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**BULL CREEK A  
GREAT TURNOUT!  
AU AND PURPLE  
GARNET FOUND!**

*Early Friday afternoon - - -*



*Later!*



*And later!*



Activity on Middle Bull

*Bull Creek Gold!*



**June 30  
Through July 4th  
Genesee Outing!  
Activities to be at the  
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### Don Siegel June 2006

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Can you believe how fast the time is going by? Bull Creek my favorite outing has come and gone. This years outing was perfect in many ways. The weather, the food, the great company, and there was a little gold for everyone that looked.

Poor Kit gave up his secret spot last year and this year he had a lot of company down at the lower end of the claim. Many times the adventure of getting to the gold is (down the 250 ft. rump slide) as exciting as the gold itself.

Christa is having a lot of fun putting on panning contests and detector hunts and plans another panning contest for the Genesee outing with some kids level and beginner level contests, we can't let Steve Letlow win all the prizes. Christa along with Steve's help and the help of many others put on a great pancake breakfast. It is really cool the way everyone pitches in for all the events. Our outings have grown into more than just an outing they are now an event with many things going on the whole weekend.

At Genesee we will be raffling off a Radio Shack detector, donated by Armour Fire, along with selling raffle tickets for a BRAND NEW dry washer (approx \$700 value), donated by Chuck Ucker, that will be held at our November Thanksgiving outing. This dry washer can be used with a battery or by hand and has never seen a bucket of dirt.

Elections are approaching and we need your help if UPI is to continue to grow. Step up to the plate, talk with Gerald Hurt (election committee chairman) and find out what you can do for your organization. I enjoy the opportunity to serve with UPI and look forward to seeing you all at Genesee.

Don

### The Outing

Was it good? You bet it was good! Better yet it was great! Over fifty UPI Members and Guests were present for the outing. (Final figures still coming in as of this writing. We may have a record here.) UPI members and guests filled the entire campsite. That's right, the entire Bull Creek campsite. Yes there was numbers and yes there was fun. Yes there were Au and semi-precious gemstones, purple garnets, found. Yes new bondings were formed and old were rekindled.

There were members there that I hadn't seen for a year or perhaps more. There were members there that hadn't been to several of the past outings. It was really great to see all of these people along with the regulars. We even had a Life Membership sign up at the outing, Sid and Lorrie Parrish. Please acknowledge them when you see them.

When I pulled in early Friday afternoon there was a goodly number of members already there. As the afternoon progressed more kept arriving. Saturday saw the same. As there were UPI members all over the campsite there were members all up and down the claims.

In a lot of aspects Bull Creek is like Genesee. There is a good stretch of creek to mine, but only parts have

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#### Outing & Board Meeting Schedule 2006

**June 30 thru July 4: Genesee, at the original Genesee site.** Board meeting At 9:00 AM Saturday, 7/1.

**August 4, 5 & 6: Squirrel Creek.** No Board meeting,

**Sept. 1 - 4: Bull Creek.** Tentative depending on stream conditions. Board meeting at 9:00 AM Saturday, 9/2.

**Oct. 6 - 8: Spanish Creek. Elections, be there.** Board meeting at 9:00 AM Saturday, 10/7. *Please see Bulletin Board for more.*

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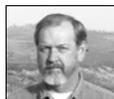
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# BOARD NOTES

June 3, 2006

President Don Siegel called meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

**Roll Call:**

**Officers Present:** Don Siegel, President; Tom Eastland, Vice President; Samantha Wait, Treasurer; and Rita Perry, Secretary

**Directors Present:** Bill Reboin, Steve Letlow, Christa Eastland, Wesley Smith, Aaron Matula, and Gerald Hurt

**Directors and Officers Absent:** Brenda Marsh, Chet Chastain, and Linda Doyle

**Members Present:** Kit Perry, Patrick Avilla, Bill Greymont, Walter Hills, George Lyman, Carol Lyman, Sid Parrish, Lorrie Parrish, Ken Sawyer, Kelly Hall, Randy Huchabay, and Jim Bonetti

Changes needed to be made to the minutes as follows:

Bill Reboin needs someone to help him with the newsletter.

Christa's name was misspelled and she wanted that corrected.

Motion was motioned made by Bill Reboin and seconded by Gerald Hurt to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

- **Treasurer, Samantha Wait:** The checkbook balance as of May 3, 2006, was \$12,008.73; total income \$2,742.00 which leaves a total of \$14,750.73. **Total Expenses \$1,563.51.** May 31, 2006, Balanced Checkbook is \$13,187.22. Motion was made by Gerald Hurt to accept the Treasurer's Report, Wesley Smith seconded, and motion carried.
- **Membership, Linda Doyle, presented by President Don Siegel:** We have 1 honorary, 61 life, 343 regular, 10 subscribers, with a total of 415 and that makes 781 family membership.
- **Wagon Master, Wesley "Wes" Smith submitted by President Don Siegel:** Wes said the port-a-potty that was supposed to be delivered at Moccasin was not delivered due to miscommunication. He has it straightened out and one will be delivered at all outings except when requesting two then he will notify them.
- **Outing Coordinator, Christa Eastland:** She wanted to thank Don Siegel for his help in the successful detector hunt at Twain. There were 14 people who participated and he buried \$50 dollars in assorted coinage. She will be having a panning contest today and on Sunday Steve and her will be having a pancake breakfast.
- **Ways and Means, Aaron Matula:** We will be getting a new supply of T-shirts and caps.
- **Political-Grievance, Gerald Hurt:** PLP has had some good victories and he mailed the \$500 check to Jerry Hobb's personal address.
- **Editor/Publisher, Bill Reboin:** Had nothing to report.
- **Chapters, Tom Eastland:** Had nothing to report.
- **Claims, Chet Chastain:** Absent, nothing to report.
- **Technical Advisor, Steve Letlow:** He had to put a spark arrester on some equipment at the last outing. He has some absorbent pads available for who ever needs them.

