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Next Outing Location – T & T Riders Club Grounds - July 31st and August 1st 2010

Saturday Activities (approximate times): 12 p.m. (noon) Cookout, 1 p.m. Short meeting and Raffles, and 1:30 p.m. Pass out concentrates for panning. Please bring a dish to pass for the cookout. The club will be providing the hamburgers, hotdogs, condiments, buns, paper plates, plastic ware and napkins. **(Bring your own beverages).** **Directions to T & T Riders Club Grounds:** North of Marshfield Wisconsin on Hwy 13 to Mann Road, Turn left (West) on Mann Road and go about 4.5 Miles. T & T Riders Club Grounds on the left side

Presidents Letter

As you read this I will be in the Circle Mining District in Alaska with my cousin Ken working a 10 acre claim on Butte Creek. This is our first trip to the claim. The Circle Mining District is about 90 miles northeast of Fairbanks. The claim is about 1 mile up the creek off the main road (Steesse Highway) and this part of the creek has been commercially mined twice in the last 100 years, the last time in the 1980's when gold was at a record high back then. Reports from other miners in the area are that there is still plenty of gold for the recreational miner. We have done a lot of planning to make sure we have what we need when we get up there. If not Fairbanks is just down the road (90 Miles).... The Upper Peninsula Michigan underground mining tour was terrific. The owner Richard Whiteman took us into the mine about 200 yards where we had to climb a latter up about 10 feet to an area that had been blasted and we could take whatever minerals we could find in the blasted rock or the sides of the mine. Randy Mauritz, after a lot of very hard work, with the help of Dennis Laubenstein chiseled out a wonderful piece of copper the size of a large hand from the side of the mine. Hard rock mining..... Dan Koehler, Kim Mickelson, and Barb Bublitz have returned from their trip to Chicken Alaska. They were at Dean Race's camp for 1 week. Due to heavy rain elsewhere, the South Fork of the 40 Mile River where the camp is located was severely flooded shortly after their arrival to the camp. They didn't get a chance to do much prospecting but they did manage to come back with some gold, and the scenery was truly wonderful. The next Outing will be July 31st and August 1st at the T&T Riders Club Grounds, Spencer Wisconsin. You can come as early as Friday, July 30th. Camping is free for the members but there is an extra charge for the members that want electrical hookup. All activities will take place on Saturday. Bring you panning items and a tub to pan in. A bag of Michigan concentrates with a couple of pieces of gold added will be passed out for you to pan from and a vial included to put you finds into. If you need an information sheet for this Outing you can download one from our Website. This will be our last Outing for the year and our next meeting after that will be back at the Cedar Creek Mall, the first Saturday of September. At the September meeting we will be voting on a 2 year term for Treasure and Vice President.

Kurt

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Additional Information for those who will be going to the T & T Riders Club Grounds Outing:

Camping is available at this outing. Restrooms and showers are provided. You may arrive as early as Friday, July 30th and depart on Sunday. All activities will take place on Saturday, July 31st. Come and enjoy the weekend with your fellow prospectors. Bring your gold pan and a tub for water to pan your concentrates in.

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>.

Calendar of Events 2010

July 31st & August 1st Wausau Prospectors Outing
T & T Riders Club Grounds – Spencer, WI

***Notice** – There are no meetings at Cedar Creek Mall during the months of May, June, July and August

GPAA Renewal Reminder

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

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.

The Alaskan Adventure;

As Dan and I prepared for our trip to Alaska, we were in contact with Barb quite frequently to coordinate our adventure. We talked to many people who had gone on before us, and made many trips to the various local stores to get just the right gear needed. We had enough sense to arrive in Fairbanks early and had an extra day to lie around and recover from traveling.

On our second day in Fairbanks we met up with Barb at the Hotel and first thing the next morning we were off to Chicken, Barb by air with Dean and Dan and I by truck with Dean's mother (also named Barb).

