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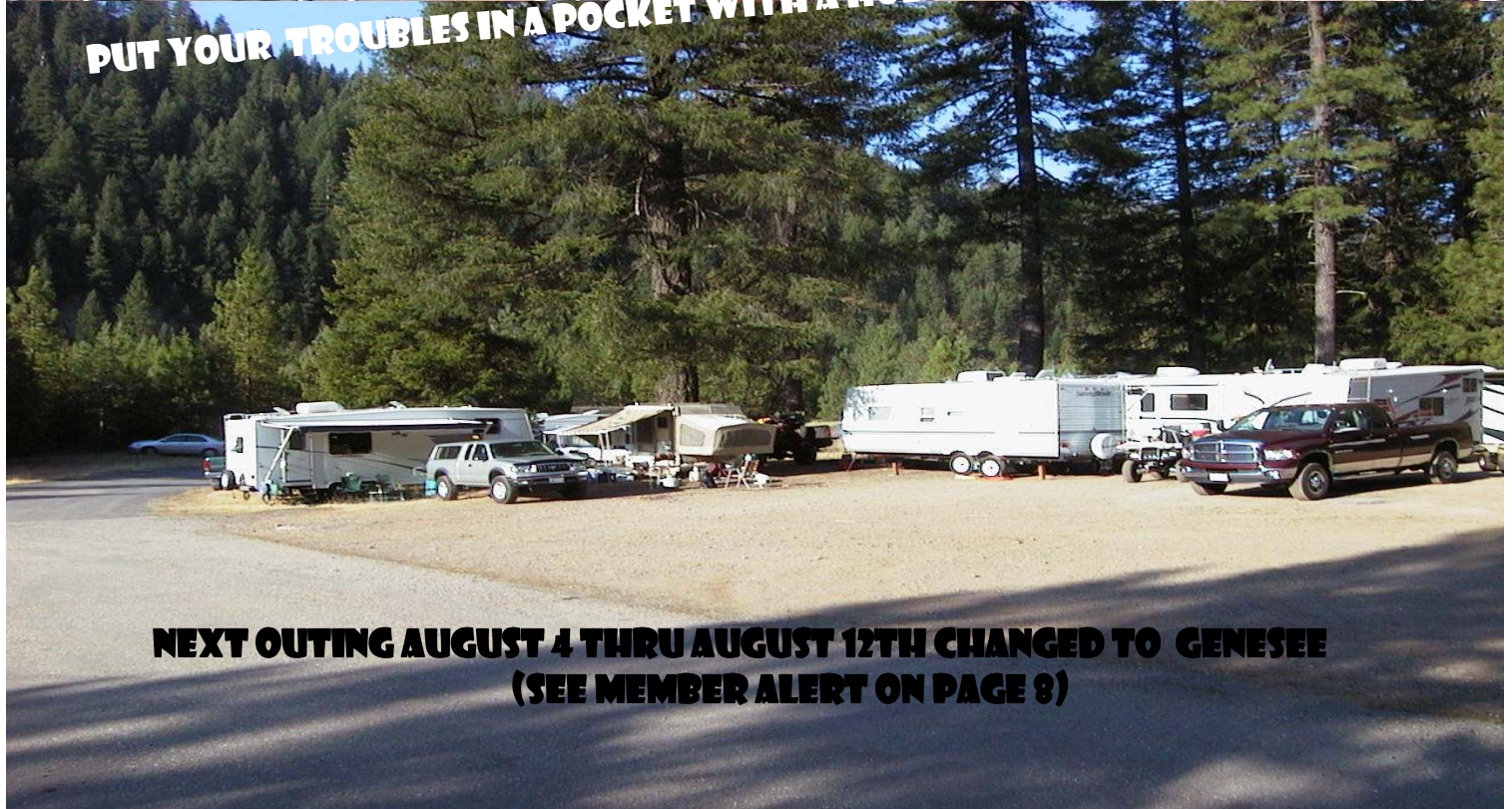
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**NEXT OUTING AUGUST 4 THRU AUGUST 12TH CHANGED TO GENESEE
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Don Siegel

July/August 2007

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What are the odds? Our favorite place and our biggest outing of the year shut down due to a fire. Two years in a row? I find it hard to believe. But in the nature of our 49er ancestors', we pulled together and pulled off a great outing including raffle, potluck and board meeting. We did decide that next years schedule will include a backup location in the event that things happen.

