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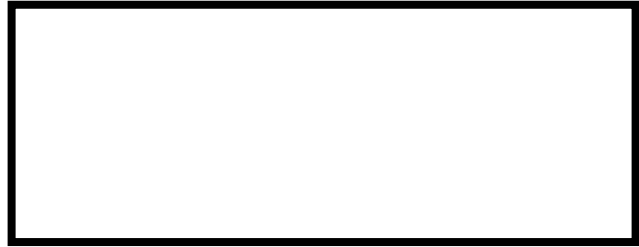
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GPAA GOLD AND TREASURER SHOW MAY 12 & 13TH in Lancaster

Next General Meeting April 24th at 7:00 PM

Web Address: valleyprospectors.com

Mission and Code of Ethics

“You’re invited to be our guest”

**General membership meetings are held on the last Thursday
Of each month at 7:00 pm in the Knights of Columbus Hall at
1729 E. Baseline, San Bernardino, Ca... Map on our website.**

**The Board of Directors meeting will be at 6pm before the General
Meeting at the Knights of Columbus Hall in San Bernardino.**

**Valley Prospectors Inc. is an educational organization dedicated
To promote Gold Prospecting as a healthy family activity**

“NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION.”

**Remember that all prospectors may be judged by the example
You set. Leave flora and fauna as you found it. Do Not Destroy
Any property, public or private. Obey the laws. Please do not litter.
Each member of Valley Prospectors Inc. should strive to set a good
Example for others.**



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CLAIMS

Burro 1 & 2 Placer Claims 10 acres ea

Coolgardie Placer Claims 40 acres ea

Gold Venture & Pickett 3 Placer Claims 20 acres ea

Hungryman 1, 2, 3, 4 and Chunker Placer Claims 120 acres ea

Indian Gulch 1 & 2 and Indian Flat Placer Claim 20 acres ea

Jackass 1, 2, & 3 Placer Claims 160 acres ea

Miner's Folly Placer Claim 60 acres

Moriah Placer Claim 15 acres

Pickett 2 Placer Claim 20 acres ea

(Cajon Pass) Summit Placer Claim 51 acres

Plan of Operations (Yuba River Claims) You will need a copy of the appendix with the Plan of Operations

Appendix (updated 07/09/2011) You will also need a printout of both A and B for each claim

Moriah Claim A Moriah Claim B (updated 07/09/2011)

Union Flat Claim A Union Flat Claim B (updated 07/09/2011)

Wild Plumb A Wild Plumb Claim B (updated 07/09/2011)

REFRESMENTS

Thank you everyone who brought goodies at the last meeting. They were so yummy and very well appreciated by all.

For our April meeting

It's cookies!

Please remember to bring 3 dozen each -

Pat Ferraccio, Kelly & Harry Crawford, Monty Quinn, Clyde King

Thanks

Sandy & Joe Harter

[951-216-5502](tel:951-216-5502)

Love to All

Sandy & Joe Harter 951-216-5502

CLAIMS NOTICE

I recently went out to coolgardie claims and found a lot of things we should not do. I # 1 take your trash home with you. Do not leave it in a fire pit or on the claim. And do not bury it in the ground. TAKE IT HOME WITH YOU. # 2 we have a lot of holes that are not good. When you can bury a car in your hold it is time to fill it in. Also your holes can't be straight down. They have to have a ramp on them so the desert critters can get out if they get in your hole. If this isn't done the BLM can fine us and take our claims away from us. I don't want that to happen and I don't think you do either. We have spring and summer just around the corner. If you have a problem with bee's around you, take a Downey fabric softener sheet for your dryer and rub it all over your body. It will keep the bee's away and it will also make you smell good. It works great. I keep a supply in my bag that I take out prospecting. Also the snakes are out early because of the warm weather so watch out for them.

*** VALLEY PROSPECT MEMBERS***

FIRST CLASS MINERS HAS INVITED OUR CLUB MEMBERS TO ATTEND~ "THE ORD MOUNTAIN CAMPOUT"

FRIDAY APRIL 18th, 19th, and Easter Sunday the 20th (you can come and camp earlier if you want to). There will be Treasure Hunts (detector) and a kids Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday. There will also be a Pot Luck on Sat night!!! And with weather and camping area permitting, one of the best "warming fires" done the only way those FCM's can do it, "BIG". These guys/girls motto is " Go Big or Go Home" Bring your Pot Luck specials enough for 8-10 campers/miners and bring your chairs, drink and what have you. THIS IS A DRY CAMPING AREA. BYO DRINKS AND FOOD. If you have extra firewood, bring it over and we will find a "spot" for it for the evenings "warming fires" :)

HERE IS WHERE WE WILL BE:

Ord Mountain Camping Area

I 15 North – take Highway 247 (Barstow Road), Barstow – turn right and approximately 16- 19 miles down Highway 247 you'll see a brown BLM route marker 6640 on the road. The road is on the East side, Take a left if you are coming from Barstow on this dirt road and you will see a large BLM Informational canopy sign posted for the area. Follow this dirt road up a small and easy grade.. the camp area is on the left side of the road.. it's not hard to see and it's easy to get to... GPS coordinates: N34 degrees 41.008, W116 degrees 57.398

IF you don't like the fireside show you can watch the stars or even go and watch all them motorbike in the Stodder area at night. They come from all around to go to the "Slash X Bar/Grille" that we can see from the camp area. (Eastside)

Welcome to Valley Prospector's

New Members 2014

Clyde King, Dana Buckingham, Matthew & Michelle Schilling

Jay Traven, Greg & Emily Barron, Alexandra (Alex) Panelli

Phillip Garcia, Michael Koski, Jacke Chilson & Richard Chilson

THERE WAS NO BOARD MEETING OF THE VALLEY PROSPECTORS FOR MARCH 27 2014

VALLEY PROSPECTORS GENERAL MEETING MARCH 27 2014

Steve Schubert was not able to attend this meeting tonight.

Jennefer Jercha did her best to imitate a Secretary for Valley tonight.

Call to order by Sue Baranauskas,(our treasurer) at 7:03 pm. Pledge lead by~Gene L. Minutes of the last meeting was read by Jennefer J. due to the fact that they where not in the newsletter. Minutes read and ok'ed by members as read. Courtesy by Kelly: 51 members and 6 guests. Treasurer's Report: Sue B. reported on our accounts. Sue also read some upcoming events from other club. 50/50~Jill M~ Come buy tickets. Lady Luck~Digger Dan: We have lots for your fun and digging on the table tonight for you to win. Special Raffle(s). Art talked about the "Nugget" for the GPAA gold show in April in Las Vegas this year. Steve and Mary Schubert will host this year. Refreshments Sandy H.~ Cupcakes and muffins tonight, and next month (April 24th) Cookies. Membership~Judy C~ We have 20 new members this year already. Wagon Master: Last outing in Coolgardie~ Pam told how nice it was out there. Next Outing will be the Las Vegas show or you can go to Coolgardie. Sandy thanked Jim Straight for the donation of the large can of coffee. Finds of the Month: Garry told of the finds and go up and vote. Gold Sales: Art~ He has gold for sale. Library: Bruce S.~ We have books. Editor~ Pam M. Have all articles to her by the 5th of April for the newsletter. Claims: Pam~ The claims are good. IF YOU BRING IN TRASH, TAKE OUT YOUR TRASH! THIS IS NOT A DUMP SITE! ALSO, FILL YOUR HOLES AND SLOPE THE ONES YOU LEAVE OPEN SO THE LITTLE CRITTERS CAN GET OUT OF THEM IF THEY FALL IN! Blood Bank: Lisa H gave this month. Also Jim Straight Gave blood in MVP's name.. Boy that Jim S is something. He gives blood in MVP's name, he gives coffee for our refreshments, he gives signed copy's of his books for give-a-ways and tonight he gave Kelly our Courtesy lady a unopened 20 year old bag of concentrates for the badge prize. THANK YOU JIM. YOU ARE ONE GREAT VALLEY MEMBER! Apparel: Pat F is back! He has some new stuff too! Historian: Lisa H~ Send her your outing pics.

Break at 7:29 pm Resume from break~ NO PROGRAM TONIGHT. UNKNOWN OF A PROGRAM FOR APRIL.

Old Business: The check was sent to PLP. New Business: Lisa for George~ RDW will resume on May 8th in Randsburg at 8 am by the old jail. Call Lisa or George for more details. 50/50: Jill~ the winner of \$38.50 is Bud!

Door Prize: Bruce. Badge Prize: Kiko. Finds of the Month: Gold~1st: Judy C. 2nd:Justin 3rd:Randy. Metal Detecting~1st:Steve M. 2nd: Don B. Motion to adjourn at 8:05pm 1st by Gene L. 2nd by Reese.

Take it away Digger Dan.

Minutes for Valley Prospectors INC, by member Jennefer Jercha

GPAA Gold Shhow May 12 & 13th in Lancaster at the Lancaster Fair Gorpimds. Bill Suttern will speak at 2ppm on Saturday and 12:45pm on Sunday. He is very knowledgeable on desert prospecting and how to do it. This is good for new members just learning about prospecting and members that want a refresher course.

