



# Wausau Prospectors

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## Next Meeting Location – Dells of the Eau Claire Park, Wausau, WI

Our next meeting will be held Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup> at the Dells of the Eau Claire Park – 15 miles east of Wausau on County Highway Y. Map to location on the back page. We will have the meeting at 11am followed by raffles and a pot luck lunch with burgers and hot dogs furnished by the club. Please bring a dish to pass. In the afternoon we will be processing gold bearing material from the Thermal City Gold Mine in North Carolina.

## Message from the Vice President

Hi Everyone:

I'm sorry this months' newsletter is so late. It's been a very busy month for Theresa and me. I finally have most of the Lake Superior sand out of the camper. What a fun trip that was. I think everyone enjoyed themselves and made some interesting finds. I'd like to thank Richard Whiteman and the staff at Red Metal Minerals for a wonderful adventure. And thanks again to Mike Fait for carrying my rock to the truck. I do appreciate it. I can see this trip becoming a yearly outing for our club.

Our July meeting/outing is just around the corner. I know it is a holiday weekend but I hope everyone can at least make it out for the meeting and the afternoon dig. If you can make it for the entire weekend that would be even better. Make sure and look for more details in the newsletter. For our ore dig in the afternoon, the pay-dirt is just as it came from the mine. It contains rocks up to fist size. It will need to be screened down and then cleaned up. I will be bring my mini-high banker and gold wheel to use as well as screens, pans and tubs. Please bring your clean-up gear to use as I don't have enough for everyone. This is a good time to see how everyone's equipment works. It should be fun afternoon in a

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beautiful location. The park is located 15 miles east of Wausau off Hwy 52 on Cty Hwy Y. It's close enough to our usual meeting location that I hope everyone can make it out. And you could go home with some gold so don't forget your vial.

So until we see each other again, may there be gold in every pan and sunshine in your life.

Mike McKee

### **Items for Sale**

Anyone wanting to list items for sale in the monthly newsletter should contact Theresa at (715) 423-4184 or [rotmom@wctc.net](mailto:rotmom@wctc.net).

Lightly used 1st Proline Step into cold water 7mm wet suit top. A step into wet suit top covers from neck down to mid thigh and is very warm in water as low as 55 degrees. Suit is an XXL which would be 36-40 inch waist and 40-44 inch chest. Suit is in excellent condition. \$50 or best offer. Ken Kosteki [kbkostt@charter.net](mailto:kbkostt@charter.net)

Looking for rock tumbler, saw, and faceting tools. Call Art Gacke (715) 443-2648.

### **Canned Goods**

Remember that we are collecting canned goods for the local food pantries at our meetings. For every can of food you bring you get a raffle ticket for a piece of gold to be given away at every meeting. Maybe you can win yourself a little gold while helping others.

### **Meeting Minutes**

Meeting was called to order by Robert Hoffman, club president. There were 19 people in attendance.

The secretary minutes were accepted as written. The treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Floyd Olson, our treasure will be ready to turn over the Treasurer's job to a new person as of the August meeting. Please let us know if you are interested.

#### Donations to raffles

Thank you to everyone that donated to the club. I know I didn't get everyone's name that donated items. In the future, please let Kurt Bublitz know what you are donating. Please accept my apologies if I missed you.

- Peggy Gremler – copper bracelets

### **Update on July Outing/ Meeting**

The club will be sponsoring a group outing along with our July meeting. The outing/meeting will be held at the Dells of the Eau Claire County Park on Cty Hwy Y 15 miles east of Wausau. We have reserved a group camping area for the weekend. Since the club paid for the campsite there will be no charge for camping but remember this is primitive camping with no electric or water connections. Bring your generators. There are toilet facilities and picnic tables. There is water available.

Check the schedule of events and come for as much or little of the weekend as you can. After lunch we will have panning and high-banking activities for everyone to try. I will be bringing pay dirt back from the Thermal City Gold Mine in NC so everyone can have a chance at finding some real gold. Then join us in the evening for the group campfire.



