

# DRYWASHER'S GAZETTE

August 2022

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**NO MEETING IN AUGUST**

## 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.

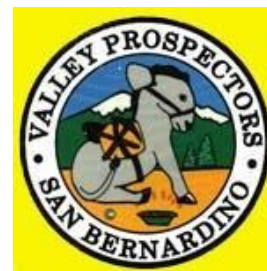
\*Each member of Valley Prospectors should strive to set a good example for others.\*

## 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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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 – August 2022**

**Lights out again at the Elks lodge,** There will be no meetings held there until October 4th.

August for our new members, is the month that we venture up to our claims in Northern California, No one ever dreams that gas prices could rise as much as they have in such a short period of time. Hope to see as many of you there.

July had a very pleasant surprise. Mountaineer Days needed a group to demonstrate Gold panning. and all the wonderful volunteers from our Valley Prospecting group showed up. I thank them all. As for myself, I was recuperating from the 24/7 fireworks booth, and celebrating my Mother's birthday on the 5th of July, she turned 97.

July was full of all kinds of activities, if you did not participate, or go to one of our claims, you got all of this month to explore, dig, and pan.

I would ask that all of us take the time to ask for blessings to be upon all the members of this club, there are some who had operations, deaths in their families, sickness, and just plain hard times. Let us bond together through thoughts and Prayers.

No names are needed, for we all could use blessings.

**REMEMBER, SEPTEMBER, LIGHTS ARE OUT AT THE ELKS AGAIN.**

SEE YOU AT THE SUMMIT. Look for the time and place.

Valley Prospectors President Garry Devlin

## Meeting Date Changes

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

The July Meeting will be held at the Big Bear Claim on July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Just a quick reminder that we will be having our Picnic this Saturday, July 16 at noon. The club is supplying sandwiches and chips and we could use a head count. If you plan on attending, please let Susan know ([birresus@yahoo.com](mailto:birresus@yahoo.com)) or on our Facebook page by Wednesday! Thank you. If we don't hear from you we will assume you are bringing your own food.

The VP gathering will be held on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at the Union Flat Campground. Plan on a potluck at 5 pm at the campground. The September meeting will be held before the Summit Sunday outing on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Meet at McDonalds at 9 am, we will drive down to Camp Cajon, just down the road a bit for a short meeting then off to the Summit.

## Valley Prospectors Board Meeting Minutes

There was no June board meeting so no minutes.

## Valley Prospectors General Meeting Minutes

There was no June general meeting so no minutes.

## August Birthday Wishes

We would like to extend a Happy Birthday to all of our August 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 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/> submit your claim report. Our claim chair, Bob Dudley, uses this information to file our work assessment documents on

## Minor Miner's Scavenger Hunt

By Lorraine Frost

On June 17<sup>th</sup>, Cyndy Mandell and Lois Papner graciously hosted a Minor Miner's event at their house. Three young miners, Ryan, Ethan, and Kenzie joined them in exploring the world of rocks and gems along with their Grandparents. Joe Dixon, Stacey Dixon, Judy Lepper, Art Duysings, Rosie Duysings, Susan Birrell, Diane Railsback, Lorraine Frost, and Gena Faye looked on as they learned many traits about rocks and minerals from Cyndy and Lois. Cyndy described a mineral as being made of one substance. She showed our Minor Miners how to identify a rock. There were several



traits to consider: hardness, color, specific gravity, cleavage, streak, and luster. Cyndy demonstrated how sodalite streaks blue, and howlite (which can be found in the Trona/Ridgecrest area) has a salty taste. With their new knowledge, it was off to their scavenger hunt. All the Minor Miners were given a list of rocks and minerals. They searched throughout the front and backyard to locate them and check them off. Lorraine



shared her Gold Nugget as one of the finds. Next, the Minor Miners learned how to tumble rocks, cut them into slabs, see the various fluorescent rocks in a display, and finally create their Cabochon. Ethan selected a Strawberry Onyx, Kenzie choose the Chrysocolla, and Ryan picked Turquoise. They were all spectacular at the craft and walked away with a fine piece of jewelry.

Thank you again to Cyndy and Lois for sharing their wealth of knowledge and home. Also, Susan and Diane for organizing the event for our Minor Miners. We are so excited to have our young people get involved with Valley Prospectors. Great job by all.

Miner Minors also had fun at the Indian Gulch Claim outing on June 11<sup>th</sup> and learned how to do rock wrapping. We have very talented kids.



## Wrightwood Mountaineer Days

On July 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, Valley Prospectors hosted a Gold Panning Demonstration at the Wrightwood Mountaineer Days. Wrightwood is just off Highway 138 and known for gold mining as well. Old Miner Vincent found gold in the San Gabriel Mountains and claimed the Big Horn Mine. The Wrightwood Chamber of Commerce was excited to have us talk about Gold Prospecting and the public had a great time. We reconnected with old Valley Prospector members and picked up a new member. We hope to see them soon at our upcoming outings.



Thanks to Steve Schubert, Mary Schubert, Lorraine Frost, Andrea Frost, Jerry Spears, Bill Beecher, Joe Chavez, and Ernie Tovar for covering the booth and showing your great skill at panning. A big shout out to Art Fairchild, our Gold Chair, for putting together the gold bags in such a short time. We are ever grateful for his support of these efforts.



We had a great time and look forward to next year.



## 2022 Rendezvous

### Save the Dates Oct 21 – 23, 2022

This year's Rendezvous is all about getting together and having fun. Check out the flyer in this month's newsletter for all the exciting events at the upcoming 2022 Rendezvous. We will once again be camping out at Ord Mountain. We have had tremendous interest from many local prospecting clubs to join in the fun and some are sponsoring events.

