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LAST OUTING OF THIS YEAR – August 27th & 28th at Parrish Wisconsin

NEXT MEETING – September 3rd at Cedar Creek Mall in Wausau – 11AM

The meeting will be the Community Room. The mall is located next to I-39 just north of Gander Mountain. Take I-39 exit 185 – Business 51 North to county road XX/ Imperial Avenue. Turn right and then go straight ahead. The community Room is located at the main entrance of the mall. Watch for signs. BBQ will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass.

Presidents Letter

What a great time everyone had at the Snyder Park & Campground Outing in Clark County Wisconsin. The Clark County Press ran an article on the event, including a couple of pictures. 20 buckets of North Carolina dirt was passed out to the families. Let me know if you found flakes or pickers in your bucket. I only had a few fines in mine.

Nominations will be taken in September and October for the President and Secretary position. These are 2 year positions. You have to be a card carrying member of the GPAA to be an officer, or to vote for an officer. All other activities can be voted on by Wausau Prospectors members. There are a lot of wonderful folks in the Wausau Prospectors club who would make great officers. You can also nominate yourself for these positions. Voting will take place at the October meeting.

It is never too soon to start planning your next gold prospecting vacation. I have done a couple of prospecting vacations that where 2 years in the planning and it is surprising how fast the months go by and the day comes when you are in Alaska, California, etc. With the GPAA you have the Motherload Expedition in California and the Alaska Expedition in Nome Alaska, as well as the GPAA Outings. Then you have the Gold Prospecting camp in Thermal City North Carolina and Dean Race's Goldfever Prospecting in Chicken Alaska. There are numerous other places as well. Then of course there is the last minute vacation that you put together like, right now.

Dennis and Janice Laubenstein will be putting on an Outing on their property near Parrish Wisconsin for the 27th and 28th of August. This Outing is open to all prospectors. For more information contact Dennis at: 715-752-3404.

Our September program will be on Wetsuits. You are never too old to get one

.Kurt

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

What a great time we had at the Snyder Park Outing. 36 members were present. Kurt discussed the Parrish Outing and reminded everyone how fortunate we are to have the GPAA Gold and Treasure Show in Wisconsin this October. *-(A MUST SEE!!!)-* Mark your calendars now! Panning and sluicing in the river was a blast, and the food was excellent.

Raffle Winners:

Rick Unger - \$60.00 – 50/50

Harold Beringer – Paydirt Special

Larry Bender, Mark Bower & Larry Bender – Gold Nuggets
(Give us a break Larry)

Raffle Donations:

Gary and Jeanne Morison – Pan, Screen & Gold Nugget Gum
Barb Bublitz – Flashlight, Pancake Mix, Overnight Bag, & Clothesline.

* At our next Meeting we will be taking nominations for President and Secretary Positions - I will not be able to continue to serve as Secretary in the future. I have truly enjoyed my time and plan to be available to help as needed with raffles and other tasks. I will also give as much counsel to the new Secretary as is needed. It has been a fun time working with the other officers and it is a great way to build friendships. Whoever gets to spend the next term working side by side with Barb will find she is awesome! *(Love you Barbie!)* *Please give some sincerer consideration to these positions.

See you all in September, KIM

ITEMS FOR SALE

Anyone wanting to list items for sale in the monthly news-letter should contact Kim at (715)937-2012 or at kimmickelson@aol.com.

- River Rocker Box Kits-\$140 Mike McKee (715)423-4184
- Garrett 1500 Metal Detector with extra Coils - \$400 OBO. Call Richard - before 2pm or on weekends (715) 610-8241



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2011 WAUSAU PROSPECTORS OUTINGS

August 27th & 28th – Outing in the Parrish

September 3rd – Wausau Prospectors Meeting

- at the Cedar Creek Mall
- Raffles
- Potluck – BBQ Provided

October 15th & 16th - GPAA Gold and Treasure Show Omni-center, Onalaska WI

OUTINGS INFO:

August 2011. Dennis and Janice Laubenstein will be putting on an Outing in the Parrish for the 27th and 28th of August. You can come as early as Friday the 26th. This Outing is open to all prospectors. Mark your calendar. For more information contact Dennis at: 715-752-3404.

GPAA Renewal Reminder HEY WAUSAU PROSPECTORS!! !

