



# Wausau Prospectors

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**NEXT MEETING – NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**

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

The location of the meeting will be the Community Room. The mall is located next to IZ-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. Watch for signs. BBQ will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass.

## Presidents Letter

Gold continues to hit record highs this month trading above \$1,300. I wonder how many of you, like I, wish that they had bought that 1 ounce gold nugget to put on a neck chain when gold was under \$500 an ounce? Even better, let's go out and find it. If you're looking for a place to go and prospect for gold a LDMA or GPAA membership is a wonderful way to go about it. Just grab your Mining Guide that the GPAA sends and get out there.....

The weather continues to be great for this time of the year. I hope you're getting out there with the metal detector or gold pan and checking out those spots you haven't had a chance to get to. I just got back from a trip to Delphi Indiana where my son and I dredged in Deer Creek for a couple of days. Nice weather but the water sure was cold. I put on my 7 mm wetsuit and was ready to go. We dredged a hole 8 feet down into some nice hard packed material but the best we could do was some 30 mesh flakes and fine gold. We had a great time.

I had received a call from Dean Race the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of September. He had just gotten back from his claims near Chicken Alaska. During the middle of July there was severe flooding of the 40 mile river and other rivers in the area. At one time there was 6 feet of water over the top of his camp. He'll have one heck of a story to tell when we have him for one of our programs.

For the October meeting Dave Towle gave a talk on Diamond Prospecting in the Midwest. He had the tools to demonstrate, as well as some Diamonds to show. It is relatively cheap to make the tools required for finding Diamonds. Diamonds are all around us in the Glacial Material. Dave had some handouts but if you didn't get one you can go to [wausauprospectors.com](http://wausauprospectors.com) and you will see on the front page a link to that information. Thank you Dave for a job well done and a thank you to Rick, our webmaster, for keeping the [wausauprospectors.com](http://wausauprospectors.com) website current.

November's meeting will be on Desert Prospecting by Ken House. With winter coming to the Midwest, others will be going West in search of Gold. Ken has been out West to Arizona a few times and will share his experiences

Kurt

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## Calendar of Events

- Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 2010** – Wausau Prospectors Meeting  
Cedar Creek Mall – Community ROOM – 11:00 am
- Raffles
  - Pot Luck – BBQ Provided (Bring a Dish to Pass)
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- Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 2010 – Wausau Prospectors Meeting
- Jan 8<sup>th</sup> 2011 – (2<sup>ND</sup> Saturday) Wausau Prospectors Mtg
- Feb 5<sup>th</sup> 2011 – Wausau Prospectors Meeting
- March 2011 \*NO MEETING\* Officers will be at Klondyke Days in Eagle River, WI
- April 4<sup>th</sup> 2011 – Wausau Prospectors Meeting

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**October 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> 2011** – GPAA Gold and Treasure Show  
Omni-center, Onalaska WI

## 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)207-4092 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>.

## Donations

### September

Shirley House – A Candle & Bear Decoration  
Barb Bublitz – Hand Warmers  
Kurt Bublitz – Civilian MRE

### October

Barb Bublitz – Hand Warmers and Trail Mix  
Dave Towle – Minelab Mug  
Doug's Treasure Den – Gold Fever Road Sign  
Valerie Thompson – Plant  
Steve Miller – 1985 U.S.Proof Set, Magazines, Garrett Bag Clips, Vinyl Bag with Zippers  
Mike Fait – 2 GPAA/LDMA 2010 Calendars with piece of Gold in each of them

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## Raffle Winners

### September

**Food Donation Gold** - Ed Reed & Tom Pawlak  
**50/50 - \$51.00** - Dennis Laubenstein  
**Gold** - Ed Reed, Tom Pawlak & Don Kulas  
**Special – Gold Fever Pay Dirt** - Barb Bublitz

### October

**Special** – Harold Beringer  
**50/50** – Gordie Ludwig  
**Gold Nuggets** – Diane Dettmering, Gary Schover & Tom Hannon

## 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.

## Secretary's Report

Thank you all for your understanding in my inability to get a newsletter out to you in September.

