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Wishing everyone a Happy and
Prosperous New Year in

2010

From the
UPI BOARD,
Directors

And Volunteers!!



May your luck be with you and prospecting finds you much
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Don Siegel
2009

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Happy new year to all. The 2009 year slipped right by me, and 2010 is off and running. We all hope for a speedy resolution to the dredging issue, but don't let that stop you from enjoying the outdoors. We will continue to put out newsletters and support outings. In place of dredging activities hopefully we can fill our outings with some fun and educational projects. I can picture some group digs with power sluices and sluice boxes. We can find some detector experts to put on clinics. How about some detector hunts in an open wild field, with an assortment of buried prizes. Horse shoe contests, panning contests, and some sort of cook off.

As you can see there are many things that will continue to make our organization a fun place to be. We are having our 1st meeting of the year on the 16th of Jan, and please feel free to join us. (directions to the meeting below). We are always interested in your input, and participation. We currently have a need for a Ways and Means assistant. Our current ways and means board member has been consumed by work and will need some help to get through this next year.

Many thanks to the whole organization, our can food drive at Thanksgiving was a great success. See you all soon.
Don

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT: ED OZGA

Hello all and Happy New Year. I look forward to another promising year for UPI. While last year was not the best year for miners, hopefully this year will bring around some better news. It will be extremely important for us to band tight in the continuing fight to overturn the moratorium on suction dredging in California. I look forward to the 2010 scheduled UPI outings, as well as the additional Chapter activities that are periodically scheduled throughout the year..

One of my New Years resolutions is to get some additional UPI Chapters up and running. I am extremely proud of the Contra Costa and Santa Clara Chapters and all that they do to keep running smoothly. However, this year we would like to focus on getting the UPI Sacramento and San Joaquin Chapters up and running again. We already have a meeting place lined up and a volunteer who will take responsibility for the meeting place in Sacramento. I would like to get some feedback from those of you in the Sacramento area as to how many of you are interested in attending a Chapter meeting in your area. Also, for those of you in the San Joaquin area, I would like your feedback as to where to meet (e.g., Stockton, Modesto) and if you have any recommendations of a meeting place. Please contact me at OzMiner@msn.com or 925-706-8193 and give me your feedback on if you are interesting in attending, what day of the month is good for you, and where you would recommend meeting. While the focus is on these two areas right now, please also contact me if you are interested in starting a chapter in another area near you.

Best wishes for a wonderful new year and may there be gold in your Pan, Ed Ozga, UPI Vice President.

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Outing & Board Meeting Schedule 2010

January 16, 2010: Board Meeting at Round Table Pizza at 11:00am –2:00pm
2120 David St, Manteca 209-824-7500
2010 outings are to be determined at this meeting.
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. 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, website or by email!

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Alameda County, *Currently open*

Auburn Chapter, *Currently open*

Contra Costa County, Chairperson; Ed Ozga, (925) 706-8193 or OzMiner@msn.com
*Meeting held at - - First Baptist Church Mansion
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Bob Azbill, Chris Perry, Georgia Azbill, Terry Moore, Debbie Moore



Happy New Year

November 14, 2009

Coulterville, California Called Meeting to Order 9:16 a.m.

Officers Present: President, Don Siegel; Secretary, Rita Perry; Treasurer, Aaron Matula

Directors Present: Ways and Means, Mike Brickwedel; Technical Advisor, Chris Perry; Outing Coordinator, Debbie and Terry Moore; Membership, Georgia Azbill; Wagon Master, Bob Azbill; Claims, Ron Coleman

Directors Absent: Vice President, Ed Ozga

Members Present: La Donna Bagwell, Jess Bagwell, Pat Dunn, Susan Rice, Ralph Gragg, Jim Appleby, Warren Van Sant, James Neeley, Glenn Frisbee, and Mike Phillips

Ron Coleman motioned to accept the minutes, Aaron Matula seconded the motion, motion carried.

Aaron Matula, Treasurer: Ending Bank Balance \$18,458.35. He needed to know if anyone was holding any blank checks or has written any checks. Please send him an email if you write a check.

Georgia Azbill, Membership: Thanks Jim Madden for helping her with the membership. We have 28 other, 71 Life, 459 Regular, Total UPI Family Members 558.

