

DRYWASHER'S GAZETTE January 2013

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR AND I HOPE EVERYONE FINDS PLENTY OF GOLD IN THEIR
PANS**

Next General Meeting January 31st at 7:00 PM

Web Address: valleyprospectors.net

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.**



Officers for 2013

Executive Officers			Chairpersons		
President	Lorraine Frost	760-868-6564	Apparel	Pat Ferraccio	909-649-1555
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Public Web Site

valleyprospectors.net

This site is for the general public.

For Members Only

Web address is private

This site is for members only and is not seen by the general public. To obtain the **URL** you must be a current paid member, and go to valleyprospectors.net and click on link "For Members Only", follow instructions there. In a few days you will receive an email that will provide you with the **URL**. (Note: if you are currently receiving email for Web updates, disregard this notice)

Contents:

- (1) Valley Prospectors, Inc., Claim Rules and Regulations
- (2) Special Rules for Northern California (Yuba River Claims)
- (3) Claim Maps to all 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 Pacer 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)

Quartzsite Calendar of Events

January 1st thru February 28, 2013

Desert Gardens Annual International Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show

[http://www.desertgardensrvpark.net/Desert Gardens Rock Gem and Mineral Show.html](http://www.desertgardensrvpark.net/Desert_Gardens_Rock_Gem_and_Mineral_Show.html)

January 4 - 13, 2013

Tyson Wells Rock & Gem Show

<http://tysonwells.com>

January 12 - 27, 2013

The Main Event

<http://www.maineventqz.com/>

January 18 - 27, 2013

Tyson Wells Sell-a-Rama

<http://tysonwells.com>

January 19 - 27, 2013

30th Annual Quartzsite Annual Sports, Vacation and RV Show AKA "THE BIG TENT" <http://quartzsiterivshow.com>

January 23 - 27, 2013

46th Annual Quartzsite Improvement Association (QIA) Pow Wow

Gem and Mineral Show

<http://www.qiaaz.org>

January 30 - February 3, 2013

Quartzsite Hobby, Craft & Gem Show

<http://quartzsiterivshow.com>

February 1 - 11, 2013

Tyson Wells Arts & Crafts Show

<http://tysonwells.com>

February 2 & 3, 2013

15th Annual Quartzsite Rock and Roll Classic Car Show

<http://quartzsiterivshow.com>

February 14- 17, 2013

Desert Bloom Rally

<http://www.five2productions.com/>

February 15-17, 2013

Gold Prospectors of America Assoc. Gold & Treasure Expo

at QIA

<http://www.goldprospectors.org>

February 16, 2013

Art Show - Mardi Gras Masquerade

Summer Reidhead 602-319-9169

February 16, 2013

VFW Golf Tournament

Renumber current Section 5 to Section 5(A) and add a new Section 5(b)

ALERT ! ALERT! ALERT!

It's Annual Renewal time

As per the Constitution and By Laws-

The annual renewal dues are payable on December 1 each calendar year. A grace period at least up to and including the January meeting will be permitted.

Please pay now! Pending board approval late fees will be increasing and a shorter grace period will incur. Please fill out the renewal application, sign and date the Hold Harmless Agreement and Send

to: Valley Prospectors Inc.-Membership

33220 Wildomar Rd.

Wildomar CA 92595-8283



VALLEY PROSPECTORS, INC.

P.O. BOX 2923 • SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92406

www.valleyprospectors.net

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

(You must sign and date this application before it can be processed)

Primary Member Last Name: _____	VP Member # _____
First Name: _____	Spouse/Domestic Partner Name: _____
Additional family members under 19 years of age: _____	
Mailing Address: _____	
City: _____	State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Telephone # (____) _____	Home Mobile/Cell Fax
Email: (Optional) _____	

PAYMENT METHOD - Make Payable to: *Valley Prospectors, Inc.*

The annual dues shall be \$40.00 Cash / Check # _____ Money Order# _____
Annual membership dues are due beginning January 1st of each year and are not prorated. If postmarked after March 1st a \$10 late fee will be added, the amount will become \$50.00 and if postmarked after June 30 the dues are delinquent and you will be removed from membership. You would have to rejoin Valley Prospectors Inc. paying the full \$140.00 as required by new members.

