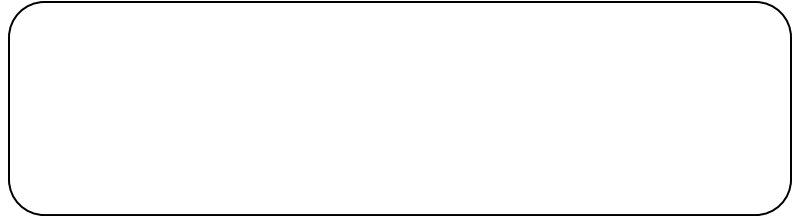


June 2019

**Send Exchange Bulletins to:
Art Fairchild 3795 Orchid Dr.
Highland, CA 92346
artfairchild85@gmail.com**



**Web Site: www.valleyprospectors.org
Valley Prospectors Inc. PO Box 2923, San Bernardino, CA 92406-2923**

Next General Meeting: July 25, 2018, 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 2019

Executive Officers				Chairpersons		
President	Lorraine Frost		760 868 6564	Apparel	VACANT	
Vice President	Gene Lepper		951 674 3207	Blood Bank	Lorraine Frost	760-868-6564
Secretary	Judy Lepper		951 674 3207	Budget	Sue Baranauskas	909-335-7113
Treasurer	Sue Baranauskas		909-335-7113	CFMS	Bural LaRue	909-874-5664
				Courtesy	Trish Dudley Delores Stratton	480 943 0535 909 797 2131
Board of Directors				Editor	Art Fairchild	951-897-5433
Kelly Crawford	760 248 6683			Asst. Editor		
Harry Crawford	760 248 6683			Finds/Month	Garry Devlin & Sherry Livingston	951-768-0880
Jill Molson	909 887 8024			Lady Luck	Albert Naki	909-733-6473
Albert Naki	909 733 6473			50/50	Sherry Livingston	909-875-2090
Steve Schubert	951 943 0535	cell	9519411147	Gold Sales	Art Fairchild	951-897-5433
Sherri Livingston	909 875 2090			Historian		
Bruce Sherman	951 780 7715	cell	9517562109			
Bob Dudley	480 225 5013			Librarian	Bruce Sherman	951-780-7115
Dolores Stratton	Cell 9099365495			Membership	Andrea Frost	760-868-6564
Katherine Naki	909 733 6441			Name Tags	Andrea Frost	760-868-6564
Jack Stratton	Cell 9096338413			Programs	Gene Lepper	951 674 3207
Garry Devlin	951 768 0880			Refreshments	Mary Schubert	951 943 0535
Alternate Board	Members			Outings/Retired during the week	Don Osborne	951 817 0524 714 287 0782
Trish Dudley	480 261 7373			Claims	Bob Dudley	480 261 7373
				Show & School Rep.	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

SNAKES BEWARE: BE CAREFULL AT ALL OF OUR CLAIMS.

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

President Says, Lorraine Frost

We had a great presentation in June by AMRA by Jeff and Reb. Thanks for keeping our Mining rights available to us. They kindly donated an AMRA membership, worth \$200. Be sure to come to the July and/or September meeting – there will be a special drawing for this membership. Stay tuned for more details. I'd also like to personally thank Jack and Delores Stratton, Bob and Trisha Dudley and Harry and Kelly Crawford. They did a great job on the Valley Prospector's Appreciation Picnic. The venue was great, the food was delicious, and the games were awesome. We are quite competitive, but we had so much fun.

Remember – the club will go dark in August – we are heading up to our Northern Claims. Let Bob Dudley know if you will be joining the group. Also – our biggest announcement – our website is now updated and we have a new domain name – valleyprospectors.org – but you can still reach us at valleyprospectors.com or valleyprospectors.net. The pass code has not changed for the year. You received this information in your new or renewal receipt from Valley. You can always reach us or ask questions by sending an email to valleyprospectors49@gmail.com

Valley Prospector Constitution Review

July 13, 2019 * 10 am – 3 pm

Lorraine Frost's House

It is time to review the Constitution of Valley Prospectors. Please call or email Lorraine for directions to her house. She will email a copy of the current constitution to all members who have an email address. There will be a potluck – you can't work without some food! She will provide the hamburgers, hotdogs, and Brauts. Please bring a side dish to share. See you there!

