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## *Coulterville, CA*

*Site of the annual UPI pre-Thanksgiving Outing*

**What happened  
at the outing?**

**Seasons  
Greetings**



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### Don Siegel

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The day started at the park at 10:00 AM with the detector hunt and 24 detector-swinging folks filling the park. An assortment of silver coins and wheat back pennies were buried in the park along with 10 tokens. Most but not all the silver was found but.... not all the tokens. As it turns out only 7 of the predetermined prize tokens were found, adding a little excitement to the dinner activities. We held a drawing for the left over prizes including the larger nugget. Winners are listed later in the newsletter. Overall a great hunt and with this kind of turnout you can count on a bigger and better hunt next year.

65 miners and friends showed up for the Coulterville outing. The old schoolhouse was filled with the aromas of Thanksgiving. The dinner was fantastic; I like the fact that we have this warm up dinner so we can practice for the real Thanksgiving dinner with our families. Tom Eastland used his pie tasting experience and announced that we had a tie for the best tasting pies...that all won. The Raffle is always fun and the 50/50 raffle was a huge success (who started that anyway).

Sunday, about 10 hardy souls mined at the Moccasin claim with moderate success. Throw in the campfires for those staying on the claim and Ray Budowich telling us of the big finds in the earlier days, wow I love it!!

As a board, we have challenges facing us next year. Our cash flow compared to our intake needs some repair. Keep claims? Raise dues? Find others sources of income? We have had some feedback from members and although dropping a few of the unused claims would help, it does not solve all the issues. And raising dues would help some, but not all members are in favor of dues increase. We will continue to hear your thoughts and ideas so keep them coming.

See you on the creek bank.  
Don

## The Outing!

Well for once you will find me wordless. I don't have much to report as I was only at the outing for a couple of hours.

It was planned that I would arrive in Coulterville on Thursday afternoon and get settled in for a good get away from Dodge and have a good time with the group. As things would have it this time of the year can be hectic if one is involved in property management, they went hectic. Yep things went every which direction and I had to stick in Dodge to get things sorted out and back on the straight and narrow.

That's OK; I'll come up for the weekend. That didn't work either. I woke up Saturday morning about 5:00 AM with cold symptoms. Damn! I gulped about 3000 units of "C", decided I wasn't going to do the weekend, but just the day so I could cover the events at least. I figured the "C" would straighten things out and all would be fine by the time I got there. Noooooo, it didn't work that way.

I got there in time to get shots of the detector hunt, but was feeling worse as the day progressed. My inclina-

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### Outing Schedule for 2006

We only have a tentative schedule at the time of this publication. Dates and sites will be firmed up and established at the January 14th Board Meeting to be held in Sacramento.

**Please see the Bulletin Board page for Board Meeting details and plan on attending.**



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*The old miner sez: Hawt doggie! Da outtin were a gooden . We had good show oh memmers n guess an alla e vents were great! What more kin ya sez?*

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# BOARD NOTES

November 5, 2005

President Don Siegel called meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Directors Present:** Bill Reboin, Chet Chastain, Tom Eastland (dual role), Brenda Marsh, Linda Doyle, Steve Letlow, Aaron Matula, and Wesley Smith.

**Director Absent:** Gerald Hurt.

**Members Present:** Christa Eastland, Marsha Smith, Denise Matula, Earl McKeever, Charles Crippen, Bill Poore, Art, Beverly Paul, Willis, Bill Eastland, Carol Eastland, Dennis Mobley, Pat Mobley, Jim Blake, Karl Fierling, Winnie Heil, Fred Heil, Naomi Boswell, Steve Boswell, Bobby Whitworth, Kit Perry, Lisa Whitworth and Sam Reboin.

Minutes of August and October meetings were read and accepted.