Hold Harmless Agreement:

Valley Prospectors' Inc (VPI) and / or its Members and Claim Holders are not responsible nor are to be held liable for injury, illness or death occurring at any club claim, function, or outing, by any member or guest. Each member and his /her guest are responsible for properly be informed of potential hazards and/ or risks that may occur while engaging in recreational activities. ENTER CLAIMS AT YOUR OWN RISK. I have read understand and agree to the above: *Hold Harmless Agreement*" and accept all liability for myself.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Mail payment and application to:
Valley Prospectors, Inc. - Membership Chairperson
33220 Wildomar Rd.
Wildomar, CA 92595

Valley Prospectors

2013 Schedule of Meetings/Events

Jan 6	Sunday	VP Organizational Meeting
Jan 10	Thu	Retired During the Week (RDW)
Jan 11-13	Fri, Sa & Sun	GPAA Gold and Treasure Show-Pomona
Jan 18-21	Fri, Sat, Sun & Mon	Randsburg
Jan 26	Sat	Test of new claims/Summit
Jan 31	Thu	Board/Gen Meeting
Feb 15-18	Fri, Sat, Sun & Mon	Coolgardie
Feb 28	Thu	Board/Gen Meeting
Mar 8-10	Fri, Sat & Sun	Coolgardie
Mar 14	Thu	RDW
Mar 28	Thu	Board/Gen Meeting
Apr 11	Thu	RDW
Apr 26-28	Fri, Sat & Sun	FCM Ord Mountains
Apr 25	Thu	Board/Gen Meeting
Apr 26-28	Fri, Sat & Sun	GPAA Gold and Treasure Show-Las Vegas
May 9	Thu	RDW
May 18	Sat	Member Appreciation BBQ
May 24-27	Fri, Sat & Sun	Coolgardie
May 30	Thu	Board/Gen Meeting
Jun 9	Sun	Summit Sunday
Jun 13	Thu	RDW
Jun 21-23	Fri, Sat & Sun	Laughlin/Oatman
Jun 27	Thu	Board/Gen Meeting
Jul 11	Thu	RDW
Jul 14	Sun	Summit Sunday
Jul 26-28	Fri, Sat & Sun	Big Bear
Jul 25	Thu	Board/Gen Meeting
Aug 8	Thu	RDW
Aug 18	Sun	Summit Sunday
Aug 29	Thu	Board/Gen Meeting
Aug 30- Sep 2	Fri, Sat, Sun & Mon	Big Bear
Sep 12	Thu	RDW
Sep 21-22	Sat & Sun	Randsburg Old West Days
Sep 26	Thu	Board/Gen Meeting
Oct 10	Thu	RDW
Oct 24	Thu	Board/Gen Meeting
Oct 25-27	Fri, Sat & Sun	Rendezvous 2013 - Tentative
Nov 14	Thu	RDW
Nov 21	Thu	Board/Gen Meeting
Nov 28- Dec 1	Thu, Fri, Sat & Sun	Coolgardie
Dec 8	Sun	Christmas Party

CLAIMS

WEATHER PERMITING!!! IF WE GET TO MUC H MORE RAIN WE WILL NOT GO. ON JANUARY 26 WE WILL MEET AT MCDONALDS AT THEEE 138 EXIT ON THE I-15 TO SAMPLE 3 CLAIMS THAT THE CLUB IS LOOKING TO BUY. THEY ATE THE OT 1 & 2 AND THE BILLY GRUFF UP BY THE VP SUMMIT. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED MEET US THERE AT 8AM WEATHER PERMITTING. IF IT IS TO WET WE WILL NOT GO. FOR MORE INFO CALL PAM AT 951-316-2568

Diary of a 49er, Part X : April. 1st, 1850;

Gold At Mormon Gulch and Jacksonville

April 1st. During the remainder of the month, and in the absence of our companion at Stockton, we made but \$4.28 each. The weather became moderate, and the dry season seemed to be setting in. The wind kept steady from the dry quarter. The peculiarities of a Frenchman working near us have amused us. Rain or shine, he is always seen without his hat. He carries his rifle over his shoulder, and several pistols and his knife in his belt. When he reaches his claim, he puts down a pistol on each side of him, and his hole resembles a fort, of which he is the undisputed owner. He came from New York with his son. He was doing a business there worth \$2000 a year to him, and gave \$5000 for their outfit. In the ten months since he left home, he has made nothing.

