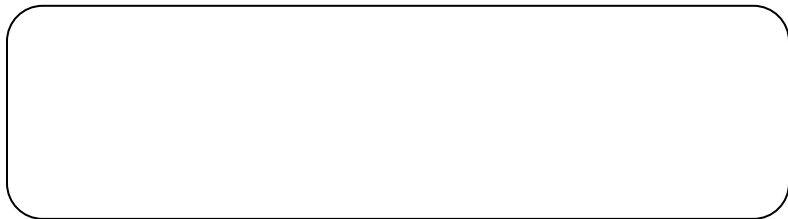


***DRYWASHER'S* GAZETTE**

May 2021

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Next General Meeting: Virtual Zoom meeting on May 27, 2021

Mission and Code of Ethics

Valley Prospectors Inc. is a non-profit educational organization dedicated

“To Promote Gold Prospecting as a healthy family activity.”

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 Street, San Bernardino, Ca. A map is on our website.

The Board of Directors meeting will be at 6 pm 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,

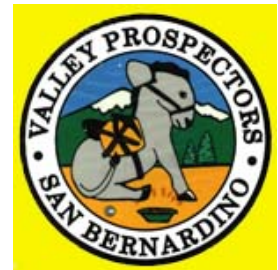
Each member of Valley Prospectors should strive to set a good example for others.

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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 Placer Claim 60 acres
Jackass 1, Placer Claim 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



Prez Says – Lorraine Frost – May 2021

So happy that the Covid-19 vaccine seems to be helping people get back together. I look forward to when we can resume our in-person meetings. I've got another request to the Knights of Columbus on when the hall will be available again. In the meantime, we will continue with our Zoom meetings and start meeting during our outings. Check out the updated Calendar of events in this newsletter. Despite all the craziness in the world, members are still taking advantage of the claims and Valley is trying to sponsor events as best as possible. Thanks to those members who have reached out to me to keep us updated on claim usage. We are planning a Summit Sunday on May 23rd and will meet at McDonald's at 9 am for those who are not familiar with how to get to the claims. The railroad crossing is open again, so that helps a lot. I've also heard that some people have been using large equipment on the claim. Please be mindful that any large equipment on claims is prohibited. Also, members are allowed to take 2 5-gallon buckets of dirt from claims and no more. You can't fill up your pickup truck! Members should not be concerned if they are challenged on the claims. If you find others on the claim who are not current members (carry your membership card with you) then be sure to invite them to become members. Friendly encounters are so much more appealing.

Be sure to check out the latest news from PLP. They are getting close to helping with the reopening of dredging in California. Check out this article: <https://www.publiclandsforthepeople.org/2021/05/>

To quote them, "Public Lands for the People (PLP) is proud to announce that **Suction Dredging will resume in most of California** in a form bypassing most of the CA Fish & Wildlife and CA Water Board's red tape! ..."

Well, let's get on with prospecting – Oh, by the way, want to know if there is interest in forming a kid's group within Valley Prospectors. We could call them "Mini Miners" or "Prospector Pals", just some ideas. I would like to re-energize the club. We have a lot to offer: knowledge, fun, and adventure.

May 27, 2021, General Meeting Zoom Information

Yes, we are going virtual. Below is information to join a Zoom Virtual meeting if you have a computer. If you don't – no problem. You can join the meeting with your telephone – just call 1-669-900-6833, enter the meeting number and passcode and you will hear us all. Let us reconnect in 2021. Use these same links and meeting ID for the May 27th meeting. In June and July, we will be holding meetings during the Miner's Folly outings. Check out the updated Calendar of Events in this newsletter.

