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Samuel Langhorne Clemens, 1835-1910, author & humorist, center picture, is highly responsible for this annual event that started in 1928.

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UNITED PROSPECTORS INC. MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT March/April 2001

United Prospectors welcomed both old and new members at our first outing of the year at Coulterville. Fifty-eight members and guests showed up to the outing for the announcement of our new claim, Moccasin Creek UPI. This is a claim that has everything for UPI members to mine on. There are high benches as well as a shallow creek that can handle up to a 4-inch dredge. This claim is 20 acres and makes it number ten in our claim family. We are waiting for the plan of intent to be approved by the BLM office, and as soon as we get the green light we will open the claim up on a regular basis. Please wait until the paper work is done, we will let you know as soon as it is.

We of United Prospectors are in the electronic age, with the web site bringing in new members every month. We need to think of new ways UPI can serve the membership. The board voted to try to form CHAPTERS based on cities/membership numbers. We picked the following cities, Sacramento, Stockton, San Jose, Livermore. The board will watch these chapters and see if this will meet the needs of the membership. The chapters will meet once a month. They will have videos to watch on gold mining techniques and have mining books to read or have plans to make small mining equipment such as, View Scopes, Suction Sticks, Sniping Tools, Gold Screens, and Rocker Boxes. These are just a few of the mining things the chapters will do. There will also be a small raffle, and coffee and refreshments. So if you would like to be a part of a Chapter near you, call a board member in your area and he or she can get you a phone number to call for the meeting place and times. This will take some time to get organized but should be worth the wait.

Please welcome Chet Chastain as our new claims manager. Keith Swett had to step down from the position because work and family obligations did not allow him enough time to devote to this important position. The timely filing of all of the paperwork involved in maintaining existing claims and filing on new claims takes a lot of time. Unfortunately Keith didn't have enough time to spare and bowed out before things became a mess.

This change has Chet wearing two hats in the club. Claims Manager and Political Advocacy. Both of these positions are extremely important to our continued existence. Please help Chet in any way you can.



Left: Wanda Kidd and Prez. Dan Short. Wanda won the "Big Nugget."



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The Coulter Café, and Hotel Jeffery are thanked for their support of our Coulterville outing. Both donated meals for two gift certificates for our raffle. *Thank you!*

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Please remember to support our supporters, that is what makes the world go 'round.

“Doc” Ashcraft, “Sluice Box Inc.”, Mt. Vernon, IL, and Bob Howard, “Prospectors Claim” in Livermore, CA, are thanked for their continued support of UPI. Doc and his unique and efficient mining tools donations, and Bob whom paid for his advertising and membership in Au., nice looking stuff, that will be used for raffle prizes.

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BOARD NOTES

Board of Directors meeting March 25, 2001

President Dan Short Jr. called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Officers Present: Dan Short, Leland Brown and Pat Mobley

Directors Present: Bill Reboin, Chet Chastain, Don Riley and Don Scalise.

Officers Absent: Ray Hughes

Directors Absent: Bob Williams and Rod Earnest

Members Present: Bruce Rouse, Steve Waterfall, Dan Waite, Bob Lepper, Dennis Mobley and Sam Wilkerson-Waite.

A motion was made and seconded that the minutes be accepted as presented, motion carried.

