

DRYWASHER'S GAZETTE

July 2022

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Next General Meeting: July 16, Membership Appreciation Lunch, 12 Noon – Miner's Folly

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.

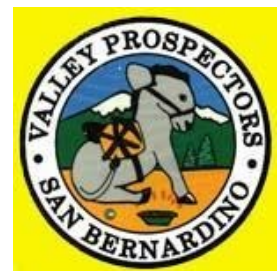
Each member of Valley Prospectors should strive to set a good example for others.

Valley Prospectors Officers and Members-at-Large 2022

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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 – July 2022

Hello Everyone, Happy Fourth of July,

As everyone probably has heard by now that the Rattlesnakes are out and about this year, earlier than normal, and since we like to go under rocks and by plants, we all need to be a little more careful while out at the claims. We want everyone to be safe out finding your gold and be mindful of all the different kinds of holes, rabbit holes snake-like to seek out little desert mice, and so forth.

I'll tell you a story that happened some years ago in the foothills of Redlands, I was tying some re-bar in a four-foot wide, two-foot deep foundation for a retaining wall. I was working backward placing and tying the upright re-bar when out of nowhere, I heard my name being called, I said, "What". They said, "Turn around", and there in the hole was a six-foot-long, three to four-inch snake. We both made eye contact. I don't know who was more scared, the snake or myself. We were about 20 feet apart. He slid into the ditch and it was a seven-foot drop. I was loaded down with a heavy bag around my waist, so it took a bit to crawl out of the two-foot hole. I was alone on the job, so when someone called my name, I boiled it down to my guardian angel or the snake. I just happened to be listening that day. I got out and then wondered how that big huge snake was going to get out of that two-foot ditch, and to my amazement, the snake raised his body straight up leaving six inches of the end of his body on the ground, and bent over onto the upper ground and he was out and slithered into the pallets of blocks. It had no rattle, and I am pretty sure it was a garden snake, but, I wasn't going to take any liberties. Knowing that snakes can spring a long way to give you a kiss. So be really careful, take plenty of water, food, and first aid with you. Always carry a shovel with you. Ham radio, phone, and a companion, never go out alone. You will never know what can happen. One last tidbit, one night I was drywalling our garage, and I stepped on the edge of a four-by-four, fell to the ground, and broke my foot, three little breaks, by my little toe. It was late, and I took a shower and mentioned that I was going to the doctor. You want me to go with you, someone asked, and I said "No, I'll be fine", and they went anyhow. By the time I got out of the car door to go into the hospital, I wasn't walking. It took a wheelchair, and I got back into the car with the cast on, and it was so big, that the gas pedal and the brake pedal were too close. I couldn't drive home, I took the Ford Focus, instead of my truck. Companions. come in handy sometimes. I did learn to drive with my left foot. If I got my right foot cast out of the way.

Don't forget It's Big Bear this month. We appreciate you all. July, August, and September are dark at the Elks then we will be back at the Elks in October and November, then it is December all over again.

Valley Prospectors President Garry Devlin

Meeting Date Changes

There will be no meeting in July, August, or September at the San Bernardino Elks Lodge. Check the Valley Prospectors Calendar of Events page for the meeting dates and times.

The July Meeting will be held at the Big Bear Claim on July 16th, 2022. The August meeting will be held on August 7th, 2022 at the Union Flat Campground. The September meeting will be held at the Summit Sunday outing on September 11th, 2022. We will meet at Camp Cajon, just down from McDonald's at 9 am. After the meeting we will head up to the Summit Claim for some prospecting.

Valley Prospectors Board Meeting Minutes

June 07, 2022

The Board meeting was called to order by President Garry Devlin at 5:35 pm. There were 13 board members present, 3 excused, and 3 absent. The May board minutes were printed in the newsletter, no corrections were given. The minutes were accepted as printed. The treasurer, Lorraine Frost, provided an overview of the finances of the club. The accounting books are available for review if interested. The membership committee reported that there are 265 active family memberships, of which 8 are lifetime. The club has added 20 new family memberships for 2022, 5 within the month of May. Our editor, Coreena, was unable to attend the meeting via Zoom but requested all articles for the next newsletter be emailed to her by June 10th. The May meeting program will be given by Brian Teeling, he will discuss the upcoming Indian Gulch outing. Our courtesy chair requested that we not disrupt the speaker and wait until the break to purchase tickets or vote for findings of the month. We should honor and be respectful to our speakers who are giving their time and information to us all. President Garry Devlin thanked Rosie, Club apparel chair, for doing a wonderful job. Wagon Master, Steve, reported on the Randsburg outing. Burl reported on the CFMS Show, that Valley Prospectors did well both in demonstrating gold panning and displaying gold in display cases. Two new members joined during the CFMS show. Thanks to Susan Birrell for donating blood on behalf of Valley Prospectors, MVP. There was no old business or new business. The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 pm. Submitted by Steve Schubert, Secretary