Next be sure to note that the Salmon River outing has been moved, the local Forest Service office has changed the rules on us and added a cloud of uncertainty to our rights to use our claim, more information to follow on this in the future. Genesee will be the location for the August outing. We have the outing scheduled for a week long event, come join us when you can. The potluck, raffle, and board meeting will be held on the 2nd weekend of the outing.

As many of you know AB1032 was scheduled to go to Senate for approval, giving the Dept Of Fish and Game the authority to designate rivers and streams of their choice as "heritage streams". Well it passed and now will go to the governor for his signature. No one knows how this will impact the use of our rivers, but is possible that a dredge permit may become an endangered species. If there is still time by the time you receive this newsletter, send a letter to the governor asking him not to sign AB1032.

See you all soon.

THE OUTING

It was my intention to arrive Thursday at Genesee but I was totally pooped out from the heat and was too hot and tired to even think about packing the truck to leave. I got all packed up Thursday evening and was just about on the freeway, Friday morning, and I got a call from the UPI Prez, Don, indicating that there was a forest fire at Genesee. It was said the site was ordered to evacuate by authorities at about midnight Thursday evening. Don says where do we go? I say Twain! Whoa! This is two years in a row where in which the outing at Genesee is in progress or just about to start and people are on their way with no knowledge of what the scenario is. "Where do we go? Where is the outing to be held when access is denied?"

Fortunately we are in affluence in claims in the Plumas National Forest thus giving us some choices in the event that one or the other claims is not usable for some reason. Excepting Genesee, which is really pretty remote, and off the beaten path by about 30 miles or so, we have five claims, within a 25-mile radius of Quincy. Twain is the closest of our claims in the area to Genesee, thus the choice for Twain.

Genesee on the 4th of July is a tradition with UPI. The 10 plus years that I have been a UPI member it has been "Genesee for the "Fourth." Well we have certainly had out, Fourth of July; fire works there for the last two years, though not our choice. The Thunder God has done it for us. As a result of having to change venue two years in a row, it was decided at the Board Meeting that we should post an alternate gathering site in the event of problems beyond our control for all of the outings. This will be integrated into the newsletter within the next couple of issues. As it were, there is usually a group of members on the Fourth, which because of the

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Outing & Board Meeting Schedule 2007

Due to fires in the Genesee area, outing was moved to Twain. Salmon River outing is being moved to Genesee 8/4-8/12.

8/4 - 8/12, Genesee UPI, alternate Squirrel Creek UPI (Salmon River cancelled) Board meeting will be held after Potluck & Raffle 8/11* 5pm Potluck

8/31 - 9/2, Bull Creek UPI, no meeting 10/5 - 10/7, Twain UPI, elections and Board Meeting, 10/6*

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BOARD NOTES

July 7, 2007 – Twain (Genesee was canceled due to fire)

President Don Siegel called meeting to order at 9:18 a.m.

Roll Call:

Officers Present: Don Siegel, President; and Rita Perry, Secretary

Directors Present: Bill Reboin, Chet Chastain, Sid Parrish, Gerald Hurt, and Steve Letlow (volunteer)

Directors and Officers Absent: Tom Eastland, Vice President, Aaron Matula, Christa Eastland, Denise Matula, and Kit Perry (volunteer)

Members Present: Kathleen Liening and Bob Liening

Motion was made by Chet Chastain and seconded by Sid Parrish to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

