

***DRYWASHER'S* GAZETTE**

March 2015

Send Exchange Bulletins to:

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Membership dues are past due there will be a late fee of 20.00 added to all renewals

Next General Meeting: March 26th at 7:00 PM

Web Address: valleyprospectors.com

Mission and Code of Ethics

***You're invited to be our guest at the General membership meetings that 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 and promote Gold Prospecting, as a healthy family activity.**



"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 2015

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President	Kent Bryant		951-202-9616	Apparel	Pat Ferraccio	909-649-1555
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Dave Miliken	951-972-5451					
Jill Molson	909-887-8024					

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 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

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 call Judy Carpenter at 951-674-3207 and she can mail you one for \$6

ATTENTION:

You must have all documents listed below when you visit any of the claims

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)



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

March Lady Luck White Elephant

Dam will have the white elephant for the March meeting... He needs new or like new, in working condition for the rafflw. Check all your Christmas gifts that you didn't like and bring them to the meeting for the raffle. Guys check your garage and gold items and see if you can donate anything/. We want good working items; don't bring your old not working things that you don't want. Throw them away.

BLOOD BANK NEWS "MVP"

Great job to those who have notified me about their donations. Monty Quinn and Bob Wright – Thanks for your donations to our "MVP" account. – We are slowly building up our account again this year. Can we count on you to consider becoming a blood donor? It is very fulfilling knowing that you are helping someone in need. Check out the local donation centers at <https://www.lstream.org/> *The need is constant, the process is simple, and the results are priceless.* Lorraine Frost, Blood Bank Chairperson (760) 868-6564
<mailto:res06mtu@verizon.net>

******ATTENTION ALL VALLEY PROSPECTOR's MEMBERS****:**

WE HAVE A NEW AMENDMENT TO OUR RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR YOU TO ENTER IN YOUR PACKET THAT YOU GOT WHEN YOU JOINED UP WITH VALLEY.

In the Rules and Regulations under Membership: Please add the following:

"New Members" that join Valley Prospectors INC. on or after November 1st and up to December 31st, in any given year, shall have the dues part of their initiation fees apply to the next year dues. THIS APPLIES TO NEW MEMBERS ONLY."

(Thank you!)

REFRESHMENTS

Thank you to everyone who brought all the yummy goodies. They were greatly appreciated! We will be having donuts for March. Please don't forget to bring two dozen each. Kiko, Kelly, Barbara Woolery, and Delores Stratton. Also Mary Schubert will have a cake for those who have Birthdays in March. Thank you Mary, Great idea! Love & Prayers Sandy & Joe Harter 951-216-5502

Wagon Master Report

Wagon Master Report Gene Lepper Summit Sunday February 22 There were 3 VP members and 1 guest (who signed up to become a new member). A new "VP SUMMIT not GPAA" sign was put in place. The rain started around noon, but was able to work for about 4 hours getting some gold. The next outing is at Coolgardie Mar 21 -22. I will try to get out there the weekend before and check the grounds to see how wet it might be. Please call for a updated report if you are interested in going. Gene Lepper 951 674-3207

Prez Says

Vice President's Thoughts-

There are NO paid employees of Valley Prospectors.

Valley Prospectors is an all-volunteer organization. If you have a complaint please submit to the board for review and resolution. Remember the Finds of the Month are just that! Finds of the Month (from general meeting to general meeting), not a combination of several months, no items from planted hunts or purchased items.

If you are interested in or know someone who might be interested in being a guest speaker please contact me Gene Lepper 951-674-3207

Membership

Welcome new members of Valley Prospectors Inc.

Bill & Marianne Haynes, Linh Luu, Ray & Debbie Bratton, Keith & Nicolle Cooper, Sean Taylor, Aaron Klapka, Dr. Jon & Joan Cunningham, Tony & Fay Ward, Zachary & Gina Chambers, H. David Crosby, Joseph Nelligan, Thomas & Ellen Kimbrel, Lester Barton Jr., Frank Maytus, Kenneth & Dawn Brown, Donny Trogon/Cindy Brewer, Tom Newell, Joel & Kathy Torres, Harold & Beth Jones, Victor & Liz King.