There is a company here from York county, Pennsylvania, numbering fourteen strong, hard-working men. They have made but \$50 the last four weeks, or an average of 14 cents a day to each one. During this time we have been exposed, every or every other day, to severe rains or snows, the ice being sometimes half an inch thick. Crowds of miners still flock in here, attracted by the fabulous reports of the richness of these mines. Some have done well—a few very well—while the miners generally have not made enough to support them. Our trading operation did not amount to any thing. The expenses of traveling, transportation of goods, time, &c., ate up the profits. I have to-day received a letter from some friends and traveling companions from Philadelphia, inviting me to visit them with reference to some mining operations for the summer. They are living at Jacksonville, on the Tuolumne River, some miles distant from us.

April 2nd. To-day have walked over to Jacksonville, where I was greeted with a cordial welcome. This is quite a settlement. There are some comfortable houses here. As in every other settlement, the houses are of every possible variety, according to the taste or means of the miner. Most of these, even in winter, are tents. Some throw up logs a few feet high, filling up with clay between the logs. The tent is then stretched above, forming a roof. When a large company are to be accommodated with room, or a trading depot is to be erected, a large frame is made, and canvas is spread over this. Those who have more regard to their own comfort or health, erect log or stone houses, covering them with thatch or shingles. I have seen some very good houses at Aqua Fria made and roofed with slate. Some comfortable wigwams are made of pine boughs thrown up in a conical form, and are quite dry. Many only spread a piece of canvas, or a blanket, over some stakes above them, while not a few make holes in the ground, where they burrow like foxes. The covers of these sometimes extend above ground, and are roofed with a placer of clay, looking like so many tombs. The Mexicans and Chilinos put up rude frames, which they cover with hides. In two cases I have seen a kind of basket, looking like a large nest, made fast among the branches, high up in the trees. These may have been used by the Californians to guard against wild beasts. The huts of the Indians are of various kinds, always rude in their construction. They are similar to the wigwams of the wild Indians found in the Western States. There is one house, however, which deserves a passing notice. It is named Tamascal. It is made under ground, in the vicinity of the Indian settlement. In this the sick and infirm are sweated. This is a barbarous custom, and often ends the life of the poor patient. We have spent much of the night in conversing on our plans, and I have determined to remove to this place. My friend, Mr. A., invites me to share with him his tent. He offers also to accompany me to Mormon Gulch tomorrow for my provisions, &c.

April 4th. Yesterday we walked over to the Gulch, where I made my few arrangements, received from my companions there the exact amount which I had deposited with them for trading purposes, and, having taken leave this morning, we returned, bringing three hundred dollars between us, to Jacksonville.

April 5th. Having arranged all our matters, also enclosed and dug up a spot for a garden, and planted potatoes, turnip, cabbage, and other seed, we started this afternoon, under the direction of Colonel M., upon a scientific prospecting tour. This gentleman has spent his life in the gold mines of Georgia, and possesses great experience and skill in the business of mining. The miners are like the gold they seek, surrounded with dirt, rough looking, yet often possessing that sterling worth which will give them currency among the good, the gifted, and the beautiful. As the bars upon our rivers are being occupied by such communities, it may not be uninteresting to know by what rules and regulations such communities are governed. Those here presented were drawn up by experienced lawyers, and men of wise heads and good hearts, and may serve as illustrating the mode of government common among the miners.

April 15th. Many rumors reached us respecting certain rich diggings ten miles distant, among the mountains. They are named Savage's diggings, and lie upon or near the Rattlesnake Creek. Large numbers of miners have been for some time going in that direction, while multitudes, who have been but to be disappointed, are returning. One of our friends, the president of the Jacksonville company, left for this place, promising to send us back information as to his success. We were therefore much gratified, the next day, to receive intelligence of the most encouraging character, accompanied by a message for us to hasten up as soon as possible. We made our arrangements very hastily - stewed venison, baked several loaves of bread, and made some pies of the red berry called manzanita, which has some resemblance to the cherry. It grows upon a shrub ten feet high, the bark of which is smooth, and of bright orange color.