- **Treasurer, presented by Don Siegel:** No report. Voting for a treasurer at the potluck. Audit will be done as soon as Beverly Paul and Don Siegel can get together within the next couple of weeks.
- **Membership, Denise Matula:** No report, absent. We do have approximately 431 members.
- **Wagon Master, Steve Letlow(volunteer):** Had port-a-potties delivered at Genesee. Has not received a bill.
- **Outing Coordinator, Christa Eastland:** No report, absent.
- **Ways and Means, Sid Parrish:** Nothing to report, other than purchased some items but the receipt had personal items listed, so he needs to get that taken care of before submitting the receipt to be paid. President Don Siegel, wanted to remind all of us that we still had three places to collect from, the Gold Mine which is a mining store, Pioneer, and Rob at the 49ers has a mini sluice that he is going to donate. Jim Portuguese Silva donated two knives and a multi-tool to raffle off. Sid is having problems getting the products, flags, he ordered. He has tried several times and Don told him if he wants to find someone else to do it, he can.
- **Political-Grievance, Gerald Hurt:** Tuesday, July 10, 2007, the Senate of Natural Resources and Water Committee will be holding a hearing to vote on 1032. This is pretty much a retribution for all of our victories. They are trying to stop dredging altogether. Oxbow does not have any signs posted to not mine.
- **Editor/Editor-in-Chief/Publisher, Bill Reboin:** Bill has developed a 12 page template for Cindy Siegel to use to do the newsletter with an improvement of folding the newsletter in half before mailing to save on the cost of mailing. Bill will still be involved with the newsletter but he is stepping a way from it for a few months. The newsletter is on the website.
- **Chapters, Tom Eastland:** No recent, absent.
- **Claims, Chet Chastain:** Chet wants to postpone the raffle of Clippership until next year. He would like to pick it up in January so it would have more time to be advertised. Plumas County, they actually prefer we call the Affidavit of Assessment Work prefer we call it Notice of Intent to Hold because we are paying rental fee. He will make changes to the template. As I go to different counties he will ask if they prefer the same verbiage. We are asking a member to rescind his signature on the forms that he sent to Salmon, because he had an old version of the procedures for Salmon. He approached the Ranger District with a copy of his dredge permit and to request the key to the gate, which closes off the extended campground to access our claim. The ranger indicated that we had not sent a Notice of Intent for this year. Chet sent a Notice of Intent to Debbie Mace, Forest Service, at Salmon River and he has the signature that she signed for it. All we really have to file is a Location Notice we file a Notice of Intent as a courtesy. Chet Chastain made a motion to move the venue from August 4th through August 12th from Salmon River Claim to the Genesee Claim and we produce a mailer and incur the cost of mailing that to all current members to notify them as soon as possible. Bill Reboin seconded. Motion carried. There will be a meeting after the potluck and raffle August 11th. Bull Creek will be a dry wash outing, August 31 through September 2.
- **Technical Advisor, Chris Perry (volunteer):** Absent, no report.
- **Treasurer, presented by Don Siegel:** BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT.

Bill Reboin , last two issues, flash card, etc.	\$230.00
Total	\$230.00

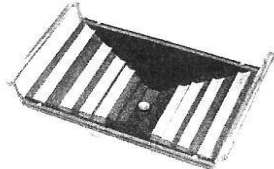
Gerald Hurt motioned to accept the bills to be paid, Sid Parrish seconded. Motion carried.

- **Unfinished Business:** Gerald will complete the form for membership for PLP. We will need to finish the forms for Tom that he was requesting. Mr. Short wants us to discuss lowering the dues. We will be discussing this issue. We are considering purchasing another claim but only after the 1032 is settled. Chet Chastain made a motion to release the final \$500 of the allotted monies to PLP. Gerald Hurt seconded. Motioned carried. Don is going to contact Beverly Paul to do our audit. Chet Chastain made a motion to authorize the payment to Beverly to do the audit. Bill Reboin seconded. Motioned carried.
- **New Business:** Don is going to ask Tom Eastland to make the schedule for next year. Also, we are wanting to have backup plans for our outings in case we have other disasters that happen through out the year. Bill would like to discuss changing By-Laws change where we could not have husbands and wives on the board. Because several times this year, this meeting for example here we have four officers and directors gone because of two couples. It is a good idea but also as Don said it is convenient too because if one person is going to be at an outing the spouse will more than likely be there too. We could also have an alternative meetings such as conference calls, emails, or IM meetings, where we would notify all of those interested to join us at a certain time and date, instead of always having a meeting at the outings. Don is going to check on the cost of conference calls. The potluck will be held at 7:00p.m.

President Don Siegel adjourned the meeting at 10:24a.m.

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

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Information is from 6/9/07 thru 7/22/07

New Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>
William Denney	Mathis TX
Alfred Cano	Woodland CA
Brett Roberts	San Jose CA
James Lee Hatadis	Placerville CA
Ben Wallis	Los Gatos CA
Bryan Strecker	Quincy CA
Ed Fulton	Carmichael CA
Robert E Cadman	Mount Wilson CA
Roger H Dean	San Ramon CA
Kevin Bell	Turlock CA
Philip Gaskins	Sacramento CA
Kevin Guelld	San Diego CA

Renewing Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>
Charles & Ethel Muttart	Cloverdale CA
Mark Chambers	Sparks NV
Edward & Deanna Bailey	Auberry CA
James Haring	Northfork CA
Don & Bev Kalmbach	Concord CA
Rex Miller	Patterson CA
Jim Bohannan	Denair CA