Valley Prospectors General Meeting Minutes

June 07, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Garry Devlin at 6:10 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was begun by Garry. There were 3 guests tonight. The minutes of the last meeting were printed in the newsletter. A motion to accept was made by John H. and seconded by Joe C. The Treasurer report was given by Lorraine F. She shared that the club was still within budget. The accounting books are always available to view by members, if interested. There were no new upcoming events. We have not heard back from the San Bernardino County Museum on when they have rescheduled their Old West Days. The special Gold Nugget raffle is still available, if not enough tickets are sold tonight, it will be held over for the July meeting at Miner's Folly in Big Bear. The membership report shows that Valley has 265 family memberships with 8-lifetime memberships and 5 new memberships added this past May.

Our last outing was in Randsburg, and we had several people show up at the Jail to caravan into the claim. Our next outing will be at Miner's Folly in Big Bear, where Brian Teeling will lead a group to our Indian Gulch claim. Brian Teeling was the program for the evening. He covered that the group would meet at Miner's Folly and leave there at 9:00 am (or a bit after). He talked about the area and how the trail was rather bumpy. Susan B. thanked him for all his work to improve the trail to the claim. Brian handed out maps to the claim to help those interested in visiting it. A reminder was given to vote for Finds of the Month during the break. Steve reported that we sold over \$880 in gold during the CFMS show. He also stated that there would be no school programs due to the security restrictions because of the recent school shooting. Perhaps next school year would be better. Rosie shared all the club apparel that was for sale and asked about what safety color she should get quotes on; bright yellow was recommended. The meeting took a short break – Upon return from the break, old business was discussed, especially the need for claim posts at the northern claims, in addition, to helping with installation. New business – Lorraine shared the upcoming activities anticipated at the 2022 Rendezvous at Ord Mountain in October. The Minor Miners will be doing some crafts. More information to follow. Door prize winner - Stacey Dixon – Badge winner - Kathern Naki. Finds of the month by Burl LaRue- Gold 1st -Art Duysings 2nd – Joe Dixon 3rd- Ernie Tovar. Metal Detecting 1st Ernie Tovar 2nd Susan Birrell. 50/50 winner Jill Molson. Since our next three meetings will be out at the claims, see the calendar of events, there will be no Finds of the Month program. It will return in October. The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm. Steve Schubert

Blood Bank News – Lstream.org

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: **Susan Birrell**

Lorraine Frost, Blood Bank Chairperson (760) 868-6564 <mailto:LFrost35@gmail.com>

July Birthday Wishes

We would like to extend a Happy Birthday to all of our July 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 submit your visits 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. [Claim Report – Valley Prospectors](#). Our claim chair, Bob Dudley, uses this information to file our work assessment documents.

Minor Miners Events and Activities

Minor Miners had a rock wrapping craft at our Big Bear outing this past Saturday!

Next weekend, 3 of our Minor Miners are attending a cabochon-making class and will have their own cabochon to take home. They will also participate in a Rock, Mineral, and Fossil scavenger hunt at the home of Mining Supplies and Rock Shop owners Cyndy Mandell and Lois Papner. Cyndy and Lois are generously donating their time, expertise, and supplies to our Minor Miners! The Valley Prospector member-sponsors of the kids will also be able to partake in the knowledge of and skills that are being offered to our Minor Miners.

Stacey Dixon won almost all of the door prizes at our last meeting...REALLY! But have no fear, she donated them back to the Minor Miner's program. So we have some gifts for the kids...thanks, Stacey and Joe!

At our meeting, we discussed making Poke Bags AND Snuffer Bottle Holders with our Minor Miners at the Ord Mountain Outing in October. Burl LaRue generously said he would donate the deerskin that we need to get for the kits! A VERY generous donation! He didn't want any kid to go without because of cost!

