

## ***DRYWASHER'S GAZETTE* September 2014**

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**Next General Meeting: September, 25th at 7:00 PM**

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### **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 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.



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### CLAIMS

**Burro 1 & 2 Placer Claims** 10 acres ea

**Coolgardie Placer Claims** 40 acres ea. and the New **“Straight Gold”** 120 acres

**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

**ATTENTION: You must have all documents listed below when you visit any 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)**

## 2014 Christmas Party

Surprise, surprise. Surprise. Christmas is about presents, family and friends and good food. This year the Christmas party for Valley prospectors members will be catered by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 79. We will have Turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, 2 vegetables, cranberry sauce, toss salad and rolls. It will be put on the tables like before and we can help ourselves. We will pay for the member and 1 guest (wife or partner). If you would like to bring another person it will cost you \$12 per person. If you would like to bring a desert you can but it is not necessary. Sandy from refreshments will buy some pies and bring them.

It will be held at the American Legion Post 79 hall at 2979 Dexter Dr. Riverside. It is the same place as before. We will also collect toys for tots like we have done in the past. So don't forget to bring a toy for some needy child. If you have any questions call Kelly Crawford at 760-248-5583 or Pam Maguire at 951-316-2568. Rsvp by Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> to attend.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Opening September 27, 2014: Gold Fever! The Untold Stories of the California Gold Rush

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

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### Schedule of Events for Valley Prospectors for 2014

Sept	11 <sup>th</sup>	Retired During the Week
	19,20 & 21	Ransburg Outing & Old West Days Booth on 20 <sup>th</sup>
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Board and General Meeting. Board meeting 6pm & General 7pm
Oct.	9 <sup>th</sup>	Retired During the Week
	12 <sup>th</sup>	Summit Sunday
	24,25 & 26	"" Coolgardie Outing
	30 <sup>th</sup>	Board and General Meeting. Board meeting 6pm & General 7pm
Nov.	13 <sup>th</sup>	Retired During the Week
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Board and General Meeting. Board meeting 6pm & General 7pm
	27, 28, 29 & 30	Coolgardie Outing
Dec.	7 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Party & General Meeting-rsvp by dec. 1 <sup>st</sup> to attend



At the May meeting, both the board and general membership granted permission (as required) for John H to conduct a special raffle. The pictured quartz and crystalline gold specimen (total weight 21.3 grains) from the Sierra Nevada Mountains has been put up as the prize. Tickets are \$2 or 3 for \$5, with the drawing at the October meeting. You don't have to present to win. Make sure to print legibly your name and phone number on the back of the ticket.

### Refreshments

Thanks to everyone who supplied the food, crackers, cheese, dips and veggies Everyone enjoyed something different. Please don't forget to bring 2 pies each for our September meeting. Dave Milliken & Steve Deborah & Mitch Wally, Elly & Harry Crawford Larry Kennedy

Thank You

Love to all

Sandy & Joe Harter

951-216-5502

Sent from my iPhone

### VALLEY PROSPECTORS AUG. 28th 2014 BOARD MEETING.

Roll call by Pres. Steve Schubert. a quorum was meet. Minutes of the last meeting was accepted by the board with John H "first-ing" and with Art F. 2nd-ing. Sue B gave a "bottom line" Treasurers Report to the board. All is good with our funds. Editors Report: Pam M. - Have all to her by Sept 8th. Claims: Pam M.- BLM filing is done. Northern claims are taken care of also. Pam thanked Judy C and Jennefer J for the help they gave to get the paper work done (really it was Pam who did most of it). Programs for next month (Sept) will be Gary Crabtree about Alaska mining: Beyond GPAA. Pam M told about the Christmas party. Sandy H told of the desserts for the party. And Lisa H said that she is starting early to get the Toys for Tots firefighters out to pick up this year.

Club Apparel: Pat F. All is good. Refreshments: Sandy/Joe: Tonight Veggies and Sept will be pies. Big Bear outing this coming weekend (Aug Fri 29th - Mon. Sept 1st). Gold Sales: Art F. - Art prepared a nice neat box of "goodies" (gold) for Steve for the Old Western Days in Sept. (nice work Art). 50/50: Jill M.- Here tonight! Lady Luck: Digger Dan is ready! Historian: Lisa H. - Get pics to her. Old Business: Talked about the Christmas party. Pam M- asked if we could have a Coolgardie outing in place of the debunked Rendezvous on that weekend. Steve said that was a great idea. No New Business. Steve asked for adjournment all in favor but one.