• **Treasurer, Samantha Wait:** BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT.

New Checkbook Balance 05/06/2006

\$ 13,187.22

Wes Smith, port-a-potty

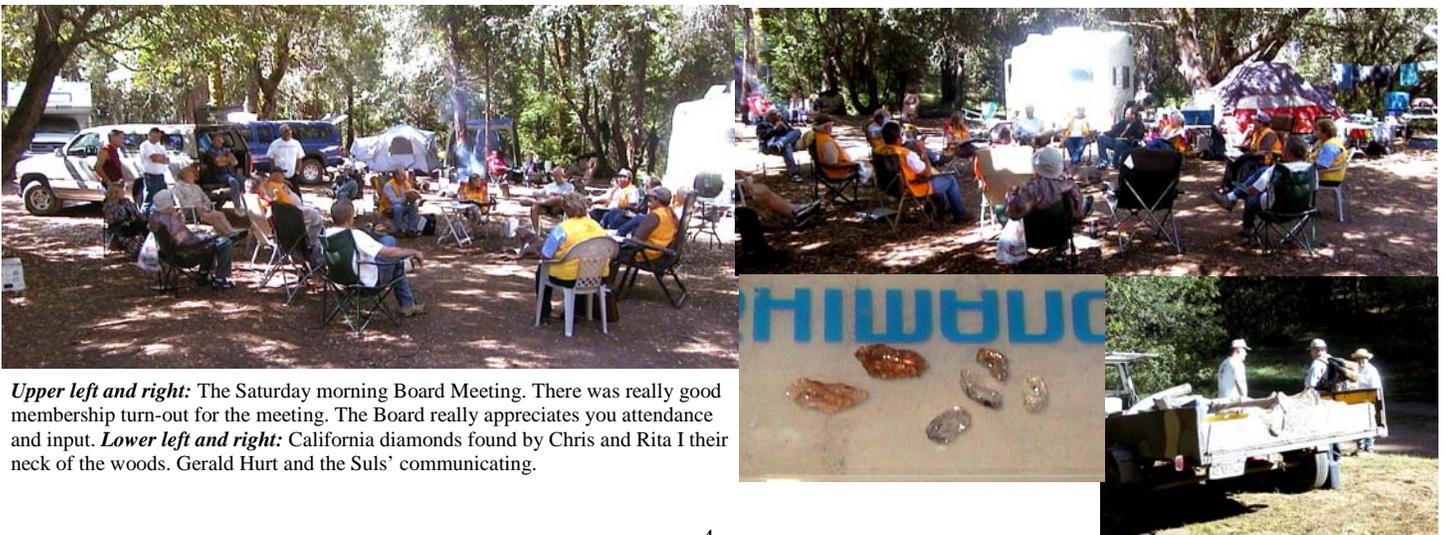
\$ 144.96

New Checkbook Balance

\$13,304.26

Motion was made by Gerald Hurt and seconded by Wes Smith accept payment of the bills. Motion carried.

- **Unfinished Business:** Tom started a binder with a description of each position on the board.
- **New Business:** Tom had a waiver that he had someone sign before they went gold mining. Gerald is in charge of the election committee and he wants our members to get involved. There will be a Memorial Service at Genessee for Daniel Wait.
- Gerald Hurt made a motion; Wes Smith seconded it to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:22 p.m.



**Upper left and right:** The Saturday morning Board Meeting. There was really good membership turn-out for the meeting. The Board really appreciates your attendance and input. **Lower left and right:** California diamonds found by Chris and Rita I their neck of the woods. Gerald Hurt and the Suls' communicating.

## 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 04/08/06 - 05/10/06

<u>New Members</u>	
<u>Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>
Jason Erwin	Quincy, CA
Beth Farmer	Hayward, CA
Steve Fragiadakis	Saratoga, CA
Patrick Frey	Sacramento, CA
Joel House	San Jose, CA
Richard Madsen	Merced, CA
Bill Maggio	Lake Hughes, CA
Jim Maxwell	Yosemite, CA
John McKenzie	Quincy, CA
Dale Newlin	Santa Cruz, CA
Randy Nickels	Oakhurst, CA
Rudi Rodriguez	Sacramento, CA
Bruck Schroeder	Quincy, CA
Isaac Serma	Antelope, CA
William Shawver	Bakersfield, CA

<u>Renewing Members</u>	
<u>Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>
Edward & Deanna Bailey	Auberry, CA
Jim Bohannon	Patterson, CA
James Bonetti	Salida, CA
Robert Burger	Berkeley, CA
Mark Chambers	Sparks, NV
Brian Coughlin	Lodi, CA
Bernard G. Grabowski	Rancho, CA

