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**Next General Meeting Thursday January 31st 7:00 PM****Web Address: valleyprospectors.net****Mission and Code of Ethics****"You're invited to be our guest"**

General membership meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Knights of Columbus Hall at 1729 E. Baseline, San Bernardino, CA. Map on our website. The Board of Directors meet on the first Thursday each month at 7:00 PM, Big Apple Restaurant, corner of Arrow & Locust in Fontana.

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(last Thursday of the month)

Knights of Columbus Hall
1729 E Baseline Rd,
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Monthly Outing:
January 27th, Summit Sunday

Cajon Pass Summit claim
San Bernardino Valley Prospectors
P.O. Box 2923
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The President's Message

2008 is going to be a great year. I wish to thank all of the members who elected me to this office. We will ALL be working together to make Valley Prospectors Inc. a bigger better organization, adding new members and having lots of activities and fun in the process. Things to look forward to: nugget shooting outings, beach hunts (cool and rainy months), October Rendezvous at Rancho Jurupa Park Riverside, plus whatever else WE can conger up to have a good time. My goal for the year is to get more of our members involved in club activities and prospecting.

Valley Prospectors Inc. needs a GOLD CHAIRPERSON. It is his/her job to purchase, weigh, bag and be responsible for all the organization's gold. We use GOLD for our lady luck drawings, school programs and panning exhibitions. We also sell it to the general public.

I need a volunteer and be our wagon-master. Great opportunity if you enjoy camping and meeting new people. It's an easy job just sign in the members, and provides assistance and instruction to any new comers on prospecting. The wagon master need not attend every outing; your job will be to find someone to officiate in your absence.

Roger Maguire our Vice President is our new program director. Please contact Roger about any programs you wish to have or know of anyone who could give one. In January Kent Bryant and Bural LaRue will be giving us a program on electronic prospecting/ nugget shooting and coin hunting. Please invite any of your friends who are interested on learning how to nugget-shoot and coin hunt. I'd like to see more members using their metal detectors, especially during the first 4 months of the year, as it is normally too wet to prospect but dry enough to metal detect. If enough people are interested, perhaps we can have a beach hunt or two.

Our claims committee will be looking for new claims to acquire. Contact John Howell for times and places.

I'm going to have a suggestion box on the table, please tell me what you'd like to see this year, any programs and speakers who could come and give us a presentation on anything related to prospecting, people to contact etc., plus any grievances you may have. You don't have to sign your name, but I need your input. This is your club and I'm committed to serving you to the best of my ability.

I'd like to encourage members to use your e-mail to access the newsletter. 41 cents doesn't seem like much but it does add up plus printing isn't free. There are many members who have e-mail addresses that aren't using our internet web site. All you have to do is type in valleyprospectors.net. When the web site comes on click on Dry washer's Gazette. I try to have the newsletter out by the 15th of each month.

Thanx - Dan Cornia - President

January Outing

Sunday January 27th Summit claim in Cajon Pass. Everyone will meet at McDonalds off the 215 FRW at 8:00 to 8:30 AM. We will get some hot coffee then caravan to the claim. John Howell will lead the way. If it is wet, bring your metal detector or a high banker and water. You can also do it the way the ole' timers did and pan for it. This is a dry claim and full of gold. Bring plenty of "warm" water, and a very warm coat & gloves. It will probably be as cold as a Witches T### ! Unless it's snowing we plan to be there.

See ya' there prospectin' pardner's, AU Digger Dan

L.A. a bystander in California's first boom
By Steve Wiegand Sacramento Bee Jan 18, 1999

With all due respect, James Marshall didn't Start California's first gold rush. Francisco Lopez did, while looking for wild onions. And it wasn't at Colima. It was at San Francisco Canon, about eight miles from present-day Newhall in Southern California.

Of course, it wasn't much of a gold rush. And in the 1840s and 1850s, Southern California wasn't much of a place. While the northern half of the state sizzled with activity, the southern half slumbered. In 1854, for example, the population of the "city" of Los Angeles was about 4,000. The city of Downeyville in the Sierra was home to 6,000.

Or, as novelist/historian Irving Stone put it. "Northern California" was a lean, hard-bitten mountain man...male, rugged, disciplined, carrying the seed of a new generation. Southern California was a lush, red-lipped sensual female...sunning herself on a patio surrounded by bougainvillea.

