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SOMETHING WORTH MORE THAN GOLD

BY THOMAS HALE

It's early morning, not quite daylight, cold and crisp. I don't even bother looking at my watch as I set up my trusty Coleman stove for some much needed hot coffee. It's unbelievably still and quiet and my every attempt to not disturb my fellow prospectors while fooling around with the stove in the dark is greeted with the sound of two skeletons "getting nasty" on a tin roof. My ears are still screaming from the lack of the ever present traffic noise I'm so used to in San Diego. Today is my first morning at the TSS Freedom Claim.

While I'm standing there at the tailgate of my truck waiting for what seems like an eternity for my percolator to perk up a cup-a-joe and just looking around, my eyes are drawn to the south. There's a ridge about a half mile away. "That's where I'm going." I think to myself, "Bound to be something cool over there."

Finished with my coffee, I face south and follow my nose. After a few minutes of walking and taking in the scenery, I find myself slipping into "hunt" mode. It's a very slow, quiet, deliberately non-rhythmic method of walking that won't alert the animals that a "bi-ped" has entered their world. My Pops taught me most critters know that only the two legged animals carry guns. He taught me a lot about how to move and get close to wild animals. He'd say in his best Harvard accent, "In order to catch a bunny, hide in the bushes and make a sound like a wounded carrot." Pop is a funny guy.

Winding my way through the head high, very aromatic bushes of desert sage and rosemary I spot a pair of huge jack rabbits. I'm used to the little cotton tails in Alabama so to me these things are monsters. I'm am to get pretty close before they decide to bolt. As they hop away I think back to when I was a kid trying to make a noise like a carrot and my Pop saying, "That's close but you need a little higher pitch at the end..." and chuckle out loud.

Getting closer to the ridge, I have to cross a large wash. Just as I get to the flats on the other side my eye catches movement a few hundred yards away. Two coyotes at the base of the ridge are just heading up the trail I intend to climb. They are an amazing sight. About the size of a medium dog, they are quite a bit larger than I thought they would be. I can't help but think these must be the guys that sang our prospecting group to sleep last night.

Ranging in color from dark grey to a dusty light brown, their coats blend in well with the desert scrub. If they hadn't been going up the hill I may not have seen them at all. Fortunately, I am down wind and they either don't notice me or just don't care and that's a very good thing because they are both pretty good sized and I'm unarmed. If that weren't enough, about half way up the trail another one pops up from behind a bush! Soooo...Discretion being the better part of a scared-e-cat I decide to make my exit.

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MARK YOUR

CALENDAR ~

- *Sunday, November 5th*
12 Noon
Metal Detecting Outing
La Jolla Shores
- *Friendly Fox Outing*
November 23rd - 26th
- *Christmas Party*
Saturday, December 9th
- *Metal Detecting*
Sunday, December 10th
- *GPAA Gold Show*
January 19th - 21st
Primm, NV.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

This has been a relatively smooth sailing year. We have had some really good people jump up and make this a better organization. It's all about those who come up and say, "I can do this or that." You can always delegate, but I have found out that it is much better when you come up with new ideas and then you go out and make things happen. It is definitely not me who stands up at the podium and says words, this organization is great, no it's the best, because of those who you see around you doing those things that you like most. The video's, the presentations, the refreshments, the library, all those who bounce from one task to another taking the place of those who are absent, the raffle table, our treasurer and secretary, the newsletter, the outings and events, and the taking care of the claims. Did I leave out someone? We just got some donated prospecting equipment, and we will need someone to jump right up and say, "I can do that job!"

Thanks to some of our tenacious members, we have got a jump on our next years outings and events. The board got together and we all decided some great outings and events starting next year. We will finish up this year with the Thanksgiving outing at the end of November and you won't want to miss the December General meeting and the Christmas party the weekend after that.

And then, we start the next year like a flash flood and won't stop till 2007 is done. Remember, if there is somewhere you want this organization to go visit or some idea on a place to go, remember, just jump up there and say "I can do this or that and I'll help get it set up." You are the people who make the GPAA Office stand up and take notice of. I'll be listening and watching for you.....

~Sourdough Chet~

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, November 5th:

Metal Detecting Outing starting at 12 Noon. La Jolla Shores. Parking is free.

Wednesday, November 15th:

Escondido Children's Museum. 12 Noon. Panning for gold and gems. Digging for fossils. Handing out TSS Coloring books to 10 3rd graders and younger children.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 23rd through the 26th:

Outing at Friendly Fox Claim.

