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Humor in the Club

- Half the people you know are below average.
- Getting lost in thought may put you in unfamiliar territory.
- Hard work pays off in the future. Laziness pays off now.
- Honk if you love peace and quiet.
- How much deeper would the ocean be without sponges?
- Light travels faster than sound. That's why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

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Last Thursday of Each Month
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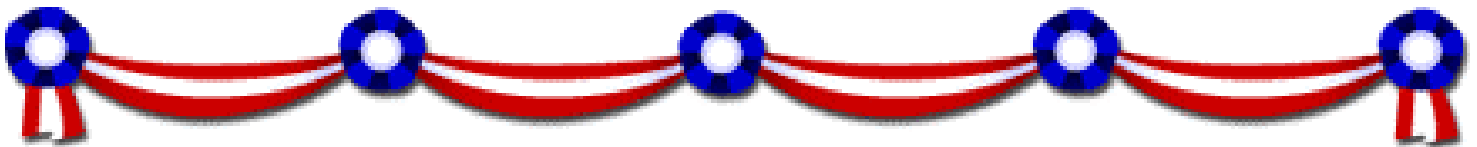
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- If at first you don't succeed, destroy all the evidence.
- If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.
- If you think nobody cares, try missing a couple of payments.
- Inside every older person is a younger person wondering what happened.

Summer is the time to stay cool at our Holcomb Valley Claims, 100* + in the Valley, but it's cool in the mountains. The days can get a little warm, sometimes 90* but always cools off in the evening, can even get into the 40s. Holcomb Valley is a great place to try some Drywashing in the shade of the pine trees, if you get tired of digging there is also plenty to see. Our Miner's Folly Claim is the best for camping on and within a few miles of our other claims that don't have places for camping. Most motorhomes and trailers will have no problem accessing this claim and plenty of areas to put up a tent. There are no facilities, if you bring it in, carry it out. If you have a tent, bring a porta-potty, nobody likes to hike around and see toilet paper flying around.

The Gold on this claim is generally fine, with occasional pickers. Come up and see what it's all about, these outings are usually well attended and if you're a newer member it's a good place to see the equipment in action and get acquainted.

See you in the mountains, Kent Bryant



Farewell services for Alice Cory and Jim Bergener will be at Minor's Folly on Saturday, June 17th. Check in with the Wagon Master to participate. This is the weekend for the June outing also scheduled at Minor's Folly.

We are saddened to hear that Clyde Poe passed away May 31st following a major stroke. Dan remembers Clyde as a very kind and good man. Our condolences are extended to his wife Pat.



Announcements:

1. The Membership Appreciation Social will be October 1, 2006 at Gilman Ranch in Banning.
2. The committee is chaired by Mary Mary. The 1st planning meeting will be held at Pat and Bural La Rue's house at 1381 Sycamore in Rialto, 3 pm sharp on Saturday 24th of June. All questions regarding this event should be directed to Mary Mary at 951-369-8658.
3. This month VP was at 2 events supporting the not-for-profit concept. The first was at the North Orange County Rock and Mineral Club event held at the La Habra Community center where VP sponsored an educational Gold Panning and Training Demo of Desert Gold Mining. Pat and Bural, Louann and Cornel supported, and Steve and Mary ran the show. Lots of kids and a few adults got a chance to pan and take home some gold. One boy was back from last year to add to his stash. He knew exactly what he wanted and this year stepped right up and announced he was back. I noticed while Steve was busy he took home a copy of a membership application laying on the table. In a few years I hope to see him at one of our claims. . .maybe with his dad. The second event VP supported was at Sacred

Heart Elementary School in Redlands. VP sponsored a 4th grade class who learned a little about California Gold History and also had an opportunity to pan for gold at one of the 3 stations set up for the class. Laura, Cornel, Bural, Mary, and Steve helped the kids sharpen their skills at panning. Each child took home some gold. If you haven't attended a gold panning class for 4th graders, you haven't lived! The kids at Sacred Heart were interested, polite, well organized, and couldn't be better! To the staff at Sacred Heart. . .my hat goes off to you. Thank you for doing an obviously great job!



