

***DRYWASHER'S* GAZETTE**

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April 2016

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Next General Meeting: April 28th, at 7:00 PM

Mission and Code of Ethics

Valley Prospectors Inc. is an educational organization dedicated "To and Promote Gold Prospecting, as a healthy family activity". You're invited to be our guest at the General membership meetings that is held on the last Thursday Of each month at 7:00 pm in the Knights of Columbus Hall at: 1729 E. Baseline Street, San Bernardino, Ca... Map is 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



"A 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 all laws". Please do not litter, *Each member of Valley Prospectors Inc. should strive to set a good example for others.*

Officers for 2016

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CLAIMS

The 2 Burro's Placer Claims 20 acres

Coolgardie Placer Claim Harvey's Oro Rico 120 acres and the New "**Straight Gold**" 120 acres

Dumb Luck 40 acres

Gold Venture & Pickett 3 Placer Claims, 20 acres ea.

Hungryman 1, 2, 3, 4 and Chunker Placer Claims 550 total acres

Indian Gulch and Indian Flat Placer Claim 60 acres

Jackass 1, 2, & 3 Placer Claims 160 acres

Miner's Folly Placer Claim 60 acres

Moriah Placer Claim 15 acres

Pickett 2 Placer Claim 30 acres

(Cajon Pass) Summit Placer Claim 60 acres

NOTICE: We have a new plan of operations for the northern claims. If you are planning on going up north in the next 4 years you must have one with you to work the claims up there. It is on the web site to print out but it is 42 pages. You can buy one printed out at the meeting for \$3.00 or request a copy by mail & one will be mailed to you for \$6.00 or Call Pam Maguire at: 951-316-2568

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION



Help schools get the extra's they need by saving box tops for education. These labels are on cereal, snack bars, fruit snacks, Kleenex and lots of other products. Please bring to club meeting and give to Mary Schubert. Thank you, Mary

President's Address

I need your help with the club. We are all important in making the club function properly. Right now we need a Secretary, Editor of the Drywasher's Gazette, and people to join the Claims Committee. The program presented at the March Meeting was enthusiastically enjoyed by all. Most people were mining for gold using chocolate chip cookies and a paper clip. We didn't have enough time to do the letter writing, but the April meeting will use the program time to write letters about the BLM budget for 2017. Please bring your own stationary and stamped envelopes to the Meeting. If you go out to one of our claims, please report whether or not you found gold. We will be re-evaluating all claims. If you have suggestions for the club, please let me know what they are. This is your club.

“Our 40th Year”

Happy 40th Anniversary Valley Prospectors
By Lorraine Frost

What was the Pasture Fair? Back in the 80's the club wanted to get together and have fun. One of the major events that were sponsored was the **Pasture Fair**. This was held in Redlands in a pasture next to Hal Speicher's house. The event was like a big end of the year party. In a 1991 newsletter, it was scheduled in early November. We cooked turkey's in the ground, held metal detecting contests, had lots of kids games, had a cow patty throwing contest, and I remember one year getting dunked in a tank of water. It was So much fun. Our Pasture Fair lives on in the October Rendezvous'. We invite local Gold Clubs to join us in our celebration. Let's not let this tradition dwindle into obscurity. We need a coordinator for our 2016 October Rendezvous. Dunk has all the particulars. Won't you consider becoming part of the future history of Valley Prospectors and support the 2016 October Rendezvous. Give me a call – 760-868-6564. Enjoy the 40th year celebrations.

Valley Prospector Board Meeting 3/31/16

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by Jill Molson, President.

Present: Jill Molson, Art Fairchild, Sue Baranauskas, Garry Devlin, Bruce Sherman, Pat Ferracio, Sherry Livingston, Steve Schubert, John Bonson, Penny Straight, Gene Lepper, Sandy Harter, Harry Crawford', Dan Cornea, Bob Wright, and Bural LaRue.

Resignations of Pam Maguire from Assistant Editor and Claims Committee chair and Michael Kline from Editor were announced.

