



# Wausau Prospectors

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## NEXT MEETING –December 7th- at Cedar Creek Mall in Wausau – 11AM

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

What a great turnout for the November meeting! A big thank you to the officers for their help and to all the folks that brought a dish to pass. It was a Prospectors Buffet. A job well done to Ken House for his program on Desert Prospecting. We are into that time of the year when folks will be traveling out west to places like Arizona. Don't forget to take the GPAA Mining Guide with you. A whole lot of claims are available in that publication.

The officers will be putting together the 2014 Outings schedule to be available by January. If you have any ideas that you would like for an Outing let our Outings Coordinator Randy Mauritz know. We have a lot of ideas but it never hurts to have more. I always look forward to the Outings.

Dean Race will once again be raffling off a trip to his Gold Fever Prospecting camp on the South Fork of the Fortymile River near Chicken Alaska. Raffle tickets will be available starting at the December meeting and the drawing will take place in March at the Greenbush Gold & Treasure Show in Sheboygan Falls.

The December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting will be our annual Christmas Party. There will be lots of wonderful raffles and food. This year as we have done in the past we will do a gift exchange. **This is voluntary.** If you bring a gift you will get a gift. Please keep the cost of the gift to around \$10.00 and the gift should be one that can be used by a guy or gal (unisex). The meetings will be back in the Community Rooms at the Cedar Creek Mall, just around the corner from the Patriot Center.

Happy Thanksgiving to all you wonderful Prospectors. You folks make this club, the successful club that it is. Thank you.

Kurt

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## Canned Goods & Pet Food Donations

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.

**The pets need our help too. Donations go to neighboring Humane Society's or to some Food Pantries that except pet food.**

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

**WOW** we had 76 folks show up for this meeting. Kurt gave the Pres. Report, Dennis gave the V.P. report, Carl gave the sec. report, Barb gave the treas. Report, Janice gave the Lib. Report, Rick gave the Web report, Peggy gave the Hist. report, Ken gave the food report and Randy gave the Outing report.

Ken House gave a talk on Desert Prospecting. Ken showed us all a few tools that you need for out in the desert and how they work.

We want to thank everyone that donated stamps or money for the stamp drive. And thank you all for the food donations it is greatly welcomed.

Carl

## 2013 WAUSAU PROSPECTORS MEETINGS

**December 7<sup>th</sup>:** Meeting and Christmas Party/Gift Exchange

**January 4<sup>th</sup>:** Meeting and Program on the Gold Hog Matting by Dan Erickson.

**February 1<sup>st</sup>:** Meeting and Program on Gold Fever Prospecting by Dean Race.

**March 1<sup>st</sup>:** No meeting. This is the weekend for Klondike Days in Eagle River.

**April 5<sup>th</sup>:** Meeting and Program on Custom Goldsmithing by Brody Rice of Brody Designs.

## RAFFLE WINNERS

50/50 – \$120.00 – Don Kulas

Special – Don Kulas

Gold Nuggets – Shirley House, Carl Mauritz, Harold Beringer, Dave Towle

Food – Carol Schwartz, Terry Benitey

## ITEMS FOR SALE

Anyone wanting to list items for sale in the monthly news-letter should contact Carl at (715)253-2228 or at [gold@huntforgems.com](mailto:gold@huntforgems.com)

Prospecting Picks \$30.00 Contact Dennis Lulloff

E-mail: [dmflulloff@charter.net](mailto:dmflulloff@charter.net)

Phone # 715-797-4904

For sale 2 gal. buckets \$1.00 per bucket

715-432-0231 – ask for Jim

## 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 Prospectors, 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 that 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



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**Other Club News**

**Greenbush Wisconsin**

Chapter of the GPAA – holds meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month at 3pm in the Greenbush Town Hall, N6644 Sugarbush Rd, Greenbush, WI. For more information contact Ron Smith at (920)892-4092 or visit [www.wisgpaa.org](http://www.wisgpaa.org).

**Mid-State Metal Detecting Club**

Mid-State Metal Detecting Club meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:mgfait@charter.net)

**.Wisconsin Northwoods Adventures**

Chapter of the GPAA – holds meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.huntforgems.com)

Carl Mauritz Forum [www.huntforgems.com/goldminers](http://www.huntforgems.com/goldminers)

Deerfield Detectors [www.deerfelddetectors.com](http://www.deerfelddetectors.com)

Chippewa Falls Metal Detector [www.threeseasonstreasurehunters.com](http://www.threeseasonstreasurehunters.com)

GPAA [www.goldprospectors.org](http://www.goldprospectors.org)

Green Bush Chapter [www.greenbushgpaa.com](http://www.greenbushgpaa.com)

Rick Gremler's Wausau Site <http://www.ricksbucketlist.com>

Heart of WI Gem & Mineral <http://fromtherockroom.com/club>

Please send 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 [gold@huntforgems.com](mailto:gold@huntforgems.com) or Carl Mauritz, PO Box 233, Tigerton, WI 54486

# Raffle Donations for November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2013

Jeanne Masic - Various Craft Items

Gary Morrison – Holiday Decorations

Deerfield Detectors – Book (big bucks)

Valerie Thompson – Books

Chris Bung – Gloves & Coin Pouch

Barb Bublitz – Candle & Book

Thank you to anyone we might have missed.

## Gold Prospecting in the Desert

You can find gold through gold panning in rivers and creek beds. However, it can also be found in substantial quantities in many desert locations. One of the issues that you can face in the desert is a set of dangers that you would not normally encounter if you were walking along a river bank.