Editors Corner

Seven more email Gazette subscriptions were ordered this last month. If you haven't taken the time to see what the new WEB Page looks like go to www.valleyprospectors.com Copies of back issues are available at the site. Our new WEB Page continues to evolve. Thank you Gary very much for all the hard work. 300 people per week visit our new web site.

We are always looking for articles to be published in the Gazette. Several are constantly being written and edited to fit our format. If you have material that you think will add to the Gazette, send it to me via email attachment, mail it to our VP address, or hand it to me at the general meeting. Pictures are nice.

Many members have their own special recipes they are hiding in their kitchen floor safe. Some of you keep the ingredients locked up in your brain. This is an opportunity to demonstrate that you can still remember the floor combination and perhaps even bring to the surface memories of past treasures you have created for the world to taste. Mary Mary has asked for something very difficult to accomplish. Once you open the vault, she wants you to share what you treasure the most in life! That is to say more than anything besides your spouse. . .your personal. . .your private. . .your family's finest recipes. Mary Mary wants to know all the secrets you have been keeping from all our taste buds. She only wants the very best. You know what she wants. . .a **PUBLISHED VALLEY PROSPECTOR'S COOKBOOK**. So if you think you have what it takes, cough up those delectable dishes you've been treasuring behind locked doors and maybe. . .just maybe. . .this too shall come to pass. For those who share their finest hour, I smell gold bags in the wind for more drawing excitement.



During the reign of King Nebuchadnezzar, an ounce of gold bought 350 loaves of bread. Today, an ounce of gold still buys about 350 loaves! When Gold was discovered in the United States thousands of ounces were taken from the hills of North Carolina over a sixty-year period. The price was around \$20 per ounce. Even during the California gold rush gold remained around \$20 per ounce. Almost 100 years later in 1934 gold was frozen at \$35 per ounce during the Roosevelt administration following the Great Depression. In 1968 the gold standard and price controls were lifted. People were allowed to keep gold and the price was based, for the most part, on the free market system. By 1980, following double-digit inflation and double digit interest during the Carter administration, Gold

Gold

By **Cornel Gleason**

rose to an historical high of \$870 per ounce. Slowly, as the world's greatest economy stabilized and inflation and interest dropped to single digits gold dropped as well. Within 20 years, in 2000, gold flattened at \$272 per ounce. Slowly, in the last several years gold rose in price. By the end of 2005 gold was at \$350 per ounce. In the last 5 months gold has doubled in price to over \$700 per ounce. During the last 2 weeks gold fell to \$630. This is probably a market adjustment that will be short lived. Gold will most probably rise in price and continue to rise in price. Why? In this editor's opinion there are several reasons.

First, at the end of the year 2005 board meeting at TIAA CREF, the largest financial mutual funded investment stock institution on Earth, decided to withdraw financial investments in gold mining worldwide. That pulled the plug on much gold mining investment. With this shortage, gold will be more expensive to mine. Second, China, that holds many Euros and USDs, is cashing in this paper for gold purchases. Rutgers's says they will convert 3% of their GNP to gold. That converts to the world's annual gold production to one customer and again will result in a shortage of supply. The concern is not that China is stockpiling gold. . . but why? Third, generally speaking, the deeper the gold mine the more gold a mine will produce. Unfortunately, the deeper you go, the more it costs and between water flooding, toxic gas buildup, and heat, deep mines become a very expensive investment. Frequently, for these reasons, these mines were and are abandoned. In the US, Canada, South America, and South Africa gold production remains at an all time high to keep up with demand. But, the costs continue to climb. Fourth, in these times, world economies are stressed because of socio-economic greed that will most likely continue in the future. It is very difficult to abate greed. Greed usually ends following major disasters or catastrophe. One example is the love affair Americans have with low mileage large vehicles. These vehicles are attached to a gas pump that is connected to oil producing Arab nation that charges \$75 per barrel for crude. A charge that is continuing skyward. The only way this gluttony will end is with disaster. As oil prices increase, countries will do anything they can to keep their status. Including us. Too many of our leaders, both corporate and government, are too closely connected to very high oil profits. This marriage has overpowered good judgment and political direction that is in the best interest of our country. Our citizens, and the world are at risk. The only way to adjust the greed seems to be with disaster.

