



WEEKEND GOLDMINER Newsletter

Prospecting sites in the Heart of Georgia's Gold Belt

**Club Address: P.O. Box 910, Dahlonega, GA 30533
Phone: (770) 531-WEGM**

Calendar of Events

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

**October 5th, 2013 Meeting:
Board Meeting 3:00 P.M.
General Meeting 5:00 P.M.**

**Free coin hunt for members only. Saturday
October 5th, 1:00pm - 3:00pm at Auraria
Community Center.**

**Commons for 2013:
October 19 & 20 , 2013 Turner property**

Annual Christmas Party: December 7, 2013

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

WEEKEND GOLD MINERS PROSPECTING CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 7, 2013

Vice-President Benny Chester called the September 7, 2013 general Meeting to order. He welcomed new members present, Gabe and Irene Estrada, Keith Gibbons, Leona Welch, and Oscar Tyler. There were 14 guests present and all were given a warm greeting. All veterans present were recognized. All children 12 and under were presented a \$10.00 gift card.

Birthdays for the month were, #1379 Sally Crumley and #1167 Dan Simonelli on September 1st , #0794 B.J. Jones on September 2nd, Bobbie Jo Brown on September 4th, Guest, Paul Piasa on September 7th, Oscar Tyler and #2855 James Grancio on September 8th, #0455 Jerry Mayfield on September 17th, #0747

James Boyd on September 23rd, Lisa Cahill on September 27th, and #1290 Benny Chester on September 29th.

Anniversary's for the month were #2757 Dean and Pat Willard celebrating 58 years on September 11, #3044 Andy and Hanna Curti celebrating 22 years on September 27th, #2610 Ray and Cathy Sparks celebrating 18 years on September 30th, #2964 John and Janet Portwood celebrating 8 years on September 29th. Congratulations to all!!!!!!

#2583 Bill Johnson made a motion to accept the August 3, 2013 General Meeting Minutes as posted in the Newsletter, #2409 Tom Smith seconded. Motion carried and passed.

#0714 George Hagan made a motion to accept the August 3, 2013 Treasurer Report, #2697 Scott Wilson seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Checking Beg.	
BAL.....	\$52,900.75
Income.....	\$ 5,757.64
Disbursements.....	\$13,030.36
Checking End	
BAL.....	\$45,628.03
Money Market #1.....	\$27,995.28
Money Market #2.....	\$20,387.61

Membership Director Benny Chester gave the August 2013 membership report as follows:

- 13 - New members for August
- 108 – New Members YTD
- 3088 – Last member number issued
- \$2,395.00 – New members
- \$70.00 – Logo items
- \$5.00 – Key
- \$15.00 – Camper permits
- \$2485.00 – Total

Hunt Master #1483 Robert Johnson was unable to attend due to work but he sent word that a free hunt for members will be held next month (10/5)

Officers and Committees	
OFFICERS	
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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

from 1 to 3 PM at the Auraria Club house. The WEGM Auxiliary report was tabled as #2342 Celeste Wilkerson was unable to attend. #1900 Nancy Healy thanked all who helped with the picnic.

OLD BUSINESS:

Vice President Benny Chester reported that 90 tons of Baby Surge (large gravel) was spread on the Allison Property. Next month, #4 (smaller gravel) will be spread.

Several new outhouses are to be purchased and placed on the Allison Property. Tarps and Trash are being left in the creeks. Please remove all trash from the property. A common is planned for October 19 and 20 from 9AM to 5PM both days on the Etowah/Turner property. Lunch is in the planning stage for both days. Please get permission from the Board of Directors before setting up new camp sites.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion to pay \$884.00 for General Liability Insurance was approved by a show of hands of members present.

