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Hi all, hope everything is well in your world. Genesee, was a great despite the light turnout. Many of us took the opportunity to sit back and relax. we had perfect weather with the cool evenings and mornings, and warm enough in the afternoon to brave the cold water in Indian creek. We passed on the business meeting as there were no pressing issues. There is one pressing matter that we must address as the time approaches and that's elections. There is a need for some of you to step up and help us run the organization. There are 5 positions

We are still looking for claims and have a line on a few more. If you hear of anything out there (remember our budget) let us know and we will take a look. Last, we will be have an unscheduled outing at Twain on Labor day weekend. This is all my idea, come if you can, we will do our usual potluck, raffle, and if needed we will meet. So mark your calendar for September, 4th, 5th, and 6th.

See ya soon! Don



The ole miner sez: Did ja know that the dollar was established as the official currency of the US in 1785?



Hi all, hope you are enjoying the summer. It's that time of year again, when we need folks to step up to the plate! Once again it's time for the UPI Board elections and we need your help. All Officers and Directors serve 2-year terms. The current year (2010) is an even year so the positions available are Vice President,

Treasurer, and three Directors (Claims, Ways and Means, and Membership). Please let me know if you have any questions regarding these positions and if you are available to run for a position. Remember, this organization cannot run itself and we need volunteers to help. To be eligible for office a person must be a member in good standing for 1-year or more at the time of election and no nomination can be accepted without prior approval from the nominee. Voting will take place at the Coulterville Thanksgiving dinner on Saturday, November 13th. If you are not able to attend the dinner, please make sure to secure and return your absentee ballot that will be included in an upcoming newsletter. Write in candidates will be allowed at Coulterville, however, you must have the candidates approval. Please do not assume that the candidate that you want will win, please complete and return your ballot by no later than Monday, November 1st.

Hope to hear from you soon. Keep your heads up and keep writing your Representatives and let them know that dredgers are not going away quietly. Gold Miners can Dig California out of Debt - Environmentalists Can't! May There Be Gold In Your Pan - Ed Ozga.

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If you see a picture you would like to have,. Email me with a description of the picture and your name and address. I will be happy to email it to you.

## -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.

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## WHAT IS GOLD ANYHOW?

Gold is a chemical element which occurs as nuggets or grains in rocks. This dense metal is also soft and shiny making it a natural choice for early jewelry and adornments. Gold is also naturally resistant to corrosion giving it modern appeal in dentistry and electronics. A popular choice for use in everything from wedding rings to coins, gold has been located in almost 90% of the land areas on earth. Even the oceans contain gold, however, extracting it would be too costly on a large scale. Gold is normally combined with other metals as pure gold is too soft to be applied in ways that result in frequent handling. Although gold mining is an important source of world gold, it is also one of the most recycled metals today meaning that the supply and demand dynamics are a little removed from the normal production and consumption cycle.

Gold mining can be traced back to early Egyptians around 3500 B.C. and the largest known deposit of the yellow metal is in South Africa. At the dawn of the 20th century, the Gold Standard Act was enacted in the US causing them to maintain an exchange rate in relation to other countries on the gold standard, a practice that persisted until 1919. Today, gold mines are operated all across the globe with the most important - or at least prominent - in South Africa, the source of 40 percent of modern gold mining, and China. Found on internet under inquire of gold miners



**The old miner sez:** Ya calls it a picker ifn ya kin pick it outa yer pan with yer fingers. Ya calls it a clinker ifn it clink when ya drop it in yer water filled vial. Ya callz it a nugget when ya got it in yer fingers an drop it in yer pan an it go klunk! Now ya gots the perfect gold miners lingo.

## SB889 REFUND BILL

I am sure by now, you have heard that this bill has failed. This bill was not about you but the legacy you will leave for your children and grandchildren. Let's not give up the fight. It is our right to have freedom in this country and not bow down to the environmentalists who don't know the facts. Check with any board member about what you can do to keep on mining and panning. Also ask what your rights are and how you can still fight for them and things you can do. Let's think about what we can leave for our children and grandchildren and let our senators and assemblymen and representatives know how we feel. Your Editor. Linda Moore









## JUST FOR LAUGHS

Thanks to Claude Moore, Contra Costa Chapter



#### **CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR**

A gold panning couple, both born the same year and month, were celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> birthdays. During the celebration, a fairy appeared and said that because they had been so loving she would grant them each one wish. Very excited, the wife said that since she had already visited most of North America in her RV she would like to visit Alaska.

