

DRYWASHER'S GAZETTE May 2014

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Next General Meeting May 29th at 7:00 PM

Web Address: valleyprospectors.com

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 2014

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Jill Molson	909-887-8024				

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 Placer 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)

REFRESHMENTS

Thank you for bringing cookies at the April Meeting -

Pat Ferraccio, Monty Quinn, Clyde King, and Kelly & Harry Crawford.

Please all of you that signed up for bringing cookies to the May Meeting

Don't forget to bring 3 dozen each person

Alex Panelli, Lisa Howison, Pam Maguire, Dolly Kline

I want to thank Harry and Kelly

Crawford for taking over refreshments while we were unable to attend last month because of working at gold show and this next meeting as we have to attend our grand-daughter's graduation from Hig School.

Hope to see you soon!

Love to All

Sandy & Joe Harter 951-216-5502

CLAIMS NOTICE

I recently went out to coolgardie claims and found a lot of things we should not do. # 1 take your trash home with you. Do not leave it in a fire pit or on the claim. And do not burry it in the ground. TAKE IT HOME WITH YOU. # 2 we have a lot of holes that are not good. When you can burry a car in your hold it is time to fill it in. Also your holes can't be straight down. They have to have a ramp on them so the desert critters can get out if they get in your hole. If this isn't done the BLM can fine us and take our claims away from us. I don't want that to happen and I don't think you do either. We have spring and summer just around the corner. If you have a problem with bee's around you, take a Downey fabric softner sheet for your dryer and rub it all over your body. It will keep the bee's away and it will also make you smell good. It works great. I keep a supply in my bag that I take out prospecting. Also the snakes are out early because of the warm weather so watch out for them.

Prez says: The GPAA show in Las Vegas was very successful. We had a lot of interest from people wanting to join our club. Most of the interest was due to our many claims. Thank you to a great group of volunteers that helped set up, sell tickets, pan gold, and pass out information. We made a lot of money. I forgot to get in touch with the gem show people and did not a booth for May. We generate a lot of interest in our club when we participate with other clubs. There is a lot of gold out there and we need to find it this year. Thank you to Jennefer for being secretary the rest of the year. You are very much appreciated. Thanks to Judy and Sue for all the help and information you do for the meetings. We would not be a success without you. May all your pans have gold nuggets. See you on the claims. **Steve Schubert**

BLOOD BANK NEWS "MVP"

Thanks to all who continue to donate on behalf of Valley Prospectors – "MVP". No reports from recent donors. Let me know when you donate so I can recognize you. Put "MVP Donation" in the subject line. I will ask for an accounting from LifeStream this month. You can check for local donation centers or events 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>

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 16-18 West Coast Gem and Mineral Show, Santa Ana Free admission

May 3 thru August 24 ~~DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER~~ at the Museum of Ventura Co.
Large private collection of Replica Diamonds 805-653-0323

Schedule of Events for Valley Prospectors for 2014

May	23,24,25 & 26 th	Coolgardie Outing
	29 th	Board and General Meeting. Board meeting 6pm & General 7pm
June	12 th	Retired During the Week
	22 nd	Summit Sunday
	26 th	Board and General Meeting. Board meeting 6pm & General 7pm
	27,28 & 29 th	Big Bear Outing
July	10 th	Retired During the Week
	25,26 & 27 th	Big Bear Outing
	31 st	Board and General Meeting. Board meeting 6pm & General 7pm
Aug.	14 th	Retired During the Week
	28 TH	Board and General Meeting. Board meeting 6pm & General 7pm
	29,30,31& 1 st	Big Bear Outing
Sept	11 th	Retired During the Week
	19,20 & 21	Ransburg Outing & Old West Days Booth on 20 th
	25 th	Board and General Meeting. Board meeting 6pm & General 7pm
Oct.	9 th	Retired During the Week
	12 th	Summit Sunday
	24,25 & 26	Rendezvous Outing
	30 th	Board and General Meeting. Board meeting 6pm & General 7pm
Nov.	13 th	Retired During the Week
	20 th	Board and General Meeting. Board meeting 6pm & General 7pm
	27,28,29 & 30	Coolgardie Outing
Dec.	7 th	Christmas Party & General Meeting

There was no Valley Prospector Board Meeting on Apr 24 2014. But there was a very good discussion about the web site and what we want on this site in the future. Prices for a "professional" site will be discussed and brought to the members at the next meeting.

