

***DRYWASHER'S* GAZETTE**

November 2017

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Web Site: <https://www.valleyprospectors.com>

Valley Prospectors Inc. PO Box 2923, San Bernardino, CA 92406-2923

Next General Meeting: November 30, 2017, 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 2017

Executive Officers			Chairpersons		
President	Jill Molson	951-522-3545	Apparel	Kelly Crawford	760-248-6683
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			Editor	Art Fairchild	951-897-5433
Board of Directors			Asst. Editor		
Kelly Crawford	760-248-6683		Finds/Month	Garry Devlin & Sherry Livingston	951-768-0880
Art Fairchild	951-897-5433				
John Bonson	909-794-4401				
Sandy Harter	951-216-5502		50/50	Harry Crawford	760-248-6683
Harry Crawford	760-248-6683		Gold Sales	Art Fairchild	951-897-5433
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				Lorraine Frost	760-868-6564
			Name Tags		
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Sherry Livingston	909-875-2090		Programs		
Garry Devlin	951-768-0880			Gene Lepper	951-674-3207
			Refreshments		
				John Howell	951-247-1037
Alternate Board		Members		Outings/Retired during the week	
John Howell	951-247-1037			Claims	
Steve Schubert	951-943-0535			Jill Molson	951-522-3545
				Show & School Rep.	
Stewart Luce	909-560-0474			Steve Schubert	951-943-0535

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

CAMPING OVER NIGHT AT COOLGARDIE

BE COURTEOUS, BE KIND, PLEASE TURN OFF GENERATORS 11pm & 6am if you can.

Thank you from Valley Prospectors Members who need their peace & quite

SNAKES BEWARE: BE CAREFULL AT ALL OF OUR CLAIMS. MAKE SURE YOU DON'T GO POKING IN BUSHES & UNDERNEATH ROCKS OR ANYTHING LAYING FLAT ON THE GROUND. IF YOU CAN WEAR BOOTS OR LEGGINGS.



President's Message:

Great turnout at the Rendezvous yesterday. Beautiful day with a pleasant breeze. Lots of enthusiastic participants. Lots of time to have good conversations with many people. It is hard for me to see my two terms as President coming to an end. I hope everyone has enjoyed the ride. Don Starr gave a very good talk on MMAC at the October meeting that clarified what Valley Prospectors needs to do to have our claims recognized under the Federal Claims Statute. MMAC is the only group recognized to represent the mining districts in all 50 States of the United States of America. We should get this done in the next year so we can get the miners' powers back from the rules that have overshadowed the law passed in the 1800s. Michael Dunkerley has volunteered to be our claim contact for the 2Burro claim at Randsburg. He will report back to the Claim's Committee chair if there are any problems with the claim. Wishing you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving. The November meeting is the Thursday after Thanksgiving. See you then.



October 26, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes -

Meeting called to order by President Jill Molson at 6:03 Call by Jill Molson, Harry and Kelly Crawford absent. **Minutes of the last meeting-** motion by. Art F.- 2nd by Stu L. motion to accept as published in the October 2017 newsletter Vote- Pass **Committee and Chairpersons-** Apparel - Kelly not her tonight (she's out camping at Ord MT. Rendezvous Area) **Claims-** Jill M. Would like to find a new person for claims next year. **Courtesy-** Sandy nothing to report **Librarian-** Bruce S. **50/50-** Sherri L for Harry tonight **Lady Luck** – No lady Luck items tonight **Membership- Steve S.** 3 new members this past month **Newsletter-** Art F. need articles by Monday October 30. **Finds of Month-** Garry tonight **Gold Sales-** Art will look for more gold to buy after the first of the year **Program-** tonight is Don Starr with MMAC. **Events/Outings-** Rendezvous Ord Mt. October 27-29 There will be 2 port-a potties with hand wash stations for the day trippers and tent campers. First Class Miner's will split the cost with Valley Prospectors. **Shows and Schools-** NONE. **Treasurer-** Sue B. brought up whether VP needs to move some of the money to other accounts. 2 signatures required on all checks and receipts must be turned in before you get reimbursed for any pay outs. **Refreshment-** John Howell Pies brought to you by John Bonson. **Wagon Master-** Steve & Kent Rendezvous. **Old Business:** Karen wants to resume Steve Waddle's membership after he had passed, no refund necessary. No other Old Business **New Business:** Pat Ferraccio's Mother in law passed away this morning. Pat has been out of town working with FEMA for weeks. Dan C. wants to donate prospecting equipment to be loaned to members (NOT SOLD). Steve S has a 12'X16" shed VP can use for storage. There will be some sort of check out/check in system. See Steve Schubert for more details. Will be brought up to the general membership at tonight's meeting.