## Renewing Members Cont.

<u>Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>
Mike Hickman	Louisville, KY
Nancy Hiteshew	Vallejo, CA
Don & Bev Kalmbach	Concord, CA
Keith Kemp	Kanab, UT
Regis Lehrman	Livermore, CA
Rex Miller	Patterson, CA
Pat Milligan	Arroyo, CA
Bill & Carolyn Monaghan	Livermore, CA
Edgar Pate	Clovis, CA
Dirk Verhoest	Los Gatos, CA
Gaylan Walters	Napa, CA
Richard & Carol Worthington	Placerville, CA

## Members up for renewal, July 2006

Gerald Andrus	Bob & Georgia Azbill	William Beifuss
Larry & Iris Biggs	Kevin Blodgett	Ralph Caldwell
Ron Chambress	Londo Chambress	Glenn & Kathy Corbett
George Creveling	Kim Ellison	Breck Fry
Jack Galusha	Stephen Hand	Charles Hawkins
Ken Liddle	Alex Marinello	Beth McBrien
William Medlock	Debbie Peck	Bill & Angie Plumley
Joe W. Rowell	Ernie & Virginia Sandberg	Henry Sisler
Clifton Smith	Paul Sprenkle	Ian Thielman
Chuck Ucker	Dale Winkle	

*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.*

*In the six plus years I have been producing this newsletter, this month begins my seventh year, I have seen many names in the renewal list all the time. However there are a number of you that I have never seen at an outing. How about coming into the woods with us so I can meet you.*

Bill- -EIC/Pub



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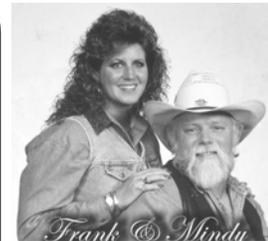
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## Political and Grievance

*Gerald George Hurt*

I cannot stress enough the importance of you writing to your local, state and federal representatives. If only to say "HI my name is, I am a prospector and I vote. Thanks for listening to me." This would get you on their mailing list and you will be invited to their local events. It is always better to handwrite a short note. This will help when something comes along that needs our action. It is like our next outing. If I plan to go I must do something now then when the event happens I am ready and can respond. I am able to help others also when I arrive. Make sure you support Public Lands for the People. You will be on the front line of support. Money is the backbone of our defense. Courts and Lawyers are expensive. Remember freedom is not free.

## Election Committee Report

*Gerald George Hurt*

UPI is in need of your help. We need someone with computer skills to help create tri-fold flyers. The position is not complicated and should only require a small amount of time. Also, someone is needed to transfer information to a computer of our associations' history. If you wish to volunteer please contact me by email or catch me at the next outing. I am in the green Bronco with no windows.

## Miners WIN in Karuk vs. DFG Lawsuit

Jerry Hobbs President of Public Lands for the People, and the New 49'ers have argued successfully in the Karuk Tribe Vs Ca. Dept. of Fish and Game Lawsuit.

Judge Bonnie Sabraw hearing the arguments as to whether she should or should not sign a settlement agreement between the Karuks and the DFG decided to deny the settlement agreement.

The new DFG regulations now revert back to the original instead of the new proposed regulations. This is significant for the mining community.

There will be more info forthcoming but for now the Calif. dredgers can get their dredges out and into the water in the Klamath area.

Jerry Hobbs  
Pres. PLP  
Another good reason to flow your support to PLP. Another win for us.

## **WESTERN SLOPE NO-FEE COALITION**

www.WesternSlopeNoFee.org  
970/259-4616

**EIC/Pub note:** The following two paragraphs are only a small part of this alert.

Please go to the website indicated above for the full alert (too much space for the newsletter). This organization is fighting the USFS and BLM instance of charging fees to access the public land. Action is need on ever bodies part.

### **ACTION ALERT**

Dear Public Lands Supporter,

It is extremely important that your legislators in Washington DC hear from you NOW about the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, the FLREA. They need to hear that the Forest Service and BLM continue to charge citizens for simple access and use of our public lands in blatant violation of the provisions of the law. They need to take action to see that that this law is repealed.



The Western Slope No-Fee Coalition is continuing to work with members of Congress to roll back the FLREA. This summer, as Americans head outdoors to enjoy their priceless public lands, is a key time. Please act now to protect this irreplaceable heritage, not only for yourself but also for your children and grandchildren!



*Left to right above:* Kit (Carson) Perry, Pat Avilla, Aaron Matula and Gerald Hurt preparing wood for the evening camp fire.

## Do You Want Catsup With That Gold?

The Contra Costa Chapter's first annual BBQ/Pot Luck meeting was a huge success, what a turn out! The food was great and lots of it too. After we ate we all just wanted to go to sleep, LOL, but folks woke right up for the monthly raffles. Lorraine, where were you? Your tag was pulled for the \$1.00 raffle and that jars mighty full (remember folks, it carries over to next month again!)

Lots of folks dished up a side of gold with their meal and walked away with a lot of GOLD. As usual

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the raffle was a huge success, there was a lot of GOLD, silver coins and many other prizes. Jerry Z. won the grand prize of a pile of GOLD, WOW! Thanks to all the folks that support our meeting and UPI.

