

AUGUST 2016

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Next General Meeting: AUG 25, 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

Executive Officers			Chairpersons		
President	Jill Molson	951-522-3545	Apparel	Pat Ferraccio & Mike	909-649-1555
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Gene Lepper	951-674-3207		50/50	Harry Crawford	760-248-6683
Sandy Harter	951-216-5502		Gold Sales	Art Fairchild	951-897-5433
Harry Crawford	760-248-6683		Historian		
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Bob Wright	909-981-7505		Librarian	Bruce Sherman	951-780-7115
Garry Devlin	951-768-0880		Membership		
Bruce Sherman	951-780-7115		Name Tags		
Pat Ferraccio	909-649-1555		Programs	Art Fairchild	951-897-5433
Sherry Livingston	909-875-2090		Refreshments		
			Outings/Retired during the week	George Howison	951-734-7530
Alternate Board		Members		Claims	
Steve Schubert	951-943-0535		Show & School Rep.	Steve Schubert	951-943-0535
Mike Dunkerley					
Bural LaRue	909-874-5664				

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.

Hungry man 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 6, 2016: Claims Committee Meeting, 11 am, Native Sons of the Golden West Bldg, 2701 Del Rosa Dr. (not Del Rosa Ave) (Native Sons of the Golden West building) San Bernardino, Ca 92404. It is important that you attend this meeting if you, (or someone you know) are signers on the Claims. If you CANNOT attend please make arrangements with Jill Molson to sign the claim forms ASAP Jill 909 887 8024. For directions & / or other questions you may contact Judy 909 772 6873



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

Good meeting for ice cream, thank you John Howell. Last weekend some members mined at Big Bear, Miner's Folly and Jackass II. The program for the evening was California gold history by Judy Carpenter and the Keene Drywasher by Gene Lepper. All were listening intently and you could have heard a pin drop. Thank you Judy and Gene. The 1st CA millionaire was produced during the gold rush in the 1800's. Discussion after the program brought Jim Straight to his feet as he passionately told of lots of gold at the Randsburg claim. The program for August will bring everyone's metal detectors for a discovery program, so everyone come and bring your own metal detector(s). Also, Lady Luck is gold bags at the August meeting. The air conditioner in the meeting hall made the outside heat wave stay outside during the meetings. We are trying to emphasize prospecting topics and communication of helpful information. If you have something you think might be helpful to members, please send the information to Art Fairchild so that he can put that information in the newsletter for everyone to enjoy. Thanks to everyone for your help with the club. The help is deeply appreciated. Jill.

GENERAL MEETING PROGRAM AUG. 25, 2016

Everyone bring your metal detectors for a discovery program

Valley Prospectors General Meeting 7/28/16:

