

***DRYWASHER'S* GAZETTE**

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Next General Meeting: SEPT. 29, 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. ***

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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.

President's Message September 2016:

Hello everyone. I just had a really busy few weeks working on the club claim filings. No one besides the people who do the work would ever suspect how many steps are necessary in order to get them filed. There will be a protocol written for the next person to follow when the work is done again next year. The new Claims Committee deserves acknowledgement also for working on the club filings this year. Judy Carpenter has done the most work to get the filings ready for the final work and filing. Another time consuming item is the Drywasher's Gazette. Art Fairchild is my candidate for the title of "the biggest stepper upper". This year, every time I turn around, Art seems to have added another job to his list of responsibilities that he has volunteered to do. I thank him all the time for his help.

There will be a thank you card at the Courtesy table at the next meeting. It will be a card to thank Pam and Roger Maquire and Michael Kline for all of their work on the Claims Committee and producing the Drywasher's Gazette for so many years, along with serving as officers and board members. They have helped me this year with things that I did not have prior knowledge about. Thank you. I hope everyone will stop by and write a message to them to thank them for all of the work that they have done for the club over the past years.

I still need a Secretary for the club. Someone please volunteer. This is your club. We need everyone involved. We are not just a club that meets to eat doughnuts and gab. We are a club that likes gold mining with our friends for the enjoyment of mining. Please get involved.

Valley Prospectors Board Meeting 8/25/2016:

Meeting was delayed because of the Claims Committee meeting scheduled for 5:30 PM. Meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM by President Jill Molson. We were told by the building worker that there was no water and we would not be able to hold the meeting without water. While we were trying to finish the meeting, Mary Schubert fixed the water problem and the meeting continued. Officers present: Jill Molson, Art Fairchild, and Sue Baranauskas. Board members present: Dan Cornia, John Bonson, Penny Straight, Gene Lepper, Bruce Sherman, Bob Wright, Sherry Livingston, Sandy Harter, Harry Crawford, and Steve Schubert. Board members absent: Pat Ferraccio, Garry Devlin, Mike Dunkerley, and Bural LaRue. Quorum present. Minutes of the last meeting were approved as published. Motion by Sherry Livingston, 2nd by Gene Lepper, passed. No new members last month. Editor's report by Art Fairchild: taking people off list if not a good address, after checked out. Newsletter deadlines: 9/1/16 working on material, 9/2/16 checking final layout, 9/3/16 to printer. Claims: Quit Claim documents notarized, need county stamp from San Bernardino County Recorder's office, BLM documents have signatures and will be sent when the Quit Claim documents are complete and a copy can be sent with those documents. Assessment of Labor documents still need to be finished by 9/30/16 and will be sent to the county where the claim is located. Program tonight on Metal Detecting. No report: Courtesy, 50/50, Club Apparel, Refreshments, Wagon Master, CFMS, Blood Bank, Library, and Finds of the Month. Gold Sales: Art Fairchild has gold bags for Old West Days in Randsburg. Lady Luck: gold tonight, Motion to drop Dumb Luck and Straight claims. Motion by Gene Lepper and 2nd by Art Fairchild, passed. It will be taken to the General Meeting for vote. Kent will offer the Dumb Luck to 1st Class Miners. Raffle starts tonight for The Gold Exorcist Drywasher. Website password changed again, because I wasn't supposed to be published in the newsletter. Motion to adjourn by Dan Cornia, 2nd by Art Fairchild, passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Valley Prospectors General Meeting 8/25/16:

Meeting called to order by President Jill Molson at 7:00 PM. Pledge of Allegiance led by Jill. Guests were Steven, Lauren Murphy, Jim Strong, and Andy. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published. Motion by Gene Lepper, 2nd by John Howell, passed. Treasurer's Report by Sue Baranauskas. Coming events: 8/28/16 Gold Panning booth at Juniper Serra Catholic Church Festival, 10 AM – 8 PM, in Phelan off /Ssheep Creek, 10 AM – 8 PM, in Phelan off Sheep Creek Rd. 8/28/16 by Lois and Cindy Rockhunting, Rubies at Mt. Baldy. Check with them for the full schedule of outings. 9/17/16 Randsburg Old West Days. 9/24-28/16

Coolgardie weekend. 50:50. Lady Luck: gold bags tonight. The Gold Exorcist Drywasher raffle starts tonight, \$1/1 ticket, \$5/6 tickets, \$10/12 tickets. Refreshments tonight are doughnuts.

