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Next General Meeting Thursday February 28th 7:00 PM

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February General Meeting is the 28th @ 7:00 PM
(last Thursday of the month)

Monthly Outing:
February 29th, March 1 & 2nd

Knights of Columbus Hall
1729 E Baseline Rd,
San Bernardino, CA (enter in rear of building)

Coolgardie (Barstow)
San Bernardino Valley Prospectors
P.O. Box 2923
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The President's Message

We had a very good attendance for our first meeting of the year. I'm happy to see new members getting involved with the club. Ed Riehl volunteered to do the library. We had two new members and seven guests.

Valley Prospectors Inc. needs a GOLD CHAIRPERSON. Without a chairperson we will be out of the gold business by the end of this year. It is his/her job to purchase, weigh, bag and be responsible for all the organization's gold. This job requires meticulous accounting and record keeping. We use GOLD for our lady luck drawings, school programs and panning exhibitions. We also sell it to the general public.

We still 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 is our Vice President and our program director. Please contact Roger about any programs you wish to have or know of anyone who could give one. The February program will be given by Jim Straight and Walter Evans. Jim is a graduate of Mackey School of Mines and an author of many books on prospecting. His articles have been published in CIMJ and various gold and treasure magazines. Walter Evans is the owner of Mining and More in Hesperia. Together they will speak on what to look for to find more gold. It will be a very good program, be sure to invite your friends.

Mary Mary Valdes is collecting pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House in Loma Linda. Please bring all your pull tabs for Mary Mary.

Thanx - Dan Cornia - President

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

February 7th, 2008

Dan Cornia called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Board Members Present: Gary Jercha, Jennefer Jercha, Larry Kennedy, Bural LaRue, Mary Schubert, Bart Van Holland, Debbie Van Holland, Don Baranauskus, Bill Gunderson, Travis Templeton, Kent Bryant

Absent: none

Excused: Phil Thomas, Mary Mary Valdez & John Howell

Corrections to Minutes of last meeting: None. Motion to accept, 1st Debbie Van Holland, 2nd Bill Gunderson

Treasurer's report: Pat LaRue

Membership: Debbie Van Holland, 2 new members. Membership is halfway there. Need to add additional badge information to membership application. Need names for name badges for 2007.

Program: Roger Maguire, February program by Jim Straight and Walt Evans on finding gold in the field. Idea for detector practice hunts on Saturdays.

Claims Report: John Howell

Saturday Jan 12th meet at Red Cloud exit to check potential claims. Coolgardie road numbers have changed.

Editor: Dan Cornia, Dan needs articles on prospecting by the 10th of the month.

Club Apparel: Larry Kennedy, good sales and have inventory from Travis. Larry brought up ideas for more items and increase current inventory.

CFMS: Bural LaRue, 27, 28 & 29th June show in Ventura. Don B is the Show Chairman for Valley Prospectors panning booth. He needs volunteers to help.

Courtesy: Pam Maguire, now news everybody well

Blood Bank: Mary Schubert, 6 donations for Jan. Travis get double points for 7 total.

Gold Sales: Steve Schubert, we still have gold for 2 shows.

Finds of the Month: Kent Bryant, Kent has ideas for prizes based on points during the year.

Wagon Master: Steve Schubert volunteered to the wagon master for the Feb outing at Coolgardie (Barstow)

Old Business: none

New Business: Steve S will check on patented claim in Nevada.

Motion to Adjourn: 7:40 PM. 1st Debbie Van Holland, 2nd Pam Maguire

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

January 31st, 2008 Dan Cornia called the meeting to order 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: George Baca

Courtesy: Pam Maguire, we have 2 new members and 7 guests

Minutes of last meeting: Published in last Dry Washer Gazette. Motion to pass approved. 1st Roger Maguire. 2nd Larry Kennedy

Treasurer's Report: Steve Schubert read report for Pat. Steve explained the budget for 2008. Don Baranauskus made a motion for club to fund gate bars for 2007 and 2008. Discussion. Cost estimate \$400.00. Motion passed. Motion by Steve to accept budget, passed by membership.

