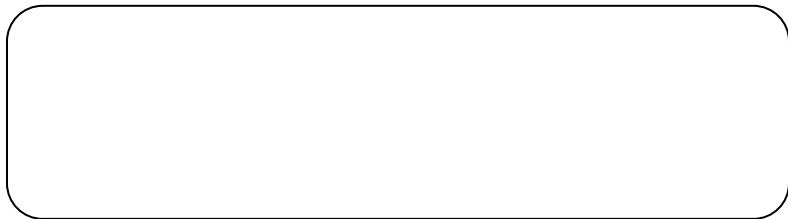


***DRYWASHER'S* GAZETTE**

August 2021

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Next General Meeting: Sept 14, 2021 – 6 pm - Elks Lodge San Bernardino

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 second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Elks Lodge at:

2055 Elks Dr, San Bernardino, Ca. A map is on our website.

The Board of Directors meeting will be at 5 pm before the General At the Elks Lodge. – Join in for Taco Tuesday in their dining room.



“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.

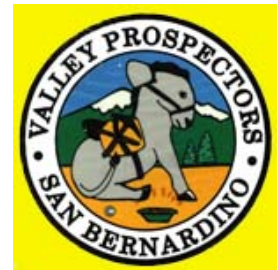
Each member of Valley Prospectors should strive to set a good example for others.

Officers for 2021

Executive Officers			Chairpersons		
President	Lorraine Frost	760-868-6564	Apparel	Trish Dudley	480-490-0975
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John Howell	951-247-1037		Wagon Master	Mike Dunkerley	760-608-3228
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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 – August 2021

Well, I'm finally getting around to putting the newsletter together. I missed publishing a June or July newsletter. I know you want to stay informed. Well, I can just do so much in a day, and boy has my days been busy. I have great news. We found a place to hold our in-person meetings and our first meeting will be on Sept 14th. We had to change location, day, and time and find a better place to meet, but I have great reviews. They also server food at the facility. So – Valley Prospectors – Welcome to the San Bernardino Elks Lodge #836. The Lodge is located on a hill next to Perris Hill Park in San Bernardino. Thanks to Susan Birrell for sending me the info so we can get started again meeting in person. We also had to change our day and time – 2nd Tuesday of each month with Board meetings at 5 pm and the General meeting starting at 6 pm to 8 pm. This will only be the 4th location that Valley Prospectors has met at over their 45-year existence so that is not too bad. We hope you can all join us. If not, I'll be setting up a Zoom session for those who can't. Check out the details below.

I've also had to make some adjustments to the Outings Calendar. Be sure to review the Dates and Events. Valley Prospectors will not be sponsoring a panning booth at the Randsburg Old West Days. We just don't have the volunteers. But you can certainly check out the event in town while you are visiting The 2 Burros Claim on that weekend. I understand they will hold Old West Day on Sept 18-19th. I'd also like to know who else would be interested in going to Tonapah and Goldfield, Nevada. So far there are just 4 of us interested. I've changed the dates to Sept 24-29 to accommodate some of the scheduling needs of these four people. Drop me a note at valleyprospectors49@gmail.com if you are interested.

Now let's talk Rendezvous. We are on track to get this great event rolling. First Class Miners once again will join us and sponsor the Gold Panning Contest (The updated flyer is included in the newsletter). If you are in any other clubs, be sure to invite them. This is a Rendezvous of all Mining, Prospecting, Metal Detecting, and Rock Hounding clubs. The schedule of events keeps growing. Welcome to Inland Empire Prospectors and Miners. They will sponsor an evening metal detecting hunt called Day-Glo Dirt Fishing. It sounds like it will be fun! Also, welcome to Mining Supplies and Rock Shop. They will sponsor a great event – Rock Talk Activity. Check out all the great options at the Rendezvous. If your club would like to join in, drop me an email at valleyprospectors49@gmail.com. We can schedule you for Friday or Sunday. The more events, the more fun! (P.S. Porta-Potties will be available at the dry campsite).

I'm still looking for a site for our Christmas Party. I thought about my local community center, but it might snow. Does anyone else have some ideas? We need a place that will allow us to have a potluck for about 80-100 people. Let me know if you have some ideas (a kitchen would be nice too!)

September 14, 6 pm – 8 pm PST - General Meeting Zoom Information

Although we will start in-person meetings, I want to invite those members who can't attend in person to still join us via Zoom. We will give this a try and see if it works out. 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 Oct and Nov meeting.