The fairy waved her magic wand; airline tickets instantly appeared in her hand. Then it was the husband's turn. He paused for a moment, then said with a sly look, "Well, I'd like to have a woman 30 years younger than me." The fairy waved her wand, and presto, he was 90 years old.

#### THE BITING DOG

A dog was resting in a campground near a gold miner who was reading a book nearby as he sat on a lawn chair. "Excuse me, sir, but does your dog bite?" a recently arrived camper asked. The gold miner looked up over his book and replied, "Nope." Yet when the camper approached the animal, it began snarling and growling, and then attacked his legs. After pulling away from the crazed animal, he yelled, "I thought you said your dog didn't bite!" The gold miner muttered, "Ain't my dog."

#### YOUNG ENTREPRENEURSHIP

A police officer near Coulterville, California, had a perfect hiding place for watching for speeding cars, motorcycles, and campers. But one day, everyone was under the speed limit, and the officer soon learned why: A 10-year old boy was standing up the road a quarter mile with a large hand painted sign that read 'RADAR TRAP AHEAD." A little more investigative work led the officer to the boy's accomplice, another 10 year old boy about 100 yards beyond the radar trap with a sign that read "TIPS." At his feet was a bucket full of change.







## GENNESSEE OUTING

















































The old miner sez: Lookie thet elusive yelloh metal. Wooden it be grate ifin ya had sumpin like thet zinging yer tecter?

## AND THE WINNERS ARE





Remember, the more dirt you dig, the more gold you'll get, but, miner's are really in the spotlight right now, so please remember to be respectful. Leave the land and vegetation as you found it; observe all laws whether National, State, or Local; don't damage, destroy, or deface public or private land; do not litter; respect the rights & property of others, observing posted areas; and always conduct yourself in a manner that is courteous and polite with consideration to others. Remember, all prospectors are being judged right now!

Thanks, Laurie Ozga, Advocacy/Political Action



## GENESSEE RAFFLE PRIZES

1. 1.4 Gram Nugget
 2. 1.6 Gram Flakes
 3. 9 Gram Nugget
 4. 7 Gram Flakes
 5. Smiley Flakes
 6. Gold flakes
 7. Sluice (Used)

8. Scale9. Bucket concentrator

10. Grizzly Pan w/14 oz. pry bar 11. Clean up Pan w/10 inch pry bar & tweezers

12. Hummer Knife
13. Gold Miner tie Pin

14. Small Knife

15. Clean Up Keene Pan w/snuffer bottle

16.. Funnel set

17. Roaring Camp pan w/scoop magni-

fier and "D" ring 18. Vial Pouch 19. Knee Pads

20. bucket Concentrator

21. #20 classifier
22. 30 inch Jimmy Bar
23. Fire extinguisher
24. 14" Pittsburg Pry Bar
25. #12 classifier

26. Bungee Cord (Assorted)27. Super Pan w/magnifier

28. Clean up pan with snuffer bottle and

loop

29. Super Pan with/gloves

30. #8 classifier

31. 18" Pittsburg pry bar & gloves

32. #2 classifier 33. Fire extinguisher 34. Super pan

35. Fire extinguisher36. Machetti and gloves

37. 2 gallon bucket w/classifier

38. Amber necklace
39. Grab Bag rocks
40. Grab Bag rocks
41. Quartz w/gold per

41. Quartz w/gold necklace

AND THE WINNER IS:

50/50 \$28.00 Paula Roderick

Steve Letlow

Brandon & Becca Rettmann

Eddie Aikens Paula Roderick Kathy Graham Steve Reed

Paul Roderick donated back Denise Matula

David Williams
Eddie Aikens
Alex Matula
Ron Rowe
Steve Reed
Steve Letlow
Goldie Pierce
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Denise Matula

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man

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ham

Don Siegel donated back - Aaron Matula

Alex Matula Alex Matula Ron Coleman Steve Letlow Brandy Williams Alex Matula Emily Gaffney Steve Letlow





## WAGON MASTER'S REPORT



Once again the Portable Potties for the outing were a different kind of experience. It seems that this is becoming the norm rather than the exception. Our potty supplier for the area was unsure of the location despite having very precise mapping and description. He was afraid his driver would either not find the claim or spend all day driving around only to finally drop the potty in the wrong location.

Finally I convinced him to go and look for himself and see that it was an easy drive and pretty easy location to find and deliver to.