Amongst this month's topics was the Bull Creek outing and all that

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easy access. The areas of easy access are regularly mined and as a result the finds are little to none. Those that take the extra effort to hike a ways or get a little innovative, as several at Bull did, usually find it worth the effort. Several of the members roped their dredges into the canyon then rappelled down themselves. In at least one account the finds were good. I don't know how the other parties that put in later and stayed into the following week did.

How was the weather? It was great, a little on the warm side during the day, and a little cool at night. We were not too bothered by flying critters in the evenings, though there were a few. This was nice change indeed.

There was a panning contest set up for Saturday afternoon, but there weren't to many takers, everybody was busy trying to find the real stuff. Activity at this event began after the raffle was completed with a few takers then. There were also a number of members that had a variety of mining equipment at the outing for the swap meet. I opted to do a little panning on the feeder creek, flour only found, rather than take pictures of the various swap set-ups.

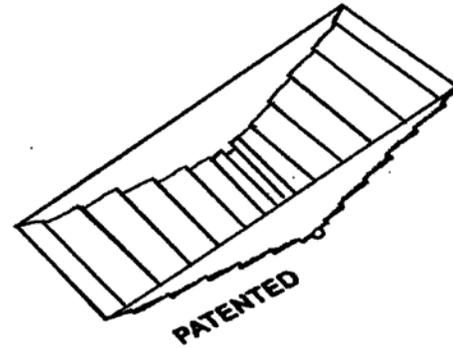
Friday and Saturday evenings were spent by a good number of the membership surrounding a nice campfire at the west end of the campsite. The fire was a great setting for exchanging stories of the day and the past and building camaraderie and learning a little about one another and life and livingness in general.

I almost forgot about the potluck and raffle. Both of these functions were great as usual. As a matter of fact the potluck was great. There was even tamales in the husk as one of the options. It seems like the potlucks are becoming a really creative affair. The food is always so good.

As usual I had to leave Sunday, but not until after a really good pancake and biscuit and gravy breakfast put on by Steve Letlow and Christa Eastland with help from Denise Matula and Georgia Azbill. Thank you!!!!

Bill

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*Left:* Breakfast call, Sunday morning. Who is the tall lanky dude that appears to be at the head of the line? One hungry puppy you bet! That be me. It was sooo good I had thirds.

*Below:* Tom Eastland brewing up some of that gravy, that everybody really liked to go over the biscuits.

**BREAK-FAST SUNDAY MORNING!**

Life couldn't get much better, than Sunday morning, other than there were some of us that had to depart.

Tom, Christa, Steve, Denise and Gloria need to be thanked for the great feed they put on!!



**MEMBER ACTIVITIES**

**A Rock Hounding Adventure in Utah**

We missed the Bull Creek outing this year, a first for us in a long time. It all started by seeing a program on TV about Trilobites in Delta, Utah and what an adventure it turned out to be. We put 2400 miles on our vehicle and only blew out 1 tire in 10 days. 1200 miles was getting there & back. We found trilobites, fossils, sunstones, agate, and apache tears, naturally tumbled jasper, topaz and a tiny bit of red beryl. We didn't find some specimens or minerals that we looked for, but the hunt was certainly worth it.

Utah, for us, was a vast area of pure beauty. We explored areas that took our breath away. We looked for a Hermit's House in Marjum Pass. We did not find the Hermit's House but what we saw cannot be described by words. Mountains were jutting out of the ground, upwards of 2 - 3,000 feet or more. Caves evident in the mountainsides gave evidence of mining these mountains at one time. We truly felt that we were at the base of the Grand Canyon and looking upward to the heavens. Beautiful.

We found the people of Delta to be very helpful. Robert Harris, who owns a local rock shop West Desert Collectors & Rock Art, gave us spe-

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## UPI ROLL CALL

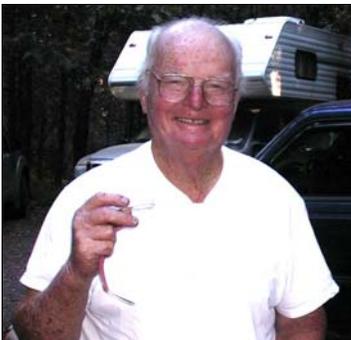
List of members and guests present at the Bull Creek outing, Potluck and Raffle including the raffle results.

