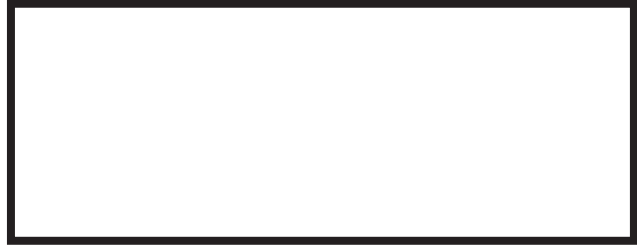


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**NEXT BOARD MEETING 6PM BEFORE THE BENERAL MEETING ON 1-26-12**

**Next General Meeting Thursday January 26th at 7 PM**

**Web Address: [valleyprospectors.net](http://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 meeting will be at 6pm before the General Meeting at the Knights of Columbus Hall in San Bernardino.**

**Valley Prospectors Inc. is an educational organization dedicated To promote Gold Prospecting as a healthy family activity.**

**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 the laws. Please do not litter. Each member of Valley Prospectors Inc. should strive to set a good Example for others.**



## Officers for 2011

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### For Members Only

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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 Placer 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 (updated 07/09/2011)** You will also need a printout of both A and B for each claim

**Moriah Claim A Moriah Claim B (updated 07/09/2011)**

**Union Flat Claim A Union Flat Claim B (updated 07/09/2011)**

**Wild Plumb A Wild Plumb Claim B (updated 07/09/2011)**

## Calendar Of Events for 2012

January	21 & 22 26 29 & 30	<b>GPAA Gold Show in Pomona at the Fairplex Board &amp; General Meeting Randsburg Outing-Metal Detecting-Nugget Shooting</b>
February	10 23 <b>24, 25 &amp; 26</b>	<b>Moreno Valley School Board &amp; General Meeting Coolgardie Outing</b>
March	23, 24 & 25 29	<b>Randsburg Outing Board &amp; General Meeting</b>
April	20, 21 & 22 26	<b>Las Vegas Show or Coolgardie Outing Board &amp; General Meeting</b>
May	19 25, 26 & 27 <b>31</b>	<b>Club Appreciation Picnic in Yucaipa Coolgardie Outing Board &amp; General Meeting</b>
June	24 28	<b>Summit Sunday Board &amp; General Meeting</b>
July	13, 14 & 15 26 27, 28 & 29	<b>Gem &amp; Mineral Show Board &amp; General Meeting Big Bear Outing</b>
August	24, 25 & 26 <b>30</b>	<b>Big Bear Outing Board &amp; General Meeting</b>
September	8 & 9 27	<b>Randsburg Outing Board &amp; General Meeting</b>
October	19, 20 & 21 25	<b>Rendezvous Board &amp; General Meeting</b>
November	22, 23, 24, & 25 <b>29</b>	<b>Coolgardie Outing Board &amp; General Meeting</b>
December	9	<b>Christmas Party at the American Legion in Riverside</b>

## FULL MOONS

January 8	August 1
February 7	August 31
March 8	September 29
April 6	October 29
May 5	November 28
June 4	December 28
July 3	

## Quartzsite Calendar of Events for 2012

January 01 - February 28, 2012 **Desert Gardens -Gem & Mineral**

January 06 - January 15, 2012 **Tyson Wells Rock & Gem Show**

January 07 - January 22, 2012 **Main Event**

January 20 - January 29, 2012 **Tyson Wells Sell-A-Rama**

January 21 - January 29, 2012 **Sports, Vacation & RV Show**

February 1 -February 5. 2012 **Hobby Craft & Gem Show**

February 3 - February 12, 2012 **Tyson Wells Arts & Craft Fair**

February 4 - February 5, 2012 **Rock & Roll Car Show**

February TBA **Blue Grass Festival at Tyson Wells**

February TBA **Chili Cook-Off & State Salsa Championship**

### From the Membership Chairperson-

**About 1/3 of VP Members have renewed. Thanks to everyone who have paid their yearly dues so far and to those who have sent a SASE. It's still not to late to renew before the \$10 late fee is applied. Please see newsletter for renewal application and address.**

### LOST AND FOUND

**FOUND:** At Christmas Party a brown handled cake spatula. Will bring to General Meeting on Jan. 26.

**LOST:** also at Christmas Party a bread knife

Mary Schubert

**Announcing the revival of the Retired During the Week Outings.** First trip will be to the Summit Claim on Thursday February 2nd., we will meet at the McDonalds at the bottom of the hill at 9 am. If you are interested please contact George Howison at 951-847-4782 cell or 951-734-7530 home.