You don't have to be a member of the Gold Prospectors Association of America to be a member of the Wausau Prospector, A GPAA Chapter: but if you're not a member of the GPAA, you are missing out on a lot of really good stories and information by not getting the "Gold Prospectors" magazine and the "Pick & Shovel Gazette" paper, plus the Mining Guide. Check out the GPAA website at: <http://www.goldprospectors.org> For the Wausau Prospectors members who join or renew the GPAA, please let them know you are a member of the Wausau Prospectors GPAA Chapter. We earn Chapter credits from the GPAA that can be used like cash when ordering catalog items from the GPAA that we use for our club such as raffles. Joining the GPAA includes many benefits. Find out at <http://www.goldprospectors.org/membership/gpaa> or call the GPAA toll free: 800-551-9707

GET IN FREE - GPAA GOLD AND TREASURE SHOW!

Take advantage of the NEW pre-registration on line and get FREE admittance to a GPAA Gold and Treasure Show! Go to www.goldandtreasureshows.com Register for as many of the shows as you like. Just print out your registration email and bring it to the pre-registration booth at the door and you're in! The cutoff for pre-registration and free admittance is two weeks prior to the event.

Wausau gold prospecting club visits Snyder park

By Tony Opelt

The Gold Prospectors Association of America (GPAA) is not a familiar organization to central Wisconsin, but a club in Wausau is hoping to change that.

One of four chapters of the GPAA in Wisconsin, the Wausau Prospectors Club, was founded in 2007 and has been going strong ever since. Covering such activities as recreational prospecting, metal detecting and rocks and gems, it is no wonder the group now has over 100 members. They met at Snyder Park and Campground Saturday, Aug. 6, to pan for gold.

Kurt Bublitz, president of the Wausau chapter, is all smiles when talking about the organization, "Camaraderie is a large part of the group. Most participate, but some come just for friendship." He states several times the group is entirely nonprofit; a testament to the love everyone shares for the hobby.

"Almost all creeks in Wisconsin have fine gold," Bublitz said. "It's very rare that you'll find a flake or small chunk, though," Bublitz educates. "It's highly unlikely anyone finds enough to pay for even a gallon of gas. We all have that dream in the back of our heads, though, that we'll find a nugget someday."

Fine gold is similar in form to flour or pepper. Very small and not worth much, but it serves another purpose - raising interest in

the hobby.

The prospectors usually pan for gold in creeks throughout the state and have even taken trips across the country. They have gone as far as California and Alaska, and each state has different rules and regulations for the hobby.

In Wisconsin, for instance, it is illegal to use motorized equipment. Only pans and sluice boxes are to be used.

The club meets on the first Saturday of every month and still has meetings during the winter season. Detailed information on joining or a list of the club's events can be found at www.wausauprospectors.com. The GPAA website is www.goldprospectors.org.



Tony Opelt/Clark County Press
"Captain" Bob Minshall shows off his four nuggets of gold, each worth several thousands of dollars.



Pictured are Mike Fait (l), president of the Thoma chapter of the GPAA, and Kurt Bublitz, president of the Wausau chapter of the GPAA.

** Please sent me your stories or prospecting tips for consideration in future newsletters, I want to make this informative and interesting for all readers and I need your help. Thank you kimmickelson@aol.com or Kim Mickelson, W4699 Ridge Road, Neillsville 54456

Other Club News

Greenbush Wisconsin

Chapter of the GPAA – holds meetings on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 3pm in the Greenbush Town Hall, N6644 Sugarbush Rd, Greenbush, WI. For more information contact Ron Smith at (920)207-4092 or visit www.wisgpaa.org.

Mid-State Metal Detecting Club

Mid-State Metal Detecting Club meets every 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Stevens Point area. Contact Steve Miller for more information (75)572-1845.

Tomah Wisconsin

Chapter of the GPAA – holds meetings on the 3rd Saturday of each month at the La Grange Town Hall, 22731 Flint Ave. 1.8 miles west of Tomah on Hwy-21. For more information contact Mike Fait at (715)384-9265 or e-mail at mgfait@charter.net

Wisconsin Northwoods Adventures

Chapter of the GPAA – holds meetings on the 2nd Saturday of every month. For more information contact Tom Frank at (715)579-7111 or visit <http://www.wisconsinpaa.com>.

HELPFUL WEBSITES

Wausau Prospectors <http://wausauprospectors.com>

Carl Mauritz www.huntforgems.com

Carl Mauritz Forum www.huntforgems.com/goldminers

Deerfield Detectors www.deerfelddetectors.com

Chippewa Falls Metal Detector www.threeseasonstreasurehunters.com

GPAA www.goldprospectors.org

Green Bush Chapter www.greenbushgpaa.com

Rick Gremler's Wausau Site <http://www.ricksbucketlist.com>

Heart of WI Gem & Mineral <http://fromtherockroom.com/club>



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