

GOLD PROSPECTORS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

NORTH ALABAMA CHAPTER

Welcome to the GPAA North Alabama Chapter.

You do not have to be a GPAA Member to become a member of a GPAA Chapter or to hold a position in one of the committee's, except for Chairman. You do have to be a GPAA Member to be able to vote in the Chapter Business Meetings or hold a Chapter Office or Committee Chairman.

We hope that you will enjoy your time with us and attend all monthly meetings. Remember family and guest are always welcome.

We do not send out a newsletter, so if you have a computer and the internet, we encourage you to join the Chapters Yahoo Group, you will be able to receive chapter updates, download chapter forms, communicate with your new prospecting friends, upload your prospecting photo's, buy and sell equipment, find info on where to go, how to build your own equipment, and other how to info.

To join the Yahoo Group, please send an email to : nacgpaa-subscribe@yahoogleroups.com, or go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/nacgpaa> and join from the group page.

Below you will find some general info on what goes on during our monthly meetings.

Please see the Chapter Rules and Guidelines for more information.

Yearly Chapter Activity Schedule:

January: This is our Annual Dinner and Planning Meeting, it is usually held at the Golden Eagle Chinese Restaurant in Talladega. This starts at 11am, we have dinner first, and then the meeting, you pay for your dinner, the Chapter pays the tip.

February to November: Meetings are held at the Alabama Gold Camp, "AGC". During these we have the monthly business meeting, any scheduled activity and cookout, and 2 raffles, then you are free to do any prospecting of your own. These meetings start at 10:00am

December: There is no meeting held in Dec.

Activity Schedule can be found in the Yahoo Group file section, or at the monthly meetings.

Monthly Raffles: Each meeting we hold 2 raffles, tickets cost \$1.00 each.

The 1st one is for different things, from sporting goods, to prospecting equipment, ie: pans, snuffer bottles, and other things, the proceeds go into the Chapter account. Tickets are drawn until all items have been given away.

The 2nd one is a 50/50 split, half goes to the winner, half goes into the Chapter Fund Account, 1 ticket is drawn. Some times we have a gold nugget left over from one of the Chapter sponsored activity, and it is offered in the 50/50, when this happens, 2 tickets are drawn, the 1st winner has the option to get the nugget, or the cash, and the 2nd one gets what is left.

Chapter Sponsored Activities: At least 6 times a year, we have a Chapter Sponsored Activity, such as coin shoots, panning contest and common digs, after these activities we usually have a cookout, (except for the panning contest)(see activity schedule), the Chapter provides the eats and drinks for these cookouts. If no activity is scheduled, then it is BYO on the food and drinks.

Field Cleanup Day: At least once a year, the chapter will sponsor a Field Cleanup Day. On this day we will go to an area (chosen previously) and do a clean up or refurbishment. Area's to be chosen are, Waterways, Campgrounds, Hiking Trails, Local Swimming Holes, and State or Federal Lands.

Members are encouraged to look for these types of property that could use some cleaning or refurbishment and bring these to the attention of the Activities Chairman.

You do not have to wait for a chapter cleanup day to do your part, any time you are out prospecting and you find that there is trash in the area, then please clean it up and pack it out, this shows the land owners and the public that we care for the environment. We also ask that when you do this to fill out a Field Cleanup Report, and turn it in at the next meeting, or you can upload it to the Yahoo Group file section. You will find this form in the Yahoo Group file section and at the monthly meetings.

REMEMBER

**IF YOU PACK IT IN
PACK IT OUT**

**IF YOU DIG IT UP
FILL IT UP**

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