Cont'd from page 5: Renewing Members:

<u>Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>
Stanley Webster	San Jose CA
Mark E Weber	Vacaville CA
Ted Stoltling	Fernley NV
Vic & Esther Griffith	Greenville CA
Roy & Marti Dunston	Coulterville CA
Karl Fierling	Oakdale CA
Brenda Marsh	Sacramento CA
Richard & Carol Worthington	Placerville CA
William & Carol Eastland	Placerville CA
Gerald Hurt	Hanford CA
Keith Kemp	Kanab UT
Terence Pippi	Heldsburg CA
Kelly & Cathy Hall	Oakhurst CA
Merv Pate	Manteca CA
Thomas Florence	Healdsburg CA
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Robert Marsh	So San Francisco CA

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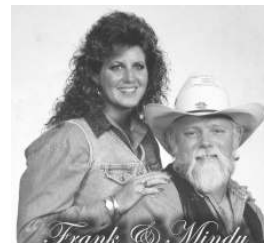
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Members up for renewal

Information is from 6/1/07 thru 9/1/07

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Kim Ellison
Karl Fierling
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Keith Lysak
Peter Conroy
Rodney Bruun
Nancy Roberts
Ronald Johansen
Jim Buckley

Going up in Smoke!!!



Looks like someone got a little too close to the fire at Genesee!!
Hmmmmmm???.....



OK we have a bunch here that need to get the pen and checkbook out and get their renewal into the Membership Director so they'll be set for the next outing of the year. ***Please note on page three and the back cover the new mailing address for UPI.***

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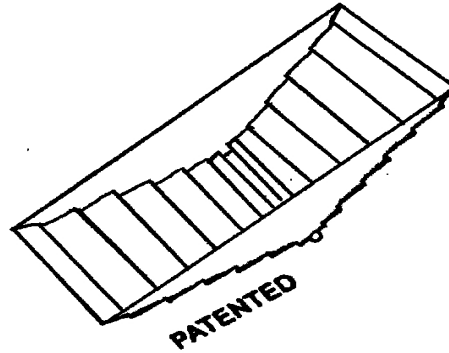
Hello All:

Porta-Pottys have been ordered for the next outing. I was wondering if any of you, or if you know of anybody, going up to Genesee early for the outing. The guy at Indian Valley always asks if anyone will be there when he drops off the porta-pottys. If not that is ok. He should know his way around by now. For a last minute ditch to Twain it was actually a lot of fun. The potluck was good, the raffle was great, and sitting around the candle telling our stories was even fun and I found a little bit of gold.

See you at Genesee.
Steve



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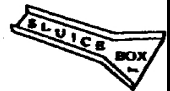
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Ways-n-Means

WoW! What another exciting UPI event. The Genesee outing was burned out again this year and United Prospectors evacuated to our Twain claim for safety and a great time. One Major item forgotten at Genesee when evacuated, MY Trailer! with All the raffle items! Luckily the officer let us hookup Friday night and saved the day along with my trailer and UPI raffle items.

We started a special raffle (\$1.00 per ticket) for a mini sluice; we will sell tickets over the next couple of outings before picking a winner. The 50/50 raffle was won by Joe Orona and major prizes won by many. George Crebling cleaned up with many prizes and including, Hotel Jeffrey's stay, a pyrite necklace and his favorite, A pink Trinity Pan! The best story was when Grayson Wolff (Georgia & Bob Azbil's grandson) won a tool box which Don had placed the winning tickets for the major nuggets in.

We let Grayson hold the box that he was proud of winning and he began to open it when the crowd told him to stop; as the winning nugget tickets were inside. He was saddened by this, but when the last major nugget ticket taken from the box was called, and he held the winning number he couldn't contain his excitement.

This is why I enjoy being part of UPI and I feel is such a great family organization, sharing these types of life stories and the fun WE ALL enjoy with each other.

Remember to mention you are part of UPI when visiting our vendors and enjoy their donations for these events.

Please get involved by voting and participating in board activities.

