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**BULL CREEK OUTING, 8/31/07-9/2/07, HAS BEEN
CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF WATER AND FIRE
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Don Siegel
August 2007

Hi Miners! I have 3 topics to cover today that are very simple:

- 1) Our organization really needs your involvement. Every year we hold elections to fill positions on our board and every year we struggle to find members who want to get involved and help us run our great organization. The UPI board is not government but without guidance the organization will falter. Your board members always try to have you, the membership, in mind when making decisions and your input would really help us in our goal of keeping UPI a strong and fun organization.
- 2) Sit down right now and write a letter to your Governor. AB 1032 will be heading to his desk soon and we need him to VETO this bill. The passing of this bill will give the Dept. of Fish and Game the power to decide which streams we can and can not dredge. The permit systems that exist now would become impossible for the average miner to obtain. (Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, State Capitol Building, Sacramento CA 95814. You must include your name, address and sign the letter)
- 3) Call your chapter leader or check in with the Talk and Trade and find out what is going on out there in place of the scheduled outing at Bull Creek. As you may know we are in the midst of a severe drought and Bull Creek is bone dry. The fire danger is extreme. I know that many have done very well mining under these conditions but in the interest of safety we will not have our scheduled outing this month. The next outing will be held at Twain and we will hold our elections at that time. A sample ballot is in this newsletter for your review.

THE OUTING

The drive up the valley Friday morning was a pleasant drive. The traffic moved quite smoothly all the way to the Greenville exit. The only glitch was in Marysville for some reason, it was much slower than usual. On the way up I pulled into Twain and did a quick look about to see if there were some campers on the claim, which is usual for the Genesee outings. The weather was cooperating and there was no need for the artificial environment of the air conditioning keeping the fuel economy up. In fact the entire weekend weather was just about perfect as I viewed it, though the members who were dredging may disagree.

Upon arriving at Camp 1, the original claim site, there was a little dismay in that only two other camps were set up, Chet and the Letlows. Of course it was early, just barely noon, as I recall, so no big deal, the day was young. Then too there were the other campsites further on up the road where some of the members prefer to camp because of accessibility and ease of getting their dredges into the water and get working. As it turned out there were a number of members camped up stream bringing the member number count up. The roll call shows that there were 27 members and guests present at the Potluck Raffle. Considering all of the curves and knuckleballs Mother Nature and the USFS had been throwing at us, coupled with the price of fuel and the quick venue changes, "we done good."

The fire that put the damper on the July 4th outing scheduled for Genesee was kind to us in the respect that it didn't gut the claim of tress. Babcock Crossing and the last mile east of Babcock took the biggest hit, and it wasn't all that bad thank goodness. Our steel marker post at the most easterly end of the claims survived, the claim numbers could still be read. (See picture on Page 9) There were a few spots down stream from Babcock that were hit but not that bad, just some spot fires here and there.

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8/31 - 9/2, Bull Creek UPI, CANCELLED
10/5 - 10/7, Twain UPI, elections and Board Meeting, 10/6*

11/2 - 11/4, 8th annual Coulterville/Moccasin Creek UPI pre-Thanksgiving Outing.

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

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BOARD NOTES

President Don Siegel called the meeting to order at 7:55p.m.

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

Directors: Denise Matula, Christa Eastland, Chet Chastain, Sid Parrish, Steve Letlow, Bill Reboin

Absent: Rita Perry, Gerald Hurt, and Chris Perry

Members: Mike Phillips, Larry Stone, Bob and Georgia Azbil, and Mr. Jones .

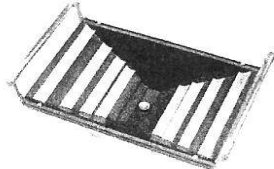
Minutes: Chet Chastain made a motion to approve the minutes, Sid Parrish seconded the motion, motion carried.

