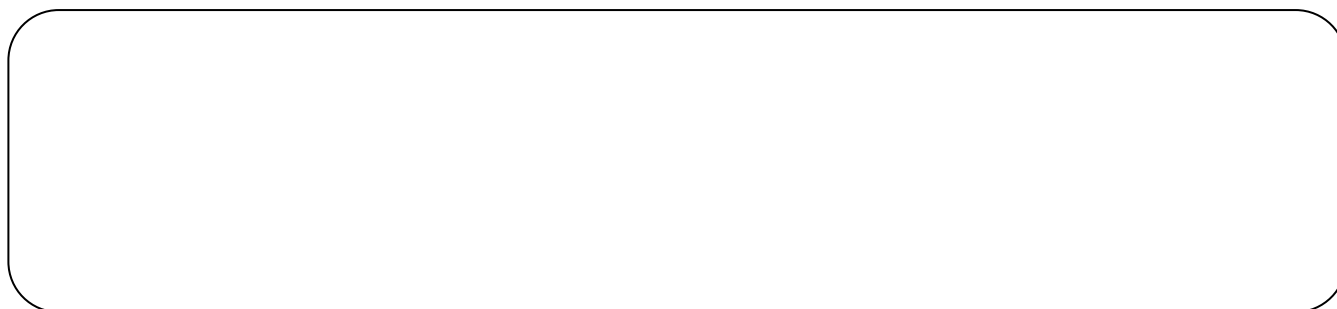


APRIL 2017

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Art Fairchild 3795 Orchid Dr.
Highland, CA 92346
artfairchild85@gmail.com**



Web Site: ["www.valleyprospectors.com"](http://www.valleyprospectors.com)

Next General Meeting: April 27, 2017, 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 2017

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Bruce Sherman	951-780-7115		Name Tags	Lorraine Frost	760-868-6564
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Sherry Livingston	909-875-2090		Refreshments	John Howell	951-247-1037
Garry Devlin	951-768-0880				
			Outings/Retired during the week		
Alternate Board	Members		Claims	Jill Molson	951-522-3545
John Howell	951-247-1037		Show & School Rep.	Steve Schubert	951-943-0535
Stewart Luce	909-560-0474				
John Bonson	909-794-4401				

CLAIMS

The 2 Burro's Placer Claims 20 acres
Coolgardie Placer Claim Harvey's Oro Rico 120 acres
Gold Venture & Pickett 3 Placer Claims, 20 acres ea.
Hungry man 1, 2, 3, 4 and Chunker Placer Claims 550 total acres
Indian Gulch and Indian Flat Pacer 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

CAMPING OVER NIGHT AT COOLGARDIE

BE COURTEOUS, BE KIND, PLEASE TURN OFF GENERATORS 11pm & 6am if you can.

Thank you from Valley Prospectors Members who need their peace & quite

President's Message:

Good weather has arrived. Coolgardie is a great place to find gold now. Hope the weather holds for the Las Vegas GPAA Gold Show April 21-22. Et Gene Lepper and Steve Schubert know if you are planning on going to the show. It has been a fun trip and show in the past. Help is always needed and welcome. Please think about what you want the Membership Appreciation Day outing to include. So far we have pulled pork, pot luck, bingo, and metal detection competition. Let us know what else you want included. It will be on May 20th at 7th Street Park in Yucaipa. Everyone enjoy the Spring and the gold. Jill.

March 30, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes -

Meeting called to order by President Jill Molson at 6:00 PM. Roll Call by Jill Molson,

2 members excused due to illness/other, 3 alternates 1 guest. **Minutes of the last meeting-** motion by Gene L. - 2nd by Art F. to accept as published in the March 2017 newsletter Vote- Pass