Gold Sales: Steve Schubert, no more gold sales, Steve retired. We have enough gold for 2 shows. Don Baranauskus stated that we should have gold for our members and buy gold from our members. Steve explained the requirements to be the gold sales chair. Without a chair person, there can be no gold sales.

50/50: Bill Gunderson, explained raffle to new members

Refreshments: Ed & Rene Reihl, muffins for tonight.

Membership Report: Debbie VanHolland, working on renewals, 35 as of January.

Wagon master: Dan Cornia, summit outing cancelled. Next outing Coolgardie Feb 29th, March 2nd & 3rd

Claims Report: Dan Cornia reported on the Chocolate Mountains field trip. Don B showed stuff he found metal detecting.

Editor: Dan Cornia, send articles about gold mining and relating to mining, one page please by the 10th of the month.

Blood Bank: Mary Schubert, last year 29 donations, this year how about 30? Special thanks to Dave Millekin and Bural LaRue for prize donations,

CFMS: Bural La Rue, no news to report

Finds of the Month: Kent Bryant, explained finds of the month. Lucky Cunningham was the winner for 2007.

Library: Ed Reihl, will be the new library chairman.

Program: Kent Bryant gave a talk and demonstration on nugget shooting and detector operation.

Refreshments for next month: valentine theme, Steve S, Mary, Don B., and Ed R. will bring refreshments

Old Business: Debbie VanHolland has badges as part of membership.

New Business: No new business

Guests: 5

Lady Luck: Neva Golsch, gold bags and other items tonight

Drawings:
 Courtesy- Calvin & Bural
 Badge drawing- Jennefer Jercha

Finds of the Month- traditional gold 1st Roger Maguire, 2nd Don Baranauskus. Treasure 1st Lucky Cunningham, 2nd Don B.

Motion to Adjourn: 8:30 PM, 1st Pete, 2nd by Grant

Minutes prepared by Steven E. Schubert, Secretary

Crystalline Gold: Finding The Mother Lode

By Jim Bremner

Can a person earn an income prospecting for gold? This is an age-old question and one I find difficult to answer. The answer is of course, "yes," however, there is one important question you must first ask yourself.

"What standard of living are you trying to achieve?" If you enjoy living in a tent and hunting for your food, then it becomes much easier for you to sustain your lifestyle with the money you could earn by prospecting for gold. If you want to own a nice home, drive a new car and have some of the finer things in life, than making a living gold prospecting becomes more difficult. It is for these and other reasons that I advise most people to choose recreational prospecting and to keep their day job.

I really enjoy gold prospecting as a hobby and, like many others, often wonder if I will ever find the mother lode. I do know one thing for sure -- I will not find it watching TV or sitting around the house. Gold prospecting is not easy and requires research, time, and quite a bit of effort. You will either love it or hate it, but you will never know until you try.

Let me tell you about a man I met about 10 years ago, who came to San Diego to get a grub stake so he could go back and work his mine in the Western part of the United States. His name, for the lack of a better one, shall be Mr. X. -- you will understand why as the story proceeds.

Mr. X got his first real taste of life in Vietnam. When he returned home, he held several jobs but none really kept his interest. Somehow, he got into gold prospecting; he liked it because it gave him time to think and to be alone in the mountains.

Mr. X started his prospecting career by researching information about the old mining district in his area. The one location that interested him most was one in a very remote region. There were no roads left, as civilization had passed that part of the world by.

It took Mr. X some time to locate this desolate mining area. After extensive exploring he finally found the old mining claim. He did find traces of gold, but it looked like the area had been closed for good reason.



A texture of Gold on the quartz.

After a few days of sampling he came upon a small stream with a waterfall. Like any good prospector, he took his shovel and dug deep then placed the dirt in his pan. The result was over an ounce of gold.

