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Front Row: Christa Eastland, Denise Matula, Rita Perry, Bob Azbill, Don Siegel
Not Pictured: Chet Chastain Volunteers: Steve Letlow, Mark Weber, Beverly Paul, Johnny Lewis, Bill Reboin, Cindy Siegel

IMPORTANT NOTICE: MOCCASIN CREEK OUTING!

has been moved to April 25, 26, and 27th.



UNITED PROSPECTORS INC. MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Don Siegel
2008**

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Hi all and welcome to the 2008 edition of UPI. Gold is hovering around \$900 and I can't wait to get the party started. As we head into this years version of UPI a few things to keep in mind. Your UPI board could really use your help, there is room on the board for Directors as well as volunteers. A great organization like ours does not run by itself, and although we have a very well rounded board of directors, new ideas and energy is needed and welcome. In case you have not heard Bill Reboin will be retiring soon and will be less and less involved in the creating of the publications of our fine organization. He will be sorely missed, so the opportunity for you to express your creative self is waiting for you. Also have you ever had an interest in owning your own mining claim? Well step up and work along side Chet, help UPI maintain our claims and gain a wealth of knowledge regarding owning, maintaining, buying and selling of claims. Did anybody take notice what a large number of raffle items we had at our last outing of 2007. Well we owe a special thanks to our Ways and Means director, Sid Parrish. He has taken the gathering of sponsors and advertisers to a new level. But with that comes the importance of all UPI members making sure that we patronize our advertisers, they need our support to be able to continue in the business world. We also has great outing events, thank you very much to Crista Eastland for your enthusiasm, imagination and hard work. Did I tell you that I can't wait to get out and find some of the \$900 an ounce gold?? See you all soon. Don

THE OUTING

There has been no outing since the November outing. A meeting was held in January in Sacramento. Those in attendance finalized the outing schedule for 2008 and the by-laws for 2008. The Members Claims and Rules Guide Book was mailed out to all members in March. If you did not receive one please let Membership, Denise Matula know at her email address. Due to unforeseen circumstances the April outing has been moved back one week to April 25, 26, and 27th. It has also come to our attention that the phone number listed for Bob Azbill is incorrect in the guide book. Please make the correction to 530-409-4549. Below are your Board and members hard at work putting the 2008 outings and events together. Volunteers are always needed and greatly appreciated..



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Outing & Board Meeting Schedule 2008

Please attend the board meetings as often as you can. They are an important part of the UPI organization and your input is appreciated and needed.

***April 25, 26, 27th Moccasin Creek UPI**
Board meeting after potluck & raffle, 4/26/08

***May 30, 31, & June 1 Bull Creek UPI**
Board meeting after potluck & raffle, 5/31/08
(NOI needed for mining activities)

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Alameda County. Currently open

Auburn Chapter. Currently open

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Meeting held at - - First Baptist Church Mansion
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In all cases please call the Chapter Chairperson for where and when for meetings.

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Directors: Chet Chastain, Christa Eastland, Denise Matula, Sid Parrish, Bob Azbill, Chris Perry, and Gerald Hurt, temporary

President Don Siegel called the January 12, 2008 meeting at Sacramento, California to order at 10:00a.m.

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

Directors: Denise Matula, Christa Eastland, Sid Parish, Chris Perry, and Bob Azbill

Absent: Gerald Hurt, temporary, and Chet Chastain

Members: Lorrie Parrish, Georgia Azbill, Ed Ozga, and Bill Reboin

Oath of Office was taken by Don Siegel, Chris Perry, Bob Azbill, and Rita Perry

Bill Reboin resigned as Director.

Steve Letlow will be in charge of the Election Committee, Georgia Azbill and Rita Perry will help.

Minutes: Bill Reboin made a motion to approve the minutes, Tom Eastland seconded the motion, motion carried.

Treasurer, Aaron Matula: Aaron submitted an Income and Expense Report to the board. Beginning Balance 12/20/2006 was \$14,455.11, \$15,806.97 withdrawals throughout the year, deposits of \$17,363.00, which left an Ending Balance 12/19/2007 of \$16,089.14. As of December 20, 2007, there is a balance of \$16,089.14, with deposits \$3,050, withdrawals, \$121.64 left a balance of \$19,017.50. Motion was made by Rita Perry to accept the Treasurers report and seconded by Tom Eastland, motion was carried.

