



Wausau Prospectors

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NEXT MEETING – April 4TH

LOCATION – CEDAR CREEK MALL, WAUSAU – 11:00AM

The location of 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. BBQ will be provided. Please bring a dish-to-pass.

Presidents Letter

Wow, there where 80 people at the February meeting. Cedar Creek had double book the community room but had another room available for our meeting. Thank you Randy Mauritz for directing traffic to the other room, and thank you Dean Race for your presentation.

There is no meeting for the month of March because most of the officers will be at Klondike Days in Eagle River March 5th and 6th demonstrating gold panning and promoting our club. This will be the 3rd year that the Wausau Prospectors have been invited to the event to demonstrate gold panning. There is an admission fee for Klondike Days. Then on March 27th and 28th the club will have a booth at the Greenbush Gold and Treasure Show. Admission is free and there will be Raffles, Vendors, and lots of other things going on. So during the month of March, get out of the house and check out these activities and swing by the club's booth and say hello.

Recently the DNR has come out with a document called "Recreational Gold Panning in Wisconsin", PUB-WA-1504 2010. It is not a set of rules and regulations but a guideline. It is the first time such a publication has been printed for the recreational gold prospector in Wisconsin. Thank you to all the folks that helped to make this happen by talking to the DNR on this subject. Now keep in mind that most of the people who work for the DNR have no idea that this publication exist so you might want to keep a copy of this with you when you go out recreational gold panning and sluicing. You can go to our website to download a copy and we will also have some printed copies to pass out at our April meeting.

I will see everyone at the April 2nd meeting at the Cedar Creek Mall. I had to work the last two meetings that we had and I sure missed not seeing y'all.... The program for April will be on how to use a sluice box and using a Highbanker/Dredge Combo. That will be our last meeting at the Cedar Creek Mall until September. Springtime in the Parrish May 7th and 8th will be the first Outing of the year. Spring is coming and I have the Fever, Gold Fever.....

Kurt

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Calendar of Events

March 2011 ***NO MEETING*** Officers will be at Klondyke Days in Eagle River, WI
JOIN US IF YOU CAN

April 4th 2011 – Wausau Prospectors Meeting

- Raffles
- Pot Luck – BBQ Provided (Bring a Dish to Pass)

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March 26th & 27th 2011 - Greenbush Prospectors
3rd Annual Gold and Treasure Show

October 15th & 16th 2011 – GPAA Gold and Treasure Show
Omni-center, Onalaska WI

2011 WAUSAU PROSPECTORS OUTINGS

May 7th & 8th – Springtime in Parrish, Parrish Wisconsin.
We are looking for a few volunteers to help with this as we are having a number of events for this Outing. Let Dennis know if you're interested.

May 28th, 29th and 30th. Portland Michigan, at the Sebewa Sand & Gravel Pit (if we have enough people that sign up).

June 4th – Lions Park, along the Big Rib River, Marathon City Wisconsin

June 18th. Nugget Lake near Plum City Wisconsin. This is a Tomah G>P>A>> Chapter Outing that we are invited to.

July: No Meeting or Outing scheduled at this time. Enjoy the 4th and go get some Gold.

August 6th & 7th – Snyder Park Campground, Neillsville Wisconsin.

****REMINDER:** No Meetings at the Cedar Creek Mall May through August. Sign up sheets and details for the Outings will be provided at a later time.

February 5th Meeting Donations

Toney Glover – 2 Hematite necklaces
Peggy Gremler – Extension Cord
Deerfield Detectors – Keen Gold, display case
Barb Bublitz – Hotties, Screwdriver, Blanket
Mike Fait – Batteries
Dan Ericson – Gold pan, copper chisel chips, copper specimen, Gold Prospectors back issues
Troy Logalbo – Book, Prospecting, Locating and Valuing Mines
Harold Berringer – Cross
Chuck & Dawn Reeves – Slate Welcome Sign
Ed Reed – Flashlight

Raffle Winners

Canned Food Nuggets

Ed Reed

Don Kulas

Gold Nuggets

Don Kulas

Diane Dettmering

Karen Glover

Karen Glover

50/50 - \$92.00

Tom

Special

Harold Berringer

Dawn Greves

* * Canned Goods

Remember to bring non-perishable food items to the meeting. **Please check the expiration dates.** For each item you donate you receive a ticket in the drawing for a piece of gold. The food is donated to our local food pantries. The gold is nice but the real prize is being able to help others just a little.