Committee and Chairpersons- **Apparel** -Kelly has new T-shirts no pockets **Claims-** Jill explained a situation of a potential Claim Jumper on the Moriah claim. Jill called BLM and took care of the misunderstanding, additional fees were paid and all of VP claims have been filed. **Courtesy-** Sandy 2 door prizes tonight **Librarian-** Bruce S. has some new books. **50/50-** Harry C. **Table Raffle** – Art F., NO LADY LUCK Tonight but the donated Dry Washer will be drawn tonight **Newsletter-** Need articles ASAP to Art F. **Finds of Month-** Garry, nothing new **Gold Sales-** Art is also looking to **purchase gold** for the GPAA Gold and Treasure show and bags. Contact Art if you are interested in selling some gold. **Program-** tonight is Cyndi and Lois Hesperia Store. **Events/Outings** generally 3rd weekend of each month, (see newsletter), subject to change. Next outing Las Vegas April 22-23. There will be a sign up sheet for future outings, See Gene Lepper or call 909 208 4307. **Treasurer-** will report at General Meeting per Sue B. **Refreshment-** John Howell **Wagon Master-** Only 9 people at Randsburg 3 for Pot Luck. **Old Business:** Sign-up sheets, Web Site corrections, Las Vegas/Ventura Show. **New Business:** Art F. is looking for a roommate to share room at Las Vegas. Newest Membership list were emailed from Lorraine last week, Motions by Pat F. & Albert N. 2nd by Sue B. Need a new Web Master as Misty is unable to make corrections and keep up with the VP Web Site Discussion-Vote Pass 100%. Member Appreciation Budget keep as written in the current budget. Motion by Garry D. and 2nd by Sandy H. to make a \$1000 donation to the CFMS Endowment Fund. Discussion- Pass Motion to adjourn Albert N. 2nd by Gene L. 6:47 PM

Minutes of the meeting by Judy Carpenter Secretary 2017

Minutes of the General Meeting March 30, 2017

Meeting called to order by President Jill M. at 7:00 PM Pledge of Allegiance- by Sue Baranauskas

Motion to accept Minutes of the February meeting as written- Gene L. 2nd Trish D. Vote-Pass

Courtesy -Sandy H. tonight, 2 door prizes -2 Badges 1 Guest / New member

Announcements- GPAA Show at South Point casino April 21-23. CFMS Ventura Gem Show coming up June

9-11. Treasurer's report by Sue B. Apparel -Kelly C. has new T-shirts no pockets, taking orders, need at least

12 to make an order. Library- Bruce S. has some new books. 50/50- Harry C. come buy tickets. Lady Luck-

No Lady Luck tonight, buy tickets for the donated dry washer w/blower and hose will be raffled TONIGHT.

Membership – Steve S. this is the last night to renew with a late fee added. Gold Sales – Art looking for more

gold to buy, needed for the gold show in Las Vegas. Tonight's program after the break –Lois & Cyndy of the

Mining Supplies & Rock Shop. Thank you ladies for the slide show and music. Outings- Sign up sheets for

events, your name and phone numbers- does not mean you HAVE to be present just gives us an idea and a call

back numbers if canceled. Next Outing Las Vegas April 22-23 Last outing at Randsburg only had 9 people and

3 for the Pot Luck. This is your club get involved.

Break 7:28 PM John Howell, next month cookies. Resume 7:45 PM Old Business: Sign up Sheets See

Gene Lepper Membership picnic in May Need people to volunteer When mailing important papers always

send Certified Return Receipt. New Business: Art is looking for a room mate to share room in Las Vegas.

Claims are all in order after a misunderstanding with BLM. Jill handled and took care of the problem after

receiving a phone call from someone claiming to have filled on VP Claims. Motion to Donate \$1000 to the

CFMS Endowment Fund by Steve Schubert 2nd Art Fairchild, Discussion -Vote -Pass. Check will be presented at the Ventura CFMS Show Dinner by Steve.

Door Prizes Albert N. & John B. Badges Trish D & Donald R. 50/50 winner Bruce S. Finds of the Month- 2 Gold entries, 1st- Calvin S. 2nd Gene L. Treasure- 1st Don B. 2nd Dolores S. & 3rd Jack S. Motion to adjourn Gene L. 2nd Pat F. Drywasher Raffle Winner- Steven Pepper.

Minutes of the meeting by Judy Carpenter - Secretary



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.

BLOOD BANK NEWS MVP

THE RAREST TYPE OF BLOOD IS THE TYPE THAT IS NOT AVAILABLE WHEN YOU NEED IT.

