



WEEKEND GOLDMINER Newsletter

Prospecting sites in the Heart of Georgia's Gold Belt

Club Address: P.O. Box 910, Dahlonega, GA 30533
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Calendar of Events

"Miners Swap Meet" at every meeting. Bring camping & prospecting articles only.

Valentine Metal Detecting Hunt on February 2, 2013 at 12:00 P.M Until 2:00 P.M. at the Auraria Community Center, Weather permitting. This is a FREE hunt.

**February 2, 2013 Meeting:
Board Meeting 3:00 P.M.
General Meeting 5:00 P.M.**

April 7, 2013 Auraria Community Center Fund Raising Raffle. At 3:00 P.M. Win a 2.10 Dwt. Gold Nugget, Value \$350. For tickets contact Nancy Healy 678-997-6245. Tickets \$5.00 each.

Bear on The Square April 20 & 21, 2013

**Commons for 2013:
April 28 & 28, 2013 - Turner property
July 13 & 14, 2013 - Allison property
September 19 & 20 , 2013 - Turner property**

If you have any questions about any of these events call Membership Director Benny Chester 770-531-9346.

RULE OF THE MONTH

CAMP AND MINING AREAS SITE SETBACK REQUIREMENTS: Abandoned Campsites – It is the members' responsibility to remove all trash, broken or torn equipment from the campsite upon leaving the campsite. If a campsite is not used for an extended period of time, six (6) months, then the Board of Directors shall have the authority to remove and dispose of all such equipment left on the property.

A. To keep your campsite you must utilize (stay overnight) that site once every six (6) months. *amended 8-4-12

WEEKEND GOLD MINERS PROSPECTING CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 5, 2013

President Roger Moore called the January 5, 2013 general meeting to order.

He welcomed new members #2948 Dalton Cahill and #2179 Darrell Fuller, first time at a meeting and guests Robert Creasy and Paul Pisaha.

Birthdays for January are: #2049 George Moreno 12-22-12, Happy late birthday, #2610 Ray Sparks 1-9-13, #1787 David Griffin 1-22-13, Ray Denoncour 1-12-13, #2948 Dalton Cahill 1-19-13, #1581 Judy Johnson 1-13-13.

Anniversaries for January are #2583 Bill & Denise Johnson on 1-31-13 and #1962 Dennis Wright 1-13-13, 11 years.

#2583 Bill Johnson made a motion to accept the December 2012 General Meeting Minutes as posted in the newsletter. #2843 Charlie Gardner seconded. Motion carried and passed.

#2686 Donald Vincient made a motion to accept the December 2012 Treasurer report as posted on the bulletin board outside. #2843 Charlie Gardner seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Bank Beg. Balance:	\$25,472.89
Income:	3,766.00
Disbursements:	15,155.60
Bank Ending Balance:	\$14,083.29

Money Market #1	\$27,976.65
Money Market #2	\$20,380.83

Membership Director Benny Chester gave the December 2012 membership report as follows:

8- new members for December 2012
187- new members YTD
#2980 last new member number issued

Officers and Committees	
OFFICERS	
President	Roger Moore 423-364-3703 cybersidr@msn.com
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Total \$3,040.00 new members
 Total \$8.00 logo item
 Total \$5.00 key

Membership Director Expenses were \$256.17 for the month of December 2012.

Hunt Master Robert Johnson gave the Hunt Master report as follows: Balance in the Hunt account was \$712.00. Robert thanked all the members that support the raffles each month so that he can have these hunts and the end of year raffles. The hunt today had six hunters and he buried \$330.00 of coins in the ground. Six others showed up late for a total of twelve. He had a special area fixed for any children to hunt in which we did with their very own Bounty Hunter metal detectors, kid size. Huey Samples age 5 and Alan Samples age 7, had a blast hunting, they found "big dollars" (Silver dollars) and "gold coins" (Susan B. dollars). Robert stated that he would like to see more members come and participate in the hunts and more kids. Proves that you are never too young or too old to metal detect.

There will be a Valentines Hunt on February 2, 2013 starting at 12:00 P.M. until 2:00 P.M. at the Auraria Community Center, weather permitting. Please check the forum if the weather is bad. This will be a free hunt. Please contact Robert Johnson at 423-336-1862 or fatboyjr@aol.com

Roger Moore stated that the club still needs a secretary. If interested please contact Roger at 423-364-3703 or Judy Hall Johnson at 423-336-1862.