Bob Azbill, Wagon Master: Delivered Port-a-Potty to Moccasin, will pick up Tuesday, will be cutting them a check. Tentative Outing Schedule: March 26 – 28 Moccasin; May 21-23 Bull Creek; June 26 – July 5 Genesee; November 12-14 Coulterville.

Debbie and Terry Moore, Outing Coordinator: Found out the booth price in Fresno will be \$350 and it was said that if we set up the booth then it will be free. It is in February.

Jim Madden, Ways and Means: Went over budget by \$1.75 for a check he wrote in Modesto. We need to make sure we take care of our vendors regarding advertising.

Ron Coleman, Claims: He will be completing the NOI's for Bull Creek and Genesee. Make sure everyone gets their personal NOI as well. His expenses will be sent to Aaron. They did purchase a claim and are still considering a couple more as soon as the group can check them out.

Bills to be Paid: Jim Madden needs to be reimbursed for postage and mileage. His wife is donating labels to UPI. Rita Perry motioned to pay Jim Madden \$120 for mileage, Ron Coleman Seconded the motion, motion carried.

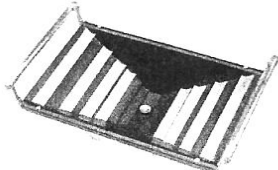
OLD BUSINESS: NONE

New Business: Will get a group together to check out the two new claims that we are considering purchasing at Slate Creek and Hungarian Creek. They will try to do this Saturday the 5th of December. Jim Madden will go to the Scope Meeting that is being held in Fresno. It was suggested that we have an option of holding the detector hunt at Ray's house next year. We receive 35 absentee ballots for the election and dinner will be served at 4:30 p.m. in the VFW Hall.

Meeting adjourned 10:00 a.m.

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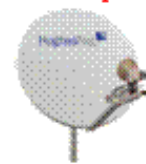
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<u>Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>
Kenneth Russell	Ada OK
Michael Favor	Chico CA
Robert Spurlock	Visalia CA
Brian Davis	Concord CA
Raymond Romeo	Richmond CA
Derek & Cynthia Onstein	Paradise CA
Mike Blakely	San Jose CA
Vladimir Gartsman	San Fran CA
James Hammond	Shellsburg IA
George & Trish De Sloover	Castro Valley CA
Dennis & Trish Magby	Tracy CA
Michael Hern	American Canyon CA
Charles Shetron	Modesto CA
Guy B Sandahl	Vacaville CA
Jesse Kientz	San Jose CA

Renewing Members 10-01-2009—12-31-2009

<u>Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>
Dwaine Pierzina	Salome AZ
Don & Bev Kalmbach	Concord CA
Al Reynolds	Lakeport CA

Renewing Members continued:

Karl Fierling	Oakdale CA
Bruce Chapman	Carson City NV
Dennis Mathews	Fresno CA
Kenneth Nordheim	San Jose CA
Bill & Carol Bowman	Citrus Heights CA
Dennis Smith	Livermore CA
James Lewis	Somis CA
Ron Coleman	Prunedale CA
Ken Austin	Los Gatos CA
Kevin Davis	Concord CA
Leland & Nina Brown	Elk Grove CA
Robert Williams	Concord CA
Ralph & Joanne Gragg	Concord CA
Al & Jane Bates	Silver Springs NV
Will & Marilyn Lindsley	Livingston TX
Tom Lutrel	Concord CA
James West	Weed CA
Aaron & Denise Matula	Castro Valley CA
Phil & Shirley Coney	Livermore CA
Anthony Alexander	La Grange CA
Allen Smith	Atwater CA
Vern & Holli Travers/Daniels	San Jose CA
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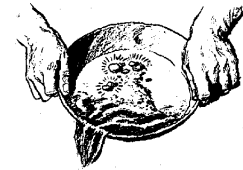
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If you think your membership is due or you have any ques-tions about your membership please call the membership director or your President and they will be happy to answer your questions. Please have your membership # available. If you have submitted a new membership please allow up to 4 weeks for processing.

Goodbye 2009

What a year it was with the passing of the King of Pop to an angel whose boss was Charlie Lady GaGa stole the show while Kanye brought controversy to Miss Taylor The world was in war and economics galore The Yankees won the World Series while Twilight mania reigned at the box office and now hello to 2010 and the new decade May the new year bring more peace, financial security and less Lady GaGa on the stage!

