



# Wausau Prospectors

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## Next Meeting Location – Cedar Creek Mall, Wausau

Our next meeting will be held Saturday, April 5th at 11 a.m. The location for the meeting will be the Community Room at the Cedar Creek Mall. The mall is located next to I-39 just north of Gander Mountain. Take I-39 Exit 185 – Business 51 North to County XX/Imperial Avenue. Turn Right and go straight ahead to mall. See map on page 4. The Community Room is located at the main entrance of the mall. We will have a presentation on rocks and minerals by Carl Mauritz. BBQ's will be furnished. Please bring a dish to pass.

## Message from the Vice President

Hi Everyone:

Wow – what a meeting. We just keep growing. It's so nice to see the new faces we have at every meeting. It's even better when we start seeing those same faces month after month. I see some real friendships developing here. Theresa and I are really excited about spending time with everyone at some outings. Speaking of outings, I will be going to "Springtime in Parrish" the end of April and from there I will be heading to the UP to research our June outing. A couple of people are going along with me. If anyone is interested in going they are welcome to come along. We will be staying in a campground in Ontonagon MI that has full hook-ups. I will be leaving Parrish Sunday afternoon and spend Mon and Tue touring the area to set up the outing. I'll be heading home on Wed. So feel free to join us.

We are also looking for a place to hold a July outing. It will be the first weekend in July and we would like to find somewhere close to Wausau so everyone can have a chance to go. I realize it is the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend so most public campgrounds are going to be very busy but if we could find some private property to camp on and have our get together that would be great. Anyone with any ideas

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please let me know. While I'm asking everyone for some help let me ask something else. The club could use a ticket tumbler for the raffle drawings. So if anyone has one lying around or sees one at a rummage sale, we could use it.

Things are moving along with Gold Rush Days. Everyone seems to be getting pretty excited. I hope to have the insurance and land use agreement in place within a month and then we can really start moving ahead. It should be an exciting adventure for all of us. Thank you everyone for your involvement. The only bad news is that I have still not heard from the Northwoods Adventures and I'm afraid they don't want to be involved with our event as a club. I certainly welcome any of their members that are interested to become involved. This is open to everyone and I welcome all.

Let me say in closing that it has really been great getting to know you all and I look forward to the adventures we are going to have. 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 Kosteck [kbkostt@charter.net](mailto:kbkostt@charter.net)

### **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 42 people in attendance.

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

Old business included an update on Gold Rush Days. See that section in the newsletter.

Rick Gremler has put together a web site for our club. Thank you so much Rick. The address is <http://webpages.charter.net/rgremler>. Any suggestions or links can be sent to Rick at [rgremler@charter.net](mailto:rgremler@charter.net).

We had several speakers and vendors present at the meeting. We finished with a presentation on high bankers.

### 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.

- Ron Smith – coins
- Kurt Bublitz – crow bar
- Steve Miller – bucket grips, coffee mug
- Mike Ogea – geodes, gem bags and steel pan
- Dan Ring – flashlight and batteries
- Mark Bauer – fanny pack and buttons
- Dave Powers – books

## **Thermal City Outing**

The Tomah Chapter has invited us to their outing May 17th – 18th at the Thermal City Gold Mine in Marion, North Carolina. They will be having a group dig. The cost of the outing is \$100 per person and that includes the dig, 2 nights of camping and prospecting fees for 2 days. They are dedicating the dig to the memory of Ed Boreman. In connection with the dig, they have a raffle. They are selling 20 tickets at \$10 per ticket. The winner gets their \$100 dig fee paid plus they receive \$100 for gas.

## Calendar of Events

### APRIL 5 – WAUSAU PROSPECTORS MEETING

CEDAR CREEK MALL – COMMUNITY ROOM, 11:00 A.M.