I want to thank the member from Ed Ozga's group who did volunteer to pick the potty up at the rodeo grounds in Taylorsville and deliver to the claim. I am most appreciative of the offer. Fortunately that was not necessary.

I was not able to make it to this outing, but I am told there was a nice group there and as always a great pot luck. Sounds like everyone in attendance had a good time and the weather cooperated. No forest fires and cool nights.

It looks like there will be an outing of sorts at the claim at Twain over the Labor Day weekend. Should be lots of fun. Try to make that one and bring your power sluice. See you soon.

There is real gold in the friendship of our fellow members.



## CLUB NEWS



## **CONTRA COSTA CHAPTER NEWS**

The Contra Costa Chapter has been enjoying the summer with pot-luck meetings at **Gold Pan California in Concord.** What a treat we had when two distinguished members of the State of California Environmental Impact Report (EIR) team were able to attend our meetings. Claudia Wise, Physical Scientist and Joe Greene, Research Biologist were here from Oregon to assist with the EIR. Claudia and Joe were able to answer a few questions and share that the EIR. appears to be back on track. We truly want to thank them for all that they are doing to assist California at this difficult time.

The June meeting was a good time for all (over 45 folks), especially for first prize gold nugget winner Michael Burch. Of course, Ed Ozga couldn't complain when he picked up a cool \$74.00 from the UPI \$1.00 raffle, well except when I put it in my pocket..... And then Terri Markey topped off the night winning a cool \$45.50 - 50/50 prize.

The July meeting went off as planed with a good turn out of about 40 folks. The food was great and the raffle had three nice nuggets. The grand prize 2.3 gram nugget won by our very own Chapter Chairman, Ed Ozga. Richard Speidel picked up a cool \$31.50 as the 50/50 prize winner and donated \$10.00 back to start off the August raffle! Thank you Richard! Prizes also included a 1.5 and a .6 gram nugget as well as lots of other prizes. Also, Kevin Davis of Concord was the big winner of the night with a new Desert Fox with variable speeds. Well done Kevin!

Many thanks to Al Simoni and Bob Burger for manning the BBQ!

Our newest equipment raffle is a River Package complete with river cargo cart, the new Keene A52P sluice, pans, classifiers, shovel, bucket, clean-out tub and much more so you will be completely set to head to the river and get some gold. Tickets are \$3.00 each and go on sale at the Chapter meeting to be held Thursday, August 19th. The winner will be drawn at the Chapter meeting when the final ticket is sold.

If you haven't been to a Chapter meeting lately, please come on down, because you are missing all the fun (and, as Richard says, winning is fun!). The Chapter has raffled over 13 grams of gold in 2 months and has plans for lots more before the summer is over. We meet the third Thursday of every month and let me know if you want to get on the mailing list for a reminder.

There is still time for you to sign-up to attend the **5th Annual Contra Costa Chapter Outing.** Our last four annual outings have been a roaring success and this years has some extra special activities planned. Activities include a metal detector hunt including Indian head and steel pennies, Liberty and Buffalo nickels, silver dimes, and who knows what else? There's winner take all duck races (yes ducks), raffles (with an awesome donation from **Pioneer Mining in Auburn**), and special activities planned for the kids. This year we have the entire private group campsite reserved at Bear River in Placer County, CA for the weekend of September 17th, 18th, & 19th (out by 20th). Motor homes and trailers are allowed (over 30' not recommended). This is dry camping, there are outhouse style potties, and no hook-ups are available. The charge for the weekend is \$20.00 and you must have a reservation to attend. Please contact me at OzMiner@msn.com or 925-706-8193 to reserve a spot. This is a gated campground and no one will be admitted without a reservation (because you will need the combination).

See 'ya soon, Laurie Ozga.





## 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.

## New Members As of 5-5-10 to7-21-2010

NAME	CITY & STATE
Darrell Christian	Loyalton, CA
Tin Schopper	Sparks, NV
Lonnie& Michele Swartout	Red Bluff, CA
Ron Anderson	Hayward, CA
Anthony Follett	Newhall, CA
Keith Waisanen	Vallejo, CA
Jose Bautista	Ceres, CA
Pierre Lessard	Sacramento, CA
Ron Boley	Sonora, CA
Galvin Graham	Ukiah, CA
Dan Jordan	Twaine Harte, CA
Doug Lindquist	Sonora, CA
Robert Cutting	Benicia, CA
Mike Castro	Oakley, CA
Theron Palmer	Manteca, CA
Art Castiaux	Ukiah, CA
Lance Lorio	San Jose, CA
Beau-Jean Maddox	Kelseyville, CA
Jay Bromley	Ukiah, CA
Paul Vela	Corte Madera, CA
Kim L. Farmer	Sonora, CA
Julio & Ashley Ramos	Jamestown, CA
Mike Richley	North Olmsted, OH
Leonard Benziger	Delhi, CA
Rick Selfa	Stockton, CA
David A. Hamilton	San Jose, CA
Matt Davitto	Chico, CA
Paul Baker	Chico, CA