- **TREASURER, Leland Brown:** Tentative Check book balance as of 3/24/01 \$8,768.75, Income \$2,887.00, Expenses \$1,240.08. Check issued but not reflected on Expenses \$371.00. Bills presented for payment \$1,954.79.
- **MEMBERSHIP, Don Riley:** Regular members 316, Life members 45, Honorary members 2, Complimentary members 15 and Advertisers 5.
- **WAGON MASTER, Bob Williams:** Dan has a special permit for Oxbow for camping. Will have copies printed for members that are going to camp. Dan will have port-a-potties brought to the campsite.
- **CLAIMS, Keith Swett (resigned):** Dan presented Keith's resignation. Chet Chastain has agreed to take this position. Good going Chet. The Plan of Intent to be filed for the new claim Moccasin Creek. The claim will be locked until the Plan of Intent has been filed and a consensus has been agreed upon.
- **EDITOR/PUBLISHER, Bill Reboin:** We have lost the Mother Lode Mining Supply as advertiser. They are closing. Our other advertisers have renewed, but we may lose North State RV Service Center.
- **WAYS AND MEANS, Dan Short:** We took in \$311.00 from Coulterville, Nov. 2000, for raffles, which gave us \$560.00. Dan directed Don Riley to purchase enough nuggets for 2 years.
- **POLITICAL ADVOCACY, Chet Chastain:** Received several communications from people that are having trouble with the Forest Service regarding their claims. Dan added that he had received an invoice by e-mail from Mother Lode Research for payment.
- **TECHNICAL ADVISOR, Don Scalise:** Seminar for today at the outing will be metal detecting and dowsing. At the Oxbow outing he will be giving classes on Power Sluicing at 1:00 on Saturday.
- **WEB MASTER, Rod Earnest:** Rod sent e-mail to the board members describing the changes he will be doing to our web site. There will be a new page called UPI News.
- **EDUCATION/SHOWS, Marilee Riley:** She has not received work from our application for the Calaveras Frog Jump.
- **OLD BUSINESS:** Bill Reboin submitted a copy of the reciprocal agreement with Bendigo Prospectors Club Inc. Motion was made to accept the agreement and passed.
- **NEW BUSINESS:** Motion was made and passed to sell Red Dog Claim for \$500.00 or best offer. If the claim is not sold by September we will reopen for discussion. The claim will be advertised in the newsletter and on the web site.

Motion was made and passed to send the newsletters by 1st class mail with the exception of Jan/Feb & March/April issues, which will be mailed by bulk mail.


Motion was made and passed to start local chapters on a trail basis. These chapters will be for the purpose of learning and enjoyment of prospecting. The board will review the progress of the chapters at our meetings.

Bill Reboin would like to create an alliance of the western states for a larger political base. He would like to create a network of information between clubs for mining issues. Motion was made and passed to accept Bill's idea.



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

Welcome aboard for a year of fun.

As of 3/14/01 information

<u>New Members</u>	
<u>Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>
Tom Taylor	Jamison, PA
Charles McKnight	San Leandro, CA
Robert R. Lepper	San Leandro, CA
James Lee	Coarsegold, CA
Curt McGann	Placerville, CA
William Denney	Mathis, TX
Scott J. LaVigne	Pearblossom, CA
Bob Mixon	Reno, NV
Don Norwood	Sunnyvale, CA
Ralph Miller III	Yuba City, CA
Ray D. Shipman	Tracy, CA
Hector A. Chavez	Oakley, CA
Bill Lewellyn	Upland, CA
Bob Howard	Livermore, CA
Ralph C. Miller Jr.	Yuba City, CA
David M. Botts	Sparks, NV
Bob Mappes	Castro Valley, CA
John Bickel	San Ramon, CA

NEW MEMBERS CONT.

Bruce A. Rouse San Jose, CA

Doug Murry
Stan Smart
Matt Doshas
Nathan Sable

Altaville, CA
Stockton, CA
Manteca, CA
Newhall, CA

RENEWING MEMBERS

<u>Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>
William & Nancy Greymont	Cederburg, WI
Peder Andersen	Twin Falls, ID
Stormy & Troy Rittgers	Rohnert Park, CA
Gerald Vande Weeg	Rohnert Park, CA
Ralph Gragg	Concord, CA
D.J. & Martha Arnold	Lotus, CA
Andrew & Kathy Patterson	Santa Clara, CA
William Skinner	Martinez, CA
Brenda & Chris Gee	Napa, CA
Brian Campbell	Chester, CA
Wayne Baker	Placerville, CA
Steve Cutright	Placerville, CA
Carl Teel	Oroville, CA
Carolyn Carrothers	Santa Rosa, CA
Dwayne Pierzina	Stockton, CA
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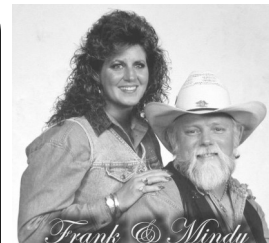
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Jay & Jackie Lempinen	Truckee, CA
Ronald Hilton	Pomerene, AZ
Darrell Kidd	Livermore, CA
Andrew Ottaviani	Carmichael, CA
Edward Cottrell	Stockton, CA
Bob Christensen	Oakley, CA
Douglas Parker	Alamo, CA
Arnold Thompson	Sacramento, CA
Ray & Helen Powell	Altaville, CA
Shaun Beattie	Hayward, CA
Robert Fainelli	Vallejo, CA
Chris Wall	Citrus Heights, CA
Joe Druso	Coulterville, CA
Leighton Eagleman	Little River, CA