- **Treasurer, Samantha Wait:** The checkbook balance as of October 7, 2005, was \$8,280.63; total income \$1,094.00 which leaves a total of \$9,374.63. **Total Expenses \$1,247.38.** October 31, 2005, Balanced Checkbook is \$8,127.25. Samantha needs board approval for bills that have already been paid. Chet motioned the expenses and was seconded by Don. Motion carried. Motion was made by Chet Chastain to accept the Treasurer’s Report, Don Siegel seconded, and motion carried.
- **Membership, Linda Doyle:** Linda and I have had several conversations over the phone about what’s required for her position so we have kind of thought about the possibility of going out and acquiring an assistant. I am happy to say I have someone that would like to help you that lives very close to you. Linda said that she feels all tingly. Carol Eastland, so between you two you will have to figure out what will help and work that out and thank you Carol for stepping in. Linda thanked Carol. Sam said so for future grooming may I insert that we would like to get her appointed or elected next year as a Director. We have 1 honorary, 61 life, 342 regular, 13 subscribers, with a total of 417 and that makes 778 family membership. That is my report. Don said thank you very much.
- **Wagon Master, Wesley “Wes” Smith:** Wes had port-a-potties delivered to Moccasin for the Outing. Also, if anyone would like to give him any information regarding new vendors for port-a-potties he would appreciate it. He did a good job this time with AnA.
- **Outing Coordinator, Brenda Marsh:** Brenda has decided to help Sam this next year with the treasury since she is so busy at work and Sam needs the help. Christa was elected as a Director in the election so Don and Brenda decided to have Christa help Brenda with coordinating the Outings.
- **Ways and Means, Aaron Matula:** Discussion of purchasing caps, T-shirts, polo shirts, sweatshirts, and pins.
- **Political-Grievance, Gerald Hurt:** Gerald was not at the meeting. His son was getting married.
- **Editor/Publisher, Bill Reboin:** There was a problem with the newsletter getting out to the members. Bill felt it was his fault, but actually it was something to do with the mail. Bill had to go home, so Linda and Mike would take pictures and Rita will take make a list of people who will attend the dinner that evening.
- **Chapters, Tom Eastland:** Don Scalise is working in the Mine Store in Sacramento. He is now a new Chapter in Sacramento and the meetings will be held in the Mining Store.
- **Claims, Chet Chastain:** Again Chet said Oxbow is closed. Notice of Intent came back on Clippership and Cedar Grove. BLM fees have went up 50%. Chet would like to get the Notice of Intent’s out by the first week of January to make sure we get the responses back before the outings begin. Also, he wanted a consensus of when the outings were going to be. A discussion was held regarding when the outings would be taking place. There was a motion by Brenda Marsh to remove Clippership from UPI and seconded by Wes Smith. Motion carried.
- **Technical Advisor, Steve Letlow:** Trying to find this stuff is like pulling teeth, pretty hard. So if I do find it I will get a piece. Otherwise, I am going to go down to the mower shop or Honda over in Stockton pick up a few pre-made spark arresters and have them on hand. Tom found a source for spark arresters that is cheaper.

• **Treasurer, Samantha Wait:** BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT.

<b>New Checkbook Balance 11/5/2005</b>	<b>\$ 8,127.25</b>
Detector Hunt Income	\$ 240.00
Check	\$ 30.00
Total	\$8,397.25
Don Siegel, Administration purchasing Turkeys for Dinner	\$ 26.58
Port – a – potties	\$ 112.61
Raffle Prizes	\$ 18.49
Ways and Means	\$ 105.25
Christa Eastland, Administration, Ham for Dinner	\$ 39.39

**TOTAL BILL** **\$ 318.82**

New Checkbook Balance \$ 8,078.43  
 Sam wants to know what happened to the check for \$500.00 to PLP. It has not cleared the bank yet.

Motion was made by Chet Chastain and seconded by Linda Doyle accept payment of the bills. Motion carried.

Sam wants to purchase a new printer because she has been using it for more than three years. Chet Chastain made a motion for her to purchase a new printer, Wes seconded, and the motion carried. Aaron said he might have one that she can have. She will try it and if it doesn’t work for her she will buy a new printer.

- **Unfinished Business:** Steve has the results for the elections. Steve sent the board the results. Twenty-four ballots cast, and twenty were valid. Outings 5-6, want them at the beginning of the month, meetings to be held on Saturday mornings. What this reflects is that we are doing what the members want to see done. Next year we will use absentee ballots. Christa was elected as Director. Chet moves that we accept the election results and Sam seconds the motion. Motion carried. We would like to see more people volunteer next year in Sacramento for the Gold Miner’s Day.
- **New Business:** Chet would like to see members submit pictures that they have taken at outings on the website. He would like to speak to Mark about screening the pictures and set up a page for this. Don would like to see more people get involved with the organization.
- Meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

## 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 12/01/05

### New Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>
Charles Crippen	Fresno, CA
Gary Gailbreath	Auburn, CA
Doug Hall	Citrus Heights, CA
Allan Katz	Napa, CA
David Kerber	Fresno, CA
John Larmie	Rio Linda, CA
Jeff Schall	Livermore, CA

### Renewing Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>
Anthony Alexander	La Grange, CA
Michael Flanders	Livermore, CA
George Friel	Merced, CA
Edward Hansen	Reedley, CA
Steve Letlow	Stockton, CA
Tom Lutrel	Concord, CA
Aaron & Denise Matula	Castro Valley, CA
Dillard McKeever	Fresno, CA
Tom & Janet Ritter	Fresno, CA
Dennis Smith	Livermore, CA
William Sobo	Fort, FL
Joseph Steiner	Lakeport, CA
Robert Williams	Concord, CA

### Up for Renewal on 12/01/05

Art & Lucy Apodaca	Jim & Carolyn Appleby
Nancie Barker	Art Basso
Harvey & Mattie Brookshire	Leland & Nina Brown
Mark & Debbie Buhl	Jim & Kirsten Collins

### Up for Renewal 12/01/05 Cont.

Calvin Cooper	Vernon & Marie Crabtree
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Steven & Kathryn Doyle	Jon & Linda Evers
Richard & Thurlie Fish	Darrell Fullerton
Seymour Gessler	Richard Giddens
Bernard G. Grabowski	Ralph & Jeanne Gragg
Lee Greer	Jim Gribben
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	Johnny R. Lewis
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	Stan & Jan Makiney
	Jack & Wren Malicki
	Jose Meja