President asked for volunteers for the Newsletter, Secretary, and Claims. Idea presented for Claims Committee to pick chair from the committee. No motion needed. Accepted as a good idea. Sign up for the committee will take place during the General Meeting break tonight. Newsletter may go to a committee, it was suggested. Treasurer's Report: 2016 Budget needs approval tonight at the General Meeting. Budget was passed around for everyone to see and was discussed. Membership information: 18 new members, 291 paid members, 51 partially paid memberships, and 10 non-renewals. Program tonight at General Meeting: Moon mining Talk Courtesy: Sandy Harter: nothing new. Apparel: Pat Ferracio: looking for new t-shirts. Mike may take over apparel for Pat.

Membership: Lorraine Frost made a new application form. Steve Schubert has a copy. No refreshment committee report.

Wagon master: Judy Carpenter went out to Coolgardie. There were 23 members out there. They memorialized 2 members who recently died. Pot Luck was very successful. Gold sales: Art Fairchild; none at this time. 50/50: Harry Crawford: nothing to report.

CFMS: Bural LaRue: Federation in El Dorado County in Placerville, whole week including gold panning earlier in the week with Federation on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at the Fairgrounds in Placerville. Make your reservations early.

Ventura show in 2017. This is the best market for our type of show. Gold panning, booths, and fee is 10% of profit from sales at show.

Blood Bank no report. Library: no report. Lady Luck; No gold sales tonight. There are mining items as prizes tonight.

Salting of finds discussed. Not true was the conclusion of the discussion. No old business New Business; Kim Holmes: asked if Valley Prospectors would like to participate in a poker draw fundraiser for PLP on 10/1/16. They need an answer by April 30th. Idea will be taken to the membership tonight. \$20 sign up fee. Each club staffing own claim. Jill presented 40th Anniversary request by Lorraine Frost for \$150 for contest related to

celebration. \$25/month, every other month. Motion by Art Fairchild and 2nd by Garry Devlin. Discussion. Motion passed unanimously. Christmas Party will be held at the Native Sons of the Golden West hall the first Sunday in December, deposit is \$250, date is reserved. No cleaning deposit. Full use of the kitchen. Okay by Board. Located at 2701 Del Rosa, near the 210 Freeway. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Valley Prospector General Meeting 3/31/16, Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by President Jill Molson. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jill. Courtesy (Sandy Harter): 4 guests. Minutes from 2/25/16: Mary Schubert made correction of doughnut person, not Charity but Beecher. Motion to accept the minutes as corrected by Sue Baranauskas, 2nd by Dan Cornia, unanimously passed. Treasurer's Report: (Sue Baranauskas) Budget reviewed and discussed. Steve Schubert made the motion to approve the 2016 Budget without changes, 2nd by Bruce Sherman. Unanimously passed. CFMS (Bural LaRue): show in Placerville, CA September 16-18, 2016 in conjunction with the International Gold Panning Championships earlier in the week. Local shows and get-togethers were announced. Poker Run at Coolgardie October 1st was not supported by enough members. Jill will call person in charge to let them know. 50/50 (Harry Crawford) Lady Luck (Art Fairchild): items tonight, gold bags next month Refreshments (John Howell): Doughnuts tonight, cupcakes next month (2 dozen each, Sue Baranauskas, Pat Ferracio, and Doloris Stratton. Membership Report for Lorraine Frost by Jill: 18 new members, 291 renewals, 51 outstanding, 10 non-renewals. Wagonmaster (Judy Carpenter): 23 people at Coolgardie, pot luck and camp fire. Finds of the Month (Garry Devlin): Everyone come and vote. Gold sales (Art Fairchild): gold for sale. Library (Bruce Sherman) members can check out 2 books/month. Newsletter: Michael Kline and Pam Maguire resigned as Editor and Assistant Editor. Weneed the membership to help with the Newsletter. Please step up. Claims: Pam Maguire resigned as Claims Chairperson. We need the membership to step forward. Claims Committee sign up will be at the break. Come sign up. Blood Bank (Mary Schubert) explained MVP (member of Valley Prospectors) to members and guests who donate blood. Apparel (Pat Ferracio and Sandy Harter): talked about camo hats, denim shirts, light vs. dark blue t-shirts (will order both), magnetic club signs \$25/pair. Break 7:36 PM, guests go first, doughnuts. Program: Cindi and Lois, members of Women in Mining, education, toothpaste from scratch, Mining Supplies and Rock Shop in Hesperia. If it is not grown, it is mined. Cookie Mining (profit and loss). Fun, fun, fun. Letter writing next month as the program. BLM 2017 budget and its affect on miners. No old or new business. 50/50: true 50/50. \$50 won by Andy Vega. Door prizes won by Darwin Neidlinger, Jill Molson, and Garry Devlin. Finds of the Month: gold (1st Gene Lepper, 2nd Jim Danner) and treasure (1st Don Baranauskas, 2nd Doloris Stratton). Motion to adjourn the meeting by Bruce Sherman and 2nd by Steve Schubert. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

