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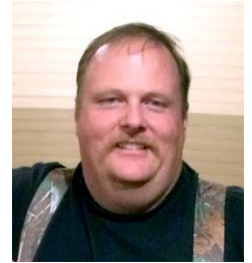
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On August 18th and 19th we had a booth at the Gold and Outdoor Show in Sonora, CA put on by the by the Delta Gold Diggers. We had over a dozen paid membership applications filled out. It was a success by all accounts and we had a great turnout from our members to show support for the booth and the show in general. I had a lot of conversations with old members that had been out of the club for several years. Several expressed an interest in signing back up. The Moccasin Creek claim kept popping up throughout the weekend from show patrons. Several were under the impression that the claim is a GPAA claim and have been sending people to dig there. We reassured them it is not a GPAA claim and is indeed a UPI claim and is posted as such. They were all handed a membership application and encouraged to join. At the time of the show we did not have club tee shirts but there are board members working on that and are attempting to get them by the outing in pre-Thanksgiving outing in Coulterville.

I can say without a doubt, we have some of the best members out there. I want to personal want to thank all of you who pitched in at the outing at Twain and/or the booth at the Gold and Outdoor Show. These volunteers' kept things on track a made it possible for us all to enjoy the events. Thank You!

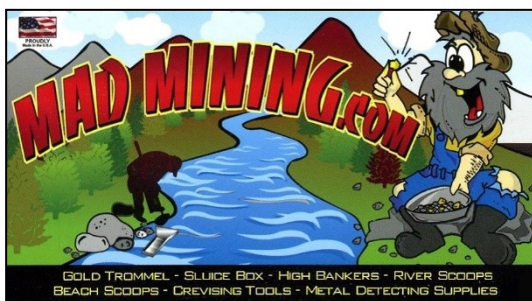
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2018 UPI OUTING SCHEDULE

October 19th -21st Coulterville Pre-Thanksgiving Feed

Please be sure to **RSVP** to our Wagonmaster, Bob Azbill
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so that we can know how many folks to expect.



First Trip To Twain...

This being my first trip to Twain, I was not quite sure what to expect. It was agreed Sid and I would drive up together for this trip and I was glad to have him along for the ride. He likes to tell me his fishing stories as we get closer to his old fishing spots as we drive from Marysville north to Oroville. Since I like to fish, I don't mind the distraction from the drive and now I have a few places to try out for the salmon run later this year. From Oroville it was a smoky drive up the canyon along Hwy 70 following the Feather River. When we pulled in to Twain we were a bit lost as to the location of the campground. As our luck would have it we ran into some long-time members that live in the area. They welcomed us and filled us in as to where our members are at and where the claim was located. We found out quickly these members had a lot of mining experience and knowledge and were freely sharing it with us. I tried to take mental notes for later trips since we also covered several other claims in our guide book. We eagerly picked out a camp and were trying to get set up in time to get into the water for a bit of panning. Our first camp site was a large and we knew there would be several tents to put up but in just a few minutes we were getting swarmed by yellow jackets. We decided to move closer to the bathroom and to the road down to the claim. We got the tents up and set up Sid's kitchen overlooking the claim and the river.

The test pans down by the water had little to no gold in the material we were digging. We moved further back on the bench away from the water and started finding color. As we would soon find out, the gold in this location was in the top layer and no more than 6 inches in depth. There was another member working in that same area. He reported doing great in the morning, but the gold got harder and harder to find as the day went on. The flood gold was deposited from a high-water event with a thin skim coat of gold bearing material left on the top as the water receded. As some of the locals pointed out the river was within 2 feet of the bottom of the bridge this last winter. That would have more than tripled the width of the river and raised it well over the tree line down there.



The next morning Sid and another member went off to explore another claim in the area, so I teamed up with a friend that was visiting from out of state that had camped with Sid and I. We set off to find a spot to work for the day since the smoke had cleared a bit this morning. As it turned out it was more of a hunt for the paystreak along the entire upper end of the bar deposit. We checked again down by the water and up away from the river. The trend we found was there were paystreaks that run the length of the gravel bar, parallel to the river about 35 feet from the water and another paystreak at about 75 feet from the water. The second deposit was confirmed by the old workings of other members in a linear fashion excavation the top 12 inches of gravel material. Below that the gold was not in sufficient quantities to work. The biggest obstacle we had was the better streak was far from the river and after several trips with pans the heat was getting to us. A small high banker or recirculator setup would be the way to go there but we brought neither.

We went up to the Twain General Store after hearing about the amazing ice cream they had. They had a little bit of everything a camper might need or want. They even had a few mining supplies by the front door. What caught my eye and nose was the grill in the corner kitchen. They were grilling up some bacon cheese burgers for some customers. Since it was lunch time we stopped to eat. Their sandwiches huge and piled high with their homemade pastrami. Too full for ice cream, we went back to camp and looked out over the claim from Sid's