The Passing of a Dear Friend, Jim Straight

by Stu Luce

Jim Straight passed away this May 2019. He was born in Ely, Nevada to a mining family. His Grandfather was a prospector and his Father was a prospector and miner who helped develop Delamar, Nevada. Jim went from High School in Ely to the Nevada School of Mines. Upon graduation, he went to work for Kinicot Copper Mine in Ely, Nevada. He then worked for mining companies in Tonopah, Goldfield, and Randsburg. Jim Finally moved to California where he taught school and classes in prospecting. He was also a 2nd lieutenant in the US Army.

Jim was a member of many prospecting clubs. He also wrote mining articles for a lot of the prospecting and treasure magazines, including GPAA. He will be missed

Valley Prospectors' Inc. **Board Meeting June 27, 2019** Knights of Columbus Hall, San Bernardino CA
Meeting called to order by VP President Lorraine Frost 6:08 PM

All Board Members (Garry and Sherrie late but here) – 2 guest Mary and Horst

Motion to accept the Minutes of the last meeting as written- Steve S. 2nd Albert N. Vote: Pass

Treasurers Report - Sue B. gave the May monthly balances on general and claims accounts

Claims Chairman Bob Dudley

Wagon Master Report-No one went to Coolgardie that we know of

Membership No new members

Shows- November 23-24, 2019 will be a 50th anniversary in Oxnard, CA. Steve S. working on arrangements.

Programs tonight – AMRA Jeff & Reb

Apparel- Need someone to volunteer to take over this position

Refreshments- Mary S. Board members volunteering to bring cookies.

Editor- Please have articles to Art by Monday July 1

Gold Sales- Art F. everything is okay

50/50- Sherri L.

CFMS- No report

Lady Luck- miscellaneous items and a dry washer tonight

Library-Bruce S. Nothing new report

New Business-

a. Motion made by Jack S. to spend \$59 on new ticket wheel 2nd Albert N. Vote- Pass

b. VP will invite Ventura Gem and Mineral to the September Randsburg outing whether or not Randsburg has Old West days

Old Business-

a. Member Appreciation Picnic was a wonderful success. Thank you to Jack & Delores Stratton, Harry Kelly Crawford, Bob Trish Dudley

b. Website- Done other than adding pictures to the photo gallery ValleyProspectors.ORG, password will be the same. VP now has .com, .net and .org Domain names Lorraine will give the Secretary the passwords and codes as backup.

c. Review of Constitution & By Laws July 13 10:00 AM-3:00 PM at Lorraine's home. 760 868-6564 Call Lorraine for directions. Potluck bring your favorite side dish.

d. NO Board or General meeting Aug. 29 **DARK in AUGUST**

Motion to adjourn- Gene L. 2nd Albert N. 6:43 PM

Minutes of the **General Meeting June 27, 2019**

Meeting called to order by VP President Lorraine Frost at 7:04 PM

Welcome to Valley Prospectors of San Bernardino 501c (7) Pledge of Allegiance led by- Bruce S.

Motion to accept Minutes of the May meeting as written- Art F. 2nd Gene L Vote- Pass

Courtesy -Dolores & Trish - 1 guest Earl Bonson 38 members 5 kids

Treasurer's Report Sue Baranauskas- balances from May 2019 VP General account and Claims account.

Announcements & Events – Oxnard 50th anniversary in November 23-24, 2019. 50/50 -Sherri L. see Sherri at Finds of month table to purchase tickets. Lady Luck- Art helping Albert N. Miscellaneous items and a dry washer tonight. Thank you, Art, for helping Albert. Refreshments- Mary Schubert, coffee and cookies provided by the board members. Membership- Lorraine for Andrea Frost- no new members. Wagon Master- No one went that we know of to the June 15-16 Outing in Coolgardie. Finds of the Month - See Garry at Devlin's Diggins Love the banner Garry. Gold Sales- Art says he has plenty of gold for now. Library -Bruce Sherman BOOKS, BOOKS come check them out, Editor- Art Fairchild- have picture, articles and stories to him by Monday July1. Members can place Ad for 3 Free months. Claims- Bob D. July outing at Big Bear bring post hole diggers to set corner post. Please contact Bob Dudley (see newsletter for phone #) if you are interested in the Aug. 16-18 Outing up North. Should have paperwork ready for filing of claims by end of next meeting. CFMS- No report Blood Bank- Lorraine- Life Stream, mention "MVP" when giving blood. **Apparel- Need some to Volunteer.** Member appreciation Picnic at Yucaipa Community Park was a wonderful success. Food, fun, friends and games. A huge Thanks to Jack, Delores, Harry Kelley Bob and Trish Great job! And congratulation to Kent B for winning the gold coin.