## Renewing Members As of 5-5-10 to 7-21-2010

Name	City/State
Stanley & Gail Webster	San Jose, CA
Beverly Paul	Folsom, CA
Randy & Glenette Huckabay	Madera, CA
Joe & Gloria Sul	Campbell, CA
Al Simoni	Concord, CA
Harry A. Phillips	San Mateo, CA
Mark Weiss	Redwood City, CA
Robert A. Shaw	Modesto, CA
Dennis & Pat Mobley	Copperopolis, CA
Jim Ambrose	Concord, CA
Tom & Christa Eastland	Pleasant Hill, CA
Les Baker	Apple Valley, CA
Gerald Hurt	Palmdale, CA
Randol thrasher	Atwater CA
Terence Pippi	Healdsburg, CA
John Meling	Modesto, CA
Paul Venker	Concord, CA
Claude & Linda Moore	Vallejo, CA
David Norman	Mariposa, CA

## Renewing Members (Continued) As of 4-12-2010

<u>Name</u>	City/State
Kenneth H. Finley	Sonora, CA
Gary West	Pleasant Hill, CA
John F. Barney	Reno, NV
Samuel Brown	San Jose, CA
Neil Greiner	Rocklin, CA
Kevin Blodgett	Quincy, CA
Robert Marsh	So. San Francisco, CA
Clifford Spafford	Riverbank, CA
John Dickenson Jr.	Waterford, CA
Rand Dill	Corte Madera, CA
Michael Roderick	San Jose, CA
Tom & Karen Murphy	Susanville, CA
Glenn Frisbie	Millbrae, CA
Billy L. Stanford	Waterford, CA
Dave Hoffmann	Litchfield, Ca
WILL Lewame	Sun Valley, NV
Mario Lewame	Sun valley, NV
John Rusmisel	Hayward CA
Darryl Cook	Palmdale, CA
Al Harris	Chico, CA
Mark E. Weber	Vacaville
Donald Siegel	Modesto, CA
Roy & Marti Dunston	Coulterville, CA
Paul Sprenkle	Clovis, CA
Steven Reed	Santa Rosa, CA

## Members Up For Renewal: As of 8-31-2010

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Allen Sorenson	Santa Maria, CA
Derald H. Smith	El Paso, Tx
Larry * Iris Biggs	Dayton,, NV
Joe W Powell	Strathmore, CA
Ivan & Diane Perkins	Brentwood, CA
Ralph & Beth Caldwell	Diablo, CA
Terry & Debbie Moore	Sunnyvale, CA
Tim & Kathy Obole	San Dimas, CA
Christopher Gee	Fairfield, CA
Harold Lancaster	Fresno, CA
Keith Lysak	Fremont, CA
Len Weise	San Jose, CA
Dietrich Papp	Dayton, NV
John Chaffin	Bangor, CA
Daniel D. McCabe	Quincy, CA
Michael McCabe	Quincy, CA
David Williams	Oakley, CA
Douglas Brown	Santa Clara, CA
Jack Famsworth	Orangevale, CA
David Alameda	Brentwood, CA
Jerry French	Willits, CA
Carla Herbert	Gilroy, CA



## **Members Up For Renewal:** As of 9-30-2010

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CITY/STATE Lakeport, CA Modesto, CA Rio Vista, CA Carson City, NV Fresno, CA Los Banos, CA Prunedale, CA Castro Valley, CA Tracy, CA Ada, OK Chico, CA Visalia, CA



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#### MORE GOLD MINERS PICKING OREGON OVER CALIFORNIA

Moratorium hurting Golden State

GOLD HILL, OR.— After California shut down gold mining with suction dredges, Dave McCracken loaded his gear and drove over the Siskiyou Mountains to Southern Oregon, where he is building up his retirement fund with Flecks of gold gleaned from the gravels of the Rogue River. He is part of a mini gold rush going on this summer that appears to be the result of the high price of gold, the poor economy, and California's year-old moratorium on using gasoline powered dredges to mine for gold while it figures out whether it is bad for salmon.

