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**Coulterville, November 2, 2007**

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### Don Siegel

### 2007

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We have a victory!! AB1032 has been vetoed by the Governor!! Thanks to a concentrated effort by all of those concerned letters, e-mails and some personal calls from all of you. The fight will never be over though and we must continue to keep an eye on what's going on. Our rights as miners continue to be attacked. Your voice can and will be heard.

Did you realize that UPI is celebrating 60 years of Locating Gold, Gems and Minerals. We plan on celebrating the occasion at our Thanksgiving/Anniversary outing in Coulterville 11/2-11/4. We will have our 4th annual detector hunt. Christa and her team have put together a fun weekend. The Coulterville schoolhouse will be the location for the board meeting 9:00AM Saturday, the detector hunt will be at 12:00 PM at the park and the potluck will be at 5:00, back at the schoolhouse. There will also be events planned at the claim on both Saturday and Sunday.

I talked with Cherylann at the Jefferies Hotel on Friday and she still has rooms available, give her a call. The Magnolia Saloon will be featuring a karaoke night on Saturday night. SO COME ON UP AND SPEND THE WEEKEND!!

## THE OUTING

Were we thrown a bunch of curves or knuckle balls this year? It appears that way. Who would have thought that we'd get burned out of Genesee two years in a row? Who would have thought that we'd be having temperatures in the 20's at 3000 feet the first of October? Well we did for the Twain outing, and I sure am happy that I decided to have the furnace in my trailer fixed. I just had a feeling that said do it.

Word had it that Thursday was a kind of off and on rains all day type of day. Friday was better with no rain, but it was partially overcast most of the day that kept the daytime temperatures down. There was definitely no problem with trying to stay cool while mining. The cool temperatures pretty much limited mining activity; though there were several more hearty than myself that braved the cool water and cool temperatures to dredge.

The focal point of the outing tended to be social intercourse and site seeing. There was an almost perpetual campfire going at Steve Letlows camping site, which was a drawing card for members day and night. We as a group were fortunate in the fact that one of the huge trees in the big flat area just before the entrance to the claim had been cut down because it was diseased. This tree was the source of the bulk of the wood that it took to keep the fire going during the human activities hours of the outing.

As usual the potluck was great and the raffle was really good as well. Kudos to Sid Parrish who has taken the position of Ways and Means to a level that it hasn't seen for years. Sid has really taken the bull by the horns. He has beefed up our advertiser count, which has resulted in more and better raffle prizes.

Speaking for myself only I was sad to see Sunday morning come and members packing up and leaving. I would like to have stayed several more days and enjoyed the R & R away from the rat race in the work a day world.

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### Outing & Board Meeting Schedule 2007

\* **11/2 - 11/4**, 8th annual Coulterville/Moccasin Creek UPI **pre-Thanksgiving Outing.**  
**UPI's 60th Anniversary**

\* **Indicates** that there is currently a Board meeting scheduled for the outing, however it may be subject to change after discussions at the first couple of Board Meetings in 2007. If you want your input heard on where and when Board Meetings should be held, be present at the first couple of Board Meetings.

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# BOARD NOTES

President Don Siegel called the meeting to order at 9:25a.m. Twain Outing.

## ROLE CALL:

**Officers:** Don Siegel, Tom Eastland, Aaron Matula, and Rita Perry

**Directors:** Denise Matula, Christa Eastland, Chet Chastain, Sid Parrish, Steve Letlow, Bill Reboin, and Chris Perry

**Absent:** Gerald Hurt

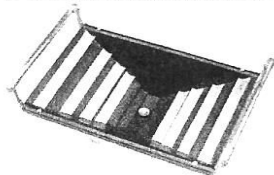
**Members:** Warren Van Sant, Dietrich Papp, Ron Coleman, Bob Liening, Ed and Cindy Burchard, Beverly Paul, Brenda Marsh, Bob and Georgia Azbill

