

***DRYWASHER'S* GAZETTE**

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October 2016

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Next General Meeting: OCT. 27, 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

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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
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



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.

October President's Message:

Deadlines for all of the claims have been met. They are fully paid for and recorded. It was a big job by the Claims Committee. Now every member will be able to know how to file the paper work. I am in the process of writing a protocol that anyone can follow to do the same next year and beyond. The Rendezvous: Kent Bryant brought the brochure with information and a map to the site. Dates 10/21-23, 2016 (21st is arrival day, 22nd is activity day from light breakfast in AM to Night Stalker). Brochure with map is in this issue of the Drywasher's Gazette. See you there! We'll have a great time. Make sure you make it to the next meeting. Program will include specialized groups meeting at the same time. Groups include: Drywashing (Sam Cowan), Metal Detecting (Don Baranauskas), Panning (Kent Bryant), and Weighing Gold (Art Fairchild). We can always learn something new and grow our expertise.

Valley Prospectors Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 9/29/2016:

Meeting called to order at 6:06 PM by President Jill Molson. Officers present: Jill Molson, Art Fairchild, and Sue Baranauskas. Board members present: Dan Cornea, Pat Ferraccio, John Bonson, Penny Straight, Gene Lepper, Bruce Sherman, Bob Wright, Sherry Livingston, Garry Devlin, and Harry Crawford. Board members absent: Steve Schubert, Michael Dunkerley, Bural LaRue, and Sandy Harter (Sandy was here but working at the Courtesy table taking Christmas dinner potluck in, formation). Member present: Kent Bryant. Board was told that all of the claim work for this year has been completed with information and fees sent to the county where claims are held and to BLM. Minutes of the 8/25/16 Board Meeting were approved as published, 1st by Art Fairchild, 2nd by Garry Devlin, passed. Treasurer's Report (Sue Baranauskas): insurance bill has been paid (\$2 token fee/member, \$6/actual member fee, 302 members, officers and board members \$275). Expenses for specimen box repair and claim expenses were paid. One new member signed up at Randsburg Old West Days (\$140). No reports for CFMS, refreshments. Monty Quinn donated blood last month. Editor's report (Art Fairchild): Misty pulled the Coolgardie map, because it had Dumb Luck on it. Art sent the September issue of the Drywasher's Gazette to Misty on 9/9/16 and she didn't send it out to members until 9/22/16. She has gone back to her full time job and is only available to do our website on evenings and weekends. She didn't use the new email list that Art sent her. Art said that she needs to keep the site up and he can do the rest. Art still getting newsletter returns (12). New member names should be sent to Art so that he can send a newsletter to the new members. Program this evening is MMAC (about Mining Districts) information by Don Starr and Sam Cowen on drywashers. After the meeting we found out that Sam was cancelled for tonight and will present his part next month. (There were too many people stirring the pot this past month, but everyone's help is needed and appreciated to make VP work better for everyone.) Claims: all filings finished for the year. Club apparel (Pat Ferraccio): new silk screen artist (Jim from Temecula). Pat will order T shirts. Wagon Master: individuals went to Coolgardie and others went to Randsburg Old West Days. Sold \$290 gold. One new member signed up. Gold Sales (Art Fairchild): strong. 50:50 (Harry Crawford): okay. Library (Bruce Sherman): okay. Lady Luck: Dan Cornea thought that it was a gold night and didn't bring items for Lady Luck. Because of the loaded program schedule tonight, there will be no Lady Luck tonight. Gold bags at the October meeting. Finds of the Month (Garry Devlin and Sherry Livingston): all set up. Garry mentioned that some members questioned gold in bags. Referred to Art to work problem out. Courtesy: Sandy Harter wants everyone to sign up for potluck dishes tonight for the Christmas Party. Don't forget to bring an unwrapped toy to the Christmas Party. Hall will be open for decorating and set-ups on 12/5/16, in the evening. Old business: Rendezvous: (Kent Bryant) 10/21-23/16, brochure with map will appear in October Newsletter. Raffle in evening of Gold Eagle coin and Indian Head coin, Garrett donated a Metal Detector. He may contact White also. Complaint about generators being left on all night or until they run out of gas. Common courtesy says that they should be turned off at 10 PM and not be restarted until after 6 AM. No new business. Meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM, 1st Gene, 2nd Art, approved.

Valley Prospectors General Meeting Minutes 9/29/16:

Meeting called to order at 7 PM by President Jill Molson. Jill led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting, motion by Gene Lepper, 2nd by Dan Cornia. Minutes approved as published.