"It's very hard work," said McCracken, a former Navy SEAL and founder of the New 49ers gold mining club in Happy Camp. "But the stuff is so valuable right now. An ounce a day and I'm doing good on my retirement plan."

The Oregon Department of Environmental quality reports issued 1,205 dredging permits this year, up 30 percent from 934 last year. The number of Californians went from 51 in 2009 to 85 this year, up 67 percent.

"I think we have a little gold rush going on." said Jim Billings, a compliance specialist in DEQ's water quality division, "I get calls from all around the country. A lot of people who would have vacationed in Northern California to suction dredge have called me to ask about what requirements are to suction dredge in Oregon, because they're going to move their vacation Oregon."

Grants Pass miner Mike Higbee said he would have figured the numbers would be higher.

"You're looking at gold at \$1,200 an ounce," said Higbee. "That in itself is going to get more people excited and looking. Then, with the current moratorium in California— California has always been sort of a gold mining destination for dredgers—that operation's off the table at this point. It would only make sense there would be some increase."

One complication for first-time miners in Oregon is that the state dredging permit expired June 30,. People who paid their \$25 for a year's permit before then are OK. But anyone else has to wait until the end of July, when the new permit should be ready.

The creeks and rivers in Southwestern Oregon have been mined three times over first by miners overflowing the California gold field in the 1850's, then by Chinese immigrants who worked over the tailings, and again in the Great Depression by people scratching out a living. The numbers typically go up and down with the price of gold.

Oregon has not been welcoming to the idea of a new gold rush. Proposed new rules from the Department of Environmental Quality are likely to cut down the size and power of dredges, regulate the amount of silt generated, and keep heavy equipment out of the river. They would also prohibit mining from generating muddiness in the water in federal wilderness areas, including one in southwestern Oregon. . . The action stems from a court challenge from both miners and conservationists to the old rule.

About 25 miners have been regularly working a stretch of river downstream of Gold Ray Dam and upstream of Nugget Falls near the town of Gold Hill, said McCracken.

It is open river controlled by the Division of State Lands, which requires a free placer mining permit.

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## ROAD TRIP GAME

By Brandy Williams Contra Costa Chapter



For all of the members on long car rides, we have a fun new game for you to play with your friends and family. This game is fun and simple, all you have to do is call out what you see from a list of items. Each item on the list has a point value. Someone will need to track the points and at the end total them up to see who wins. The list of things can change, evolve and grow depending on where you live, things common to your area and even who you are playing with.

The game works on the honor system, so don't call something out if you don't see it.

## The list and points for each item go as follows:

Port-O-Potties—10	Old Barn—20
Fruit Stand—10	Bull crossing Sign—50
Decorated Mail Box—20	Deer Crossing Sign—15
Lone Palm Tree—10	Motorcycle Cop—30
Wal-Mart Truck—15	Lone Cloud—25
Fake Tree (Cell Tower Disguised) - 25	CHP/State Police—20
Road Side Cross—10	Barn Falling down—30
American flag—10	Old Windmill—15
Stack of Hay—5	Bee Boxes—15
Single Bale of Hay—10	Old Cars (Pre 1960) - 20
Yellow Military Ribbon—15	Volcano—150
Snow Mobile—15	Train Tunnel—25
Water Tower—10	Rest Area—20
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Cemetery—100 Water fall—25 Old Cemetery—150 Giant Blow Up Animal Advertisement—20

Train Tracks—10 UFO's (Real Ones!) - 250 Train (Outside of Oakley) - 50 Mountain Lion—100

Covered Bridge—25 Big Foot—150 Tee Pee—25

Get Picture of Big Foot—Automatic Win

This game can be a fun pass the time game in what is normally a bleak car ride. This game Is fun for all family members to play and hey, you never know who might get that picture of Big Foot.

Enjoy and Have Fun

The Williams Family

## **Outing & Board Meeting Schedule 2010**

## NEW!!!

Sept. 4th, 5th, and 6th. At Twain Potluck, Raffle, and Meeting (if needed) on Saturday the 6th

Nov 12, 13, 14 Dinner on Sat & meeting to Follow. (Annual Thanksgiving outing) At Coulterville

More details to come.



Thank you Brandy for this game.





