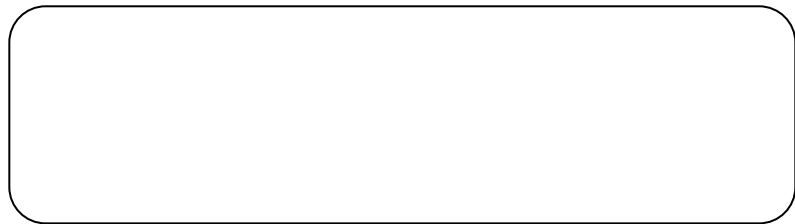


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May 2022

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Next General Meeting: May 3rd, 2022, 6 pm - San Bernardino Elks Lodge

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 first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Elks Lodge at: 2055 Elks Dr, San Bernardino, Ca.

The Board of Directors meeting will be at 5 pm before the General At the Elks Lodge. – Join in for Tasty 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.

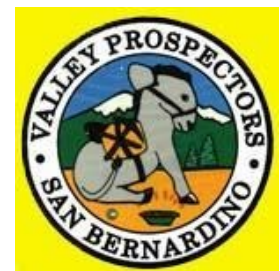
Each member of Valley Prospectors should strive to set a good example for others.

Valley Prospectors Officers and Members-at-Large 2022

Executive Officers		Chairpersons			
President	Garry Devlin	951-768-0880	Apparel	Rosie Duysings	951-237-8051
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Jill Molson	909-887-8024		Historian	Stu Luce	909-560-0474
Mike Muir	909-882-9052		Librarian	Mark Lash	909-792-4473
Albert Naki	909-733-6473		Membership	Andrea Frost	760-868-6564
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Diane Railsback	760-954-1915		Programs	Tommy Purscelley	909-820-1898
Bruce Sherman	951-780-7715		Refreshments	Michelle O'Brien	
Ernie Tovar	909-492-4479		Claims	Bob Dudley	480-225-5013
Alternates			Show & School Rep.	Steve Schubert	951-943-0535
Joe Chavez (1)	909-553-1722		Wagon Master	Varies by Outing	
Mark Lash (3)	909-792-4473				
Coreena Ross (2) (Life member)	530-274-1838				

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



Valley Prospectors Presidents Message

2022 PREZ SAYS Garry Devlin – May 2022

Shall I start off thanking all of our members who renewed their membership. Thank you! There are few out there, I am sure, that had to debate, do I pay the dues or use it for gas to get to work. Sometimes we have to make choices, not necessary the ones we would like to choose. That is why this year we wanted to help those who had to make hard choices in the past. Ten members (10) took advantage of our offer. We are so delighted to have them back. The door was opened up to them and I especially want them to know how excited we are to have you back.

Many thanks go to Steve and Mary and all the members who worked the Ventura show. We have another show coming up in Lancaster May 6.7.8, 2022. We look forward to our members to help with step up again and let Steve know how you can help him out the rest of the weekend.

I want to thank Rosie for taking charge of the clothing sales. She is doing a great job. Be sure to drop by in May to see what she has. Past president Jill had a hard drop on her knee and did a number on it. Gene had knee surgery a few months back. There are a number of other members and family that could use our prayers, or offering to help speed up their recovery. We are family, that is why we are the greatest prospector club in California. Keep Digging.

New Meeting Date - The First Tuesday of the Month-6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Membership Renewals

The March 31st, 2022 deadline for Valley Prospector membership renewals has passed. Members will need to pay a \$100 reinstatement fee plus the annual membership fee of \$40 for a total of \$140. As President Garry Devlin said, you may have had hard choices this year. If there were extenuating circumstances that prevented you from renewing, let us know so we can see what we could do to keep you as part of the Valley Prospector Family.

May 3rd, 2022, 6 pm – 8 pm PST - General Meeting Zoom Information

I want to invite those members who can't attend in person to join us via Zoom. **Please note the new meeting id and passcode.** 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's stay connected in 2022.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81123262617?pwd=cndNd1BOTGJqd2NubFhDd011NDdRUT09>

OR Call 1-669-900-6833 Meeting ID: 811 2326 2617 Passcode: 728291

If you have club outing pictures, articles please e-mail them to valleyprospectors49@gmail.com.

