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SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY CHAPTER

Yes, that's correct, you read it right. The planning is done, the room is reserved, the drawings are ready, the sweets and coffee will be ready, so all we need is you to join us for the first:

**UPI San Joaquin County Chapter Meeting
Wednesday, May 11th at 6:30 p.m.
Eagles Hall, 1492 Bourbon St., Stockton, CA 95204**

Big drawing planned includes Gold Nuggets and lots more! Please bring a snack to share or something to donate to kick off the first drawing. It's not mandatory, but, it will make our first meeting that much more fun. You do not need to be a UPI member to attend, so bring a friend!

Questions? Contact: Joyce Smith, UPI San Joaquin County Chapter Chairman
209-815-1940 or Magmaforceps@gmail.com.

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY CHAPTER

Important - How's that go, nothing lasts forever, right? After many, many years of the Contra Costa County Chapter meeting being held at the First Baptist Church of Concord on Bonificio Street in Concord, it's time to move on.

First off, we would truly like to thank the First Baptist Church of Concord for allowing us the use of their property for all these years. We started out there many years ago with about 10 folks and our last meeting had a head count of over 50 folks. We have awesome memories of all the good times we had and good friends we made there, so again, thank you First Baptist Church of Concord!

Information regarding new meeting space will be forthcoming. If you are interested in attending Contra Costa County Chapter meetings and not currently on their mailing list, please contact Ed Ozga, Contra Costa Chapter Chairman at 925-706-8193 or OzMiner@msn.com to be placed on the mailing list

You're invited to join in the fun, when the UPI Contra Costa Chapter spends a day of prospecting, adventure, comradery, and just plain fun!

On **Saturday, May 21, 2016**, join us on a day trip to the **Roaring Camp Mining Company** just above Jackson, CA <http://www.roaringcampgold.com/>.

All you have to do is call the Roaring Camp Mining Company directly at (209) 296-4100, identify yourself as someone going with the UPI group on May 21st and pay the \$60.00 over the phone, or arrange to send a check. The discounted \$60.00 fee includes a full day of prospecting, dinner (steak, potatoes, vegetable, etc.), and dancing if you're still able.

Note: Trucks leave at 10:00 a.m. and we will be brought back to our cars at approximately 10:00 p.m.

Please call me if you have any questions, Ed Ozga, UPI Contra Costa Chapter Chairman, 925-706-8193



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IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Back Row: Ed Ozga, Vice President; Middle Row: Dave Williams, Membership Director; Mike Hammond, Claims Director; Dolly Sauls, Secretary; Aaron Matula, Treasurer; and Bob Azbill, Wagonmaster; Front Row: Laurie Ozga, Publisher/Editor-in-Chief; and Don Siegel, President

WILL UPI SURVIVE?

President's note: The following is an excerpt from the February 2016 UPI Newsletter for which the board has yet to receive any response. Keep in mind the only requirement to being on the board is 1 year as a UPI member and a little time to invest. Understand that the current board is not going to dump a position on you and walk away. We will assist in every possible way, but the survival of UPI depends on your involvement.

Some of you reading this will say "here we go again, I'm so tired of hearing this...", well, please know, we are tired of saying it. The new year is upon us and will prove to be an important year for the future of our organization.

Do you enjoy this organization as much as we do? Do you like going to the outings and participating in the activities? Do you like the idea of having over 1200 acres of property available to you to prospect for a mere \$45.00 a year?

How about the camaraderie of the camp outs, sharing stories by the camp fire, trading special recipes at the pot-lucks, not to mention winning gold at the drawings?

Are you aware that we are currently the longest surviving family oriented small scale mining organization in existence? However, awesome as that sounds, unfortunately, we are currently facing a time when UPIs very own future is at stake.

Most of us have served in our Board positions for well over the normal 2 year reign which we originally signed up for. With that said, many of us are seriously considering not renewing our hold on those positions. In our defense, some of us have served long over our time and while we did a great job and kept this Organization going, when we signed up, it was not for life...

Our By-Laws dictate that we maintain a board of directors (not that we could operate without one), so filling the Board positions is extremely important. If there are no new folks to fill those positions in the future, one can only surmise that UPI is in danger of non-existence. So with all that said, those of you that value this organization, the way we do, please find some time to step up and volunteer for 2-years to keep this great organization going.

There are immediate opening for Outing Coordinator and Ways and Means. Come the end of this year, there will be openings for Vice President, Treasurer, Publisher/Editor-in-Chief, Membership Director, Claims Manager, and Wagonmaster. If and it's a big if, the following positions can remain filled for the following year, there will then be a need for a new President and Secretary.

Some folks have served in these positions for longer than 10 years and understandably deserve a break...Most positions require small amounts of time, but, we will be honest that some take quite a bit of time. However, all come with the opportunity to contribute to a historical, fun, and truly unique organization.

Please feel free to call Don or any board member and find out about the different duties required of the positions. Please keep in mind, you must have been a member in good standing for at least 1 year and board members get free membership for the length of their term.