- PRESENTATION ON ROCKS AND GEMS BY CARL MAURITZ
- POT LUCK WITH BBQ'S FURNISHED, PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS

### APRIL 24-27 – “SPRINGTIME IN PARRISH “

DENNIS LAUBENSTEIN PROPERTY - PARRISH, WI

- ROUGH CAMPING, GOLD PROSPECTING
- COIN HUNT, MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW
- DRIVING DIRECTIONS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE APRIL NEWSLETTER

### MAY 3 – WAUSAU PROSPECTORS MEETING

CEDAR CREEK MALL – COMMUNITY ROOM, 11:00 A.M.

- PRESENTATION ON METAL DETECTORS BY NEIL AND CHARLENE SITENGA
- POT LUCK WITH BBQ'S FURNISHED, PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS

### MAY 17-18 – TOMAH CHAPTER THERMAL CITY OUTING

- \$100 PER PERSON DIG FEE INCLUDE
  - 2 DAYS CAMPING
  - PROSPECTING FEES
- FOR INFORMATION CONTACT MIKE FLINT
  - (608) 372-0694

### MAY 24-26 GPAA/LDMA OUTING, ATHENS, MI

### JUNE 7-8 WAUSAU PROSPECTORS OUTING/MEETING

U. P. MICHIGAN – MASS CITY AREA

- COPPER HUNTING EXPEDITION
- POSSIBLE MINE TOUR
- GROUP COOK OUT AND MEETING
- CAMPING
- PLAN ON BEING PART OF THE ADVENTURE

### AUGUST 23-24

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

- EARLY ARRIVAL ON AUG 22ND
- DETAILS TO FOLLOW

### SEPT 25-28 – DENNIS LAUBENSTEIN OUTING

PARRISH, WI

## 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

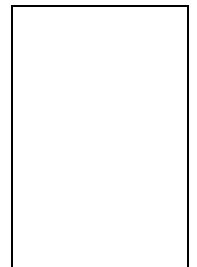
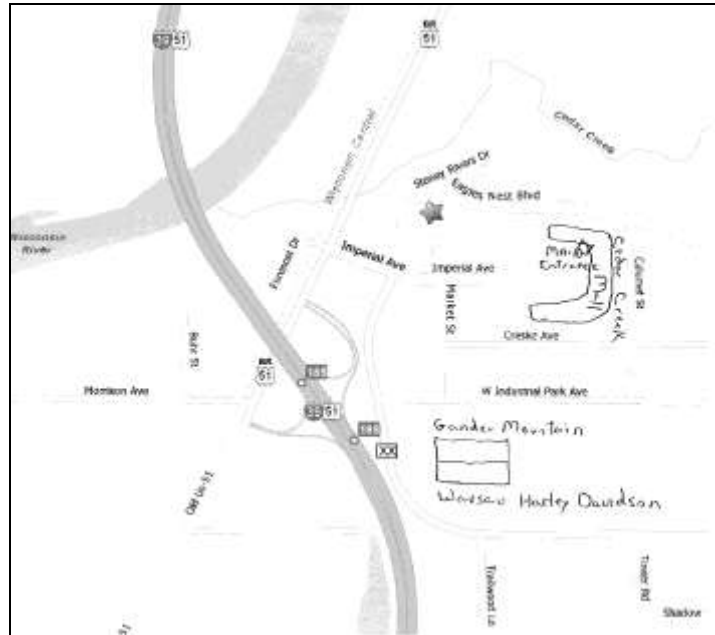
### TOMAH WISCONSIN

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 progressing. We have a quote on insurance and it is manageable. We are generating quite a bit of excitement. The Wausau Club will be demonstrating dry washing and various cleanup methods as well as running a club booth. The Greenbush Chapter is demonstrating dredging and rocker boxes. They will also have a club booth that will offer the added feature of gem panning. The Tomah Chapter will be demonstrating high-banking and gold panning. They will also have a club booth. The Mid-State Metal Detectors will be demonstrating metal detecting and hopefully be able to put some sort of hunt together. The Greenbush Chapter is also working on a panning contest. And we have several vendors interested in our event. Thanks to all your work it's coming together.

## Map to Meeting Location – Cedar Creek Mall, Wausau



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