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Tribute to Gerald "Jerry M. Randall

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85 years and 85 days, The Life of Jerry Randall - The Man and The Legend

On December 2, 1927, Jerry Randall was born in Akron, OH to Leora and Edgar Randall. 85 years and 85 days later, on February 27, 2013, Jerry passed away quietly in a hospice care unit in Palm Desert, CA.

Between these notable events in Jerry's life, he had grown to manhood and enlisted into the service of his governments military where he served 23 years collectively in all branches including many months on loan to the Marines as an explosive ordnance technical specialist (he blew things up). During his time in service Jerry earned many medals for distinguished action, including a Purple Heart (ouch!) and 2 Bronze Stars for Meritorious Service. He was a real Hero.

About his 16th birthday (December 2, 1943), he tried to enlist into the U.S. Navy, but, the recruiter told him to come back when he turned 17 years old. A few doors away was a Merchant Marine Office and that recruiter said "come on in kid and let's talk". He told Jerry they could take him at 16 years old. Jerry signed on with them and got into the fight as a civilian. After a month learning how to load cargo onto ships and how to stay alive on board a ship, he was off to sea.

After several crossings of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, which included being sunk three times, he ended up spending his 17th birthday in Port at Cherbourg France and joined the Navy on just about Christmas day, 1944. He then spent the next 23 years various military branches before retiring as an NCO.

After Jerry retired, he went to college and studied the law for awhile before he went to work for the "Atomic Energy Commission" as a gauge reader and clock watcher walking around Sacramento Army Depot irritating people.

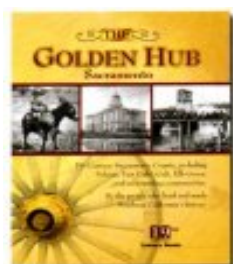
Jerry married twice to widowed women. His first wife, Beatrice Yap, was his math professor in college. Bea had a son and a daughter, but, Jerry and she had no children. Years later, after the children were grown, Bea passed away from a heart attack.

He met his second wife, Joan Green, at a single's club meeting near Sacramento, CA. They married and became prospectors and rock hounds and joined several clubs including: Mother Lode Gold Hounds, United Prospectors Incorporated, GPAA, Sacramento Metal Detectors, Valley Prospectors, and Old Timers Rock Hound Club. Jerry served as President and Claims Manager for UPI for many years and Joan, many of you might remember, was the first woman President of UPI. Jerry and Joan were also responsible for acquiring Twain as our first UPI claim.

Jerry enjoyed spending his retired years telling stories of his military adventures and was also an active member of the American Legion and VFW in Auburn, CA.

And that was Jerry Randall. GOOD BYE OLD FRIEND!

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UNITED PROSPECTORS INC. MESSAGE FROM YOUR OFFICERS

Hi all.



President
Don Siegel

We are only a few days from our first outing of the year, and we are really looking forward to getting out. We will conduct a meeting if we have a quorum at the claim along with our potluck and raffle. We think 4pm is a good time to have the potluck this time of year. This is the perfect time of year to get out and check out the claims in the area. As an organization we are in need of some more volunteers with several board members wearing multiple hats. Now this is all well and good but if we want the club to continue to grow, expand or provide a fun environment at outings, or even come with some new ideas a fully staffed board is needed. So step up and find out what you can do to make our club the best around.

United Prospectors is a proud member of PLP, the organization that continues to work to protect our rights. With continuous attempts to shut down mining as well as closing entire forests the legal team at PLP are actively facing the environmentalists in court. So with that said this again is another area that we/you have an opportunity to make a difference. Join PLP, we can help them make a stand for our rights to mine and use the public lands as our forefathers did. Legal fees are expensive and your membership helps offset these expenses. It's time to get back to dredging.

Don & Ed



Vice President
Ed Ozga



New Members January, February, March

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| Richard Manning | Stanislaus, CA |
| Heike & Kevin Quinn | San Joaquin, CA |
| Stacy R Turner | Solano, CA |
| John R Barrick | Winters, CA |
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| Robert Harris | Mariposa, CA |
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| Guy Litynsky | Alameda, CA |
| Terrence Mooney | Santa Clara, CA |
| Tim Thomsen | Santa Clara, CA |

Renewing Members received in March

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|------------------------|---------------|
| Ray & Audrey Maddalena | Modesto, CA |
| Kenny & Gloria Nichols | Tracy, CA |
| Tom Hess | San Jose, CA |
| Lee Greer | Vacaville, CA |
| Tim & Kathi Obole | San Dimas, CA |