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

Secretary's Report

February 5th 2011

80 Members Present

After finding our way to a different room t the last minute, we had a great meeting – Thanks Barb for being on the ball and making all the urgent changes work so well, and Randy for directing people to the alternate location

In Kurts absence, Dennis Laubenstein facilitated the meeting, starting with the pledge of allegiance and reports from the various officers. Dean Race gave a wonderful presentation on Gold Mining in Chicken Alaska, at his camp "Gold Fever Prospecting". It was stunning to watch the slide show he had prepared, much information was shared about the extent of the damage during last summer's flooding on the 40 Mile River. It is amazing to see the power of nature and its effects.

Thankfully all the people that were involved were safe, and many of us that were privileged enough to enjoy Dean's camp will have stories to last a lifetime. I hope to be able to go to Alaska again someday. I do believe that those who go this year will be in for a great time as all the flooding should have brought a new lode of Gold to those lucky enough to find the right spot and Dean is the one who can put you in just the right locations. For more information you can contact Dean Race at 1-920-366-0430, GoldFeverProspecting.net or GoldFev@aol.com.

Our next meeting is April 4th; in the meantime look for our club booth at KLONDYKE DAYS in Eagle River March 5th & 6th in Eagle River and at the Greenbush GPAA's GOLD and TREASURE SHOW March 26th & 27th in Sheboygan Falls at the Municipal Building. Kim

** 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

Stamp Drive

Just a reminder that if you have not been to a meeting or club outing in the last year and you want to continue to receive the newsletter you must send a book of stamps or a 'stamp donation' to Kim Mickelson, Wausau Prospectors Secretary, W4699 Ridge Road, Neillsville WI 54456. We will be going over the mailing list in March and eliminating inactive members. We also welcome donations from everyone else and will be accepting them at the regular meetings through April 4th. This really helps the club with the costs. Thank you for your help.

Club Logo Clothing

Anyone interested in club logo clothing – Doug and Betty Meader will be continuing to apply the club logo to the clothing of your choice. The large logo is \$6.00 and the small logo is \$3.00. This is the perfect opportunity to show your club pride. For more info see Doug or Betty.

Items for Sale

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

- Gold Majic 12-E battery powered wet/dry panning Machine - \$300.00 OBO. If interested call Robert at (715)551-0426 leave message
- River Rocker Box Kits-\$140.00 Mike McKee (715)423-4184
- Garrett Metal Detector GPI 1500, package includes 9 ½ "Imaging Coil, 12" Imaging Coil, 4 ½ "Super Sniper, 12" Scorcher Coil. \$1200 Value – Asking \$600 OBO Call Richard - before 2pm or on weekends (715) 610-8241
- 1 ½ " Dredge/Highbanker Combination with accessories (motor, hoses...) \$450.00 OBO (\$1,300.00 new) 2 years old 'Good Shape' call Terry Knope at (715)853-6054

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>.



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**GOLD and TREASURE SHOW
Greenbush Prospectors GPAA***

Guest Speakers, Demonstrations, Vendors, Children's
Treasure Hunt, Raffles, Various Clubs

**We will also be featuring the 5th Annual
Wisconsin State Gold Panning Championship!**

To enter the open division, e-mail
mogea@greatlakesprospector.com for info
*Come see the fastest gold panners in the
Midwest compete!*
Brat Fry and other refreshments available!

Saturday March 26, 2010 from 10 am – 4 pm
Sunday March 27, 2010 from 10 am - 4 pm
FREE ADMISSION!

Municipal Building

*Gold Prospector Association of America

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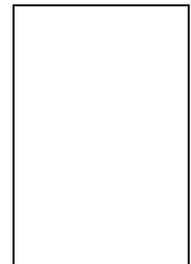
VENDOR CONTACT: Mike Ogea, 920.467.3728 or
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HELPFUL WEBSITES

WAUSAU PROSPECTORS	http://wausauprospectors.com
Carl Mauritz	www.huntforgems.com
Carl Mauritz Forum	www.huntforgems.com/goldminers
Deerfield Detectors	www.deerfielddetectors.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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