Welcome aboard to all, for a great year looking for that elusive yellow metal, the potlucks & raffles and last but not least the camaraderie.

THIS IS AN ELECTION YEAR FOR



The old miner sez: Goot golly we beez groin' in peoples ant claimz dat beez nice. Now weez gotter git r lant back frum da guvment.

THE CLUB

Bet you thought it was over with for another year after the last election at Twain last year. Well remember we made some changes in the bylaws at that meeting so that *a portion of the board would be put in place every other year*. What this means is that even though board members now serve a two year term there is still nominations and elections each and every year.

From the 2001 Bylaws: *The President, Secretary and four (4) directors shall be elected in 2001 to serve in 2002 and 2003, and elected in odd-numbered years thereafter. The Vice-President, Treasurer and three Directors shall be elected 2001 to serve in 2002, one year.* For the complete context please refer to your 2001 Handbook, Bylaws.

So put your thinking caps on . Do you want to be a part of running the club? Do you know somebody that wants to be a part? Nominees must be members in good standing with the club. Want to nominate your self, volunteer, or nominate a member for a position on the Board? These positions are open to all members old or new. Nominations and volunteer candidates must be made known at the Genesee outing July 6, 7, & 8, only three months away. Start thinking.

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If I am not mistaken the current Officers and Directors can pat themselves on the back with a net growth of about 40 memberships over this same time last year. *Well done folks!*



This is where UPlers park their rigs and hang their hats during the Coulterville outings. Everything from full hook-ups to camping sites.

Frank on the right in the pictures below enlisted the help of Leland Brown & Marilee Riley and their metal detectors for locating some lost markers of some sort and the were rewarded with certificates for two days of stay at the park on the house.

In addition Frank made available a third certificate for two days as a raffle prize. This was won by Audrey and Rat Maddalena.



Leland Brown, Marilee Riley and Frank



Audrey Maddalena, Dan Short and Frank

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST

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Bill Reboin:
Editor/Publisher

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Membership/director contribution; "Bureaucracy is a giant mechanism operated by pygmies." *Honore de Bazac*

Newsworthy Items

Bye, bye
and



Mr. Clinton

Dombeck too

After eight years of political control of this country under the direction of a President and minions that were bent on closing all public lands, except to the rich and famous, and disarming the rest of us, we have a new President.

Irrespective of all of the political backwash as to the validity of the election, George W. Bush is our President. Moreover thus far, President Bush has demonstrated through his appointments to his cabinet the desire to be a peoples president, though I am personally wary of the Mexico Connection, NAFTA & trucks from Mexico.

Along this same line of thought in mid February I sent out an e-mail message to all of the UPI members I have addresses for. I requested that those that were interested in political internet links furthering, and protecting our cause as recreational miners to please respond and I would set up a political only UPI message base.

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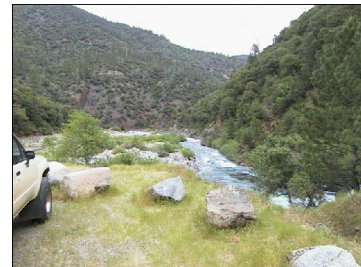
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All of us need to let those that make the laws know what our feelings and thoughts are. It's our duty as citizens of this country. If we don't and we loose we have nobody to blame but ourselves.



The old miner sez: We mayve won dat battle, but da war be ahet us!



Oxbow outing, April 20, 21 & 22

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pension of "3809" Surface Management Regulations

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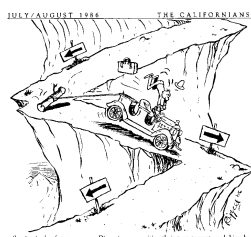


in response to the proposed suspension.