Jennefer Jercha, acting Secretary for Valley Prospector's INC

May 1st Court Hearing on Dredging

On May 1, 2014, David Young, Counsel for Public Lands For The People and other plaintiffs, appeared before Judge Gilbert G. Ochoa in Rancho Cucamonga to argue our Motions for Summary Judgments, and oppose the State's cross-motions for Summary Judgments. These Motions regarded the issue of Federal preemption of the State's prohibition of suction dredge mining in California. Judge Ochoa was knowledgeable about the pleadings that had been filed, the arguments made, and asked challenging questions regarding the State's position that there was only a temporary moratorium, and not a prohibition of suction dredge mining in California. The State could give no assurance to Judge Ochoa as to a date when the so called "moratorium" would end. At the end of all arguments, Judge Ochoa took the matters under advisement, making no ruling from the bench.

Judge Ochoa then asked all counsel to meet with him in chambers. He stated that he would like to see the matter settled, if at all possible, before he ruled on the various motions. We discussed the previous settlement attempts with judge Ochoa which were not successful. Nevertheless, Judge Ochoa exercised his judicial authority to order a Mandatory Settlement Conference ("MSC") beginning June 24, 2014, which may continue for one or two more days. Judge Ochoa will personally preside at the MSC as the settlement Judge, and is prepared to make a substantial personal commitment of time and effort to see if any settlement can be achieved. Judge Ochoa will require all parties to the litigation to be either personally present in Court for the MSC, or to be available by telephone. Those parties who cannot attend personally, should be able to attend by telephone conference at no cost to them. Judge Ochoa has the authority to sanction any party who does not attend the MSC either in person, or by telephone.

When available, a copy of Judge Ochoa's written Order regarding the MSC, and the mandatory attendance of all parties will be provided. Under any circumstances, Jerry Hobbs and David Young will be attending the MSC in person, and all other parties to the litigation are urged to attend in person. Judge Ochoa further stated that he would want to personally address the parties. The parties would have an opportunity, either through counsel, or personally to address Judge Ochoa. Since Judge Ochoa has yet to rule on the Motions now pending before him, the MSC should give everyone a more complete education on the realities of what it takes to actually engage in suction dredge mining in California, and the impact that the State's prohibition has had on suction dredge miners.

Welcome to Valley Prospector's Newest Members April 2014 Gary Smith, Jeffrey Ord And William White

CONGRATUALTIONS! TO JIM STRAIGHT as a Honorary Life Member

The following people DID NOT pay their annual renewal dues for 2014
They will no longer be considered Valley Prospector's Members
Valley Prospector's Inc.

Aceves , Ball, Barker/Bullman, Boymoushakian, Bradt, Breslin, Bruce, Chacon,
Courson, Davidson, De Haven, De La Cruz, De Puey, Fambry, Figuero Fisher, , Fitzpatrick, Flanders, Nancy,
Florence, Forbush, Freeman, Gleason, Glover, Graves, Hughes, Johnson, Dick & Sue, Jones,
Knudson, Leicht, Lemos, Loza, Manser, Matz, Miller, Morgan, Nay, Nielsen,
Pearson/Weiss, Perryman/Vespa, Purcell, Qualm, Rivera, Jr., Secord, Smith, Edmund,
Stokes, Stradtner, Timko/Sheehan, Uhlman, Van Beek, Van Why, Webster, Whidden, Wilcoxson, Wolfley,
Wolleson, Woodin, Yeoman, Zadadil

Prospecting on the San Bernardino National Forest

The Lure of Prospecting

Part 2

An Administrative pass may be issued for a 14 day period for members of a mining club and other prospectors at no charge. If they require a longer period, we request them to submit a Notice of Intent for the District Ranger's review to determine if the proposed activity causes a significant surface disturbance. If the proposed activity does not cause a significant surface disturbance, then the District Ranger may issue an Administrative Pass for up to one year at no cost.

The Notice of Intent requires your name, address, telephone number, a claim map or the approximate location of the proposed activity, the number of samples, the depth of the sample site, the beneficiation method and need for water.

If the District Ranger determines that if the proposed activity may cause a significant surface disturbance, the claimant, prospector and the mining clubs will be required to submit a Plan of Operation. This will require substantive information about the mining, beneficiation, reclamation methods and a substantial reclamation performance bond will be required.

Prospecting does not require a mining claim or an exact location of the activity, an approximate location will suffice.

A Notice of Intent is required if the proposed activity is located in an environmentally sensitive area (1-e, Holcomb Valley, Lytle Creek, Horse Thief Canyon, Cactus Flats, Santa Ana wash and Rose Mine). This includes panning for gold, dry washing, high banking, metal detecting and suction dredging. Call the Ranger Station if you are not sure about the sensitivity of the area involving the proposed activity. Members of mining clubs are encouraged to follow this procedure.