Membership, Denise Matula: Total count of life members is 65, regulars are 93, and we have a total of 285 members. Denise needs new Guide-books. These will be updated as soon as possible and will be printed and given to her to submit to the new members. Denise is only making one mailing a month instead of two. Denise is going send out membership info when she receives the applications.

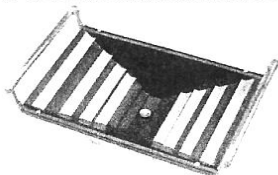
Wagon Master, Bob Azbill: Needs list of vendors for port-a-potties. Also, Bob will need to hang signs up for each outing so the members will know where to go. Kit had made an arrow with UPI on it and he will try to make some more. We want to make sure that all leftover food is taken away after the potlucks and there is something to put the trash in.

Outing Coordinator, Christa Eastland: Christa would like to have a Spaghetti Dinner on a Friday Night, have another Sunday Breakfast, Mucking Contest, Panning Contest, Swap-N-Trade at Bull Creek, Metal Detecting, a Contest for the finding of a largest nugget, playing cards, have Miner Hoe Down, Coulterville Thanksgiving Dinner, Cook-Off, sell bags of concentrates, and have a gem excursion outing. Also, she would like to have a get together at Bear River, Georgia is going to find out more about that. It was discussed of getting together with other organizations to prospect for gems, gold, or whatever it may be.

Ways and Means, Sid Parrish: Sid contacted current advertisers and they will continue. Although a couple of advertisers he hasn't spoke with yet. He still needs to contact RH Mining and 49ers regarding their donations. Sid would like some more ideas for prizes. Some discussed were the slide hammer, miner's keepers, and gift cards. He is speaking with Gallo Wines, Harbor Freight, Lowe's, Home Depot, and Sportsman Warehouse about making donations or getting better prices when they are having sales. He is wanting a budget. There was a motion made by Denise Matula that we would raffle off bottles of wine that Gallo Wines donated to UPI. It was seconded by Tom Eastland, motion carried.

Grievance/Political, Gerald Hurt: Gerald was absent, but Don filled us in. Gerald would still like to be the Director. Gerald is still in contact with PLP regarding issues that are going on. There is a new bill coming forth, "Recreation Access Tax" (RAT). We need everyone's support in stopping this bill.

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Technical Advisor, Chris Perry: It was discussed that there was tons of information for Chris to get off the internet regarding Technical Information. He could explain about sniping, dry washing, or whatever the questions may be.

Editor, Bill Reboin: Cindy is doing a great job with the newsletter. Although Bill has retired, he will continue to help until this position is filled.

Chapters, Vacant: Ed Ozga was at the meeting. He discussed how they buy prizes and the money that is made is put back into the pot to purchase new prizes. Also, he discussed how he is wanting to retire from being a Chapter Chair and hoping to be able to groom someone to take his place. He said no one wants to take his place because of all of the negative remarks made about Contra Costa Chapters. It was mentioned that we the board

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NEW MEMBERS AND RENEWING MEMBERSHIPS

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

Welcome aboard for a year of fun.

New Life Members

First Name	Last Name	City/State
George	Gim	San Mateo CA

New Members 12/16/2007 - 2/15/08

Name	City/State
Frank Madsen	Novato CA
Kenneth McDole	Lockeford CA
John Krise	Tracy CA
Kenny Nichols	San Jose CA
Al Cordeiro	Cobb CA
Henry Moore	Copperopolis CA
Frank Sanchez	Gilroy CA
Brian Severn	Brentwood CA
Bill & Robbie Miner	Rocklin CA
Eddie Coats	Brentwood CA
Steven & Nancy Foster	Morgan Hill CA
Harry A Phillips	San Mateo CA
Karen & Mike Yakopatz	Sacramento CA
Larry Kochie	Rancho Cordova CA