Valley Prospectors INC. Board meeting Minutes by  
Jennefer Jercha, Secretary for the 2014

**Prez says:** Let's go to a show. We will have a gold panning booth at the Old Miner's day in Randsburg on Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. We will be at the claim on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Come on up to the claim dig some gold and help work the panning booth. This is a great opportunity to visit with the gold miners in Randsburg and pick up tips on mining in the area Keene put on an excellent program on their new equipment for next dry washing season. If you use the new dry washer we will be waiting for you to report on its gold recovery. Hope to see all of you in Randsburg. May all your pans have gold in them. Steve

Elections coming up in Sept. and Oct. please step forward and volunteer to help your club.

Christmas party is on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> if you're coming don't forget to give courtesy your name it's catered this year so we need your name. 760-248-6683

SHOE COLLECTION The GIRL SCOUTS are collecting used shoes. They should be gently used shoes NO holes in soles. If you have any you would like to donate bring to Sept. or Oct. general meeting and give to Mary Schubert. Thank you.

## Welcome New Members of Valley Prospectors'

Brenda & Howard Pearson, Gary & Wauntia St Pierre, Dennis & Michelle Ward, Steven Stanley, Magdaleno & Thomasa Bueno

*Once again Valley Prospector's is growing in numbers; however your support is always needed to make this organization a success. If you can volunteer in any way with raffles, refreshments, newsletter articles, wagon master, claims committees, Christmas party or you have any ideas or suggestions to help better VP please do so today by contacting an executive board member or member at large. We will be seeking volunteers to run for the 2015 Executive Board, Members at large and other positions over the next 3 months. Please don't just sit on your hands and do nothing, your part can help!*

Just for fun and starters, maybe someone else will add to it, this is all I have come up with so far

Advice from an Ole' Miner

Stake your claim and guard it wisely  
 Never put all your nuggets in one poke  
 Never dig a hole to deep, it can bury you  
 Don't assume all that glitters is Gold  
 GOLD FEVER is real, it's difficult to predict, yet unpredictable  
 Having a heart of Gold is better than having a no heart  
 Gold is where you find it  
 Prospecting is a way of life  
 Pan out all your troubles before going to bed each night

### **VALLEY PROSPECTOR'S GENERAL MEETING ~ AUG. 28 2014 ~ Start Time: 7:00 pm**

Call to Order by: Pres. Steve Schubert. Pledge of Allegiance by: Garry L.  
 Jim Straight gave a Old Fashion (40+yrs) Beer Stein to Finds for later use. Thank you, Jim. You are the best-est!! Steve S. asked for a motion to have the minutes to be excepted as written in the newsletter. Art F Motioned for this with a 2nd by John H. All but one member was in favor (1 NO). Treasurer's Report: Sue B. ~ gave a good and detailed report on our funds. Upcoming Events and Letters: Steve S. reminded the members of the upcoming Old West Days. 50/50: Jill M.~ Get your tickets. Lady Luck: Digger Dan ~ we have lots of goodies tonight (even a green-dog statue). Refreshments: Sandy H. Tonight Veggies next month (Sept.) will be pies. Membership: Judy C.~ We have 6 new members this month for a total of 46 this year. Wagon Master for last outing: NO REPORT. Next Outing: Ransburg claims for Old West Days, Sept 19-20-21. Courtesy: Kelly C. ~ 51 members and 7 guests tonight. Finds of the Month: Garry L.~ Expanded how the finds works. Gold sales: Art F. ~ we have gold for sale. Library: Bruce S.~ We have lots of things for you all. Thank you Bruce, for handling our library! Editor: Pam M. ~ Have all articles sent to her by Sept 7th. Claims: Pam~ We Got BLM paper work back. CFMS: Pat LaRue got an award for outstanding work in 2 clubs. Good Going Pat!! Blood Bank: Mary S. for Lorraine~ Remember Members, Its M.V.P. when you give. Apparel~ Pat F. ~ we have new stuff every month! Programs: John H. ~ tonight Chase from Keene will be here. Next Month will be Gary Crabtree and "His Alaska trips" Not the GPAA ones. Chase gave a good demonstration on the "new stuff" from Keene. All shinny and new. Thank you Chase!  
 Break Time. Resume Meeting at 7:55 pm.