Hope to see you all at the next UPI event,

Sid Parrish



UPI ROLL CALL

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

1. Graison Wolff—Display knife set, Toolbox & shovel
2. Don & Adam Cox—Washtub
3. Bruce & Pamela King—License Plate Frame; Tote-gas pad-brush, Wire brush, tweezers, magnifying glass, vial, wash tub
4. George Creveling—Lantern, Magnifying glass, vial, Trinity pan, vial, Miners Moss, Gem loop, vial, Hotel Jeffrey, Pyrite necklace, stone & knife
5. Thereon Baker—Toolbelt-brush-prybar
6. Wayne Baker—Hatlight insert, Stone with knife, Grizzly pan
7. Don Siegel
8. Jerry Randall—Classifier
9. Joe, Gloria & Mathew Sol—Mining Book, headlamp, Bucket Grips, Small crevice tool & brush, Family RV camping
10. Steve Letlow—Tweezer, snuffer bottle, vial
11. Tim Horgan & Theresa Milke—Grizzly Pan, Scale, Display box with compartments
12. Joel, Laura, Ashley & Brittany Orona—Bag of Gold; 2 innertubes
13. Valerie, Josh, Mathew, Manuel & Rosie Orona
14. Pete & Mary Withham
15. Bob & Georgia Azbill—Trinity scoop & vial; homemade butter, fanny pack & crystal
16. Phil Bailey
17. Bill Reboin & Samantha—Heart Necklace, Fannypack, vial, funnel, snuffer bottle, Crystal in cigar box
18. Marland & Evon Jones—Flashlight & handmade hat; White Quartz Necklace
19. Suzie Parrish—Square gold pan, Snuffer bottle, vial, display box
20. Steve & Nancy Cutwright—Set of classifiers
21. Jennifer, Bennett, Lacher, Grant & Myles Gwen
22. Jim Buckley
23. Sid & Laurie Parrish
24. Gerald Hurt
25. Bob & Kathy Liening
26. Kit & Rita Perry

50/50 Raffle Winner: Joe Orona \$60.00 winner

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There was a great turnout of 49 members and guests at the Genesee/Twain outing. Considering all factors involved, including the fire and having to move the outing to Twain at the last minute this was a really good turnout. From what I hear, everyone had a great time, lots of prizes were won and of course Gold was found. Thank you to everyone who helped make this outing a success!

*****UPI MEMBER ALERT AUGUST 2007!!!!*****

ATTENTION: If USFS has Genesee area shut down outing will be held at Squirrel Creek.

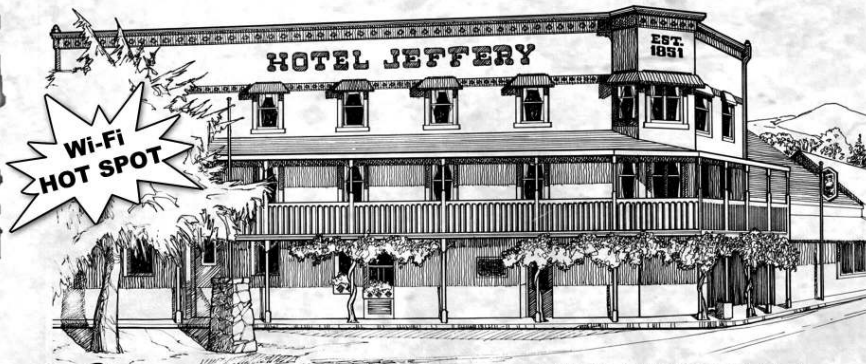
Due to the unforeseen requirements from the Forest Service office in Orleans we found it in the best interest of our membership to move the Salmon River outing to Genesee. The dates will remain the same, August 4 thru the 12th. The potluck will start at 5:00pm on the 11th of August followed by the raffle. A board meeting is planned for this outing immediately after the potluck/raffle. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause some of you. The Board thanks you for your understanding and we hope to see all of you at Genesee.

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THE OUTING:

size of their mobile facilities chose to set up at Twain, lots of open space, and migrate to Genesee for the Potluck and Raffle. This was again the case this year, so there was no lack of members at Twain for the re-formed outing. Counting our four legged members there were over 50 members present for the outing, potluck and raffle. Was this something that was destined? Perhaps it was, I don't know. It was great fun re-connecting with members that I haven't seen for a while, years for some of them.

The weather during the day certainly left something to be desired. It was way too warm to be working the claim in any way other than dredging, this is my opinion in any case. Those of you that know Sam, my pooch, know how much racket she makes if I leave her in the truck to wander off and do something. She doth protest and loudly. The sand and the rocks down at the river were so hot that she was tippy toeing over it. We had to run to the river so she could get her feet wet and cool. Down stream there was a group of four members dredging. While I was there taking some pictures one of the machines let out a big puff of blue smoke. My thoughts were "I hope it's not an engine." Turns out it was the belt that drives the compressor for breathing air.