Lifetime membership certificates were awarded to: #2409 Tom Smith and #1982 Mark Sabatino

DO NOT FEED THE WILDLIFE ON ANY OF THE WEGM LEASE PROPERTIES. VIOLATORS WILL FACE DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS. WEGM BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

MEMBERS ONLY DRAWING:

#2744 John Burton.....2.5 inch High banker combo

RED TICKET (DOOR PRIZE)

#2583 Bill Johnson.....Prospector Silver Round

BLUE TICKET (TICKETS PURCHASED 9-7-2013)

- #0714 George Hagan.....Bag of Ore
- #2757 Dean Willard.....Bag of Ore
- #1768 Bob Amdor.....Bag of Ore
- #2841 Jarrett Pack.....Bag of Ore
- #2973 James Hendley IV.....Nugget

GREEN TICKET (TICKETS PURCHASED 9-7-2013)

- New Member Oscar Tyler.....Bag of Ore
- #3032 Brent Keller.....Bag of Ore
- #2355 Mark Kelm.....Bag of Ore
- New Member Oscar Tyler.....Bag of Ore
- #3044 Andy Curti.....Bag of Ore
- #1407 Ken Limle.....Nugget

WEGM AUXILLARY:

- #1581 Judy Hall Johnson.....Bag of Ore
- #1167 Dan Simonelli.....Bracelet
- #1360 Adam Campbell.....Anklet
- #2932 Bill Zingleman.....Nugget

BLUE TICKET (PURCHASED AFTER LAST PICNIC)

Ticket #	Winner	Prize
835926	#2744 John Burton	Classifier with \$
836179	#2817 Ryan Cirillo	Hand Dredge
916027	#2932 Bill Zingleman	A52 Sluice
760699	#2583 Bill Johnson	Bulls Eye Pin Pointer
916233	#2583 Bill Johnson	Collapsible Sluice
916531	#1719 Gary Smith	Rain Gutter Sluice
916837	#2744 John Burton	\$55.00 Gift Certificate
759885	#2744 John Burton	Shower Utility Kit
759656	#2686 Don Vincent	Classifier with \$
916034	#2697 Scott Wilson	White Metal Detector
837215	#2855 James Grancio	Gazebo
916351	#2824 Joe Sauer	Panning Kit
759762	#2845 Terry Willman	Mr. Buddy Heater
836413	#2583 Bill Johnson	A52 Sluice
916812	#2355 Mark Kelm	Turbo Pan & \$
760678	UNCLAIMED	Gold Pan Kit
759538	UNCLAIMED	Coleman Lantern
836126	UNCLAIMED	\$100.00 Gift Certificate
760407	UNCLAIMED	Boots for Wetsuit
836798	UNCLAIMED	Desert Fox Panner
760675	UNCLAIMED	Hand Dredge
836080	UNCLAIMED	Desert Fox Panner
760559	UNCLAIMED	Folding Table

GREEN TICKET (PURCHASED AFTER LAST PICNIC)

Ticket#	Winner	Prize
595300	Guest Wayne Barrington	Smoker Grill
193975	#1760 Tom Begush	Metal Detector
595686	#2744 John Burton	12 X 14 EZ UP Canopy
595292	Guest Wayne Barrington	Gas Grill
595399	#1569 Allen Howard	Coleman Coffee Maker
196901	#2686 Don Vincent	Coleman Stove
196998	#2686 Don Vincent	Desert Fox Panner
595266	#1360 Adam Campbell	12 X 12 Canopy

196026	#2744 John Burton	A52 Sluice
595156	#2583 Bill Johnson	Coin Master Metal Detector
196527	#2744 John Burton	Blue Bowl
193060	#2744 John Burton	2 Burner Stove
595208	#1565 John Coleman	Coffee Maker
193277	Guest Jimmy Higginbotham	Blue Bowl
595118	New Member Leona Welch	Classifier, Pan, & Ore
196397	#2843 Charley Gardner	Classifier, Pan, & Ore
595570	#2890 Barbra Lawson	Classifier, Pan, & Ore
595475	#2409 Tom Smith	Classifier, Pan, & Ore
196944	UNCLAIMED	Gas Grill
196521	UNCLAIMED	A51 Sluice
196375	UNCLAIMED	Smoker Grill
595308	UNCLAIMED	2 Folding Chairs
196262	UNCLAIMED	\$100.00 Gift Certificate
195872	UNCLAIMED	\$100.00 Gift Certificate

Next meeting will be held on October 5, 2013, Auraria Community Club, 4125 Auraria Rd. Auraria, Ga. Board meeting 3:00 P.M. General meeting 5:00 P.M.

#2679 Scott Wilson made a motion to adjourn the September 7, 2013 general meeting. New Member Keith Gibbons seconded. Motion carried and passed.