### Up for Renewal 01/01/06

Jim Ambrose	Steve & Naomi Boswell	Charles Brooks
Gene & Diana Clayton	William Cook	Tom & Christa Eastland
Dean Fallon	William & Nancy Greymont	James Hamera
Scott Hills	Randy & Glenette Huckabay	David Ingraham
John & Patricia Luporini		Bob Mapes
Gene & Eleanor Moore	Rick Neet	Mike Phillips
Ed Rogina	Stan Smart	Robert Spurlock
Randy & Janice Trumbauer	Gerald Vande Weg	Bill Westcott

*Welcome aboard for another year of enjoyment with UPI the small-scale miners advocate. Lets see you at the scheduled outings and the potluck and raffles. It's always a great time for all on top of finding that elusive yellow metal, Au.*

*It's really nice to see the renewals year after year. There are a number of you that I have never had the pleasure of meeting, only know you by name. Come on by one of the outings and lets get acquainted. Sam makes a lot of noise and she likes people. Bill Ed/Pub*



*The old miner sez: Doggies! '06 start nother year fer us. Les all get agether an make dis year a year fer settin outtin records.*



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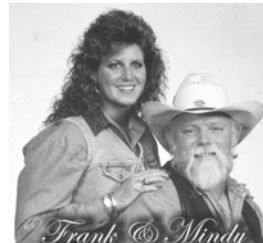
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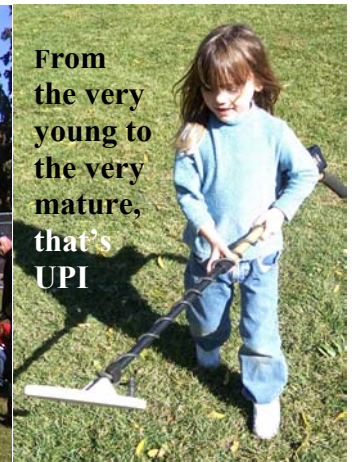
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finds these would cash them in for prizes at the pot-luck dinner.

One little problem popped up...3 of the tokens were not found, meaning that 3 of the prizes would not be claimed. So we placed all names of the detector hunters in a hat and pulled out those winners. The 1st place nugget went to Bobby Whitworth, donated by 49'er Mining Supplies and Rob Goreham. Bobby also found 2 tokens making him a 3-time winner. The other winners were Chet Chastain, 2 prizes, Leland Brown, 3 prizes, Arnie Hodge, 1 prize, Tony Alexander, 1 prize, Art Apodaca, 1 prize, and Pat Avila 1 prize. All in all a great hunt even though we lost a few tokens. And along with the great turn out the promise of an even better prize list for next year.”

See page 9 for “hunt winners” pictures.

## What About the Hunt!

OK! Here it is at it is as given to me by the UPI reporting staff, in this case from our Prez who lost his notes, so we're running on memory only. We can make corrections as necessary in a later issue if we don't have it down here.

“The detector hunt was a huge success. 24 contestants in all: a record for the 3 years we have held the hunt. Silver quarters, silver dimes, silver halves, "V" nickels, and wheat back pennies were buried in the Coulterville Park. I believe all the contestants found some coins of value making them all winners.

Tom and Christa Eastland, Kit and Rita Perry, and myself braved the frosty morning and buried the treasures just under the surface. Tom buried the special tokens that represented predetermined prizes. The 10 tokens were marked and drawn in advance; the hunter that



*The old miner Sez:* Shur wer a b-u-full day fer da hunt. It were dry, kleeer an not on da too chili side.



## UPI ROLL CALL

List of members and guests present at the Sixth Annual Coulterville/Moccasin Creek Outing, Potluck and Raffle.

November 5th & 6th, 2005

1. Steve & Naomi Boswell
2. Fred & Winnie Heil: Fred went home with a "goody bag" and an AK 47 knife.
3. Bill & Carol Eastland: Carol was the ticket holder in this pair and she went home with a 1965 Canadian silver dollar donated by Bobby Whitworth.
4. Richard Owings
5. Bill Poore: Bill went home with a crevicing brush.
6. Art & Lucy Apodaca: Art had the winning ticket for a finishing pan. Clean up those concentrates Art.
7. Roy & Marti Dunston
8. Aaron, Denise, Alex and Jennifer Matula
9. Rees Hair: Rees won the Amethyst Crystal piece with a miner mounted on it.
10. Bobby & Lisa Whitworth: Bobby won the small UPI Nugget, Amethyst necklace with gold chain, Estwing miners pry bar and a "goody bag" with vials and assorted goodies.
11. Daniel & Samantha Wait: Daniel did good winning a set of brush clippers and a pry bar for moving things around.
12. Beverly Paul
13. Mike, Linda and Laura Doyle: Mike won a medium size quartz crystal and a snuffer bottle with a leather case. Linda won a finishing pan.
14. Lance Bergeron: Lance won a Gold Country Magazine.
15. Tammy Fraser
16. Mickey Lewis
17. Jim Blake: Jim won a goody bag with misc. items.
18. Terry and Lurea Schoen
19. Ray & Audrey Maddalenna: Audrey won a set of Allen wrenches. She can keep the mechanical stuff in order now.
20. Leland & Nina Brown: Leland won a 2000 Sacagawea dollar, a commemorative plate (donated by Bill Poore) and a Grizzly pan. Where was Nina while all of this was going on?
21. Harold Lancaster: Harold won a pry bar, a sucker bottle and a book on gold mining.
22. Judi Reitz
23. George & Bob Azbill
24. Debbie Peck: Debbie was the large nugget winner.
25. Terry Moore: Terry won a small funnel for getting that Au into the vial.
26. Earl McKeever
27. Dennis & Pat Mobley: Pat won the Vanderite stone. Goodness what happened to Dennis? He usually does good.
28. Tom & Christa Eastland: Christa won a pocket knife and left Tom wondering.
29. Kit & Rita Perry: Kit went home with a 1892 Morgan Silver Dollar and a screw extractor set. You never know how bad you need one of these extractors until you break a screw head off on Friday night and your planning on being on the creek Saturday morning and the hardware and auto supply stores are closed.
30. Don Siegel: Don went home with a goody bag.
31. Tony Alexander
32. Steve Letlow
33. Charles Crippen
34. Wes & Marsha Smith
35. Brenda Marsh
36. Joel, Laura, Brittany & Ashley Orona: Goodness what happened? Ashley is a regular winner.
37. Pat Avila
38. Travis Phillips: Travis pocketed a set of Allen Wrenches.
39. Chet Chastain: The small quartz crystal.
40. John & Cathy Melling
41. Bill & Nancy Greymont
42. Rich Andrews
43. Mike & Susan Zastaway
44. Ray Budowich: Ray won a set of Allen Wrenches.
45. Bill Reboin and his pooch Samantha: Both had to leave early