- Treasurer, Aaron Matula: Don said in Aaron's defense they have had some information from the bank that has made it very hard to transfer the signature and passwords from Samantha to Aaron. The way the process has been working is Don and Tom have been signing checks and mailing them to Aaron and he is paying the bills and keeping track. After we get everything running full speed he will be able to take the data and input it. One thing is we are going to be late on our taxes and we are going to owe a \$50 fine. We are also due the audit, every two years we are suppose to do an audit. The last audit was 2005 and 2006 the next audit should be 2008. We need to contact Beverly Paul and research a little more to find out what is due at this time. The report will not include the bank statement. The beginning balance is \$14,453.17, the month of July we had \$2,368 in deposits, outstanding checks \$2,004.04, subtotal \$14,817.13. Aaron is going to find someone closer to help with the audit.
- Membership, Denise Matula: Total count of life members is 63, advertisers 35, regulars are 326, and we have a total of 424.
- Wagon Master, Steve Letlow: Has an invoice for the last Genesee outing. Send Aaron a copy of the receipts for the port-a-potties.
- Outing Coordinator, Christa Eastland: No report.
- Ways and Means, Sid Parrish: Pioneer Mining has paid with items. Gold Mine paid with even extra items. 49er wants to upgrade his advertising. Ways and Means to notify Editor-in-Chief then to membership. Sporting Good shops would be a great idea to have them in our advertising. RCM purchased the sluice box and the re-circulating sluice box with personal items, I will be the next meeting submit with lining off my personal items from the receipt if I don't hear from him. I want to gear up now for next year advertisers. Dennis Kates has the pyramid pan, that at first no one knew what to do with, now everybody wants one. He is going to bring a couple to our Twain Outing. Also, getting license plates.
- Grievance/Political, Gerald Hurt: Absent.
- Technical Advisor: Absent.
- Editor, Bill Reboin: We have three- half page of advertisers; if we are going to be looking for quantity maybe we should do a classified type ad for \$75 a year. In terms of Cindy, unless she decides to accept a Directorship she has to be listed as a volunteer. I have asked Mark to add her to the website as assistant to the Editor-in-Chief/Publisher as volunteer. As far as my retirement is concerned it will be from month to month.
- Chapters, Tom Eastland: No recent activity. Michael Phillips is asking to update the driving directions. Find out specifically what they don't understand. Contra-Costa Chapter is very active but it doesn't seem to be part of UPI. I hear a lot of the Chapter Chairman say let's support UPI. I never see any of the members of this Chapter come to the UPI outings. Ed is successful with his group. Alameda County Chapter, Steve K. does not want to be listed as a contact person.
- Claims, Chet Chastain: The expense report, Plumas County Affidavits, Placer County Affidavits and Tax Collectors, and Eldorado County Affidavits, these are the annual papers I have to file to show a continued interest in the claims. The BLM I paid the rental fee for 20 claims, \$2,500 and mileage all of which were offset by the prepayment at Bull Creek of \$4,033. I put an expense summary that netted \$60.62 for ten claim signs at Pioneer Mining. The bottom part of the reconciliation showed the offset out of that \$4,033 remains \$1,234.21. The following numbers, I may have misrecorded them, so I have to go back and verify them. I may have miscalculated the expense for mileage. I left off some postage. The Mariposa County Taxes for the Bull Creek Claim was \$70.00; the Sierra County Taxes for Clippership was \$148.84; the Plumas County Taxes for 12 claims was \$572.06; the Sierra County Recorder, I went to Downieville and paid the taxes for Clippership and filed the affidavits while I was there was 191 miles, which my rough calculation was \$67.06. Totaling \$869.96 which will all come out of the original \$4,033. I will still owe the board reconciliation on the remainder which is \$364.15. When I go Siskiyou County it is anticipated it will be around 800 miles roundtrip, and the taxes will be around \$70 range and copy and affidavit recordation around \$13 to \$15. Salmon River is to change the By-Laws, to be brought before the membership to the effect that we cannot allow individual members to negotiate individual agreements with the National Forest that involve UPI claims. It is impossible to negotiate with the Forest and what I believe was a standing agreement with the Six Rivers National Forest, and a member come up and completely undo it by doing their own NOI, and we don't have a copy of what was submitted, we don't have any physical evidence

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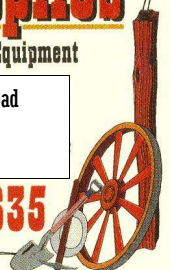
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NEW MEMBERS AND RENEWING MEMBERSHIPS

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

Welcome aboard for a year of fun.

