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## HOPE TA SEE YA AT DEM NEXT DAR OUTIN'

**March 23-25-Moccasin Creek**

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**June 29-July 8-Genesse**

**October 12-14-Twain**

**November 9-11-Moccasin Creek/Coulterville Pre-Thanksgiving Feed**



## UNITED PROSPECTORS INC. MESSAGE FROM YOUR OFFICERS



President  
Don Siegel

Hi all:

We are looking for a great 2012 and have outings planned with some new activities planned. How about a chili cook off, an Easter egg hunt, panning contests, pancake breakfast, detector hunts and as always great and getting better raffles, out of this world potlucks, and an opportunity to hangout with new and renewed friends. With some good luck maybe we can get some dredging in this year. The most important part of our plans is YOU. We need you to participate and contribute to the business end of our great organization. Your board of directors has implemented a new incentive of paid UPI dues while serving on the board as an elected director. There are several positions open at this time and we can use your help. Check out our outing schedule on the cover page and mark your calendars  
See you all soon! Don



Vice President  
Ed Ozga

Gold Prospecting Packing List: Gold pan, shovel, pick, bucket, gloves, water, etc., and PLP. PLP you say, what do I need PLP for, mosquitoes, sunburn? No, you and I need PLP so that we can continue to prospect if and when we want and not have someone tell us we can't. PLP (Public Lands for the People) is a non-profit origination with a mission statement - To represent and assist outdoor user groups and individuals interested in keeping public and private lands open to prospecting, mining, and outdoor recreation through public education, scientific data, and legal means. PLP has been working diligently on several different directions to go on after the Federal Court dismissed the SB 670 lawsuit. PLP is not giving up by any means and continues to need our financial support now more than ever. There is a fund raising raffle scheduled for **June 21, 2012**, with some awesome prizes. Please join me today and support PLP and our rights to go prospecting by getting your raffle tickets:

- 1) Go to <http://plp1.org/raffleticketsandprizes.html>; or
- 2) Call 818-363-0963 and leave message for how many tickets you need and where to mail them.

You will receive 12 tickets for every \$10.00 donation. Prizes include: Two week trip to Alaska, Minlab Metal Detector, Keene Dredge, Gold, Dry Washer, Whites Metal Detector, Fisher Gold Bug, Roaring Camp Trip, More Gold, Silver rounds, Gold Cube, Golden Caribou Mining Membership, Columbian Amber, Nugget Earrings, Crystalline Gold, Broll Cart, and more!

**Remember Gold Miners Can Dig California Out of Debt, Environmentalists Can't!**  
Hope to see you at the Moccasin Creek outing.

May There Be Gold In Your Pan, Ed

**JEST FER FUN!!!**

**NEW QUESTION OF THE MONTH**

How many words can you make from the words Artifact



**DEFINITION:** An object produced or shaped by human workmanship, especially a simple tool, weapon, or ornament of archaeological or historical interest.

**RULES:** 3+ letters, no plurals slang or proper nouns used. Claude and I found 40 words in 30 minutes. All words verified with the Oxford dictionary.

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*Please contact the UPI Vice President if you are interested in starting a chapter in your area.*



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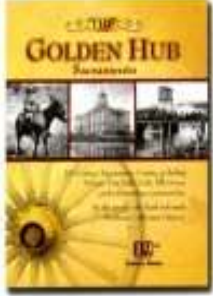
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# Contra Costa County Chapter News



January Chapter meeting. After the meeting we had a white elephant gift exchange and raffle.



Ray Romeo, Dean, and Blake help Laurie with a members lucky raffle tickets



Ed Ozga (left) and Laurie Ozga (right) give Bobby Whitworth a 3.6 gram gold nugget. Ray Romeo, who pulled the lucky ticket looks on from behind.



Ed Ozga  
Sluice box winner!



Bob Cutting  
Winner of 3 gold nuggets!



Claude Moore  
Portable generator winner!



Sandy Cameron  
Gold nugget winner!



Tom & Linda Lutrel with his & her Chia Pets from white elephant gift exchange!