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>

Why is it Important to Give Blood? What is your type? There are four blood groups: type O positive/O negative, type A positive/A negative, type B positive/B negative, and type AB positive/AB negative

The GPAA GOLD SHOW will be coming up on April 22-23rd – South Point Casino in Las Vegas. Set up Apr 21 Valley Prospectors will be having a gold panning booth so if you can help at the gold show. For more information call Steve at 951-943-0535. Discount code for hotel room rate **GOL0420**.

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Change of Address

Newsletter editors new mailing address. 3795 Orchid Dr. Highland, CA 92346

DON'T FORGET, GOLD RAFFLE AT OUR NEXT MEETING. Jim Straight donated a very nice gold nugget. I will include his nugget with the gold raffle, now there will be 11 bags to choose from, our normal raffle will still have the \$75.00 gold bag top prize plus the mysterious Jim Straight nugget as an extra bonus.

Drywasher Winner: Steven Pepper

Included on this page is a claim log for all of you who go out to our claims. Every year when we file our claim paperwork, we are required to submit our activity on those claims. Please help us by submitting your experiences on our club claims.

Claims Feed Back Sheet
(one per each claim please)

Date (s) _____

Name of claim

_____ Miner's Folly Placer

_____ Jackass I

_____ Jackass II

_____ Jackass III

_____ Indian Gulch Placer

_____ Harvey's Oro Rico (includes Jeremy I)

_____ Gold Ventur

_____ V P Summit Placer

_____ Hungryman

_____ Hungryman II

_____ Hungryman III

_____ Hungryman IV

_____ Chunker

_____ Burros Placer I & II

_____ Moriah Placer

_____ Pickett II Placer

_____ Pickett III Placer

Did you find Gold? YES _____ NO _____

Was claim accessible? YES _____ NO _____

Where the claim markers/post in place? YES _____ NO _____ if no please explain problem
NW,NE,SE,SW etc. _____

Did you camp on the claim? YES _____ NO _____ How many days? _____

Did you encounter any NON-VP members working on VP claim? YES _____ NO _____

Approximately how many hours did you work? Less than 8 hrs. _____ More than 8 hrs. _____

Comments/Complaints:

The above information will be used for the Affidavit of Assessment Work (Proof of Labor)
Notice of intent to Hold and /or BLM Maintenance Fees.

Optional: Name _____ Member # _____ This is all
by design folks;



“Miners Sales”

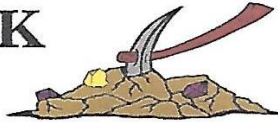


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Membership Renewal

Primary Member Last Name _____ VP Member # _____

First Name _____ Spouse/Domestic Partner Name _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number (_____) _____ Cell Phone Number (_____) _____

Email _____

How would you like to receive the newsletter? Email _____ US Mail _____

Is it okay to publish your picture or members of your family in the newsletter? Yes _____ No _____

Payment Method – Make payable to : **VALLEY PROSPECTORS, Inc.**

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Cash _____ Check # _____ Money _____

Order# _____

The annual dues shall be \$40, \$60 if received after January 31st, \$140 if received after March 31st
Annual Membership dues are due beginning January 1st of each year and are not prorated. If postmarked after January 31st a \$20 late fee will be added. If postmarked after March 31st the dues are delinquent and you will be removed from membership. You may reinstate your membership by paying the full \$140 as required by new members.

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT:

Upon signing, member agrees to have read and understand the Valley Prospectors Rules and Regulations for all claims, and hereby agrees to the following:

“I understand and agree to acquire all necessary permits, Park passes, Wilderness passes, which are applicable to my prospecting activities. I will fill in all holes dug while prospecting in an environmentally responsible manner. In addition, I understand that prospecting in certain areas can be dangerous, including but not limited to: open pits/shafts, wild animals and reptiles, not being prepared for weather conditions, along with the possible presence of noxious gases or chemicals. I assume my own responsibility and accept all risks, as well as that of any of my family or guests. I agree to hold the Valley Prospectors, Inc. and any affiliated claims or property owners or managers harmless of any liability.”

