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Next General Meeting: January 26 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

Executive Officers			Chairpersons		
President	Jill Molson	951-522-3545	Apparel	Kelly Crawford	760-248-6683
Vice President	Gene Lepper	951-674-3207	Blood Bank	Lorraine Frost	760-868-6564
Secretary	Judy Carpenter	951-674-3207	Budget	Sue Baranauskas	909-335-7113
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Board of Directors			Editor	Art Fairchild	951-897-5433
Kelly Crawford	760-248-6683		Asst. Editor		
Penny Straight	909-301-2437		Finds/Month	Garry Devlin & Sherry Livingston	951-768-0880
Art Fairchild	951-897-5433		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		
Dan Cornia	909-797-6111		Lady Luck		
Katherine Naki	909-335-9363		Librarian	Bruce Sherman	951-780-7115
Albert Naki	909-335-9363		Membership	Lorraine Frost	760-868-6564
Bruce Sherman	951-780-7115		Name Tags	Lorraine Frost	760-868-6564
Pat Ferraccio	909-649-1555		Programs	Gene Lepper	951-674-3207
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				

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



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 Message:

Happy New Year to everyone. Your officers and board members are ready to serve you. Check the activity list for 2017 in this newsletter. The Claims Committee will meet at 6 PM on Thursday, January 26, 2017, before the General Meeting at the Knights of Columbus Hall. All members are welcome to join the Claims Committee. We will be discussing MMAC membership and what it means, our claims, and Mining Districts. Don't forget the 2 dozen doughnuts that you promised to bring to the General Meeting: Kelly Crawford, Pat Ferraccio, and Delores Stratton. I am excited about making this year even better than last year. Your suggestions are always appreciated. Jill.

January 8, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes -

Meeting called to order by President Jill Molson at 1:05 PM. Roll Call by Secretary Judy Carpenter, 3 members excused due to illness, 3 no shows, 3 alternates and 2 guest members. Jill will contact the three no shows and explain their importance of attending the board meetings and procedures for excused absences. Jill gave each member of the Executive Board and Members at large a copy of the 2015 revised Constitution and By-Laws. **Minutes of the last meeting-** motion by Judy - 2nd by Sandy to accept as written in the December 2016 newsletter Vote- Pass There are some changes to the **Committee and Chairpersons-** see newsletter. Many of the board members are holding more than one position, however there are still positions that need filled. Will take to the general membership and ask for **HELP** filling open positions. Need newsletter articles to Editor Art ASAP, as to get information out to members prior to the January 21-22 outing at SLASH – X (see flier in newsletter), and the January **table raffle WHITE ELEPHANT**. Art motioned- Gene 2nd that January be a white elephant raffle, with the following EVEN months having gold bags on the raffle table, Vote-Pass Art is also looking to **purchase gold** for the new year, contact Art if you are interested in selling some gold. John Howell needs new coffee pot for refreshments, within budget spending so not a problem. Left over calendars from the Christmas party will be placed on the courtesy table, 1st come 1st serve to whom ever wants one, motioned by Judy-2nd by Garry Vote-Pass. Guest speaker January 26 will be Jeff Baraglia -AMRA **2017 Calendar of Events/Outings** generally 3rd weekend of each month, (see newsletter), subject to change. **Budget** review- motion by Judy -2nd by Art to make minor changes and present to the general membership at the January meeting for approval. **Old Business:** Thanksgiving Outing Judy/Gene, Christmas Party/Elections, mailer from Jill **New Business:** Committee/Chairpersons, Email/Website, GPS Coordinates for claims, particularly Big Bear. Claims feed backs after each outing, Programs, Storage Unit access, P.O.Box access A very productive and successful meeting. As always a HUGE THANK YOU Steve and Mary Schubert for opening up your home and hosting this event. Motion to adjourn Sherry 2nd by Gene 2:50 PM



AMRA will be holding their first Southern California outing January 21- 22, 2017 at Slash X Cafe in Barstow.

Route 66 Gold Miners will open up their 320 acres of claims for drywashing, recirculating systems (bring your own water) and metal detecting on Saturday and Sunday. The claims are about 7-10 miles into the desert with rocky 2 wheel access.

Slash X Cafe has offered their property for free dry camping to us miners from Friday-Sunday. There is a cafe and bar available and they are willing to stay open beyond business hours for us. They serve breakfast, lunch and dinner so please support them as they are supporting us. Camp fires are allowed as long as the wind is not too bad, but no glass or nails in fire.

We will be holding an event giveaway at 4 pm on Saturday, and tickets will be available for purchase

starting Friday night along with AMRA gear.

You must check in with us at AMRA's booth.

Slash X Ranch is located in Stoddard Valley 8 miles south of Barstow on HWY 247. Please contact Jeff Baraglia with any questions: 951-271-0784 or JRBaraglia@gmail.com

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

**Man of the year 2016, Robert (Bob) Wright
Prospector of the year, Gene Lepper
Women of the year, Jill Molson**

**CLAIMS COMMITTEE MEETING
AT 6PM BEFORE REGULAR MEETING January 26 2017**

WHITE ELEPHANT TIME

What is WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT

White elephant is something no longer wanted by its owner; something, often property, requiring so much expenditure and care as to be an encumbrance or give little profit. Bring your donated unwanted to the January meeting. We will have a raffle at the end of the meeting. Don't forget to bring your donated unwanted's (miss spelled) to the January 26th meeting.



“Miners Sales”



Members 1 ad, 3 times through the year for free. Commercial ads are \$5.00 per month.

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For Sale By Tom-909-584-8618

Item 1:

Gold Buddy Ponie Dry Washer with 11 in. riffle tray/grizzly mounted vibrator.

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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;

Valley Prospectors
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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 _____

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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: _____

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
August 31, 2017	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	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