FOUR MONTHS AMONG THE GOLD-FINDERS IN CALIFORNIA, Part 2

The following is part 2 of some excerpts of the diary of a man who was there in the early days of 1848. The name of his book is: *The California Gold Fields in 1848, Being: FOUR MONTHS AMONG THE GOLD-FINDERS IN CALIFORNIA; THE DIARY OF AN EXPEDITION FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO THE GOLD DISTRICTS*, By J. TYEWHITT BROOKS, MD.

This morning, the party bound for the coast with our gold started off as agreed on. We rose before daybreak, breakfasted, and got the horses in readiness just as the sun showed over the mountain. At my suggestion, Malcolm had the strongest horse we possessed allotted to him, as it had been arranged that he should carry the bulk of the gold, and that Don Luis and Bradley, who were to take as much as they could carry in their saddle bags, were to form the guard. This plan was adopted in preference to having a led horse, which it was thought would greatly impede their progress, and prevent the party from reaching the settlements on the Sacramento that night. Bradley and Don Luis each took with them eighteen pounds weight of gold: Malcolm, who was unencumbered by any thing, and merely carried a brace of pistols in his belt, took very nearly seventy pounds. To relieve Malcolm's horse as much as possible, three of us, who were to act as an escort within a few miles of the Sacramento Valley, were each to carry fifteen pounds weight of the gold so far as we went. This escort was composed of Mr. Story, Jose, and myself.

Two weeks later, our groups was sitting around the campfire when we were interrupted on a sudden by a loud whistle, the note of which I thought I could not be mistaken in. Sure that's Bradley," exclaimed I; the others thought not, and catching up their rifles, examined the flints. The whistle, when again repeated, convinced every one, however, that my first surmise had been correct. In another minute Bradley galloped up to us, and Don Luis soon followed after; but, to our astonishment, Malcolm was not of the party. "My friends," exclaimed Bradley, "a sad disaster; the best part of the gold is gone lost beyond a doubt." "Lost!" said I, expecting some treachery on the part of Bradley and Don Luis;" How? I don't believe it; I never will believe it." Bradley gave me an angry look, but said nothing. "Where 's Malcolm?" exclaimed I. "Dead by this time, I am afraid," replied Bradley. "Good God!" I exclaimed aloud, and involuntarily muttered to myself, "Then you have murdered him." I noticed Bradley examined the countenances of the whole party by turns, and as my eye followed his, I saw that every one looked sullen and angry. He, too, evidently saw this, and said nothing more the whole evening. Don Luis, however, volunteered the following explanation of the mystery. He informed us that, after we had parted from them, they put their horses into a quick trot, to escape as soon as possible into a more agreeable-looking sort of country. They suspected some vagabond Indians were hovering about, and as the ground they were traveling over afforded too many opportunities of concealment to gentry of their character, they were anxious to reach a more open district. Their road lay, for several miles, over a succession of small hills, intersected by valleys covered with stunted oak