Old Business~ Tickets for the gold nugget will resume at the next meeting. Kelly C. talked about our Christmas Party in Dec. This will be a Catered Event this Year. With Sandy H. from Refreshments doing the desserts. **SIGN UPS FOR THIS PARTY WILL END AT THE NOV. MEETING.** Mary talked about the "Box Tops" program. New Business: There's a "new plant in town". Well, it's an old plant in the deserts really. It is making a comeback. It's called the " Poodle Dog Bush" It's like a Chaparral with purple/pink flowers on it. This is no plant to mess with! It has small like fingers on it that have an acid on them. **THIS PLANT DOES JUMP OUT AND BITE YOU.** It's said that its worse than Poison Ivy! 50/50: Jill~ \$32.50 goes to Lucky C. Door Prize: Grady B. Badge Prize: Tom C. He pulled his own ticket. Finds of the Month: Garry~ Gold: 1st- Judy C. 2nd- Lisa H. 3rd- Jamie. Metal Detecting 1st- Steve M. 2nd- Don B. Steve S asked for a motion for adjournment, motion by Lisa H, 2nd by Art F. Adjourned at 8:00 pm  
Minutes by Jennefer Jercha, Secretary for  
VALLEY PROSPECTOR'S INC. 2014

# GOLD IS WHERE YOU FIND IT

We worked our gold claim very successfully for about six weeks, when the creek at last became so dry that we had not water enough to run our long tom, and the claim was rendered for the present unavailable. It, of course, remained good to us for next season; but as I had no idea of being there to work it, I sold out my interest to my partners, and, throwing mining to the dogs, I broke out in a fresh place altogether. I had always been in the habit of amusing myself by sketching in my leisure moments, especially in the middle of the day, for an hour or so after dinner, when all hands were taking a rest "nooning," as the miners call it lying in the shade, in the full enjoyment of their pipes, or taking a nap. My sketches were much sought after, and on Sundays I was beset by men begging me to do something for them. Every man wanted a sketch of his claim, or his cabin, or some spot with which he identified himself; and as they offered to pay very handsomely, I was satisfied that I could make paper and pencil much more profitable tools for obtaining gold than work with than pick and shovel.

My new pursuit had the additional attraction of affording me an opportunity of gratifying the desire which I had long felt of wandering over the mines, and seeing all the various kinds of diggings, and the strange specimens of human nature to be found in them. I sent to Sacramento for a fresh supply of drawing paper, for which I had only to pay the moderate sum of two dollars and a half (ten shillings sterling) a sheet; and finding my old brother-miners very liberal patrons of the fine arts, I remained sometime in the neighborhood actively engaged with my pencil. I then had occasion to return to Hangtown.

On my arrival there, I went as usual to the cabin of my friend the doctor, which I found in a pretty mess. The ground on which some of the houses were built had turned out exceedingly rich; and thinking that he might be as lucky as his neighbors, the doctor had got a party of six miners to work the inside of his cabin on half shares. He was to have half the gold taken out, as the rights of property in any sort of house or habitation in the mines extend to the mineral wealth below it. In his cabin were two large holes, six feet square and about seven deep; in each of these were three miners, picking and shoveling, or washing the dirt in rockers with the water pumped out of the holes. When one place had been worked out, the dirt was all shoveled back into the hole, and another one commenced alongside of it. They took about a fortnight in this way to work all the floor of the cabin, and found it very rich. There was a young Southerner in Hangtown at this time, which had brought one of his slaves with him to California. They worked and lived together, master and man sharing equally the labors and hardships of the mines.

One night the slave dreamed that they had been working the inside of a certain cabin in the street, and had taken out a great pile of gold. He told his master in the morning, but neither of them thought much of it, as such golden dreams are by no means uncommon among the miners. A few nights afterwards, however, he had precisely the same dream, and was so convinced that their fortune lay waiting for them under this particular cabin, that he succeeded at last in persuading his master to

believe it also. The master said nothing to anyone about the dream, but made some pretext for wishing to become the owner of the cabin, and finally succeeded in buying it. He and his slave immediately moved in, and set to work digging up the earthen floor, and the dream proved to be so far true that before they had worked all the ground they had taken out twenty thousand dollars. There were many slaves in various parts of the mines working with their masters, and I knew frequent instances of their receiving their freedom. Some slaves I have also seen left in the mines by their masters, working faithfully to make money enough wherewith to buy themselves. Of course, as California is a Free State, a slave, when once taken there by his master, became free by law; but no man would bring a slave to the country unless one on whose fidelity he could depend. In the mines the Americans seemed to exhibit more tolerance of negro blood than is usual in the States not that negroes were allowed to sit at table with white men, or considered to be at all on an equality, but, owing partly to the exigencies of the unsettled state of society, and partly, no doubt, to the important fact that a negro's dollars were as good as any others, the Americans overcame their prejudices so far that negroes were permitted to lose their money in the gambling rooms; and in the less frequented drinking shops they might be seen receiving drink at the hands of white bar-keepers.