Roger stated that the 2013 Turner lease had been signed and paid for.

Lifetime Certificated were presented:
 #2163 Robert Harvey
 #2979 Dan Meyer
 #2980 Connie Wicks
 Congratulations to these members!

The Club will be participating in the Bear on The Square in downtown Dahlonega, Ga. On April 20 & 21, 2013. The club will have a booth set up demonstrating the art of prospecting. We will have two panning troths, dessert fox and other prospecting equipment. We need volunteers to come help man the booth both days. You only have to stay a couple of hours or all day if you want. Detail will follow in the next few months.

MAIL DUES TO:
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**PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR
 MEMBER # ON YOUR CHECK**

New Properties Finders Fee

It is the policy of the WEGM to reward its members with a finders fee for locating new properties for the club to lease. The member will be paid \$240 or receive credit for \$240 in membership dues upon the club approving the lease for club use. The member must act as an agent between the landowner and the WEGM. To receive the finders fee, you must register in writing with the club secretary your intent to begin discussing a proposed lease with the landowner. You cannot receive the finders fee unless registration is complete and the lease is approved by the WEGM.

- STANDING RULES**
1. No use of alcohol on Association outings.
 2. Smoking will not be permitted at Association meetings or activities unless held in the open air.
 3. Members are expected to adhere to the Association's Code of Ethics while prospecting or mining
 4. Members are expected to conduct themselves at all times in accordance with the laws of the land and reasonable moral behavior
 5. Violation of Standing Rules will result in disciplinary action as determined by the Executive Board of Directors
 6. The President, Vice-President or their appointed spokesperson(s) are the only people authorized to speak on behalf of the WEGM
 7. Regular monthly meetings will be held on the first Saturday of each month at a scheduled time as stated in the club newsletter and website
 8. Fun must be had by all

Roger Moore said that the board has set the date on three (3) commons this coming year. April 27 & 28, 2013 at the Turner property, July 13 & 14 on the Allison property and September 19 & 20, 2013 back on the Turner property. Details will follow in the next few months.

The WEGM Auxiliary will start up this next month with Celeste Wilkerson and Joyce Conner in charge.

Thanks to #2361 Don Minzey for bringing cookies, donuts and candy to the meeting. Another great big thank you to Don and his wife Kathy for doing all the shopping and wrapping of all the Christmas presents for the family that the club sponsored this year. I'm sure that four kids were very happy when they saw bicycles on Christmas morning.

Raffles were held: Red Ticket door prize winner of a prospector silver round was #0455 Jerry Mayfield.

Blue Ticket Raffle winners were:

Bag of ore - #2843 Charlie Gardner
 Bag of ore – Robert Creasy (guest)
 Bag of ore - #2686 Donald Vincent
 Bag of ore – Denise Johnson, wife of #2583 Bill Johnson
 Bag of ore - #1483 Robert Johnson
 Christmas picture disk - #2049 George Moreno
 Pack of batteries - #2361 Don Minzey
 Gold Nugget - #2179 Darrell Fuller

Green Ticket Raffle winners were:

Bag of ore - #2361 Don Minzey
 Bag of ore - #1407 Kenneth Limie
 Bag of ore - #2038 David Cochran
 Christmas picture disk & pack of batteries - #2686 Donald Vincent
 Gold Nugget - #1483 Robert Johnson

Thanks to #1407 Kenneth Limie for donating the packs of batteries and to #1073 Roger Moore for donating the Christmas picture disks.

Next meeting will be on February 2, 2013 with the board meeting at 3:00 P.M. and the General meeting at 5:00 P.M. at the Auraria Community Center. Don't forget the Valentines Hunt starting at 12:00 P.M. until 2:00 P.M.

#2361 Don Minzey made a motion to adjourn the January 2013 general meeting. #1473 Jerry Potter seconded. Meeting adjourned.

FOR SALE SUBMISSION POLICY

The FOR SALE section is free for members only. Membership number, name and phone number must accompany the ad. Ads will be run the month of submission only. You may resubmit your add each month. Business ads must be approved by the board, the fee for a small block ad is \$120.00 per year.

For sale, small 14/16 foot camper ('76 Sunliner). Needs a little TLC and work. Located at Berry Patch. \$300.00 firm, must be moved. Call Tracy at 706-870-3343.