# Santa Clara County Chapter News

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 31—April 1 Participating in GPAA Fresno Gold Show

April 20—April 22 Santa Clara Rock & Mineral Show

May 26– May 28 Wild West Weekend at Winchester Mystery House



We want to share some info to all miners who want to keep the forestry service and fish and game from being hard on us. See article below:

## Attention Gold Prospector

How many times have you submitted your Notice of intent or a Plan of Operation to Fish and Game and/or US Forestry Service and got back a set of rules, telling you to have a spark arrestor on your gasoline motor even when it's over water and that you have to refuel your equipment 100 ft from the water to be compliant. Here are 3 solutions that would make us look better in the eyes of the environmentalist that we are doing are part in going green.

Introducing a simple and safe system to easily convert existing equipment to run on propane while maintaining usability and performance. The Green Kit will convert small engines, 1-45 hp, to run on propane.

Propane is the most readily available and viable alternative to gasoline. This means lower and more stable fuel costs than gas; Small engines running on propane conversion systems have been proven to have 80% cleaner emissions; Increased engine life, no more gummed up carburetors; Easy Starting.; Extended run time with extended fuel capacity; and Propane powered engines can be run on ozone action days when other engines can't.

**Benefits of converting to propane**-A cleaner burning fuel with non-toxic exhaust; Increased engine life and lower maintenance; Improved engine performance; Significantly reduces air pollution; Lower fuel costs per operating hour; No more spilled fuel; Propane will never go bad and gum up a carburetor like gasoline; and Extended run time with extended fuel capacity.

**Go Green and Save Some Green**-Propane on average is about 20%-30% less expensive than gasoline; Controls fuel costs; Eliminates fuel theft; No fuel contamination; Longer engine life; Less engine maintenance; and you can refuel your engines over water.

### **Which Kit-How to choose the right Green Conversion Kit:**

The Green Conversion Kit can convert 95% of 4 stroke gasoline carbureted engines ranging from 1-45 hp. There are two basic conversion kits, Model 1 (AF1) and Model 2 (AF2). Model 1 is a manual conversion kit designed for only 2 specific engines, which are Briggs & Stratton non OHV/OHC push mower engines.

All other engines will use Model 2 (AF2). The Model 2 kit is an automatic conversion kit controlled by the demand of the engine. Model 2 works on approximately 90% of small carbureted gasoline engines.

There are three basic parts to the Green Conversion Kit Model 2:

- The Regulation System
- Fuel Supply Line

**Intake Adapter**-As long as the engine you intend to convert is NOT a non OHV/OHC Briggs & Stratton push mower; your engine will use a Model 2 regulation system. After knowing your engine will use Model 2 you will need to decide how long of a Fuel Supply Line you will need. This is done by approximating the distance from the back of the carburetor to the area where you would like to mount the regulation system. Remember to take into account any moving or folding parts along the path of where you intend to rout the Fuel Supply Line.

- The last step is to contact [pumpbiz.com](http://pumpbiz.com) (1-800-PulpBiz) for the right Intake Adapter. In order to match your engine with the right adapter, you need to know the following: Manufacturer/Brand; Manufacturers Serial and Model Number; Horsepower of the engine; and Application of the engine.



# UPI BOARD MINUTES

## January 21, 2012



**WELCOME:** President, Don Siegel

### ROLL CALL

**Roll call of Officers/Board Members:** President, Don Siegel; Vice President, Ed Ozga; Treasurer, Aaron Matula; Membership, Dave Williams, Outing Coordinators, Terry & Debbie Moore; Assistant Claims Manager, Jim Madden; Pub/Editor-in-Chief, Linda Moore.

**Roll call of members:** Bob Azbil, Wagon Master; Georgia Azbil, Russell Tate, UPI, Tuolumne County and also representing 49er Gold Miners, Claude Moore, Rick Riedel, Laurie Ozga, Mike Brickwedel, Denise Matula, Mike Phillips, Santa Clara Chapter Chairman; Cisco and Debbie Marcal, and Pam Madden. (*Editors note: Apologies to those whose names were not recorded.*)

### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

President, Don Siegel; Treasurer, Aaron Matula; Outing Coordinators, Terry and Debbie Moore; and Pub/Editor-in-Chief, Linda Moore were sworn in, each for a 2-year term.