trees, and with here and there a solitary pine. Just at a point, when they were winding round a ridge of hills, which they imagined separated them from the Sacramento Valley, having a small skirting of timber on their left hand, he, Don Luis, being slightly in advance of Bradley and Malcolm, happened to turn his head round, when he saw a horseman stealthily emerging from the thicket, at a point a short distance in their rear. In a very few moments another horseman joined the first, and before Don Luis could give an alarm, the second rider, who, it seems, was an Indian, had risen in his saddle and had flung out his lasso, which whizzing through the air true to its aim, descended over Malcolm's head and shoulders. Don Luis, who saw all this, immediately jumped from his horse, and, placing his finger on the trigger of his rifle, fired just as the Indian was galloping away. The ball entered his horse's head, when the beast was brought to a stand, and, in a second of time, rolled over with its rider beneath it, just as the noose had tightened, and Malcolm was being drawn off his horse to the ground. Bradley, who only knew of the danger they were in by hearing the lasso whirl through the air, immediately dismounted, and, like Don Luis, sheltered himself behind his horse, while he took aim and fired. His never-failing rifle brought down one of their enemies, a swarthy-looking man in the usual Mexican sombrero, off his horse to the ground. In the twinkling of an eye they led their horses behind some boulders of granite which afforded them cover, and from behind which they saw four men come charging upon them. But Bradley and Don Luis, skilled in this kind of warfare, had already stooped down and reloaded. Don Luis was the first to let fly at the advancing party, but without success. His shot was answered by a discharge of rifles from the enemy, which whistled over his and Bradley's heads. Crack went Bradley's rifle again " And you would have thought," said Don Luis to us, "that the ball had split into four pieces, and had given each man a tender touch, for they wheeled round their horses in an instant, and galloped off, driving Malcolm's horse before them, which we never saw again."

Don Luis then went on to say. that as soon as they saw the coast was clear, they left their cover and sought out Malcolm, who was lying on the ground with the lasso tightly pinioning his arms, and to all appearance dead. On a closer examination, however, they found that he still breathed, and also that he had been severely trampled on by some of the horses of the robbers in their retreat. Bradley pulled out his bowie-knife and cut the lasso in a few moments, when they tried to raise him up, but found that the injuries he had sustained prevented him from standing. He was, in fact, quite insensible. At that moment they were alarmed by the sound of voices, and looking round they saw a party of horsemen riding up at full speed from the direction of the Sacramento. They gave themselves up for lost, but, to their delight, the new-comers proved to be a party of miners, who hearing so many rifle-reports in such rapid succession, had immediately hastened to the spot. Malcolm was slowly borne down the hill-side, until a rude shanty was reached. He was carried inside, and we were fortunate enough to meet with a kind Californian woman, who promised to attend on him while we returned here for your assistance." We made a hasty meal from our scanty stock of provisions on the morning of the 6th, and directly it was over just as I was about saddling my horse, to start off to visit poor Malcolm Don Luis informed me that our companions seemed all to be of opinion that it would be best to share the stock of gold still remaining at once, when those that preferred it could make their way to the settlements, and the others could continue working, if they pleased, on their own account. I had no objection to offer to this proposition, and the gold was all collected together and weighed. Bradley undertook the charge of Lacosse's share, and I was requested to convey Malcolm's to him. Altogether we scraped up nearly forty-two pounds' weight ; for, besides the gold which Don Luis and Bradley had in their saddle-bags, there were a few pounds more belonging to the general stock. This had to be divided equally, for the gold we had brought from Weber's Creek had been confided to Malcolm's charge in a separate bag. It gave exactly four pounds two ounces a man value seven hundred dollars. This, with six hundred and fifty dollars, my share of the gold deposited with Captain Sutter, and the dust, scales, and lumps, arising from my share of the sale of the cradles, and the produce at the Mormon diggings, before Lacosse and Biggs joined us, would amount, in the whole, to over fifteen hundred dollars.