Stu L. made a motion to make Lucky Cunningham an Honorary Member 2nd by Sandy Secretary read the qualifications for Honorary Member Discussion- Vote Pass Jill will take to the general membership. November 1 ballots and renewals will be mailed out. DUES are still \$40.00 Treasurer would prefer Check or Money Orders over cash for renewals. You can start paying you renewal tonight at general meeting see Steve S. Motion to adjourn Art F.L. 2nd Sherri L. N. 6:47 PM

Minutes of the General Meeting October 26, 2017

Meeting called to order by President Jill M. at 7:03 PM Pledge of Allegiance- by Jill Molson

Motion to accept Minutes of the August meeting as written- Gene L. 2nd Jim S. Vote-Pass

Courtesy -Sandy H. 1Guests

Announcements- Nothing

Treasurer's report by Sue B. gave account info. Apparel -Kelly C. not her tonight. Blood Bank- Mary Schubert is not aware of any donations this past month, when giving blood mention "MVP" Member of Valley Prospectors Claims- Jill M. nothing to report Library- Bruce S. good 50/50- Sherri L for Harry tonight buy tickets. Lady Luck- No raffle tonight. Membership – Steve S. Nothing to report Gold Sales – Art will buy gold in January for the shows. Tonight's program before the break – Don Starr on MMAC, Don is a Southern California administrator for MMAC, Don gave a lot of information on how MMAC is working for the miners and what MMAC is doing all across America. How MMAC is lobbying in Congress and how MMAC is the only Federally recognized nonprofit fighting for your rights to mine. Don gave a brief outline of how the Mining Districts are set up and how they work and who can be a district.

Break 7:43 PM _ John Howell - Marie Callendar Pies brought to you be JOHN BONSON you are the best. Thank you John for the Delicious pies YUMMMM. Next month will be Pot Luck Snacks?? Hummm what will they bring Christy, Mary and & Jill Resume 8:00 PM Outings- October outing Ord Mt. Rendezvous Oct 27-29 Night stalker hunt, panning contest & chili cook-off. There will be 2 port-a potties w/ hand wash stations this year for the day trippers and tent campers. Thank you, Kent, Steve and First-Class Miner's. Signup sheet for the Thanksgiving Outing at Coolgardie see Gene Lepper Old Business: Sandy reminded people to bring unwrapped Toys for the Christmas Party. Toys will be given to the local Fire Station Garry D to make contact with the fire station. The Hesperia Mining Store will be moving to a new location in January. Still at current location. Also, November 18-19 there will be a Parking Lot Show with lots of deals and consignment items for sale. New Business: Dan C. wants to donate prospecting equipment to VP. (Not to be sold). Steve S. has storage shed VP can use. Garry D. motioned Sue B. 2nd to make donated equipment available for loan. Vote: 100% love this idea: Stu L. motioned – Albert N. 2nd to make Lucky Cunningham a Honorary Member. Vote-100% in favor. GET WELL LUCKY CUNNINGHAM Mary S. brought up that passed VP member & webmaster Gary Schizler (sp?) has stage 4 esophageal cancer and no insurance.

Door Prizes, Red Ticket, Our only Guest Max and John B. - Blue Tickets Jill M. & Mary S. 50/50 winner Roger, Finds of the Month- NO Gold Entries Treasure- 1st Dolores S. 2nd Jack S. Motion to adjourn Mary. 2nd Monty: 8:27 PM, No Lady Luck Raffle Table tonight
Minutes of the meeting by Judy Carpenter - Secretary

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.

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/> 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

Thank you to our recent donors –



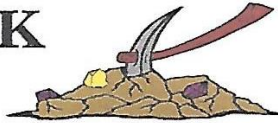
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Rock cutter on stand, works good. Polisher & motor, no stand, works. All 4 pieces for \$250.00 Leave message, Gary/Jennefer: 951 927 4672.

VALLEY PROSPECTORS, INC. ANNUAL DUES RENEWAL FORM

Membership Renewal Dues is \$40.00 and due on January 1st of each year.

There is a \$20 late fee if received in February or March. March 31st is the end of the membership renewal grace period.

A one-time \$100 initiation fee is charged to all new members and all previous members whose membership has lapsed beyond the grace period.

Please make checks payable to: Valley Prospectors, Inc.

Return this form and payment to: Valley Prospectors, Inc.
Membership Chairperson
PO Box 2923
San Bernardino, CA 92406

Upon signing, member agrees to have read and understand the Valley Prospectors Rules and Regulations for all claims, and hereby agrees to the following:

“I understand and agree to acquire all necessary permits, Park passes, Wilderness passes, which are applicable to my prospecting activities. I will fill in all holes dug while prospecting; and to prospect in an environmentally responsible manner. In addition, I understand that prospecting in certain areas can be dangerous, including but not limited to: open pits/shafts, wild animals and reptiles, not being prepared for weather conditions, along with the possible presence of noxious gases or chemicals. I assume my own responsibility and accept all risks, as well as that of any of my family or guests. I agree to hold the Valley Prospectors, Inc. and any affiliated claim or property owners, or managers harmless of any liability.”