Program tonight- Jeff and Reb from AMRA (American Mining Right Association) is a 501c (3) they are an all-volunteer organization and are working with PLF (Pacific Legal Foundation) law firm to fight for your right to mine. "Walk4Liberty" AMRA staff and volunteers will be marching a 10 day 300 + mile walk on Hwy 49 - ending up at the California State Capital on Aug 27 1:00 PM to protest over regulations. Bring your US FLAGS. Donations can be made online or by mail. AMRA Donated a 1-year membership to Valley Prospectors. Visit AMRA on face book. Don't forget October fest at Slash X cafe in October and the Christmas dinner in December.

Break time: 7:41Pm

Resume: 8:03Pm

Old Business-

a. Constitution and By-Law review July 13, 10 AM -3 PM Lorraine's house, see newsletter for more details.

- b. **NO MEETING AUGUST 29, 2019** Happy Summer see you in July & September
- c. Web Site is Up and operational valleyprospectors.org email - valleyprospectors49@gmail.com

New Business:

- a. New ticket drum purchase
- b. Big Bear Outing corner post and breakfast Bob D.
- c. Northern claims please let Bob know if you are going Aug 16 -18

Door Prizes Kelly C. & Tommy P. Congratulations! 50/50 winner - Roy Finds of the Month- Gold 1st Joe D. 2nd Tommy P. 3rd Treasure 1st Dolores S. 2nd Jack S. 3rd

Motion to adjourn 8:12 P. Art F. 2nd Tommy P.- all in favor.

Lady Luck- One lucky lady OMG Kelly won like 5 times. Dry Washer winner was Roy, I think!

Minutes of the meeting by Judy Lepper - Secretary

. 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.

Thank you to our most recent donors: Monty Quinn

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

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

Thank you to Lorraine, Judy and Mary for bringing cookies for the May 30th meeting and to Jill, Bruce and Sue for cookies for the June 25th meeting. I appreciate all the help the board members do. July 25th cookies will be brought by Harry, Albert and Katherine.

THANK YOU ALL 😊 Mary S.

Valley Member Appreciation Picnic Report

The club wants to say thanks for all the members who were able to attend the club appreciation picnic on June 22, 2019 at Yucaipa Community Park.

The attendance, food, games and weather were **great**. Kelly Crawford prepared the hamburgers and brought all the fixing for the hamburgers.

Dolores Stratton brought potato salad, beans, watermelon and cake. Thirty-six members were in attendance. There was great participation in eating and games. Kent Bryant won the gold coin.

Gold pan toss:

Dan Cornia won first
Kent Bryant and Tommy Purscelley tied for second.
tied for second.
Geoffrey Piatek won third.

Ring Toss:

Dwayne Lowery took first
Bruce Sherman took second
Susan Birrell took third

Egg spoon race:

Lorraine Frost took first
Kent Bryant took second
Linda Starr took third

Bean Bag Toss:

Bruce Sherman took first
Kent Bryant took second
Jill Molson took third

Thanks to all the members who attended, that is what made it so great!

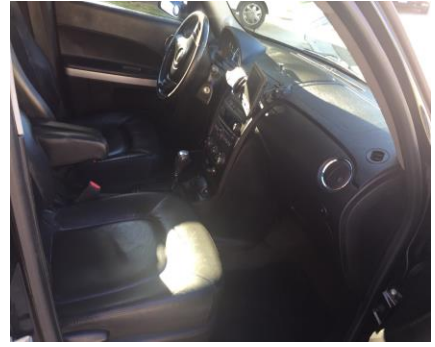




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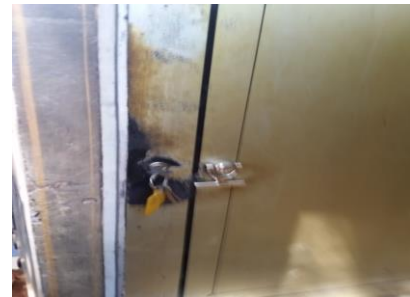
Members 1 ad, 3 times through the year for free. Commercial ads are \$5.00 per mont



2008 Chevy HHR

2.4 automatic moon roof, leather seats, mag wheels, & plenty of storage.