Valley Prospectors will once again sponsor the Jim



Straight Memorial Metal Detecting Hunt, entrance fee is \$20. The Grand Prize is a new metal detector. First Class Miner's, our longtime partner at the Rendezvous, will be sponsoring the Gold Panning Contest, still only \$5. Make sure you practice! Those winning times are getting harder to beat.



Some of our local clubs will also allow attendees to work on their claims for this weekend only. However, if you like what you see, you can always join their club. We would like to welcome West Coast Prospectors & Treasure, they will sponsor a Five & Dime Metal Detecting Hunt, the entrance fee is \$20. Also, Hi-Desert Gold Diggers will hold a Scavenger Hunt for young and old. Kids are free and only \$5 for adults. They are offering 1 gram of gold for 1<sup>st</sup> place and 1 oz silver for 2<sup>nd</sup> place. All the kids will be winners. You can pick up the list from 9 am – 9:30 am and return it no later than 4 pm and 4:30 pm. Don't wait though, speed counts too. This year, the Prospectors Club of Southern California will be hosting the Saturday Breakfast and Valley will host the Sunday Breakfast – donations are always accepted. Don't forget about the lunch at noon on Saturday, hot dogs and hamburgers will be available to all, once again donations if you would like. We expect to see members from Inland Empire

Prospectors and Miners along with the Riverside Treasure Hunters Club. Be sure to invite your friends or any other local clubs.

There will be a Rock talk again for the kids, adults like to listen in too. Also, special events for our VP Minor Miners and all kids. Want to make a leather pouch? We have that exciting craft too! We will have lots of free kid events, Bingo (25 cents a game, winner(s) takes the pot), and a Potluck on Saturday. If you are a Chili aficionado, prepare a batch for the Chili Cookoff, with no entry fee. We just like to eat!!

Finally, Opportunity Drawings for the whole crowd. VP will sponsor one and tickets are pulled every hour. You might just be a winner.

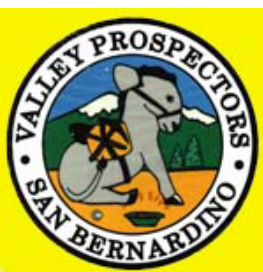
**Member AD: For Sale: Lost Dutchman Membership. \$2,000 + transfer fee OBO. Contact Jerry Spears, [bearwalker1941@yahoo.com](mailto:bearwalker1941@yahoo.com) or 562-631-8798.**

## Valley Prospectors Calendar of Events 2022

Revised July 14, 2022

Aug 2	<b>NO MEETING – see Aug 7<sup>th</sup> gathering</b>
Aug 5-14	<b>VP Northern Claims – Union Flat Campground – VP Gathering on Aug 7th at Noon</b>

Sep 6	<b>Meeting Moved</b> - VP General Meeting – Moved to Sep 11 <sup>th</sup> outing
Sep 11	<b>Summit Sunday</b> - 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	<b>Randsburg Claims (2Burros) – Old West Days – Sept 17</b>
Oct 4	VP General Meeting – San Bernardino Elks Lodge – 6-8 PM
Oct 21-23	<b>VP Rendezvous 2022 – Ord Mountains, Barstow - All local prospecting and metal detecting clubs are welcome</b>
Nov 1	VP General Meeting – San Bernardino Elks Lodge – 6-8 PM
Nov 12	<b>Coolgardie – Meetup TBA</b>
Dec 3	<b>VP Christmas Party - 11 am – 2 pm – Piñon Hills Community Center, Off Highway 138 - 10433 Mountain Road, Piñon Hills, CA</b>



# 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

Oct 22, 2022 Events

Scavenger Hunt – \$5 (Kids free) – 9:00 am

By Hi-Desert Gold Diggers

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

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Valley Prospectors Rendezvous 2022  
October 21-23, 2022

Time	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	10/21/22	10/22/22	10/23/22
8:00 AM		Breakfast 8:00 – 9:30	Breakfast 8:00 – 9:30
8:30 AM		by Prospectors Club of So Calif (PCSC)	By Valley Prospectors
9:00 AM		Scavenger Hunt – Hi-Desert Gold Diggers Pick up List 9:00 – 9:30 am	
9:30 AM		Jim Straight Metal Detector Hunt	
10:00 AM	Early Arrivals	9:30 - 11:00 am	
10:30 AM		By Valley Prospectors	
11:00 AM		Kids Games – 11:00 – 12:00	
11:30 AM			
12:00 Noon		Lunch – Provided Valley Prospectors 12:00 – 1:00 pm	
12:30 PM			
1:00 PM		Five & Dime Hunt – 1-2 pm	
1:30 PM		By West Coast Prospectors & Treasure	
2:00 PM		Rock Talk & Activities– VP Minor Miners – Free -All others - \$3 Leather Poke Bag Craft VP Minor Miners – Free -All Others - \$10	
2:30 PM		Gold Panning Contest – 2:30 pm – 4 pm	
3:00 PM		Sponsored by First Class Miners	
3:30 PM			
4:00 PM	Trash Hunt	Chili Cook-Off Judging 4 pm	
4:30 PM		Potluck 4:30	
5:00 PM			
5:30 PM			
6:00 PM	Leather Snuffer Bottle Craft - \$12	Bingo 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm 25 Cents a game – Winners split the Pot	
6:30 PM			
7:00 PM		Quarter Mania Night Hunt – 7:00 pm	
7:30 PM		Sponsored by Valley Prospectors	
8:00 PM			
<b>** Lady Luck drawings every hour on Saturday between 9 am and 4 pm. All scheduled events are subject to change &amp; cancellation due to a lack of volunteers and/or participants.</b>			