By Anna

New Year Resolutions:

Just for today, I will not sit in my living room all day in my nightdress, instead, I will move my computer into the bed-room.

I will no longer waste my time reliving the past, instead I will spend it worrying about the future.

I will not bore my boss by with the same excuse for taking leaves. I will think of some more excuses.

I will do less laundry and use more deodorant. I will avoid taking a bath whenever possible and conserve more water.

I will give up chocolates totally. 100%. Completely. Hon-estly....

I will try to figure out why I *really* need nine e-mail ad-dresses.

I will stop sending e-mails to my wife (husband).

I resolve to work with neglected children -- my own.

I will stop sending e-mails, ICQ, IMs and be on the phone at the same time with the same person.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday season and you had a great start to the New Year. My holidays were busier than expected and I kept procrastinating on the newsletter, so you are getting a condensed version this time and unfortunately no pictures. The first newsletter of the New Year will be out in late February and the Coulterville pictures will appear at that time. Linda will be taking over the newsletter this year. Thank you very much for volunteering Linda and hopefully everyone had a chance to meet you at Coul-terville. **There is a board meeting scheduled January 16 at the Round Table Pizza in Manteca.** The outings will be planned at this meeting so if you want to have a say please try and make every effort to attend this meeting. The time and address is on page 2. We all felt the many challenges that 2009 had to offer, but there were also good things that happened. We had many new members join UPI and attend the outings, new grandbabies and great grandbabies were born to members families, new jobs found by some, retirement for others and of course Gold was still found even though dredging was not allowed. Where there is a will there is a way. Happy prospecting in 2010 and hope to see everyone at the outings. Cindy Siegel

***The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.

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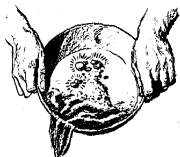
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| 2. Slide Hammer | Ray Madolino |
| 3. Sluice Box | Ken Liddle |
| 4. Coulterville Cookbook | Georgia Azbill |
| 5. Dave McCracken Gold Mining 21st Century | James Neely |
| 6. Fire Extinguisher | Rob Perry |
| 7. Survival Knife | Georgia Azbill |
| 8. Concentrator | Joel Sul |
| 9. Cash in Gold Pack and T-Shirt | Jim Madden |
| 10. Grizzly Sluice | Pat Dunn |
| 11. Gold Pan, Water Proof Vial, Rattle | Snake Eggs |
| 12. Metal Trowel | James Neely |
| 13. Decorative Knife | Marlene Coursele |
| 14. Gift, Classifier, Snuffer Bottle | Joel Sul |
| 15. EZ Sluice | Bob Azbill |
| 16. Flashlight | Art Apodaca |
| 17. Magnifying Glass, Gold Pan | Jess Blackwell |
| 18. Gift Bag, Bag of Dirt | Georgia Azbill |
| 19. 1 Penny Weight of Gold | Pat Dunn |
| 20. T-Shirt, Trowel | Rob Perry |
| 21. Grizzly Sluice | Jim Madden |
| 22. Large Sluice | Ralph Tress |
| 23. T-Shirt, Book, Gift Bag | Roy Dunston |
| 24. Knife | Jennifer Matula |
| 25. Classifier, Magnifier | Suzie Parrish |
| 26. UPI Patch, Nevada Lost Mines Book | Joel Sul |
| 27. Penny 1/2 Weight of Gold | Don Cox |
| 28. Concentrator | Dave Norman |
| 29. Gift Bag, Fire Extinguisher | Debbie Moore |
| 30. Classifier, Sucker Bottle, UPI Pin | Bernice Budowich |
| 31. Knife | Ivan Burkess |
| 32. Watch | John Beling |
| 33. UPI Patch, Dave McCracken DVD | Cindy Siegel |
| 34. Necklace Charm | Jose Dolores Batista |
| 35. Knife | Bobby Whitworth |
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### Coulterville Outing and the Haunted Room at Hotel Jeffery by: Ron Coleman

Well, 2009 came and went in a hurry! What a year it has been. We had the issues with SB-670 that removed us from the water for dredging, the economy is kicking everybody's behind and GOLD is at an all-time HIGH!