The best explanation I can come up with to describe rapid gold pricing is severe shortage, which there isn't. . .tremendous demand, which there isn't. . .rapid inflation of production cost, which there isn't. . .and greed, which there is, but not enough to drive the world price sky-high. So what is happening? Well maybe for the first time in history a little of all 4 with the addition of fear in the market place. Can you say that you may have a little fear of gasoline prices climbing to \$6 per gallon? Maybe a little fear that the terrorist are not going away as easily as we may have thought? Be honest with yourself, on 9-10 were you all that concerned about your national vulnerabilities? On 9-11 when you saw the first tower burning were you in denial? Did you really think that America was really under attack? When you saw the jet slam into the second tower wasn't there something inside you that knew the truth? By the time the third jet slammed into the Pentagon if you weren't convinced that we were under attack you're brain dead. And now, years later, after all that the World has done to improve national security, isn't there just a little part of us all that is concerned. . .maybe fearful of a repeat. Canada was this last week. Finally, gold prices are sometimes reflective of what the value of a dollar is rather than what the value of what gold is. At this time in history there is uncertainty. The gradual increases in all areas are what is pushing the cost of gold sky-high and in my opinion there are no easy fixes or simple solutions.

To make your life better, keep your faith. Improve your mining skills. Do not waste your resources. Do not worry too much about things you have no control over. Eat properly and get your rest. Don't get angry, mad, and frustrated. Control your body and improve your mind. If you must do something that you are not accustomed to doing, say hello to your neighbor. Shake someone's hand that you never saw before and don't forget to smile. If you don't know the answer, act stupid. No one will accuse you of something you said if you keep your mouth shut. And pay your taxes. If your greedy and want to horde gold go ahead. . .man has to have at least one vice.

For thousands of years, gold has been prized for its rarity, its beauty, and above all, for its unique characteristics as a store of value. Nations may rise and fall, currencies come and go, but gold endures. Also gold's value lies in its scarcity. This makes it one of the most sought-after metals on Earth. Historically, and even more so today, gold serves as a family treasure or a wealth transfer vehicle that is passed on from generation to generation. How much gold has been mined? Up to the end of 2002, it is estimated that about 147,000 tons of gold has been mined. Almost 60% of this has been mined since 1950. Known resources of the current mines are estimated to about 38,000 tons. The amount of new gold mined each year totals about 2500 tons – an amount that could be fitted comfortably into the living room of a small modern house!



Valley Prospectors General meeting 25 May2006

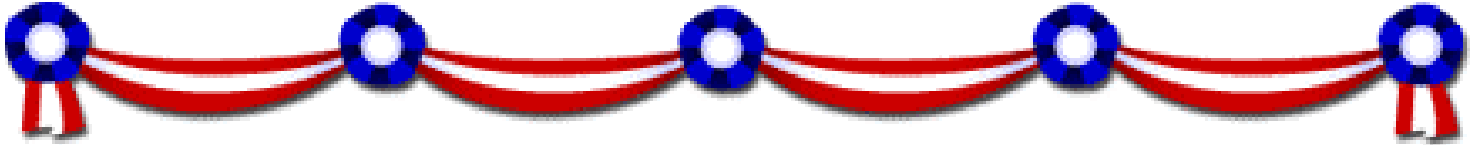
Called to order 7:10pm. Pledge by Steve. Welcome new members and guests. Minutes of the last meeting waived 1st Dan 2nd Pam passed. Treasurers report: Pat. Kent read upcoming events we need a chairman for the Harvest fair. 50/50 Bill and lady luck Neva: next month gold bags. Membership Bural: 7 new members and 22 renewals with postcard reminder. Wagon master: Kent we need a wagon master for the June outing. Finds of the month: Terry read the rules for finds of the month. Gold sales: Steve gold is used for club functions and for club members only. Library excused. Editor: Cornel we have a web site please sign up for E-mail newsletter. Blood bank: Mary Dave Miliken donated raffle prize. We have 10 donation so far this year. If you donate say MVP member Valley prospectors. Club Apparel: Travis we have hats, patches and vests. Program: John dredging and dredge safety by Dee and Terry Stapp. Dee and Terry put on an excellent program with information and humor. Break 8:10 to 8:25. Refreshments: Dee bring your favorite thing Volunteers Charlene, Roger, Mary, Steve, and Vicki. New business: Walter Evans now owner of Mining and More was old Lifestyles store will be closed Sunday and Monday. Stapp mining on E Street also closed on Sunday and Monday. Sacret Heart school wants Valley to put on a gold demonstration. Steve to check on it. 2 new members tonight Bruce Wise and Bill Valentine. 50/50 Roger. Best treasure: Bill Gunderson. Closed meeting 1st Dan 2nd Pam at 8:40p