June 3, 2006

1. Joel, Laura, Brittany, **Ashley** and April Orona won a **Foot Heater, Gloves, Indian Creek Gold** (Donated by Pat Avila), **Grizzly Gold Pan, Fishing Supplies** (Donated by Kit Perry)
2. Don and Cindy Siegel
3. George and Carol Lyman and dog
4. **Walter** and Beverly Hills won a **Wonder Bar, Sluice Box** (Donated by Tom and Christa Eastland), and a **Nevada Mining Book**
5. **Dennis** and **Pat** Mobley and guests Jim and Margaret Newman won a **Grizzly Gold Pan** (Donated by Chuck Ucker) and a **Fire Extinguisher** (Donated by Armor Fire Extinguisher) and the Famous **Tin Man** (Donated by Don Siegel)
6. Tom And Christa Eastland
7. Art and Lucy Apodaca
8. **Richard** Madsen won a **Mini Broom and Dust Pan**
9. **Don** Kaysuk won the **Pruning Shears**
10. Bobbie and Ken Sawyer
11. Jim Bonetti
12. Stan Webster
13. **Dave** and Jason Zadwick won a **Snuffer Bottle and Vial**
14. **Chuck** Ucker won **Garden Tools** (Donated by Armor Fire Extinguisher) and a **Large Nugget**.
15. **Roy** and Marti Dunston won a **1899O Morgan Silver Dollar**
16. Wes Smith
17. Pat Avila
18. Rich Andrews
19. Aaron, **Denise, Alex,** and Jennifer Matula won a **Delta Ranger Knife, 1979S SBA Dollar, and 1977D Eisenhower Dollar.**
20. Chris and Rita Perry
21. Gerald and Cheri Hurt
22. Sid and **Lorrie** Parrish won a Crystal
23. **Rick** Niemi won a pair of **Sunglasses** (Donated by Armor Fire Extinguisher)
24. **Bill** Greymont won a **Pry Bar** and a **Bag of Black Sand**
25. Joe, **Gloria** and **Mathew** Sul won **Small Knife Sharpener** and a **Spill Proof Can** (Donated by the Parrish Family)
26. **Ken** Liddle won **Fishing Supplies** (Donated by Kit Perry)
27. John and Cathy Meling and granddaughter Naomi
28. Paul Sprenkle
29. **Ed** and **Merv** Pate won the **California Ghost Trails Book** (Donated by Chuck Ucker) and **Sand Scoop. Merv** won the **50/50.**
30. Bob and **Georgia** Azbill won **Fishing Supplies** (Donated by Kit Perry) and a **Flashlight** (Donated by Armor Fire Extinguisher)
31. **Steve** Letlow won a **Scoop, Suction Tube**
32. **Gracen** Wolff won a pair of **Men's Gloves, Gold Pan,** and a **2000P Sacagawea Dollar**
33. **Bill** Reboin won a **Hour Glass** (Donated by the Parrish Family) and a **Small Nugget** and a **Classifier**
34. **Joey** Claus won **Flying Falcon Knife** and **8" Sharpening Stone**
34. Samantha Wait

I think that we have a record here for attendance at a Bull Creek outing. I'm not positive, but at 60 members and guests, yes the count is 60, we didn't do shabby at all. If the four legged members of our families are included there would about 65. Great show folks!!!

*EIC/Pub note:* Rita was supplied the two different lists used to make this column up. I like the way she put it together. How about you? Thank you Rita.



*Left to right:* Chuck Ucker; large gold nugget, Bill Reboin; small gold nugget, Ashley Orona; finds from the Twain common dig and Merv Pate; winner of the 50/50.

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cial permission to look for trilobites on his claim. We were able to hire his employee Jay for a day to take us around for one day also. Without Jay, we would not have found the apache tears, jasper, or topaz. He also showed us the Topaz internment camp, taught us facts about the local egg-ranch (1,000,000 eggs a day) and the power plant. Our best day there was with Jay as he shared his knowledge. We enjoyed this with another couple, Doug & Wendy Ferguson from Washington State. They have been on a long journey and shared some petrified wood with us.

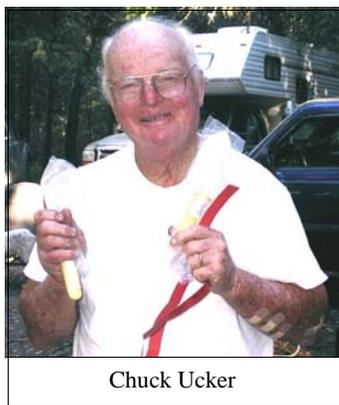
There is a RV Camp in Delta, 2 or 3 hotels, and at least 1 vacation home. Delta is less than 2 hours from Salt Lake City.

We had a fantastic time in what Millard County's Chamber of Commerce Guide calls "A Rockhounder's Paradise". It truly is. You can request an information packet from the Chamber of Commerce at no cost. Want to talk about it? Give me a call or an email. This was a lovely experience that cannot be conveyed in a short story.

**Linda Doyle & Family  
Membership Director**

**Chuck Ucker** Member since mid-2003. As a good number of other members, brought a number of items for the swap meet. Among items that Chuck brought were a couple of dry washers. One as I recall was a pretty good sized unit that he had fabricated and it would appear capable of processing a goodly amount of material per hour.

The smaller of the dry washers was a Keene battery/hand powered unit. (Approximately \$700.00) Brand



Chuck Ucker

new, it had never been used. It had only set up for display purposes at the outing. Sunday morning of the outing Chuck approached Don Siegel, our President with offering of the unit for a raffle donation.

The unit was accepted. UPI really appreciates the donation and the thoughts behind it. The unit will be raffled off. Raffle tickets for the unit go on sale at the Genesee outing and will be sold at each



of the next five outings including the pre-Thanksgiving outing. The winning ticket will be drawn at the November outing. You need not be present to win. You only need write your name and phone number on the ticket.

Check it out in these pictures. It is a really nifty unit. I know where my raffle money is going. I could use this when I retire and start spending the winters in Arizona with other UPI members.

The Board thanks Chuck for this donation and income generated from

it will be used wisely. When you see Chuck please thank him for his generosity and thoughtfulness.