We had our outing in Coulterville in November, and most of us stayed at the Hotel Jeffery. I came in from Reno and met my wife. When asked what room we were given, she replied "Room 17". I laughed at her answer; she asked "what's so funny?" I told her "That's the haunted room". She just shrugged.

Coulterville was settled in 1850 by George W. Coulter, for whom it is also named. For a time Coulter lived in a tent flying the American Flag, prompting local Mexicans to call the place *Bandereta* (Spanish for "small flag"). The Maxwell's Creek post office opened in 1852 and changed its name to Coulterville in 1872. The name Maxwell honors George Maxwell, with whom Coulter cast lots to determine the name of the town. (Source Wikipedia)



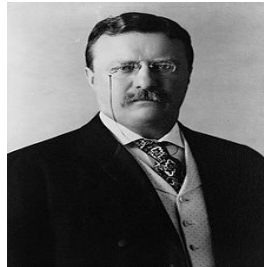
the Grove away from California and return it to the federal government (Source Wikipedia).

The Hotel Jeffery, established 1851, is part of the National Historic District.

This is a great old hotel, President Roosevelt stayed there 1903. He camped with John Muir near Glacier Point in Yosemite for three days. On that trip, Muir convinced Roosevelt to take control of the valley and

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Rumor has it he was on a horseback ride on the trail to Yosemite with the secret service, John Muir and other guests, and when they turned around, he and John were gone! They located them three days later. When asked what happened, he replied "We just wanted to do a little camping alone."



There is another rumor that the old hotel is haunted and several guest reports put more than one ghost in there. Last year, a UPI member was asking "who was in room 17 last night?" and was told "nobody" he said there was a lot of bumping and banging in that room. Later that evening I was in the bar, where there is a lot of old registers and logs in a display case. One of the logs was a guest report of haunting log. I tried to locate that log this year with no luck. Here are some excerpts from the book "California Ghost Notes Haunted Happenings throughout the Golden State".

**Excerpts from the book... pages 45 & 46**

"We learned that the information about the Hotel Jeffery dates back to at least 1851 (some sources suggest its history goes back even further)."

"Names on its register range from presidents and royalty to gangsters and gun-slingers."

"It's Magnolia Saloon remains a popular gathering place and is

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said to be "the oldest bar in California."  
 "According to stories that have been handed down... a number of ghostly guests have been sighted in various parts of the structure. Appropriately, the ghost that is most often observed in the saloon is that of a miner. The restaurant, on the other hand, seems to cater more to ghosts of the female variety. One such entity - thought to be the ghost of a maid who worked at the facility in the early 1900's - delights in rearranging silverware after tables have been set. In particular, knives are mysteriously moved from their customary spots and placed horizontally above the place settings. Other dining room incidents occur in the dead of night, when objects are turned upside down. Finally, the ghostly figure of a female guest has been observed both in the restaurant and on the hotel's second floor. (Incidentally, the maid who rearranges the silverware is also said to frequent the hotel. Usually her image is spotted on the staircase leading to the second floor. If you happen to visit the Jeffery, check the fourth or fifth step from the top.)"

After getting ready to see a ghost, NO LUCK, it was just not my turn in room 17 I guess.

We had the usual detector hunt, and following the hunt. We had a great dinner at the VFW hall. Then we had the raffle where lots of stuff was won by a lot of folks. After which, some of us stayed and some returned to the Magnolia Saloon, where the usual Karaoke DJ was set up and waiting for some brave soles to "strut there stuff". Yes, I did get up there and sing one song towards the end of the night. Over all, this was a very nice outing. Thanks to all that came.  
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I wish to thank the directors and members for bringing their all for the outings this past year 2009.

The Coulterville outing had the most of what our club has to offer. Some terrific food, detector hunt, the members that showed up to make it a worthy outing to attend and enough raffle prizes to give everyone a chance to win something. Here's hoping that we all have some good luck at finding our pot of gold and that we can have a great year ahead for what it may bring us. I hope to see you all out there doing your part to make it a pleasure to share the experience of prospecting and having fun.

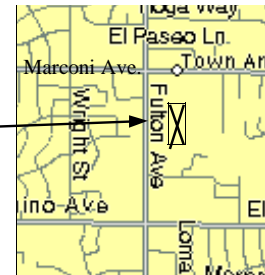
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