#### Adventures in Alaskaland.

This would be my third land based trip to Alaska. The two previous times were in 1990 and 2000 to a small mining camp 150 miles above the artic circle between Bettles Ak and the brooks range on Agnes creek. Those were metal detecting trips only we did very well but the gold there was not very pretty, too much copper made it dark. This trip was to the GPAA camp above Nome (Thanks very much to Pam my wife who won the trip at the gold show in 2009). We arrived in Nome greeted by the GPAA crew and several monster diesel trucks. This began the journey 12 miles up the beach at 7 miles an hour, any faster and we would be bouncing off the roof. Along the way on Norton sound we passed multiple ocean dredges, some on shore and a few in the water. Lucrative treasures awaited them in the sea. At camp a brief meeting and we went to our hooches it was 11 pm. On Sunday we had another camp meeting and a class on beach mining. Sunday I used the old wood beach box and on Monday the new keene beach box with the new rubber matting. Much faster to work the sand and wow what a gold grabber it turned out to be, talcum powder flour gold. I will be getting one of those mats for my dredge. The rest of the week we did other activities, took off for the tromel high banking area did well there but no big pickers. On the way home via teller highway and the slow Nome beach again our truck broke down just as we got out of the dirt road from the trommel so we had another adventure there. Pat Keene was there for a few weeks to help with the new beach boxes. One great plus was Kevin Hoagland from Minelab there for the season giving seminars on metal detecting and taking us out on hunts. I learned a lot about my detector from him. The rest of the week was taken up with fishing for pink salmon. Most were in the 20 to 30" range, these were smoked frozen and brought home. I took one trip out to Creosis a high banking spot then on Monday I drove my atv up to Ketchmark 12 miles away in the tundra where I stayed for 5 days. Several days exploring and prospecting at Stella creek camp two more miles up the road. There I saw a heard of 15 musk ox and a bunch of off spring. A few saw moose and bears. Wed and Thursday we opened up some new ground on the ridge behind camp where I set up a high banker. This was about as hardcore as it gets, Cutting away strips of 14" deep tundra and working the pay layer which was full of 4 to 6" river rock. Just looking at the area you would never know they were there. In two days I dug a hole down to the white clay 12 ft long 8 ft wide and 5 ft deep you could park 3 ATV's side by side and never see them. John the camp host tell people he would see me disappearing down into the tundra which he animated by walking and squatting down as he went. I did very well in that hole, 2 or 3 dwt in a cup of material. The gallon of concentrates from that operation went into my checked luggage not the one rate postal boxes. They tell everyone screen and process your material down to -20 mesh, do some sampling dry it and ship it home. You are here to get as much gold as you can not do a full clean up. There is plenty of time for that at home. I met people from almost every state including Alaska and we all had a great time. Of course there were a few spoilers who sat on their bunk in the evening complaining that there was no gold to be found. Strangely enough these were the same ones who only shoveled a couple of hours a day and did not put any real effort into it. A few had back problems and I could understand that. But then we had this one guy in his 70's who was up for the full 6 weeks. He walked around with one crutch which he strapped on his ATV when he went to the beach. He put lesser men to shame when it came to shoveling into the beach boxes. We ate very well, not lavish epicurean food but good solid basics. Any time of the day or night you could roam into the chow hall and grab something quick off the shelves. Of course the first day someone burned popcorn in the microwave, it always happens. The outlying camps the hosts provided a wider variety of meals and I think we ate better there. We had a full time doctor and nurse, by the way see doc Ron for lessons on preparing and smoking salmon. Some words of the wise, they give you a list of stuff to bring, snacks was one of them. I ended up giving my two pounds of red licorice and two boxes of peanut butter crackers to the hosts at the camps. There was plenty of stuff there. I forgot my heresy's kisses at home but satisfied my chocolate fix at the trading post or in town. By the way you can make it into town in 34 minutes on an ATV by riding the beach water line. If you go to town with artic annie to the glass beach she will ask if you old fellas can ride. Better be up to it as she beats the truck into town by 30 minutes. Everything you need for mining is there except a few items. The screens are small wood frames without much volume. I would bring a 1/4" 1/8" 20 and 30 mesh bucket screens as well as a rake end (they can round up a handle) next year. The rake comes in handy for clearing your tailings piles while high banking and raking down the piles while metal detecting.

Friday of the second week they were filming metal detecting for one of the shows, Kevin had given some instructions to JP a teenager on metal detecting. Do not look at the meter turn off the iron ID and dig everything were some of the instructions. 5 iron targets later and 6 inches into the hole he found a very nice pea size nugget, the kid was still shaking on Saturday. No it was not planted.