**Left and below:** Au found by the UPI President. In the black pan there is 1.7 dw (pennyweight) just short of a tenth of a Troy ounce. This was found at the Bull Creek outing.

Below in the green pan is some gold found at Bagby over the Memorial

Day weekend. The large piece only weighs 04 dw as it is quite thin.

If you check this piece out, it hasn't been rolled down stream. No rolled edges, so it must have been found pretty close to its source. So you see there is gold in them thar hills.

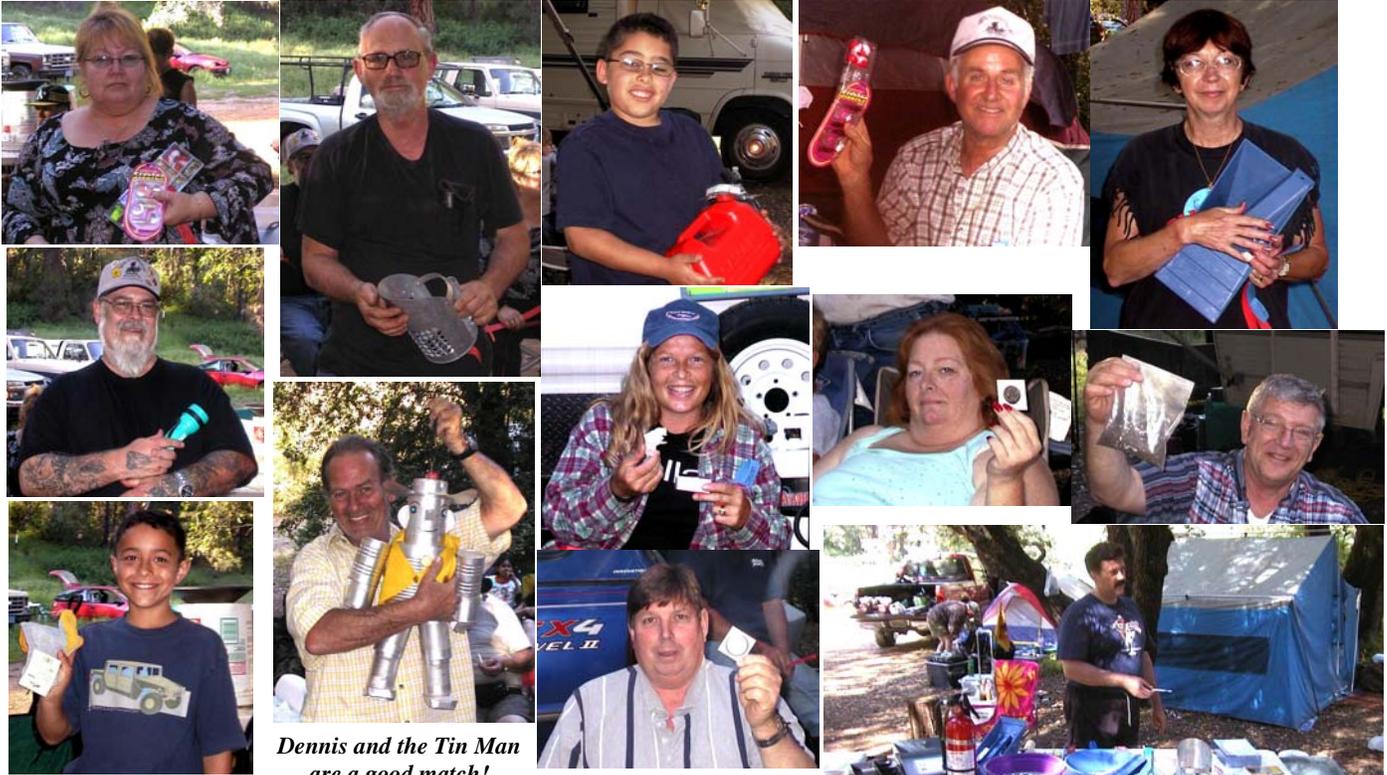


**The Outing, Raffle Winners**



**Don't go away,  
there's more.**

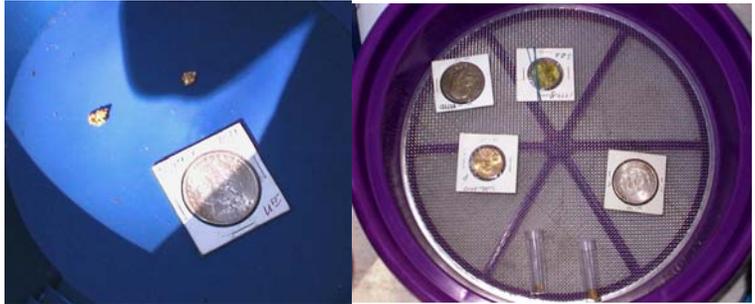
**More of the Raffle!**



*Dennis and the Tin Man are a good match!*



*Above and the two to the left, the raffle set up and nuggets and coins that are part of the raffle*



**That's it for the raffle, onward! Below pics of the potluck set up!**



*As you can see in the pictures above there was no lack of members at the outing and participating in the activities. Come on out and join us, it's lots of fun!!!*



*The old miner sez: They sez golt is where ya fine it. Dat be true, but der be some place thet are betteren otherz an thet where ya shold be lookin!*

(Continued from page 6) **Chapter Activity Cont.**

went agreed it was a good showing, the best so far this year. Remember our meetings are open to all, so please grab a friend and come on down and visit. July's raffles will be two of our biggest yet! Let me know if you need directions to the gold! Sorry, I didn't get everyone in the picture and May There Be Gold In Your Pan.