VALLEY PROSPECTORS BOARD MEETING MINUTES FEB.26 2015 TIME: 6:00PM

Roll Call by: Kent Bryant. A quorum was met. Budget: Discussion on budget for 2015, Voted on and pass by all(15 Yes,0 No) Goes to Members tonight.
 Editors Report: Pam M: Have all to her by Mar. 6th. Claims: Pam- Discussion about the Straight Gold Claim. Kent read a paper from FCM about a new agency for miners called "Minerals and Mining Advisory Council" MMAC. Programs: Gene L.- Tonight: Mining Supplies & Treasures. Refreshments: Sandy, tonight cupcakes, next month Donuts. Wagon Master Gene- Summit Sunday: A small group was there, and gold was found. Rain made it an early day at noon. RDW: George H: Randsburg outing, March 19 9:00. Meet at the "Jail" Gold Sales: Art F.: Art gave a report on the GPAA show. WE MADE MONEY! Next GPAA show will be In Vegas.50/50 Jill: All is good. Historian- Lisa: Get those pics to her! Old Business: To be added to the Rules and Regulation~ Cutoff date for **New members' dues**. Passed by all board members, goes to the Members tonight. New Business. Art talked about the Shows. Pam Motioned to have VP pay for the "volunteers for the shows" rooms to be paid by the club, 2nd by Roger. A very "lively" discussion followed. Kent called for a vote: Yes: 4, No: 9, 2: Abstained. Motion did not pass. Call for adjournment by Lisa, 2nd by Joe/Gary. Adjourn at 7:50 pm. Minutes by: Jennefer Jercha, Secretary for:
 Valley Prospectors INC. 2015

VALLEY PROSPECTORS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES. FEB. 26, 2015 TIME: 7:10 PM

Call to Order by Pres. Kent B. Pledge of Allegiance by Art F. Minutes of the last Meeting: Motion to accept the minutes as written by Gene L. 2nd by Judy C. All in favor. Treasurer's Report: Sue B. Gave an account of our accounts. Budget: The 2015 Budget: Motion by Judy C to except the budget as written, 1st by Gary J., 2nd by Gene L. By a show of 48 hands, all in favor to except the 2015 budget with an amendment to the boards insurance to be added. Membership Report: Judy C. We have 23 life members (!) and 258 renewals as of today. 72 (2014) members have not renewed as of tonight. 50/50: Jill M. Get your tickets. There is no Lady Luck tonight, so that pot will be a big one! Shows and Schools Chairperson: Steve S.: GPAA SHOW. Art informed the members of the money made and the costs for the show. The next show is a GPAA show in Las Vegas April 25&26. Set up is on Friday the 24th. Steve could use some more help. Call him if you want to help out. Membership Appreciation Picnic: is May 2 this year! It's at the same park as before in Yucaipa. More and Maps to follow from Dunk. Also we will have a Rendezvous on Ord Mountain this year. More to come from Dunk on this also. Refreshments: Sandy H.: Cupcakes tonight with Mary S's, "Birthday Cake" for those who have a Feb Birthday. Next Month (March 26th) will be Donuts. Wagon Master: Gene L was the master for the "Summit Sunday" outing. Only 4 showed before the rain hit at noon, but color was found. Next Outing is March 20-22 in Coolgardie. RDW: George H.: Randsburg on March 19th at 9 am(Thursday). Meet at the "Jail", Courtesy: Kelly C: 53 members and 10 guests tonight. Finds of the Month: Garry; come up and vote. Gold sales: Art F. Showed the nuggets we are going to raffle off in Vegas. We have gold for sale also. Library: Bruce S: Come on over and see what he has. Editor: Pam M. have the articles to her by Mar 6th. Claims: Pam M. We Need Feed Back On The Straight Gold Claim. If you go to the claim, let Pam know what you find or don't find

there. Historian: Lisa H.: Send Her some Pictures Please!! Programs: Gene introduced Mitch from Mining Supplies & Treasures in Hesperia and a new kind of rock crusher. Thank you, Mitch. Great job!! Refreshment time: 7:45 PM. Resume Meeting at 8:15 PM. Old Business: Voted on Membership Amendment for New Members: Voted on and passed with 53 hands (all members that where present). This will read in the Rules and Regulations under Membership: "All "New Members" that join Valley Prospectors INC. on or after November 1st and up to December 31st, in any given year, shall have the dues part of their initiation fees apply to the next year dues". THIS APPLIES TO NEW MEMBERS ONLY. Kent talked about a newly formed agency for miners, "Minerals and Miners Advisory Council" or MMAC, those members of First Class Miners are involved in. This is a New Federal Organization working with PLP and all miner groups. 50/50: Jill. ~ The winner of \$56.00 is Pam M. Door Prize: Debbie V.H. Badge Prize: Kiko. A book by Jim Straight was donated by Jim S to Valley, and the winner of the book is Mary S. She is one happy camper on this win. Finds of the Month: Gold: 1st- Tom C. 2nd - Gene L. Detecting: 1st- Diane C. 2nd Don B. Motion to Adjourn: at 8:30 PM by Lisa H, With Judy C concurring (2nd)..