Signature: _____ Date: _____

BATTERIES FOR DRYWASHING

Try not to use car or motor cycle batteries. These are made for motors that need power to turn them over, where they get the term cranking amps, and these are rated by how many cranking amps they put out. They put out a lot of push, but won't last very long! About a couple hours then they start to fade. If that is all you have its OK use them!

HERE'S WHAT TO USE! They are called SEALED LEAD ASID BATTERIES and are rated by their voltage and by ampere-hours, Ampere hours is the amount of time the battery can give out. These batteries come in different sizes to fit your choice, I can take a small one, measuring 4 inches in high X 3 ½ wide x 2 ¾ depth and weight about 2 lbs. it is rated at 12 volts and is a 5 Ah. This will power my Drywasher for 4 to 5 hrs. and is great for prospecting or traveling light.

Car batteries are charged with a battery charger and are charged fast, but these Sealed Lead ASID Batteries are charged very slow and that is where it gives back its power slow. You charge these with a trickle charge or a solar panel. A new battery in most cases require 14 hrs. charge before first use, after that it's o.k., but always charge overnight if it needs it!

My favorite is a 12 volt 12 Ah which will last me up to three days dry washing at Coolgardie, and I always take a backup!

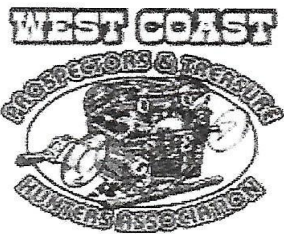
You can find these batteries on line at amazon.com and some electronic shops. Harbor Freight sells one for their solar panels, it's a 12 volt 36 Ah battery a little heavy but will last about a week without recharging, about \$70.00 a little high but look at the service you would get. Your home phones now have a backup battery which is a 7 Ah 12 Volt battery.

Hope this helps you understand something about batteries? Sam Cowan. Valley Prospectors.

Ventura Fair AFMS/CFMS Gem show June 9,10 & 11. Set up on June 8th,
Fairground camping call 805-312-8467. If you can help please call Steve
Schubert (evenings) 951-943-0535

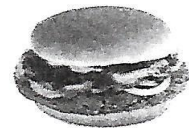
West Coasters Presents Rendezvous 2017 April 21,22 & 23

Please join the West Coast Prospectors & Treasure Hunters Association's 30th
annual open hunt held at Rancho Jurupa Campground in Riverside, California.



Food Available for Sale

Saturday Only
Breakfast & Lunch



Saturday Night Potluck

Bring a dish and join us for a Potluck
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Date	Activity	Notes
January 20-22	American Mining Rights Assoc. Meeting	See Page 5 this newsletter
January 26 2017	VP General Meeting	7 pm – 9 pm Knights of Columbus, SB
February 19 2017	Summit Claim outing	Meet at McDonalds hwy. 138 & 15 freeway at 8am
Feb 23, 2017	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm Knights of Columbus, SB
March 17,18 & 19, 2017	Ransburg	Potluck on Saturday
Mar 30, 2017	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
April 21-22-23, 2017	GPAA Gold & Treasure Show	Las Vegas South Point Hotel Setup Fri Apr 21
April 27, 2017	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
May 20, 2017	Members Appreciation Day picnic	Yucaipa 7 th street Park. 11am till.
May 25, 2017	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
June 16, 17 & 18, 2017	Coolgardie Outing	Potluck on Saturday
June 29,2017	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
July 15,16 2017	Big Bear	Miner's Folly Placer Claim
July 27, 2017	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
<u>August 19 & 20, 2017</u> August 31, 2017	<u>Big Bear,</u> VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	<u>Miner's Folly Placer Claim</u> 6 pm 7 pm
September 16, 2017	Old West Days	Randsburg – Burro's Claim
September 28, 2017	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm. Officers Nominations 7 pm
October	TBD, To Be Determined	Rendezvous
October 26, 2017	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm. Officers Nominations 7 pm
November 23,24,25,26 2017	Coolgardie	Thanksgiving Weekend at Harvey's Oro Rico Claim
November 30, 2017	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
December 3, 2017	VP Christmas Party/Mtg	2701 Del Rosa Ave, San Bernardino, CA