**Debbie Peck**, center, winner of the large UPI nugget flanked on the left by Santa Puff and the UPI Prez on the right, Don Siegel.



**Bobby Whitworth**, left, winner of the small UPI nugget. The official UPI Santa Puff center, and the UPI Prez on the right.

A really great turnout. As I count it there were 71 guests and members present for the event. I hope that I have all of you represented here in the roll call and have all of the information and spelling of names correct. If the information isn't correct please let me know and I clean it up next issue.

Thank you for the wonderful show of members and guests. We of the Board would be thrilled to see all of the outings with this kind of a turnout. Please let us know what we need to do to have this kind of participation at all of the future outings. Help us make the organization that you would like to see and participate in.

tions were on viewing the detector hunt attendance was that is was going to be a good outing. Was It? You bet, counts say that there were 67 plus members and guests there.

As the front page picture shows it and having been there for a couple of hours the weather was perfect for the hunt and the other activities. A very mild autumn weekend, though perhaps a little on the cool side at night I would expect.

Then it was on to the Board Meeting. I felt bad about being there as I didn't want to expose the Board or the Membership to whatever was going on with me, maybe I had some flu bug, but I felt that I needed to be there. As fate has it sometimes I got an emergency page and I was unable to establish a reliable cellular or twisted pair communication line to handle the emergency and I had to leave. This probably made it the best for all including myself.

I hope you all had a great time. Ed.

P.S. If anybody brought blueberry cheese cake to the outing, wanting to take me up on the picture, I apologize for not being there for the picture as promised. We'll catch it at the next outing. As things turned out it just wasn't a good weekend for performing my UPI duties.

### IN MEMORY OF DANIEL WAIT

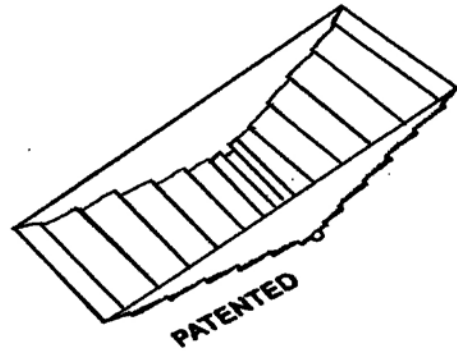
Daniel and his lovely wife Samantha joined UPI in late 2000 or very early 2001. Early on in his tenure with UPI he was present at almost all of the outings. He enjoyed being out with the group, mining, commingling with and partaking in the social intercourse with the general membership. Even before becoming a Director in the organization he would help and give suggestions to the Board. He eventually became the organization Librarian a Directorship, that held and lent to Organization members' books, pamphlets, videos, reports etc. connected to our endeavor as a group. Daniel loved UPI and he really liked the original Genesee claim.

Daniel was continuously supportive of his friends and UPI in sickness and in health. He spoke from his heart as he viewed life and livingness in the physical universe. After a couple of years of ups and downs with, sometimes major body problems, never affecting his drive as a spiritual being and that connection with his friends and UPI, Daniel passed away. A demonstration of his allegiance to UPI was his being present at our pre-Thanksgiving event on November 5th. On November 6, 2005, Daniel left his body to join those of the Spiritual Universe. Daniel is now pain free and can get on with what he needs to do. We have to think that is he is watching over us from the Mother Lode in the Heavens.

Those of us that knew you will miss you. We hope that you can guide more like you to us.



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### Member Heard From

I received a really nice letter from Derald Smith around the 14 of November. Derald had business come up in Texas that required his physical presence and he moved there about two years ago. He is maintaining his UPI membership and keeping an eye on the Ed/Pub. He complimented me on the newsletter. Thanks D.