"People have raised concerns about the new rules on both policy and legal grounds. If there are legitimate issues which need to be addressed, we should do so sooner rather than later," said acting BLM Director Nina Rose Hatfield. There are four lawsuits challenging the current rules and creating uncertainty that the



BLM Proposes Suspension of "3809" Surface Management Regulations



MEMBERS: PLEASE CUT THE BELOW SCHEDULE OUT AND PASTE IT IN YOUR HANDBOOK

Schedule of Outings and Special Events

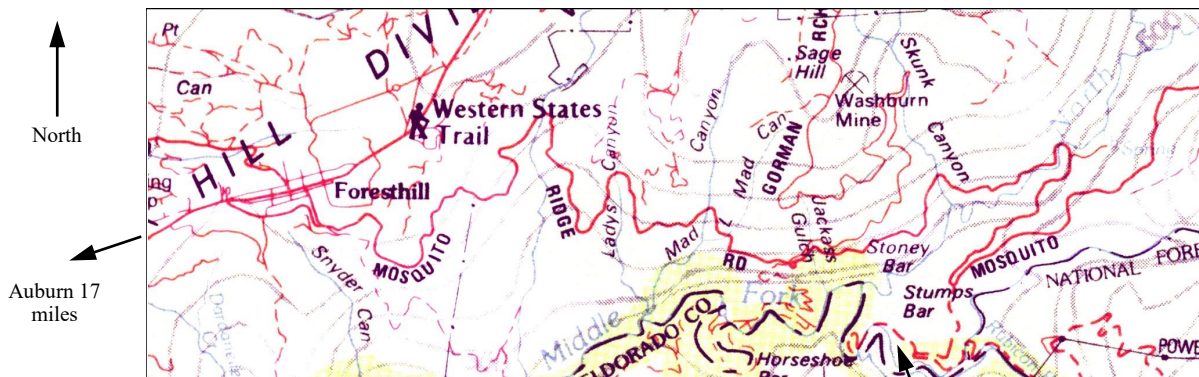
March 23, 24 & 25	Coulterville outing
April 20, 21 & 22	Oxbow , open mining area on the middle fork of the American River
May 17 through 20	Calaveras County Fair (Frog Jump Jubilee)
June 1, 2, & 3	Tobi's Toy & Ryan's Rapids outing
July 6, 7 & 8	Genesee Outing
August 3, 4 & 5	Spanish Creek UPI outing
August 31, September 1, 2 & 3	Twain outing
October 12, 13 & 14	Tobi's Toy & Ryan's Rapids outing
November 9, 10, & 11	Coulterville outing, the second annual UPI pre-Thanksgiving feed

OXBOW OPEN MINING AREA

Oxbow is an open mining area on the middle fork of the American River. Oxbow is a mile or so below the confluence of the middle fork of the American and the Rubicon Rivers. The entire area is known for its placer gold production. It is downhill/downstream from Michigan Bluff.

From Sacramento take I 80 to Auburn, follow the signs to Foresthill. From Auburn to Foresthill is about 17 miles. When getting into Foresthill there will be a large market on your right. From here you need to keep your eyes open for a Beacon gas station, on your right, you turn right just past the Beacon Station onto Mosquito Ridge Road. Set your odometer here to "zero", or note your mileage.

At about mile 9.4 from the Beacon Station, after crossing a long bridge that sweeps to the right, and the road climbing uphill for a bit, turn right on Forest Service Road #23 toward Blacksmith Flat. A steep down hill follows, if loaded heavy use low gears. At mile 11.6 turn right on FS Road 23-02. A sign says "River Access." At mile 12.2 you come to a "Y". Take the second road that is marked "River Access." On your left is an area marked "Day Use Only" that is large enough to accommodate several rigs. UPI will obtain FS permission to camp here for the outing.



Members: Please cut out this Oxbow map and directions and paste to the lower half of pg. 22 in your handbook.

EDUCATION Moccasin Creek Area Geology

By: Ross "Smokey" Smith

For those fortunate enough to attend our March Coulterville outing, you had the opportunity to work our new claim at Moccasin Creek. Once again your claims committee has done a fine job of getting us some nice property to work, with especial thanks to Ray Budowich. Ray is pretty familiar with the region, as he lives in the area and has a comprehensive library. So he knows where to go!