Ed Ozga, Contra Costa Chapter Chair.

## THE OUTING!

The Bull Creek outing was one of the best outings so far, and the Gold was plentiful! The Dredgers were underwater all day, everyday! Garnets were abundant, and some of us gals had fun pulling them out of the black sand.

Steve was the winner of the panning contest again! Don was second and Tom came in third. We need more participants. I think next time we will separate kids, girls, and guys.

The Sunday morning breakfast was a great hit! Thank you to Georgia Azbill for helping Steve make the pancakes. Tom's gravy was a perfect match with my Biscuits.

At the Genesee Outing, Rita will be doing a "Mary Kay facial demo on Kit" you can't miss this one! If we can just get Kit out of the creek! If



not, we will find some unlucky face to work with, what about Bill Reboin?

Come one, come all, get your face fixed, a miners dream. Lets make Genesee another great outing!  
Christa  
UPI / Outing Coordinator



*The old miner sez:* Me lookit da carryen ons o da Bush Gang an me gotta winner ifin they fine Ben Leaden roun Setemmer? Shur be to der vantage hey?

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**More Outing sites! The potluck cont.**



*Laying back getting ready for the feast after a hard day in the woods looking for that elusive yellow metal!*

**Some pics of the site!**



*Getting set to go down hill!*



*Going Down!*



*This is where they were headed.*



## In Memory of Wendell Harrell

It is with great sadness to announce that another of our members has passed away. Wendell Harrell passed away on May 19, 2006 from complications of open-heart surgery.

Some of our current membership may have had the pleasure to know and work with Wendell. Many others probably have not, myself included. Wendell is from several generations back in UPI history. Organization records and information provided by his youngest son, Matt, indicate that Wendell was a UPI member years prior to 1972 when he was elected President of UPI. "I will never forget all the outings we went to and the love he instilled in us for Gods Creation and geology."

Prior to being elected President Wendell was the Editor for UPI Publications and also the Director in charge of Education. In October of 1994, at the age of 70, Wendell became a Life Member of the Organization and he has been keeping in touch with UPI ever since via the newsletter.

Though "we" may not know Wendell "we" the current membership can certainly appreciate all that Wendell has done for the organization as it still exists today through his efforts and the efforts of all other position holders past and present in the organization.

Thank you Wendell for all you did for UPI. We pray that you are now enjoying life in the Creators Universe.

## 20TH ANNUAL EMIGRANT TRAILS BIKE TREK

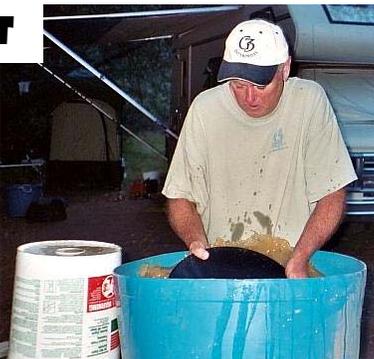


The Emigrant Trails Bike Trek, is a three day bike vacation that raises funds for clean air, lung health and tobacco education programs. Live entertainment, food and beverages at the cantina, massages and on road support are just some of the elements that make the ETBT the best bike vacation ever! Click here for more information about the ETBT!

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Please support those that support us. Mindy Sullivan of Frank & Mindy, Pioneer Mining Supplies, have been helping support UPI for years. Please support Mindy in her ride for clean air and health. Please go to <http://events.sacbreathes.org/site/TR> to sponsor her ride, and help us all.

## THE PANNING CONTEST



The panning contest didn't get as much attention at this outing as it did for the Moccasin outing. Everybody was too busy looking for the real stuff rather than trying to contain 6 split shot in the pan. None-the-less it was fun for the contestants and fun to watch.

**Campfire gathering below!**



Here are places one, two and three. I'm guessing left to right. (I lost my notes) Don Siegel, Pres., Steve Letlow Tech. Adv., Tom Eastland, Vice Pres. Christa Eastland Outing Co-ordinator in front. (Bet I'm in trouble.)



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## MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST<sup>©</sup>

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*This is my playground! Some may like it, some may not. I hope it starts you thinking, taking responsibility for the group, and enjoying life and livingness and finding Au.*



Bill Reboin, Ed/Pub and his pooch Samantha.

### JULY 4, 1776

### INDEPENDENCE DAY

This coming Fourth of July weekend will likely find a fairly good sized group of UPI members doing our best to find that elusive yellow metal at Genesee and enjoying the ensuing camaraderie. What a great way to spend the Holiday that began over 200 years ago. (The separation from a suppressive ruling entity.)