A very striking proof was seen, in this matter of waiting, of the revolution which California life caused in the feelings and occupations of the inhabitants. The Americans have an intense feeling of repugnance to any kind of menial service, and consider waiting at table as quite degrading to a free and enlightened citizen. In the United States there is hardly such a thing to be found as a native-born American waiting at table. Such service is always performed by Negroes, Irishmen, or Germans; but in California, in the mines at least, it was very different. The almighty dollar exerted a still more powerful influence than in the old States, for it overcame all pre-existing false notions of dignity. The principle was universally admitted, and acted on, that no honest occupation was derogatory, and no questions of dignity interfered to prevent a man from employing himself in any way by which it suited his convenience to make his money. It was nothing uncommon to see men of refinement and education keeping restaurants or roadside houses, and waiting on any ragamuffin who chose to patronize them, with as much impressments as an English waiter who expects his customary coppers. But as no one considered him-self demeaned by his occupation, neither was there any assumption of a superiority which was not allowed to exist; and whatever their relative positions were, men treated each other with an equal amount of deference. After being detained a few days in Hangtown waiting for letters from San Francisco, I set out for Nevada City, about seventy miles north, intending from there to travel up the Yuba River, and see what was to be seen in that part of the mines.

I struck the middle fork of the American River at a place called Spanish Bar. The scenery was very grand. Looking down on the river from the summit of the range, it seemed a mere thread winding along the deep chasm formed by the mountains, which were so steep that the pine trees clinging to their sides looked as though they would slip down into the river. The face of the mountain by which I descended was covered with a perfect trellis-work of zigzag trails, so that I could work my way down by long or short tacks as I felt inclined. On the mountain on the opposite side I could see the faint line of the trail which I had to follow; it did not look by any means inviting; and I was thankful that, for the present at any rate, I was going downhill. Walking down a long hill, however, so steep that one dare not run, though not quite such hard work at the time as climbing up, is equally fatiguing in its results, as it shakes one's knees all to pieces.

I reached the river at last, and crossing over in a canoe, landed on the "Bar." What they call a Bar in California is the flat that is usually found on the convex side of a bend in a river. Such places have nearly always proved very rich in gold, that being the side on which any deposit carried down by the river will naturally lodge, while the opposite bank is generally steep and precipitous, and contains little or no gold. Indeed, there are not many exceptions to the rule that, in a spot where one bank of a river affords good diggings, the other side is not worth working. The largest camps or villages on the rivers are on the bars, and take their name from them.

# Working a Mountain Of Gold

The want of water was the great obstacle in the way of gold mining at Mokelumne Hill. As it stood so much higher than the surrounding country, there were no streams which could be introduced, and the only means of getting a constant supply was to bring the water from the Mokelumne River, which flowed past, three or four thousand feet below the diggings. In order to get the requisite elevation to raise the waters so far above their natural channel, it was found necessary to commence the canal some fifty or sixty miles up the river. The idea had been projected, but the execution of such a piece of work required more capital than could be raised at the moment; but the diggings at Mokelumne Hill were known to be so rich, as was also the tract of country through which the canal would pass, that the speculation was considered sure to be successful; and a company was not long after formed for the purpose of carrying out the undertaking, which amply repaid those embarked in it, and opened up a vast extent of new field for mining operations, by supplying water in places which otherwise could only have been worked for two or three months of the year. This was only one of many such undertakings in California, some of which were even on a larger scale.

The engineering difficulties were very great, from the rocky and mountainous nature of the country through which the canals were brought. Hollows and valleys were spanned at a great height by aqueducts, supported on graceful scaffoldings of pine logs, and precipitous mountains were girded by wooden flumes projecting from their rocky sides. Throughout the course of a canal, wherever water was wanted by the gold miners, it was supplied to them at so much an inch, a sufficient quantity for a party of five or six men costing about seven dollars a day.

I remained a few days at Mokelumne Hill in a holey old canvas hotel, which freely admitted both wind and water; but in this respect it was not much worse than its neighbors. A French physician resided on the opposite side of the street in a tent not much larger than a sentry-box, on the front of which appeared the following promiscuous announcement, in letters as large as the space admitted

PHARMACIEN DE PARIS. DRUGS AND MEDICINES.

BOTICA. DOCTOR DENTISTE. COLD CREAM.

DESTRUCTION TO RATS. MORT AUX SOURIS."