Most prospectors would have cleaned out that stream and been very happy. What happened next is what makes Mr. X different from most of us. Like the wise old prospectors, he wanted to know where that gold came from. About a half mile up the stream he located what he felt was the source of the gold -- a large [quartz](#) outcropping.

Mr. X knew that the only way to know for sure if the

outcropping was the source of the gold was to blast it. He had to go back to town in order to get the necessary equipment, a good three-day trip with mules. I wonder how many of us would have bothered to extend that much effort. Mr. X returned several weeks later and carefully drilled several holes into the outcropping. He dropped dynamite into the holes and then blew the large quartz outcropping open. One of the large rocks was cracked in half, revealing a high gloss material like mica often seen mixed with quartz.

Lets go back in time to understand what Mr. X was looking at. Some 4 million years ago, gold was pushed up through the earth's crust to this and many other locations. However, at this particular spot, thermo steam at over 4000 degrees F. also came up, forcing crystallized gold into the quartz rock. When Mr. X blew the quartz apart, he came upon one of nature's rarest forms of gold -- crystalline gold. To a collector, it's worth \$1000 dollars or more an ounce.

This takes us back to the day I met Mr. X. He was in San Diego to sell some of the gold he discovered to obtain enough money to buy a helicopter in order to bring in the proper equipment and extract the balance of the gold. So far he had only removed 4 to 5 pounds. Mr. X would only allow us to tell this story if he remained unidentified.

Below are some photos of Mr. X's gold. These are now the property of a local collector. We never heard back from Mr. X, so we don't know the final outcome of his good fortune. We don't even know if the story is true. All we have is a photo of Mr. X's gold samples and new hope that we too will find our mother lode.



BLOOD BANK NEWS -“ MVP “ FEBRUARY 2008

REMEMBER YOU GIVE THE BEST GIFT OF ALL – THE GIFT OF LIFE FOR SOMEONE. WE HAD 7 DONATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY. THANK YOU TO EILEEN DUCKETT, LAURA GARDUNO, CARL (LEE) HOFFMAN, PENELOPE HOLSTAD, PAM MAGUIRE, AND TRAVIS TEMPLETON (2). WE HAVE HAD A GREAT START AND ONLY YOU HAVE GAVE SOMEONE A SPECIAL VALENTINE GIFT ANOTHER DAY TO CELEBRATE. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATE.

Thank You! Mary Schubert (blood bank chairperson)

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OUTINGS FOR 2008

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

January 12th the claims committee met at Red Cloud Rd near Desert Center to investigate the Chocolate Mountains and the feasibility of staking a claim. Nine members participated in the trip. We exited Red Cloud Rd and headed South to the area in question. There was extensive evidence of hard rock exploration. Don Baranauskus and Dan Cornia found traces of gold, while Bart Van Holland and Gary Jercha found a picker in another location. The highlight of the day came when Larry Kennedy got his truck stuck in a dry wash and Gary Jercha had to wench him out with his jeep. This area looks promising and I'm sure we will be investigating it further. The fauna there is much different from our other desert prospects with Ocotillo and Saguaro cactus. From Redlands it took 1 ½ hours to reach the Red Cloud turn off.

Attention: All the roads at Coolgardie have been re-numbered by the BLM , so don't rely on the numbers in the claim maps. The South side of Coolgardie Road has been fenced where it joins Copper City Road Just past the Dip sign
Look for a break in the fence # 7212, and follow it to the claim.

