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NO OFFICIAL OUTING FOR OCTOBER (see presidents message for options)

COULTERVILLE OUTING NOVEMBER 7, 8, 9

DETECTOR HUNT 12:00 NOON ON SATURDAY THE 8TH

POTLUCK AND RAFFLE 5:00 pm ON SATURDAY AT THE JEFFERIES HOTEL

ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE DINNER!

MINING ON THE CLAIM SUNDAY AT 9:00 FOR GROUP DIG (or anytime you want)



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Don Siegel 2008

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Hello everyone, as we near the end of the year we can look back at another fun year. We have had many obstacles but seem to find a way to get by them. There is another attack pending, as there is a RED LEGGED frog fight coming. The environmentalists want to close us out of another large area as habitat for the little red legged devil. Stay tuned for more info on this battle front.

We will not be having an outing for October, there are 2 unofficial outings going on that weekend, with no planned potluck or raffle. Some folks have planned to go to Twain which has been our back up for the Gem and Mineral hunt we wanted to have. Others will be going to Bear River for a day trip. Check on Talk and Trade for updates on both of these outings.

We will be having our annual Coulterville Thanksgiving Outing, November 7th, 8th and 9th. We are going to try something new this year. We are going to provide all the food! We will have the Turkey, Ham, and all the trimmings. We will have the dinner and Raffle at the Jefferies Hotel. I know that this has caused some issues in the past due to the stairs, but we have out grown the School House. With 100 plus members participating we are at the overflow level. So please bear with us.

In addition to the dinner and end of year raffle we will have our detector hunt in the park as usual. Christa has some special things planned for the dinner, and many folks will spend some time enjoying the Coulterville night life. The claim will have many campers and the power sluices will be going full blast. I will bring my power sluice for those that want to have a group dig. The Jefferies has some rooms available so call Sherylann and put in your reservation. There is also the motel and RV Park that has space available.

See you there.

THE OUTING

Our favorite place Genesee:

We finally made it there. Three years of forest fires, it seemed like when ever we had the time to go, there was a fire. We camped at the middle camp, the one that has been hit so hard over the years, however we still found Gold, good gold. You know its good when the gold starts to travel up the one ounce finds bottle. We found a little over 1/4 ounce, not too bad. If we only worked as hard as Dennis and Patty we would have filled that bottle!

Happy Pat showed us a way to clean our concentrates; We first used a #8 screen submerged in water, in a 5 gallon bucket, hoping to find some nuggets, (we found only 3 or 4) this time. Then we pan a small amount of this screened material to remove the blond sand, drop this into a #30 screen submerged in water in a five gallon bucket. This is when Pat would say "show me the Gold"! It works well! Out of a 1/2 cup of #8 gravel panned, we were finding 3 or 4 nice pieces from each pan. There is a layer, 4-5" thick of red hard pack material that looks like terra cotta laying just on the bedrock. This red hard pack is where you will find the gold.

So why are we telling you our secrets about how to find "Gold Flakes"? Well, my friends, its not the value of the gold that makes mining so fun, it's the rewards! Filling up bottles with gold, camping with your friends, spending your time in the forest, in the creek, exploring the great outdoors. We took a drive up the little road adjacent to the middle camp and found this lake called Taylor Lake. What a beautiful place to go. This lake is filled with Easter Brook Trout, just another place in our memories.

Now that we returned home, cleaned our equipment, put everything away, we can't wait to go back again, what a beautiful place! Do you think we will go again this year??

Tom, Christa, & Howard

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Outing & Board Meeting Schedule 2008

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

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

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

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

Genesee Outing, August 30, 2008, 11:27a.m.