Treasurer's report by Sue Baranauskas: insurance and claims cost have been paid. There was lots of spending this month. Activities last month Coolgardie and Randsburg Old West Days (one new member, \$290 gold sold). Coming events: Rendezvous (Kent Bryant): 10/21-23/16 (21st arrival, 22nd activities from light breakfast to Night Stalker Metal Detection after dark, to 23rd homeward bound). Brochure and map in October issue of the Drywasher's Gazette. 50:50 (Harry Crawford) buy tickets. No Lady Luck tonight, gold bags next month. No Zodiac raffle tonight, Steve Schubert not here. Refreshments: cookies tonight, Halloween decorated cupcakes next month (1.5 dozen each: Delores Stanton, Pat Ferraccio, and Kelly Crawford). Membership: one new member. Finds of the Month: Garry Devlin said that there are one gold entry and 3 treasure entries. Gold Sales: strong (Art Fairchild). Library: Bruce Sherman brought books and maps in tonight. Contact Art Fairchild if you want to have something published or if you have questions about the newsletter. All claim paperwork for the has been filed with the appropriate county recorders and the BLM. Monty Quinn donated blood this past month. Apparel (Pat Ferraccio) new sink screener for T shirts. Program for next meeting October 27, 2016: 4 stations to be manned by Sam Cowan (drywashers), Don Baranauskas (metal detecting), Kent Bryant (panning), and Art Fairchild (weighing gold). Courtesy (Sandy Harter): 4 guests, Christmas Party dinner sign-up, thank you cards for Pam and Roger Maguire and Michael Kline, Break for refreshments. Program tonight was Don Starr about MMAC and Mining Districts: PLP is only in California, MMAC is a national level political organization (2 years old) dealing with 1870 mining laws and Mining Districts. The goal is to get mining districts up and running. Other groups interested are people concerned with logging rights and water rights. Alaska is on board. Washington D.C. is using laws against the states' regulatory agency. In Washington state, Obama has removed 6 million acres for renewable energy. So far we have the following Mining District: Rand, Holcolm, Eagle Mt. (commercial operation, have legal forms), Dale, 29 Palms. CA State Director of BLM (Joe) wants a memorandum of understanding with the districts. The water districts are also interested. The first forms of government in CA were the mining districts. Hemet Club in Joshua Tree: government cannot stop miners, they must provide access. There is a congressional bill that should be ready before Christmas about mining districts. They are changing the wording to accommodate everyone. Bill should be voted on in March 2017. W. VA mining union wants to lobby for MMAC. Coal cannot be used in the U.S. There is 60-70% unemployment among the coal miners. Coal has been outlawed by Executive Order. Question raised by member about coal pollution and whether it is smart to have union association. San Diego logging group is interested in MMAC work. Rift between PLP and MMAC. New head of PLP coming out 10/15/16. Morrow Mining District is 30 X 40 miles. Need mining districts to be up and federally recognized. ACEC (Areas of Conservative and Environmental Concern) want districts eliminated. If we get the districts up dredging can return. Thank you to Don for the informative talk.

Nominations for 2017 officers taken from the floor: Jill Molson mentioned that she would not run again for President unless there is a Secretary, Gene Lepper nominated Judy Carpenter for Secretary, Kent Bryant asked the present Board members who wanted to serve in 2017. Nominations will continue next month. Ballot will go out in November and will be due by the Christmas Party. No new or old business. 50:50 won by Lynne Ferraccio. Gene Lepper won door prize. Finds of the Month: Gold (Gene Lepper) and Treasure (Delores Straton 1st, Don Baranauskas 2nd, and Jack Stratton 3rd). Motion to adjourn by Gene Lepper, 2nd by Pat Ferraccio, passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

BLOOD BANK NEWS "MVP"

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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.istream.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.

Messages from Members

* SANDY HARTER "COURTESY"

Christmas dinner Dec. 4th, 11am Social hour, 12:00 Dinner,. Toys- Please bring unwrapped. Last name beginning A thru J please bring Desserts, Last names beginning K thru Z please bring Veggies, Salads, Yams, Potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce. AND anyone has equip & music for holidays & can bring and be DJ please call Sandy Harter 951 216 5502 to get put on list.

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"Miners Sales"

Members Can run 1 ad, 3 times through the year for free.



Commercial ads are \$5.00 per month. Send ads to artfairchild85@gmail.com 951-897-543

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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Valley Prospectors of San Bernardino, Inc

Rendezvous 2016

October 21 - 23, 2016

Ord Mountain Camping Area

Barstow Road, Midway between Lucerne and Barstow

Dry Camping, plenty of room, (it's the desert)

Ord Turn off Coordinates - 34°40'51.63"N, 116°57'58.53"W

*All events take place; **Saturday, October 22***

*1/10 Oz **Gold** coin Raffle, Drawing right after dinner*

Metal Detecting Hunt by VP - \$20.00

10 am till we stop, about an hour, more or less

Gold Panning Contest by FCM - \$5.00

Around 2pm, give or take

Night Stalker Hunt, by Bob and Friends - \$5.00

When it gets dark

Chili Cook off, by Steve - Have it ready for tasting at 4:30

*Have to be present to win, "**Doug**"*

"Sawtooth Campground", is about 1 mile west of Hwy 247, if you want an improved campground with toilets, fire rings and shade cover