- **Minutes:** Chet Chastain made a Motion to approve the minutes, Sid Parrish seconded the Motion, Motion carried.
- **Treasurer, Aaron Matula:** The beginning balance as of 12/20/2006 was \$14,533.11, with the ending balance as of September 30 \$16,192.92. There was a discrepancy with the P&L statement Aaron presented. Chet believes that the Assessment Fee was duplicated. This will be investigated. The audit that occurred found record of the Sales and Use Tax payable to the Franchise Tax Board by 7/31/2007. There may be a penalty for this. Chet Chastain made a Motion to table the acceptance of the Treasurer's Report until the Coulterville Outing, until the corrections for the double entry of Claims; Assessments. Rita Perry seconded the Motion, Motion carried.
- **Vice President, Tom Eastland:** He would like an agenda for each board meeting. Also, he would like the board to send their concerns and issues to each board member before the meetings to avoid hasty decisions. It was discussed to have our emails with important board issues to have "UPI BIZ" as the subject line. Also, when we reply, send *reply all*, so that everyone will be included not just the person who sent the message. Also, discussed was who should be included in the emails other than the board members. It was decided that Tom and Chet are to form a committee to include appointee Brenda Marsh, Parliamentarian to the list of board members by changing UPI By-Laws. Tom will contact Mark Weber regarding this issue.
- **Membership, Denise Matula:** Total count of life members is 62, others 22, regulars are 394, and we have a total of 478. Mike A. is life-time member.
- **Wagon Master, Steve Letlow:** Steve would like to see everyone's input regarding where the outings should be for next year. He will be providing a port-a-potty at Moccasin.
- **Outing Coordinator, Christa Eastland:** A panning contest is to be held today. There will be a sign up sheet and no entry fee. Also, she will supply the finds bottles. Coulterville Outing: breakfast 7:30 in the café if anyone wants to join; board meeting at the School House, 9:30a.m.; hand mucking contest at Moccasin Creek, metal detecting, 11:30a.m. at the park, and pot luck that evening. She will start a menu list for the potluck. Also, this is the 60<sup>th</sup> year for UPI so this will be a special celebration. She would like to see people dressed in period clothing.
- **Ways and Means, Sid Parrish:** Flags were ordered but have not arrived yet. He has a new advertiser, "RH Mining" which should be firmed up by October. Ed and Cindy have donated raffle prizes. He also requested a budget for next year.
- **Grievance/Political, Gerald Hurt:** Absent. Don presented: Jerry Hobbs is working on the AB1032 because he is making sure that he has enough backing when this thing hits the courts. He has that bill and one with Barbara Boxer regarding hard rock mining.
- **Technical Advisor, Chris Perry:** No report.
- **Editor, Bill Reboin:** Cindy is doing a great job with the newsletter. He came to the conclusion that he has 1000's of files on the computer that goes back 7+ years that he needs to back everything up. He needs to get rid of files that have no relation to UPI at this time. He has everything on CD.
- **Chapters, Tom Eastland:** No report except this seat is vacant.
- **Claims, Chet Chastain:** Chet will be changing the Guest Waivers and change the Mining Rules by the first of the year. Bill Reboin made a motion for Chet Chastain to change the Mining Rules and Guest Waivers. Rita Perry seconded, motioned carried. There seems to be a conflict with where a couple of our claims are located. El Dorado County and Placer County believe Oxbow is in their territory. He paid the tax bill to El Dorado County, Placer Co sent a Notice of Tax Lien and since it would take effect within 15 days and incur penalties, he went ahead and paid the \$16.92 (+.41 cent postage). Oxbow II has two owners in the BLM computer. This is wrong. Salmon River UPI is in Klamath National Forest, the NOI will be sent there in 2008 instead of Six Rivers National Forest. He received a registered letter from BLM indicating that Oxbow I and III are closed due to not paying rental fees for 2007. These claims were closed in 2005 for being within a withdrawn area. He looked them up and their record in the computer shows an "Affirmed Decision" on 7/6/2005. He said he never received a notice from them regarding the claims we lost were re-opened. He will find out about this. Sid made a Motion