April 11th On the 11th instant we started for Savage's diggings, in our way clambering up one of the steepest mountains I have ever seen. After a very fatiguing walk, we reached the ground by the middle of the afternoon, and were so anxious to try our luck among the crowd of adventurers, that we commenced prospecting at once. Our friend, who had come up before us, had been successful the first day; but all this was over before we reached him. Very little gold rewarded our labors. As night came on, threatening to be a cold one, we prepared to pass it as comfortably as we might. Piling up logs and brush, a bright blaze shed its cheering influence upon us. Wrapping our blankets about us, and stretching our feet to the fire, we slept soundly. Our stay upon the mountain was brief. There was so little encouragement that it was considered best to retrace our steps. Lame, hungry, and tired, we arrived the next night at our encampment near Jacksonville. During the following week we worked upon the banks of the river, with but small success. One day we made \$2 50 each, and the other days we made nothing.

May 1st. Since my last date, we have not made enough to buy us our provisions. Much of the time, my companions being engaged upon the canal, I labored by myself. One day I made \$6 ; and then, for a week, did not average 6 cents a day : so uncertain is the employment of mining. Cases are very frequent of persons making \$100 in a day, and sometimes in a single hour, and the whole week following making nothing. I heard of a case which illustrates this point. A young man of rather indolent habits, and without the perseverance and application which, it would be supposed, are necessary to insure success in mining, happened into a valuable claim. Hiring a man to aid him, he took out, in six weeks, \$4500. Near him was a company of six industrious and persevering miners. They labored on assiduously, week after week, for a period of four months, and at the end of that time they had all made about \$1500. We are hoping for better success in the river diggings when the water is low. At present there is very little being accomplished. Laborers may be hired at \$2 50 and \$3 a day.

May 15th. During the three days immediately following my last date, I made, while working by myself, \$17. Was invited to join a few miners working near me, who intend to organize a company for the purpose of mining at Hart's Bar—a place two miles below Jacksonville—when the river shall be low enough to be worked. All of these are Southern gentlemen. One of them, a nephew of Commodore Turner, U. S. N., lost a fortune by a sudden decline in the price of cotton, and, with the hope of retrieving his condition, came to California. He has messing with him two young friends, one from Annapolis, Maryland, the other from Mobile, Alabama.

There is also in the company a person who has spent eight years in the gold mines of Georgia, and possessing great skill in tracing up a vein of gold. I was not long in deciding to connect myself with them, and the next day we labored together. One day last week, as I was walking down from Jacksonville, where I had been to purchase provisions, I saw a number of men dragging some heavy object to the edge of a hill hanging over me. Presently they pushed it over the brow, and it came tumbling, like a bag of wool, over and over, down the side of the mountain. It was a grizzly bear, which had just been killed, and which weighed six hundred pounds. As the river was too high to allow crossing that evening to my camp, I accepted an invitation from the miner who had killed the bear to be his guest for the night. We feasted upon the flesh,

which was tender and sweet. During the following week we had no success in gold-digging, the river being too high. It was also too early to commence working upon our canal ; but on May 10th we organized into a company, put up stakes with flags, designating our claim, and made advertisement of the same in Jacksonville, leaving a certified copy with the alcalde.

Then we adjourned, to meet for work on the 4th of July, in the mean time having a common purse, and sharing mutually in the profits of the whole till that time. A part of the company went up to the Rattlesnake Creek, prospecting. At this time an association—named the Adelphi Mining Association—was formed, chiefly of miners from Jacksonville, numbering twenty-nine persons. Their object was to drain a portion of the channel of Woods Creek, in which was a deep hole, nearly the width of the creek, and twenty yards in length. The place is two miles above the junction of the creek with the Tuolumne. Much gold had been found all along the banks, encouraging the belief that, could we drain the stream and work the bed of it, it would "pay well." The company was a very mixed one. There were the good and the bad, the serious and the gay. We lead here a strangely wild life. As we had no mules to bring our provisions, implements for cooking and labor, &c., we were obliged to bring them ourselves. "We therefore left behind us every thing which could by any possibility be dispensed with. An iron pan, which we use for washing gold, serves also for boiling our coffee. A frying-pan is our only cooking utensil. In this one of the company—who leaves work before the others for the purpose—fries some pork, which is rancid, and then, in the fat, fries some flour batter. After it is done on one side, he tosses it whirling up, catching it as it comes down upon the other side, which is then fried in turn. We have neither knife, fork, spoon, nor plate. A spade answers very well for a plate. We use coffee without sugar, bread without salt, salad without vinegar. Our prospects so far are not favorable. Four of us were at work, when a pretty vein of gold was discovered, passing down the channel and into the bank. We have to-day made \$18.25 each.