Meeting called to order at 7 PM. Pledge of Allegiance led by Judy Carpenter. Courtesy by Sandy Harter: one guest, Andy. Mary Schubert read cards from Bud Smith's family thanking Valley Prospectors for being his friend, helping the family with the arrangements and luncheon after the funeral, and just being there for them. Eddie Kahn died 7/7/16; he was almost 92 years old. Minutes of the last meeting were approved as published, motion by Gene Lepper, 2nd by Bruce Sherman, passed. Treasurer's report by Sue Baranauskas. Coming Events: August 20-21, 2016 at Big Bear ((Miner's Folly claim), August 28, 2016 at Juniper Sierra Catholic Church Festival (starts at 10 AM, please be there by 10 AM if you want to help) in Phelan off Sheep Creek Rd (on the left), September 17, 2016 Randsburg 15th Annual Old West Days 10 AM – 4 PM (set up of booth at 9 AM) (can camp on Il burro claim), September 24 – 28, 2016 Coolgardie weekend. 50:50 raffle, tickets are 6/\$5. Lady Luck: bags with silver rounds in them. Next month we will start the raffle for the Zodiac Drywasher (value \$350, never used). Motion to have raffle winner picked at Christmas Party by Mary Schubert, 2nd Judy Carpenter, passed. Tickets for this special raffle will be available at the August meeting. See picture included in this newsletter. Motion to sell direct made by Judy Carpenter, 2nd by Dan Cornia, passed. Refreshments tonight are ice cream, sprinkles, cones, and chocolate sauce. John Howell's treat. Next month doughnuts: 2 dozen each (Andy, Kelly, Delores). Last outing, July 23-24, 2016, Big Bear Miner's Folly: Tom, Lorraine with a guest family, John Howell, Mike Dunkerley (Sunday), also Jackass II. Next outing August 20-21, 2016, at Big Bear. Finds of the Month by Garry Devlin: no gold exhibits, but 3 treasures, come vote for the best. Gold Sales by Art Fairchild: strong. Library by Bruce Sherman: 5 boxes of books. Editor (Art Fairchild): Newsletter to the printers on August 2, 2016. Claims (Judy Carpenter): VERY IMPORTANT CLAIMS COMMITTEE MEETING AUGUST 6, 2016 AT 11:00 AM AT NATIVE SONS OF THE GOLDEN WEST 2701 DEL ROSA DR. (SOUTH OF THE 210 AT DATE STREET), ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME. IF YOUR NAME IS ON A CLAIM, YOU

NEED TO BE AT THIS MEETING!!!! PAPERWORK FOR THE CLAIMS IS DUE BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2016. No CFMS report. Blood Bank by Mary Schubert: Monty Quinn donated on 7/22/16. No apparel tonight. Break for ice cream, Finds of the Month voting, and Calendar voting. Program by Judy Carpenter on history of gold discovery in California and gold rush history, followed by Gene Lepper talking about the Keene Drywasher and how it works and techniques used to increase the amount of gold you can recover. Program next month will be metal detectors. Everyone bring your own detectors. September 17, 2016 Randsburg 15th Annual Old West Days: Steve Schubert will take club supplies to Lorraine Frost for club booth. October 22-23, 2016 Randsburg and Rendezvous weekend. Old Business: photos on table for calendar, keep the claims forms coming in, Box Tops for Education keep them coming in. 50:50 raffle winner Lucky. Door prizes: John Bonson, Mary and Steve Schubert. Finds of the Month Treasure: 1st Jack Stratton, 2nd Lucky, and 3rd Don

Minutes of Valley Prospectors Board Meeting 7/28/16:

Meeting called to order by President, Jill Molson, at 6:00 PM. Quorum present: officers (Jill Molson, Art Fairchild, Sue Baranauskas) and members at large (John Bonson, Penny Straight, Gene Lepper, Sandy Harter, Harry Crawford, Dan Cornia, Bob Wright, Garry Devlin, Bruce Sherman, Sherry Livingston, Steve Schubert). Absent members at large (Pat Ferraccio, Bural LaRue, Mike Dunkerley). Minutes of the last meeting were approved as published, motion by Steve Schubert, 2nd by Art Fairchild, passed. Treasurer's report will be presented at the General Meeting later this evening. Membership by Steve Schubert: no new members in the last month. Steve said that he will be taking the club supplies needed for the booth at the 15th Annual Old West Days at Randsburg September 17, 2016 to Lorraine Frost to put in wy camper. Set up is scheduled for around 9 AM. Booth will be manned from 10 AM – 4 PM. Editor's report by Art Fairchild: 3 newsletters returned (Carolyn Smith, Bert Irish, Kalan), 1 resent (returned even though address was correct). Jill will contact Lorraine to have her add choice of email or snail mail newsletter choice on the membership application and the renewal form (use block letters). Garry Devlin will check to see if any of them is deceased. Claims Committee met on July 9th, 9 present. Next claims committee meeting scheduled for August 6, 2016 at 11 AM, at Native Sons of the Golden West Hall, located at 2701 Del Rosa Ave. at Date St. (Call Jill at 951-522-3545 if you can't find the hall). We need as many people as possible to come to that meeting. Anyone whose name is on a claim needs to be at that meeting. The documents need signatures so that they can be filed by September 1st, 2016. Program tonight by Judy Carpenter and Gene Lepper on California gold rush history and the use of the Keene Drywasher. Program next month possibly Lois and Cindy from Mining Supplies and Rock Shop, Hesperia, CA 92345. Courtesy by /sandy Harter: cards for Eddie Stanley, Roger Zale, and Deloris Stratton. No report on Apparel and Refreshments. Wagonmaster: some people went to Big Bear. Jennifer and Gary Jerka leaving for Big Bear today for 3 days. Gold Sales by Art Fairchild: Okay. 50:50 okay. No Blood Bank report. CFMS: Steve Schubert reminded everyone of the Placerville activity September 16-18, 2016 and their business meeting scheduled for November 11-13, 2016. He will be attending the meeting. Library by Bruce Sherman: several books have been checked out for an average of 3 months. He has been calling the people to have the books returned. Lady Luck by Dan Cornia: Bags with silver rounds tonight. Finds of the month: Okay. Old Business: Claims meeting August 6, 2016 at 11 AM at Native Sons of the Golden West at 2701 Del Rosa Ave. at Date St., just South of the 210 Fwy, all members are invited to attend. Pictures for Christmas Party favor will be on table for voting during the break at the General Meeting tonight. New Business: 2 emails requesting information from Misty (webmaster) were not answered. New password for website starting August 1st is GoldFever16. We have a copy of the current (6/30/16) San Bernardino National Forest fire restrictions. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM. Motion by Garry Devlin, 2nd by Art Fairchild, passed.

BLOOD BANK NEWS - "MVP"

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.:

In a room of 100 people this is the number of each type within that group: 45 with type O, 38 with O+, 7 with O-, 40 with type A, 34 with type A+, 6 with A-, 11 with type B, 9 with type B+, 2 with B-, 4 with AB, 3 with AB+, and 1 with AB-..

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>

Message from Art Fairchild

If anyone wants to have their newsletter sent to their email address, I will have a form to fill out at the Courtesy table at the Aug 25th meeting, if you do fill out the form please write legibly. On our member List there is a lot of incorrect email addresses.

Thanks



"Miners Sales"



Members can run 3 times through the year for free. Commercial ads are \$5.00 per month. Send ads to artfairchild85@gmail.com

951-897-5433

For Sale

4 Firestone tires 278-70-18 w/mileage 450 miles \$450.00 cash. Gold Buddy Ponie Dry Washer Asking \$450.00.
Tom 909-584-8618