Role Call:

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

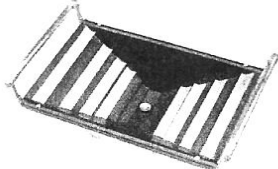
Directors Present: Christa Eastland, Denise Matula, and Chris Perry

Directors Absent: Sid Parrish, Chet Chastain, and Robert Azbill

Members Present: Ron Coleman and Steve Letlow

- ☐ **Minutes** were read, Ron Coleman made a motion to accept the minutes with amended verbiage, Chris Perry seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
- ☐ **Treasurer, Aaron Matula:** Balance as of July 31, 2008 is \$18,308.86. We had \$88.58 in withdrawals. Outstanding Checks in the amount of \$584.97. The current balance as of August 2008 is \$17,723.89.
Chris Perry made a motion to accept the treasurer report, Tom Eastland seconded the motion, motion carried.
- ☐ **Membership, Denise Matula:** We have 67 Life members, 23 Other members, 372 Regular members total UPI members are 462. We had 10 new members this month, 18 renewing members, and I sent out 9 reminders for renewing. Also, I mailed more packets and letters today. I need 100 UPI applications. Mark corrected the membership application on the Web to 4 weeks to process membership applications and no contact phone number.
- ☐ **Chapters, Tom Eastland:** Alameda County may consider to start a new Chapter. Tom and Christa will be going there and Tom will be doing a presentation. It was decided that we will help them get started with raffle prizes.
- ☐ **Ways N Means, Sid Parrish:** Needs to know what the changes should be on the trifolds. He also needs to know where the next outing will be held.
- ☐ **Outing Coordinator, Christa Eastland:** Christa is planning the Thanksgiving Dinner for Coulterville. It was decided that UPI is going to cook and supply all of the food. She wants to do a metal detector hunt again. There will also be an election for 2009/2010 Officers and Directors.
- ☐ **Wagon Master, Robert Azbill:** Absent
- ☐ **Technical Advisor, Chris Perry:** Don and Chris "Kit" will be going around checking on Spark Arrestors and spill pads.
- ☐ **Claims, Chet Chastain:** He has not received the tax bills from Placer, El Dorado, or Siskiyou counties and we won't receive tax bills from Tuolumne for Moccasin Creek UPI. He has recorded the annual Affidavits of Assessment Work at Mariposa and Tuolumne counties. He still has to travel to Yreka, Quincy, Downieville, Auburn, and Placerville for annual recording and BLM for filing. He has paid all of the tax bills that have been submitted and the annual rental fees that were due. Clippership will be sold at the Coulterville Outing. Chet will not run for Claims Director. He is willing to help whoever takes over the position. He has automated the procedures and is willing to port them to any standard machine that runs the usual software, namely Microsoft or Works and also is needed is a color printer/copier that prints 8.5" X 11" paper edge to edge.
- ☐ **Old Business:** We are still planning to sell off Clippership at the Coulterville Outing.
- ☐ **New Business:** Salmon Claim will be posted in the newsletter to see if any of our members are interested in it. If there isn't a response then we will get rid of it. The next outing in October will be at Twain.
- ☐ **Meeting adjourned.**

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*This section is devoted to acknowledging and welcoming all new members and those renewing!
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New Members 8-2-08 thru 9-15-08

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Kenneth Bredlau	Pleasanton CA
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Michael McCabe	Quincy CA
Clarency Mullen Jr	Pleasanton CA
David Williams	Oakley CA
Bruce Brown	Santa Clara CA
Douglas Brown	Santa Clara CA
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Tim Conley	San Jose CA
Patrick Mums	Las Vegas CA
Jerry Waggoner	Bakersfield CA
Robert McGill	Quincy CA
Kevin Swisher	Oroville CA
Jerrel McBrayer	Oroville CA
George & Trish Deslover	Castro Valley CA
Paul Pagni	San Leandro CA
Dean Wolf	Oakland CA
Dennis & Trish Magby	Tracy CA

Renewing Members 8-2-08 thru 9-15-08

<u>Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>
Kenneth Liddle	Stockton CA
Al Reynolds	Lakeport CA
Howard Hughes	Modesto CA
Robert Burger	Berkeley CA
Chuck Ucker	Rio Vista CA
Mark Johnson	San Jose CA
Bruce Chapman	Carson City NV
Dean Fallen	Reno NV
Joel Orona	San Jose CA
David Kerber	Fresno CA
Jorge Gonzalez	Union City CA
Becky & David Ferrin	Hawthorne CA
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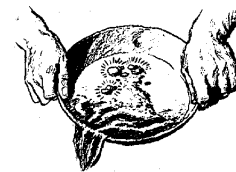
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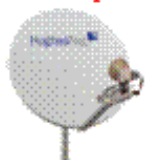
Looking very relaxed but very concentrated on what he is doing!