Next year a lot less clothes, Washers dryers and hot showers, except for Ketchmark that was unique. Our shower there had an European spa stone floor (large chunk of slate). First you turn on the cold water, run 50 ft down to the river fire up the gas pump. At the shower turn on the hot water supply. Get naked outside, shower then leave the

cold water on so the hose does not blow off the pump. Dry outside the shower in a cool breeze. Then shut down the hot water valve on the tank then the pump. If your are lucky someone will yell leave the pump on. They are working on making the changing area a little more private.

All the back country trips you need an ATV. They are very insistent on checking out and in when going into the tundra and always traveling in pairs. It is too easy to get into a problem out there we had one fella roll his ATV, he was ok as the tundra was soft but it took three people to get it off of him.

It was a fun trip, a few unexpected adventures along the way. Sitting here wondering why I did not save up and go earlier. One last word I was advised by Terry Moore to rent the ATV, good advice. Without it you can only walk to the beach placers and that is still a considerable trek especially dragging back your concentrates. Any of the remote camps is a minimum of 6 miles away.

Missed the UPI 4<sup>th</sup> of July outing, but we got to ride our ATV's in the Nome parade that was a lot of fun. Two weeks was not enough as I did not have time to dredge up there.

The only down side were the skeeters which ate very well (bring the pocket size deet), and the blueberries were not ripe yet.

Will not know how much gold I got up there as I am waiting for the mail to come in. I will work it all out at the same time. Just remember it is not always about the gold, you can find lots of gold but the real riches come from the people you meet and good times shared.







Beach Mioning edited



Hey Don, expensive chips



Ketchmark Shower



Love that easy chair you used when fishing Jim.



Kotsubue



shower

## NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR

If you see a picture you would like to have, email me with a description of the picture and your name and address. I will be happy to email it to you.

#### -INPUT NEEDED-

I need your campside recipes, stories of your outings, club information, items for sale, etc. Please contact me with your information and input. I am also looking for "guess what" pictures.

Linda Moore, Editor

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## **NEW USE FOR HAND WARMERS**



While out in Alaska, on a couple of occasions I ended up with wet boots. The first one was from the high banker. I rolled back my waders and set them in the sun. Next day I used my hiking boots and they also got wet. That night I was looking at both sets of damp footwear and a light bulb popped up. I had brought a supply of hand and foot warmers which I ended up not needing for their original purpose. I opened up 4 hand warmers and placed two down into the toe of each boot. Then I put two into the wader that was also wet. Next morning I found a toasty warm dry pair of boots and waders. On Friday I tied my hiking boots up high on the front of the ATV. Unknowingly the beavers had been at work on their dam and the Edwards crossing was much deeper than I expected Steam from the engine and water gushed all over. Of course after a 12 mile ride I had forgotten about my boots, the one I was to wear on the plane ride home were still tied up front. Back at camp I discovered they were full of water. Pulling out the trusty hand warmers again my boots were nice and dry for the ride home.

One of the items they listed to was bungee cords. Ratcheting cinch straps are much better. That ride on the tundra is really ruff several times I watched my duffel bag bounce on rack and slide off the front. The 50 ft of 3/8 rope solved that problem. The cinch straps would work much better than trying to tie off rope. Bungees for the small stuff worked ok.

Jim Madden

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The net is mostly a BRAG net, where we have gone, how big was the gold we found, etc. Or our next trip to the water.

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Any questions call 209-878-3829

Stephen Barnett UI #1523 FCC # KD6CNU



#### **HOW REMOTE CAN YOU GO?**

Sometimes in this hectic world, we yearn to find a place far from civilization where we can kick back and relax. Reality check: it's harder and harder to find that remote paradise. From more than 90 percent of the world's land, a person could reach the nearest city in less than 48 hours by foot, train, car, boat, bike, or animal. Even the Amazon rain forest is well connected by rivers and the desert wildernesses of Africa have a pretty efficient system of roads. (Okay, we're not counting Antarctica OR a few hundred really remote islands – like Pitcairn and Yap).

So where is remote? Well, it will take you three days by boat to get to some of the high Arctic islands in the Norwegian archipelago. But if you really want to get away, pack your bags for Tibet. The closest city from the Tibetan plateau is nearly a three-week journey.