Moccasin Creek Outing

Despite the wet weather, the head count at another great potluck dinner was at 23 folks. Don noted that Joe Sul put in a lot of time prospecting in the rain and had the most gold that Don saw. Several other folks invested in digging time, but, held back showing off their finds. Weather prevented the metal detector hunt from going off as planned, however, the Easter bunny did make an appearance and deposited some treats for everyone in attendance.





Mark Young and The Prez



Lucky Gaddas'



Lucky Suls'



Dan Repke



John Mellin



Gene Bianchi



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Roger Fields and The Prez



Mike Hammond and The Prez



Gene Bianchi - 50/50 Winner!

Membership News

Say hello to our newest members. On behalf of the Officers, Directors, and current Membership I'd like to welcome and acknowledge our newest UPI Members:

Jose Cardoza, Modesto, CA
George Burton, Martinez, CA
Ricardo Martinez, San Jose, CA
Rex Pemberton, Groveland, CA

Jerry Soucy, Antioch, CA
Joe McMurtrey, Oakley, CA
Scott Wilhite, San Jose, CA

You've joined an outstanding fun bunch of gold and gem seekers. We look forward to meeting you in person at an outing and on the claims

For all our renewing members. Thank you for your continued support of UPI. It's always great to see so many friends stay active and continue to support our organization.

Other membership news: I wasn't able to make the first outing for the year but it sounds like the folks that braved the rain, had a really good time. I'm hoping to make it to the Bull Creek outing, so hopefully I'll see you all there.

When renewing you membership, you must fill out and sign a new application each year.

- If you check the box for electronic newsletters and notifications, you will receive your newsletter electronically and also two e-mail reminders when you membership is due. One, 30 days prior to and another the day of your expiration, if it lapses.

Also, if you have a Change of Address, E-mail, or Contact Info, please send me your new information. Without a current mailing or e-mail address you might not get your newsletters or have access to the UPI website. So, drop me an E-mail, find me at an outing or Chapter meeting, or send me a note via regular mail.



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THANKS SO MUCH

This month's shout out goes out to **David "Dave" Williams**. Dave has been an active member of UPI since 2008. Dave quickly advanced within UPI and was shortly voted into a position on the Board of Directors as the Membership Director. Dave proved to be a tireless and dedicated board member, never hesitating to share ideas. When Dave's term was completed he worked diligently to transfer the UPI records and procedures to the new Membership Director. After that Director's term was completed, Dave again volunteered to take on the role of Membership Director, his current position on the board. While serving on the Board, Dave quickly created and implemented new procedures, thus considerably streamlining the application and renewal process. Dave's computer skills have been extremely valuable in helping to move the organization forward. He has proved to be one of UPI's most generous volunteers and it's volunteers like him that keep this great organization going.



Editor's note: If you know of a UPI member that deserves a round of applause, please send the information to the Publisher/Editor-In-Chief.

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Mark Your Calendars!

2016 UPI Outing Schedule:

May 6th - 8th - Bull Creek

June 23rd - 30th - Spanish Creek

October 14th - 16th - Coulterville Area/Pre-Thanksgiving Feed

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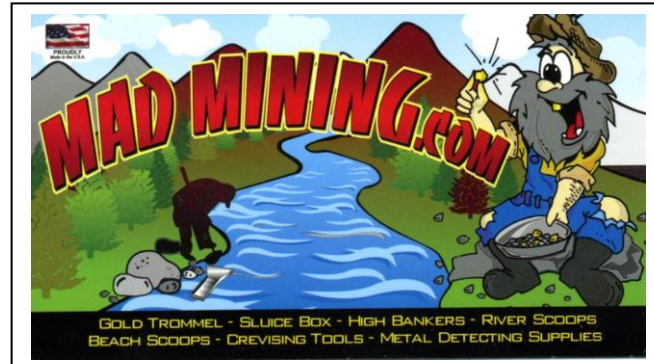
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You can reach Prospector Anonymous at the following email: **prospectoranonymous@yahoo.com**

Get your questions in now before it's too late!



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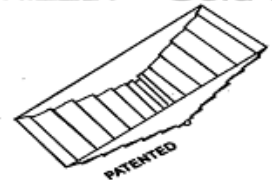


To all members, past, present, and future of UPI,

My name is Joyce Lindahl. My husband, Hardy, and I recently purchased Twain Store and RV Park. We have joined your club and look forward to meeting each and every one of you. We look forward to UPI hosting events at our "resort". The basics will not change, RV site pricing, availability of laundry facilities, restrooms, showers, campfire area, picnic area, store, deli, and of course river access. Also, we have plans to make Twain more of a destination for families looking for a clean, fun place to visit. Our future plans include Saturday night BBQs, Rib cook-offs, Chili cook-offs, a more extensive menu, upgrades to all facilities and any and all suggestions are appreciated. We hope to see you all sometime this spring or summer.

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