The thought process before going out dredging. What do guys really think about? Will I find any gold?, is the water going to be cold?, do I have enough gas, all my equipment?, man am I tired and sore?, what's for dinner?, is this really worth it?, things that make you go hmmmmmm????????? :-)

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OUTING COORDINATOR MESSAGE:

Welcome to the Annual UPI Thanksgiving Celebration
It's hard to believe it's that time again. This year our dinner will be catered by Cheryl Anne, the owner of The Historic Jeffery Hotel.

Out dinner will be held in the large room above the saloon.

UPI will provide: Coffee, Bottled Water, Salad, and paper goods. We will be using paper plates in stead of our UPI trays. You may bring your own (non-alcoholic beverages).

Deserts are not included, so we are in need of volunteers. If you have a favorite desert that you would like to bring, or a store bought desert, it will be greatly appreciated.

Please feel free to dress up in your favorite period costume. Last year we had Sheriff's, Saloon Girls, Cow Boys, and Gold Miners. We had so much fun dressing in costume, we hope you will join in. Photos will be taken for the UPI News Letter.

So, sit down, relax, and lets have some fun.

We are very excited to have this event catered, it will make for a more relaxing fun filled evening.

Christa

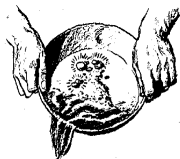
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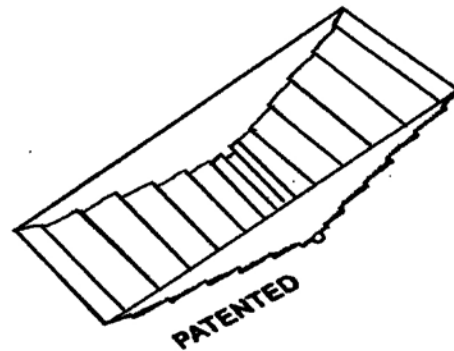
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Members at Moccasin enjoying the potluck and raffle.



The old miner sez: Lookie thet elusive yelloh metal. Wooden it be grate ifin ya had sumpin like thet zinging yer tecter?



ROLL CALL GENESEE OUTING AUGUST 30, 2008

1. Ron Coleman—Almanon Kit, 30in Jimmy Bar, Syringe
2. Richard Palomini—Silver Can, UPI Fanny Pack, Magnet, Can Crusher, Purple Hex Pan
3. Don Siegel—Silver Round
4. Chris Perry—Sucker Tube, Deep Woods Off, Flash Light, White T-Shirt, Green Hex Pan
5. Rita Perry
6. Steve Letlow—Gloves, Crevice Took, Fire Extinguisher, Whites Water Bottle, Collector Case, Gold Dredger License Plate, Snake Eggs
7. Craig Hansen—Wine, Gold Panner License Plate
8. Sandra Hansen
9. Chase Hansen—Magnifying Glass
10. Ken Little—Grizzly Rocker, 8 in 1 Light
11. Pat Mobley—7 Function Pocket Knife, Trinity Pan
12. Dennis Mobley
13. Bill Reboin (Photographer) - Book "Gold Deposit:, Black T Shirt
14. Ed Ozga—Sample Case, Sample Pan Black
15. Mike Ancona—3 set Pry Bar, Water Tight bottle, Purple Classifier
16. Bill Johnson—Wine
17. Ron Rowe
18. Sharon Rowe
19. Dietrich Papp
20. Paul Venker—7 Function Knife

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Christa and I have been "active members" in UPI for many years. We started as Contra Costa Chapter Chairs, was elected to the UPI Board of Directors, "Ways n Means", then elected as Chapter Chair Director, then a UPI Officer position as Vice President. Christa was elected on the UPI Board as Outing Coordinator. We spent many years as volunteers for UPI and we are happy to have given our time. I have always promoted "maximum of two terms", unfortunately there are not always enough volunteers to support this idea. UPI members enjoy our organization, our claims, newsletters, web page, potlucks, raffles, outings, friends, and so on. To continue this tradition we need VOLUNTEERS! In the UPI bylaws we are governed by the "UPI Board of Directors", not solely by the President or by ownership like other organizations. The UPI Board makes our decisions and you can be a voice on this board. The Board of Directors of UPI need your help to keep this tradition. Please help and do your part for UPI and become a volunteer or serve on the UPI Board of Directors. Thank you