June 2nd. The vein has run up into the bank, and all our efforts to find it are in vain. This wild mountain creek is fast filling up with miners. Some considerable sums have been taken out. Along the whole length of the creek are closely scattered groups of Mexicans, Chilinos, Indians, Europeans, Americans. At the head of the creek, upon an extensive plain, several large lamps of gold have been found, and a company has been organized to drain and work the lower part of the plain.

June 5th. We are still at work at the old place - still hoping somewhere to find the lost vein. We have sunk several holes at some distance from the channel, in the bank, thinking thus to intercept the treasure we have lost. Mr. S., the Georgia miner, having heard that six Mexicans had made seventy-five pounds of gold in ten days, in a ravine near us, went over to-day to see the place. He found every foot of it occupied. There is much sickness at the mines. Many whose cases would yield to a little kind nursing, if they were promptly attended, become desperately ill, and often die from neglect of the early symptoms.

We often hear of instances of success in mining, some of them most remarkable. At Sullivan's Camp, a few miles from us, a Dutchman followed a vein of gold down to a large, rock, which continually became richer as he progressed. Aided by some friends, he succeeded in removing the rock, and in two hours' time took out forty pounds of the precious ore.

June 21st. Since my last date we have not made enough to defray our expenses, but to day have added to the treasury \$32

June 22d. Company made \$50. **23d. Sunday.** No work. **24th.** Company made \$25. **25th.** Company made \$83.

26th. Company made \$98. **27th.** Company made \$68. **28th.** Company made \$84. **29th.** . Company made \$7 .

In eight days \$447. Dividend to each of five members, \$89 40; average per day to each one, \$11.17.

VALLEY PROSPECTOR'S NEEDS YOU!

Please volunteer, it's good for the sole and for the good of the organization.

Valley Prospector's needs your help, we have many positions that are in need of volunteers. Several of our current members are serving as committee chairpersons in more than one and as many as 4 or 5 positions. It is not fair that only a few members volunteer to carry the load when VP has over 380 active members. This is your club, help by volunteering today. Call a Board Member today a be a volunteer.

From Courtesy -Welcome to a New Year at Valley Prospectors. I will be filling in as the Courtesy Chairperson until a replacement can be found. If you know of any VP member or any VP family member who needs a Get-Well, has died or needs a Thank You card sent please contact me (Judy) at [951 674-3207](tel:9516743207) or jdycrpnr@aol.com

Our Sincerest Condolences and Deepest Sympathy to the Jim Straight Family, on the recent loss of Jim's wife Gloria.

Get Well List-

Bural La Rue, Bud Smith, Mike English (recent surgery), Pat Ferraccio, Bill Golsch

Welcome Prospectors and Treasure Hunters of 2013

FINDS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations! to Don Baranauskas on winning the 2012 Prospector of the Year and the Treasure Hunter of the Year.

There are two categories; Gold and Treasure (Metal detecting). A point system is used to determine who will become the Prospector and Treasure Hunter of the year.

Monthly finds are considered as what you have found from one month's meeting to the next month's meeting date. NO planted hunt items are allowed, NO raffle or pervious winnings.

Gene Lepper has agreed to continue as the Find of the Month Chairperson until a replacement can be found. Please contact Gene if you are interested. It's not a hard job. [951 674-3207](tel:9516743207) leave message

NEW OHV OFF-ROAD HELMET LAWS

You now need to wear a helmet on any motorized vehicle when off-road

California AB1595

California passed a new law last week requiring helmets in side x sides, and restricting younger/smaller passengers, and making additional seats beyond what the side x side came with illegal. This was done without any public comment, and passed the Assembly

and the Senate with unanimous votes. Time to contact your representatives in Sacramento!!!