The September Meeting had about 30 members present. The Offices of Vice President and Treasurer were up for election and both Dennis Laubenstien and Barb Publitz, respectively were unanimously reelected to their Officers positions, and we thank them both for their past service and their willingness to continue in those roles which they have done with the utmost of professionalism and selfless cheerfulness. A huge thank you to Louis Kadrlík and the wonderful job he has done as Community Outreach Officer, handling all of the food donations and getting them to places where they could be of use. A warm welcome to Ken House as he has graciously agreed to take the position of Community Outreach Officer.

The October Meeting had 32 members present. Dave Towle gave a presentation, which I have been told was excellent and a good time was had by all.

As I promised – **More of the Alaskan Adventure;**

After being flooded out of the river at camp, Dean was able to clean up the highbanker and drain out the engine, getting it up and running and getting the three of us (Barb, Dan & Myself), out on to a sand bank where we dug down to bedrock and resumed prospecting. It was a lot of digging for Barb and Dan, I concentrated on running the highbanker and cleaning the highbanker repeatedly to clear the water lines of massive amounts of debris in the water. It was slow going and we were worn out after 4 hours, but in that short of time we and Barb, both managed to get about 1.5grams of Gold. Imagine if we had been able to do more prospecting in the river all of those days? Then when the time came to head back, it seemed to soon the be over and even though we had not had the trip we were counting on, we each had our own reasons for wanting to stay longer and for wanting to go home. The trip back up the river was an experience in itself, with the water level remaining high, Dean took us in his boat, dodging trees and other large debris as he fought against a very strong current, at time the waves were hitting large rocks deep in the river and waves were shooting up over 6 feet high. The ride up river was an experience all by itself and we were all very glad that Dean knew that river as well as he did, making the ride more exciting and less frightening. After saying all our goodbyes, we returned to Fairbanks by way of truck driven by Dean's mother (she is a remarkable woman) and Barb returned by airplane with Dean as her pilot.

Dan and I stayed in Fairbanks a couple more days. We met a very pleasant taxi cab driver who (guess what) likes to prospect in his spare time. He showed us where the local guys go to pan for Gold out of the old slag piles from early dredging. This is where Dan just happened to reach down a pick up a 1.5gr nugget with quarts in it. Just laying on the ground, boy did we wish we had our pans with us then. We also spent a day at Pioneer Village, filled with history; we saw so much equipment on display that was used by the early miners. We road on a train that was an original passenger train in Fairbanks, we toured a huge boat/ship that was used to bring prospectors and supplies to the area. The entire lower level of the boat was replica villages/camps; it was fascinating to see how closely they had made every little detail, right down to the woodpiles and outhouses for old photographs. We were able to spend a day going through the Museum at the University we learned so many things about the early prospectors and the challenges that they faced. We learned about the local Indian tribes and how the territory and it's people were devastated by WWII. How they use to live and fish and hunt before the Gold Rush that changed Alaska forever. One of my favorite parts was the education segments on the Aurora Borealis. The sign on the entry to the park was updated daily and it stated that on the last day there we had 2 minutes and 21 seconds of sundown that night. One of Dans favorite parts of Fairbanks was the dinner we had at the pioneer Village that had ALL YOU CAN EAT Prime Rib, Salmon, Cod, Halibut, and all the trimmings. Ask Barb or Dan or Myself for more stories anytime. We all have special stories to tell and even pictures to share.

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](mailto: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
- 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...) \$600.00 OBO (\$1,300.00 new) 2 years old 'Good Shape' call Terry Knope at (715)853-6054



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## HELPFUL WEBSITES

### WAUSAU PROSPECTORS

Carl Mauritz

<http://wausauprospectors.com>

Carl Mauritz Forum

[www.huntforgems.com](http://www.huntforgems.com)

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

Deerfield Detectors

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

Chippewa Falls Metal Detectors

[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>

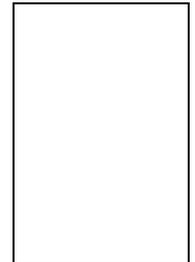
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[http://fromtherockroom.com/club\\_home\\_page.htm](http://fromtherockroom.com/club_home_page.htm)



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