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Outing & Board Meeting Schedule 2008

***July 5-13 Genesee UPI**

Board meeting after potluck & raffle, 7/5/08

***August 24-31 Squirrel Creek UPI *changed to Genesee**
Board Meeting after potluck & raffle, 8/30/08

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

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

*******ELECTIONS*******

At the Coulterville Outing—Absentee Ballot available in this newsletter. Page 13

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

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

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

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



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COULTERVILLE OUTING: November 7-9

This is the last outing of the year and it is the outing that we are going to have elections for the upcoming year. Please be sure to take a look at the ballot and mark your vote or write in your name and choose to volunteer to make this organization one that will continue to be the best it can be. Without your help and dedication it can't be done. Our current board has done a great job in bringing you outstanding outings. Some are stepping down from their positions and we are asking for your help so we can continue to offer you the outings you have become accustomed to.

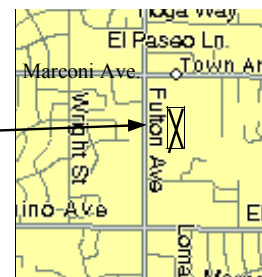
Many thanks to the current Board for all their help and dedication they have given to the UPI organization. They have volunteered their time for many years to UPI and their hard work and dedication to UPI is truly appreciated.

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CHAPTER NEWS:

Contra Costa Chapter's summer of '08 absolutely rocked! We broke more records this summer than we can count. We continued to focus our energies on recruiting new UPI members and our efforts really paid off. Our monthly meetings are at an all time high, sometimes exceeding 50 folks! Our scheduled activities all came off without a hitch and we could not have done any of it without the support of UPI members from not only Contra Costa County, but, the entire Bay Area and a couple of other States!

Our 3rd Annual BBQ Potluck meeting that was held in June was so successful that the Chapter voted to have BBQ potlucks again in July and September! The attendance, food, and fun far exceeded any expectations. Our raffles continued to grow steadily and the gold and other prizes just kept getting bigger! We had two big membership raffle winners this summer where Shirley walked away with a nice \$200 pot and Bob followed up with a cool \$100 take!

Our 3rd Annual Contra Costa Chapter Outing was a roaring success! Our Chapter hosted its annual outing in Pipi Valley with a record breaking attendance. Yes, it's true that we didn't find as much gold as previous years. Through many unscheduled interruptions from family illness, personal injuries, forgotten parts, and a broken transmission many of us never put a dredge in the water, however, it didn't matter. The camaraderie that we shared visiting, camping, eating, and raffling off over 50 prizes including the grand prize of a 2.3 gram gold nugget and a dry washer made the weekend unforgettable.

I would like to thank everyone that assisted the Chapter this year to run so smoothly. I could probably name all of you but I am concerned about forgetting someone, so instead I'll say thanks for continuing to have the meeting space available and opening the gate or setting up the lot. Thanks for moving tables and chairs, bringing all those awesome snacks, and helping to clean up afterwards. Thanks for shopping for raffles, selling tickets, helping me with email, and keeping the notes and calendar. Thanks for all those awesome potluck dishes, your demonstrations, loaning me your pen, and for donating prizes. Thanks to those that BBQ'd, those that kept us laughing, and all of you for your kindness and support of UPI this summer. Your never ending letters, calls, and trips to your elected officials as well as your continued support of PLP made a difference this year! Thanks to our UPI President for making the time to stop by and see us, we know it's a long trip and we did appreciate it. Also, I would like to give a special shout out to Gold Pan

California. We emerged on you quite unexpectedly this year for a BBQ potluck meeting and by the third BBQ potluck you still made us feel right at home! We appreciate your hospitality as well as your continued support of UPI!