### MINUTES

Laurie stated that the previous minutes from the 11/12/11 Board meeting at Coulterville, were not published in the past newsletter because the minutes had been misplaced. The minutes were accepted as they were. (*Editors note: Minutes from the 11/12/11 have since been located and will be condensed and recorded here. Officer/Board members present included: Don Siegel, Ed Ozga, Aaron Matula, Dave Williams, Terry and Debbie Moore, and Jim Madden. Discussions included current pre-Thanksgiving pot-luck and plans for next year. Claims report included new claim (since released as the Reboin), and an update on AB120 and SB 670; Membership report: 402 total members and approval to print additional UPI Guide Books, new Guidebooks have not yet been sent to Lifetime members; Treasurer report, \$9,000 in bank.; Wagon Master discussed preliminary 2012 outing schedule (released in this newsletter) and ring donated to UPI and plans to raffle. Bills were approved for the rental of the Coulterville schoolhouse, turkeys, mailings, key for UPS box, mailbox rental, and \$200 for metal detecting hunt.*)

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**TREASURER:** Aaron's computer crashed and he is in the process of recouping our records. No files were lost. Discussion was held regarding newsletter costs and ways to reduce;

Current balance is \$8895.28. (*Editors note: Due to time constraints, 2012 budgets were not discussed at this meeting.*)

**MEMBERSHIP:** 417 members, 65 life members, 341 regular members, 11 advertisers.

Dave gave a report on an email he received recently regarding the printing and mailing of newsletters and guidebooks. This was tabled for new business. Grizzly Gold Pan "Sluice Box Inc" is no longer in business. Advertisement should be removed from newsletter. There was discussion on other advertisers new and old. Laurie will work with Dave to updated current mailing list for advertisers.

**NEWSLETTER:** Articles have already been received for the next newsletter. Members are starting to respond with articles and it is greatly appreciated. Linda discussed the article in the newsletter about receiving newsletter electronically. Dave has set his computer up for this process.

**WAYS AND MEANS:** Reported by Don. We have at least enough prizes for one outing and cutting it close on enough gold for the year. There are two gold shows coming soon and we will get some new prizes there. The Board was asked to keep their eyes and ears open for good deals for prizes, as the cost of gold keeps going up and people selling gold do not want to deal.

**CHAPTERS:** Communication has been received from someone in Southern California wanting to set up a chapter and Don will speak to them. UPI membership is not required to attend a Chapter meeting. Ed reported that Contra Costa Chapter is going to Bear River in September. Mike reported that Santa Clara Chapter has a new name (i.e., Silicon Valley Gold Prospectors). UPI and GPAA have merged their meetings in Santa Clara. You do not have to belong to either GPAA or UPI to attend the chapter meeting. Some GPAA members have joined UPI. Mike's group has a Gem, Rock, and Mineral show coming up in April at the Santa Clara County fair grounds. They will have a gold panning demonstration there with gold and gemstones. It is a 3 day event. The show averages 1,200 people the first day and about 6,000 to 7,000 for the whole weekend. Mike also plans a booth at the upcoming GPAA Fresno Gold Show. Mike has two gumball machines going where they rack in the money for their chapter. There were discussions about chapters joining together to work the shows and share profits. Also, Mike will indicated on tri-fold membership application that membership was a Santa Clara county recruit. Laurie agreed to updated current tri-fold for use by all.

**CLAIMS:** Jim pursuing new claims at this time .

**WAGON MASTER:** Bills are paid in full. Discussion and approval of 2012 outing schedule.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Discussions were held regarding holding outings at "non-dredging" claims; outing activities (e.g., pancake breakfast, Easter egg hunt); metal detecting hunt; approved \$250 for PLP (membership and donation); UPI members offers to reduce printing/ mailing costs; and discussion and approval of 2-year paid membership for Officers and Board members while serving terms.