Valley Prospectors Board Meeting June 1 2006

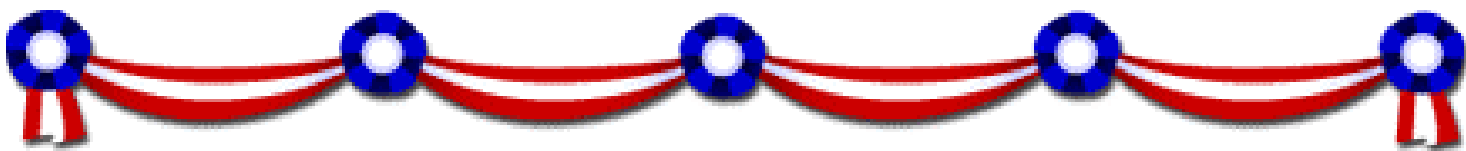
Called to order at 7pm Kent Bryant presiding. Roll call 16 present 2 excused 1 absent. Motion to accept meeting minutes 1st John 2nd Bural accepted. Treasurer report: Pat. Membership: Bural 1 new member 3 renewals. Editor report: Cornel grew 7 E-mails for the newsletter. We have our own url. Our world wide web represents 30 years of Valley service> Cornel says thanks. Claims: John renew claims maintenance fees. Still working on plan of operation on northern claims should be done by July. You must sign in at the Camptonville ranger station. Mariah starts at the foot bridge and goes up river. Below the foot bridge is not our claim. We will not have a liaison until the plan of operation is approved. John is working on Big Bear problems administrative passes are issued for one year. Travis asked about Hungry Man claims. You can still hike in from the west end. Terry Stapp to meet with Soper-Wheeler, construction to start on the bridge by Aug. 1st. Program: John ?. Courtesy: Jack no report. Wagon master: Steve 25 sign ins 26 people at the potluck cold and windy Saturday bingo and coin hunt cancelled good mining and gold. Thanks to Mary Mary, Phil and the Van Hollands for their help. Dan to be Wagon master for the Big Bear outing June 17th and 18th. Jack to assist. Gold sales: Dan updated the flyers Thanks. Club apparel: Travis wants to put club apparel on internet and add more items. Mary can we sign up for jackets we have people interested. Discussion on jackets and club logos. Travis to check on jackets. Blood bank: Mary please donate blood. Lady luck: gold for June. Old business: Mary Mary membership

appreciation Oct. 1st at Gilman ranch in Banning. Have 25 volunteers for games, steaks, beans and corn. Cost \$2.00 start at 10am. New business: Dan wagon master to bring signs to the general meeting. Steve gem shows. Dan stuff in storage, motion to sell old tables to club members Mary Mary 2nd discussion motion passed. Discussion on badges on claims. You must have your club card. New members get one badge replacements are \$5.00. Debbie gate bars do not match the new badges. John to check on new loops. Motion to adjourn John 1st Dan 2nd 8:20pm.