March Outing at Coolgardie



MEMBERS DIGGING FOR GOLD



MEMBERS LOOKING FOR A BIG NUGGEY



Dolly & Mike Kline running dirt



Roger Maguire getting his exercise for the day



Wild flowers in bloom



Gold Sniffing Dog in training

Schedule of Events for Valley Prospectors for 2014

April 10th	Retired During the Week
13th	Summit Sunday
24th	Board and General Meeting. Board meeting 6pm & General 7pm
25,26 & 27th	Coolgardie Outing
27 & 27th	Las Vegas Show-V.P. Booth
May 3rd	Membership Picnic-CANCELLED DATE WILL CHANGE
8th	Retired During the Week
23,24,25 & 26th	Coolgardie Outing
29th	Board and General Meeting. Board meeting 6pm & General 7pm
June 12th	Retired During the Week
22nd	Summit Sunday
26th	Board and General Meeting. Board meeting 6pm & General 7pm
27,28 & 29th	Big Bear Outing
July 10th	Retired During the Week
25,26 & 27th	Big Bear Outing
31st	Board and General Meeting. Board meeting 6pm & General 7pm
Aug. 14th	Retired During the Week
28th	Board and General Meeting. Board meeting 6pm & General 7pm
29,30,31 & 1st	Big Bear Outing

UPCOMING EVENTS

Venture Gem * Mineral Show March 1 & 2 At Ventura Fair Grounds

Yucaipa Valley Gem & Mineral Show May 3 & 4 in Yucaipa we will have a panning booth

Gem Faire OC Faire & Events Center May 9 thru 11, weekend pass at meeting

Prez says: Thanks for all your support and prayers. The stint is still ok but I seem to be short on oxygen when I do anything stressful. I am on new meds and doing ok slowly. Thanks to our treasurer Sue, Jennifer my fill in secretary, and Judy for all your help and conducting the meeting. I did not want to miss the March meeting but my health comes first. I will be in Las Vegas for the April meeting setting up Valleys booth at the GPAA show at Southpoint Casino. If you can come up to Las Vegas and help at the booth we will be glad to have you. We talk to a lot of people that are interested in gold mining, panning or joining a club. Thanks to our members, we sell a lot of gold and raffle tickets for gold nuggets. We still have many things to do this year if my health holds up. You members make Valley Prospectors the great club it is by volunteering and supporting the programs we do to promote gold mining. On May 8th Digger, Joe and I will be at the Yuciapa gem and mineral club to demonstrate gold panning. We still need a secretary for the club. See you at the May meeting may all your pans have gold.

BLOOD BANK NEWS “MVP”

Well the new job is going great, but I do miss everyone at the club meetings. I hope to see some of you at the Las Vegas Gold Expo. Thanks to all who continue to donate on behalf of Valley Prospectors – “MVP”. I got a text that Jim Straight and his caregiver Cecilia recently gave, also, Lisa Howison. Just inspires you to want to join in the fun. Keep those messages coming my way. I can't say thank you unless you let me know who you are. Let's see if we can't beat that number this year. You can check for local donation centers or events at <https://www.lstream.org/>

The need is constant, the process is simple, and the results are priceless.

Lorraine Frost, Blood Bank Chairperson

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RETIRED DURING THE WEEK UPCOMING OUTINGS

Randsburg Dig

We will be heading to Randsburg on May 8th . We will meet leaving from the Randsburg Jail promptly at 9 am, if you know where the claims are feel free to head on up and we will meet you there. Depending on the weather Randsburg is good for Dry Washing and Metal Detecting.

For more information contact George or Lisa Howison at: Celtichearts2@aol.com , 951-734-7530 or 951-733-0839



Prospecting on the San Bernardino National Forest

The Lure of Prospecting

Anyone who pans for gold hopes to be rewarded by the glitter of colors in the fine material collected in the bottom of the pan. Although the exercise and outdoor activity experienced in prospecting are rewarding, there are few thrills comparable to finding gold. Even an assay report showing an appreciable content of gold in a sample obtained from a lode deposit is exciting. The would-be prospector hoping for financial gain, however, should carefully consider all the pertinent facts before deciding on a prospecting venture.

History and Background of Prospecting

In recent times, only a few prospectors among the many thousands who searched the western part of the United States ever found a valuable deposit. Most of the gold mining districts in the West were located by pioneers, many of whom were experienced gold miners from the southern Appalachian region, but even in colonial times only a small proportion of the gold seekers were successful. Over the past several centuries the country has been thoroughly searched by prospectors. During the depression of the 1930's, prospectors searched the better known gold-producing areas throughout the Nation, especially in the West, and the little-known areas as well. The results of their activities have never been fully documented, but incomplete records indicate that an extremely small percentage of the total number of active prospectors supported themselves by gold mining. Of the few significant discoveries reported, nearly all were made by prospectors of long experience who were familiar with the regions in which they were working.

