XXL	PRICE	TOTAL
	TEE SHIRT (S, M)						\$12.00	
	TEE SHIRT (L, XL)						\$15.00	
	TEE SHIRT (XXL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL)						\$25.00	
	HOODED SWEAT SHIRT (XL)						\$25.00	
	SHIPPING/HANDLING							\$5.00
							TOTAL	

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