camp kitchen. We contemplated going back out to the area we were surveying earlier but we could see the more seasoned miners were just below us on the gravel bar running material closer to camp. They had placed shade structures where they were working to avoid the heat. They clearly knew something we did not. We went down for a closer look. There were a series of shallow holes that had been somewhat back filled as the working had shifted to one side or another in a linear formation running in the same general direction as our paystreaks we had located earlier that day. We could see the deposit they were digging was in the 8 inch to 12 inch depth range. The material was strewn with nails in the top 4 inches. More importantly, there was gold to be found. The gold was still small, but flakes were found and occasionally some were a little chunky. We decided to test in the general area. We took several samples and quickly found a small spot that had gold in the top 4 inches and was loaded with iron trash. There were chunks of what looked like iron slag on the surface and had nails sticking out from between the rocks. There were so many nails we started presorting them out before we sifted the material through the ½" classifier. In just a few hours the 3 gallon bucket was over half full with nails of all sizes and other bits of iron. We set up our drop riffle sluice box on the outflow tailings wash from a high banker near our diggings. This way we did we did not have to go back and forth down to the river. The high banker in front of us was set up to dump into a settling pond that was left behind after the winter storms and was plenty far from the river to perk back out crystal clear. I made sure to tease the guys that were letting us use the tailings water each time they dumped a bucket of material into their hopper. If it was a lot of material all at once it would flow into my box after it went through theirs. I would just stop feeding our sluice and wait for them to get tired of shoveling and when it cleared I would thank them for the extra gold that is now in my box and get back to feeding my sluice. We ran material like that on and off the next day and did well for as little material as we ran.

On Sunday morning Sid got in on the digging, he had us trying a different hole that was now abandon. We ran several buckets through Sid's sluice but the material had changed to a sandy consistence lacking gold and we were out of the material we had hoped to be running. We went back to the spot we had been in for the past day and a half. We decided to go wider rather than deeper and it paid off. There were lots of nails in the classifier and small gold popping up in the sluice box. By midday we had to break camp and head for home. Our nail bucket turned into two nearly full 5 gallon buckets by the end of the trip. And come to think of it we still have not had that ice cream yet. Oh well, something to look forward to on the next trip back to Twain.

-By: Cal Courtnier

Coulterville Pre-Thanksgiving Feed

The **Coulterville pre-Thanksgiving outing** is October 19th, 20th, and 21st. Saturday the 20th we will have the detector hunt, Board meeting, food drive, elections, potluck dinner, and drawing. This is a great time to support a small community that has always welcomed us over the years.

Pancake Breakfast - Rebecca's Fundraiser - 8:00am (Odd Fellows Hall)

Detector Hunt - 10:30am (Across from park)

UPI Meeting - 1:00pm (Odd Fellows Hall) Set up the Hall - 3:30pm Potluck - 5:00pm (Odd Fellows Hall)

Elections and Drawings to follow potluck

Detector hunt will be held across from the tennis court/park, and the **meeting, potluck dinner, elections, and drawing** are at the ODD FELLOWS HALL, in the center of town on Main Street. There will be some folks camped on the Moccasin Creek claim. The Historical Jefferies Hotel repairs are completed. There is a trailer park in town with limited spaces, and limited lodging in the area.

Remember we will also draw for the **outing attendance prize** for all those folks that made it to the outings this year. This year's drawing is for a 3.08gram gold nugget. There will also be many great prizes in our year end drawing.

Also, as we have done in the past, we will be collecting non-perishable food items for the local **food bank**. You will receive one ticket for every two items donated. Look for more information about the outing in this newsletter.

Thanksgiving outing at Coulterville also means **elections** are here. Voting will take place at the Coulterville pre-Thanksgiving outing on Saturday, October 20st. The positions open include Vice President, Claims Director, Treasurer, Membership, Outings Coordinator, and Ways and Means. **Absentee Ballots must** be received by October 17th.

Membership News

Here are our Newest members. Let's all give them a Big UPI welcome!

On behalf of the Officers, Directors and current Membership I'd like to welcome and acknowledge our newest members.

Ronnie Cavanaugh, Oroville, CA
Roger Mowery, Copperopolis, CA
Peter & Mary Godbold, Shingletown, CA
Jerry & Colleen Campbell, Pioneer, CA
Patricia Taylor, Livingston, TX
Todd Skinner, S. Lake Tahoe, CA
Ron Fischer, Oakland, CA
Anna Powell, Oroville, CA
Scott Maylan, Magalia, CA

Mae Gong, Sab Leandro, CA
Michael Carbaat, Oakdale, CA
Craig Bly, Modesto, CA
Lia McVicker, Lodi, CA
Richard Morris, Ripon, CA
Miguel Espinoza, Modesto, CA
Aruie Odell, Woodlake, CA
Felix Quinonez, Ripon, CA
Lloyd Strack, Lodi, CA

You've joined an outstanding, fun bunch of gold and gem seekers. We look forward to meeting you in person, at an outing and on the claims. We have two active chapters and I encourage you to attend one of their meetings if you get the chance.

Renewing and returning members:

Your continued support of the UPI is what keeps our organization alive. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the outings. Many thanks and remember, without you there'd be no club.

Other Membership News:

Reminders:

- When renewing your membership, you must fill out and sign a new application each year.
- If you check the box for electronic news letters and notifications, you will get two e-mail reminders when your membership is due. One, 30 days prior to and another the day of expiration, if it lapses. You will also receive e-mail notifications when the newsletters are available on line.
- Have a Change of Address, E-mail or contact info? Please send me your new information. Without a current mailing or e-mail address you might not get your newsletters or other notifications. Drop me an E-mail, find me at an outing or send me a note via regular mail.

Happy prospecting ,
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Vice President: John Lopez (Incumbent)

Write In: _____

Treasurer: Joice Smith

Write In: _____

DIRECTOR POSITIONS UP FOR ELECTION:

Claims Director: Sid Calija (Incumbent)

Write In: _____

Membership Director: Jim Migan

Sherri Garretson

Kim Dessaussois

Write In: _____

Outing Coordinator:

Write In: _____

Ways and Means:

Write In: _____



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