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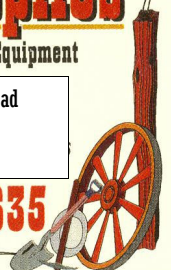
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## NEW MEMBERS AND RENEWING MEMBERSHIPS

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

*Welcome aboard for a year of fun.*

Information is from 10-1-07—11-30-07

<u>Name</u>	<u>New Members</u> <u>City/State</u>
Raymond Rameo	Richard CA
Pat & Kim Dunn	Livermore CA

<u>Name</u>	<u>Renewing Members</u> <u>City/State</u>
James West	Weed CA
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Jim Buckley	Ridgecrest CA

### Members Up For Renewal:

David Gentry	John & Lisa Ljuba
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James Black	Phil & Shirley Coney
Dillard McKeever	Don Lobach
Anthony Alexander	Edward Hansen
Jeff Schall	Marty Pearson

### Members Up For Renewal cont'd:

Duane Lineker	Yosh Umemoto
Thomas & Carol Elliott	Arlo Hartin
Kenneth Nordheim	Les Murayama

*Welcome aboard for another year of enjoyment with UPI, the small-scale miners advocate. 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.*

### ASSISTANT EIC/PUB NOTE:

Hello everyone! Hope all of you are doing good and you're planning to attend the 60th Anniversary of the UPI organization. It is going to be quite an event; food, fun, games, prizes and I heard that Santa is going to visit us also. So make sure you get your wish list ready for him. Christa Eastland has a menu available for anyone who would like to help with the Potluck. There has already been quite a few of you sign up already. Thank you so much, your help is always appreciated. Also, get out your "old timers" clothing and try to win the prize for the most original costume. If you don't feel like dressing up come as you are, that is fine too. Hope to see all of you at Coulterville and *always remember to "put your worries in your pocket with a hole in it and go Prospecting" but never put your gold in a pocket that has a hole in it.*

*As always, Cindy*

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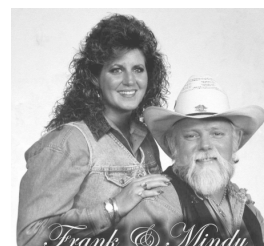
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## UPCOMING OUTING HAPPENINGS:

BY: Christa Eastland (Outing Coordinator)

### Happy 60th Anniversary UPI

This year it's a celebration of 60 years for United Prospectors. Let's do it right and have fun dressing as 49er's, in the period. Dressing as old miners, young miners. Saloon girls, farmers, cowboys, etc. It's close to Halloween so there should be plenty of costumes out there. There will be prizes for the most authentic costumes. 2 for the guys, and 2 for the gals. I received a call from the north pole. Santa will be with us, this year.....!

Itinerary is as follows in Coulterville:

Breakfast 7:30  
Board meeting 9:00 - 11:00 (at the school house).  
Detector hunt 12:00  
Potluck 5:00



Unidentified dredger braving the cold waters!

### Twain Outing Report: by: Tom Eastland

Once again, thinking about Genesee. We arrived at Twain Tuesday evening, we noticed Jerry's trailer still parked in his regular space, but everyone had bedded down for the night. Woke up Wednesday early, drove into Quincy. It's good to have Safeway, there is always something that you forget. Then up to our favorite place "Genesee". We dropped our dredge and equipment at the place we thought about so many times when Forest fires kept us away. This time we made it, just the three of us, alone, with visions of Gold. About noon I stepped into the cold water, moved some large boulders, and then smaller rocks that can cause a plug. I laid down on the bottom of the creek, in the cold water, and started sucking gravel, working down to bed rock, blowing out cracks with by flusher nozzle. I worked an area about 3' wide by 4' long, about 3' deep. The bottom was a white granite with layer of spongy decomposed granite about 2" from the bottom. I worked this hole for approximately 1 & 1/2 hrs. I was getting cold so we did a clean out. Wow, I lifted my punch plate and we gazed at all the flat pieces of gold laying on top of the miners moss. That was all we needed that day. Christa found this crack at the water edge and pulled out a lot of gold. We dried off, changed and went back to camp. Remembering how it was, this time and last year when we found that secret place where Gold looks like small corn flakes. The next morning it was hard to put on the wet wetsuit and get back into the water. As the sky turned black with thunder clouds, I worked as long as I could in that cold water, my clean out was not as good as the first one, but I spent less time. We had to get out of there, the wind started to blow and it was very cold when we finished loading our equipment and drove down to Twain.