Information is from 7/01/07-10/1/07

New Life Members

Mike Ancona Fremont CA

New Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>
Kenneth Bredlau	Pleasanton CA
John Chaffin	Bangor CA
Cruz & Patricia Alvarez	San Martin CA
Paul C McBride	Reno NV
Steve Souza	San Jose CA
Dietrich Papp	Dayton NV
Mark Winter	Sacramento CA
Russell & Christina Keys	Hayward CA
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Ricardo Martinez	San Jose CA
Steffen Preuss	Hallbergmoos, Germany

Renewing Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>
Mike Ancona	Fremont CA
Bernard G Grabowski	Rancho Cordova CA
Jim Prink	Livermore CA

Renewing Members cont'd:

<u>Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>
Robert Wynhamer	Santa Rosa CA
Kenneth Liddle	Stockton CA
Allen Sorenson	Santa Maria CA
Derald H Smith	El Paso TX
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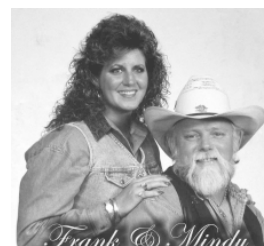
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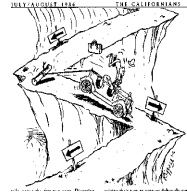
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Welcome aboard for another year of enjoyment with UPI, the small-scale miners advocate. We need to see you at the outings and the Board meetings to help us guide the organization the way you would like to see it go.

ASSISTANT EIC NOTE:

Hey Everyone, my 2nd newsletter ready for your reading pleasure. Hopefully I didn't butcher your names too badly or put the wrong name to a picture. If I did please let me know and I'll correct it in the next newsletter. There were so many great pictures given to me from this last outing. Too bad the newsletter isn't printed in color, the scenery pictures are gorgeous. I have really come to appreciate the volunteers of this club and the amount of work they put into keeping it running. **KUDOS** to Bill for his hard work all these years in putting the newsletter together. Until you have walked in a "volunteer's" shoes you can't begin to appreciate how much work and dedication they give to this organization. **Great Job** to all of them and to all of the members that keep coming to the outings and making them a great success! All of you have my sincere thanks and admiration. Hope you enjoy this edition of the newsletter and please feel free to send me any input you would like to add to future editions.

Thanks, Cindy

Always remember to "put your worries in your pocket with a hole in it and go Prospecting" and never put your gold in a pocket that has a hole in it.

BULL CREEK OUTING 8/31/07—9/2/07

Due to the lack of water at Bull Creek and the Fire Hazard Danger there will not be a UPI outing. The Azbills checked on Bear River and no sites were available to accommodate us. Check out Talk and Trade and find places where other members are going as an alternative or explore new areas on your own. We'll see everyone at the Twain Outing in October for the next scheduled outing.

ACTIVITY PLANNED FOR TWAIN OUTING OCTOBER 5-6-7 by: Christa Eastland

Any member can participate, they will be required to have only a pan and shovel to mine. The start time will be Saturday morning, from 10am to 12pm. I will have a sign up sheet, no entry fee. I will supply the finds bottles. You will need only a sucker bottle, pan, shovel, and your ability to find gold. The area of the contest will be at our outing location only. The first, second, and third place winners will be judged by the UPI Board members. Don will announce the winners at the pot luck.!

Christa Eastland
O/C Director

WAYS N MEANS

Another successful Raffle at Genesee! We had 27 members with 41 items raffled. Mike Phillips Won the 50/50 raffle. Gosh! What a great time we all had. We were missing a few members but appreciate their donations to the raffle. One of the prized items this time was COOKIES made by Georgia Azbill. Jerry Randall donated another beautifully created quartz with gold necklace and wouldn't you know it, he ended up winning it, then gave it to Ashley Arona. Mathew Sul won a gold ore kit with his \$5.00 he gave to 'grand ma' as he could not attend. Mike Phillips, Terry Schoen donated some misc. items and Marlin Jones arrived after the raffle began and donated a nice digital scale. (You should see the nugget he found) Thanks for ALL your support and fun you add with your donations to UPI. Remember when visiting our sponsors tell them you're from UPI (some give additional discounts) and appreciate their donations that make our raffle a success.