The biggest reason for the disparity, at risks of overstating the obvious, was gold. Northern California had it, Southern California didn't—at least not much of it.

It's true the first gold strike of note in the state came in March 1842. The aforementioned Lopez and a companion were digging for wild onions when Lopez noticed what appeared to be gold particles clinging to the roots. By May, more than a hundred miners descended on the site, and by the end of 1843, more than \$50,000 in gold had been taken from the area. But it was hard digging, and the area lacked water. By 1846, the site had been abandoned.

A lack of gold wasn't the only reason Southern California lagged behind. Lack of water was a widespread problem. Unlike San Francisco, which enjoyed a splendid harbor at its doorstep. Los Angeles' harbor was 16 miles away from the town. And handful of powerful rancho owners controlled so much land that there was no place for settlers to settle.

The ranch owners made handsome livings selling cattle to miners in the north. But the money did not trickle down. In 1850, wrote historian Kevin Starr, "the (L.A.) county had 8,329 inhabitants, half of which were Indians and most of whom were illiterate. There were no schools, or libraries—and no newspapers".

The city had neither foundry nor forge and had to send to San Francisco for well-drilling equipment. It took longer for mail to get from San Francisco to Los Angeles than it did from San Francisco to New York.

And while businesses boomed and busted in the north, Los Angeles' biggest financial venture occurred when local residents wagered a total of \$50,000 on a local horse in a race—and lost to an Australian entry.

It was, however, a lively place for those who liked it rough. In fact, Los Angeles was fully as mean and tough a cow town as Dodge City, Tombstone or the other mythic hell-for-leather towns of the West. In 1850, for example, the city averaged a murder a day.

One appalled Eastern visitor, observing a man being pulled from the jail and lynched, asked why the mayor didn't step in and stop it. Because, he was told, the mayor was leading the lynch mob.

Further south, San Diego enjoyed a splendid natural harbor, but was cut off by fierce deserts to the east, Mexico to the south and a lack of local initiative.

By 1888, the population of Los Angeles topped 100,000. Downeyville would never be its rival again.

Timeline of John Sutter

Published Jan 18, 1998 Sacramento Bee

1803: Johann Augustus Sutter is born in Kandern, Duchy of Baden, Switzerland.

1826: Marries Annette Dubeld: Johann A. Sutter, Jr. is born.

1834: Arrives in America.

1839: Leaves Missouri for Fort Vancouver in Oregon: once there, Sutter decides to go to California. This desire begins an odyssey that takes Sutter to the Sandwich Islands (Hawaii) for five months: then to Russian Alaska and finally Yerba Buena (San Francisco) after entry papers are obtained in Monterey.

1840: Sutter sets out in August to explore the Sacramento River, settling on the banks of the American River. Sutter applies for Mexican citizenship and a land grant.

1841: Sutter's land grant of 11 leagues (47,827 acres) for New Helvetia (New Switzerland) is granted. Construction of the main house begins and then expanded to include two bastions and a walled-in courtyard. Sutter purchases Fort Ross and its contents from the Russians and moves them to his fort.

1843: The fort nears completion, but is never fully completed.

1844: Sutter is appointed to the rank of captain in the California militia and is awarded 22 leagues (96,800-acre Sobrante grant) of land.

1846: Sutter supports Americans fighting for independence in California, but control and command of the fort are taken from him.

1847: Sutter finances and supplies five rescue attempts of the Donner party. The party is given refuge at the fort after rescuers lead survivors out of the mountains.

March: Sutter regains control of his fort.

August: Sutter forms a partnership to build a sawmill on land leased in Colima.

1848: Gold is discovered by the sawmill and John Jr. arrives from Switzerland to help his father with failing finances.

1849: Sutter sells the fort for \$7,000 and retires to his estate south of Marysville.

1850: Sutter's wife and remaining children join him. Sutter's property throughout the Sacramento Valley is overrun by squatters.

1865: The Sutter's move to Washington, D.C., to petition Congress for compensation of property damage and loss due to lack of protection by the U.S. government when it acquired California.

1880: Congress adjourns without voting on legislation to compensate Sutter \$50,000 for his loss. Sutter dies of heart failure two days later.



John A. Sutter
The Gold Rush dashed his dream of an agriculture-based empire.