Renewing Members

12/16/07 - 2/15/08

Name	City/State
Erwin & Nancy Powell	Grants Pass OR

Lee Greer
Martin R Wockenfuss
Denise Downey
Leland & Nina Brown
Robert Williams
Nancie Barker
Ray & Audrey Maddalena
Stan & Jan Makiney
Art & Lucy Apodaca
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Ralph & Joanne Gragg
Jon & Linda Evers
William Johnson
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Will & Marilyn Lindsley
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Georgia Murray
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Randy & Glenette Huckaby	Madera CA
Wes & Bonnie Hawkins	Grass Valley CA
Herman Beard, Jr.	Lemoore CA
Donald Cox	Cupertino CA
Thomas S Silva	Modesto CA
Allen Smith	Atwater CA
William Sorenson	Castro Valley CA
Randy Bristow	Modesto CA
Charlie Cox	Santa Rosa CA

Members Up For Renewal:

1/1/08 -3/31/08

David Dhont, Andy & Cathy Patterson, Harvey & Mattie Brookshire, Wayne Baker, Jim Ambrose, Lance Schmidt, Ton & Christa Eastland, Bob Mappes, Thomas Lee, Mark & Debbie Buhl, Michael Flanders, Bob Divine, Jr., Gerald Boyle, Clyde Pearson, Stan Smart, Ross Smith, Gene & Diana Clayton, Steve & Naomi Boswell, Stephen & Karen De, Glen Conley, Ron & Sharon Rowe, Sam & Tenia Santangelo, Kenny Hall, Greg Voisard, Charles Vanleer, Les & Jackie Rossi, Warren Van Sant, Dan & Sarah Lohberger, Joe & Gloria Sul, Rick Niemi, Ken Sawyer, Clarence "Joe" Stewart, Chuck & Rose Kriel, Jim Jordan, Scott & Sharon Clark, Ricky Carter, Janette Rodrigues, Cindy Cooley, Andrew Radalyac, David Elmer, Dave Blakemore, Bill Fisher, Joel Hochestetler, Dan Stevens, John Fischer, Rick Palomino, Terry K Stewart, Michael Pedneault, David & Becky Ferrin, Bob & Kathleen Lining, Randy Deblauw, Steve Sawyer, Robert Divine, Joseph Brennan, Al Simoni, Leroy Childs Jr, Terry Robinson, Edward Peck, Patrick Dunno, Ernest Robinson, Tom Williams, Clifford Falk, John Case, Frank Sanchez, Larry Kochie.

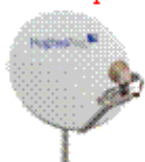
Welcome aboard for another year of enjoyment with UPI, the small-scale miners advocate. We need to see you at the outings and the Board meetings to help us guide the organization the way you would like to see it go.

***This membership list only goes through 3/31/08. If you think your membership is due or you have any questions about your membership please call the membership director or your President and they will be happy to answer your questions. Please have your membership # available. If you have submitted a new membership please allow 4-6 weeks for processing.*

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bill Reboin for all his guidance with the Newsletter. I will be filling in for a while until someone steps up to take the position of Editor in Chief. For those of you who don't know, Bill resigned his position and will be devoting his time to getting his retirement in order. He has bought a new trailer and is looking forward to traveling. I am sure we will still see him at the outings with "Sam" relaxing and enjoying his retirement. Bill published the UPI newsletter for the past eight years and his time and dedication to the newsletter will certainly be missed. He gave 100% and then some to this project and devoted so much of his time to the UPI organization. There is no way I can come close to filling Bill's shoes as Editor and I won't even try. I will attempt to put together a newsletter after each outing for you and hopefully someone out there has the desire to be a writer and would like to volunteer for this position. Bill you will truly be missed and I wish you all the best in your new endeavor. Take care, have a great time with your new "house" and God Bless You always!!

Cindy Siegel and the
UPI organization



think that Contra Costa Chapter is one of the best Chapters out there. We think they are doing a marvelous job and use them as an example on how they continue to grow and keep their members coming back.