D attended a GPAA meeting some time ago and there were about 40 people there. He says that he hasn't been out in the desert yet looking for what can be found, but he eventually will. He's been busy with other things at hand that have a higher priority.

His wife is having some physical problems that are being tended to and things are OK for now. These problems have limited certain activities, which they can do. Lets all say a small prayer for her good health so they can get on with life and livingness.

Derald says hi to all of you from the El Paso Chapter.



*The old miner sez:* Woodnit be nice ifin whenever wed messed up our lifes we could jus press 'Ctrl Alt Delete' an wez be started all over?





## Kudos to the following!

Linda Doyle, Membership, for most of the pictures in this publication, those up front and personal like the Hunt winners and Raffle winners. Bill Poore, Santa Puff, who has performed this function each year since the Coulterville/Moccasin Creek pre-Thanksgiving outing event began. Too Don Siegel, Tom and Christ Eastland and Kit and Rita Perry who made the "Hunt" possible by seeding the Park on a frosty morning. Too all of the Board and members that have contributed to this newsletter not only this issue but on a regular basis, Steve Barnett for one, his quips that the Old Miner uses at times, and all others. This your organization, make it yours. We need your input in all facets of running the organization.

No I didn't forget Mark Weber our Webmaster perhaps our most important non-Board Member volunteer. Nor am I forgetting Rod Earnest whom I recruited at the first Salmon River Outing, in 1999 as I recall, to create our original website, and who also upgraded our membership database. (All Board Members and those donating their time and expertise are volunteers.) Mark is doing a great job in maintaining and improving our website and database, keeping it user friendly and informative to both members and the public.



Kudos to all of you that continually renew your membership and bring in guests. It is you that make us what we are. A team. We need to continue working as a team to overcome all of the adversities that we are continually confronted. We need member input and help in running the organization, step up to the plate and help out.

*Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to you all and may we all succeed in the ongoing battle to hold our position in space and time.*

## Claim Corner

Hi'ya fellow prospectors! I am Chet Chastain your Claims Manager. Since UPI is an educational organization I would like to share some of my experiences with you regarding what I do for UPI.

At this moment UPI has claims in five counties. Our southern claims are in Mariposa and Tuolumne counties. We have one claim up in Siski-

you County and two in Sierra County. The balance of our claims is in Plumas County. Technically we still have a claim in both El Dorado and Placer counties, but these will soon no longer be owned by UPI. Once per year I travel to each of these counties to pay property taxes and to record an Affidavit of Assessment Work (AAW) for each claim. Taxes are assessed on claims just like any other business. In the case of claims they are unsecured - much like a piece of equipment used by another business. The AAW must be stamped by the Tax Collector - showing that taxes have been paid - before I can record it at the Records Office. This effort to travel to counties represents a large portion of the expense to UPI. I am reimbursed for mileage and for the taxes and recording fees paid.

After I have recorded Affidavits of Assessment Work at each of the counties, for each of the claims, I take the affidavits to BLM. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) wants to see a continuing interest in the claims. UPI does this by filing the affidavits in the individual claim folders. In our case - since we have more than ten claims - we must also pay a Rental Fee for each claim we want to continue interest in. If we had ten or less claims, we could claim exemption from these fees by filing a Small Miner's Exemption claim at BLM. If we filed one of these we would be required to show at least \$120 in work and/or improvements on each of our claims on the submitted Affidavits of Assessment Work. The Rental Fees, filing fees and travel are reimbursed to me. These represent the lion's share of the expenses UPI pays for the claims we own.

My most controversial task is filing Notices of Intent (NOI) and Plans of Operation (POO) at the National Forests (NF) our claims are contained within. I presently deal with four NFs. Our southern claims are within Stanislaus NF and our northern claim is within the Six Rivers NF. The balance is in Plumas NF within two districts. This is controversial because as casual users (non-commercial) with minimal disturbance of the resources, we are not required by law to file anything beyond the initial Location of the claim at BLM. It is unfortunate that our National Forest Rangers have interpreted their mission to include determination of impact (surface disturbance) and therefore the commercial nature of all mining operations - including casual use. In the past UPI has filed NOI and POO as a courtesy to host NFs to let them know we are out there and that we will clean up after ourselves. Unfortunately our past practices have supported the NF Ranger's attitudes so we have dug our own grave and must live (or die if you will excuse the prophetic metaphor) with it. Anyway, I file NOI and POO with the host forests. The costs of postage and supplies are reimbursed to me.

Next month I will describe the process of Location. This is the most interesting task that UPI (you) allow me accomplish. I am sure you will find it interesting. 'Till then!!!

## **More of the Outing!**



*Left, upper and lower middle and lower right pictures are of hunt prize winners. Upper middle, Chet passing the drawing pan around.*

*All pictures on this page, except Mark Weber, and a good number of the pictures in the publication were provided by Linda Doyle. Thanks Linda!!! Ed/Pub*

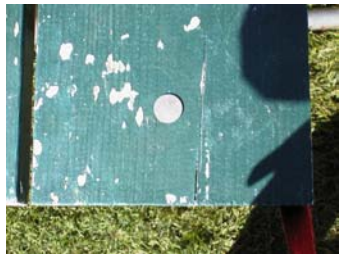


*Left: Bobby Whitworth won the "hunt" nugget and a few other items including the small raffle nugget. Hot day for him.*

# THE BOARD

This was kind of number 2 in the sequence of events.