Many believe that it is possible to make wages or better by panning gold in the streams of the West, particularly in regions where placer mining formerly flourished. However, most placer deposits have been thoroughly reworked at least twice--first by Chinese laborers, who arrived soon after the initial boom periods and recovered gold from the lower grade deposits and tailings left by the first miners, and later by itinerant miners during the 1930's. Geologists and engineers who systematically investigate remote parts of the country find small placer diggings and old prospect pits whose number and wide distribution imply few, if any, recognizable surface indications of metal-bearing deposits were overlooked by the earlier miners and prospectors.

Prospecting History in Big Bear

The Big Bear Back Country Place is known for its colorful mining history, prehistoric habitations and scenic character. From 1860 until the early 1900s, Holcomb Valley was the location of southern California's largest gold rush and the mining towns of Belleville, Clapboard Town and Union Town were located here. Extractions of gold, silver and copper continued here over a longer period of time than anywhere else in California. The last mining operation of any size concluded in 1958. Holcomb Valley is a California Historic District, noted for its abundant historic and prehistoric sites. Other historic mining areas are present in Lone Valley and Rattlesnake Canyon. Rose Mine, which housed a mountain community at the turn of the century is now a National Historical Site.

Placer Deposits

A placer deposit is a concentration of a natural material that has accumulated in unconsolidated sediments of a stream bed, beach, or residual deposit. Gold derived by weathering or other process from lode deposits is likely to accumulate in placer deposits because of its weight and resistance to corrosion. In addition, its characteristically sun-yellow color makes it easily and quickly recognizable even in very small quantities. The gold pan or miner's pan is a shallow sheet-iron vessel with sloping sides and flat bottom used to wash gold-bearing gravel or other material containing heavy minerals.

The process of washing material in a pan, referred to as "panning," is the simplest and most commonly used and least expensive method for a prospector to separate gold from the silt, sand, and gravel of the stream deposits. It is a tedious, back-breaking job and only with practice does one become proficient in the operation.

Many placer districts in California have been mined on a large scale as recently as the mid-1950's. Streams draining the rich Mother Lode region--the Feather, Mokelumne, American, Cosumnes, Calaveras, and Yuba Rivers--and the Trinity River in northern California have concentrated considerable quantities of gold in gravels. In addition, placers associated with gravels that are stream remnants from an older erosion cycle occur in the same general area.

In addition to these localities, placer gold occurs along many of the intermittent and ephemeral streams of arid regions in Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, and southern California. In many of these places a large reserve of low-grade placer gold may exist, but the lack of a permanent water supply for conventional placer mining operations requires the use of expensive dry or semidry concentrating methods to recover the gold.

Modern Day Prospecting

Today's prospector must determine where prospecting is permitted and be aware of the regulations under which he is allowed to search for gold and other metals. Permission to enter upon privately owned land must be obtained from the land owner. Determination of land ownership and location and contact with the owner can be a time-consuming chore but one which has to be done before prospecting can begin.

Determination of the location and extent of public lands open to mineral entry for prospecting and mining purposes also is a time consuming but necessary requirement. National parks, for example, are closed to prospecting. Certain lands under the jurisdiction of the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management may be entered for prospecting, but sets of rules and regulations govern entry. The following statement from a pamphlet issued in 1978 by the U.S. Department of the Interior and entitled "Staking a mining claim on Federal Lands" responds to the question "Where May I Prospect?"

There are still areas where you may prospect, and if a discovery of a valuable, locatable mineral is made, you may stake a claim. These areas are mainly in Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. Such areas are mainly unreserved, unappropriated Federal public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) of the U.S. Department of the Interior and in national forests administered by the Forest Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Public land records in the proper BLM State Office will show you which lands are closed to mineral entry under the mining laws. These offices keep up-to-date land status plats that are available to the public for inspection. BLM is publishing a series of surface and mineral ownership maps that depict the general ownership pattern of public lands. These maps may be purchased at most BLM Offices. For a specific tract of land, it is advisable to check the official land records at the proper BLM State Office.

What are the rules for prospecting for gold and staking claims in the National Forest?

Prospecting, mining and claim staking activities are permitted on National Forest system unappropriated land. Claimants have an express and implied right to access their claims when permitted under Forest Service surface use regulations (36 CFR;228). Check with the Bureau of Land Management Office for land status pertaining to mining claims and the Ranger Station for land appropriation status.

An Administrative Pass is a temporary authorization issued at no charge for prospectors and miners who have a statutory right to enter and prospect on public lands sanctioned under the General Mining Act of 1872, as

amended.

Other visitors using the forest for recreation are required to purchase an Adventure Pass for a fee, which is required to park their vehicles while recreating in certain recreation sites.

Part 2 in next months newsletter

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Thank you, Mary