Claims, Chet Chastain: Chet could not make the meeting but sent his report through the email. He is submitting his expense report and wanting it to be approved. The expenses per his year to date report total reimbursement for 1/13/07 \$34.32; 6/2/07 \$4,033.67; 8/4/07 \$60.62; 10/6/07 \$36.67 these were actual check amounts. Including in his report was year to date description of all supplies, postage, printing/copies, telephone, miscellaneous, county property taxes, filing and recording fees, mileage, claims purchased, also prepaid/drawn down amounts. Tax excess pre-payment for 2006 property taxes of \$9.74 was taken out of the 1/13/07 report and is excluded. Prepayment of \$4030.00 was paid by Don at Bull Creek. Gas mileage is 44.5 cents per mile. It was discussed to auction off Clippership. You have to be present to bid and to win. The rules will be released. He has sent out the Plumas, Klamath, and Stanislaus National Forest NOIs. He would like a budget as well. All members at Stanislaus NF (Bull Creek) NOI is needed. Klamath NF (Salmon River) Closed, Plumas NF, CLM Gold still has a special season for dredging, Genesee I is still partially restricted, and he is assuming there may be restrictions regarding the rest of Genesee because of the fires last year. Clippership is still closed and a NOI was not submitted. Tahoe/El Dorado NF- Oxbow the claims are closed due to the danger of accessing them and it was decided at a previous board meeting not to submit an NOI. It was discussed to increase the mileage for Chet to 50 cents a mile.

UPI Bills to be Paid:

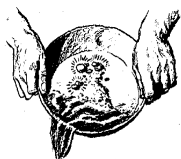
Alegra	\$395.83
Pro-Mailer	\$286.36
Steve Letlow port-a-potties,	\$117.98
Breakfast	\$125.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 60.25
Sid Parrish Raffle	\$290.64
Tri-folds	\$ 5.91
Shipping	\$ 8.45

Motion was made to accept the bills to be paid by Rita Perry and seconded by Chris Perry, motion carried.

Unfinished Business: The new database that Aaron is working on for Denise is 90% complete.

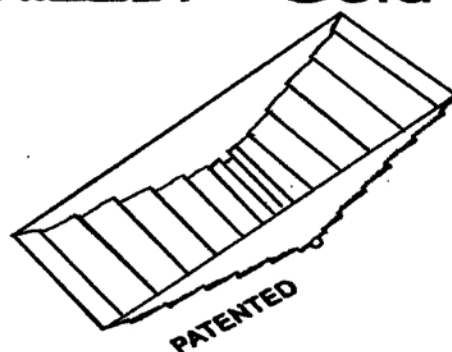
New Business: There was a discussion of moving the election to Coulterville where most of the members are there to vote. It was agreed that the by-laws will be changed to notify the members of this change. It was agreed that there will be a budget for each position that needs one. Chris Perry made a motion to accept the new budget for 2008 and Bob Azbill seconded the motion, the motion carried. Outings and meetings were discussed and will be published.

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Contra Costa Chapter:

How exciting, our very own UPI TV celebrities! Please join me in congratulating Mike Dunn (and Rachel) Contra Costa County UPI members on the opening of Gold Pan California located in Concord, CA. Check out this CBS 5 news link and also see our much respected member Tom Lutrel do a great TV shot! <http://cbs5.com/local/gold.prospecting.shop.2.664603.html> The shop is located at: 1021 Detroit Avenue, Unit D, Concord, CA (When you see Rachel Dunn Chocolates, turn right at the next driveway and shop is located in the back).

*Mark your calendars and make your reservations now for the 3rd Annual Contra Costa Chapter Outing! Saturday, August 16th the Contra Costa County UPI Chapter is hosting a day (or weekend, your preference) outing at Pipi Valley. Our last two outings have been a roaring success and we have some extra special activities planned for this year!

If you would like information about your Chapter published in the newsletter please email Cindy and put UPI in the subject line.



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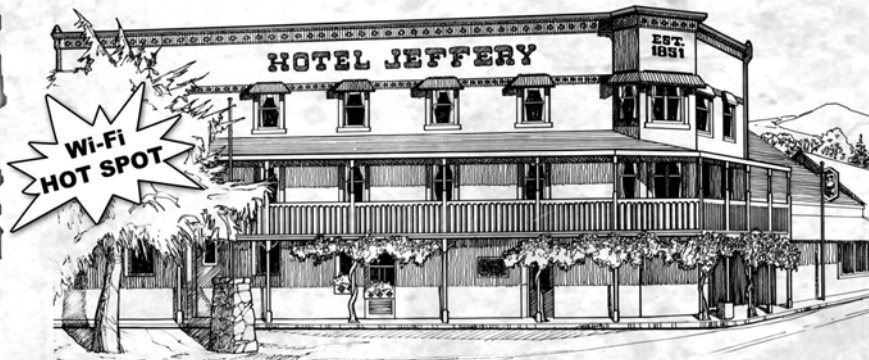
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Chapters/Director (Position currently open)
Mark Weber (Volunteer) Webmaster, Steve Letlow (Volunteer) Elections