April 5th, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes

Valley Prospectors April Board Meeting minutes 4-5-2022

The board meeting was called to order at 5:34 pm. Board members present were 10, 2 were excused and 3 were absent. There were no minutes from the last board meeting. Membership reported 257 family memberships, of which 8 are lifetime. Ten (10) members took advantage of the special offer to be reinstated, however, 37 members did not renew for 2022. The editor, Coreena, requested all articles for the newsletter be sent to her by April 10th. The program for the April meeting will be a YouTube video on how to stake a claim. Courtesy wanted input on the Christmas party, perhaps it can be catered. Please send Susan your input. Rosie gave an update on apparel. Michelle is not able to attend, so there are no refreshments this evening. Gold sales are doing well. Mary gave an update on the Ventura Show gold sales. Old Business: clarification was given on gold sales at the Ventura show, there was concern the club was losing money on the show. New Business: Lorraine provided a draft schedule for Rendezvous 2022. Two additional clubs are interested in sponsoring an event. She recommended that they may be able to donate toward the cost of the Porta Potties. She will reach out to them for this consideration. Meeting adjourned at 6:01 pm. Minutes submitted by Steve Schubert

April 5th, 2022 General Meeting Minutes

Valley Prospectors April General Meeting Minutes 4-5-2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm. Susan Birrell led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Courtesy reported 2 guests with 34 members in attendance, including those via Zoom. Minutes of the last meeting were printed in the newsletter. Motion to accept by John H. and 2nd by Lorraine F. Motion carried. Steve outlined upcoming events – CFMS show May 6-7-8, 2022, in Lancaster, Ca. at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds.

Membership reported 257 active family memberships including 8 lifetimes. Wagon Master reported on the last outing – Ventura Gem and Mineral Show. The next outings will be 24 April Barstow, CA Meteorite hunt, and April 30 Summit Saturday. A caravan of cars will leave at 9 am from the McDonald's off the Hwy 138 off-ramp. Gold sales: Art reported that we had enough gold for the upcoming shows and can plan on a special raffle of a gold nugget at a future meeting. The editor requested all articles to be submitted by April 10th, the deadline.

The program for the meeting was a YouTube video on how to file a claim, the link will be provided in the next newsletter. Old business – none. New business – Lorraine reviewed the upcoming Rendezvous 2022 outing. Door prize winners – Amy B. (our first Zoom winner), Mary S., and, Kenzie D. Badge winner – Rosie D. Finds of the month – thank you Chad for filling in – Gold- 1st -Joe 2nd- Susan 3rd – Ernie -- Metal detecting- 1st – Ernie- 2nd- Susan 3rd- Chad. 50/50 winner- Lorraine. Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 pm. Minutes submitted by Steve Schubert

Blood Bank News – Lstream.org

Your donations of blood are critically needed, and it is just another way for our club to support our community. Thanks to Gene for his donation and Judy for trying. If you can donate, mention **MVP** as our club code. You will help so many people with your kind donation. <https://www.lstream.org/>

May Birthday Wishes

We would like to extend a Happy Birthday to all of our May birthday revelers. Know that your fellow club members are wishing you a wonderful year ahead.

Have you visited a Valley Prospectors Claim lately?

Be sure to 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/>submit your claim report. Our claim chair, Bob Dudley, uses this information to file our work assessment documents on

Minor Miners Events and Activities

By Susan Birrell

A shout out to Scott Carpenter for donating ski poles to our Minor Miners for our Meteorite outing!
THANK YOU

Hi Minor Miners!

Don't forget to RSVP to the April 24 Meteorite Hunting outing with Valley Prospectors! I will bring the needed magnets for all our MM who attend.

Our May outing on Sat 7 May is still a go at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds, but another date is added also. June 18, we will also have a field trip Rock Scavenger Hunt and Gold Panning in Hesperia. You may attend one or both, But I need a final RSVP.

Remember, if you want your child/grandchild to participate for free they need to be Members of Miner Minors.

Survival Gear on the Claims

President Garry Devlin has a list of suggested essentials that should be kept in a car while going out prospecting on the Valley Prospectors Claims. The items that should be in your vehicle are a blanket, shovel, whistle, flashlight, non-perishable food such as fruit bars, peanut butter and crackers, life savers candy, etc. 3 gallons of drinking water per day, Gatorade. A bucket, feminine pads for large cuts, duct tape, tie wire, first aid kit, jumper cables, tool box, spare tire with air in the tire. A fully charged cell phone and the cell phone charger. A roll of quarters and some one dollar bills for the coin operated machines.