Tom, Christa, and Howard

This is the first clean out!



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## CHAPTER NEWS:

### SANTA CLARA CHAPTER

On August 24, 2007, Michael Phillips and the Santa Clara Chapter was approached by the FBI to help them in an evidence recovery case. The case was about someone who was murdered approximately 16 yrs ago and dumped on one of the local creeks. It was a 2 day operation and they asked for the chapter's help in trying to locate metal targets such as jewelry, bullet casings, a gun or possibly a body. They used a 5 inch dredge and approximately 16 metal detectors and worked alongside the FBI, District Attorney and anthropologists. The chapter members were successful in recovering several items. The FBI presented the chapter team with FBI recovery hat pins and patches and several members were presented Gold coins with the FBI logo on one side and evidence recovery team on the other. The chapter team was given these items for going above and beyond the call of duty in the zero visibility water for two days straight. They now have their business cards with the FBI for possible future call outs.

Michael Phillips Chapter Chair

WOW, what a great story!!! Thank you Santa Clara Chapter for sharing this with us.

### CONTRA COSTA CHAPTER

Come one, come all to the second annual Contra Costa Chapter Pot-Luck Meeting. The meeting you don't want to miss! Here is a chance to show off your culinary skills. Not into cooking? That's okay, pick up something at the store, local drive-thru, anything, we're not picky and come and join the fun with good folks, good talk, yummy food and oh, did I mention the gold? The October Contra Costa County meeting is this Thursday, October 18th at 6:30 p.m. Note that we are going to open the doors early to give folks time to get ready for the pot luck. As you know our September meeting was cancelled. The August meeting was a great success. MAY THERE BE GOLD IN YOUR PAN!

Ed Ozga, Chapter Chair

Thank you Contra Costa Chapter.

Are there any other active chapters out there? I encourage all of you to send your chapter information to the UPI EIC so we can share your happenings with all the UPI members. Let's make 2008 the year the Chapters come together and make yourselves known to UPI if you haven't already. UPI invites and encourages all members to attend the UPI outings as well as your local chapter outings. Come and meet up with old friends, make new friends, share your favorite mining spots, sit around the fire talking about your happenings and dreams of the "big find".

This is a challenge to all chapters to attend UPI's 60th Anniversary on November 2, 2007. Let's make this the biggest UPI outing ever and see who can get the largest member attendance from the different chapters. Whether it is for the day or the weekend, come join in the celebration!

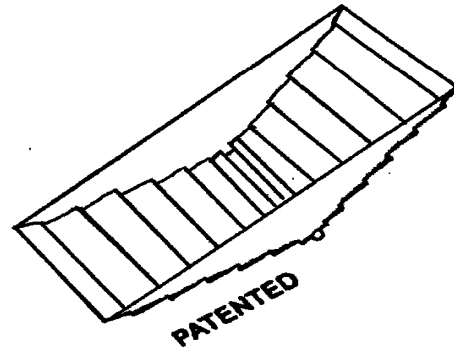
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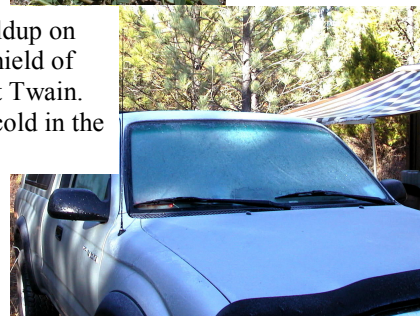
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List of members and guests present at the Outing Potluck and Raffle, including Raffle results.  
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Nugget Winner: Teresa Milke