BLOOD BANK NEWS --“ MVP “ JANUARY 2008

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL. MAY YOUR NEXT YEAR BE ONE FILLED WITH HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND GOLD. FOR YOUR NEW YEARS RESOLUTION PUT DONATING BLOOD TO THE LIST. REMEMBER YOU GIVE THE BEST GIFT OF ALL – THE GIFT OF LIFE FOR SOMEONE. WE WENT OUT WITH A BANG LAST YEAR, WE HAD 29 DONATIONS FOR 2007. MAYBE WE CAN MAKE IT 30 THIS YEAR OR MORE.

DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY ALL PEOPLE MAKING A DONATION WILL BE ENTERED INTO A DRAWING BY SOUTHWEST AIRLINES FOR A PAIR OF ROUND TRIP TICKETS TO THE SOUTHWEST DESINATION OF THEIR CHOICE. YOU COULD DONATE BLOOD AND HELP SOMEONE AND MAYBE WIN A TRIP. THANK YOU FOR SAVING LIVES.

Thank You! Mary Schubert (blood bank chairperson)

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING**January 5th, 2008**

Dan Cornia called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m

Board Members Present: Gary Jercha, Jennefer Jercha, Larry Kennedy, Bural LaRue, Mary Schubert, Phil Thomas, Mary Mary Valdez, Bart Van Holland, Debbie Van Holland, Don Baranauskus, Bill Gunderson**Absent:** Travis Templeton**Excused:** Kent Bryant**Corrections to Minutes of last meeting:** None. Motion to accept**Treasurer's report:** Pat LaRue

Went through budget for 2008

Motion to accept 1st John Howell, 2nd Ed Reihl. Motion passed**Membership:** Debbie Van Holland, None**Program:** Roger Maguire, nugget shooting program up-coming.**Claims Report:** John HowellSaturday Jan 12th meet at Red Cloud exit to check potential claims. Coolgardie road numbers have changed.**Editor:** Dan Cornia, Dan needs articles of one page for the newsletter on gold mining.**Courtesy:** Pam Maguire, Member Grady's wife not doing well.**Gold Sales:** Steve Schubert, Steve will still have gold for 2008.**Club Apparel:** Larry Kennedy.**CFMS:** Bural LaRue, Bural is president of federation. Ventura shows 27, 28 and 29th of June. Bural is the show chairman and Don Baranauskus is the Valley chair for the panning booth.**Blood Bank:** Mary Schubert, 29 donations for 2007.**Wagon master:** Dan, we need a wagon master for each outing.**Old Business:** Jennefer Jercha asked for gate bar information. Bill Gunderson will help. Don Baranauskus wants Valley to keep gold sales regardless of cost. Dan, we need a gold sales chairman to continue gold sales. We will ask at general meeting.**New Business:** Roger Maguire gave info on Quartzsite Pow-Wow. Bural gave history of Quartzite gem and mineral show. Liaison officer Jim Carson asked questions on guests of members on northern claims. John Howell will publish rules on northern claims in the newsletter.**Motion to Adjourn:** 4:10 p.m. 1st Debbie Van Holland, 2nd Ed Reihl**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING****November 29th, 2007**

Kent Bryant called the meeting to order 7:15 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Steve Schubert**Courtesy:** Mary Mary Valdez, Ed Calin thanks everyone for their concern. Valley member's morn the passing of lifetime member Jack Gibson. Most will remember him for the fancy belt buckles, bolo ties and beautiful jewelry donated to Valley for prizes. Many members still have these beautiful items; Jack always had a smile for everyone and loved to talk about his love of rock hounding. We will miss him.**Minutes of last meeting:** Published in last Dry Washer Gazette. Motion to pass approved. 1st Dan. 2nd Pam**Treasurer's Report:** Pat LaRue**Gold Sales:** Steve Schubert, gold is \$813.00 an ounce, sold 2 \$10 bags**Coming Events:** Iris festival is May 2008**Claims Report:** John Howell

Claim paperwork up to date. Need volunteers as liaisons for Northern California claims.