Has rear door but no back seat. Good business car, plenty of advertising room on both sides. \$8,250.00. Call Larry 909 904 2831



Call Bruce Sherman

Cell 951 756 2109

Home phone leave message 951 780 7115

I H Miller Safe & Iron Works [Built prior to 1918
Standing Safe on steel wheels, Combination lock & keyed drawers
56.5” Tall, 32” Wide, 26” Deep, \$800.00, All offers considered

For Sale

**New- never used puffer dry washer and miscellaneous prospecting equipment
call Tom 760 881 9629**

Valley Prospectors

Our History

Compiled and Written by Ray Graeber, VP Public Relations 1976-1983

As of 1983

Transcribed by Lorraine Frost on June 19, 2019

In reaching back into the dark pages of history and searching old musty records and talking to survivors of this most trying of times and digging into the recesses of their fading memories, I am trying to put together a story of these hardy and sometimes, foolish people. The times and places of a small segment of our society called, of all things GOLD MINING. And so, on a cold blustery day in the year of our Lord 1976 and if this fading memory is correct, it was in the early part of December.

Into this city of San Bernardino came a group of people known as Gold Prospectors Association of America, namely one George Massie, one Woody Caldwell and one Doug Edwards, to start, of all things, a club. Now hear ye all, this is no fairy tale but an attempt to compile a history of our club and the effort of a few people who were persistent enough to turn an idea into reality. It all started with a seminar by G.P.A.A. the featured speaker being George Massie who was then and still is president of G.P.A.A. Mr. Massie suggested a local chapter of G.P.A.A. be started here in our town. About 100 people thought this a very good idea. It became a reality on December 2, 1976. When Woody Caldwell and Doug Edwards came to San Bernardino to help us get started, as we did not know each other at this time, it was suggested we accept volunteers for our first year's officers. The first to volunteer for president was Brent Rhoades, vice president, Jeff Curfman, secretary-treasurer, Mary Beth Winsel and Ray Graeber as reporter.

It was decided at these early meetings by a majority vote how our club would function. First, there would be our full support to the G.P.A.A., in all aspects. Second, there would be no membership fee, that all functions would be by voluntary contribution and support. Third, we would after the first year have a yearly election in December to take effect the first general meeting in January. Fourth, we would have a constitution drawn up and that all major decisions would be by majority vote

The consensus being we wanted a non-profit, family oriented prospecting club with a very informal organization in which people from all walks of life could and would be welcome. Therefore – no dues. The feeling being those who could donate and those who could not being equally welcome. The only stipulation being a G.P.A.A. membership in good standing.

It was further decided we would try our very best to teach those members who were lacking in prospecting skills, all that our club members were capable of teaching in this area. That we also would have a Christmas potluck each year, outings whenever feasible and to maintain at all time a true feeling of comradeship to help each other in order to enhance our abilities to prospect in a more professional manner. This then being the agreed upon ideas, suggestions and principles laid down by the members in our first meetings is the principle aspect of our club.

These ideas and principles we have maintained throughout the past years have helped our club grow and gain in the prestige not only for our local chapter but in the G.P.A.A. national organization, the public image and equally important ourselves.

Over the years we have changed, updated, and completely re-done our constitution until we have what we think is a very complete and fair set of rules and regulations. A copy of our constitution is given by G.P.A.A. to new clubs to use as a guide or adapt for their own use. In 1981 we voted to become a non-profit corporation in California. Throughout this history of our club we have had a lot of dedicated members who put in a lot of time and effort into our organization, which had made it one of the most active, largest and best in the G.P.A.A.

In a year, temporarily misplaced, many names were given for a club name. Ray Graeber suggested "Valley Prospectors" which was voted on and approved. Until this time, we had been known as the San Bernardino Valley Chapter of G.P.A.A.

In 1983, upon approval of the membership it was decided to charge all new members an initiation fee and all members yearly dues.

In 1982 we bought our first mining claims, Burrow #1 and Burrow #2 (these were 10 acres each).

Event Calendar

Meetings, Outings & Shows dates and locations- No Wagon Masters available

July 20 Big Bear (Miners Folly)
July 25 Board Meeting 6:00PM General Meeting 7:00PM

August 16-19 Northern CA Claim
August 29 **NO MEETING**

September 14 Randsburg (Old West Day)
September 26 Board Meeting 6:00PM General Meeting 7:00PM

October 25-27 Rendezvous Ord Mt.
October 31 Board Meeting 6:00PM General Meeting 7:00PM

November 21 Board Meeting 6:00PM General Meeting 7:00PM
November 28-Dec 1 Coolgardie (Barstow)

December 7 Annual Christmas Party and General Meeting TBA
Will be at Knights of Columbus from 11am to 2pm