Lorraine Frost is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84815997013?pwd=NmgweijpUjB6YVFCS1AxekYzNHRRZz09>

OR Call 1-669-900-6833 Enter Meeting ID: **848 1599 7013** Passcode: **600771**

June and July 2021, General Meeting Minutes

Both the June and July General meetings were held during the Miners Folly outing in Big Bear. Lorraine Frost, the President, called the meetings to begin at noon. She provided those attending with an overview of the treasurer's report and an update on our meeting situation. In July, she was able to report that new locations, day, and time had been established. The club will be moving to the 2nd Tuesday of each month and meet at the Elks Lodge in San Bernardino (on top of the hill next to Perris Hill Park). The board meetings will begin one hour earlier, 5 pm, and the general meeting will begin one hour earlier 6 – 8 pm. The club will need to vacate the facility no later than 8:30 am. Lorraine still plans to offer the meetings via Zoom for those who can't attend. Lorraine also covered the upcoming outings planned for the remainder of the year. Lots to look forward to. Susan Birrell handed out tickets to each attendee and pulled the winning tickets for a variety of goodies. Welcome to all our new members who joined us. All had fun.

June 5th Panning Event at Randsburg

We had a fantastic turnout for the Panning Event at Randsburg. Maria Johnson asked us to demonstrate gold panning to members of the Los Angeles Police Department Family Support Group. These families lost a loved one. Fun was had by all.



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 have implemented 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.

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. A big shout out and thank you to Randy Lunn for his excellent article. This is the type of input that engages our members.

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/>

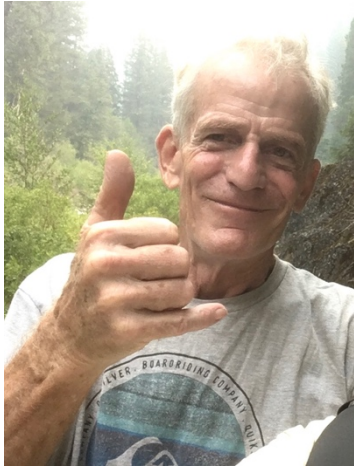
June and July Outings at Miner's Folly

We had two great outings at Miner's Folly. The membership appreciation picnic was in June and we had about 30 people attend. Great showing in July too! Below are some pictures from the outings.



Tim's Annual Outing on the North Yuba 2021

The gold-seekers began arriving several days early for the Saturday, July 24th annual gathering hosted by Tim MacMaster on his Petey's Place claim on the North Yuba next to the Union Flat Campground. Tim has produced over 70 engaging gold videos for his YouTube channel, Blue Lead Gold Productions, and is a leading member of the community. He can be found in the goldfields most days in the summer.



Tim is always ready to give you a friendly "Aloha!"



Tim's claim is just downstream and abuts the Valley Prospectors Pickett III claim making the club's three camping sites ideal to participate in the event. Joining me at the Union Flat campsites were Ray and Elaine Yeoman along with Coreena and Dale Ross who live in Northern California (on right). On Friday night Coreena and Dale treated me to a tasty pork chop dinner that I truly appreciated after a hard day of metal detecting and panning.



Saturday dawned with a slight haze from the summer wildfires, but the excitement was also in the air. Small groups were forming to head across the river. The chatter and jovial banter made it clear the event would be a success even if nobody found gold. Many folks spent half or more of the day socializing. But some serious work was done, and everybody found at least a little gold.

Many YouTube gold luminaries were in attendance including Gary Honan (Two Toes) who found six small nuggets up the hill, Jeff Smith (Smith's Gold) who found one nice nugget, Todd (TopCat – Patriot Gold Productions), and Jake the Prospector. Other notables were Geno from Reno, Danno, and many others.



Gary Honan, aka Two Toes



Randy Lunn and Jeff Smith (Smith's Gold)



Todd, aka TopCat



Ron (Tim's son) and Jake (aka Jake the Prospector)

At 4:00 everybody gathered at Todd's site (Camp America) to relax, share stories, show off their gold and participate in a raffle for three grams of gold donated by Tim. Earlier in the morning, Tim had given everybody an envelope with a playing card inside. On Tim's cue, everyone opened their envelope. One happy prospector won with the Ace of Spades.

It was a great day and many folks said they cannot wait until next year.