Lorraine Frost is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88009541947?pwd=ZXRFWDBqVGFKY1JvYm1GN3d6anZidz09>

OR Call 1-669-900-6833 Enter Meeting ID: **880 0954 1947** Passcode: **770831**

April 29, 2021, General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Lorraine Frost via Zoom at 6:05 pm. We had 16 members join the Zoom meeting. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Lorraine provided the Treasurer's Report. It was also reported that there are 254 active family memberships in Valley. Steve and Lorraine provided an update on the two past club events. The Burro Schmidt Mine Tunnel tour was phenomenal. Ten members took advantage of this adventure to the tunnel. Five members drove to Kingman, Arizona to check out Kingman Arizona Turquoise. Lorraine then shared an opportunity on July 24, 2021, to join Tim MacMaster at the Yuba claims for "Gold Nuggets in the River". She showed a portion of the youtube video on the event from 2020. Randy Lunn has already requested a VP campsite. Hope others will be interested. During the meeting, Lorraine received a call from Jerry Doubek, Knights of Columbus. He indicated that the Hall has been

reopened for Bingo. She will reach out to Lynn to see if Valley will be able to restart their in-person meetings. In the meantime, the club will continue with Zoom meetings and also meetings during future outings. The calendar of events has been updated for a Summit Sunday on May 23rd since the trip to Goldfield and Tonopah, Nevada was postponed. Looking at September 22nd heading to Goldfield and Tonopah. More details coming soon. The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 pm. Submitted by Lorraine Frost

Camping on Valley Prospector Claims

Did you know that you can camp on our claims without paying a fee? This is especially helpful at our Northern Claims. However, we have limited sites available. We have no spots at Moriah, you will need to pay and reserve a campsite at the Rocky Rest Campground to be close to the claim. We have three (3) spots for Pickett III / Gold Venture (Union Flats Campground) and two (2) spots at Pickett II (Wild Plum Campground). Our Club Liaison, Stephen Dowling, usually is at the Union Flats Campground during the open season, so only 2 spots may be available. You can request a Forestry Parking Permit on the club Members Only website:

<https://www.valleyprospectors.org/members-only/northern-claims-permits/>

We are implementing a calendar for these sites so that we do not overbook. Also note, that if all the fee-free sites are taken, you can always purchase a campsite from <https://www.recreation.gov/>. If you have an America the Beautiful Pass, the cost is substantially discounted. We are planning an outing in August at the Pickett III/Gold Venture claims, August 20 – 27, 2021. Hope you can join us.

Union Flat Campground Information

Tahoe National Forest

Near Downieville, California: Union Flat Campground is located on the North Yuba River, near Highway 49. Visitors enjoy a wide variety of recreational activities in the area, including hiking, hunting, fishing, canoeing, and gold panning. **Campground Status** Open for Season availability through Sun, October 31st, 2021.

You're Invited – July 24, 2021!

Our Pickett III claim neighbor, at the Union Flats Campground, has invited club members to an awesome event: “Big Nuggets on the River”. Tim MacMaster will be holding this event on Saturday, July 24, 2021. So far, Randy Lunn plans to attend. Randy had a great time last year and is even featured in a YouTube video from 2020. Check it out and see if this might interest you. Blue Lead Gold Productions

Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HVaPWo7E9Ns&t=763s>

Are you an aspiring writer?

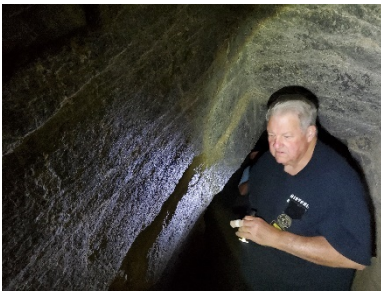
The Gazette is always looking for great articles about mining and prospecting. If you write or know of articles that would interest the members, please send them to valleyprospectors49@gmail.com Our members have inquiring minds and love to hear about the history of gold prospecting and mining.

Have you visited a Valley Prospector Claim lately?

Be sure to submit your claim report. Our claim chair, Bob Dudley, uses this information to file our work assessment documents on an annual basis. You can submit the online form and it will be emailed directly to Bob so that Valley can record the claim work assessment. He will collect these throughout the year. Don't forget to report your Northern Claim visits too.