AMENDMENTS TO THE WEGM RULES & REGULATIONS

Amended 8-4-12

- 1. It is mandatory that you sign in and out on all the properties.**
- 2. It is mandatory that the gates are kept locked at all times except at club functions.**
- 3. To keep your permanent campsite you must utilize (camp overnight) that campsite every 6 (6) months.**
- 4. The speed limit on all lease property roads: 5 MPH.**

FIREARMS: Absolutely no use of firearms, bows, cross-bows, pellet guns or BB guns on club property. There shall be no carrying of firearms, bows, cross-bows, pellet guns or BB guns on the physical person. Hunting of waterfowl or any other game or wildlife is prohibited. Violators will be terminated. *Amended 11-3-12.

From Benny Chester: Vice President

Happy New Year 2013, WEGM! To keep every one up to date on club policy there has been a change in the reward offered for information on thieves and vandals. The new reward is \$1,000.00 for the arrest and conviction of any person/persons involved in the act of theft or vandalism on club leased property.

From Judy Hall Johnson: Bookkeeper

Well, Christmas is over and we are into a new year. Last year was an outstanding year for the club and I hope this year is even better. I will be sending out statements in February with your total dues, maintenance fees paid and your membership balance. Remember that in April the locks and keys will be

changed on the property gates. Need to get your dues and maintenance fees paid up to date by April 1, 2013 in order to receive your new key. If winter ever gets here I hope it won't stay long. I am ready for spring and getting back in the creek. I want to wish everybody a very blessed New Year and I hope to see you on the creek.

From Board Member: Nancy Healy

January's meeting attracted lots of folks. Robert had another Metal Detector Hunt. Each time he gives one on one instruction, too. There was another man with the same machine as mine. Between Robert, Darrel and a few other friends I found: a ½ dollar, dollar coin, silver dime and other coins. Two very young men were using metal detectors, too. They were having the best time filling their pouches with coins and trash. Plus they were learning to put the dirt back in the holes. That was a good hunt.

ON THE FUNNY SIDE OF LIFE:

If my body was a car, this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a newer model. I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish and my paint job is getting a little dull.
 But that is not the worst of it!
 My headlights are out of focus and it's especially hard to see things up close.
 But that is not the worst of it!
 My traction is not as graceful as it once was and I slip, slide and bump into things even in the best of weather.
 But that is not the worst of it!
 My whitewalls are stained with varicose veins. It takes me hours to reach my maximum speed.
 But that is not the worst of it !
 Almost every time I sneeze, cough or sputter... either my radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires !!
 Can you relate to this?

From the Hunt Master: Robert Johnson

I want to thank all of those that came to the coin hunt we had on Saturday. We didn't have that many to hunt but the weather was great. I only had 6 hunters at first but ended up with around 12 hunters. I had several that needed help with learning their machine. I really enjoyed Alan (7 yrs. Old) and Huey (5-yrs. Old) Samples who brought their new children's Bounty Hunter metal detectors to the hunt. I didn't know that they made metal detectors that small. I marked off a space just for them and planted a few dollar coins and lots of nickels. They did a great job finding the coins and they loved doing the digging. They found all the coins planted, several old nails, pull tabs plus several worms. It was a learning experience for both of them. I would like to see more kids come out to the hunts. I will be having a Valentine hunt on Feb. 2, 2013, this is a free hunt. If you need help with your detector and want to get some experience we will have somebody there to help. This will be at the Auraria Community Center from 12:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. Hope to see you there.



Huey Samples age 5 & Alan Samples age 7, using kid size Bounty Hunter metal detectors.



This is how you do it!



Huey...I found one too!



Alan...I found a "Big Dollar"



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RELEASE OF LIABILITY OF GUEST

NAME:		
PHONE NUMBER:		
ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:
SPOUSE'S NAME:	Children Under 21:	
MEMBER NAME:		

I recognize that mining and prospecting are inherently dangerous, and that the club's properties have unmarked and unidentified hazards, to include abandoned mine shafts, caves, sink holes, steep slopes and other people, both invitees, licensees and trespassers and that any one or combination of the above can cause injury or death. I waive any claim against the Week End Gold Miners, Inc. or the land owners and covenant not to sue for any damage, injury or death caused to me, or for the loss of equipment or personal items while on the properties. I further recognize that there are special dangers to minors and I shall assume all responsibility for each minor accompanying me. I further agree to carry such insurance as I feel necessary to protect my interest and to indemnify and hold harmless owners from any liability arising out of my actions while on the properties.

Guest Signature

Date