Our road trip took us through North Pole Alaska, past the Alaskan Pipeline, down the Alaskan Highway, through some of the most unforgettable scenery (complimented with a fair share of rain) and into the town of Chicken before stopping at the boat landing. We, and our gear, were loaded on to a jet boat and head down the river to catch up with Barb and 3 other quests.

The ride down the 40 Mile River was more beautiful than we could have ever hoped for, our tour guide Dean Race, new every rock, tree and turn in the river and took time to point out many things of interest along the way. We saw old mining equipment and old structures left behind by early miners and Dean pointed out where early strikes had been made; he told how gold had been recovered in one place by the shovel full. (I can tell you right now that we did not have that experience ourselves on this trip.) When we reached the camp we were still in awe over the beauty and the grandeur of the Alaskan wilderness. The river boat trip through the canyons, over the rapids, along the steep rock cliffs and past rolling hills and tundra was breathtaking.

At the camp we were assigned our perspective accommodations and a tour was given. We were introduced to the camp staff, which included Deans Father "Norm", his Mother "Barb", his sons "Chris" and "Dakota", and "Trevor". Norm had prepared a great feast for us and it was delicious. I have to stop right here and tell you that Norm and Barb are the ultimate camp hosts, they keep that place spotless and running smooth, every meal is a treat and worthy of praise (even the lunches that they pack have lots of little treasures in them).

The next morning Dan and I worked downstream from camp on a highbanker and Barb Bublitz worked nearby on a 4" dredge. We saw some gold in our sluice boxes and were exhausted and excited. Back at camp we compared notes with the other quests, we enjoyed another fabulous meal and sat around the camp fire telling our stories and getting to know each other a little better. That night we slept good with visions of hitting the mother lode in the morning, (did I mention that it is 24 hours of daylight during the Summer solstice - it takes a bit of getting use to). As we assembled for breakfast and ready to start a new day of prospecting, we found that mother nature had other things in mind - there had been enough rain somewhere to flood the river. Not just a little bit, but, it was up 5 or 6 feet from the night before and still rising. Dean and the boys had been up for quite a while and had been busy. Up and down the river dredges and boats had been flipped over, it was a dangerous situation, needless to say we were not going back out there any time soon. Dean had rescued the highbanker from the river and he and the boys had righted the dredges and hoisted them up into the trees along the banks, much gear was lost to the torrent and they were out the rest of the day helping other prospectors along the river. The river continued to rise another 2 feet and we spent time counting the massive trees and debris floating past the camp site.

Be sure to check out the next newsletter for more of the continuing story of the Great Alaskan Adventure. Plan to hear stories and see pictures at coming meetings.

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.

- 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
- Keene 151 Drywasher with Briggs & Stratton Engine, used in good working condition - \$700.00 Kenny House (715)785-7300
- Tee Dee EZ Sluice (30") by Jobe with Aluminum flair \$40.00 call Richard (715)610-8241
- 1 ½ " Dredge/Highbanker Combination with accessories (motor, hoses...) \$600.00 OBO (\$1,300.00 new) 2 years old 'Good Shape' call Terry Knope at (715)853-6054



HELPFUL WEBSITES

WAUSAU PROSPECTORS

Carl Mauritz

<http://wausauprospectors.com>

Carl Mauritz Forum

www.huntforgems.com

www.huntforgems.com/goldminers

Deerfield Detectors

www.deerfelddetectors.com

Chippewa Falls Metal Detectors

www.threeseasonstreasurehunters.com

GPAA

www.goldprospectors.org

Green Bush Chapter

www.greenbushgpaa.com

Rick Gremler's Wausau Site

<http://www.ricksbucketlist.com>

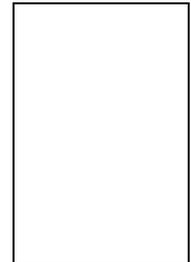
Heart of WI Gem & Mineral

http://fromtherockroom.com/club_home_page.htm



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