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Portland Michigan Sebewa Sand & Gravel Pit Outing - May 28th through May 30th

Directions: From I-96, take Exit 73, for Keefer Hwy. Take Grand Ave. east to Keefer Hwy. South on Keefer Hwy until you reach Bippley Road. Turn Right, the Gate is ½ mile on the right, with a sign for Sebewa Sand & Gravel and GPAA

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Presidents Letter

It was as if the wife and I had drove into the driveway of a GPAA/LDMA camp down South or out West. There were lots of Trailers and plenty of folks that were getting ready for a day of prospecting and metal detecting. It was of course, the Wausau Prospectors first Outing of the year, the Parrish Outing. A big thank you goes out to Dennis and his volunteers for making this event a big success. There was the cookout, a creek to pan and sluice in, a metal detecting hunt, a panning contest, and of course good friends.

The next Outing coming up is the Portland Michigan Outing at the end of May and then the Lions Park

Outing that will take place in Marathon City, June 4th, the Nugget Lake Outing with the Tomah GPAA Chapter June 18, and the Snyder Lake Outing in August. If you need more information on the Outings go to the wausapropectors.com website

These Outing are a wonderful place to learn about prospecting and metal detecting for the newcomer, and for the folks that have been at it for a while there is always something that one can learn from someone else experience. This was just was the case at the Parrish Outing. A big thank you goes out to those experience prospectors that helped the newcomers at the Parrish Outing. The novice prospectors really appreciated that.

Just a couple of weeks ago the Wausau Prospectors received an invitation to participate at Farm Technology Days that will take place near Marshfield Wisconsin July 12-14, 2011. This is a huge event that takes place throughout Wisconsin every year at a different location. We have accepted the invitation and we will be setting up a panning/metal detecting booth in the Youth Tent. You can check out Farm Technology Days at: wifarmtechnologydays.com

Hey, the snow is gone. Let's go get some gold....

Kurt

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2011 WAUSAU PROSPECTORS OUTINGS

May 28th, 29th and 30th. Portland Michigan, at the Sebewa Sand & Gravel Pit

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

June 18th. Nugget Lake near Plum City Wisconsin. This is a Tomah GPAA 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 WI

****REMINDER:** No Meetings at the Cedar Creek Mall
May through August.

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

**Congratulations; Brian Bartowski for having the
winning tickets to Dean Races “Gold Fever
Prospecting”
& Floyd Olson for “Striking it Gold- in Arizona”**

LAS VEGAS WAS A BLAST!

Dawn and Chuck Reeves of Edgar had the opportunity to soak up 2 days at the GPAA Gold Show in Las Vegas. It was a treasure-filled experience put on by the GPAA headquarters staff. The shows vendor's and fellow prospector's really put the "bug" in for this coming season. For breakfast, they joined-up with 2 club members from the East Bay GPAA chapter out of California. Took two hours for one of the fellows to drink his coffee. (Almost got'em to stay for lunch) During day Two, Chuck got to sit in on one of the metal detector seminars while Dawn attended the Arabian Horse and Apparel Show being held next door. Dawn bought a new coat and Chuck almost got a detector. (A good day for both!) Along with some of Boo-Coo's "Buzzard" stories, they received some good leads for their up-and-coming trips this season. Dawn and Chuck got to spend some time catching details with Cindy and Tom Massey on several hotspots around the country. Two high lights at the show was the amount of new equipment being offered for the small prospector and the custom 4x4 RV's in the parking lot. Be sure not to miss the Onalaska show coming up this fall. Feel free to email Chuck or Dawn at accent@tds.net for any more details on their trip to Nevada.

Donations May 7th

Barb Bublitz – Blanket, Hand Warmers and Screwdriver

Kurt Bublitz – Black Tub

Rick and Peggy Gremler– 3 Mining Guides, Gold Pan and Snuffer, 1 Gold Prospecting Magazine

Wayne and Diane Dettmering – Honey and Chicken Alaska Paydirt

Floyd Olsen – 2 Bags AZ Concentrates

Gary and Jeannie Morrison – Green Pan

Undisclosed – Picnic Set

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

LIMITED TIME OFFER

	1-YEAR	* 2YEAR	*3-YEAR
New Member	\$65.00	\$110.00	\$150.00
Renew With Guide	\$59.50	\$100.00	\$140.00
Renew Without Guide	\$49.50	\$100.00	\$140.00

*2&3 Year Includes Free 2010 Gold Fever DVD set - \$55.00

Value (2&3 Year Buzzard Specials always include Mining Guide)

GET IN FREE - GPAA GOLD AND TREASURE SHOW!