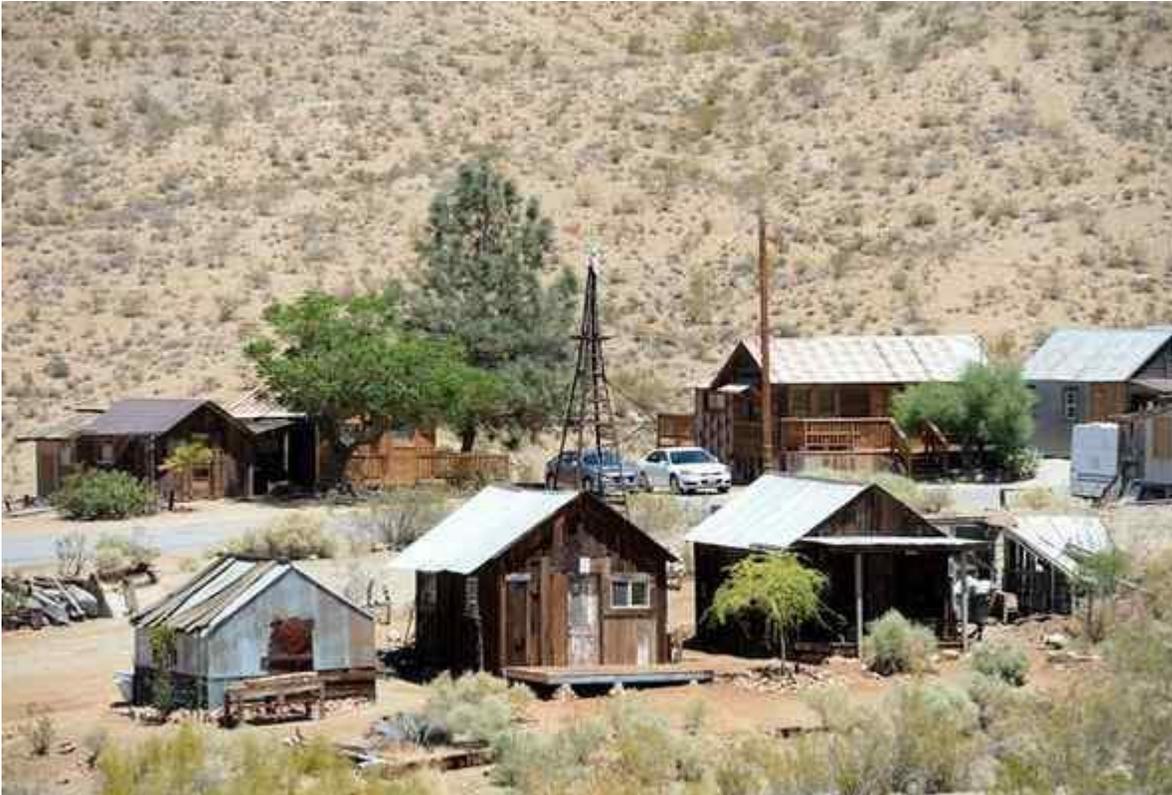
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For Sale

One small blower type drywasher that folds up so you can throw it in your truck., \$100.00
Call Sam at 909-887-0505.



“Dunk,” Randsburg’s ‘go to’ guy



Homes sit in the hills of Randsburg, CA, Thursday, July 14, 2016. (Photo by Jennifer Cappuccio Maher/The Sun/SCNG)

By [Michel Nolan](#), The Sun -- They call him “Dunk.”

It has nothing to do with basketball or doughnuts. Wearing a big green shirt and a straw cowboy hat, Dunk drove his quad up to the front of the closed museum and went in, escaping the hot afternoon sun. Longtime resident Mike “Dunk” Dunkerley, is vice president of the Rand Desert Museum board of directors, a graduate of the University of Redlands, a history buff and one of the town’s most colorful characters. He’s also a retired electrician and helps out people in the community with maintenance and electrical work. Dunk, 64, had been coming up to Randsburg since the 1980s — he’d always liked the town because it was fun, he says. He actually lives in the town of Johannesburg, one mile away and loves the drive in his open vehicle, considering it a “re-charge” to be out in the fresh air. “I tell folks to just pull off the road and stop, listen for a second. People think the desert is dead, but it’s not — it’s a forest with a view — full of life, even if it’s ants and bugs.” Last year, a flood brought water 18 inches deep over the wall in the adjacent park and Dunk helped fix driveways and roads. Why? “Because the county doesn’t have the time,” he’ll tell you. He has spent weeks fixing roads. He doesn’t get paid and laughingly said the county always promises the check’s in the mail. “I have the equipment and you have to use it. I usually charge \$2 to fix a driveway, and I figure that buys me a soda at the park so we all get something out of it.” Dunk speaks haltingly since his stroke, but articulately. He reminisces about growing up in Redlands. Over the years, he has endeared himself to Randsburg, always willing to help others when he can. Quite often, Dunk saves the day.