## July Outing Information

### *Schedule of events:*

#### Friday July 4<sup>th</sup>

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| 3pm | Arrival and set up          |
| 6pm | Join us around the campfire |

#### Saturday July 5<sup>th</sup>

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| 9am        | Coffee at camp   |
| 11am – 1pm | Meeting, raffles, pot luck – burgers and hot dogs provided, bring a dish to pass                 |
| 1pm – 5pm  | Gold-bearing dig – pan your own dirt from Thermal City Gold Mine in North Carolina               |
| 6pm        | Group supper. Theresa and I will be smoking 2 turkeys for the meal. Please bring a dish to pass. |
| 8pm        | Group Campfire   |

#### Sunday July 6<sup>th</sup>

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| 8am         | Coffee at camp   |
| 9am – 10am  | Breakfast – signup sheet for donation will be available at Sat meeting |
| 10am – Noon | Fellowship   |
| Noon – 3pm  | Clean up and departure   |



# **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Wisconsin Gold Rush Days**

**Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> 9am-6pm**

**Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> 9am-4pm**

**“Fun activity for the entire family”**

**\$2.00 Admission, 12 and under free!**

## **Location**

**Mann Rd.-West of Hwy.13, 4.5 miles Spencer WI.**

**Hosted By: Greenbush Chapter of GPAA.**

**Mid-State Metal Detectors**

**Tomah Chapter of GPAA.**

**Wausau Prospectors-A GPAA Chapter**

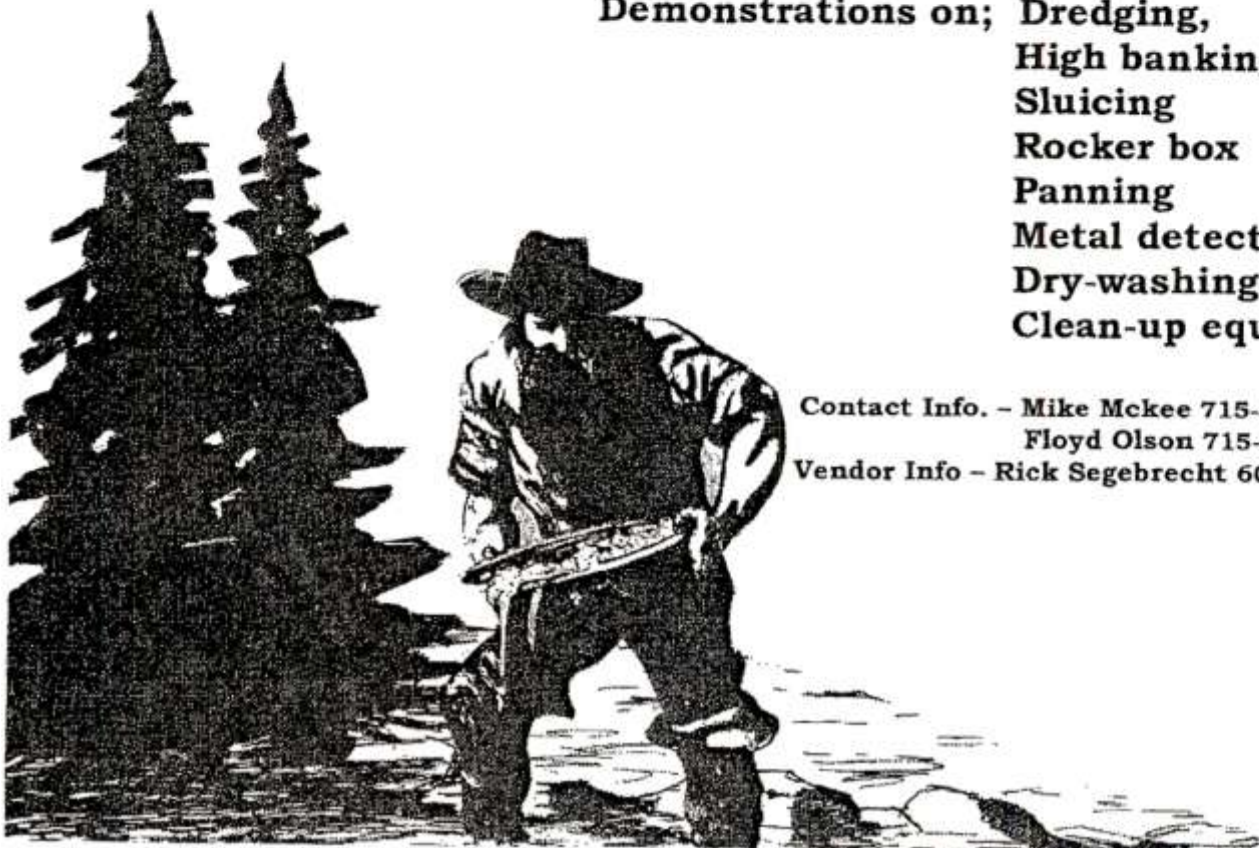
**Activities : Gold and gem panning, Metal detector hunt,  
Gold panning contest, Raffles, and Vendors!!**