Bull creek is Canceled due to lack of water but good news is that more raffle items will be available at the Twain outing. See Ya in October at Twain!

Sid Parrish UPI Ways n Means





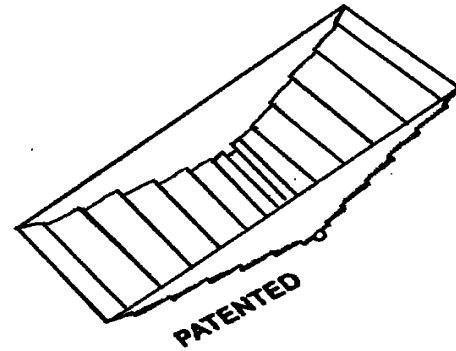
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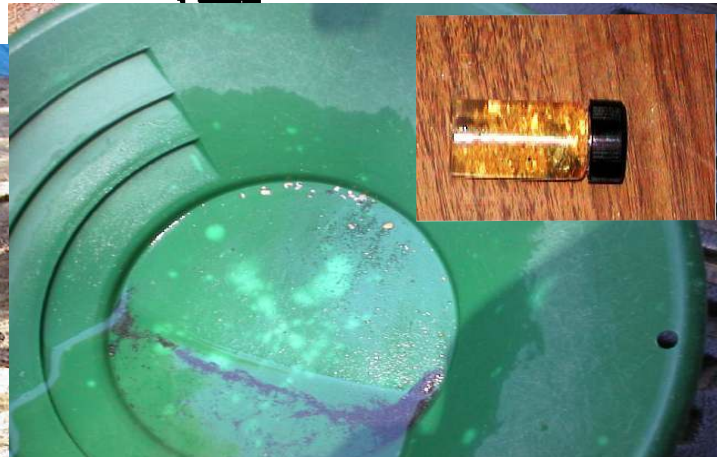
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UPI ROLL CALL

List of members and guests present at the Outing Potluck and Raffle, including Raffle results.