"Smokey" checking it out

The great Mother Lode of California is well known to all prospectors. Running along state highway 49, this lode is defined geologically by the Melones Fault Zone. It was along this fault zone, and some of its branches, that hot chemically enriched waters rose from the inner earth. The pathways the water took were along zones of weakness in the rocks. As these waters slowly cooled against the bedrock walls, the various chemicals precipitated out as crystals and these today appear as **veins of quartz**, sometimes containing the elusive gold metal! That's what the lode miners spend their lives chasing. We, however, take advantage of the powerful forces of Mother Nature. As the rocks and veins slowly erode over the vast span of geological time, the contained quartz and gold from the veins breaks free, tumbles down slopes, and ends up in streams and rivers. These waters churn and grind, and slowly—very slowly—the particles of gold break out. Gravity and running water concentrates the heavy gold, it gets captured in cracks and riffles—and then we United Prospectors snarf it out of the ground.

Moccasin creek runs right along this great Mother Lode. In fact, it is because

the Melones Fault is a zone of weakness (crushed and broken rocks from the earth movements) that the creek exists at its current location. So we immediately and directly benefit from any vein quartz (and contained gold) that might tumble down from the hills. However this is probably not the principal source of our found gold!

On some old maps there is a Tertiary Auriferous Channel mapped, running approximately east-west, and cutting across Moccasin Creek just about where the highway bridge sits. This channel is south of the ancestral Tuolumne Tertiary River Channel. Auriferous Channels are ancient river traces that often contain sediments very rich in gold. The channels were created by rivers the Eocene time, about 65 million years ago, and they have been a prime prospecting target since 1849. When modern rivers or streams cross these old "fossilized" river traces, the new waters cut through the old river sediments, rewashing and re-concentrating them, and re-depositing any contained gold further downstream. So the goal is to always to get a little ways downstream wherever modern streams cut old Tertiary Channels. And that is just the situation we have with Big Jackass Creek to the east, and Moccasin Creek. So just hope for some really big spring runoff, and then nip down to our claim.

On our claim itself, there is plenty of evidence of prior activity. The foundation stones of a small community of miners (purportedly Chinese) lie to the west, and the stream benches to the west show significant evidence of surface workings and tailings. Big Jackass Creek to the east is filled with dredge spoils, and large amounts of granite river boulders and cobbles. (Undoubtedly the Tertiary Channel sediment.) The second property to the east of the highway is patented land, and there are several pieces of abandoned (?) heavy equipment. A mariposite (attractive green and white rock) vein also cuts north-south through that property. The area has been worked extensively. It's quite an attractive setting, with waterfalls and good rock exposures in the valley walls. But it's private, and I didn't trespass (much). But I'd like to!

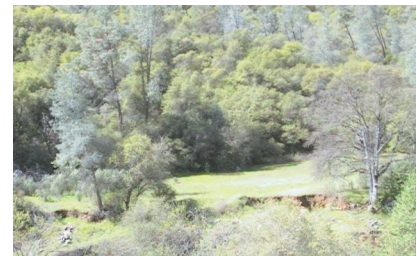
Moccasin Creek cuts through moderately

friable slate/shale beds that stand nearly vertical. The bedding planes are cut obliquely by the creek, and there are two fracture sets. One set is nearly parallel to the sedimentary bedding planes, and the second is almost vertical and orthogonal to the bedding plane. Both the fracture sets and the bedding planes are quite tight, with no well-developed cracks to catch gold. However, the vertical orientation of the slate beds does create an excellent sluice bed on the bottom of the creek. While crevicing looks unrewarding, moving some boulders off the bottom could yield some interesting sediment. And of course high banking and metal detecting the benches is worthwhile. It is interesting to note that rounded granite rocks and boulders exist only to the north of the junction of Big Jackass and Moccasin. I believe these rocks originate from the old Tertiary Channel, heavily cut by Big Jackass, and so the Moccasin creek section north of the bridge is the more prospective zone in our claim.

