

Coker Creek G.P.A.A. Newsletter

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Presidents Report

By Tim LeGrand, President – Coker Creek GPAA

Since I have been elected as the president of the chapter, I have made my first priority to get this chapter back on it's feet, and being an active and growing chapter.

We are well on our way. **At the January meeting, we had a total of 53 people in attendance!** Way to show your support! Keep it up and be an active part of the chapter. **We need you to show up to meetings**, buy raffle tickets, offer your ideas and thoughts on what we can do to make the chapter better. We need you to help with events, like kids days, group outings, common digs, Coker creek gold rush festival, and other things.

My goal is to have this chapter back up to over 100 members before July 1.

I can't do it without your help!

Please, bring your friends, family, and as we all get to know each other, the meetings will begin to get funner and more exciting!

It's only 1 day a month for a couple of hours. Please come to meetings, then go prospecting.

Don't be the one sitting on the stream bank during meetings!

Financial Report

When I took over as the chapter president, we started with a \$0 balance.

Ken, and myself bought items for the raffles and were reimbursed after the meetings.

Our chapter now has a balance of \$132.84!

This is just from raffle sales over 2 meetings.

Way to show your support!

This benefits you!

Property Report

The good news, is that we have an open ear from GPAA. They asked us to send them info on properties we find – hopefully they will lease a property for us soon. We will keep trying. In the mean time, our property director is checking back with a couple of land owners this month. Hopefully they will agree to some terms, costs, and work with us to lease their land..

He will have the information for us at the February meeting.

He plans to find other properties in the near future also. Let's all wish him luck, and hope for the best!

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Water Report

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We have not had much rain this last year. After summer hit, it just seemed to stop raining. This was great at first – we could pan and dredge without much thought of the weather. Camping out – no problem – the weather was dry! However, towards the end of the summer, it stopped being cool. The rangers wouldn't issue new dredge permits because the river and creeks got so low.

For those of you that didn't make it to Coker Creek during this time, I assure you, there were days you couldn't even run a sluice. Panning? How about in that mud puddle, etc... Not kidding here.

It ended up raining a bit here and there, but still no dredge permits. Water came back to the creeks, and river... we kept calling weekly.

Finally, you can once again get a dredge permit, and the water last time I checked was still not too high in the Tellico. Coker creek is still not up to par, but is good for dredging and sluicing again.

Happy Panning!

Do Your Part!

Doing your part means a lot to the chapter. As a club member, it is up to all of us, to make sure the club is doing well, and can continue to do well in the future.

When we have a meeting, **show up**, be heard, support the chapter with the raffles, and **make friends**.

On work days, show up! Bring your gear to prospect, but we will have set work hours for work days. We will have at least one mandatory work day per year. We will set up a few, then you will need to be at one of them. It takes a team a short time to do what one person can do in a day. We wont work you to death, but if we want more properties then we have to take care of them to keep the land owner happy.

Also, if you have an item, that you think could help the club in the raffle, you can bring it in to the meeting. We can always use things for the raffles. Anything that can be used for camping or prospecting usually do well. Thank you for your support!

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Watch the web site

I would like to thank Robert and Dawn Harvey for continuing to host the chapter web site. They have done a great job with the recent re-design of it.

We will be posting newsletters on the site now, and more things may follow later.

Watch in the forum on our site, and on the GPAA main site forum for chapter event info. We would like to see more members joining our forum and asking questions. Post your pictures on the pictures thread, and let us all see your gold, or fun you had getting it.

Our website is at: <http://tnchapter.rdcss.com>

Thank you again to the Harvey's for their support!

NEWBIES CORNER

I would like to thank all the new members that showed up to the January meeting. It was great seeing you all. It was funny to see the old members walking in and pulling their jaws back up off the floor, because it has been an awful long time since 50+ members were at a meeting.

Hats off to those that made it.

Remember, if you need any information at all, please email or call. Ask on the forum, ask at meetings. We are all here to have a great time, so let's have a great year! Find people to prospect with and learn from. You will be glad you did. And again;

WELCOME TO THE CLUB !

Advertise with us.

You can buy advertising space in the newsletter for your business. Selling advertising to local shops and businesses will make it possible to print and mail out our newsletter without having to come from the chapters funds.

Space was sold in the newsletter for years, then it all vanished. The news letter is back, so we need advertising revenue to get it back in print and the mail. If you, or someone you know is interested, please call; Tim LeGrand at 423-310-4445 10am to 8pm, please.