RANDBURG

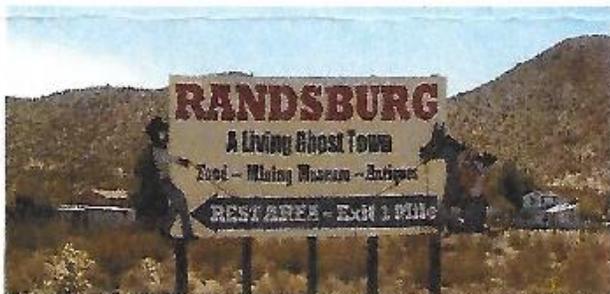
15TH ANNUAL OLD WEST DAYS
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2016
10AM TO 4PM

Sponsored by the Rand Desert Museum

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CRAFTS, ANTIQUES, OLD WEST GUN
FIGHTS, CAR SHOW ... AND MORE!**

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Mired in Mercury Minutia

Are California Supreme Court justices missing the point in People vs. Rinehart case?

When one enters the Supreme Court of California, you'd expect to find judges informed about the key points of the case at hand. But, after attending the *People vs. Rinehart* case in Los Angeles June 1, I'm not so sure. When one judge reiterated state attorney Marc Melnick's claim that incidental fallback from dredging could cause "tremendous environmental harm." But then, she "the judge" seemed to express concern miners could "dislodge mercury into waterways going to people's houses."

Mercury, which is 13.4 times heavier than water, sinks to the bottom of the stream just like gold, which is 19.3 times heavier than water. Mercury sitting at the bottom of streams does *not* just end up in your tap water any more than gold ends up in your dishwasher or toilet—at least not to any significant degree. Since when does the water flow straight from the river to your tap? Isn't this why we have water treatment facilities?

What happens when rainstorms and floods dislodge vast amounts of mercury from sediment? Why aren't we all sick from methylmercury poisoning?

So let's get a few things straight:

Dredging removes more than 98 percent of any mercury dislodged from the sediment. That's good, not bad. Not once in California has there ever been a reported case of anyone getting sick from eating mercury—contaminated fish.

Mercury occurs naturally in cinnabar, a mineral found in some volcanic rock, and also from fuel emissions which return mercury to us in the form of rain or snow.

Mercury is toxic in a gaseous state if one inhales it. But, unless you breathe in such large quantities of mercury vapor over such a long period of time that it drastically depletes your body of selenium, it's highly unlikely you would ever get sick. When is the last time you heard of someone getting mad hatter's disease? Think about it.

This content is excerpts from Brad Jones from Gold Prospectors Association of America magazine dated July/August 2016

WHAT THEY HAVEN'T TOLD YOU ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE

As you probably have heard before, the only thing that remains consistent in life is change. This relatively simply statement of wisdom seems applicable to the issue of climate and the ever changing events that occur before us. The issue of temperature change is more apparent today and there are discussions that human-caused CO2 emissions are higher than ever. However, with 25% of all the CO2 emissions from human sources occurring no net warming can be proven as the blame. Looking at history, we have endured great changes from the Dark Ages through four major periods of glaciation, but again no single human cause is the rationale to these formative changes in our environments. This is not to say that we should live in denial that the climate in our world is evolving, but again this is the cycle of the world and should not be confused with the arrogant nature of mankind believing that we are the climate makers or breakers of what is to come. We are not "climate change deniers" but in the same venue let's not make assumptions or generalizing statements that we are the predictors of changes that will occur. Science remains unsettled and the continuation of debates will continue as will the evolving world in which we live in. Therefore, let's acknowledge that change is inevitable and is a part of our journey in this life than to assume our basis viewpoints for cause and effect.

Hey

When was the last time you check your emergency survival food and water? Is the food out dated is the water fresh and off the concrete floor! Now is a good time to check it. Do you have an emergency survival kit in your car? You could get stuck anywhere when driving, hiking even gold prospecting. A lot of you old timers your mind is 20 years old and your body is 60,70 & 80 years old. Just be safe. And you young whipper snappers you need lots of water like us old timers.



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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	