Minutes by Jennefer Jercha, Secretary for
Valley Prospector's INC, 2015

MEMBERSHIP DUES Non- Renewal for 2015

Aday/Davis Ferland Marcinick Slane
Alison ** Fraser Markulis Smith, John & Elizabeth
Angulo Garcia, Philip Martinez, David Staton
Balcer Giangrossi McCarthy Stephen
Barron Golsch McMilin Stimmel**
Bellantoni Gregory Melchirre, Dr, Tepe
Beuler, Tricia Hall Miller Trumbull
Bowker/VonSydow Hatcher Morris Tyo
Brown, Steven & Sharon Henning Naylor Underwood
Buckingham Hidalgo O'Bole Van Beek
Buehn/Weissberger Holman Ortega Vaughn
Bueno Howard Penelli Waterbury
Cabrera, Joaquin & Virginia Huffman Parker Watson
Cabrera, Pete & Anita Johnson/Daly Pepper/Burton White, William & Sam Marie
Carevic Judd Perry Wiley
Carpenter, Burt & Monica Kalin Popken Young
Crabtree Kever Powers
Cunningham, Lucky Koshay, Jan Rabon
Curtis Koski Reed
Detter Lapham Riley
DiPrinzio Leikan Roberts
Domire Lemos Rocco
Drummond Leuf Schilling
Evens Loyd Schnell
Fawson Manrique Shackford

If your name is on the above list I have not yet received your 2015 dues. There is now a \$20 late fee, the renewal amount is \$60.00. You still need to fill out a renewal form and mail it to:

Valley Prospector's Inc. - Membership
33220 Wildomar Rd.
Wildomar CA 92595-8283

From the desk of the show chair:

Welcome Valley members to a very busy April. We will be doing California gold mining history at Terrace elementary school in Grand Terrace for 120 students. Stand up all my volunteers. This will be fun. Final date to follow. April 25th and 26th we will be in Las Vegas at the South Point casino doing the GPAA gold show. We have 14 volunteers could use a few more if you are going to the show. Now the drum roll please: Thank you Art, Pat, Pam, Roger, Sandy, Joe, Don, Sue, Bud, Kiko, John, Lorraine, Andrea, Judy, Gene, Kent and Steve and Mary for all your help at the Pomona GPAA gold show. We still need volunteers for the appreciation picnic on May 2nd and the Rendezvous on Oct. 23rd 24th and 25th. For more information and to volunteer contact show chair Steve Schubert. 951-943-0535

MMAC Letter from Greg Herring

Today, Jim Wharff and I went to a meeting in Randsburg for the official announcement of the newly formed Federal Lands Stakeholder agency for miners on public land called the "Minerals and Mining Advisory Council" (<http://www.mineralsandminingadvisorycouncil.org>) - MMAC. This agency is now the oversight for all us miners who have claims on public land. The PLP is working side by side with this new Federal organization. They are all about protecting our rights under the Mining Laws of 1872.

You know that I have been working with Congressman Cook's office to protect the Dale; now this is now rolled up in the efforts of MMAC. They are taking on everything for everyone. It is literally newly formed within the last 30 days. Jim and I got involved about 3 weeks ago in its infancy and were asked to keep this effort quiet until it was officially formed and announced. That took place today! There is still a lot of work the organization must still do to get fully on its feet. Check out the web site and PLEASE, PLEASE send the link out to everyone, put it on our web site and Steve, I ask permission to give our website to MMAC so that they can put a link on their web page for us. They are requesting all mining clubs and organizations to do this. Right now 19 states are involved in MMAC; these are the ones that have public land mining going on in their states.