Aaron Matula – Sucket Bottle w/pouch
 Denise Matula - Wire brush vial kit, Digital Scale (donated by Marlin Jones)
 Tom & Christa Eastland - #3 Nugget
 Georgia Azbill – 8” Sluice Box
 Michael Phillips – Knee Pads, Quartz Crystal, Head Warmer Hat, 50/50/Raffle
 Larry Stone – Brush display vial snuffer kit
 Bruce Chapman – Hat Light, Prybar, cookies (donated by Georgia Azbill)
 Dietrich Papp – Vendrite Crystal
 Larry Biggs
 Jerry Randall – Quartz Necklace (donated to Ashley Arona)
 Ron & Sharon Rowe – Storage case, Gold dredgers hand book (signed), Trinity Scoop Vial Cigar Tube Kit
 Joe & Gloria Sul – ¼” metal classifier, Vial lkey chain magnifier, License Plate frame
 Sid Parrish - #2 Nugget, 50 year Anniversary Cozie
 Matthew Sul—Gold ore kit (Grandma won)
 Bill Reboin - #1 Nugget, Crevis Tool
 Chet Chastain – Gold Ore Kit, 6 pack vial pouch
 Joel, Laura, Brittany Arona
 Ashley Arona – Grizzly pan w/video, GPAA Pan
 Steve Letlow & Joy Letlow – Flashlight w/batteries, Fanny pac w/vial, UPI Canvas Bag, Sucker tube
 Ken Liddle – Maginfier tweezers vial kit, UPI shirt, Pocket Scale (donated by Mike Phillips)
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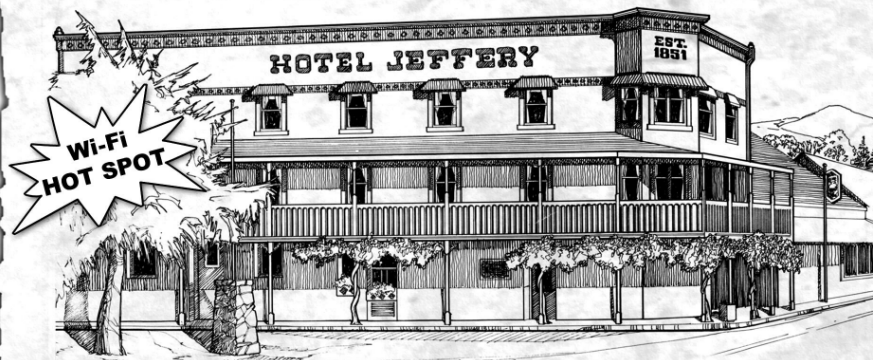
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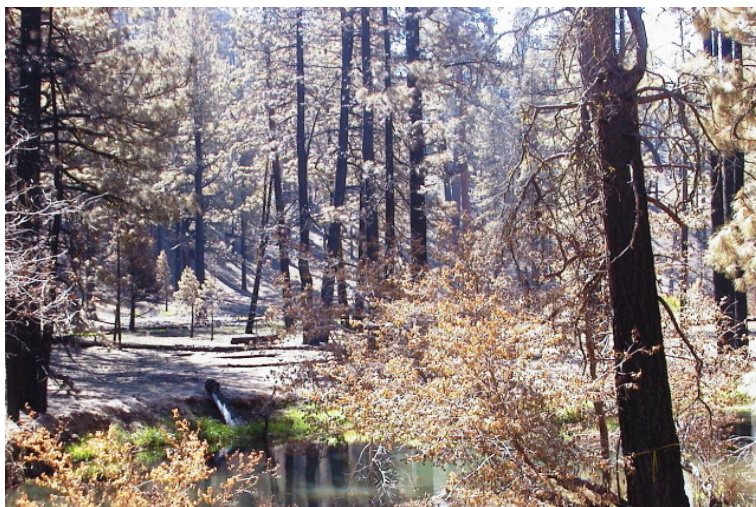
Some of the members had some pretty good finds of the elusive yellow metal. Ken Liddell found the largest nugget that I saw. He calls it the taco nugget because it was folded like a taco shell. There were other members that found respectable quantities of the metal. It was all mostly of the flat rice grained sized material typical of this stream. One member, Christa Eastland as I recall, found a clinker sized piece of the metal. What's a clinker? It's a piece of gold that goes clink when it hits the bottom of your vial. Did anybody get rich? I don't think so, but it sure is fun.

The Raffle and the Potluck went good as usual. There was a bunch of great prizes including three nuggets, and there was a variety of good food to go around for all.

A new tactic was tried for the Board Meeting; the meeting was held after the potluck and raffle. Personally I liked the idea. Lets get some feed back from you members. I'm tired of hearing nothing from you any time there is a question posed. What do you think??



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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST©

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Another Attack on the Mining Law of 1872

"Groups seek to change the 1872 law governing claims, saying it doesn't protect areas around national parks." The environmental extremists are bellyaching that the law doesn't protect our treasured places. The treasured places mentioned are Yosemite, The Grand Canyon and Death Valley.

Just what do these wackos want? These sites are already protected. There are hundreds of thousands of acres set aside for just these treasured places. They are withdrawn from almost all kinds of mining, metal detecting, rock hounding, 4 wheeling, flower picking and what have you. What do they need now, a buffer zone to protect an area that is already 100% protected and off limits? This friend is the perfect picture of the environmental extremists insanity and greed to the utmost.

This article was prompted by an article that appeared in the Sacramento Bee on 8/20/07 with the headline: "Mining claims rising with the value of metals." Michael Doyle in the Bee Washington Bureau wrote the article in the Bee. That said all quote passages in this article are from Mr. Doyle's article and the credits go to the Sacramento Bee and Mr. Doyle for this information for its factual content and for its incomplete factual content.

Virtually all of the statements and facts concerning the environmental extremist attitudes and thoughts are true. The extremists are concerned that there have been 50 claims staked within 5 miles of Yosemite since 2003. OK, so what? They are not in Yosemite, as the law does not allow that. The law protects Yosemite. Does 50 new claims within 5 miles of Yosemite since 2003, endanger Yosemite? This is highly doubted. The law is the law; and we are a land of the law.

