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Next Meeting Location – Ontonagon Township Park, Ontonagon, MI

Our next meeting will be held Saturday, June 7th after the potluck supper. The location for the meeting will be the Ontonagon Township Park – Ontonagon, MI. We will have a short meeting and raffles after the pot luck meal. Burgers and hot dogs will be furnished. Please bring a dish to pass.

Message from the Vice President

Hi Everyone:

Thank you all for another great meeting, and special thanks to Steve Miller and Steve Livernash for a very interesting presentation on metal detectors.

We are going to be pretty busy this month with the Tomah chapter Thermal City outing and then on to the Athens MI outing. Then we will stop home for a few days and head out for our UP Copper Hunt outing. Theresa and I are really looking forward to spending time with you all. If you get up to the UP early you should plan a stop at the Red Metal Minerals gift shop. They have some beautiful copper specimens to see as well as many other items of interest. Check with us at the campground for driving instructions and time schedules and make sure you have your required safety gear along. They are very safety oriented at the mine. Stop by each morning. The coffee will be on by 7:00am.

Speaking of safety, Tom Pawlak contacted us with the suggestion of an emergency contact list for people at the outing. I think this is a great idea. So stop by our campsite when you arrive and give us your contact information.

I look forward to seeing you all there. We will miss

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seeing those of you that can't make it but we will look forward to seeing you all again in July. We will definitely be meeting around the Wausau area. So hopefully everyone will be able to attend. Check the upcoming events for location information.

The weather is finally starting to warm up and I know everyone is anxious to get out and do some prospecting. 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.

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

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 29 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.

We finished with a wonderful presentation about metal detectors by Steve Miller and Steve Livernash.

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.

- Tom Pawlak – various books
- Steve Miller – Magnifying glass
- Daniel Erickson – calcite crystal
- Kurt Bublitz – large magnet

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. (Map and driving instructions will be in June newsletter) We have reserved a group camping area from 3pm July 4th to 3pm July 6th. Come and camp with us for the weekend or just join us on Sat for the meeting and activities. There will be no fee for camping but note that this is primitive camping with no electric, water or sewer connections. There are toilet facilities and picnic tables. We will have our meeting and pot luck as usual at 11am on Sat. After lunch we will have panning and high-banking activities for everyone to try. I will be brining 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.

June Outing Information

Schedule of events:

Saturday June 7th

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| 7:00am | Coffee at camp |
| 8:30am | Meet at Caledonia mine for Ore Pile Dig (paid participants) |
| 9:00am | Leave campground for mine dump exploration |
| 1:30pm | Mine rock exploration – meeting location to be determined |
| 6:00pm | Pot luck supper, short meeting and raffle to follow |
| 8:00pm | Join us around the campfire |

Sunday June 8th

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| 7:00am | Coffee at camp |
| 8:00am | Breakfast and fellowship |

Please remember that all times listed are Eastern Daylight Time.

Make sure you have your safety glasses and gloves. You will not be allowed on site without proper safety gear. Only bring tools designated for rock use-hammers, chisels, digging tools, etc. No household or carpenter hammers. Bring buckets or bags to carry your finds home and don't forget your metal detector. If you need equipment contact Becky at Red Metal Minerals (906) 884-6618 and for \$12 rental fee per event you get a bucket containing 2 rock hammers, hand digging tools and bags. For \$5 you can rent a large hoe. You need to arrange rentals prior to the event.



Campground – Outing Headquarters

Ontonagon Township Park – from Junction of US45 and Houghton Street go 1 mile on Houghton Street. Sites have electric. \$12 per night (906) 884-2930

Look for the Laredo 5th Wheel with a white Dodge RAM - 1 ton dually diesel truck

Other Lodging

Northern Light Inn and Vacation Home
701 Houghton Street
Ontonagon, MI 49953
906-458-0803

Scott's Superior Inn and Cabins
22554 Lakeshore Rd
Ontonagon MI 49953
906-884-4866

Petersons Chalet Cottages
22608 Lakeshore Rd
Ontonagon MI 49953
906-884-4230

Sunshine Motel
24077 West State Hwy M-64
Ontonagon MI 49953
906-884-2187

Mass City

Adventure Motel and Café
1372 Hwy M-26
Mass City MI 49948
906-883-3520



Calendar of Events

MAY 17-18 – TOMAH CHAPTER THERMAL CITY OUTING

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

JUNE 7-8 WAUSAU PROSPECTORS OUTING/MEETING

U. P. MICHIGAN – ONTONAGON, MI

- ORE PILE DIG – MINE DUMP EXPLORATION
- MINE ROCK EXPLORATION
- CAMPING, GROUP COOKOUT AND MEETING
- RAFFLES, SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST
- GOOD FAMILY FUN

JUNE 21 – 22 – TOMAH CHAPTER – NUGGET LAKE OUTING

NUGGET LAKE COUNTY PARK – PLUM CREEK, WI

- 715-639-5611 FOR CAMPGROUND RESERVATIONS

JULY 5 – WAUSAU PROSPECTORS OUTING/MEETING

DELLS OF THE EAU CLAIRE COUNTY PARK – WAUSAU

- CAMPING 3PM JULY 4 – 3PM JULY 6TH
- 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 23-24

1ST ANNUAL WISCONSIN GOLD RUSH DAYS – SPENCER WI

- EARLY ARRIVAL ON AUG 22ND
- DETAILS TO FOLLOW

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 2nd 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 3rd 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

Wisconsin Gold Rush Days

We are moving ahead. I'm looking for people to work on advertising, literature development, contacting possible vendors and a raffle committee. Only 3 months to go. Let's put this together.

Map to June Outing Below

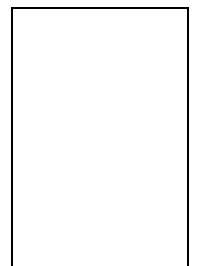


Map to Meeting Location – Ontonagon Township Park – Ontonagon MI



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Have a smiley Day! 😊