Sid Parrish:  
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 Steve Letlow, Tom Eastland and  
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Nugget Winner- Jerry Randall



Raffle Nuggets



**RAFFLE PRIZE TABLE**

### ROLL CALL

### WAYS N MEANS REPORT: by: Sid Parrish

Hi ALL,  
 What a GREAT turnout at Twain! Many friends and some new faces.  
 Speaking of new friends, Ron Colman won several prizes for his first  
 outing. Wow what beginners luck.  
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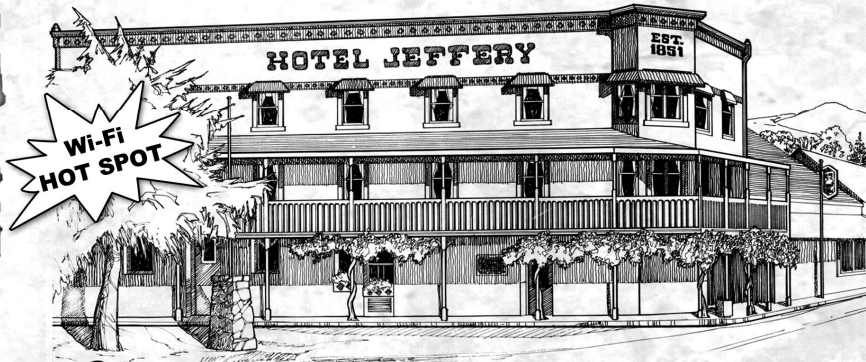
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2. Beverly Paul—Head warmer hat
3. Dennis & Pat Mobley—Poker chip set, hand pick
4. Don Siegel
5. Warren Van Sant—Shovel, backpack
6. Al & Jane Bates—Miners Moss, Touch Lights, Underwater sniping, Quartz necklace
7. Aaron, Denise & Alex Matula—Rock Chisel
8. Tom & Christa Eastland
9. Bob & Georgia Azbill—1/4" Classifier
10. Ron & Sue Coleman—Suckerbottle, vial, viewcase, Fire extinguisher, Trinity pan, Camping membership, gorilla pry bar, rubber band gun, chisel&gloves, plastic scoop brush set
11. Sid Parrish—Weight Belt, Quartz necklace, 50/50 raffle, #1 nugget
12. Bob & Kathy Lienen—Claybegone
13. Eddie Aikens
14. Jerry Abernathy—Sledge Hammer, Lg Crevis tool
15. Dotty Leet
16. Steve & Joy Letlow and Baby—Clamps, crystal
17. Ed & Cindy Burchard
18. Bill Reboin & Samantha
19. Jerry Randall—#3 nugget
20. George Creveling—Hat Light, Gold Ore kit, chisel set
21. Paul Mc Bride—Bungee Cord, tweezers, vial
22. Theresa Milke—#2 nugget
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### Christine Wallace saga continued from earlier issue:

The latest twist in the winding court saga of Christine Wallace, came when a federal judge fined her \$100 for refusing to pay a recreation fee when she parked along the side of the road and went for a hike. For several years Christine has been fighting the \$5 fee in court. Christine was found guilty of failing to purchase a US Forest Service recreation pass for \$5 which is a criminal misdemeanor offense and as a consequence Mrs. Wallace will have a criminal record if her case is not overturned in appeals. Visitors driving up the Catalina Highway to Mount Lemmon must pay either \$5 per day or \$20 per year if they are going to use any of the amenities. Wallace has disagreed with the fees on principle, saying it is a form of double taxation and it excludes visitors who might not be able to pay it. US District Judge John M Roll ruled the \$5 recreation fee was justified. He would not allow himself to be distracted by the civil matter of whether the fees are legal but the criminal issue at hand, the parking ticket. As such, the issue of whether Wallace had parked without paying the fee was straight forward. Wallace said she never expected her decision not to pay the fees to morph into such a larger legal debate, but she will continue to fight. "I didn't expect anything other than being found guilty," she said.