Happy hunting (but watch out for the poison oak—it's everywhere on the west side!!!)

THE OUTING CONT.

The flats above the current stream may have some happy surprises??



Art and Lucy seem to be enjoying the outing. Looks like they got their feet as well as their pans wet.



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UPI ROLL CALL

List of members and guests present at the potluck/raffle including the raffle results of the Coulterville/Moccasin Creek UPI March 24th

MEMBERS & GUESTS

1. Wanda Kidd; *The Big Nugget* This was a family event, Darrell & Wanda, Elevlyn Jackson, mother-in-law, granddaughter Carly & daughter, Charmain.
2. Martin & Isabel Kelly; *The Smaller Nugget*, this is two in a row for Martin
3. Chris Close; 1921 silver dollar, 1865 two-cent piece, cashed in he did
4. Bill Poore; UPI sweat shirt, & a ceramic ladies shoe
5. Ray & Audrey Maddalena; A fire extinguisher, a gold scale, a UPI ball cap and a really great prize of two free nights with full hook-ups at the Coulterville RV Park
6. Chet Chastain; UPI Tee Shirt
7. Terry & Lurea Schoen; Folding camp chair with arm rests
8. Art & Lucy Apodaca; A camp table & a bag of salted sand
9. James Black; Grizzly Gold Pan, bag of salted sand and a Hope Mine Share
10. Vern Wright; Gold Mizer Sluice, sun glasses and another great prize, lunch for two at the historical Hotel Jeffery
11. Jimmy Proctor; Bottle wrap
12. Don & Barbara Herrold; Compartmentalized storage box
13. Joe & Marianne Durso; Bag of salted sand, sun glasses & a gift certificate for the Rose Ice Cream & Deli
14. Dan Short; A bag of salted sand & a set of jumper cables
15. Don & Marilee Riley; A compartmentalized storage box, & a decorated railroad spike
16. Leland & Nina Brown; 1951 silver half dollar and a bottle of wine
17. Daniel Wait & Sam Wilkinson-Wait; A 1908 quarter
18. Steve Waterfall; Breakfast for two at the Coulter Café
19. Mike Ancona; Kerosene/light oil lantern
20. Kevin & Shery Gay and Heather, Steven & Thomas; Pocket phone dialer and a nice piece of cut Maraposite
21. Joan & Jerry Randall; Gold sucker bottle
22. Bill Reboin
23. Don Scalise
24. Dennis & Pat Mobley
25. Eric Rousey
26. William R - - - couldn't read the rest ed.
27. Craig Vollkel
28. Ken Liddle
29. Derald Smith
30. Bob and Barbara Lepper
31. George Friel & grandson
32. Ray & Bernice Budowich
33. Ross "Smokey" Smith
34. Donald & Beverly Kalmbach



Da Prez & Martin Kelly



The nuggets up Close



The prizes from overhead

A great turnout for the first outing of the year, 56 members and guests, WOW!!!! The outing was great, gold found, the potluck great as usual and the weather was precip came down pretty hard early Sunday morning but it was fast call and it was fun for all.

Dennis sez:



We be havin fun

favorable. The sunshine at break-



The old miner sez: Me thinks that we bez settin some sorta rekord fer the numberz at da outin



MEMBER NOTICES

- Please remember if you are going to participate in the potluck that you are expected to contribute to the event by bringing your contributing dish and a plate and utensils to use. UPI and members do not supply these items.
- UPI dues will be increasing next year from the current \$30.00/year, to \$35.00/year. There are two reasons for this:
 1. Increasing our claims holdings past the current 10, which we need to do to accommodate the increased membership, will disqualify us from the "small miners exemption". This being the case we will need to pay a rental fee of \$100.00/claim on all claims, not just those over 10. In other words if we have only 10 claims we pay nothing aside from the normal fees. However if we have 11 claims it costs the club \$1100.00 rental fees, 12 claims, \$1200.00 and on up.
 2. The USPS bulk mail keeps getting slower. I received an e-mail from members Win and Nancy Powell, Rogue River, OR, a couple of days ago, 4/7/01, indicating that they had just received their Jan./Feb. issue of the newsletter, which was mailed in early February. This is not the only case of this slowness. Therefore to better serve the membership the increase in dues will also go toward first class mailing of the newsletter during the active mining season so you get news, not history.
- **UPI is forming local chapters.** These chapters are being formed so that members in member concentration areas can get together for an evening of informal UPI member activity, discuss things relating to the club and just have a general non-formal connect-up, with refreshments and a raffle. The Stockton area chapter has already had a get together and all were very happy with the outcome. There will be chapters forming in the Sacramento, east bay and north bay areas. For more information contact an officer or director in the respective areas.