Throughout the article there is factual information tilted toward the environmental extremist mind set directed toward changing the Mining Law of 1872, as it is ancient, and doesn't meet the needs of today. The article does touch lightly on the fact that there are laws, rules and regulations in place, especially in California, that limit and control mining activity. This is good, though it does not go into any detail with the USFS and BLM, on mining restrictions.

Where particular offence is taken against this article by the sole news source for Sacramento and much of the Valley is the claim by the Bee and its writer, that: "The current federal law also enables companies to 'patent - or buy - the land outright for as little as \$5 an acre.'" This is pure poppycock, though it is what the writer and the Bee wants the uninformed/unknowledgeable public to believe as fact. I invite you, the general public, to go out and file a claim and apply for patent rights and end up paying as little as \$5 an acre for the land after you have performed all of the legal obligations required to receive your patent rights. I assure you after all of those expenses are taken into account it is certainly much more than \$5.00/acre. The article did say however that the patent process is currently on hold.

Also in the article was information about a bill, there was no bill number given, wanting to charge claimants an 8% royalty on the gross production. This is ludicrous for the small-scale and large scale miners. The rational here is companies can stake a claim and pay no royalties. Nothing is said about companies having payrolls, paying taxes, employees paying taxes and paying fees to operate.



Bill Reboin, EIC/Pub and his pooch Samantha.

AB 1032

I have no news on this item; again I have not had the time to research it. Nor has anybody else supplied me with any information. I did write a letter to Governor Schwarzenegger however. I explained to him in the letter the mechanics of the end around game that our three delightful Democrats are trying to play to by-pass a Court Order, which the DF & G has still not complied with.

No I have not received a reply from the Governor as yet, I may and I may not. I would suggest however that you all gather the facts and write your own letter as well. Helpful information can be downloaded from the ICMJ website.

Salmon River Incident

The only thing that I can report to you is that I have been told by our organization President that all of the information on this incident involving a member and the USFS has been submitted to PLP. (Public Lands for the People.) I can only report to you what those Board Members charged with certain responsibilities, supply me with, which has been nothing in this case.

There is some new information regarding Salmon River that I am aware of, but some research needs to take place to correctly determine how it all fits in with what has transpired regarding this claim to date. When it is all figured out you'll be informed of the outcome.



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except for the emails we have received. I feel a complete loss of what to do about Salmon River. If it is in the by-laws we will have recourse, but as of now there is nothing I can do. We need to challenge the Forest that we didn't submit a NOI, and I have in my possession a receipt of a returned service requested certified mail and the person signed it at their office. They said the sent a response to negate the NOI. Chet said he did not sign a receipt and if they sent it they didn't send it certified mail. I never received it. The third one is they get to make all of these rules about dredging. Once it breaks the surface of the water, National Forest has no jurisdiction that is Fish and Game. We need to talk to Jerry Hobbs to find out what to do from this point on. We first need to get the paperwork from the member. We will have a committee to discuss the changing of the by-laws, which will be by email, Chet, Tom, Sid, Gerald, and Don. Chet wants to prepare for the next Claims Manager now, so that it will be an easier transition.

- UPI Bills to be Paid: Chet \$60.62 signs, Steve Letlow \$300 port-a-potties. Chet made a motion to approve payment of bills, Sid seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Unfinished Business: Aaron is to get in touch with Beverly Paul regarding the Audit, if I cannot get in touch with her in a reasonable amount of time, then find someone else. We still have potential \$1000 but certainly \$500 for PLP. Chet wants to release another \$500 for the AB1032 fight. No discussion. Sid seconded. Motion carried.
- New Business: Chet made a motion to cancel Bull Creek (dry). Denise Matula seconded. Motion carried. Will look for a new place to go. We are going to celebrate the 60-year anniversary of UPI at Coulterville at the school house.

Meeting adjourned at 9:16pm.