From Mokelumne I went over to Volcano Diggings, a distance of eighteen miles, but which I lengthened to nearly thirty by losing my way in crossing an unfrequented part of the country where the trails were very indistinct. The principal diggings at Volcano are in the banks of a gulch, called Soldiers' Gulch, from its having been first worked by United States' soldiers, and were of a peculiar nature, differing from any other diggings I had seen, inasmuch as, though they had been worked to a depth of forty or fifty feet from the surface, they had been equally rich from top to bottom, and as yet no bed-rock had been reached.

it was seldom such a depth of pay-dirt was found. The gold was usually only found within a few feet of the bottom, but in this case the stiff clay soil may have retained the gold, and prevented its settling down so readily as through sand or gravel. The clay was so stiff that it was with difficulty it could be washed, and lately the miners had taken to boiling it in large boilers, which was found to dissolve it very quickly. To mineralogists I should think that this is the most interesting spot in the mines, from the great variety of curious stones found in large quantities in the diggings. One kind is found, about the size of a man's head, which when broken appears veined with successive brightly-colored layers round a beautifully crystallized cavity in the center, the whole being enveloped in a rough outside crust an inch in thickness. The colors are more various and the veins closer together than those of a Scotch pebble, and the stone itself is more flinty and opaque. Quantities of lava were also found here, and masses of limestone rock appeared above the surface of the ground. This place lay north of Mokelumne Hill, and might be called the most southern point of the northern mines.



Between the scenery of the northern mines and that of the south there is a very marked difference, both in the exterior formation of the country, and in the kind of trees with which it is wooded. In both the surface of the country is smooth that is to say, there is an absence of ruggedness of detail the mountains appear to have been smoothed down by the action of water; but, both north and south, the country as a whole is rough in the extreme, the mountain sides, as well as the table-lands, being covered with swellings, and deeply indented by ravines. An acre of level land is hardly to be found. The difference, however, exists in this, that in the north the mountains themselves, and every little swelling upon them, are of a conical form, while in the south they are all more circular. The mountains spread themselves out in hemispherical projections one beyond another; and in many parts of the country are found groups of eminences of the same form, and as symmetrical as if they had been shaped by artificial means. There is just as much symmetry in the conical forms of the northern mines, but they appear more natural, and the pyramidal tops of the pine trees are quite in keeping with the outlines of the country which they cover; and it is remarkable that where the conical formation ceases, there also the pine ceases to be the principal tree of the country. There are pines, and plenty of them, in the southern mines, but the country is chiefly wooded with various kinds of oaks, and other trees of still more rounded shape, with only here and there a solitary pine towering above them to break the monotony of the curvilinear outline. As might be expected from this circular formation, the rivers in the south do not follow such a sharp zig-zag pattern.

Besides this great change in the appearance of the country, one could not fail to observe also, in traveling south, the equally marked difference in the inhabitants. In the north, one saw occasionally some straggling Frenchmen and other European foreigners, here and there a party of Chinamen, and a few Mexicans engaged in driving mules, but the total number of foreigners was very small: the population was almost entirely composed of Americans, and of these the Missourians and other western men formed a large proportion. The southern mines, however, were full of all sorts of people. There were many villages peopled nearly altogether by Mexicans, others by Frenchmen; in some places there were parties of two or three hundred Chilean's forming a community of their own. The Chinese camps were very numerous; and besides all such distinct colonies of foreigners, every town of the southern mines contained a very large foreign population. The Americans, however, were of course greatly the majority, but even among them one remarked the comparatively small number of Missourians and such men, who are so conspicuous in the north.

There was still another difference in a very important feature in fact, the most important of all the gold. The gold of the northern mines is generally flaky, in exceedingly small thin scales; that of the south is coarse gold, round and "chunky." The rivers of the north afford very rich diggings, while in the south they are comparatively poor, and the richest deposits are found in the flats and other surface-diggings on the highlands. In the north there were no such canvas towns as Mokelumne Hill. Log cabins and frame houses were the rule, and canvas the exception; while in the southern mines the reverse was the case, excepting in some of the larger towns.



### **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**



# 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](mailto:pamus@gmail.com) or Call 951-316-2568

## FOR SALE



Coolgardie special, 1984 17' Lance fifth wheel, RV, set is up high for off road, comfy large overhead bed, everything works. Ideal for a small or compact truck. \$ 2,450.00 obo  
Contact Bill or Mary @ 1-760-9851310



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Model # 46563003 New never used. Comes with 2 LP gas cylinders, \$175.00  
Call: Trish Beuler 909-797-4662



FOR SALE: 12V battery operated dry washer (battery NOT included). Used once or twice.  
Adjustable stand. \$350.00  
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### 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**