## Finds of the Month By Gene Lepper

**DON'T forget to bring your finds for showing. One time only! Finds from November 18, 2011 til January 26, 2012 will be accepted. We will be doing some things differntly this year and will go over the rules.**

### BLOOD BANK NEWS “MVP”



***Congratulations to all those honored at the Valley Prospector’s Christmas Party on December 4, 2011. We had 17 individuals on our honor roll with a total of 36 donations for the year. Winners of the opportunity drawing were Pam Maguire, Lorraine Frost, Michael Dunkerley, Aminia Clark, Tom Vizthum, Pam Petersen, Gary Sites, George Howison, and James Haberbusch. Tom, Pam and Gary still need to pick up their prizes. I did not receive a November report, so if you donated in November please drop me an email. The November and December donors will be rolled forward for the 2012 Christmas Party Opportunity Drawing. Thanks again to John Howell, Mike Dunkerley, and Dave Milliken for the prize donations. Schedule your lifesaving appointment at any LifeStream Donor Center or mobile location by calling 800.TRY.GIVING or online at [www.LSTREAM.org](http://www.LSTREAM.org). Be sure to mention “MVP” when you donate.***

Donations:

<b>Dec 2011</b>
Lorraine Frost
Thomas Vizthum

***The need is constant, the process is simple, and the results are priceless.***

Lorraine Frost  
 Blood Bank Chairperson  
 (760) 868-6564  
<mailto:res06mtu@verizon.net>

## Valley Prospectors 2012 Annual Organizational Meeting -January 8, 2012 – Perris, CA

**Gold and Gem Show:** Discussed the status and updates for the Gold and Gem Show scheduled for July 13, 14, 15, 2012. July 12<sup>th</sup> is setup. Show chair is Steve Schubert and Pat LaRue. Steve is still seeking a public relations person. Discussed the publications that will be contacted for marketing of the event. Three dealers have made deposits to date.

**Valley Prospectors's Board Meeting: Board Meeting Changes:** President Schubert recommended that the board meeting date and time be changed. He recommended that the board meeting begin just prior to the regular meeting. Some objections were posed. A motion was made that the next board meeting will be the last Thursday of the month at 6 pm just prior to the General meeting. Pam will publish this in our newsletter. Gary Jercha made the motion, Roger Maguire seconded and the motion carried with two objections. **VP Claims:** An update and discussion on the VP Claims was conducted. John Pearson did confirm that John Howell had transferred the paperwork, both hard copy and electronic, to him as of Jan 8, 2012. It was agreed that Lorraine would provide meeting attendees with a summary of the discussion should any questions come up from members. **Committee Chairs:** Pam Maguire made a motion to accept the committee chairs as presented, Roger Maguire seconded. Motion was carried.

**GPAA Gold Show** – Jan 21-22, 2012 in Pomona fairgrounds, building 6– set up is Jan 20<sup>th</sup>. John Howell needs to forward payment to GPAA. Hours for the show are 10-5 on Sat and 10-4 on Sunday. John H. has the schedule for participants and volunteers. **School Programs:** Moreno Valley School requested Gold Panning Demonstration. This is the first request of the year. Steve Schubert will call the school with the following date: February 10, 2012 8:30 – 11 am, 4 classes of 30 kids each. Volunteers identified were, Steve Schubert, Mary Schubert, Bural LaRue, Judy Carpenter, Gene Carpenter, John Howell, George Howison. Additional volunteers will be sought at the general meeting. **Budget** – A preliminary budget was distributed. Several changes were recommended. In particular, gold sales used by Finds of the Month will now be recorded as an expense for Finds of the Month and Gold sales will get the proper credit for the transfer. There was a discussion and concern over the May 22 meeting with the Forestry Service, requesting a bond of \$6,000. No recommendation was made. The Rendezvous budget was increased to \$1,200. Motion to accept the budget as presented and corrected, Pam Maguire, Debbie Van Holland seconded. Motion passed.

Outing Schedule approved and is in the January newsletter.


**Other business:** Gate bars were distributed to current board members – 2012. A date in February will be scheduled to conduct the inventory for the club. – Kent B will organize this. An audit of the club accounts needs to be scheduled. This will occur at the end of January. Claims committee meetings will also be scheduled in the near future. The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm.

**Annual Membership Renewal Dues  
Start December 1, 2011**

- ❑ **Renew early \$40.00**
  - ❑ Life Members please submit an application, only so that we may update your information.
  - ❑ **Make check or money order payable to: Valley Prospectors**
  - ❑ **Make sure to enclose a renewal application with your check or money order. Mail to: Membership Chairperson**  
**33220 Wildomar Rd.**  
**Wildomar CA 92595-8283**
  - ❑ Please be sure to make any address, telephone, email or spousal changes on your application.
  - ❑ A Self Addressed Stamped Envelope would be greatly appreciated!

If renewing at a General Meeting, your new cards will be ready at the following General Meeting or attach a SASE and they will be mailed to you.

**Thank You from the Membership Chairperson - Judy K. Carpenter**

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Date: _____	VP Member No. _____	
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Number of Children _____ <small>UNDER 19 YEARS OLD (IMMEDIATE FAMILY)</small>		
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Telephone No.: (____) _____	Email Address: _____	
<small>The annual dues shall be \$40.00. Annual membership dues are due on January 1st and are not prorated. If postmarked after March 31<sup>st</sup> the amount is \$50.00 and postmarked after June 30th the dues are delinquent and you must rejoin Valley Prospectors by paying the full \$140.00.</small>		
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## **Crazy Quartzite or Quartzsite – What You Need to Know**

### **What Happens in Quartzite or Quartzsite?:**

If you pass through Quartzite in summer, the answer to this question is, “Absolutely nothing.” You will see flat desert, some roadside businesses, tumbleweeds and that’s about it.