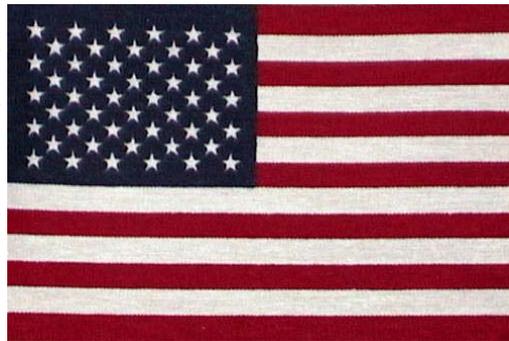
Least we forget what this Holiday is all about, we need to remember that this was the day in 1776 that the thirteen States of America Declared a dissolving of the ties of America to the then King of Great Britton. Our Founders determined this dissolution of the bond (s) was the only solution to escaping the tyranny we were effect of created by the King and all of his men.

In reading over The Declaration in present time it is found that there are a number of similarities going on in our Country today to things going on at the time surrounding the birth of the Declaration, and the founding of our Nation. Look at politics today. We have little to no voice in determining our fate as a Nation. We are subject to the whims of the particular political party in the majority, and the money and favors that drives them.

We need to do some house cleaning. We need to exercise our rights. We need to know our rights as provided in the Declaration of Independence, our Constitution and our Bill of Rights. We have the right, granted by these documents, to take power away from those in government that abuse the power entrusted in them.

Our rights are our rights. We as a Nation governed by law and we as miners need to exercise our rights as guaranteed by our founding documents and the following laws, rules and regulations as set forth and guaranteed. We don't need our elected officials taking this away from us.

This is Independence. This is what the Fourth of July; Independence Day, Celebrations are all about, independence and freedom from oppression and suppression.



### A Bit of History!

The site of this outing, Genesee, the original site, was donated to UPI in 1985 by Jim Martin.

### Another Thought

As a Sovereign Nation, having our own government, rules and laws as determined by our founding documents we are not subject to outside rules, laws or courts unless we unanimously agree to that. It appears that there are those within our Government that disagree with this: Which brings up the subject of the United Nations. The United Nations, which may have had a benign and beneficial purpose at one time, appears to be bent on becoming the totalitarian ruling entity on the planet.

Several different information sources imply that the UN says that our Second Amendment Right to keep and bear arms in the protection self, family and country is the cause of the world's violence.

These are God given rights; mere man with his simplistic thoughts of creating a Utopia cannot take them away. Utopia can only exist in the absence of greed and the desire for power, and there certainly is no absence of either on this planet. Yes there are violent people on this planet. There are violent individuals that kill for thrill or on some wrong think that they are right or have been wronged. Does this justify a global handgun ban? It certainly does not. These various news/information sources say that the UN wants a global gun ban treaty.

An example of the possible UN stance on things, specifically fire arms lays in the fact that they are holding the largest ever global gun-ban conference on "our soil" on the days surrounding our July 4, Holiday in the UN Building. Do we, the US, or any other Sovereign Nation for that matter, need World Government like this?

Another UN goal, these sources claim, you don't see in the media is this: It is reported that the UN wants to form an international system of taxation so that they may support a standing army, fund an international court system and basically govern the planet the way they see fit. All sorts of international business transactions will be subject to this tax. Individual taxes on you and I are in their minds as well.



This writers thought on this whole UN scenario is this: You bet, we need to clean up the acts of those in the position of power in our Country and take our Country back from the hands of the politicians and big business/greed before they sell us down the tubes. Secondly: We don't need the UN telling us how to run our affairs, we need to insure that our elected officials don't do that as well.

What is the bottom line? This writer is not sure, though tendencies are: no to the way our elected officials are treating us. NO to America's further support to the UN and all of the countries that are members of the UN that we contribute millions upon millions of dollars per year to, to have them thumb their noses at us.



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Officer positions coming open are Vice President and Treasurer. These positions are currently held by Tom Eastland and Samantha Wait respectively.

The Directorships coming open are, and possibly subject to some changes after the election process currently are: Technical Advisor; Steve Letlow, Ways and Means; Aaron Matula, Chapters; Tom Eastland, Wagon Master; Wesley Smith, and Editor. There is nobody currently holding the Editor position, it is being held from above by myself.

Requirements for the positions are being a member in good standing for a year and the interest in the governance of the Organization. A computer and an internet connection are most desirable. The ability and desire to attend the Board Meetings which are held at our scheduled outings, in most cases.

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Think not what can the Organization do for you, but what you can do for the Organization. It's your Organization, please help in taking responsibility for it!

Our current Treasurer has volunteered for another term, but is seeking an apprentice/trainee for the position, as she would like to pass this hat. She wants to have someone there to pass it to that is trained in what is wanted and needed by the Organization.

The EIC/Pub needs the Editor position to be filled so that training can take place in this arena. Filling of this position would allow areas of UPI Publications that have been ignored because of the lack of time to be brought to life. (Rewriting/continuance of Organization History, digitalization of past newsletters we possess that are in printed format only, periodic updating of the Tri-fold, assisting in the production of the non-member Guidebook and the occasional non-member newsletter.) I want to eventually pass my hat as well.

Please step up to the plate at Genesee and subsequent outings and help out.

Thank you.  
Bill Reboin  
UPI EIC/Pub

### Outings and Board meetings Cont.

**Nov. 10, 11 & 12: Coulterville 7th annual Pre-Thanksgiving.** Board meeting at 9:00 AM Saturday, 11/1.

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