All UPI officers and directors are volunteers. They have made the choice to dedicate their time to help make UPI an organization everyone can be proud of. UPI is a large organization and it takes a lot of time and effort on everyone's part to make it successful. It is very important to the organization that members step up and volunteer their time to help make this the best UPI organization it can be. Your board does an excellent job but your help, ideas, concerns and involvement is needed and appreciated. Talk with your board members at the meetings, email them or call them and find out where you can be of service to your organization.

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OUTING COORDINATOR:

The next outing will be at Moccasin Creek on April 25, 26 & 27th. We plan on conducting the meeting on the claim Saturday at approximately 9:00am. A Potluck will be held at the school house on Saturday afternoon at approximately 5:00pm. Bring your favorite dish for all to enjoy and a raffle will follow the potluck.

We are proposing a power sluicing contest for those who are interested in participating. It will be in the format of a common dig with all the gold divided among the participants with the winners take sweetened with some additional gold.

There will also be a surprise contest that will take place at the outing. No information is given in the newsletter, you will have to show up to the outing to find out what this is all about.

As always, a good time will be had by all and we look forward to seeing everyone again!

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WaysnMeans first report of "08"

Hi Again ALL you UNITED PROSPECTORS,

Wow,! I am looking forward to this next years series of raffles! Donations are pouring in as we speak and I encourage you to attend our 2008 outings. Steve Letlow has snuck in some special donations already and many of our sponsors have been generous this year.

We have added some new twists in prizes being awarded, but you'll have to attend the outings to see some of our exotic prizes. At one of the shows Lorrie attended she received some unique donations exclusively for UPI; Pro-pan (home of the trinity pan) has made some great deals, along with some amazing pricing on his New hexagon pans! (sorry out of pink pans, but may do a special run later this year for us) and Keen engineering has made some special donations along with some great deals ;-)

Dave McCracken will add a special flair to his donations later this year. These people do not advertise with us but I wanted to highlight some of the support they provide, so when you see our advertiser's and sponsors take the time to thank them for making our UPI raffles fun! Remember to identify yourself as a UPI member and some of our Advertiser's will give you a discounted rate (Hotel Jeffery's special UPI only rate anytime, The gold mine an additional 5%) .

Thank you all in advance for making these raffles golden!

Sid Parrish -UPI WaysnMeans-



The old miner sez: Lets socit tooem!!!

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Outing & Board Meeting Schedule 2008

***July 5-13 Genesee UPI**

Board meeting after potluck & raffle, 7/12/08

***August 24-31 Squirrel Creek UPI**

Board Meeting after potluck & raffle, 8/30/08

***October 3-5 Gems & Minerals, location TBD**

Board meeting after potluck & raffle, 10/4/08

*****ELECTIONS*****

***November 7-9 Coulterville 9th Annual Pre-**

Thanksgiving Board meeting 9am 11/8/08 Detector Hunt, Panning Contest, and more.....)

If you want to arrive a week or several days before the outing, please go for it. If there are any exceptions, we'll let you know via the newsletter, or by email!

* **Indicates** that there is currently a Board meeting scheduled for the outing, however it may be subject to change after discussions at the first couple of Board Meetings in 2008. If you want your input heard on where and when Board Meetings should be held, be present at the Board Meetings.



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NOTICE TO OUR MEMBERS

I would like to take this opportunity to clarify some information that appeared in the minutes portion of our newsletter some time back. It was recorded in the minutes that 49er Mining supply would be dropped from future newsletters due to lack of contact regarding their current advertisement. It is true that Rob and I have not spoken in quite a while and the future of the ads for the store were uncertain, not because of any short fall on 49ers part. Rob at 49er has always been a strong supporter and has given freely to both the chapters and the organization as a whole.
Don Siegel President

Renewing Member correction that appeared in Newsletter #296:

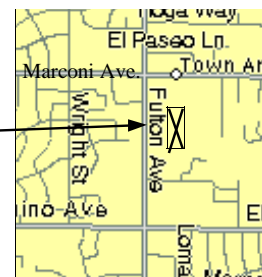
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