But come winter, the answer is quite different. Each winter the flat desert bustles with activity. RVs by the thousands camp in fairly primitive desert conditions. So what’s the attraction? Well, it's warm in Quartzite during winter, for one. And, second, it's pretty inexpensive camping.

### **So What’s the Attraction?:**

What makes Quartzsite special is that it has been a rock-hound's paradise since the 1960's. Each winter Quartzite swells in population due to well over a million visitors, most of whom converge on the small town in a wave of RVs during the months of January and February.

The Desert USA website, explains: “Eight major gem and mineral shows as well as vendors of raw and handcrafted merchandise peddle their wares to snowbirds, collectors and enthusiasts.”

### **Where is Quartzite?:**

Quartzsite, in western Arizona, is just 20 miles east of the Colorado River on I-10. From Phoenix, the trip to Quartzite is about two hours. It is also easily accessible from Los Angeles.

### **What About Night Life?:**

Having listened to friends who talked about their experiences in Quartzite, I learned that one of the “must do’s” in Quartzite is to join the [Quartzite Yacht Club](#). No, the desert sun hadn’t fried their brains. There really is a bar and grill named The Quartzite Yacht Club. Indeed, it is a yacht club of sorts, in a sand sea of desert schooners.

### **What Can I buy in Quartzite?:**

Here is a [Quartzite calendar](#) loaded with events for you to choose from. If you like gems and minerals, hit the sales during the big “rock hound” events. If looking for bargains at flea markets is more your style, they offer a big Peddler’s Faire. Add in a mix of classic car shows, chili cook-offs and [RV shows and sales](#) and Crazy Quartzite could keep you mighty busy.

## When You Go:

**Traffic:** Be prepared for traffic. This is a small town and I-10 traffic can get backed up in January and February.

**What to Wear:** It's dusty out there in the desert. Most shopping is in makeshift tents along dusty rows of RVs. The wind can pick up, a rain storm can move in, and you need to be prepared with a jacket and sturdy outdoor clothes. Wear walking shoes.

**How to Plan:** There are two websites that keep up to date information.

[Desert USA](#) and the [Quartzsite Business Chamber of Commerce](#).

When you are in town, pick up a copy of The Desert Star newspaper for more up to date news and ads.

## History of Quartzsite

"The town of Quartzsite is located on the site of old Fort Tyson, a privately owned fort built in 1856 by Charles Tyson for protection against Indians. Because of the water which existed at this place, Tyson's Wells soon became a stage station on the road from Ehrenburg to Prescott. In 1875 Martha Summerhayes described this place as being the most melancholy and uninviting that she had ever seen, saying that it "reeks of everything unclean, morally and physically..."

Although Hinton lists Tyson's as being the same place as Los Posos, maps show that the town were separate, Los Posos lying about four miles to the east of Tyson's. Gradually as the stage lines disappeared, Tyson's Wells was abandoned.

In 1897, the development of mining in the area resulted in a small boom. It was reported that Tyson's Wells had three stores, two saloons, and a short-lived post office. Apparently when it became necessary to re-open the post office because of renewed mining activity, a new name had to be found since the post office did not permit offices to re-open the post office under formerly used names. Therefore, George Ingersoll suggested the name Quartzsite, since quartzsite is actually found in the vicinity, but quartz is not. However, the post office in error apparently added an "s" to the name. The resulting "Quartzsite" erroneously implies that quartz is found locally. Actually Quartzsite is approximately nine miles east of the old Tyson's Wells which lay nineteen miles from Ehrenberg. Therefore, a different name was doubly suited.

Travelers through Quartzsite today may visit the grave of Hadji Ali, who was a camel driver for Lt. Edward Fitzgerald Beale on his trip across Arizona. Hadji Ali (b. Syria c. 1829; d. December 16, 1902) who was known as Phillip Tedro in later years, came to Arizona as a camel driver in 1856. When camels were abandoned for use of transportation of supplies, Tedro kept several animals and used them to haul freight in southern Arizona. He was then living in Arizona City (now known as Yuma). In 1868 he turned the animals loose near Gila Bend. For many years it was reported that camels were seen in the mountains and other parts of southwestern Arizona. The simple headboard for his grave was replaced by the present stone monument and plaque in 1934. His name has been anglicized to "Hi Jolly".



# Miner's Sale

Starting December 2010 members can run an a 3 times throught the year for free for items for sale. Commercial Ads are \$5.00 each for a bussiness card size ad per month.



Keene 217 Inch  
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Banker Hopper 1100  
on Keene slides  
20' of 2 1/2 inch roller  
disc base

Contact Jim at  
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Members can run items for sale in the newsletter for free. Email them to  
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