Link to Jeff Smith's video of the event: <https://youtu.be/B9buMPhuHyA>



Valley Prospectors of San Bernardino

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Rendezvous 2021

October 22, 23 & 24 2020

Ord Mountain Camping Area

I 15 North – take Highway 247 (Barstow Road), Barstow – turn right and approximately 16- 19 miles down Highway 247 you'll see a brown BLM route marker 6640 on the road. The road is on the Eastside. Take a left if you are coming from Barstow on this dirt road and you will see a large BLM Informational canopy sign posted for the area. Follow this dirt road up a small and easy grade. The camp area is on the left side of the road. It is not hard to see and it's easy to get to. GPS coordinates: N34

degrees 41.008, W116 degrees 57.398

Dry camping (primitive)*

Events on October 23

Jim Straight Memorial Metal Detector Hunt - \$20 registration

by Valley Prospectors - 10 am

Gold Panning Contest - \$5 registration

by First Class Miners - 2 pm

Chili Cook-off – Entry FREE - Saturday Night – 4:00 pm

Potluck starts at 4:30 pm

Rock Talk Activity – \$2 Registration

by Mining Supplies and Rock Shop – 5-6 pm

Day-Glo Dirt Fishing (Detector Night Hunt) - \$10 Registration

by Inland Empire Prospectors and Miners – 8:30 pm

Bingo after Potluck

Free Kid's Events

Friday 2 pm - Fun Begins

Sunday Noon - Time to go Home

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or Mike "Dunk" Dunkerley 760-608-3228

Website: www.valleyprospectors.org

*Sawtooth Campground, ½ mile west of Hwy 247 (if you want an improved campground with toilets and tables)

Valley Prospectors Rendezvous 2021
 October 22-24, 2021
 Ord Mountains Camping Area

Time	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	10/22/21	10/23/21	10/24/21
8:00 AM		Breakfast 8:00 – 9:30 by VP	Breakfast 8:00 – 9:30 by VP
8:30 AM			
9:00 AM			
9:30 AM			
10:00 AM		Jim Straight Metal Detector Hunt	Clean up 10 – 11 am
10:30 AM		10-11:30 am	
11:00 AM		By Valley Prospectors	
11:30 AM		Kids Games – 11:30 – 12:30	
12:00 Noon			Head home - 12 Noon
12:30 PM		Lunch – Provided by L.Frost & Dunk 12:30 – 1:30 pm	
1:00 PM			
1:30 PM			
2:00 PM	Early arrivals	Gold Panning Contest – 2 – 4 pm	
2:30 PM		Sponsored by First Class Miners	
3:00 PM			
3:30 PM			
4:00 PM	Trash Hunt	Chili Cook-Off Judging 4 pm	
4:30 PM		Potluck 4:30	
5:00 PM		Rock Talk Activity 5 pm	
5:30 PM		By Mining Supplies & Rock Shop	
6:00 PM			
6:30 PM		Bingo 6:30 pm – 8 pm	
7:00 PM			
7:30 PM			
8:00 PM			
8:30 PM		Day-Glo Dirt Fishing Night Hunt – 8:30 pm	
9:00 PM		Sponsored by IEPM	
** Lady Luck drawings every hour on Saturday between 9 am and 4 pm All scheduled events are subject to change & cancellation due to lack of volunteers and/or participants.			

Valley Prospectors Calendar of Events 2021 (Updated August 11, 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 McDonald's at 9 am – Drive to Claim
May 27	VP General Meeting – 6 pm ZOOM
Jun 5	– Randsburg Panning Event – need volunteers to help
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)
Sept 14	VP Board (5 pm – 6 pm) and General Meeting (6 pm – 8 pm) New Location, Day, and Time Elks Lodge San Bernardino, 2055 Elks Dr., San Bernardino
Sep 17-19	Randsburg Claims (2 Burros)
Sept 24-29	Goldfield, NV & Tonapah, NV – a tour of area history and museums
Oct 12	VP Board & General Meeting (Board @ 5 pm, General @ 6 pm)
Oct 22-24	VP Rendezvous – Ord Mountains, Barstow VP Meeting on Oct 23rd at Noon during Lunch hour
Nov 9	VP Board & General Meeting (Board @ 5 pm, General @ 6 pm)
Nov 25-28	Coolgardie – Thanksgiving outing
Dec 4	VP Christmas Party
	11 am – 3 pm
	Location TBA