All miners of public land fall under MMAC now. The mining laws of 1872 are very clear, I'll paraphrase – mining on public lands is protected, all other government activities and causes must NOT interfere with mining operations of any kind on public land (private land/patented mining have no such protection of rights under the Mining Law of 1872 – interesting fact). As it was explained today, MMAC is directly under the Dept. Of Interior; I believe this means MMAC is, or will be once fully implemented, lateral to BLM, Forest Service, Fish and Game, etc., etc. None of these agencies have the right to tell miners they cannot mine their active claims on public land, PERIOD! The web site has docs on it that we should all print and keep in our trucks and present when challenged by a Ranger. Remember, nothing the government does can interfere with mining operations of any kind on public land. Mining takes precedence over all these other initiatives. As a matter of fact any new initiatives must be endorsed by MMAC before going to Congress. And a lot of old ones will be reviewed for their legality and dealt with if they violate the Mining Laws of 1872.

MMAC is asking for a letter writing campaign, a sample letter is on the web site. We need this in the next 45-60 days. Adjust the letter for you, put in your government officials for where you live, etc. and send them out NOW. We are currently fighting Feinstein's Sand to Snow and whatever the other one is she is trying for. MMAC has already rewritten bill HR761 National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act which is before a congressional committee. It needs to pass to help further our cause. It will also stop Feinstein, as well as the disastrous Obama FY2016 Federal Budget which has a section that will effectively shut down all mining in the US by year's end. How? fees go up, Small Miner Waivers discontinued for hard rock mining (placer is certainly to be next), commercial mining operations would be required to pay a 5% royalty tax to the federal government on GROSS proceeds. COME ON, most mining operations barely net 5% profit of their gross. There is much more in the bill limiting mining and if passed, will destroy mining in this country.

Check out the web site, send it to everyone tonight. This is our only hope of winning against those that want to stop us from mining. Oh, and, for all those other activities people enjoy on public lands, off-roading, hunting, hiking, etc., etc., MMAC is going to try to get them to partner with us instead of settling for what Feinstein SAYS she'll do for them. Since access to active mining claims on public lands is required by law, MMAC is going to present to all the recreational organizations that they can use our access roads, roads protected by law. This will give recreational orgs many more open roads than anything the left wing folks would offer. MMAC is very hopeful the Rec. Orgs will step up and get behind them.

There is more we can say and I hope Jim and I can get a chance to present it at the next meeting. Thanks for listening, now ACT. Read the web site, pull down the sample letter and send it off to all your officials. Greg Herring

Pomona Gold Show





Keene, Diamond Pacific, Garrett, White's & Tesoro dealer
 Store hours: Wed.-Sat. 10am.to 4pm.
 9565 C Ave. Hesperia CA. Suite M
 (760) 244-9642 (760) 244-9439

They say the Gold Rush is like looking for fool's gold.



"I've been out here a long time. Is it still \$35 an ounce?"



"Why don't you just invest in gold?"



Miners Sales



Members can run 3 times through the year for free. Commercial ads are \$5.00 per month. Send ads to; ladygolddigger1246@yahoo.com or Call 951-316-2568

For Sale

Older Keene 151 dry washer with hose and motor asking \$875.00
Gene Lepper 909 208-4307 Call any time before 8 PM

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



Desert Fox for \$275.00 Art Fairchild 951 897 5433
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For Sale Custom 85 Chevy S10 Blazer, 2.8 liter V6 engine runs great, custom tweed interior, custom rims and tires, nice stereo, good paint, \$4,000
Call 951-316-2568

Jack Sneed he is not doing very well, I'm his wife, the ad is for Tesoro/Cortes metal detector/ cost new \$849, asking \$400, never used/ gold master metal detector \$200, and finally 5K generator, never used \$400 call 760-245-2697, or come to Victorville, address is 15821 Inyo street. Cross street Avalon. Appreciate the ad,
Thank you, Patricia Sneed

For Sale Burl LaRue called he will be having a **YARD SALE** on MARCH 7th & 8th and says he will be having a lot of gold mining stuff for sale. Pass on to any one you may know that needs some items.

