



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.

Meeting Time: December 2, 2017
Auraria Community Center
Board Meeting 12:00 P.M. *note time change
Christmas Dinner 2:00 P.M. * note time change
General Meeting 4:00 P.M. *note time change

Christmas Dinner: Pot Luck, Club will furnish Ham & turkey. Santa Clause will be there around 3:00 P.M. Gift bags and \$10 gift card for the kids under 18 yrs. of age.

Metal Detecting - No hunt for Dec. due to Christmas Dinner. You can metal detect in the field all day just for Fun. Next Hunt: January 6, 2018

***If you have any questions about any of these events call Membership Director Benny Chester 770-531-9346. Or email at weekendgoldminers@yahoo.com**

WEEKEND GOLD MINERS PROSPECTING CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES November 4, 2017



*Happy Thanksgiving!
To You And Your Family*

President Judy Hall Johnson called the November 4, 2017 general meeting to order.

She welcomed guest Bill Shepard who was with #1909 Bob Felts. There were no new member present.

Birthdays for November are #2466 Serena Blackwell on the 23rd, #3323 Terry Newman on the 29th, and #1659 Allen Howard on the 6th. HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY!

Anniversaries for November are #3299 Frank and Jan Reed, Happy 1st anniversary!

#2533 Bill Quick made a motion to accept the October 2017 General meeting minutes as posted in the newsletter. #2890 Barbara Lawson seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Treasurer John Burton gave the October 2017 Treasurers report as follows:

Checking Beg. Balance	\$34,490.30
Income.....	\$ 7,311.00
Expenditures.....	\$18,437.46
Checking Ending Bal.....	\$23,363.84
Monet Market #1.....	\$48,149.16
Money Market #2.....	\$17,930.00

#3385 Lee Day made a motion to accept the October 2017 Treasurers report as read. #1482 Bill Bryant seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Membership Director Benny Chester gave the October 2017 Membership report as follows:

- 2- new members for October
- 46- new members YTD
- #3434 last member number issued
- \$230.00 – total new member fees collected
- \$60.00 – T-shirts
- \$290.00 – Total collected
- Benny had \$90.82 in expenses.

Officers and Committees	
OFFICERS	
President	Judy Johnson 423-458-4088 & 423-838-1373 jnanaju@aol.com
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Hunt Master Robert Johnson gave a report on the hunt today. He stated that he had around 16 people on the field hunting. He buried \$424.00 in silver, clad coins. #3213 Brian Crowe won the toke prize, which as a "Wild Turkey" silver round worth \$70.00. He said that he appreciated everybody that came out to hunt. There will not be a hunt for December due to the Christmas Dinner. He told the members to bring their metal detectors anyway. You can hunt all day if you want. He stated that there are still plenty of coins still in the ground to find. Next hunt will be Jan. 6. 2018 starting at 12:00 P.M. until 2:00 P.M. WEATHER PERMITTING!!! Call 423-838-0939 or 423-838-1373 or check the WEGM forum.

MAIL DUES TO:
WEGM
P.O. Box 910
Dahlonega, GA 30533

**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



Token winner- #3213 Brian Crowe

OLD BUSINESS:

The club needs a Secretary !!!! Please, if you are interested please call 770-531-9346. Secretary's duties as stated in the WEGM By-laws: The Secretary shall act as secretary at all meetings of the members and Directors, issue notices of all meetings, shall keep minutes of all meetings and make reports and perform such other duties as are indicative to the office or are required of the Secretary by the Board of Directors.

Rodney Lung said that he is planning to fix some holes on the Honey Farm road on the Allison property this month.

The Allison property lease has been signed and the Allison's have been paid \$16,000.00 for one more year.

President Judy Johnson and Chairman Rodney lung

will be meeting with Michael Turner to discuss the renewal of Turner lease.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lifetime Members for October are: #2883 Daryl “Mississippi” Combs, #2976 Linda Shupe, #3385 Lee A. Day and #1642-NT Robert Davis.

The Annual Christmas Dinner will be on December 2, 2017 at the Auraria Community Center starting at 2:00 P.M. #3403 Kim Burton will be in charge of the dinner. The dinner will be pot luck with the club furnishing the turkey and ham, plates napkins, silverware and drinks. Santa will be coming around 3:00 P.M. and the kids under 18 years old will receive a \$10 gift card and Christmas basket full of goodies. If you have any questions call Kim at 770-789-4873.

The Board of Directors made the decision to go back to keeping the club books in house with John Burton as Treasurer. The members present took a vote to bring the bookkeeping back in house with John Burton being Treasurer. The vote was by show of hands and was unanimous. The board made the decision to purchase a new computer, monitor and 2018 QuickBooks.

Meeting times will change for the next meeting to Board meeting at 12:00 P.M. Christmas Dinner at 2:00 P.M. and General meeting at 4:00 P.M.

Raffles were held:

#2650 Dana Boston won the Red ticket Door prize of a Prospector silver round.