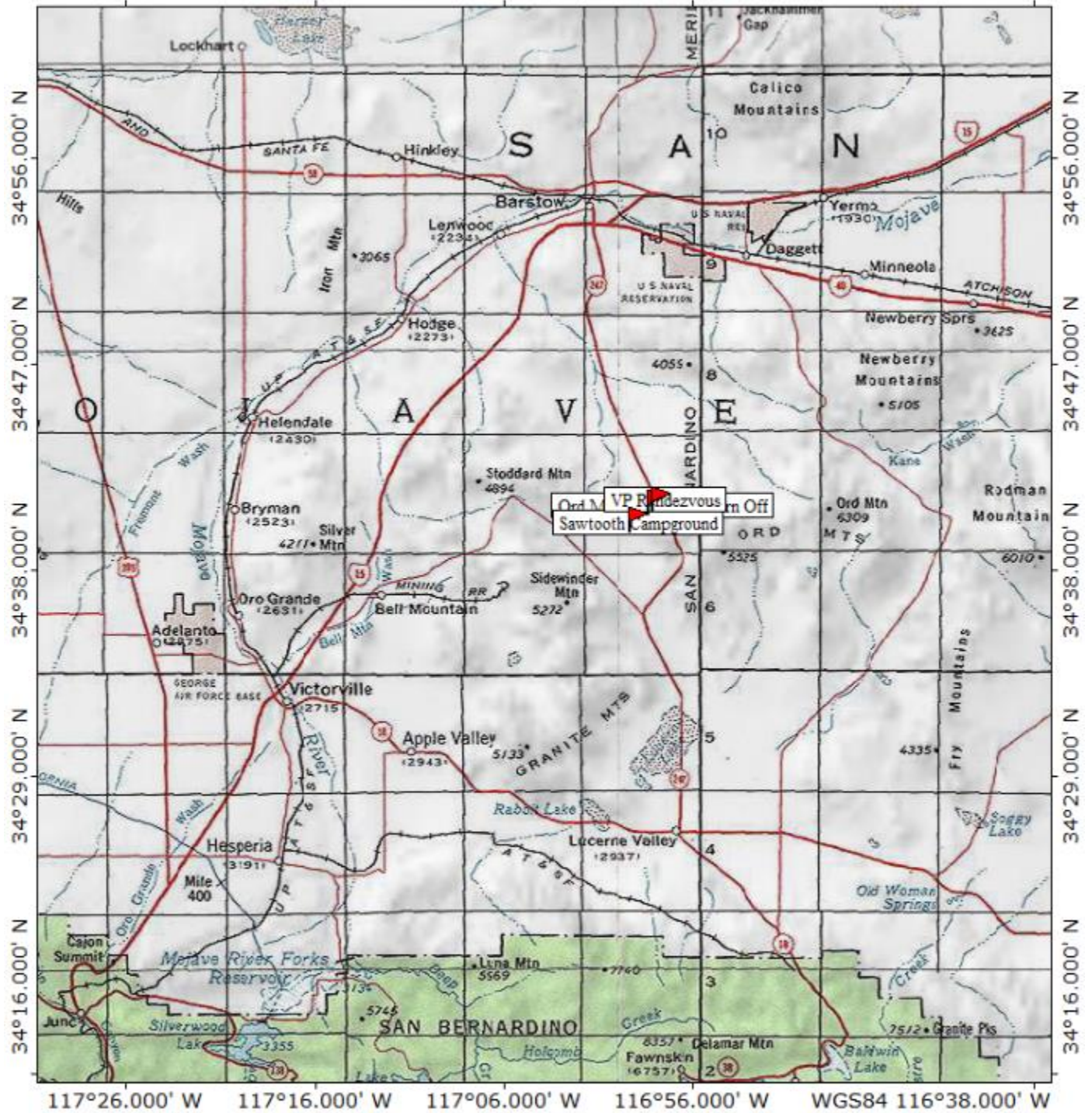
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TOPO! map printed on 09/11/16 from "VP Rendezvous 2.tpo"

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Sorry for the back page I was running out of room.

Board members for next year So Far Art Fairchild, Pat Ferraccio, Bruce Sherman, John Howell, Gene Lepper, John Bonson & Dan Cornia. Maybe Harry Crawford.

We Have two new members= Lachlan McWhorter & Thomas Purscelley.

Old West Days-September 17, 2016 was a success.

Volunteers- Dan Cornia, Don & Sue Baranauskas, John Howell, Bruce Sherman, Mike Dunkerley, Horst Friedrich and Lorraine Frost.

Members that visited, Dolly & Mike, Pam & Roger

2016 Schedule of Events

Date	Activity	Notes
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	