Before venturing upstream to see what was going on up there, Sam and I ran back to the truck and I put her inside. I then headed upstream and guess what? There was no bellowing by Sam, she was content to be there and her feet cool. So I would think this would communicate how warm it was during the day. Upstream there was more activity. There were a couple of members dredging, and several members power sluicing and or dry washing. One of the dredgers up there hit some nice pay dirt. There was an interesting set up there with a power sluice and sluice combination set up. I guess the think was that it could be fed faster with the possibility of losses minimized. I know that most of the dredgers found something but it is not known if others found anything.

As usual the Potluck and the Raffle were great. There were lots of great food dishes for the Potluck and lots of great raffle prizes, including three UPI nuggets. In the evenings there were usually two or three groups that got together into the night. Camaraderie was abundant. This UPI.

The evenings were warm but not hot. The only need for long sleeves was for protection from occasional mosquitoes. It didn't get cool enough to think about covering up at night until 3 or 4 in the morning. So this should pretty much describe the outing.



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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST©

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Bill Reboin, EIC/Pub and his pooch Samantha.

UPI Editor-in-Chief/Publisher

Taking a Sabbatical

June of this year began my 8th year of producing this document for you the membership of UPI. For the most part I have thoroughly enjoyed producing it. I'll just be overseeing it now for a while.

I'm sure that those of you that were around in June of 1999 and since will well remember the first several publications that I presented to you. Boy, they were they a joke following behind Jerry Bowen's publications that you had been receiving for a number of years. I remember comments from Directors and Officers like: "is this a newsletter or a comic book?" I remember offending members by calling the environmental wackos, "environmental wackos" and having to defend myself with facts. I remember having to do my first obituary notice. It was no fun not having known the person; I didn't know what to say.

The story goes like this: You long timers have heard this before, but I need to reiterate to you old timers, and inform the newer members of the UPI Organization what it takes to keep the wheels greased and rolling for an organization such as ours. UPI has always, in my history as a member of the Board of Directors of the Organization, had troubles recruiting members to take over various positions on the Board. The position of EIC/Pub may be the most difficult position to fill. Why? I'll let you answer that question. If this organization is something that you stand for and want: Why are you not willing to take responsibility for some part of it? Believe me, if you do not take responsibility for it you may loose it! **Nominations and the election are on us again. Step up and help.**

To continue the story for those that are new: Jerry Bowen, our Editor/Publisher in the '90's had been trying to pass his hat for some time. There were no takers. Finally he said that June 1, 1999 was his last publication. Well guess what? This just a novice on a "dinosaur 64" (Commodore 64) had just recently purchased a top of the line Windows operated system. It even had MS Publisher in it. Even though I had hardly learned how to operate this new fangled thing I said, yeah I can do it and volunteered. Well it wasn't as easy as I thought it would be. Jerry's newsletter files were in PageMaker and even with tutoring I couldn't figure out how to make PageMaker work for me. The outcome? Make MS Publisher work for me, it seemed to be much more user friendly. I have to say I am proud of the creation.

Cindy Siegel agreed to take over the duty of the physical production of the newsletter when I made it known that I am planning to retire from my job in October, and have many, many things that I need to get in order, and can no longer afford the time for the full production of the newsletter. Cindy is in better shape than I was when I began producing the newsletter. She has computer experience I didn't have when I started. She has templates that I have built. We have had a few how to phone sessions and a one-day sit down and show. **This is Cindy's first newsletter!** We will build off of it and learn from mistakes and not knows. I have given her the platform to do it with and I know she can do it with

help a phone call away.

Unless unforeseen things come up in the process of getting ready for retirement I will continue holding the Editor-in-Chief/Publisher Directorship and will be reviewing/correcting as necessary the newsletter. I will be at the outings/Board meetings; I will be taking pictures of the activities and continuing my columns and supporting UPI and Cindy in her production duties. You miners out there will also be asked, like right now, to please supply us with photos and information.

Please welcome Cindy Siegel as your new "volunteer editor." Cindy is not a Board Member, but is a UPI member that has chosen to take responsibility and contribute to the flow of UPI, insuring that the organization newsletter continues to arrive in you mail box in a timely way.