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: 5" submersible dredge tube
4" suction nozzle
Make offer
Jeanetta 706-897-4336**

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.

PRESIDENTS CORNER

I must say the people who helped out with the Annual Picnic, went above and beyond the call of duty on this one. Good job!

All the food was excellent. A special thanks goes to Benny's Butts BBQ. The pork would melt in your mouth, add a little of Benny's Butt sauce and you had the perfect sandwich. I have not had BBQ like that since Hot Sauce Charlies on MLKing exploded during the Bessie Smith Strut Festival, 2007 in Chattanooga Tn. Ask me and I will tell you the full story of what exactly happened. It's very funny.

Everyone I talked with seemed to be having a good time. We had the largest turnout ever. There was a clown for the children. I must admit all clowns in the past have freaked me out. This clown was great, she even shared her bottle of Crown Royal with the band. I was very happy to find the bottle was filled with sweet tea. It would have been sad to have to remove a clown from the picnic. The children would have hated us forever.

Bigger and better prizes than past years. I was sorry I had to leave early. My drummer double booked us that day. I would have not been so bad but the other gig was a four hour drive away in Cookeville, Tn, and we had to be there by 8pm. We made it in the nick of time.

All in all the 30th Annual WEGM picnic was a smashing success. What more could one ask for? Good food, good friends, good weather, and Mudd music, it all adds up to a good time had by all. The key to the success was team work of all those who helped.

Thanks Everybody!

Wonderful members, families and friends Volunteered, making the 30th Anniversary of WEGM, a Picnic to remember!!!

Many hands making light the work . . .

1. During the August work day, in preparation for the September picnic – filling a dumpster with gross things; meantime others were exchanging old picnic canopies for new
2. Ordering the handicap port a johns, getting the road graded, stoned and water runoffs dug.
3. Collecting the items in storage, purchasing and preparing some mighty fine vittles, (Josephine was busy gathering, creating, and practicing for her visit)
4. Setting up of picnic tables, grill, and the items from storage
5. Grilling hot dogs and hamburgers; setting out paper products, 'out of this world' foods made by busy 5 star cooks, chilling beverages, getting games ready for the children and stage for the Mudd Brothers Band
6. Thoughtful hands serving the hot foods including pulled pork prepared by Benny!
7. The forest singing with the sounds of happy youth and adults, old friends meeting after years apart (John "Bug Man" Colman and too!!!), new friendships blooming, and foods aromatically dancing on the breeze as over-filled plates reached the tables!
8. Purchasing items, selling of tickets and raffling of prizes
9. Passing out white hats with golden lettering for members present plus the special raffle tickets
10. Friends lingering to help clean
11. Sunday morning volunteers loading 3 trucks and a jeep to begin the process of returning items to storage and removal of almost a dozen bags of bear and raccoon temptations.
12. 11:00 a.m. Monday, final cleanup.

The delightful WEGM 30th Anniversary/2013 September Picnic had ended!

Some of the many hands making light the work were: Tom and Ellen Begush, Dana and Helen Boston, Jerry Mayfield and Barbara Lawson, Joyce and Jessie Connor, and Benny Chester, Don and June Vincent brother, John and John jr Duncan, James Boyd, Little Bit Blackwell niece Bobby Jo, Jane and Larry Brumbalow, Judy Hall Johnson, Roger Moore, Bill Quick, Bill and Denise Johnson, Terry Wilman and his family, James IV, Mississippi Coombs,, John Portwood, and Tom Smith, Ken Limle, Bobby Jo Felts, Henry and Celeste Wilkerson, Scott Wilson, Charlie Gardner, Josephine, and the people left from the list, I humbly apologize.

Thank you Thank you Thank you

These are the new WEGM T-shirts for the men and ladies. All shirts are \$10.00 ea. There will be a \$6.50 shipping and handling charge for each shirt. If you want to place an order please state the color and size of shirt and how many. Send your order to: T-Shirt Order. P.O. Box 910, Dahlonega, Ga. 30533. Make check or money order to Weekend Gold Miners Club.



Ladies Shirt Colors: Pink, Green, Purple and Pink Camo.
Sizes: Small, Med., Large, X-Large and 2X.

Ladies shirts do not have a pocket.



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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