Cookies for next month, 3 dozen each: Judy Carpenter, Albert, Sue Baranauskas. Break for refreshments, voting for photos for calendar, voting on Finds of the Month, buy raffle tickets. Program: Metal Detectors by Jim Straight and Art Fairchild. Discussion of types of metal detectors and their specific uses and sensitivity. Art Fairchild is planning a field trip in the 1st or 2nd week of September. Last outing was Miner's Folly 8/20-21/16. Next outing is 9/17/16 Old West Days in Randsburg (2 Burros claim). Outing 9/24-25/16 at Harvey's Oro Rico claim at Coolgardie. Gold Sales: Art Fairchild has melted some gold down. It is available in the \$800 range. Library (Bruce Sherman). There are maps in the car and the books have been returned. Editor (Art Fairchild): material for the newsletter due for assembly on 9/1/16, 9/2/16 final assembly, and 9/3/16 newsletter to printer. Blood Bank: Mary Schubert thanks everyone for donating blood. Apparel (Sandy Harter): we have club patches available. Program for next month is about MMAC and the Mining Districts. Rendezvous (10/22-23/16 will be simpler (Steve Schubert and Kent Bryant are doing the prizes, Art Fairchild the cook off, with 1st Class Miners, Night /night stalker metal detector competition, day metal detector competition will dye coins so that are not as easy to see. Break for doughnuts and voting. Program: Metal detecting with Jim Straight and Art Fairchild. Jim Straight likes the Gold Bug Pro (approximately \$700). Many different detectors were brought by members. John Howell brought a deep seeker. Old Business: two motions to drop Dumb Luck claim and Straight claim. Motion to drop Dumb Luck claim by Steve Schubert, 2nd by Art Fairchild, passed, not filed on, Kent Bryant will ask 1st Class Miners if they want this claim. Motion to drop Straight claim by Steve Schubert, 2nd by Gene Lepper, passed, not filed on. New Business: John Howell has 2 claims in Arizona available for use by Valley Prospectors members. Finds of the month, treasure: John and Jack Stratton. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Steve Schubert, 2nd by Gene Lepper, passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

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.

Welcome our newest members. Bill Beecher, Michael Koski, Jim & Annette Mott, Jim & Leticia Harper Brian & Laurie Porteous, Ray Grabiec, Jim Danner, Denver & Andrea Mason, Dan & Susan Kaufman, John Cizek, Curtis Mack

Messages from Members

*Judy Carpenter-. *There is a new Map Access password effective this month and it can be obtained from any officer or board member.* There are 2 new claims post at Miner's Folly. Also, for inquiring minds, YES, VP Summit did burn. The claim posts are intact*

***SANDY HARTER "COURTESY" COURTESY WILL HAVE SIGN UP SHEETS FOR GRAVY, POTATOES, VEGGIES, SALADS AND DESSERTS FOR OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY DEC 3RD.**

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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.
The vibrator makes life easy when you get into damp dirt Asking \$250.00 cash.

For Sale By Jim -707-938-5970

Item 1:

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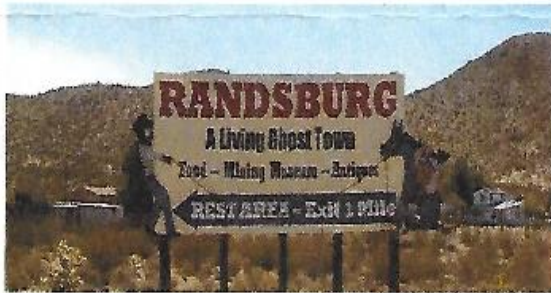
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Get your tickets from "ART THE MAN"!

HERE IS THE RAFFLE PRIZE

It is a Zodiac dry washer



Conversion Chart – Grams, Grains, Pennyweights

TROY WEIGHTS

		3.086 grains = 1 carat	= 200	milligrams
	24	grains = 1 pennyweight	= 1.5552	grams
20 pennyweights or 480		grains = 1 ounce	= 31.1035	grams
12 ounces or 5,760		grains = 1 pound	= 373.24	grams

GRAMS	GRAINS	PENNYWEIGHT	GRAM	GRAINS
1	15.43	1	1.55	24
2	30.9	2	3.1	48
3	46.3	3	4.7	72
4	61.7	4	6.2	96
5	77.2	5	7.8	120
6	92.6	6	9.3	144
7	108.0	7	10.9	168
8	123.5	8	12.4	192
9	138.9	9	14.0	216
10	154.3	10	15.6	240
11	169.8	11	17.1	264
12	185.2	12	18.7	288
13	200.6	13	20.2	312
14	216.0	14	21.8	336
15	231.5	15	23.3	360
16	246.9	16	24.9	384
17	262.4	17	26.4	408
18	277.8	18	28.0	432
19	293.2	19	29.5	456
20	308.6	20	31.1	480
21	324.0			
22	339.5	COMPLIMENTS OF JIM STRAIGHT		
23	354.9			
24	370.4			
25	385.8			
26	401.2			
27	416.7			
28	432.1			
29	447.5			
30	463.0			
31.1035	480.0 = 1 Troy oz.			

2016 Schedule of Events

Date	Activity	Notes
January 28	VP General Meeting	7 pm – 9 pm
January 30	Metal Detecting and Sampling at Silver Lake	Meet at Arco Station on D St. Victorville at 10 am
Feb 19	GPAA Gold and Treasure Show	Pomona FairPlex – Valley Panning Booth setup 3 pm
Feb 20-21	GPAA Gold and Treasure Show	Pomona FairPlex – 10 am – 4 pm
Feb 25	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm Knights of Columbus, SB
Feb 27-28	GPAA Gold and Treasure Show	Las Vegas – no VP Panning Booth
Mar 19-20	Coolgardie	Harvey's Oro Rico Claim
Mar 31	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
Apr 23-24	Coolgardie	Harvey's Oro Rico Claim
Apr 28	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
May 26	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
May 27-30	Coolgardie	Memorial Weekend at Harvey's Oro Rico Claim
Jun 25-26	Big Bear	Miner's Folly Claim
Jun 30	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
Jul 23-24	Big Bear	Miner's Folly Claim
Jul 28	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
Aug 20-21	Big Bear	Miner's Folly Claim
Aug 25	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
Sep 17-18	Old West Days	Randsburg – Burro's Claim
Sep 24-25	Coolgardie	Harvey's Oro Rico Claim
Sep 29	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
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	