Look at those fancy copper pans. Close up below.



An old coin somebody found detecting in the hills.



The claim was empty Saturday Morning



Afternoon activity at the claim. Power sluicing the bench. Looks like it paid off. Look at the material that has been moved over a period of time.



# MINING MOCCASIN



Reviewing all of the pictures for the Saturday events indicate that it was a great day to be outdoors with your UPI friends.



Mining pictures on this page supplied by Tom & Christa Eastland. Thank you. Ed/Pub



# POTPOURRI

## MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST©

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*This is my playground! Some may like it, some may not. I hope it starts you thinking, taking responsibility for the group, and enjoying life and livingness and finding Au.*



Bill Reboin, Ed/Pub and his pooch Samantha.

### Very Sad News

There will be no Nativity Scene in Washington, DC this year! The Supreme Court has ruled that there cannot be a Nativity Scene in Washington, DC this Christmas season. This isn't for any religious reason; they simply have not been able to find three wise men and a virgin in the Nation's capitol. There was no problem, however, finding enough - - - - to fill the stable.

**"Environmentalists say they will fight to defeat the provision" --** and if Harry Reid is against it, it must be good for America.

They're sure to demagogue it to death; easterners who have never been there and seen the west will likely be duped. Not many have seen what we have: thousands upon thousands of miles of arid, scorching (frozen at night) wasted nothing smack dab in the middle of absolute nowhere . . . That's what they'll sell -- the lands even the old-timers passed on . . . Note it says fair market value -- of course they'll demagogue the \$1000 figure and forget to include that any sensitive land can be excluded by making the cost so high (fair market value) that nobody would buy it.



House OKs Reinstating Sales of Mining Land.....  
Sunday, November 20, 2005

WASHINGTON - The House agreed to reinstate sales of mining lands at cheap prices as part of its budget cut plan approved Friday, a move that could transfer into private hands up to 20 million acres of public lands on Western ranges, national forests and even national parks.

The measure would end a congressional ban that since 1994 has prevented mineral companies and individuals from submitting new applications for "patenting," or buying, public land, including some in national forests and parks.

No such provision is contained in the Senate version of the budget measure, so the issue will be one of the items to be resolved when lawmakers return in December and try to merge the two bills. Negotiators will face pressure from Republicans and Democrats alike to ensure that hunters, anglers, hikers and other outdoors enthusiasts won't be losing out.

"One must walk a careful line when selling public lands," said Sen. Conrad Burns, R-Mont. "There are potential negative impacts on recreational opportunities in the state of Montana, and we must ensure that any sale mitigates those impacts."

Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said the provision would be "even more harmful for Nevada than it will be for the rest of the country," because it may override a 1998 state law aimed at keeping profits from southern Nevada land sales in state coffers.

"It is difficult to support a minerals policy that is not carefully

crafted," Reid said.

Democrats and environmentalists say they will fight to defeat the provision.

"With a wink and a nod, this budget proposal sells not just the minerals under these federal lands, but the pristine lands that just happen to be located near high-priced zip codes," said Rep. Nick Rahall of West Virginia, the senior Democrat on the House Resources Committee. "We are literally looking at the prospect of McDonald's, Wal-Marts, condos or any other type of commercial or private developments springing up smack dab within some of America's most cherished units of the national park system."

Rep. Jim Gibbons, R-Nev., however, said the measure would help rural Western communities stay afloat economically after a mine closes.

"Without making these lands private, reclamation laws require companies to remove everything as they leave, including roads, buildings, power plants and power lines, water and sewer lines, and more," he said. Gibbons

said that "special interest groups have dishonestly portrayed this measure as a giant land sale and giveaway to developers. ... We cannot allow the scare tactics of a few anti-energy, anti-development and anti-private property special interests to threaten thousands of American families."

The Resources Committee's chairman, Rep. Richard Pombo, R-Calif., also has pushed to allow more federal land to be sold to private interests through mining claims.

Interior Department officials estimate up to 20 million acres of public land could be sold under the proposed change in mining law. That includes up to 6 million acres where some 300,000 active mining claims are staked now. Among those claims are 900 pre-existing mining claims on national parks, mostly in California and Alaska.

The patenting process has allowed those sales at 19th century prices of \$2.50 to \$5 an acre if the land contains mineral deposits. But the House mining provision would raise the price the government asks for each acre to \$1,000 per acre or "fair market value," whichever is more. Buyers could turn around and potentially resell the property for far more than that.

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On the Net:

Bureau of Land Management: <http://www.blm.gov>

Not having the time to follow this issue and get into it in depth I have no comments. This issue is put forth for your consideration, follow-up and take action as you may consider necessary. On the surface I say no.