Blue Ticket Raffle winners are:

Bag of ore - #2890 Barbara Lawson
 Bag of ore - #3316 Don Ferguson
 Bag of ore - #1909 Bob Felts
 Bag of ore - #2533 Bill Quick
 Gold Nugget - #3305 Chris Mote

Green Ticket Raffle winners are:

Bag of ore - #1581 Judy Johnson
 Bag of ore - #1482 Bill Bryant
 Bag of ore - #3385 Lee Day
 Bag of ore - #3305 Chris Mote
 Gold Nugget - #2549 Ed Nefferdolf

WEGN Auxiliary raffle winners are:

Bag of ore - #2650 Dana Boston

Bag of ore - #3403 Kim Burton
 Bag of ore - #3213 Brian Crowe
 Bag of ore - #3385 Lee Day
 Gold Nugget - # 3264 Robert Manning

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 Board Meeting 12:00 P.M.
 Christmas Dinner 2:00 P.M.
 General Meeting 4:00 P. M.

#1900 Nancy Healy made a motion to adjourn the November 4, 2017 general meeting. #1775 Alan McCary seconded. Meeting adjourned.

From the President: Judy Hall Johnson

This is November and the beginning of the holiday season. Thanksgiving is just around the corner, so stop and think about all the families that have been effected by the hurricanes, fires and all the senseless killings in our nation today. Please pray for these families. I have always said, share your Thanksgiving with someone that doesn't have a family to go to. You will surely be blessed.

I was so blessed at this month's meeting when I saw our fellow member #0747 James Boyd come walking in. James has been battling cancer for the past year and had been knocking on death's door. Just months ago he couldn't even walk. Thanks to answered prayers, James is recovering. God is good! Keep James and Serena in your prayers.

Rule of the Month

CAMP AND MINING AREAS SITE REQUIREMENTS:

7. Camp Appearance – All camp sites shall be kept in a neat and orderly condition, at all times. Neat and orderly meaning all mining equipment, buckets, tools, personal belongings, etc. should be stored in such a manner as not to appear in disarray or neglect, to a normal prudent person.

From #1482 Bill Bryant:

A Miners Prayer

Each day I descend into the hole
 to earn my living digging gold.
 I pray to my Father in Heaven above
 that I may return to those I love.
 If somehow death I should meet,
 I want to wake at Jesus feet.
 I want my loved ones to be sure,
 that in his arms I am secure. Amen

Moore From The Gold Fields
By Roger Moore
Part 1 – Dad Walked On Water

We were really excited. Today, Dad and I were going to a special spot we found to start the new mining season. The weather was beautiful and the water felt good. I put on the wetsuit and Dad wore his new waders that he had purchased from Wally World. The water in the area we were in was about 4 feet deep. Dad was watching the sluice, picking out large rocks, and I was on the bottom with the dredge nozzle. In the Dahlonega, Ga. area the water on the good days is always crystal clear. This was one of those days. I was on the bottom watching the sunlight flash on the rocks, the pyrite on the bottom sparkling like diamonds, the fish feeding in the dredge hole, the metallic sound of the gravels going up the nozzle. All was good for about thirty minutes. I looked up and in the distance I saw something swimming toward me. I kept my eyes on it as I dredged. It got close before I realized it was a Water Moccasin! Still swimming right towards me, I knew it was too late for my escape. I brought the nozzle up like a gun and aimed toward the snake. The snake was sucked up the nozzle and deposited into the sluice box in the blink of an eye. I wasted no time dropping the weight belt and coming to the surface. Dad was GONE! Dad was in his 70's, so I always worried about him when we were in the woods. I looked around and was relieved to see him standing on the bank about 50 feet away. He said " A #\$\$%^ snake about 3 feet long just washed through the sluice!" From the time the snake went up the nozzle until the time I surfaced was a few seconds. He was already on the bank 50 feet away. Dad walked on water that day.

From Membership Director Benny Chester:
Winterize your small gas engine.

There's lots of different ways to winterize small gas engines and this is just one. If you have a service manual that came with your engine I recommend that you follow those instructions. The most basic way is to just add Sta-bil to a full tank of gas and run the engine for a few minutes. The following way is a little more detailed and I have used it for years. First drain the gas tank completely. Next run engine until all remaining fuel left in system is burned. Next change the oil. Next remove spark plug and pour a teaspoon of oil into cylinder and replace spark plug then slowly pull start rope to turn engine over several times. Check and clean or replace air filter. Store indoors if possible. Of course if you want to you can just fill tank with fuel and run the engine a few minutes every couple of weeks.

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 ad each month. Business ads must be approved by the board, the fee for a small block ad is \$120.00 per year.

FOR SALE

Lifetime Membership for sale- #1559 Joe Christmas - \$750 or best offer -706-442-7314

4" Keene Dredge-3 stage
 6.5 Honda motor
 T80 compressor w/reserve tank
 Air lines & regulator
 Homemade dredge cart
 \$2600 or best offer
 423-838-09393

WORDS OF WISDOM:

Live the life you've always dreamed of.
 Be fearless in the face of adversity.
 Never stop learning.
 Use your imagination whenever possible.
 Recognize the beauty that surrounds you.
 Remember where you came from, but don't lose sight of where you are going.
 Be the architect of your own destiny.
 This life is your life to create.

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.



Mens Shirt Colors: Black, Tan, Grey, Hunter Green,
Camo
Sizes: Small, Med., Large, X-Large, 2X.
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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