# UPI MEMBERSHIP REPORT

## New Members as of 1/31/12:

James Baggott	Hollister, CA
Wayne Bootten	San Juan Bautista, CA
Rod Brown	Lodi, CA
Tommy Chelemedos	Pittsburg, CA
Frank Church	Tracy, CA
Steve DeWaide	San Jose, CA
Larry Douglas	Pleasant Hill, CA
Richard Infantino	San Jose, CA
Joel Franzoia	Sacramento, CA
Michael Hammond	Millbrae, CA
Dan Kunz	Wilton, CA
John Malde	Stockton, CA

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Derek & Cynthia Onstein	Paradise, CA
Mike Phillips	San Jose, CA
Raymond & Julie Romeo	Richmond, CA
Guy B. Sandahl	Vacaville, CA
Donald Siegel	Modesto, CA
Keith & Cristina Thomas	Roseville, CA
William Westcott	San Leandro, CA

## Members up for renewal as of 1/31/12:

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Jamie Chavez	Martinez, CA
Scott Enos	Citrus Heights, CA
Carla Herbert	Gilroy, CA
Randy Judd	Sun Valley, NV
Kim Konvolinka	Groveland, CA
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Rudolf Reyes	Fremont, CA
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Richard Scott	Los Gatos, CA

## New Member as of 2/12/12:

Louis Casterson	Pleasanton, CA
Kevin Charm	Sunnyvale, CA
Robert Guardiola	Riverbank, CA
Ken & Betty Letsinger	Davis, CA
Randy McNealy	Rohnert Park, CA

## Renewing members as of 2/12/12:

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# STORIES FROM THE PAST



## A MINING RUSH IN ARIZONA

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There aren't any gray-bearded old prospectors leading pack burros through the desert around here, but there definitely is a mining rush.

Nine companies, including three major oil producers, are elbowing each other for uranium mining claims in this desert region 85 miles northwest of Phoenix.

Nobody is talking about the exploration finds yet, but the companies have claim-staked large areas in their search for "yellow cake", the uranium that has gone from \$6 to \$40 a pound in 20 years.

"Obviously, the companies exploring in the Date Creek Basin think it has potential," says Harlen Holen, regional geologist for the U.S. Energy Research and Development Administration.

Increasing construction of Nuclear reactors which use uranium to generate electricity, has pushed mining companies to search for new sources of the mineral.

There is uranium in the area. In the 1950's when uranium's use in nuclear science emerged, a property called the Anderson Mine produced the radio-active metal in the basin.

Minerals exploration Co., a subsidiary of Union Oil Co. has two square miles staked, including the old Anderson property. Company officials have not disclosed what they have found, but a former co-owner of the Anderson Mine talked about it.

Dan Jacobs, who lives in nearby Cobgress, Arizona, says a government surveyor told him the uranium potential of Date Creek basin "looked bigger and better than the New Mexico strikes." Grants, New Mexico, has the nation's largest known uranium reserves.,

"Nothing like the Grants uranium reserves has been found anywhere else in the United States and I wouldn't anticipate another Grants mineral belt," says Holen.

Copied from the Associated Press

## **Release of Proposed Suction Dredge Regulations**

On February 17, 2012, the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) released proposed regulations for suction dredge mining in California. DFG released an earlier draft of these regulations for public review in February 2011. Two versions of the currently proposed regulations are available. The first version is a plain text presentation of the currently proposed regulations. The second version includes all changes, using underline/strikeout formatting, based on the regulations originally adopted in 1994, the modifications proposed in February 2011 and the additional modifications currently proposed. **The public comment period closes at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 5, 2012.** All comments must be postmarked or received by DFG on or before that date and time. Please contact Laurie Ozga directly at OzMiner@msn.com or (925) 706-8193 for further information and copies of the documents.