Any adult who would like to make a leather Poke Bag and/or a leather Snuffle Bottle Holder they are welcome to join in on the fun. Poke bag supplies will cost \$10 per bag and Snuffer Bottle Holders will be \$15. for supplies. We will be making them together in a group. I need to know how many NON-Minor Miners (Adults) would like to buy into this project. Please see me at an outing or meeting so I can plan how many kits I need to make. Thank you, Susan Birrell birresus@yahoo.com

Prospector of the Year/Treasure Hunter of the Year

Bural LaRue is in charge of our Prospector of the Year/Treasure Hunter of the Year Award that is announced at our Christmas Party each year. Many of our new members didn't understand how this was calculated. So, without further ado, here is the answer (I may just throw in more ado just to be contrary!).

When a participant brings and displays their finds of the month at our meetings, be it gold or relics, the membership votes for their favorite. The person with first place gets \$15 worth of gold AND 3 points toward Prospector of the Year or Treasure Hunter of the Year. Second place gets \$10 worth of gold AND 2 points, and Third place gets \$5. worth of gold And 1 point. After the November meeting, Bural will add all the totals for the year. The Prospector and Treasure Hunter of the year are the persons with the most points!

We are dark (No contest) in July, August, and September so when we return to the Elks Club in October bring in your gold and relics! You may just end up being Prospector or Treasure Hunter of the Year!! Good Luck to all our Members!

Valley Prospectors Calendar of Events 2022

Revised June 16, 2022

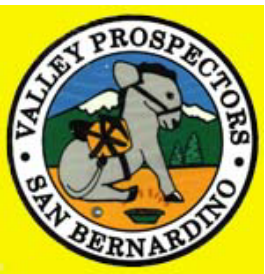
Jul 5	Meeting Moved - VP General Meeting – Moved to July 16 th outing in Big Bear.
Jul 15-17	Big Bear Claims (Miner's Folly) – VP Member Appreciation Picnic at 12 noon on Saturday, July 16 – food and games provided
Jul 23-24	GPAA Gold & Treasure Show – Pomona Fairgrounds – Sat 10-5 – Sun 10-4
Aug 2	NO MEETING – see Aug 7 th gathering
Aug 5-14	VP Northern Claims – Union Flat Campground – VP Gathering on Aug 7th at Noon
Sep 6	Meeting Moved - 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 2022 – 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 – 2 pm – Piñon Hills Community Center, Off Highway 138 - 10433 Mountain Road, Piñon Hills, CA



CFMS Gem and Mineral Show – Antelope Valley Fairgrounds, Lancaster, CA

What a great area for a show - lots of room but the weather was very windy and chilly. We had a good crowd despite it being Mother's Day weekend, all had fun. The Gold Panning booth was right inside the door so we were the first stop for visitors. Thanks to our wonderful helpers: Lorraine, Bural, Diane, Susan, Jill, Ernie, Steve, and Mary. The theme was dinosaurs so we were in good company. Two of our Minor Miners made it for the Scavenger hunt and gold panning, great job Violet and Evan. Lots of people turned out, and kids and adults had a great time gold panning at our booth. We had a lot of interest in our club too. Thank You Antelope Valley Gem and Mineral Club for sponsoring this year's CFMS show. We had a wonderful time and you made us feel so welcome. Submitted by Steve and Mary Schubert





Valley Prospectors of San Bernardino

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Rendezvous 2022

October 21, 22 & 23 2022

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 east side. 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)*

Oct 22, 2022 Events

Jim Straight Memorial Metal Detector Hunt - \$20 registration

by Valley Prospectors – 9:30 am

Five n Dime Hunt w/Tokens - \$20 Registration

by Westcoast Prospectors & Treasure Hunters – 1:00 pm

Rock Talk & Activities –

by VP Minor Miners – 2:00 pm

Gold Panning Contest - \$5 registration

by First Class Miners – 2:30 pm

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

Potluck starts at 4:30 pm

Quarter Mania (Detector Night Hunt) - \$15 Registration

by Valley Prospectors – 7:00 pm

Bingo after Potluck

Free Kid's Events

Friday 10 am - Fun Begins

Contacts: Lorraine Frost 760-868-6564

Website: www.valleyprospectors.org

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



Happy Fourth of July