2013 OUTING SCHEDULE

MOCCASSIN – APRIL 19, 20, 21

TWAIN – May 24, 25, 26

BULL CREEK – JULY 12, 13, 14

BEAR RIVER – Contra Costa Chapter -
September Date to be determined

COULTERVILLE – OCTOBER 18, 19 and
Pre-Thanksgiving feed at the Odd Fellow
Hall

RENO GOLD SHOW – AUGUST 17, 18

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UPI BOARD MINUTES

June 2, 2012

Meeting called to order at 11:15am

WELCOME: President, Don Siegel

ROLL CALL: **Roll call of Officers/Board Members:** President, Don Siegel, Vice-President, Ed Ozga; Treasurer, Aaron Matula; Membership, absent; Outing Coordinators, Terry & Debbie Moore; Wagon Master, Bob Azbill and Assistant Claims Manager, Jim Madden.

MINUTES: Laurie (acted as Secretary (currently vacated)) presented the previous minutes from the January 21, 2012 and minutes were accepted as recorded.

Don recognized Jim Madden for all his hard work with claims.

New officers sworn in: Membership – Sandy Cameron,

Old Business: Ed and Mike discussed Mike's website and UPI logo. Mike has taken care of this issue. UPI still does not have a Ways n Means, Don is filling in for this position.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TREASURER: UPI balance as of December 31, 2012 - \$7700.00 Aaron passed out budget handout to group. Bank of America switched from fiscal to calendar year accounting format. Aaron will present bank statements at outings. He is still in need of better record keeping from board members. Discussion ensued. Taxes are due the end of June and he needs all receipts and inventory sold/bought turned in before then. Budget was approved for 2013.

MEMBERSHIP: Dave is handing over membership to Sandy Cameron and Sandy accepted position. She has been trained and all information has been passed on to her. Thanks Sandy! Membership total 354: 84 receiving electronically and 270 receiving by mail delivery. Need to update Trifold application online and membership letter needs 2nd page deleted.

WAGON MASTER: Twain attendance was poor and the porta potties for this outing was very costly. Maybe try getting RSVPs before ordering the expensive porta potties. Discussion on item that was donated to organization.

OUTING COORDINATOR(S): NOI's should be sent certified mail.

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF: Position not filled. Cindy will try to keep up with newsletter until position filled. Articles are needed from members.

WAYS AND MEANS: Don is filling this position until it is filled. Will purchase another piece of equipment for raffle at Coulterville Outing. Raffle prizes left over to start the New Year and the club still has gold.

CHAPTERS: Santa Clara Chapter Mike Phillips – Gold panning booth in April at the Rock and Mineral Show. Gold show in Turlock March 23 & 24. May 18 & 19 – Gold Prospectors Show at Fresno Fairgrounds. Mid October there is a Gem and Mineral Show. Currently have approximately 68 active members.

Contra Costa Chapter Ed Ozga – Bear River planned, information to follow when finalized, booked for a week in September. Metal Detector hunt planned. Currently have 40-60 active members.

CLAIMS: Claims have increased to \$140 for every 20 acres. County taxes are being implemented on claims. Needs to re-file on Middle Creek claim.

BILLS TO PAY: \$150.00 postage to President. \$200 to VP to fill in holes left at Twain. \$133 to claims for Mariposa. Receipts to be turned in from Outing Coordinators. Approved and seconded.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Discussion on Insurance, suggested a task force to obtain information and bring back to the board. Laurie Lauritzen, Mike Phillips & Don volunteered. Paypal discussion, nonprofit status discussed.

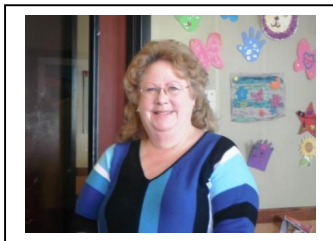
NEW BUSINESS: Discussion to start a facebook page – possible liability to club. Email received from a volunteer interested in doing newsletter and website together. Don to follow up with Mark Weber. Advertisers discussed and was tabled. Discussed the dredge and Golden Caribou Membership that was donated to club for sale. New newsletter printer and mailer costs were discussed. Coulterville outing discussed and Non Profit status discussed.





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Sandy Cameron
 Membership



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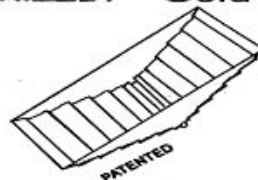
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Do you have a personal short story you would like to share?

Do you have pictures you would like to share?

All of the above are welcome.

Cindy Siegel
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