While it will be difficult to top the year we've had, our Chapter has some really big plans for 2009. We are already planning monthly meetings, a white elephant gift exchange, several BBQ potluck meetings, and our 4th Annual Contra Costa Chapter Outing. We have plans for more gold recovery demonstrations, panning contests, show and tell, and movie nights! We also want to share more of our synergy with the rest of UPI. In 2008 the Chapter members took a more assertive effort to adjust family and work obligations and soaring gas prices to be able to make more of the UPI scheduled outings and board meetings. We will continue to do what we can to be there in 2009! Also, we plan to have some Contra Costa County members on this year's ballot for UPI board positions and we ask for your support by voting in this year's election. The folks involved with Contra Costa Chapter have some really good ideas and any one of them would really make an excellent addition to the board!

Remember that the Contra Costa Chapter meets the third Thursday of every month. We have one meeting left this year in October and then we will take a holiday break until January. Please come on by the October meeting and join in the fun! Our members have a special way of making folks feel welcome and I'm sure you will enjoy yourself. Oh, and did I mention that our raffles are off the chart? The October raffle will be just huge! One of the prizes is a 3.5 gram gold nugget! Also, there is a special demonstration on inverters scheduled for that night. October's meeting will be held back at our church meeting room, please call or write if you need directions. Note that if you would like to be included in the Contra Costa Chapter mailing list for future meetings and events, please send your email address to me at Oz-Miner@msn.com.

On a personal note, I'm glad that I had the opportunity to be at some of the UPI claims this summer. I really enjoyed seeing old friends and meeting folks from other areas of UPI. Oh, and it didn't hurt that I was able to take home my share of the gold!

Again, thanks to all of you for your 110% support of UPI. Hope to see you soon, may there be gold in your pan, Ed Ozga, Contra Costa Chapter Chairman.