Please check out the thread here: <http://www.rzrforums.net/public-land...-new-bans.html>

**VALLEY PROSPECTORS 2013 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
JAN 6, 2013 1:03 PM.- 4:46 PM.**

WELL MERRY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL! Hope all is good for you . I want to thank all that voted me in as your New VP Secretary for 2013. Since I was the only one running it was kind of a "shoe in". And if you didn't vote for me, don't worry, my hubby didn't vote for me either..LOL.. But I really want to thank Steve and Mary Schubert for having us all out to their house and throwing wonderful BBQ party for all that came out! And thank you Bart Van Holland for helping Steve BBQ, and that you Gary J for not getting in the way of Steve and Bart.. Steve and Mary you did a wonder job!

I also want to say Thank you to Mike English for all his help for the last few yrs and we will be seeing you at those meetings I'm sure. I want to Welcome Art Fairchild in the Members at Large group, he's our gold guy too.

Ok, so this is just a "guild line" of what went on at the meeting: We filled the board and some committee positions, but some are still open. The budget was discussed and worked on. We talked about the Las Vegas Gold show and the Pomona GPAA show that is on Jan 11-13 2013. We scheduled a bank date for our new board. Also a date to do our storage place inventory. Got all the outings in place thanks to Dunk. Talked about Valleys Web site, The Newsletter, and PO Box. Got a Committee in place for revising the **Constitution and **Bylaws**. We talked and got our Christmas Party in order for this Year and we even will have a " Members Appreciation Picnic" in May this year (woop,woop)! The Rendezvous has the money, but we still need a chair person(s) for this year. It was quite "lively". All I can say is THANK YOU MARY S FOR HAVING STRONG ICE TEA FOR ME..**

I could go on for hours, but come to the Meeting Jan 31st and find out all that is new and different!

We are still working on a lot of things to get done. Your help is always needed and wanted too.

**Jennefer Jercha, Secretary for
VALLEY PROSPECTORS, INC
2013**

Prez says I'd like to thank all the members who came to Steve and Mary's house for Valley's first organizational meeting on Sunday, January 6th. It was a very intense meeting, but we accomplished a lot. We've pulled together the outings for the year, increased a few budgets to provide more funds for Lady Luck and other key areas. We want to provide all members some great opportunities this year. We will be planning to join First Class Miners at their Ord Mountain event in April and the Membership Appreciation BBQ is back – mark your calendars. I still need to find a coordinator for Rendezvous 2013. If we can break up the assignments I think we can make it happen again – but as always it takes volunteers. I'd like to especially thank our former president, Steve Schubert, for his leadership this past year. Valley Prospectors did some outstanding things – it will be hard to top, but I'm looking forward to helping the club continue to grow.

May you always see yellow in the bottom of you pan,

Lorraine Frost

Valley Prospector Upcoming Events

February	
Feb 15-18	Coolgardie – Potluck Saturday Night – Contact Dunk 760-608-3228
Feb 28	VP Board Meeting @ 6 pm – VP General Meeting @ 7 pm
March	
Mar 8-10	Coolgardie – Potluck Saturday Night – Contact Dunk 760-608-3228
Mar 14	Retired During the Week (RDW) – Location TBA – Contact George Howison 951-734-7530
Mar 28	VP Board Meeting @ 6 pm – VP General Meeting @ 7 pm

BLOOD BANK NEWS “MVP”

Welcome to the New Year. As your Blood Bank Chairperson I hope to encourage members to consider becoming donors. We had twelve who supported our account last year, but we have over 300 members. It would be great if we could increase the participation this year. I receive reports on a periodic basis, but not always in time for the newsletter. I will try to get the information posted in the newsletter as soon as I receive it. As a special thank you, each donor will be recognized at the Christmas Party. Thank you to our steady donors. This is a great community project, donations help those in need and also provide our own members access to blood credits if needed. Won't you consider adding your name to the 2013 Honor Roll?

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

Lorraine Frost ,Blood Bank Chairperson

[\(760\) 868-6564](tel:760-868-6564) <mailto:res06mtu@verizon.net>

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Refreshments

A special Thanks to Sandy and Joe Harter, They will be taking over refreshments this year. I did enjoy doing it for the past few years and thank everyone who helped out by bringing goodies to the meetings, I couldn't of done it without ALL your help.



Treasures For Sale



Members can run items for sale in the newsletter for free. Email them to pamhus@gmail.com, commercial ads are \$5.00 per month.

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