### **POLITICAL CORRECTNESS!**

I cannot speak for you. I can only speak for myself, unless you have given me the authority to speak for you as your duly elected political/grievance or advocacy representative to one of the many geopolitical entities that comprise the governance of our Country. However as guaranteed by my First Amendment Rights as a Citizen of the United States of America, I can say this: I'm tired of "political correctness." I'm tired of the thought that I could be hauled into court and be sued by somebody/group because I have expressed my thoughts or opinions. As a

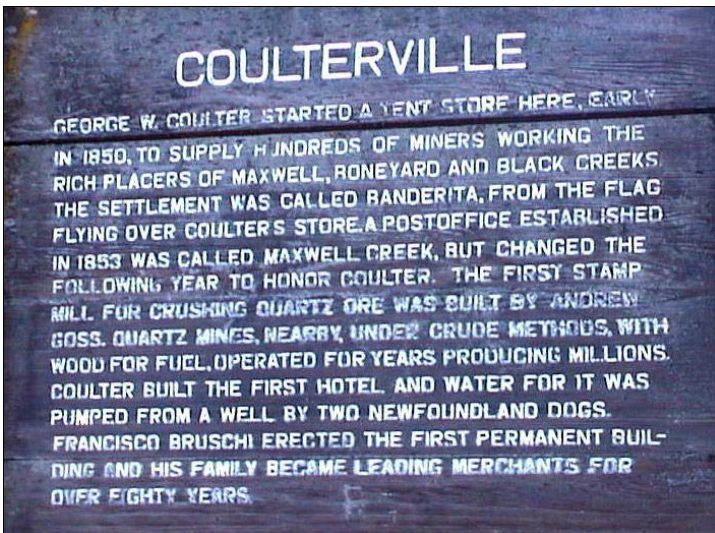
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natural citizen of this great Country it is my right to do so as guaranteed by our Constitution.

Over the past half decade or so there has been much debate over whether or not it is politically correct to wish someone a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year, a Happy Thanksgiving, or Happy Halloween. Halloween has been the latest target. The excuses presented for this political correctness is that it might offend them/they that are or may be of another culture, religion or race, and or mores. All of these Holiday celebrations are "American". I'm an American and proud of it. The last time I checked, all of you receiving this particle live in America as I do. There is an old proverb: "When in Rome do as the Romans."

America is being inundated with both legal and illegal immigrants from all walks of life. The bulk of them come here to live a better, freer life, to escape from political persecution or fear of their life and livingness. This is great in the grand scheme of our Country. This is why the founders of our country came to America in the first place and eventually founded the United States of America. However there are those politicians that coddle immigrants for their vote, thus the "political correctness syndrome", created by vote hungry politicians. There is a new proverb: "When in America do as the Americans."

Having said my piece and exercising my First Amendment Right I need to exercise it a little more and wish you all a belated **Happy Halloween, Happy Thanksgiving, and in present time, A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year, which includes lots of Au in your pan!!!!**



### What Happened at the Outing!!

I don't know. I have only bits and pieces, I was only there for a couple of hours. From the pictures and the reports it looks to me like it was a good time for all and I have to be sure that the food was great as usual, and nobody went away hungry!

### CHAPTER ACTIVITY

UPI has a new Chapter. Fresno/Madera/Kings Counties.

Harold Lancaster will be leading this Chapter. Bill Poore has met Harold, and will also assemble members from our former Madera Chapter. The first chapter meeting will be held on Dec. 15th. 7-9 pm, Thursday evening, at Harold's home in Fresno. I expect a good turn out.

#### **Information for contacting Harold is:**

Land line/twisted pair (559) 439-1117

Harold's e-mail address is: hlkashmir@aol.com

Christa will be making brownies. Christa, Wes Smith, and I will attend this first meeting to help out.

Contact Harold or Bill and let's get things rolling.

### **New Chapter activity looks promising for the year 2006**

We have a new chapter starting, Fresno, Madera, and Kings Counties. The first chapter meeting will be held on Dec. 15th. Thursday 7-9 PM at Harold Lancaster's home. For information please call Harold at 559-439-1117.

DON SCALISE at (916) 485-2611, plans to start up a Sacramento Chapter in Jan. Don now works at The Gold Mine Store in Sacramento, a great place to hold meetings.

MARK MC DANIEL (530) 613-2654 in the El Dorado County would also like to start a chapter somewhere in the Auburn area.

Christa was thinking about a detector hunt at our first outing at Twain. The sandy riverbanks would be ideal for a hunt.

Tom Eastland

UPI/Vice President

Chapter Director

### The Story of Issue 279!

It appears that there were a number of factors in play that contributed to the tardiness of the USPS delivery of issue 279 to the membership. First off I got the digital file off to the printer a couple of days later than I really wanted to. I had been up to my eyeballs at the time with work related issues, and a personal issue that needed to be addressed detracting time from the newsletter. Even so, I wasn't really worried about it as past experience has proved that if the printer had the file on Friday morning, in this case 10/28 which they did, then my mailed newsletter and most other members newsletters were in their mail boxes either Saturday or the Monday following, 10/31 in this case, or Tuesday, 11/1, at the latest, several days before the outing as a reminder. No Sweat. I usually see a two day, three at the most, turnaround from the time I send the file to the printer to the time I receive the printed copy in the mail.