John Howell: Claims Committee Chairman

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Contents:

- (1) Valley Prospectors, Inc., Claim Rules and Regulations
- (2) Special Rules for Northern California (Yuba River Claims)
- (3) Claim Maps to all claims
Burro 1 & 2 Placer Claims 10 acres ea
Coolgardie Placer Claims 40 acres ea
Gold Venture & Pickett 3 Placer Claims 20 acres ea
Hungryman 1, 2, 3, 4 and Chunker Placer Claims 120 acres ea
Indian Gulch 1 & 2 and Indian Flat Pacer Claim 20 acres ea
Jackass 1, 2, & 3 Placer Claims 160 acres ea
Miner's Folly Placer Claim 60 acres
Moriah Placer Claim 15 acres
Pickett 2 Placer Claim 20 acres ea
(Cajon Pass) Summit Placer Claim 51 acres

Plan of Operations (Yuba River Claims) You will need a copy of the appendix with the Plan of Operations

Appendix You will also need a printout of both A and B for each claim

Moriah Claim A **Moriah Claim B**
Union Flat Claim A **Union Flat Claim B**
Wild Plumb A **Wild Plumb B**

Tips for Off Road driving

Sooner or later, your vehicle is likely to get stuck or experience mechanical failure. If you pack the basic tools and supplies, you should be able to get under way again. Here's what to do if you stall, get stuck, or break down.

If you stall

If your vehicle is about to stall on steep incline or decline, **DO NOT** depress the clutch! This could cause the vehicle to "free wheel" and you could loose control very quickly. Instead, first turn off the ignition and apply the food brake very hard. Then apply the parking brake. After selecting a suitable route back down the hill, slowly depress the

clutch, put it in reverse, let the clutch out, and simultaneously release the parking brake and the foot brake slowly. Then start the engine. With an automatic transmission, never shift the gear lever to Park, as this may lock the transmission and you may not be able to release it without the aid of a winch.

If you get stuck

If you get stuck on a rock, stump or log, survey the situation first to determine the best way to free the vehicle without damaging it.

If you're stuck on an object that can be moved, jack up the vehicle and clear away the obstacle. If you're stuck on an object that can't be moved, jack up the vehicle and fill under the tires so that you can drive over the obstacle.

Try letting some of the air out of your tires (to about 10psi) -- just remember to air them up again as soon as you can. (Remember that lowering tire pressure also reduces the vehicle's overall height and therefore the vehicle's ground clearance.) Lock the differential locks (if fitted), and use as high a gear as possible. After shoveling away the mud, dirt, sand or snow that is blocking your tires, clear a path in the direction you'll be traveling, so the tires can get enough traction. Carpet strips, wood, floor mats, brush, rocks, clothing or sleeping bags can be placed as traction aids under the tires in the direction of travel.

If you still can't get out, jack up the vehicle and fill the area under the tires with sand, rocks, logs, brush, packed snow or any combination of these. If the jack sinks into the ground, use piece of wood as a base. (Never crawl under a vehicle that is supported by a jack!)

Snow chains are not only a benefit in snow and ice, but can work wonders in mud as well. Typically, you'll fit them on the rear wheels, especially if you're climbing up a hill or towing. Sometimes it may be necessary to fit them to the front or to all four wheels.

The best way to get unstuck is with a winch. A winch takes the hard work out of vehicle recovery. It also allows a lone vehicle a means of freeing itself. Another vehicle can be used as an anchor, but natural anchors, such as trees, stumps and rocks, are the handiest. When no natural anchors are available, a spare tire, log or any other similar object that can be partially buried can form an anchor. It may be wise to use several items and group them as a single anchor. Never winch with fewer than five turns of cable around the winch drum. With fewer turns, the cable may break loose from the drum under heavy load.

If you can't drive out safely

It's important that you stay with your vehicle, and find a way to make yourself visible to others.

Keep calm -- don't panic and don't waste time and effort wondering "what if?" ("If only I hadn't done that!").

Spend your time constructively. Think through all your options. Take stock of your supplies and situation.

If help doesn't come in a reasonable amount of time, and you choose to hike out, avoid walking during the hottest times of the day. Walking in the morning and evening is best.

If you must leave your vehicle, leave a note telling the direction of your travel, your destination, and the date and time you left.

Seek shelter from the elements, but try to make yourself visible (with smoke or a signal fire, or a brightly colored tarp).

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