Burl LaRue
1381 N. Sycamore Ave
Rialto, Ca. 92376

Schedule of Events for 2015

JANUARY

24th Ransburg Outing
 29th 6pm Board Meeting 7 pm General Meeting

FEBRUARY

7th & 8th Pomona Gold Show
 22nd Summit Sunday
 26th 6pm Board Meeting 7 pm General Meeting

MARCH

20th, 21st & 22nd Coolgardie Outing
 26th 6pm Board Meeting 7 pm General Meeting

APRIL

24th, 25th, & 26th Coolgardie outing or
 25th & 26th Las Vegas Gold Show

MAY

2nd Membership Appreciation Picnic in Yucaipa
 22nd, 23rd, 24th & 25th Coolgardie Outing
 28th 6pm Board Meeting 7 pm General Meeting

June

25th 6pm Board Meeting 7 pm General Meeting
 26th, 27th & 28th Big Bear Outing

JULY

24th, 25th & 26th Big Bear Outing
 30th 6pm Board Meeting 7 pm General Meeting

AUGUST

21st, 22nd & 23rd Big Bear Outing
 27th 6pm Board Meeting 7 pm General Meeting

SEPTEMBER

18th, 19th, & 20th Ransburg Outing
 19th Old West Days

OCTOBER

23, 24TH & 25th Ord Mountain Rendezvous
 29th 6pm Board Meeting 7 pm General Meeting

NOVEMBER

19th 6pm Board Meeting 7 pm General Meeting
 26th, 27th, 28th & 29TH Coolgardie Outing

DECEMBER

6TH Christmas Party

Membership Appreciation Picnic

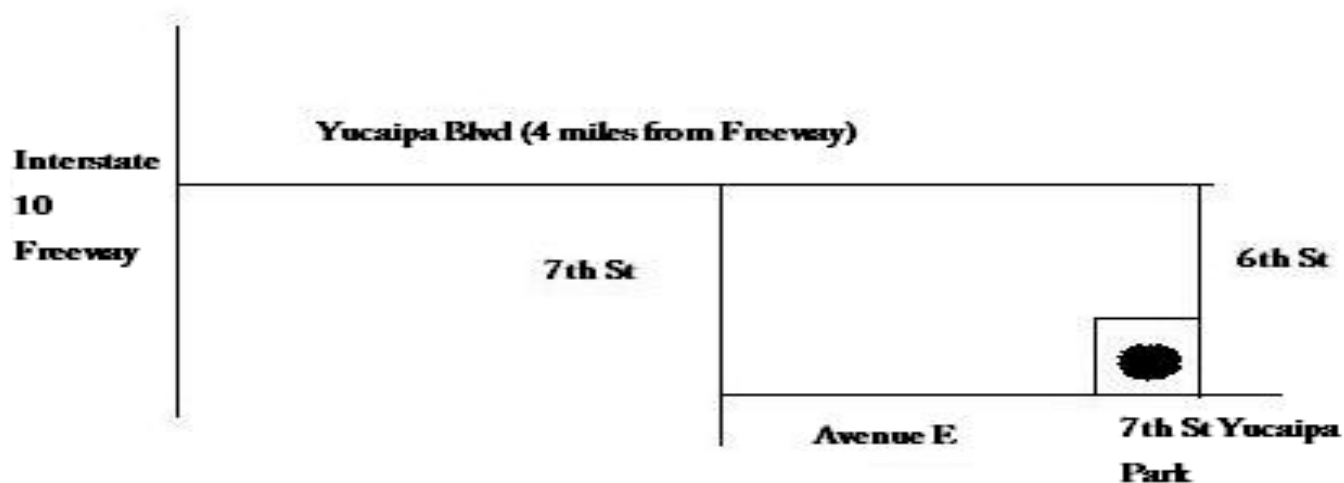
Saturday, May 2, 2015 – 11 am – 3 pm - 7th Street Park in Yucaipa

Last Pavilion, South East Corner

Best Dressed for the West theme

Costume Contest, Metal Detecting, and Bingo. Valley supplies the drinks, rolls, and main course (hot dogs, hamburgers, and pulled pork). Bring your own folding table and chairs. We will have Potluck for the rest – bring your best side dish, desert or salad.

Meet at 7th Street Park in Yucaipa, eat lunch at 12 noon. Contact Dunk for info or if you just want to help – 760-608-3228.



Valley Prospectors of San Bernardino Inc.

Presents

Rendezvous 2015

We're BACK!

October 23, 24 & 25, 2015

Ord Mountain Camping Area

Come for Adventure, Stay for the Fun!

Two hunts: Metal Detector Hunt & Nightstalker Hunt

Gold Panning Contest, Chili Cook-off, Bingo

Free Kid's Hay Find Event

Contacts: Lorraine Frost 760-868-6564 or Michael "Dunk" Dunkerley 760-608-3228