If you wish to follow this court battle log onto [www.azstarnet.com/metro/199939](http://www.azstarnet.com/metro/199939).



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## MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST©

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### MORE LAND From Liberty Matters

Democrats have been waiting twelve years for a chance to make more public lands inaccessible to the public. Now that they hold majorities in both Houses of Congress they are positioning themselves to throw away the keys to three million acres, closing them to gas, oil and mineral exploration, as well as most recreational uses. Congressional aides say Bush would probably sign such legislation.

Currently, there are about twelve wilderness designation bills pending in the House and Senate. "It's almost like the floodgates have opened," says Myke Bybee, a lobbyist for the Sierra Club. Democrats think their support of environmental issues like wilderness will give them an advantage in up-coming elections and perhaps help them retake the White House. A spokesman for the Senate Energy and Resources Committee said "The environment has been, is and always will be a top priority for Democrats." A few Republicans are joining the Democrats wilderness binge too.

Retiring Virginia Senator John Warner, a Republican, along with Democrats Sen. Jim Webb and Rep. Rick Boucher, has introduced the Virginia Ridge and Valley Act, which would place 43,000 acres of the Blue Ridge Mountains into wilderness. The Wild Sky Wilderness Act, which would create a wilderness area 90 minutes from downtown Seattle, is most likely to pass this year. The 107,000 acres would include 15,000 previously logged acres, which proved to be the stumbling block for passage between 2003 and 2006. Former Republican Representative Richard Pombo, then Chairman of the House Resources Committee, wouldn't let it out of Committee because he didn't think those logged areas qualified as wilderness.

Colorado's delegation is pushing wilderness designation for 265,770 acres of Colorado's Rocky Mountain National Park. Two bills yet to be introduced would evict the public from several hundred thousand acres in California and Utah; a compromise with the Republican delegation has whittled about 9 million acres off environmentalists' demands to padlock the gates to 10 million acres of canyon lands. Critics remain steadfast in their opposition.

"The problem with wilderness designations is that there's no recreational access unless you can hike up there," says Greg Mumm, executive director of the Blue Ribbon Coalition. "It's only good for one elite demographic." Independent Petroleum Association of America officials also look at the ramp-up with alarm. "It has now become part of the environmental activist's playbook to reduce access to almost all federal lands that could safely produce American energy supplies," says Dan Naatz, a vice president for the Washington, D.C. trade group. If Democrats successfully take over all branches of government in coming years, how long will it take them and their environmental buddies to close down the rest of America?

### **Congressional Control of Health Care is Dangerous for Children**

This week Congress is again grasping for more control over the health of American children with the expansion of the State Children's



Bill Reboin, EIC/Pub and his pooch Samantha.

Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). Parents who think federally subsidized health care might be a good idea should be careful what they wish for.

Despite political rhetoric about a War on Drugs, federally funded programs result in far more teenage drug use than the most successful

pill pusher on the playground. These pills are given out as a result of dubious universal mental health screening programs for school children, supposedly directed toward finding mental disorders or suicidal tendencies. The use of anti-psychotic medication in children has increased fivefold between 1995 and 2002. More than 2.5 million children are now taking these medications, and many children are taking multiple drugs at one time.

Congressman Ron Paul

### NEWSLETTER INPUT

UPI encourages the membership to supply stories, mining data, or other material that they feel might be of interest to the rest of the membership. We rarely receive anything from you.

