

DRYWASHER'S GAZETTE

October 2022

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Next Meeting – October 4, 2022 at Elk 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 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.

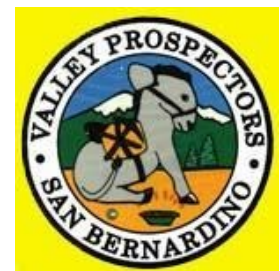


Valley Prospectors Officers and Members-at-Large 2022

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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) VP Summit Placer Claim 60 acres



Valley Prospectors Presidents Message

2022 PREZ SAYS Garry Devlin – October 2022

Halloween is almost here. The ghosts and their stories are here to remind us of the horror that they had to endure. In 1848, the year gold was found, it brought joy and pain to almost 300,000 souls that entered the state of California just in the first seven years. Many were hard-working miners, others were just seeking an easy life by robbing, mugging, and possibly even murder in their eyes. Some of the dead moved on into gold heaven. But, some sought out the ones that killed them by haunting them and leaving stories that will never die. Like the following accounts: The Hotel Jeffery, in Coulterville, Ca; The American River Inn, Georgetown, Ca; and The Marshalls Monument, Coloma, Ca.

Some years back my sister Sherry and I, while attending a Board Meeting for the N.S. G. W., stayed at the Jackson Hotel, in Jackson California, a very well-known Haunted Hotel. Strange things happened to a lady who hopped onto the elevator. Her dress was dragged out into the closing door. There was no hand or breeze that caused this and it happened three times. Her dress was dragged into the door perhaps by a playful ghost or the ghost was trying to pull her up against the door to hurt her. The town had underground tunnels, that were kept secret for years, so the men could go to a local steak house, and leave to use an outhouse, as well as, go to the underground bar. It was prohibition at the time and they could not openly drink. Back to the hauntings, they are not limited to just hotels, highways may also have ghostly travelers. Be careful of hitchhikers, you never know who they may be.

Zoom Meeting Information

Let's try this again – we will have our meeting available via Zoom on Oct 4, 2022. We hope you can join us in person or via Zoom. We know the cost of gas is getting ridiculous and some members live quite a distance, so this is one way to stay connected.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81123262617?pwd=cndNd1BOTGJqd2NubFhDd0l1NDdRUT09>

Meeting ID: 811 2326 2617

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Valley Prospectors Board Meeting Minutes

No September Board Meeting

Valley Prospectors General Meeting Minutes

September 11th General Meeting Minutes at Old Camp Cajon

Steve Schubert, the Secretary, called the meeting to order at 9:06 am at the Old Camp Cajon monument. We had about 18 members attending. Michelle brought coffee and donuts for all. Steve shared his concern about the possible trashing of our VP Summit Claim. The members intend to clean up the claim after the meeting. Michelle shared how we could document any illegal dumpsites

so Valley would not be blamed for someone else's mess. Members were reminded that camping is only allowed for 14 days on any claim, with a 28-day separation between stays. It was also discussed developing better signage for the claims to remind members of these rules. Lorraine provided a treasurer's report and claims report. All claim paperwork has been submitted except for the 2 Burros assessment work to be filed with the BLM. Lorraine is waiting for a copy of the recorded assessment work from Kern County. The deadline to file is Dec 30, 2022. Lorraine also provided a membership report. An update on the Union Flat outing was also given. The meeting was adjourned at 10 am and we all mounted up and headed out to the claims.

P.S. We did find someone squatting on the claim and we notified them that they had to vacate. We were not able to clean up his mess. Steve will follow up with the Sheriff's Office.

GPAA GOLD SHOW – JULY 23-24 POMONA FAIRPLEX



It was so great seeing the people from GPAA and other area clubs after being shut down by the virus. We had a wonderful turnout of workers for the Valley Prospectors booth. We wish to thank: Art, Jerry, Joseph, Ernie, Garry, Sherry, Diane, Susan, John, Todd, Steve, and Mary for making it a great success. It was also nice to see so many other



club members and past members stop by and visit with us. We had a perfect booth area that was easy to spot coming in the front door. We had a great raffle, the nuggets were a great draw. The Saturday nugget was won by Vince V. and Sunday nugget was won by Gary E. They were both very happy with their gold. Thank you workers for making this show a great success. We even got 2 new members from the show.

Steve and Mary Schubert

UNION FLATS – NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CLAIMS



The weather was gorgeous, warm during the day but cool at night for sleeping. The peace and beauty of the area were just wonderful. Just what we all needed. The sound of the river added to it all. Union Flats is a beautiful camping area and gold panning area. We had 19 members and their families come up for the outing: Lorraine, Steve and Mary, Dale and Coreena, Brent, Natalie and family, Dane, Rochelle and family, Jason, Evan and Ali, Paul, Mike, Zach, Michelle and family, Adam and Jordan, Matt, and one guest, Steve.

Everyone found some gold, some more than others. The kids had a great time riding bikes and swimming in the river. The water was chilly but they sure enjoyed it. Michelle had a run-in with what she called the killer



rock as a boulder came loose and almost fell on her but for a reward, a gold nugget appeared so she was very happy. Dale and Coreena fixed a great bonfire every night for us to enjoy. Thank you, Dale, for all the wood chopping too. Lorraine, Steve, and Mary tried fishing at Gold Lake and in the river, but the fish apparently didn't like what we offered. So had frozen fish one night. It was a beautiful 10 days up there. Hope to see more of you next year. Had a lot of lookers watching us gold pan and panning it down. See photos in the newsletter. Thank you to all that



came up and we all had a wonderful time together.
Steve and Mary Schubert



October Birthday Wishes

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

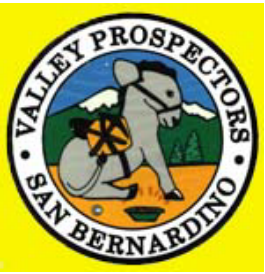
Blood Bank Report

Thank you to Gene and Judy Lepper for their August Blood Donation. It is greatly appreciated and helps the community immensely. [LifeStream Blood Bank \(lstream.org\)](http://lstream.org) Our code is MVP.

Valley Prospectors Calendar of Events 2022

Revised September 15, 2022

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



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

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

Valley Prospectors Rendezvous 2022

October 21-23, 2022

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. HDGD is one of them, so go see them for directions. First Class Miners has also been very generous in opening their claims for the weekend only.

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	

**** Lady Luck drawings every hour on Saturday between 9 am and 4 pm.
All scheduled events are subject to change & cancellation due to a lack of volunteers and/or participants.**