Take advantage of the NEW pre-registration on line and get FREE admittance to a GPAA Gold and Treasure Show! Go to

www.goldandtreasureshows.com

Register for as many of the shows as you like. Just print out your registration email and bring it to the pre-registration booth at the door and you're in! The cutoff for pre-registration and free admittance is two weeks prior to the event.

As an added bonus for registering online, you will receive special offers and discounts, GPAA Director of Operations Dominic Ricci has announced.

"The gold shows just keep getting better. You just can't beat fun and free," Ricci said. "This is one way to make the gold shows even more accessible to our members and non-members alike."

VICE PRES, DENNIS LAUBENSTEIN REPORT ON THE PARRISH OUTING

I would like to extend a very heartfelt "Thank You" to Louis Kadriik, Wayne Dettmering, Gary Morrison, Randy Mauritz, and all those who showed up early in the week to help get the camp sites ready. Many preparations were needed clearing the area, collecting and cutting fire wood ... and much was done! Special Thanks to Wayne for bringing his carport, to Randy for his tent and tables and to others who so graciously shared their tables and chairs. There were 43 members present at the meeting on Saturday and a great meal was served. There was even enough left-over's for a meal on Sunday. At least 10 campers stayed on site and with bon-fires and giant marshmallow roasts into the wee hours of the morning. Many a good story was told and some down-right entertaining game challenges occurred with rematches being called for the next night.

10 people joined in the metal detector hunt and some great treasures were found. (*The creativity of Dennis will not soon be forgotten*) Everyone that participated in the panning contest "WON" and next year it will definitely be a bit more difficult. Sluicing and panning resulted in everyone finding some '**GOLD IN THEIR PAN**', from the infamous mosquito-poop to actual flakes (YEP! - I SAID FLAKES!).

New members and old pros enjoyed the activities and many more stories were shared. It is always a little fun and it renews your zest when an experienced prospector has an opportunity to share some of his tried-and-true knowledge with a newcomer. Oh yeah! - And a few more stories!!!!!! Thanks again for the way everyone pitched-in and made this outing into something special, it takes an entire club to make magical weekends like this happen and I am pumped-up and ready for the next one!

Dennis

*Please forgive me if I have forgotten to mention anyone and all the hard work that was done.-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
- Desert Fox Gold Wheel \$150.00 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

Outings Info:

Portland Michigan Sebewa Sand and Gravel Pit May 28th -May30th, 2011

No common dig or raffles at this Outing. Enjoy the weekend prospecting and visiting with your fellow prospectors. This is a primitive camping site. There is plenty of space for campers and tents. Do not cut down any trees. Portable toilets will be provided. Bring your own food, water/beverages, and prospecting equipment. A cookout will be held on Sunday the 29th around 6pm. Please bring a dish to pass. The club will be providing the hamburgers, hotdogs, condiments, buns, paper plates, plastic ware and napkins. Bring your own beverage. You can pan, sluice, highbank and dredge with up to a 4 inch suction nozzle. Reports of not only gold, but also fossils and many different types of gemstones as well have been found. The Wausau Prospectors are welcomed for this Memorial Weekend Outing. (Take out all your trash when you leave- Pack it in, pack it out) If the gate is not opened, contact Dale Hanson at (517)526-0377. He asks that members stay away from where the heavy equipment is operating and that we do our prospecting closer to the creek on the property. Please respect the property as if it was your own! Thank you!

Lions Park in Marathon City Wisconsin, June 4th 2011

This will be a one day event. The Lions Park is located along the Big Rib River. There is no shelter facility but there is an outdoor toilet to use. There is no camping at the Lions Park. The park opens at sunrise and closes t 11pm. The gold in the Big Rib is mostly fine with an occasional flake. Pans and sluicing only are authorized and no digging in the banks or destroying the vegetation on the shoreline. Please attempt to fill any holes dug. At 2pm, there will be a short meeting, a cookout and raffles. Please bring a dish to pass. The club will be providing the hamburgers, hotdogs, condiments, buns, paper plates, plastic ware and napkins. Bring your own beverages. Directions: Lions Park is located on the Northwest side of Marathon City on the North side of the river at the end of River Road. To get to River Road from HWY 107 take a West of Wiesenberger or Krautkramer Road. Take a left turn on River Road (going south now) - the road will end at Lions Park.



** 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

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>.

HELPFUL WEBSITES

Wausau Prospectors <http://wausauprospectors.com>

Carl Mauritz www.huntforgems.com

Carl Mauritz Forum www.huntforgems.com/goldminers

Deerfield Detectors www.deerfelddetectors.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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