Contra Costa's 3rd Annual BBQ Potluck Meeting

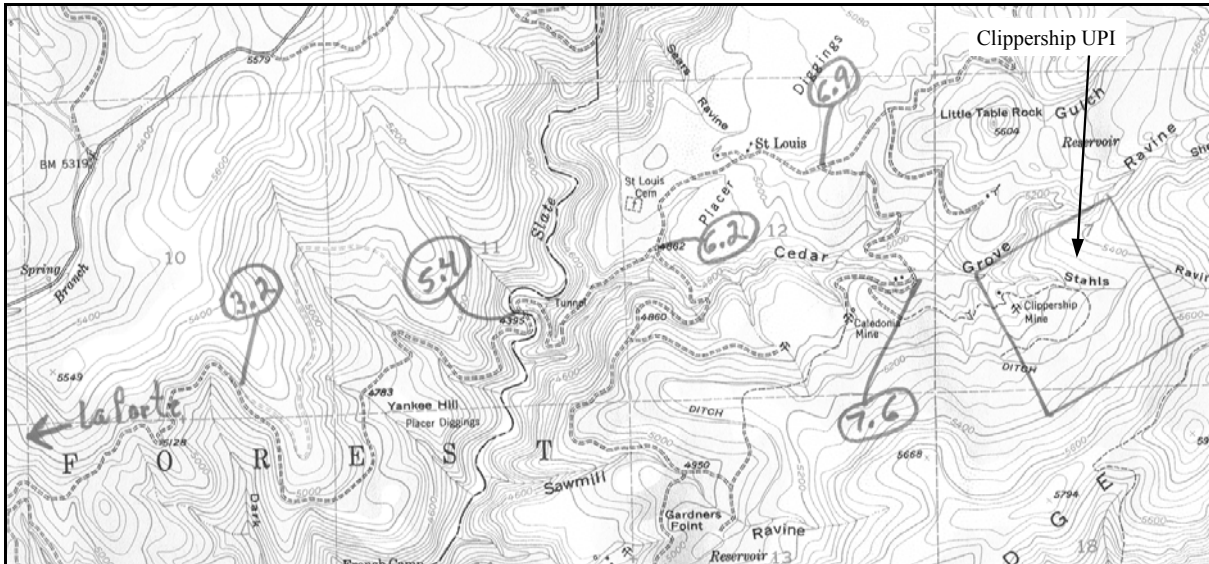


Contra Costa's newest member with Grandpa

UPI CLAIM FOR SALE: WILL BE AUCTIONED OFF AT COULTERVILLE OUTING NOVEMBER 7-9, 2008 CLIPPERSHIP UPI 160 ACRES

GPS Coordinates: N39° 41.483' ,W120° 54.467' Elevation 5100

This is new in the UPI inventory and has been little explored. This is the type of claim for those that want to be really out in the woods and rough it. There are plenty of cracks and crevices to work. Fine gold has been found laying on exposed bedrock on this claim.



DIRECTIONS (1)

ED/PUB NOTE: Both sets of directions parallel very closely. Set two corresponds directly with the mileage indications on the map. This claim sits at about 5200 feet elevation. Not an early season claim. There are sites on the way in where one may take a small motor home or trailer. It is advised that you take a scouting trip before trying to do so.

At Marysville take 20 East. Set odometer to 0 at 12th Street when you turn right onto 20 East. At 11.6 miles turn left on E21 at Marysville Rd./Brownsville. Stay on E21 all the way to La Porte. Odometer 56.9 miles when you reach Union Hotel in La Porte.

At Union Hotel set the odometer to 0. Take 120 and at .9 miles take the road to the right at the Howland Flat Rd. sign (which is on the Left side of the road). The road starts as paved and changes to dirt. At the "Y" take the left fork, which should be at 2.1 miles. Stay on the main road and at 5.2 miles you will cross the St. Louis Bridge. You may want to put your vehicle into 4 w/d at this point as the hill is a pretty steep climb. At marker A21N96 stay right. At 6.7 miles turn right onto the side road. There will be a sign at this point indicating UPI in green paint. Go past the claims marked Star Jester and Starbuster. You will come to a fork in the road and on the left will be a sign again marked UPI in green paint. Your mileage at this point will be approximately 7.35. The road is pretty rough at this point so you may want to take a look before you venture further. The rock marking Coborama is approximately ½ mile further.

NOTE: At Woodleaf the road turns into E21/120.

NOTE: When you make the turn on E21 you will encounter lots of curves and a steady climb to 4959 elevation.

DIRECTIONS (2)

Reset odometer to zero at the Union Hotel in La Porte From Union Hotel, proceed east out of town on Hwy20 At 0.9 mile turn right onto Howland Flat Road

At 2.1 bear left at 21N58

At 2.6 bear left at 21N76Y

At 3.2 bear right at 22N55Y

At 5.4 cross over the St. Louise Bridge

At 6.2 bear left at Road 31

At 6.4 bear right at 21N96

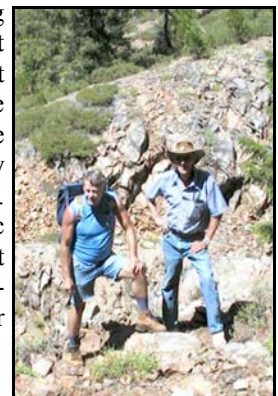
At 6.9 turn right off of Howland Flat Road onto side road with painted rock and sign indicating UPI

At 7.6 continue across the Cedar Grove Ravine to right of signs and painted tree

Stay on main trail to the end at 8.1 - you can back up the hill to turn around.

The road from 6.9 on is extremely rough - from 7.6 on it may require 4X4 depending on conditions and the type of vehicle.

This is a seasonal dredging claim. If you can get in at the right time you can dredge. However it is better suited to alternative modes of mining. It is 1/4 mile square and exploring it thoroughly may well prove very productive. The area has been drift, hydraulic and lode mined in the past. It proved highly productive. Clippership is included in the Poker Flat Mining District.



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There are many positions open with no nominations. You must be a member for at least one year and in good standing with UPI to hold a position. If you would like to volunteer for any of the positions below please write in your name as a Vote. You will be voted in as a Director and then assigned a position. The absentee ballot should be mailed to Don Siegel UPI President (2605 Dardanelle Drive, Modesto CA 95355). The ballot must be **post-marked** no later than October 24, 2008.

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