Query

In the course of one of the various discussions I was involved in while there at the outing, someone made this comment: "I think that we should look more at the quality of our claims rather than the quantity". Quality was intended to mean more availability of that elusive yellow metal. This was mentioned to several Board Members and it was decided to pose the question to you.

This could translate into having to camp off site and hiking, driving in with minimum parking available, or four wheeling in to a claim. One has to take as a given that the easier the access to any area that produces, the greater it is going to be worked, claimed or not. There are those out there that pay no attention to claimed placer holdings. If there is nobody there they go for it. I severed a friendship with a person when it was learned that he did that kind of thing.

Please let us know your thoughts on this by responding by e-mail to upi_pub@sbcglobal.net or drop a note to the UPI mailing address. Also please include Cindy on all e-mail responses to this query and any input you have for the newsletter at

Thank you.

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I have nothing to report on this, as time has not allowed research. I had been hoping that our Advocacy/Political Action person would be sending me some information but there is nothing from that spoke either. All I can say is that PLP is on it. Please either make a tax deductible donation to PLP or join them as a member so they have the money to fight these continual attacks on the small mining community.



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The old miner sez: Lets socit tooem!!!

These articles were sent to me and I found them very interesting reading. With Chet's permission I am including them in this edition of the newsletter. I am anxious to see any pictures that may have come out of this story!

MANDATORY EVACUATION!!! By Chet Chastain

I was just dozing off. Randy decided to stay, but only if someone else did too. I was game. I hit the sack at Genesee at 10:30pm Thursday. Read the rest of my book— too keyed up to sleep. But NO! Lights from the road. The sounds of diesel engines in camp. They told Randy he had to leave. I saw the writing on the tent flap. I will get to find out what it is like to get about 10 minutes to break camp and GET OUT. The flashlight beams looked kind of dusty, like real fine snow. The wind had shifted. Left the camp at midnight. Sid's trailer is still out there— I guess he will get a phone call. They didn't think it was in any real danger, but who can say...

BABCOCK CROSSING CONSUMED!!!!

Bob and I took his truck up the road, just to see what was up. We passed Sid's trailer. We could see the smoke plumes—really close now! We hadn't quite reached the pull-out where Genesee III and IV meet. A little rise and THERE IT WAS! Fire all over the place. Bob kept on going. Maybe we would turn around at Babcock Crossing. A ranger stopped us. He said we should turn around. We agreed. It was obvious we weren't going much further. We pulled away intending to turn around at the soonest opportunity. Wow—we could see individual clumps of burning vegetation— islands of red in sea of black. We couldn't have been more than 250 feet from the fire. Luckily we were going with the wind. The ranger said lightning hit up the hill west of Babcock Crossing. It had swept down and up the other side. It had consumed over 3,000 acres by this time. Almost to Antelope Lake. As the night cooled down, he expected the wind to shift. He highly recom-

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mended that we leave the area. Bob had his video camera. He promised to burn a DVD of it. It will be in the UPI archives as soon as I see it. I took a few pictures and uttered the fateful words: "Babcock is burning." I am not sure but I think all of Genesee V is burned. Half of Genesee IV is gone too. When I check the papers in the monument, I bet the plastic bag will be melted to the inside of the pipe. I wonder if the location Notice and map will be legible. I bet the sign that separates Genesee IV from the GPAA claim Nugget Trap 2 will be nothing but the wire. On the bright side, I hadn't refreshed the sign with the new UPI address yet.

My Butt Hurts!

I went to bed at 4:10am Friday morning. Boy a shower feels good after 6 days of camping. Its 8:15 now-the perishables are all out of the trailer. What a mess—everything was just thrown in—and shifted—all tangled up.

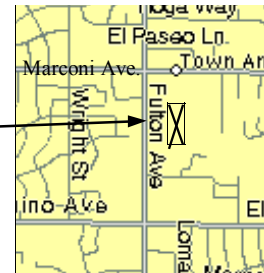
****(See Page 7 to find out what happened to Sid's trailer)****

Gold Mine

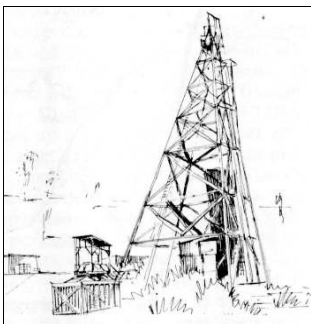
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Recapturing the Spirit of Independence

July 2, 2007

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On the anniversary of our declaring our own independence from the British, it is certainly appropriate that we reflect on the nature and spirit of independent nationhood. While our founding fathers were individual men in a historically unique situation, they posited that the principles upon which they rested our national independence were timeless.

