

Coker Creek G.P.A.A. Newsletter

July-August 2009

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Presidents Report

By Tim LeGrand, President – Coker Creek GPAA

I guess the big news is that our chapter now has over 200 members on the roster!

Many members are from out of state, the far side of the state, etc., so we don't get to see everyone at all the meetings. We have had a meeting total of just over 70 people one time this year.

My goal is to see over 100 people at the meetings.

I can't do it without your help – BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

Thank you all!

Next Meeting: July 18th!

At the Coker Creek Ruitan Club, at 10 am Eastern.

Come on out, we want to see YOU there.

Then, the meeting will be at Heather Grove Mine in N.C., for August's meeting! On August 15th.

Financial Report

Chapter funds were up to: \$970.64

Kids day supplies: \$661.01

Outhouse: \$50.00

Restroom: \$239.57

Left: \$20.06

Kids day brought in: \$377.50

Tim bought back items not used that can be sold in the store: \$113.00

New Total is:

\$510.56

Property Report

GREAT NEWS!!!

We now have a flushing toilet at the property!

We had a great turn out for our work day, but found out we needed to do more work, to get the bathroom in usable condition... we got it done just before kids day though!

We have 8 RV spots with full hook ups for \$12 a night. We have care takers on site.

The rental cabin is now open and taking reservations. **423-310-4444**

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August – Heather Grove, N.C. Trip

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The board members, due to being asked by many, set up a trip to the Heather Grove mine, in Marion NC, for August. All members are welcome to attend. It will be a weekend camping, and prospecting trip. Please keep in mind that this is a pay to dig camp, and it will cost you to go.

Everyone should meet at Heather Grove Saturday morning, August 15th. It should be a lot of fun. I have heard a lot of good about heather grove, but haven't been there myself yet. Nice chunky, N.C. Gold.

For more information about the heather Grove mine, go to their website here:

<http://www.heathergrovegold.com>

HIGH BANKING

\$45.00 - per 1 front end loader load (your own machine).

\$35.00 - rental fee to use Heather Grove high banker,

+ \$45.00 for one front end loader load of material.

We only supply gas for rental machines.

Please call at least 48 hours ahead of rental date to reserve a high banker. NO walk-in rental or half day rental of high bankers.

DREDGING

Max. 3" and 4" - \$30.00 per day

Under 3" - \$25.00 per day

2 1/2" dredge rental - \$65.00 per day

With dredge rental, we supply the gas. The dredge has air hooka for one person.

We do not rent wet suits.

WORKING THE CREEK

panning, hand sluicing, and metal detecting. \$8.00 per person per day.

Sluice rental - \$10.00 per day

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Water Report

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Well, not too much for the water report this month. We have been getting some good rains lately, and that has got the creeks and rivers up to normal, or at least near normal depth.

The weather is warming up. Don't forget to take plenty of water to drink with you !

Happy Panning!

Do Your Part!

Doing your part means a lot to the chapter.

When we have a meeting, **please show up**, be heard, support the chapter with the raffles, and **make friends**. Find a buddy to hit those remote areas with so your not going out alone.

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!