Don Luis, Bradley, M'Phail, and Jose left us about noon on their way to Sutter's Fort. I promised to rejoin them in a few days, if Malcolm so far recovered as no longer to be in need of my services. I was in great hopes of such a result, as he showed evident signs of improvement since I saw him the previous day. I stayed with Malcolm throughout the next few days, and spent a good part of my time out of doors among the gold-washers, but still I felt no inclination to take part in their labors. Fever was very prevalent, and I found that more than two-thirds of the people at this settlement were unable to move out of their tents. The other third were too selfish to render them any assistance. The rainy season was close at hand, when they would have to give over work, but meanwhile they sought after the gold as though all their hopes of salvation rested on their success. I was told that deaths were continually taking place, and that the living comrades of those whose eyes were closed in that last sleep when "the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest," denied the poor corpses of their former friends a few feet of earth for a grave, and left the bodies exposed for the wolf to prey upon. In a couple of days Malcolm was sufficiently recovered no longer to require my assistance. At his instigation, I took my departure toward Sutter's Fort, where M'Phail or Lacosse might perhaps still be waiting for me. I felt that he was in good hands, and that his kind Californian nurse and her husband would do all that they could for him. Their kind treatment of my poor friend offered a striking contrast to the callous selfishness around.

UP COMING EVENTS

Apr. 22, 23 & 24th
June 18 & 19th

West Coasters Rendezvous ----- Rancho Jurupa Regional; Park
Underground Gold Miners Museum Gold Show ----- Alleghany, Ca



"Miners Sales"



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For Sale

Light weight utility trailer w/loading ramp 10' x 5' x 2' sides, single axle, steel frame, aluminum floor, 3 new tires, recently packed wheel bearings. Great for hauling all your prospecting equipment, a real Coolgardie special Asking \$1000 or Best offer
Tom 909-584-8618.....

For Sale

Dear Fellow Prospectors, I am a former member of Route 66 Gold Mining Club and I live in Whittier, CA. At age 70, gold prospecting is too much work for me. I would like to sell the following two pieces of my gold mining equipment: 1. Keene Dry Washer with hand Crank and DC Motor. The new ones cost approximately \$829. I purchased it new, have only used it twice, and I am asking \$400 for it. 2. Keene 2" Highbank/Combination Power Sluice and Dredge Kit (I never used it), 5-HP Briggs & Stratton Engine (includes extra hose). New this would cost approximately \$1,500. I am asking \$500. All of the equipment is in excellent condition. (See attached pictures.) Please contact: Don Eschbach, Phone: 562-943-8736, Email: donkathyesch@verizon.net



For Sale

NEED TO SELL ONE OF MY DESERT FOX SPIRALS ALL COMPLETE AND COMES WITH AN EXTRA WHEEL WHICH IS CALLED THE REPLACEMENT WHEEL \$ 300.00 ALL COMPLETE WITH THE CARRYING CASE, / TOM 909-584-8618.

For Sale

Old hand crank puffer, \$125.00 / Call Sam 909-887-0505

For Sale

1992 HOLIDAY RAMBLER MOTORHOME
32 FEET -- 66,494 MILES
\$12,000 OR BEST OFFER, Call; ARLENE EDER -- 951-242-2285

For Sale

Keene 151 drywasher in good working shape last used in Quartzsite this Feb as picture shows \$650.00 located in



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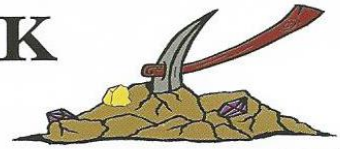
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URGENT CALL TO ACTION

PLEASE SHARE WITH EVERY GOLD CLUB AND MINING CLAIM OWNER:

Mining claim owners.....BLM has just released its new 2017 budget proposal and guess what, they are attempting again to eliminate the small miners waiver. For those miners who own 10 claims or less, one can file the small miner's waiver for about \$10.00 per claim making holding a claim affordable. What this proposal will do is eliminate this and make holding mining claims so costly that most miners will not be able to hold them or afford them.

The proposal is almost word for word what they proposed last year which raised the fees by unbelievable amounts. Last year's proposal was shot down; this one needs to be as well.