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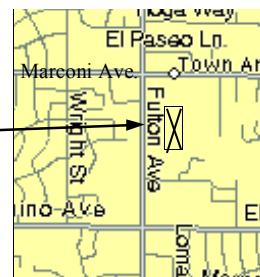

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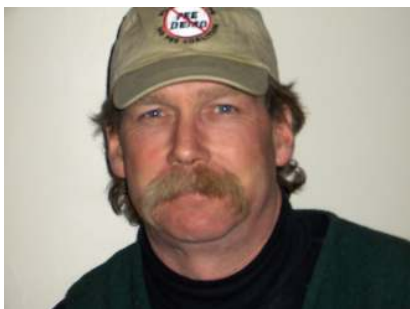


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DEAR PUBLIC LANDS SUPPORTER,

It is with unbearable sadness that I must report that WSNFC President Robert Funkhouser died unexpectedly of a massive heart attack at his home, early in the morning of August 10. He was 50. Rob was a tireless advocate of free access to public lands for everyone. He worked the phones, networked among diverse groups, met with elected officials and their staffs, spent endless hours in research, testified in Congress and before many State and County elected bodies, and authored dozens of articles, opinion columns, and policy papers, all toward the goal of rolling back, first Fee Demo, and later the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act. He had some setbacks, but achieved many more successes. At the time of his death, he was extremely optimistic about legislation being drafted by Senator Max Baucus (D-MT) that promises to roll back the worst fee abuses by the public

lands agencies. Rob's family has released an obituary describing his life, his work, and his family. A copy is attached. One of his nephews has created a website of photos of Rob, which he invites all who cared about this extraordinary man to enjoy. <http://picasaweb.google.com/tyler.m.carr/Rob> We will take this time to grieve for what we have lost. Then we will get back to work and create a lasting legacy for Rob by fulfilling his goal of restoring our public lands to their rightful owners, the American people.



Ken Liddle found a little piece of gold that was folded over like a taco. He opened it up and it was one of the biggest pieces found. Now it is a tostado. Thanks for the picture Christa. :-)



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ADVOCACY/POLITICAL ACTION by: Gerald Hurt

Since the early 90's I wandered the halls of the State Capital watching bills (Assembly bills, Senate bills) being shuffled from committee to committee. It was always the same battle plan; stack the committees to accomplish your own agenda. There was no balance between common sense and political power. The Committees were always stacked in favor of our opponents, with long lines of experts testifying on our behalf and little time for important information to be heard. Nearly 15 years later nothing has changed. This is the same scenario that Jerry Hobbs of PLP told me about last week when he testified in front of a committee concerning AB 1032 dubbed the slayer of the Spirit 49ers Prospectors. I have also fought against these ideologs who think regulations are the Holy Grail to run the state. Taking away individual responsibilities of self reliance and giving it over to bureaucrats who can't make a reasonable decision. I watched our gun rights taken away and given to over regulation because guns are ugly and ugly guns are bad guns. What a mentality.

Now here we are again commonsense on our side and the willingness to do the right thing, we have the opportunity again to stop this intrusion into our Liberty. When we file a claim it is equal to our own real estate with all Rights in the Mining Law of 1872. Notice I said LAW not POLICY. Laws can not be easily undermined, but without our standing for something we will fall for anything. If you still think that NOI are OK and POO are dandy then you are willing to accept the next step that is the government taking away our dredging activities. Did you hear Hillary Clinton say she likes to be called a progressive? This is what progressive is, first NOI, and then POO, then shut down the industry. Pretty progressive HUH!!!! Progressively worse.

UPI members get ready. If you want to enjoy outings as we have had in the past, if you want to feel the cool crisp water on your skin when diving for a nugget, if you want to feel the success of dry washing a nugget out of a bucket of dirt, if power sluicing is in your blood then we are going to have to raise some serious money for a class action law suit. These environmental insurgents are out of control. Because we are a country of Laws, a Republic not a Democracy, we will have to fight in the court systems against these restrictors of our Liberty. Please send jerhobbs2@aol.com all the funds that you can afford to spare, either that or sell your prospecting equipments, because it will be as worthless as the NOI and the POO that you have filed in the past.

See you at Twain, Let's talk.

Gerald



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Genesee Outing 2007 Pictures taken by Christa Eastland and Bill Reboin. There were a lot of great pictures taken from this last outing and I just had to include as many as I could in this newsletter. It looks like there was lots of space to camp, lots of wildlife, beautiful scenery, dredging and of course Gold. Pictures showing the fire damage.



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