#### Fellow Members

We did not attend the last outing, so I do not have an outing report but I would like to share a recipe from time to time. I made this Bear Chili a couple years ago for the Twain outing ..... we received many compliments and requests for the recipe...however as I rarely follow or write down a recipe I had no recipe to share. I finally made the time to put something down on paper!! No Bear meat? . . just use Beef stew meat. I hope you enjoy this dish. Oh yeah . . and if you would like my ok to use this recipe don't even bother to make or serve it unless you also serve ice cold Mexican beer, salt and limes!!!! It's part of the experience . . try it..you'll see!

Have Fun, Georgia



## Bob & Georgia's Big Bear Chili

(Bob hunts the Bear and I figure out something to do with it!)

3-4 Ibs Bear stew meat cut in bite size chunks

Several strips bacon chopped

1 large or 2 medium white or yellow onion chopped

1 29 oz can tomato sauce or puree

2 14.5 oz cans diced tomatoes w/jalapeno or canned fire roasted tomatoes

7 oz can of Embasa brand Chipotle peppers in adobo sauce(Hispanic food shelf)

Canned Ortega green chile's to taste (we like 4 small or 2 large cans)

Can also add fresh cleaned and chopped pasilla chile's, red or green bell peppers, jalapenos..whatever fresh chiles you like

1 or 2 bottles of beer such as Dos Equis or similar

Olive oil or canola oil

All-purpose flour seasoned with salt, pepper, garlic powder, and mild or California chili powder

Spices as noted in directions below

- 1. Add bacon to a large heavy bottom pot and saute on low for a few minutes then add chopped onions; remove onions and bacon after a few minutes when onions just start to soften.
- 2. Dredge bear meat chunks in seasoned flour. Add a little oil (as needed) to the large pot, then cook meat in single layer batches until lightly browned. When all meat has been browned add it all back to the pot along with the sautéed onion and bacon.
- 3. Add the beer, canned tomato products, the chipotle peppers and sauce (mash the peppers), and the Ortega chile's with liquid. If you are using fresh chiles add them at this time
- 4. Add the following seasonings to taste, salt, pepper, fresh chopped garlic (about 2-3 tablespoon) or granulated garlic, ground cumin (about 2-3 teaspoons), chile powder (mild or hot as you like) about 2-3 teaspoons, dried oregano flakes about 2-3 teaspoons.
- 5. Cover the pot and simmer on low for approximately 2 to 2 ½ hours until meat is tender.
- 6. If you want to add beans, add 30 minutes before meat is done: you can use 2 cans (I think they are about 15 ounces each) of drained and rinsed pinto, pink and/or black beans ...we like a combination.
- 7. When meat is tender, taste the chili and adjust seasonings if needed.
- 8. Serve with rice or tortillas and toppings such as Mexican cotija cheese or grated cheddar cheese, finely chopped raw red onion, sour cream, fresh chopped cilantro, or extra hot sauce on top.

## WHAT'S COOKIN'



## **ZUCCHINI BITES** From Kitchen of Linda Moore

4 small unpeeled zucchini, thinly sliced (3 cups

1 cup original Bisquick

1 medium onion, finely chopped (1/2 cup)

½ cup vegetable oil

2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon garlic or seasoned salt

1/2 teaspoon Marjoram or Oregano leaves

1 clove garlic, finely chopped

4 eggs, slightly beaten

(OPTIONAL) I sometimes add things like bacon bit, chopped ham, chipped beef, etc to add a little more to this dish.

- 1. Mix all ingredients together and place in a zip lock bag for use when you get camping.
- 2. Grease bottom of pan or dutch oven
- 3. If using a pan, preheat your camping oven to 350°. If using a Dutch Oven, make sure you have plenty of hot coals
- 4. Stir all ingredients in your zip lock bag until blended, Spread in pan or Dutch Oven. Pile coals on top of lid if using a Dutch Oven and place Dutch Oven in the bed of coals for about 25 minutes. Time will vary depending on the altitude you are at. Cook until golden brown. Cut into 2-inch squares, Enjoy.

## **JEST FER FUN!!!**





NEW QUESTION OF THE MONTH How many words can you make from the word OMNIUM-GATHERUM

Definition & rules are below.

**OMNIUM-GATHERUM** – ahm-nee-um-GA-thuh-rum NOUN: A miscellaneous collection of things or persons.

**EXAMPLE OF USE: Sentence:** The book a collection of short stories, is an omnium-gatherum of works by various writers.

**RULES:** 4+ letters, no plurals slang or proper nouns used. We found 47 words.



How many Miners and their mules, like this one, can you find in this newsletter? The answer along with your answers that were submitted to me will be in the next newsletter.

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