**Demonstrations on; Dredging,  
High banking  
Sluicing  
Rocker box  
Panning  
Metal detecting  
Dry-washing  
Clean-up equipment**

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**Floyd Olson 715-613-0994**

**Vendor Info - Rick Segebrecht 608-576-6883**



# Calendar of Events

## JULY 5 – WAUSAU PROSPECTORS OUTING/MEETING

DELLS OF THE EAU CLAIRE COUNTY PARK – WAUSAU

- CAMPING 3PM JULY 4 – 3PM JULY 6<sup>TH</sup>
- GROUP CAMPING AREA
- MEETING 11AM SAT FOLLOWED BY POT LUCK LUNCH AND RAFFLE
- GOLD PANNING AND HIGH-BANKING WITH REAL GOLD BEARING MATERIAL FROM NC
- JOIN US FOR THE DAY OR THE WEEKEND

## AUGUST 2 – WAUSAU PROSPECTORS OUTING/MEETING

T & T RIDERS CLUB GROUNDS – SPENCER, WI

SITE OF 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL GOLD RUSH DAYS

- CAMPING AUG 1 – AUG 3 - FREE
- MEETING 11AM SAT FOLLOWED BY POT LUCK LUNCH AND RAFFLE
- AFTERNOON WORKDAY PREPARING FOR GOLD RUSH DAYS
- CELEBRATION OF FLOYD OLSON'S BIRTHDAY AND RETIREMENT AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>

## AUGUST 23-24

1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL WISCONSIN GOLD RUSH DAYS – SPENCER WI

4 ½ MILES WEST OF HWY 13 ON MANN ROAD

- EARLY ARRIVAL ON AUG 22ND
- EVENT HOURS:
  - o 9AM-6PM SAT
  - o 9AM – 4PM SUN1

## SEPT 25-28 – DENNIS LAUBENSTEIN OUTING

PARRISH, WI

## A Note from Kurt Bublitz

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

# Other Club News

## WISCONSIN NORTHWOODS ADVENTURERS

A Wisconsin GPAA Chapter - 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>

## GREENBUSH WISCONSIN

Chapter of GPAA – holds meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month at 3pm in the Fellowship hall New Hope U M Church, 27797 Center Street, Greenbush, WI (across from the Wade House). For more information contact Ron Smith at (920) 207-4092

## TOMAH WISCONSIN

Chapter of GPAA – hold meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month at 11 am at the Tomah Boys and Girls Club. For more information contact Richard Hanson at (608) 498-2237 or email at [sad2692000@yahoo.com](mailto:sad2692000@yahoo.com)

## Wisconsin Gold Rush Days

Things are finally falling into place for Gold Rush Days. Mike Flint is working on advertising for the event. He has developed a flyer that I am sending to all of the clubs involved. We are hoping each club will make copies of the flyer and distribute them to their members – and then the members make a few copies and post them around their communities. If all of the clubs do this we can cover much of the state with flyers. I will have fliers at our July meeting for members to take and get copied. Or use the one in this newsletter.

Kurt Bublitz is heading up the raffle committee and has taken care of the permit applications. He also has some donations promised from GPAA. Richard Niemyjski has volunteered to help Kurt.