Imagine you own a claim of 160 acres; you pay property taxes on it and your small miners waiver fee, that is still affordable at typically under \$100 annually. What this will likely do is raise that amount you pay for this one claim from \$10 (waiver) to over \$1,200 for that same claim. For Associations and clubs like GPAA, Coarsegold, Delta, East Bay and UPI, their costs could go into the 10's of thousands or even more. Let that sink in for a minute.

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This is all by design folks; they cannot attack the 1872 mining act, so they just use regulation and strangling fees to make it so expensive that the normal miner and gold club cannot afford it. They are trying to require special permits to mine.....but then don't issue permits or even have a process in place to apply for the permit they say you need.

Fees, yellow-legged frog, sue and settle, EPA, BLM, USFS, and DFG the list goes on and on. We have to band together and when things like this come up, you must respond.

Call your Congressperson today and tell them to strike this language from the budget proposal period. Click here to find your [Congressperson](#)make the call.

Click [BLM Budget Proposal](#) to see the actual text proposed by BLM to raise the fees, it is on page BH-11.

This does not pertain to just hard-rock mining. If you read the actual language, it is written to be inclusive and will affect placer claims.

PICTURES NEEDED

I am looking for pictures that you have taken thru the years at club events. I need them for a calendar to make and hand out at the Christmas party in December. If you have some interesting pictures please email them to me at ladygolddigger1246@yahoo.com or bring them to the meeting and give them to me. Thank you,
Pam Maguire

BLOOD BANK NEWS - "MVP"

Why is it Important to Give Blood? One Donation Can Save Several Lives

One pint of blood can be separated into three primary components which can help up to several people in need:

Red Blood Cells - carry oxygen to the body's organ and tissues. These cells are needed for accident victims and surgery patients. They can be refrigerated and stored for only up to 42 days.

Plasma - is 90 percent water, makes up to 55 percent of blood volume and is needed for organ, burn and shock patients. Plasma can be frozen and stored up to one year.

Platelets - are an essential factor in blood clotting and give patients with leukemia and other cancers a chance to live. These can be stored at room temperature no longer than 5 days.

All three of these important components that make up a pint of blood are made in the body's bone marrow.

Let's help increase the number of Southern California donors - mention "MVP" as our group so you can be counted. Check out the local donation centers at <https://www.lstream.org/>

Thanks to our recent Blood Donor Hero's: Monty Quinn

The need is constant, the process is simple, and the results are priceless. Valley Prospectors - Supporting our Community one donation at a time.

Lorraine Frost, Blood Bank Chairperson (760) 868-6564 <mailto:LFrost35@gmail.com>

2016 Schedule of Events

Date	Activity	Notes
January 28	VP General Meeting	7 pm – 9 pm
January 30	Metal Detecting and Sampling at Silver Lake	Meet at Arco Station on D St. Victorville at 10 am
Feb 19	GPAA Gold and Treasure Show	Pomona FairPlex – Valley Panning Booth setup 3 pm
Feb 20-21	GPAA Gold and Treasure Show	Pomona FairPlex – 10 am – 4 pm
Feb 25	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm Knights of Columbus, SB
Feb 27-28	GPAA Gold and Treasure Show	Las Vegas – no VP Panning Booth
Mar 19-20	Coolgardie	Harvey's Oro Rico Claim
Mar 31	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
Apr 23-24	Coolgardie	Harvey's Oro Rico Claim
Apr 28	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
May 26	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
May 27-30	Coolgardie	Memorial Weekend at Harvey's Oro Rico Claim
Jun 25-26	Big Bear	Miner's Folly Claim
Jun 30	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
Jul 23-24	Big Bear	Miner's Folly Claim
Jul 28	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
Aug 20-21	Big Bear	Miner's Folly Claim
Aug 25	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
Sep 17-18	Old West Days	Randsburg – Burro's Claim
Sep 24-25	Coolgardie	Harvey's Oro Rico Claim
Sep 29	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
Oct 22-23	TBD	Rendezvous or Randsburg
Oct 27	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
Nov 17	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
Nov 24-27	Coolgardie	Thanksgiving Weekend at Harvey's Oro Rico Claim
Dec 4	VP Christmas Party/Mtg	