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THE OUTING CONTINUED THE SITE



These guys were supposed to be gold mining, I caught 'em gold minding.



Caught with his hands in the Au jar



The old miner sez: A hunnert year frun now dez peoplez be the '01ers.



THE OUTING!!!



You rarely see that rascal to the left with any kind of mining equipment at an outing, be sure to save this picture.



Have you ever seen a happier bunch of people? I think they got the fever big time. What fever? Gold fever? Perhaps a little of that. I think it is more like "camaraderie" fever or UPI fever.



THE OUTING



UPI does their best to get everybody in the newsletter. This is your club and you deserve the limelight. We apologize if you didn't appear in this newsletter and we'll catch you next time. Thank you for the great turn out and the great outing. Bill, ED/PUB



UPI BULLETIN BOARD



UPI OUTING SCHEDULE

Oxbow, open mining area, Middle Fork of the American River, April 20, 21, & 22
Special event- - - Calaveras County Fair(Frog Jump Jubilee) May 17 thru 20 (provisional on fair acceptance)

NEW STYLE UPI BALL CAPS AND "T" SHIRTS AVAILABLE

Ball caps one size fits all \$5.00 ea.
"T" shirts, small to extra large, \$10.00
Extra, extra large, \$11.00 ea.
Contact Dan Short, (209) 234-1114



The old miner sez: Dem UPI shirts n hats
shore iz nicones. Git yourself sum.

UPI OUTING SCHEDULE

April 20, 21 & 22- - - Oxbow
Special Event- - Calaveras County Fair,
May 17 thru 20, Frog Jump Jubilee, UPI
Membership booth
June 1, 2 & 3 - - - Toby's Toy/Ryan's
Rapids, (Bull Creek UPI 1 & 2)
July 6, 7 & 8 Genesee
August 3, 4 & 5 Spanish Creek UPI
August 31 thru Sept. 3, Twain and the
elections

NEW UPI MEMBER SERVICE

Any members that would like to have a copy of any picture of themselves, or for any picture, that has appeared in the newsletter can have one by simply requesting a file copy if they have e-mail. If you do not have e-mail make your request by phone or mail and the Ed/Pub will print you one on photo paper for \$3.00. This will cover the cost of postage and the photo print paper. You just need to identify page and picture as I still don't know all of you by name.

LaPorte Area Mining Claim For Sale

160 acre claim with Clippership Mine on property. Over \$4 million in gold from the Clippership mine at the turn of the century. The mine was blasted shut and later a ravine formed behind and through the original mine tunnel. The ravine is riddled with cracks and crevices with fine to coarse gold. Bedrock from 1 to 4 feet deep. Spring water on the property. \$4000.00 firm contact Jerry @ (530)534-4640.

1981 RARE

17 foot "High/Low" trailer in good condition. Three (3) way refrigerator, heater, stove and shower. \$1700.00.

Contact Don
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For more information about the *reciprocal agreement* clubs and their claims please refer to your 2000 Handbook, or call or E-mail UPI Editor/Publisher.

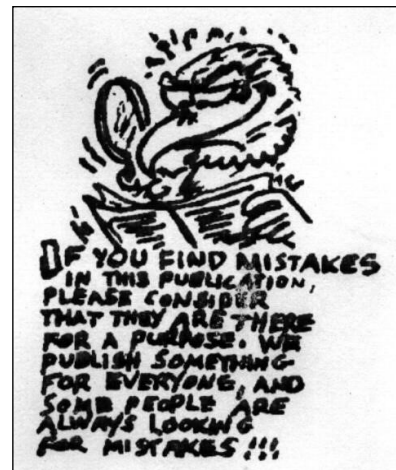
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