**Use the buddy system** - *Do not go out prospecting in the desert alone. If an accident does happen, no one will know where to find you, and you could quickly die. Having a buddy with you can be a life saver in times of trouble.*

**Hydration Station** - *Make sure that you have plenty of water on hand at all times. It does not take very long to get dehydrated when you are out in the desert. The same goes for food. You will need your energy out there. Make sure that you have plenty of food too.*

**Snakes and Scorpions** - *If you don't like snakes and scorpions, then you will not like prospecting in the desert. There are rattle snakes and scorpions everywhere, and they don't like it when you disturb them. If you happen to see, or hear a snake, you are better off leaving it alone and if you happen to see a scorpion, avoid it as well. Wear proper foot attire and clothing when prospecting in the desert.*

**Flash Floods** - *These can happen too, and they can quickly wash out a road. Make sure that you pay attention to the local weather as much as possible.*

Always have a plan for the plan. Gold prospecting is enjoyable and exciting and in some cases a real adventure, just be sure to respect your surroundings, Mother Nature and whatever else comes along.

**Dry Washing** - When dry washing in the desert be sure to use a good quality dust mask. Protect your lungs....

## Troy Weight Chart

- 24 grains = 1 pennyweight = 1.5552 grams
- 1 gram = .64 pennyweight
- 1 pennyweight = 1.56 grams or .05 troy ounce
- 20 pennyweight = 1 troy ounce = 31.1035 grams
- 12 ounces = 1 pound troy = 373.24 grams.

## Metric Conversion Factors

- 1 troy Ounce = 31.103 Grams

- 1 Pennyweight = 1.555 Grams

- 15.432 Grains = 1 Gram



## US government changes mining law

[http://azstarnet.com/business/local/us-bars-new-mining-claims-in-solar-zones/article\\_ffa7d75b-e3b4-550a-9fe4-c36f2c97750d.html](http://azstarnet.com/business/local/us-bars-new-mining-claims-in-solar-zones/article_ffa7d75b-e3b4-550a-9fe4-c36f2c97750d.html)

WASHINGTON - Federal officials have taken another step toward establishing 17 new "solar energy zones" on public lands in the West by barring new mining claims that could impede renewable energy development on the sites.

The Interior Department said Friday it has withdrawn nearly 304,000 acres of public lands in Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah from new mining claims.

Arizona has two zones, one east of Quartzsite and the other in La Paz County near the California border.

To streamline solar development, the new zones are located near existing transmission lines and were chosen because they had fewer environmental and cultural issues that would require years of study and mitigation.

Since 2009 the Bureau of Land Management has approved 25 solar projects in the West that when built will be able to power more than 2.4 million homes.

# Global Warming Myth

Where Does the Carbon Really Come From? Professor Ian Plimer could not have said it better! If you've read his book you will agree, this is a good summary.

Okay, here's the bombshell. The volcanic eruption in Iceland, since its first spewing of volcanic ash has, in just **FOUR DAYS, NEGATED EVERY SINGLE EFFORT** you have made in the past five years to control CO<sub>2</sub>emissions on our planet - all of you.

Of course you know about this evil carbon dioxide that we are trying to suppress - it's that vital chemical compound that every plant requires to live and grow and to synthesize into oxygen for us humans and all animal life.

I know, it's very disheartening to realize that all of the carbon emission savings you have accomplished while suffering the inconvenience and expense of: driving Prius hybrids, buying fabric grocery bags, sitting up till midnight to finish your kid's "The Green Revolution" science project, throwing out all of your non-green cleaning supplies, using only two squares of toilet paper, putting a brick in your toilet tank reservoir, selling your SUV and speedboat, vacationing at home instead of abroad, nearly getting hit every day on your bicycle, replacing all of your 50 cents light bulbs with \$10.00 light bulbs ...well, all of those things you have done have all gone down the tubes in just four days.

The volcanic ash emitted into the Earth's atmosphere in just four days - yes - **FOUR DAYS ONLY** by that volcano in Iceland, has totally erased every single effort you have made to reduce the evil beast, carbon. And there are around 200 active volcanoes on the planet spewing out this crud at any one time - **EVERY DAY.**

I don't really want to rain on your parade too much, but I should mention that when the volcano Mt Pinatubo erupted in the Philippines in 1991, it spewed out more greenhouse gases into the atmosphere than the entire human race had emitted in all its years on earth. Yes folks, Mt Pinatubo was active for over one year - think about it.

Of course I shouldn't spoil this touchy-feeley tree-hugging moment and mention the effect of solar and cosmic activity and the well-recognized 800-year global heating and cooling cycle, which keep happening, despite our completely insignificant efforts to affect climate change.

And I do wish I had a silver lining to this volcanic ash cloud but the fact of the matter is that the bush fire season across the western USA and Australia this year alone will negate your efforts to reduce carbon in our world for the next two to three years. And it happens every year.

Just remember that your government just tried to impose a whopping carbon tax on you on the basis of the bogus "human-caused" climate change scenario.

Hey, isn't it interesting how they don't mention "Global Warming" any more, but just "Climate Change" - you know why? It's because the planet has COOLED by 0.7 degrees in the past century and these global warming liberals got caught with their pants down.

And just keep in mind that you might yet have an Emissions Trading Scheme - that whopping new tax - imposed on you, that will achieve absolutely nothing except make you poorer. It won't stop any volcanoes from erupting, that's for sure.