



Wausau Prospectors

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Next Meeting Location – Cedar Creek Mall, Wausau

Our next meeting will be held Saturday, December 5th at 11:00am. The location of the meeting will be the Community Room at the Cedar Creek Mall. The mall is located next to I-39 just north of Gander Mountain. Take I-39 exit 185 – Business 51 North to County XX/Imperial Avenue. Turn right and go straight ahead. The Community Room is located at the main entrance of the mall. Watch for signs. BBQ's will be furnished. Please bring a dish to pass.

Message from the Vice President

Hi everyone:

Let me start by apologizing to everyone for the unprofessional behavior that occurred at our last meeting. This unfortunate incident should never have happened. Theresa and I both offer you our sincerest apology for our part in this. I would like to assure you that there will be no more incidents like this in the future. So make sure not to miss our holiday party next month. Everyone attending will have a great time and you never know what Santa may have under the tree for everyone that comes.

Theresa and I picked up a couple of turkeys the other day that I will be smoking for the holiday party pot luck. I will also be making winter squash as our side dish for the meal. So come prepared for good food, lots of fun and don't forget the voluntary gift exchange. Everyone that brings a \$10 gift gets a gift. Let's make this a great holiday celebration.

My column may get a little long this month because there were 2 questions brought up about Gold Rush Days that I would like to address. I've been asked "Why I trademarked the Wisconsin Gold Rush Days name?" and "Wasn't Gold Rush Days always a Wausau Prospector's event?"

I am going to answer the second question first. Wasn't Gold Rush Days always a Wausau Prospector's event? When I came up with the idea for this event and presented it to the club it was presented as a joint event between the 4 state GPAA chapters and Mid-State Metal Detector Club. It was to be run by a board with members from each club, financed equally by all clubs and the profits split equally. It was never presented as a Wausau Prospectors only event. As it turned out the Northwood's Chapter chose not to be involved. We had a list of volunteers from all the other clubs that I e-mailed event updates to and asked for advice on the event. None of the clubs financed the event. Theresa and I paid for all the insurance and Kurt and Barb paid for all the gold and raffle items. Had the event lost money the 4 of us would have taken the loss, not the clubs. As it turned out we made money that was turned over to the Wausau club. The Wausau club then donated to the Tomah club. Greenbush and Mid-State Metal Detectors turned down their share. The second year's event was financed by the Wausau club and they received all of the profits. Wausau again made a donation to the Tomah Chapter for their help in organizing the event. Our major source of advertising is the fliers which are distributed by all of the clubs. The fliers also state that the event is sponsored by the 4 clubs. The Wausau club is definitely the major sponsor of the event but this was always meant to be a joint thing bringing everyone together for the promotion of our hobby.

Why did I trademark the Wisconsin Gold Rush Days name? After seeing T&T Riders property with Floyd Olson- with the idea of having a club outing there- I came up with the idea for an event to bring all of the state GPAA Chapters together along with Mid-State Metal Detector Club. I also came up with the name Wisconsin Gold Rush Days. After I presented the idea to the Wausau club and they thought it was a good idea I contacted the other clubs and got everyone together. I arranged for the use of the property, got the vendors on board and arranged for the liability and vendor insurance policies. Mike Flint and Floyd Olson made and donated some signs for the event. I made the large highway signs, all of the posts, ropes and signs used to set up the event grounds. Theresa and I paid for all the wood, paint, rope, hardware, stencils and painting supplies. I provided all the labor. None of this was paid for by the club. I store and maintain all of these materials and transport everything to and from the events. I have a large amount of time and money invested in this event. It's "my baby". I'm certainly not claiming to do everything. I get a huge amount of help from Kurt and Barb Bublitz as well as Mike Fait. Without their help we couldn't get this done. A lot of work for Gold Rush Days goes on behind the scenes. To insure that the event continues to grow and prosper and to protect my investment, it became necessary for me to register a trademark with the State of Wisconsin for the Gold Rush Days and Wisconsin Gold Rush Days names. I am registered as the event organizer. Nancy DeFalco at the GPAA had no problem with this and understood the reasoning behind it. We still have their full support. Nothing about the operation of Gold Rush Days has changed. It is still everyone's event.

I hope this answers your questions. Everything I have done has always been for the good of the club. Theresa and I have made so many friends here that I would never do anything to jeopardize that. I hope we can now move forward and get back to having fun. So until we see each other again, may there be gold in every pan and sunshine in your life.

MIKE

Message from Wayne Dettmering

Happy Holidays from the past President.

To all of you; I have resigned as President.

This is to let you know, that you are welcome to call or visit any time.