Membership Report: Pat LaRue 2 new members.**Wagon master:** Debbie Van Holland, 20 members 7 guests and 2 new members at Thanksgiving outing.**Editor:** Dan needs articles by the 10th of the month. Please limit articles to one full page.**CFMS:** Bural La Rue is new CFMS President. He talked about the up coming CFMS show and Valley should have a case and display for the show.**Blood Bank:** Mary Schubert, we have gone well over our quota for donations. Dave Milliken and Bural LaRue donated prizes for the blood donors.**Refreshments:** Kent we need a volunteer for refreshments**Old Business:** We need a volunteer for the blood bank. Larry Kennedy volunteered to do club apparel. Bill Gunderson and Don Baranauskas volunteered to be board alternates. Debbie Van Holland for membership.**New Business:** No meeting in December. Christmas party Dec 9th.**Guests:** None**50/50:** Bill Gunderson**Lady Luck:** Neva Golsch**Finds of the Month:** No finds, Jack Hunt in hospital.**Drawings:**

Courtesy-

Badge drawing-

Finds of the Month-

Motion to Adjourn: 8:20 p.m. 1st Debbie, 2nd by John Howell

Minutes prepared by Steven Schubert

COOLGARDIE update

The dirt is damp all the way down. The last storm dumped a lot of water; it was coming down in sheets. On the plus side we should have a bumper crop of wild flowers this year. The few of you that made it out for the Thanksgiving outing can recall having to zig - zag around a lot of big surface rocks. Well that's not the case for a while. I have done my annual clean-up of the road and have pitched thousands of rocks off the road bed. It took 5 trips to clean off the rocks this year. I would leave the diggings about an hour before sundown and start pitching rocks for 40 to 50 yards, then move my truck forward and start all over again. I have done this annually the past 4 years since I moved to Barstow. The road is now in the best condition it has ever been in. BLM changed the road to # 7256. I started prospecting in Coolgardie 18 years ago.

Sir Robert L. Davalos aka Barstow Bob

OUTINGS FOR 2008January 27thCajon Pass Summit Sunday

February 29, March 1, 2....Coolgardie (Barstow)

March 28, 29, 30..... Coolgardie (Barstow)

April 25, 26, 27..... Coolgardie (Barstow)
 May 23,24, 25..... Coolgardie (Barstow)
 June 20, 21, 22...Miner's Folly/Jackass (Big Bear)
 June 27, 28, 29.....CFMS Show Ventura
 July 25, 26, 27.....Miner's Folly (Big Bear)
 AugustNO MEETINGS OR OUTINGS
 September 26, 27, 28..... Coolgardie (Barstow)
 October 24, 25, 26....Rendezvous Rancho Jurupa
 November 20, 21, 22..... Coolgardie (Barstow)
 December 7th..Christmas party..No Gen Meeting

CLAIMS 2008

Now that we are getting to start into a new year, the claims committee will again be looking for some new claims. I would particularly like to get a claim or two in the Old Dale District, or in the Randsburg/El Paso Mountains areas. Ideal claims are ones that we could get (that have good gold) for the staking fees.

Also, now that we have approved plans of operation (and there are three separate plans), we are looking for volunteers to serve as the liaison officers for the Yuba River claims for the coming summer. They would have to be in place from June 1st thru Labor Day, and will have some serious responsibilities. Please contact Kent Bryant or me John Howell if you would like to serve.

Rules for the Yuba River claims will be published as a reminder in either the January or February Gazette.

Attention: the roads at Coolgardie have been re-numbered by the BLM, so don't rely on the numbers in the claim maps. Both sides of Coolgardie Roads have been fenced where it joins Copper City Road.

John Howell: Claims Committee Chairman

VALLEY PROSPECTORS WEB SITE

Have you visited our web site lately? If you haven't your in for a treat. I'd like you to open the California Gold Rush portal and click on ALL of the links. It will keep you busy for hours. There is a wealth of information. Gary Schistler our web-master has done a fine job in finding these interesting and informative sites. Take some time and do some exploring.

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Would you be willing to participate, or to serve as a club officer, committee chairperson, or volunteer in any other functions Valley Prospectors, Inc. maybe affiliated with? _____		
INITIATION FEES AND DUES The initiation fee shall be \$100.00 total (may be paid in monthly installments*) The annual dues shall be \$35.00		
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Valley Prospectors, Inc. has claims in Holcomb Valley, Cajon Pass, Coolgardie, Randsburg and Downieville. The majority of our claims are dry. We try to have an outing to one of our claims each month, weather permitting. We observe all BLM rules and regulations.		

Valley Prospectors, Inc. Membership Application 01/2008

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