Member's Name: _____ Member Number: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

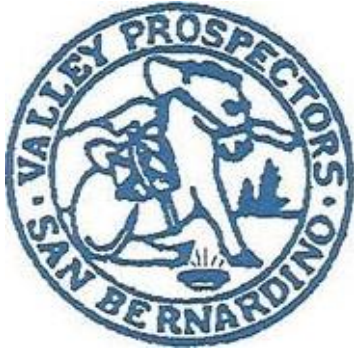
Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E--Mail: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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Claims Feed Back

(one per claim please)

Date(s) _____

Name of Claim

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Miner's Folly Placer | <input type="checkbox"/> Hungryman |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jackass I | <input type="checkbox"/> Hungryman II |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jackass II | <input type="checkbox"/> Hungryman III |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jackass III | <input type="checkbox"/> Hungryman IV |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indian Gulch Placer | <input type="checkbox"/> Chunker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Harvey's Oro Rico (includes Jeremy I | <input type="checkbox"/> Moriah Placer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Burros Placer I and II | <input type="checkbox"/> Gold Venture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> V P Summit Placer | <input type="checkbox"/> Picket II Placer |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Picket III Placer |

What did you do on the claim? Metal detection___ Dry wash___ Panning___ Sluicing___
Cleaning up Area___

Time spent doing each: Metal detection___ Dry wash___ Panning___ Sluicing___
Cleaning up the area (time and what you needed to do) _____

Did you find gold? Yes___ No___

Was claim accessible? Yes___ No___

Were the claim markers/posts in place? Yes ___ No ___ If no, please explain the problem:

NW, NE, SE, SW, etc. _____

Did you camp on the claim? Yes ___ No ___ How many days? _____

Did you encounter any NON-VP members working on VP claim? Yes___ No___

Comments/Complaints: _____

Name _____ Member # _____

The above information will be used for the Affidavit of Assessment Work (Proof of Labor), Notice of Intent to Hold and/or BLM Maintenance Fees.

Send to: Valley Prospectors, Inc, P.O. Box 2923, San Bernardino, CA 90406-2923

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RENDEZVOUS 2017

A wonderful weekend was had by ALL. The weather was beautiful and friendship even better. We had over 60 people attending, metal detector hunt had 31 people in it, the night stalker had 24 and gold panning had about the same. The metal detector hunt run by Kent Bryant winners were: Garrett detector - Bruce Villotti the Pin pointer - Joshua Williams the Jewelry tester - Kelly Crawford and the drawing for Minelab detector was won by Merlita Villotti. The night stalker run by Mike Dunkerly and John Howell had some great prizes to Silver bars, gold nugget, coins and many more items. The Chili cook off: 1st place Mary Schubert -- 2nd place Diane Drake -- and 3rd place Christine Lombardino. Our potluck was great so much wonderful food. I can never get over all the combinations of food we seem to have. Thank you to our chili judges: Tom Wolfe, Horst Friedrich, Bruce Sherman, Jon Careson and Jennefer Jerka. Hope to see you ALL next year. A special THANK YOU to all the volunteers and helpers to make the RENDEZVOUS a success. Thank you, Steve and Mary Schubert.

The Valley Raffle did wonderful we had 2 silver rounds, a gold coin, a 50% off by Whites and lots of lights. Thank you to all the booth workers.

Christmas Party December 3rd

Decorations and Setup December 2, 2017 (Saturday)

A thru J Desserts

K thru Z Veggies/Salads

Address: 2701 Del Rosa Ave @ Date St, San Bernardino, CA
Just below the 210 freeway, Northeast corner of Date St and Del Rosa Ave.

Contact Sandy Harter if you have questions, 951 216 5502

Date	Activity	Notes
January 20-22	American Mining Rights Assoc. Meeting	See Page 5 this newsletter
January 26 2017	VP General Meeting	7 pm – 9 pm Knights of Columbus, SB
February 19 2017	Summit Claim outing	Meet at McDonalds hwy. 138 & 15 freeway at 8am
Feb 23, 2017	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm Knights of Columbus, SB
March 17,18 & 19, 2017	Ransburg	Potluck on Saturday
Mar 30, 2017	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
April 21-22-23, 2017	GPAA Gold & Treasure Show	Las Vegas South Point Hotel Setup Fri Apr 21
April 27, 2017	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
May 20, 2017	Members Appreciation Day picnic	Yucaipa 7 th street Park. 11am till.
May 25, 2017	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
June 16, 17 & 18, 2017	Coolgardie Outing	Potluck on Saturday
June 29,2017	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
July 15,16 2017	Big Bear	Miner's Folly Placer Claim
July 27, 2017	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
<u>August 19 & 20, 2017</u> August 31, 2017	<u>Big Bear,</u> VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	<u>Miner's Folly Placer Claim</u> 6 pm 7 pm
September 16, 2017	Old West Days	Randsburg – Burro's Claim
September 28, 2017	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm. Officers Nominations 7 pm
October	TBD, To Be Determined	Rendezvous
October 26, 2017	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm. Officers Nominations 7 pm
November 23,24,25,26 2017	Coolgardie	Thanksgiving Weekend at Harvey's Oro Rico Claim
November 30, 2017	VP Board Meeting VP General Meeting	6 pm 7 pm
December 3, 2017	VP Christmas Party/Mtg	2701 Del Rosa Ave, San Bernardino, CA