<https://www.valleyprospectors.org/claims/claim-report/>

Burro Schmidt's Mine Tunnel



A big THANK YOU to Dunk for his spectacular tour of Burro Schmidt's Mine Tunnel. There were 10 brave individuals and one doggie who walked through the belly of the mountain. So happy to see Dunk, Gene, Judy, Lilah, Horst, Jimmy, Larry, Brian, Steve, and Mary. We had a 4 vehicles caravan on the 7 miles of dirt road to the Tunnel. But it took us



over 45 minutes – boy was it rough going. The trip was amazing. Judy was well prepared with extra flashlights – Thank goodness. I had my trusty hard hat. Larry needed it on the way out, he bonked his head on a rafter. Dunk gave us copies of the Tunnel Survey – Check out the valley website for more photos and the survey. <https://www.valleyprospectors.org/photos/> - It is a fascinating history. We walked through the tunnel, ½ mile, and saw a beautiful view of the valley on the other side of the mountain. It took Burro Schmidt over 38 years to hand dig this tunnel. This was a copper mine. We also stopped at Bickle's Camp for a picnic lunch. So much to see and share with you all. Then Dunk took us on a tour – much to our surprise – to visit a guzzler. This is a watering hole for the critters in the desert. They appreciate it much. Then back to the 2 Burros Claim.



Kingman Arizona Turquoise



Another fun trip by Valley was to the Kingman Arizona Turquoise Shop. Jason was our tour guide and he did a fantastic job. I think he liked our interest and questions. He took us from the buckets of raw turquoise through the many processing steps, including stabilizing the turquoise (a family secret). I didn't know how much was involved in getting turquoise ready to be turned into jewelry and such. His Grandfather started working the mine, which is a Copper mine with Turquoise throughout, and it has been in the family since. Terry and Trish came from Escondido. Trish had been creating turquoise cabs from a Nevada mine and was looking for some great tips. Boy, did she get some great ideas from Jason. It was a small group, Steve, Mary, Terry, Trish, and I but the information and knowledge were invaluable. More pictures of the tour up on the website. We saw so many 5 gallon buckets. Quite an investment in buckets. That shop uses every bit of turquoise they extract. Making bricks out of pressed bits of turquoise and other materials. Even their bathroom was an adventure, a full wall of turquoise tiles. I certainly appreciate turquoise so much more. Even bought some beautiful jewelry as a remembrance of the trip. Will

probably go back soon.



Valley Prospectors Calendar of Events 2021 (Updated May 12, 2021)

Jan 21	VP Board Meeting – 6 pm ZOOM
Feb 18	VP Board Meeting – 6 pm ZOOM
Feb 25	VP General Meeting – 6 pm ZOOM
Mar 18	VP Board Meeting – 6 pm ZOOM
Mar 25	VP General Meeting – 6 pm ZOOM
Mar 26-28	Coolgardie Claims (Barstow)
Apr 15	VP Board Meeting – 6 pm Zoom
Apr 23-25	Randsburg Claims (2 Burros) & Burro Schmidt’s Mine Tour on Apr 24th at 10:30 am – rendezvous and carpool from claim
April 28	Kingman Turquoise Tour – Arizona 10 AM – 12 Noon <i>Kingman Turquoise Shop - 3471 W Chea Dr. Golden Valley, AZ 86413</i>
Apr 29	VP General Meeting – 6 pm ZOOM
May 20	CANCELLED - VP Board Meeting – 6 pm ZOOM
May 23	Summit Sunday – meet at McDonalds at 9 am – Drive to Claim
May 27	VP General Meeting – 6 pm ZOOM
Jun 5	– Randsburg Panning Event – need volunteers to help
Jun 17	VP Board Meeting – 6 pm ZOOM
Jun 25-27	Big Bear Claims (Miner’s Folly) – VP Meeting on Jun 26th at Noon and Membership Appreciation Picnic at Big Bear –The Club will provide the meat, potluck for side dishes
Jul 23	Board Meeting in Big Bear – zoom if possible
Jul 23-25	Big Bear Claims (Miner’s Folly) – VP Meeting on Jul 24th at Noon
Aug 20-27	VP Northern Claims – Union Flat Campground – VP Meeting on Aug 21 at Noon (no internet access)
Sep 17-19	Randsburg Claims (2 Burros) – Old West Days? – Sept 18th
Sept 22 - 27	Goldfield, NV & Tonapah, NV – tour of area history and museums
Sept 30	VP General Meeting
Oct 22-24	VP Rendezvous – Ord Mountains, Barstow VP Meeting on Oct 23rd at Noon during Lunch hour
Nov 18	VP General Meeting - TBA
Nov 25-28	Coolgardie – Thanksgiving outing
Dec 4	VP Christmas Party
	11 am – 3 pm
	Location TBA



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