Having a little more time for myself so to speak now that I have the wonderful help of Cindy Siegel in putting the newsletter together I have made more ventures to the UPI website. Specifically to the Talk n Trade area just to see what is going on. The last few trips there I have seen some stories, tidbits, and other that would make great material for the newsletter. We would certainly like to see some of this stuff in the newsletter.

Just think, you have taken the time to type your piece into the website for a few members to see, when you could go one step further and copy and paste it into a Word or RTF document and e-mail it to the EIC/Pub. It could then be published in the newsletter for many more members to see. Give it a shot!!

All items for publishing in the newsletter, including Board Members reports, for them to appear in the current newsletter, must be to the EIC/Pub by the second Tuesday following a scheduled UPI outing. Items received from members after that time will be held over for the next newsletter. As there is usually an exception to the rule we have one here: If what you have is of urgent news related to our chosen avocation and the organization we will hold the press and get your information in somehow.



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**MINUTES continued from page 11:**

for Chet to travel to Auburn and Sacramento to address these issues. Aaron seconded, Motion carried. He would also like to see the 2008 schedule in a draft form by Coulterville Outing, so that he can complete the NOI's to the host forests.

- **UPI Bills to be Paid:** Denise had Aaron cut her a check for the mailing expense.
- **Unfinished Business:** No unfinished business.
- **New Business:** Denise is having a lot of problems with the Access Database and is unable to get her job done. Ron Coleman made a motion to allow the ownership Director to decide what tools to use in order to get the job done. The Access Program will be changed to Excel. Tom Eastland seconded the motion, and the motion carried. It was also decided to have the director of membership and treasurer's mail to change the Post Office Box in Sacramento to his/her own P.O. Box or address. Denise will have the membership mail sent to her address and Aaron will have the bills sent to him. Chet made a Motion to convert the mileage rate to the current IRS rates when appropriate. Sid seconded, the Motion carried.

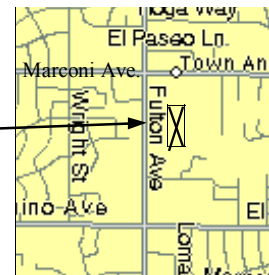
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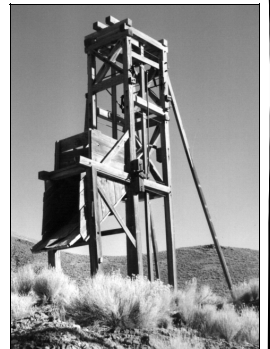
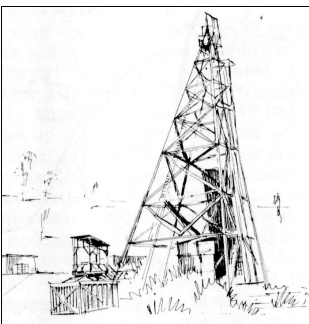


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## **AB1032 BILL**

### **Letter from the Governor rejecting Bill AB1032!!**

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1032 without my signature.

The purpose of this bill is to protect fish and wildlife from the potential deleterious effects of suction dredge mining. Although I appreciate the author's intent and the need to protect our fish, wildlife, and water resources, this bill is unnecessary.

Current law gives the Department of Fish and Game (Department) the necessary authority to protect fish and wildlife resources from suction dredge mining. It has promulgated regulations and issues permits for this activity. Permits for suction dredge mining must ensure that these operations are not deleterious to fish and allow the Department to specify the type and size of equipment to be used. In its regulations, the Department may also designate specific waters or areas that are closed to dredging.