As the chain of events unfolded the printer got the newsletter to the mailer too late to be labeled and mailed on Friday, 10/28. As it were the newsletter got mailed on Monday 10/31. The membership should have received them by Thursday 11/3 at the latest. No newsletter has arrived at my mailbox as yet, 11/3. I got a report that Mike and Linda received theirs on 11/3, and I received mine on 11/4.

Discussion with the mailer on the evening of 11/3 indicates that she has had several other customers that have been querying her on late deliveries of their mailed media, all first class mailings, as our newsletter is mailed. We pay a pretty penny each edition for first class mailing to insure you get the newsletter before the next outing and it is history.

To keep this short, it appears that the chain of events as described, along with all of the second-class political mailings going out the newsletter was late. I apologize for being a contributing factor in the late newsletter. I will chock this up as experience for future newsletters that may be coinciding with political mailings.

I just found out that Brenda just received her newsletter, 11/17/05. There is no excuse for this. I need to know how many more members received their newsletters after the Coulterville outing. If there is enough people that did I will be filing a formal complaint with the USPS. Please let me know.

Thank you.



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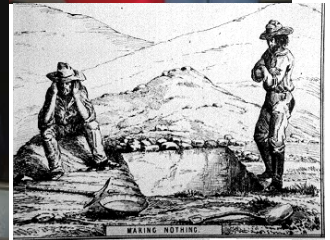
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# MORE RAFFLE



*Right:* With the fist full of dollars I need to say that Jennifer Matula won the 50/50.



*As the pre-Thanksgiving outing winds our mining year down it also winds down the newsletter frequency, it goes to bi-monthly. This is the last newsletter for the year. The next issue will be in your mail around the first of February. Ed/Pub*



*The Board of Directors  
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## BOARD MEETINGS

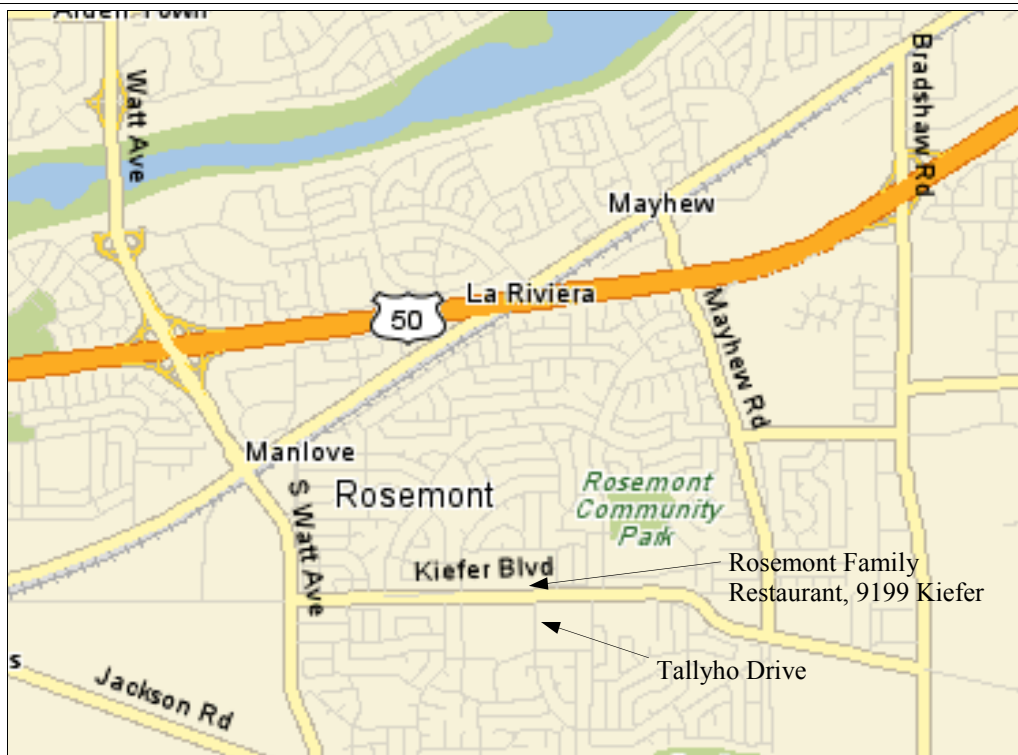
The first Board Meeting of the year is being held on Saturday January 14th in Sacramento. You are welcome and we would like to see you there. The meeting will be held at Rosemont Family Restaurant at 9199 Kiefer Blvd. (916) 366-0754. There is a meeting room off to the side of the main dining area where we'll be eating and meeting.

Use the map below to find your way. You need to go south off Highway 50 on either Watt Ave. or Bradshaw Road to Kiefer Blvd. The restaurant is in the shopping center on the north side of Kiefer. The driveway at the traffic signal at Tallyho Drive & Kiefer Blvd. will take you right into the restaurant parking lot.

**Please R.S.V.P. by 01/05/06** if you will be attending, I need to let the restaurant people know what to expect. Plan on being there by 9:00 AM if your plans are to have breakfast. The meeting will start at 10:00.

Please let me know if you will be attending by a message to me at any of the means listed on page 3 of this publication. Thank you. Bill: EIC/Pub

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