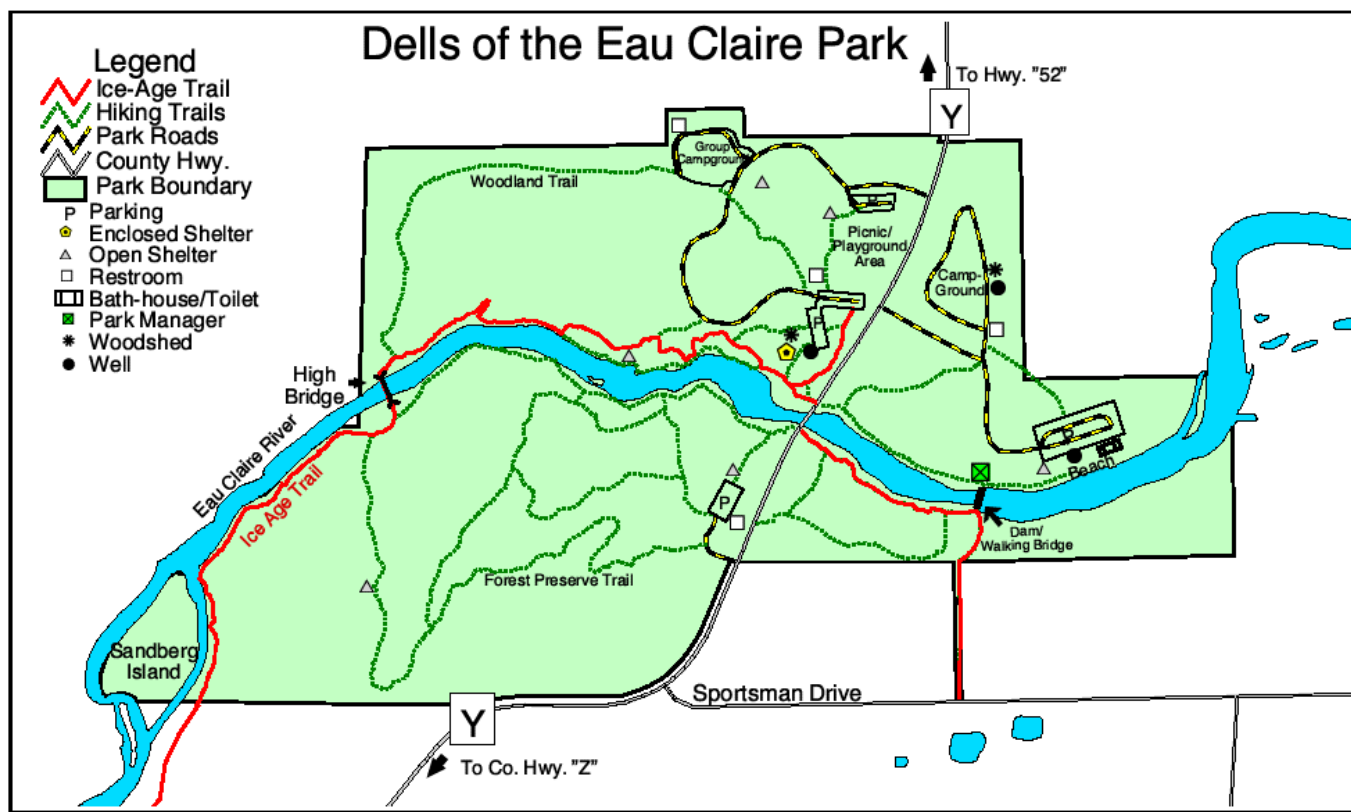
Rick Segebrecht is taking care of vendors and I believe we already have four vendors on board. Kim Mickelson has volunteered to man a first aid station for the event. T& T riders will be taking care of the entrance gate for the event as well as running their food booth. Hopefully Steve Miller will be putting together a detector hunt for us.

Robert Hoffman will be organizing the volunteer security force. Thanks everyone for their hard work.

We would like to invite members of all the clubs to the August outing to help with our work day for the event.

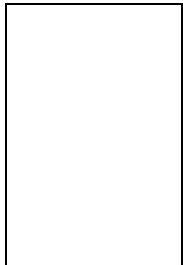


## Map to Meeting Location – Ontonagon Township Park – Ontonagon MI



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Have a smiley Day! 😊