*The Ole Miner Sez!  
He who ain't nuttin, ain't  
any better den anyone who is."*



**Jim Madden**

# Assistant Claims Manager Report

On December 28, 2011, the Appellate Court overturned the lower court's injunction against the issuing of suction dredge permits. Essentially the court said there was no need for the emergency injunction as AB120 prevents the issuing of permits until CDFG finalizes the SEIR and mitigates all significant effects. Of importance, is first PLP won, which means the miners won. PLP appealed the injunction and the court agreed with PLP. Secondly, if PLP is successful in overturning SB670 and AB120 then the path is clear to begin permitting suction dredging again. Essentially this means we've taken one step forward in returning to the rivers this summer. By the time this newsletter goes to press the second court case will have been heard on February 22nd, so watch the UPI forum on our website for updates.

The Department of Fish and Game is almost finished with its review of all the comments and other information it received during the public review period that ended for the proposed Suction Dredge Permitting Program in May 2011. As part of that effort, the Department has determined that some revisions to the proposed regulations as originally noticed in February and March 2011 are necessary. The Department expects to release the proposed revisions to the public in the next week or so. Jim

## Mining claim open for club use

Some time back I wrote about finding a culvert with lots of gravel and some gold in it. The claim is held privately and is not a UPI claim, but is open for use to UPI members. No club funds were used to file the claim. I accidentally found the claim and showed it to Don and my mining partner who has been mining with me about 30 years. The three of us have done very little mining on it, about 3 or 4 days with a small high banker and some test panning. We worked less than 10 ft of the culvert. We cleaned out one spot 4 X 5 ft area to bedrock. Found gold in the upper layers but very little below 3 ft. This spot we are using as a holding pond, pumping water from the mine tunnel to the hole then pumping from that hole upstream. Very little work has been done on the claim. Lots of poison oak and scrub brush cover many many tailings piles. There is one other mine tunnel further upstream along the creek, this one is dry and is in a depression along the creek. The main tunnel about 30 ft from the road is half full of water. There is a 30 ft 3" abs pipe with foot valve on the end that we are pumping from. The entrance to the mine is spongy vegetation and you may sink in several feet, other wise safe. There is about 3 ft of water in the tunnel and it is about 10 ft back to where you can drop a foot valve, so you need at least that much suction hose. If you have the parts, you can hook up to our abs pipe. There is also Down Home Hardware in Big Oak Flat. The tunnel entrance was covered with poison oak vines. There are still a few around. Please stay out of the shafts and any others on the claim that we have not found. What we have found out is the area was mined before and after the 1930's. The gold is coming from stringers of quartz in the slate. There was a stamp mill and do not be surprised finding gold that is flattened and rolled up like a tube. I found several of these about 3/8" long.

This claim is located on Priest Grade Coulterville Road. Very close to the Priest Grade Cafe at the top of the hill. Look for the overhead high voltage power lines. This claim is directly underneath them, the next bend towards Coulterville. You can drive up the road towards the power line tower and park there. There is also a pull out at the claim one car can back in and several can park on the road. I have cleaned all of the brush out of the creek area up to the small foot bridge. Don has panned and found gold quite a ways up the creek when it was flowing. The only problem is with no rain, there is no water except for the year round supply from the mine.

Someone took the time to build a small bridge upstream. It needs some work so be careful crossing it. Just upstream from the bridge on the right bank is a 3 ft hole leading into an old mine shaft. Google earth shows many trails in the area and they probably lead to other shafts. Always use caution around mine shafts and it is always safer to stay out of the tunnels. Enjoy, might see you up there from time to time.

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## Dear Editor:

Regarding the new info on the Reboin Claim on Page 9 of the Dec. newsletter.

Tuolumne General Hospital is closed.

The closest hospital to the new claim is Sonora Regional Center, (209)532-5000. 1000 Greenley Road, Sonora, CA 95370  
Ken Finley

## NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR:

I really appreciate your input and letters. I would like more letters concerning anything to do with gold prospecting so we can share your thoughts with others besides me.

Do you have a personal short story you would like to share?

So you have pictures you would like to share?

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