Valley Prospectors Calendar of Events 2022

Revised April 10, 2022

Apr 24	Meteorite Hunting – Coyote Dry Lake in Barstow – Take Exit 189 off I15 N toward Fort Irwin Rd – meet at 9 am just over the Bridge on Fort Irwin Road and Outer Hwy 15N – High clearance vehicle recommended
April 30	Summit Saturday – Meet at McDonald’s - Hwy 138 offramp - Leave promptly at 9 am
May 3	VP General Meeting – San Bernardino Elks Lodge – 6-8 PM
May 6-8	CFMS Gems, Minerals, Fossils & Jewelry Show – Antelope Valley Fairgrounds, Lancaster, CA – Fri-Sat 9-5 – Sun 9-4
May 20-22	2Burros – on Sat, May 21 meet at 9 am at Randsburg Jail for an escort to the claim – Steve Schubert Wagonmaster
Jun 7	VP General Meeting – San Bernardino Elks Lodge – 6-8 PM
Jun 10-12	Big Bear Claims (Miner’s Folly) – Meet at 9 am on Sat, Jun 11, at Miner’s Folly to caravan to Jackass 1 claim – Brian Teeling Wagonmaster
Jul 5	VP General Meeting – Moved to July 16 th outing in Big Bear.
Jul 15-17	Big Bear Claims (Miner’s Folly) – VP Member Appreciation Picnic at 12 noon on Saturday, July 16 – food and games provided
Jul 23-24	GPAA Gold & Treasure Show – Pomona Fairgrounds – Sat 10-5 – Sun 10-4
Aug 2	NO MEETING
Aug 5-14	VP Northern Claims – Union Flat Campground – VP Gathering on Aug 7th at Noon
Sep 6	VP General Meeting – Moved to Sep 11 th outing
Sep 11	Summit Sunday - Meet at McDonald’s - Hwy 138 offramp at 9 am, meeting to be held at Old Camp Cajon area prior to heading to claims. The site is just further down the road from McDonald’s.
Sep 16-18	Randsburg Claims (2Burros) – Old West Days – Sept 17-18 Valley Prospectors may host a Gold Panning Booth - TBD
Oct 4	VP General Meeting – San Bernardino Elks Lodge – 6-8 PM
Oct 21-23	VP Rendezvous – Ord Mountains, Barstow - All local prospecting and metal detecting clubs are welcome
Nov 1	VP General Meeting – San Bernardino Elks Lodge – 6-8 PM
Nov 12	Coolgardie – Meetup TBA
Dec 3	VP Christmas Party - 11 am – 3 pm - TBA

Editor’s Notes

Thank you Loraine for sharing this article from Valley Prospector’s past. I remember the founding members of Valley Prospectors and when I saw this article it made me feel very privileged and honored to know these members. These members hold a very special place in my memories. Their names are Mary Beth and Bob Winzel, Bob and Toni Darling. Don and Bertha Curley, Fred and Mildred DuPerron, Dorothy and Clarence Ross, Jerry and Lorraine Frost, Dick Haskell, Mona and Rupert West., Steve and Mary Schubert. There are names that I have forgotten but the memories remain.

Coreena Ross
coreenaross@gmail.com

A Blast from the Past

Back in the early days of Valley Prospectors, we worked closely with George “Buzzard” Massie of GPAA/LDMA. Chad brought some old magazines to the club meeting in April and one of our members found this old letter in one of the 1981 issues. It was the early days of Valley, and we were quite an active club back in the 1980’s. I got a good chuckle out of it. Article recreated below:

SAN BERNARDINO, CA

Hi Buzzard,

Just a note of thanks for inviting the Valley Prospectors of San Bernardino to Stanton, Arizona. We had a very good show of about 90 members and even converted a few to L.D.M.A. We didn’t haul the gold out in trucks but everyone enjoyed themselves either prospecting or relaxing.

It has been a very good year for our club. We not only bring in an average of 20 new G.P.A.A. members each month, but we also average two L.D.M.A. members. We just had our spring potluck with a show of over 100 people and the food not only was plentiful but also delectable. You’ll also find enclosed our quarterly contribution to the 1872 Mining Law Lobby Fund. With the high percentage of attendance at meetings 150-200, you will be seeing more for the Lobby Fund in June. Don’t forget, if you’re in the area and need help or assistance with anything let us know! We’re already making plans for the next Gold Show in our area.

Thanks a bunch from all of us at

VALLEY PROSPECTORS
Lorraine Gorski
Secretary-Treasurer

**Thanking the military and their families for their service to our country on this
Memorial Day**





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- * *Silent Auctions* * *Raffle Prizes* * *Field Trips* *

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