We hope you all have a great upcoming year.
Take care, Wayne

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Other Club News

GREENBUSH WISCONSIN

Chapter of 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 at 7pm in the Stevens Point Area. Contact Steve Miller for more information (715) 572-1845

TOMAH W WISCONSIN

Chapter of GPAA – hold meetings on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 1 pm at the La Grange Town Hall, 22731 Flint Avenue. 1.8 miles west of Tomah on Hwy-21. For more information contact Mike Fait at 715-384-9265 or email at mgfait@charter.net

WISCONSIN NORTHWOOD'S ADVENTURERS

A Wisconsin GPAA Chapter - 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>

Nov – Dec Birthdays

11-02 Ed Reed
11-20 Stacey Griboski
11-23 Janice Laubenstein
11-27 Steve Miller
12-27 Joan Mickelson
12-28 Louis J Kadrlík

Anniversaries

11-07 Don Kulas

Canned Goods

Canned Goods - Remember to bring non-perishable food items to the meeting. 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.

Raffle Winners – November 7th Meeting
Special Raffle – Guy Unger
50/50 – Mike McKee
Gold Nugget – Dan Ring
Gold Nugget – Don Kulas
Gold Nugget – Mike McKee
Copper – Ellen Muzynski

Secretaries Report

November 7th meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The secretary, treasurer & outings officers reports were given and accepted. Possible outings for 2010 were discussed. Various locations for distribution of Food Party items were discussed. Members were appointed to partake in routine audit of treasurers books. Gold Rush Days was discussed. A donation of 25 bags of concentrate was given to Sister Lea. Interest was shown in the future production of club hats, shirts...with club logo. Steve Miller updated the group on DNR rules/New Bill Pending re; access to State lands (for more info see TreasureNet.Com). December – Holiday Meeting will have gift exchange (\$10.00).

Speaker - Dan Erickson, gave an interesting presentation on Mines/Mine Dumps and Other Collection Sites. He had a great display and gave out a handy map with local sites marked. He recommended increasing our knowledge by visiting Mineral Museums. He also recommended many necessary tools to have for collection including (folding shovel, knee pads, gloves, bucket, metal detector, spray bottle, water and small hand tools for chipping and digging).He also discussed the use of sulfamic acid and encouraged interested members to seek info on outings with CCRNC.INFO. A good time indeed! (57 present)

Kim Mickelson

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

Donations to Oct Meeting Raffles

Dan Erickson – Gold Miner Pin
Steve Miller – Garrett Bag Clips
And Vinyl Carry Bag
Louis Kadrlík – Magazines
Kevin Clark – White's Ball Cap
And Stocking Cap



Calendar of Events

December 5th – Wausau Prospectors Meeting
Cedar Creek Mall – Community Room - 11:00am

- Holiday Party
- Gift Exchange
- Pot Luck – Smoked Turkey Provided
- Raffles

2010

January 2nd – Wausau Prospectors Meeting
Cedar Creek Mall – Community Room - 11:00am

March 27th & 28th Greenbush Chapter
2010 Gold and Treasure Show

May 15th 16th GPAA Gold and Treasure Show
Indianapolis, IN

August 14th & 15th - 3rd Annual Wisconsin
Gold Rush Days Marshfield, WI
Central Wisconsin State Fairgrounds

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 and leave a message.
- Gold King High-Banker/3”Dredge Combo, All hoses, 5.0 hp Honda Engine - \$450.00 OBO. Also Gold Vac Dredge Float on 2 Inner Tubes, 2” Hose, 3.5 hp Briggs & Stratton Engine - \$300.00 OBO. Call Dennis Laubenstein (715)752-3404
- River Rocker Box Kits-\$140.00 Mike McKee (715)423-4184
- Desert Fox (near new) \$250.00, 10ft Wilderness Kayak w/paddles \$350.00 Richard Widder (715)610-8241

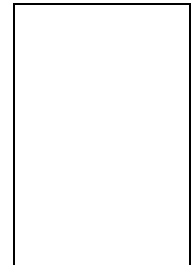
HELPFUL WEBSITES

Carl Mauritz	www.huntforgems.com
Carl Mauritz Forum	www.huntforgems.com/goldminers
Deerfield Detectors	www.deerfielddetectors.com
Chippewa Falls Metal Detectors	www.threeseasonstreasurehunters.com
GPAA	www.goldprospectors.org
Green Bush Chapter	www.greenbushgpaa.com
Rick Gremler's Wausau Site	http://webpages.charter.net/rgremler/
Heart of WI Gem & Mineral	http://fromtherockroom.com/club_home_page.htm



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