Steven E. Schubert Secretary



The Mojave Nugget is the largest California gold nugget that remains in tact. Found in 1977 with a metal detector, it is 14 cm tall and weights 156 troy ounces. The picture to the left is actual size. The nugget is in the Natural History Museum in Los Angeles.



BLOOD BANK NEWS

By chairperson – Mary Schubert

Keep in mind that the blood you donate as a VP member qualifies the club for blood bank benefits if a club member needs a transfusion. The blood bank works closely with VP to insure that all donations are recorded as VP members donate. This is the sort of thing that most people never think about until faced with real need. Then it gets expensive and quick. This is a great insurance policy and totally voluntary and without any monthly premiums. . . what a deal! For those who have donated this year VP extends a hardy THANKS!

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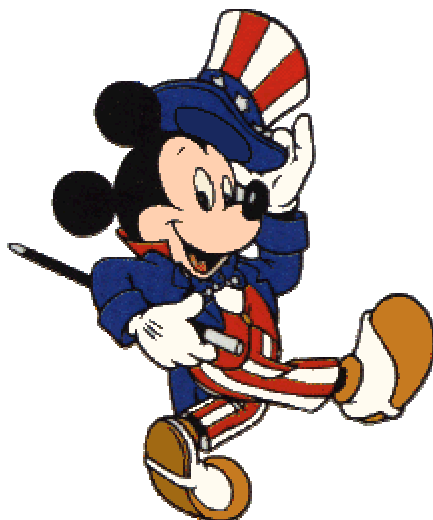
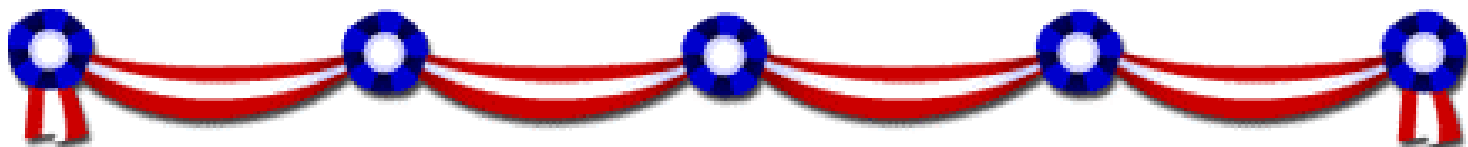
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DON'T FORGET TO MENTION YOUR MVP!



Program for July

The program will be a different type this month. Steve Schubert will be conducting panning demonstrations/instructions before the meeting and during the program session, while Kent and I will be bring a variety of prospecting equipment for a show & tell, question & answer period. There will be two types of small drywashers, sluice box, metal detectors, and a small dredge at least.

Important Message to all Members!

Claims

Update on Yuba River claims: First, the new plan of operations still has not received final approval, although I believe it will by the first of the July. I have a couple of volunteers to serve as liaison officer, but can't appoint one until the OOP is approved. Once that happens, the liaison will have the camping permits required, **but** until then you will have to get the permits from the Forest Service ranger station in Camptonville.

Even if they issue them for a longer period, you are still restricted by Valley Prospectors' rules. Failure to follow them will result in discipline hearings and actions under our constitution and bylaws.

Terry Stapp and a couple of other members have check the claims and camping areas for me and report the camping site at the Moriah and Pickett II (Haypress Creek/ Wild Plum) are fine. Two of the four spaces at Union Flat are ok but the lower two were partly washed out. They are still probably useable by smaller rigs but are lower and not really level.

Lastly – there was, last year, and has been, already this year, some confusion and problems **about the location of the Moriah**, and members have been getting on the “Mary Jane” claim. The written directions say the Moriah is just upstream from the Indian Valley campground. If you look at the map, you will see that it starts nearly a half mile upstream. Although it doesn't show on the map, there is another campground, the Rocky Rest, which is almost directly across from the west (downstream) end of the claim, and there is a foot bridge across the Yuba River. That foot bridge is the downstream end of the Moriah. I am in the process of updating the map & directions.

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