It is unclear why this bill specifically targets a number of specific waterways for closure or further restrictions. The listed waterways represent only a small fraction of the waters in our State where suction dredging is occurring. The benefit or protection from such a minor closure is negligible and supports the notion that scientific environmental review should precede such decisions.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger

## **POLITICAL GRIEVANCE:**

By: Gerald Hurt

### **AB 1032 Update**

Eureka!!!! Was the cry of the old gold miners when things were favorable and going his way. (Eureka-meant I have found it- an exclamation of triumphant or achievement.) That familiar yell did not signal an end of his working, it signaled his discovery of Gold for one time and one place. His search continued on every day. Yes, AB 1032 has been sent back to the Assembly. Eureka!! Yahoo, but this type of veto isn't over; the assembly has twelve days to override it. Please email your Assembly representative, the Governor has done his job and made a wise decision. They need a two thirds vote which is unlikely and there are other internal problems that need to be addressed before this issue can be dealt with again. Yes, we have won this small skirmish in the big war, but our weapons for this kind of war need to be replenished, funds and fund raising must go on. Donations are the cartridge in the chamber, the bomb in the belly of the airplane, the torpedo in the submarine. When you donate some times you get a blessing in return in the form of a prize, sometimes it's just a victory like today. What ever it is know that the battle rages on, volunteering time and giving donations are our ammunition. If you wrote letters Jerry Hobbs thanks you, if you donated money the board of PLP thanks you. If you didn't there will be another time you will be called on, your duty is still expected. Know this UPI has been on the front line supplying ammunition for this battle. Dredging would be over if it wasn't for your participation in this victory.

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## IN MEMORY OF

### ARNOLD "GOLD MAN" THOMPSON

Sad words were received a few days ago that Arnold Thompson passed away the first part of September of this year.

Arnold will be remembered as a long time member and promoter of UPI. Arnold was an avid miner and spent a lot of time in Ruck A Chucky area on the Middle Fork of the American River. He found a lot of Au there and much gold was found there in the past. Gold can still be found there, sometimes some really nice pieces, weighing in ounces.

Arnold was present at many of the UPI outings and was well liked by all UPI members that came into contact with him. He came to the outings wherever they might be and when he was there he always sweetened the UPI Raffle pot with at least one nice nugget.

Arnold maintained a website, goldman.com, wherein he could he could sell the Au he found along with many other mining related items including links to numerous sites that were mining/mineral related, including a link to the UPI website.

A few years ago Arnold picked up stakes and moved out of the gold country to the Land of Sand, Florida. He maintained his website while there, though with more personal interests in mind. UPI was included for a while. As things change so do people change and their interests and intentions change. Arnold did what he had to do.

Myself and probably many of the old timers of UPI will miss Arnold. With this message it is postulated that Arnold finds himself where he wants to be and that his children are well taken care of.

## SPECIFIC GRAVITY TEST

COURTESY OF BOB MORROW WFGPAA

The specific gravity test can be used to determine the gold content of gold nuggets that contain a mixture of gold and other minerals. In this example we use gold mixed with quartz. Simply put, the formula is 3.1 x the weight of the specimen in water minus 1.9 x its weight in air.

### EXAMPLE

Dry nugget weights 96 grams x 1.9 = 182.4

Wet nugget (see instructions below) weights 74.5 grams x 3.1 = 230.95

$230.95 - 182.4 = 48.55$  grams of gold (or)

$31.1 =$  number of grams per ounce

$48.55 / 31.1 = 1.52$  ounces of gold

Therefore, what is left of 96 gram specimen – 48.55 grams

gold = 47.48 grams quartz (or)  $47.48 / 31.1 = 1.52$  ounces of quartz.

Record all dry weights first; otherwise your nuggets won't be a true dry weight.

“Wet” weight = weight in water: Put a container of water (enough to cover the nugget suspended in the container) on the scale. Tare or, zero the scale. Hang the nugget by a string in the water being careful not to touch the sides or bottom. Note the weight. This is the weight of the water displaced by the nugget. Subtracting this weight from the dry weight = the wet weight.

Some precaution to take on the “wet weights”: Be sure your specimens are dry; otherwise you will be adding water to the mix. Tare (zero) scale after each measurement, as some of the water will leave with the last specimen.

The specific gravity for gold is 19.3

The specific gravity for quartz is 2.65

The specific gravity for limestone is also 2.65

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