If we truly honor the men who brought about Independence Day, we would do well to spend at least as much time reflecting on the Declaration of Independence, and the principles upon which it is based, as we spend at the cookouts, parades, and fireworks displays. With the trend toward globalism that has been with us for the past century, we should be specifically thoughtful about how our celebration of independence can be made consistent with the policies that have been advocated by the America government—as well as many of the nation's elite—or what we used to call the Eastern Establishment.

I believe there is no way to square our nation's traditions and reverence for independence with the globalist policies these elites are currently pursuing. The American concept of independent nationhood inscribed in our Declaration cannot be maintained if we are going to pursue a policy that undermines the independence of other nations. National independence is an idea, and the erosion of the independence of other nations only serves to erode that idea.

At the same time, if we allow the erosion of that idea, by ignoring it in certain instances, we will be contributing to its erosion in all times and nations, even our own. In this way our nation's independence is linked with the independence of all nations. The sooner we realize this truth, and enact a foreign policy that is consistent with it, the sooner we will be able to recapture the spirit of independence.

In addition, as our founding fathers understood, the idea of national independence is inseparable from that of constitutional republicanism. Only the safe-guards and limitations that are enshrined in a constitutionally-limited republic can prohibit a nation from lurching toward empire. Recognizing these same protections is also the very best way to eliminate the need for civil wars and the violence of civil strife.

Moreover, this constitutional republicanism is essential to protecting the individual rights and self-determination that is at the heart of our Declaration. As we celebrate the 231st anniversary of our nation's birth, I hope every person who reads or hears this will take the time to go back and read the Declaration of Independence. Only by recapturing the spirit of Independence can we ensure our government never resembles the one from which the American States declared their separation.

Congressman Ron Paul



NOMINATIONS:

Nominations were made at the last outing for the following positions:

President: Don Siegel
Secretary: Rita Perry
Open Board Members: Bob Azbill, Marlund Jones

****Membership vote at Twain outing approved Aaron Matula to finish term as Treasurer.****

Ticket Sales



With Deepest Sympathy:

Good Times at Twain Outing July 2007



Mike Brickwedel sent this notice to me about one of our new members:

Michael Pedneault passed away this past Monday July 16, 2007. He was 42 years of age. He had a sense of humor that will be missed and a good heart to everyone that he met. His sister has taken his body back to Texas to be put to rest.

Her name is:

Suzanne Pedneault

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Hello Everyone! I hope all of you enjoyed yourselves at the Genesee/Twain outing and the fire didn't put a damper on your having a good time. I was not able to go but Don came home with stories of the outing and the fire. I'm sorry I missed it.

Well as you know by now, this is my first time putting the newsletter together and I tell you it is not as easy as it looks. I apologize for any spelling errors in names. I am not familiar with everyone and I hope I didn't butcher anyone's name too badly. Making decisions as to what to put on the pages to fill them up and what pictures to use, trying to edit the pictures, making sure everything is done accurately and completely. Whew!!! What a learning experience.

Bill and I have had many emails and phone conversations this past few weeks and he has been a tremendous help. He has been trying to take a vacation for a few months and he has not had much of a break yet. Hopefully I will do better with the next newsletter working on my own.

If any of you have any ideas for stories or input for the newsletter, or have pictures you would like to share, please feel free to email me. I can use all the help I can get. My email address is cfs623@aol.com. I look forward to hearing from you. Chet was gracious enough to allow me to print his story in the newsletter. I really enjoyed it when I read it and I loved the "writing on the tent flap". That was classic I thought. Great job Chet. Thanks for letting me share with everyone.

I am planning to put the newsletter together on a temporary basis and Bill will be back in a few months to take back the reins. Until then I will do my best to get the newsletter out in time and try to make it as good as Bill does. With everyone's help I am sure I can muddle through and Bill can get his retirement in progress and do all the things he needs to without having to worry about the newsletter.

Thank you Bill for the opportunity to walk in your shoes for a while. It will prove to be very interesting and challenging I am sure. Enjoy your time off and I know you are only an email away!

Hope all of you can make the next outing at Genesee.

Remember to "put your worries in your pocket with a hole in it and go Prospecting" and always put your gold in the pocket that doesn't have the hole in it. Take care everyone and Happy Prospecting!!

Cindy Siegel





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