There are several hundred abandoned mines on the forest. The public is prohibited from entering any of these openings. If any of these of openings are causing a clear and present danger to the public, report the location to the local Ranger Station for signing or fencing.

To stake a mining claim, you need to follow Bureau of Land Management guidelines as they are the lead agency for minerals management. The Forest Service administers the surface use regulations in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 36, part 228.

Mining claimants are not allowed to drive off National Forest Designated Routes to access their claims. They are required to have an approved Plan of Operation from the District Ranger for access.

For the Use of Metal Detectors on the National Forest

The allowable use of metal detectors on National Forest system lands takes a number of different forms. Detectors are used in searching for treasure trove, locating historical and pre historical artifacts and features, prospecting for minerals, and searching for recent coins and lost metal objects. Of these four types of uses for metal detectors, the first three are covered by existing regulations that require special authorization, i.e. special use permits, notice of intent, or plan of operation.

The search for treasure trove, which is defined as money, un mounted gems, or precious metals in the form of coin, plate, or bullion that has been deliberately hidden with the intention of recovering it later, is an activity which is regulated by the Forest Service. Searching for treasure trove has the potential of causing considerable disturbance and damage to resources and thus requires a Special Use Permit from the US Forest Service. Methods utilized in searching for treasure trove must be specified in the permits issued. Permits may not be granted in each and every case, but applications will be reviewed with attention being paid to the justification given and guarantees for the restoration of any damage that might occur to other resources. The use of metal detectors in searching for treasure trove is permissible when under this type of permit, but must be kept within the conditions of the permit.

The use of a metal detector to locate objects of historic or archaeological value is permissible subject to the provisions of the Antiquities Act of 1906, the Archaeological Resources Preservation Act 1979, and the Secretary of Agriculture's regulations. Such use requires a Special Use Permit covering the exploration, excavation, appropriation, or removal of historic and archaeological materials and information. Such permits are available for legitimate historical and pre historical research activities by qualified individuals. Unauthorized use of metal detectors in the search for and collection of historic and archaeological artifacts is a violation of existing regulations and statutes.

The use of a metal detector to locate mineral deposits such as gold, and silver on National Forest System lands is considered prospecting and is subject to the provisions of the General Mining Law of 1872.

Searching for coins of recent vintage (less than 50 years) and small objects having no historical value, as a recreational pursuit, using a hand-held metal detector, does not currently require a Special Use Permit as long as the use of the equipment is confined to areas which do not possess historic or prehistoric resources.

Important Mining & Recreational Tips

Pick/shovel excavations may only be done in conjunction with gold panning and metal detecting and must be made below the high water mark of the stream channel. All excavations must be filled in before leaving the area. Prospectors in the Holcomb Valley and Lytle Creek areas need to submit a "Notice of Intent" to the local Ranger Station.

Do not cut trees, limbs or brush, do not dig up ground cover or dig under tree roots.

Pack out everything you brought into the area, especially trash.

Do not wash yourself or your dishes in the creeks. All wash water is to be contained and disposed of, off of National Forest Land

Bury human waste 4 to 6 inches deep and at least 100 feet from the stream channel.

Vehicles must remain on designated routes, unless approved by the District Ranger.

VALLEY PROSPECTOR'S GENERAL MEETING APRIL 24 2014

Call To Order by: John Howell, Vice Pres. at 7:04 pm. Pledge Of Allegiance By: Lucky C.

John H announced that Jennefer Jercha said that she would be Valley's Secretary for the 2014 year if the members wanted her to be. Gene L motioned for Jennefer to be Secretary, 2nd by Pam M. All where in favor for her to be VP Secretary for the rest of the year, Roger Zay abstained.. John also said that there was no Jan. meeting minutes cause he is not a secretary and mostly there was the budget that they went over in Jan. Courtesy: Kelly~ 51 members and 4 guests. Minutes of the last meeting; motion by Judy to except the minutes as published, 2nd by Gene and all in favor(with Roger Z sayin no). Sue B gave the treasurers report. Up coming events: Dan talked about the Yucipia art Festival and just where we would be with our panning booth there on May 3-4. 50/50: Jill M: come up and get some tickets. Lady Luck: Digger Dan: Come up and get some tickets for some goodies. Refreshments: Kelly and Harry for Sandy and John this month. We have Cookies tonight and we will have cookies for next month. Membership Report: Judy C. We have 8 new members for April and now we have 352 members as of tonight!! John H announced that our club should give Jim Straight an "Honorary Life Membership" for all that he has done for Valley. Gene motioned for this and 2nd by Larry K. With a show of hands all present agreed (even Roger). Welcome Jim Straight to the "Honorary Life Member" Club in Valley Prospectors. Wagon Master: Steve, and he is in Vegas baby!! Its the GPAA big show! Finds Of the Month: Garry/Sherri: Come up and vote for finds! Gold Sales : Art F.~ VP is doing good.. Have gold for sale. Refreshment time. Resume Meeting at 7:52 pm. Library: Bruce S. Jim Straight donated 3 of his books to the Library. Man That Jim is a Giver for sure. Thanks Jim for all You do for Valley. Editor: Pam M. Have everything to her by May 5th. for the newsletter. Pam also read some upcoming events that other clubs have. Claims: Pam M~ 18 Claims are back in Valleys name now. Apparel Pat F: We have lots of thing for sale, come on over and get a hat, shirt or VP sticker. Historian: Lisa H~ She needs pictures of outings, shows and anything that has to do with VP. Send them to her via al-la e-mail is the best way. Old Business:NONE. New Business: RDW~ George H. Will meeting at the old jail in Randsburgs for a Borrows outing on May 8th Want to go?? Call George H. 50/50: Jill M. Our give-a-way tonight is \$44.50 and it went to Bob. Door Prize: George H. Badge Prize: Bruce S.

Finds Of the Month: Gold~~ 1st- Judy C. 2nd- Frank. 3rd-Justin. Metal Detecting: 1st: Steve M. 2nd Don B. Motion to adjourn By Debbie VH and 2nd by Judy C. All in favor.. take it away Digger Dan..

Minutes by Jennefer Jercha Secretary for Valley Prospectors INC 2014

THAT'S ONE

A couple was celebrating their golden wedding anniversary. Their domestic tranquility had long been the talk of the town. A local newspaper reporter was inquiring as to the secret of their long and happy marriage.

"Well, it dates back to our honeymoon," explained the man. "We visited the Grand Canyon and took a trip down to the bottom on the canyon by pack mule. We hadn't gone too far when my wife's mule stumbled. My wife quietly said, 'That's once.' We proceeded a little further and the mule stumbled again.

Once more my wife quietly said, 'That's twice.'
gone a half-mile when the mule stumbled the third time.

My wife quietly removed a revolver from her pocket and shot the mule dead.

I started to protest over her treatment of the mule when she looked at me and quietly said
'That's once.'



Jim Straight given Honary Life Membership
With Walt Evans



Jim given advise

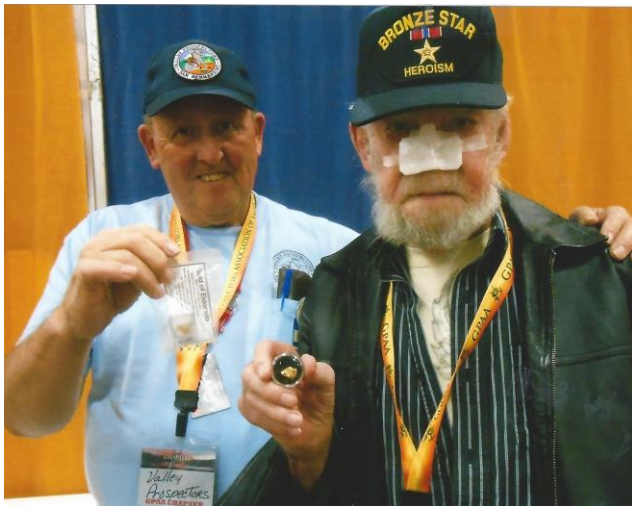
Las Vegas Gold Show



Bus, Art & Pat take a break



See the gold



2 winners



See what I won

Miners Sales



Members can run 3 times through the year for free. Commercial ads are \$5.00 per month. Send ad's to pamus@gmail.com or Call 951-316-2568

FOR SALE

**TX 455 Treadmill,, works good, folds up for easy storage. \$100 obo.
Call 951 316 2568**



Ice chest/box works very well medium size \$150.00 obo

Call Dolly or Mike at 951-867-8815



Coke Machine 5 selection, coin operated, it keeps it very cold.

350.00 obo Call Dolly or Mike at 951-867-8815



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

help schools get 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. Bring to club meeting and give to Mary Schubert.

Thank you, Mary