Wagon Masters are Bill and Charlene Myers.

A Thanksgiving Potluck will be held on Thursday night.

Sign up sheet is located on the back table.

Saturday, December 9th:

TSS Christmas Party.

Further information forth coming.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, January 19th to 21st:

G.P.A.A. Gold Show in Primm, NV.

Don't miss this one! Great bargains, great buys! Make your reservations early.

GIFT GIVING MONTHS ARE AHEAD

Gift giving months are just up ahead. What a better gift than to give someone you know a GPAA membership!

You can obtain membership forms from Treasure Seekers (located at the back table) or go to GPAA's website: www.goldprospectors.org

Remember to write "Treasure Seekers of San Diego" in the "Chapter number" section, so that we receive credits for the membership. Also when renewing your current membership.

FRIENDLY FOX CLAIM OUTING

Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 23rd through the 26th will find T.S.S. members at the Friendly Fox Claim, outside of Yuma.

Directions: Take Hwy. I-8 to Ogilby Road exit (approximately 151 miles from San Diego). Go north on Ogilby Road for approximately 10 miles.

Bright Orange signs stating "TSS Friendly Fox" will guide you at this point.

The "camp site" is located approximately 0.9 miles from Ogilby Road.

Accessibility is easy. Motorhomes up to 33 feet have no problem.

Lots of flat spots for tents and trailers.

Drinking water can be obtained at the Rest Area on I-8 just before Ogilby Road turnoff. (Rest Area is located in the center of the Highway.)

Fine gold to flakes have been found in the area. Good for dry washing and metal detecting.

A Thanksgiving potluck will be held on Thursday night. Please bring a dish to share for approximately 10 people.

Firewood is always welcome for the evening fires and story telling.

Bill and Charlene Myers will be the Wagon Masters for this trip. And they will have the sign in sheet at their camp site.

There is many things to see and do at this location. Old mines, gems, old dumps, etc. to explore. Just be Safe.

OCTOBER'S ATTENDANCE REPORT

Wednesday, October 4th -

Chapter Meeting:
48 Members in Attendance.
4 New Members signed up

Sunday, October 8th -

Metal Detecting - South of Oceanside Pier.
14 people in attendance:
Frank Trutta, Zee Trutta, Steve Heiss, Donna Shout, Bill Myers, Robert Cook, Colette Preston, Ray Wilkerson, Charlene Myers, Bonnie Monahan, Donna Brock and guests - Eric Wismer, Tim Sandru and one unreadable signature!

Saturday, October 21st -

Temecula Corn Festival Event.
3 members in attendance:
Donna Brock, Bill Clendenin and Ray Wilkerson.

Sunday, October 22nd -

Temecula Corn Festival Event.
4 members in attendance:
Donna Brock, Bill Clendenin, Tom Paulson, Ray Wilkerson.

Saturday and Sunday, October 21st & 22nd -

Freedom Claim Outing.
9 members and 1 guest in attendance.
Terry King, Trish King, Harriett Nowicki, Chester Nowicki, Thomas Hale, Frank Huberts, Mike Squibb, Jesus Prudencio (guest), Bill Myers and Charlene Myers.

Sunday, October 29th -

Fallback Festival - Gaslamp Quarter.
6 members in attendance:
Donna Brock, Ray Wilkerson, Harriett and Chester Nowicki, Bill and Charlene Myers.

OCTOBER'S MEETING WINNERS

Quarterly Attendance Winner (Gold Nugget) - Terry King
Grand Prize Winner (Large Sluice Box) - John Livsey
Gold Nugget Raffle Winners: Gene Lepper, Charlene Myers and Mike Squibb
Door Prize Winner - Frank Hubberts
50/50 Winner - Sharon Crnkovic
Finds of the Month Winner - Joe Jezisek

SOMETHING WORTH MORE THAN GOLD

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On my way back I keep an eye on the pack just to make sure that all three get up and over the hill when I notice that the sun has been up a while and is warming my face. This helps to clear my mind for the day ahead. I'm thinking about where to set up my dry washer and how the gold is going to just jump right out of the ground and into my pan and what color my Ferrari will be when I spot a familiar form on the ground near a shrub just three feet in front of me. It's a coiled snake. It's small. Just a baby, maybe ten or twelve inches long. He has a beautiful diamond pattern on his back and horns on his head. He's a cold blooded trap set to spring on one of the many lizards I saw running around yesterday. I think it's a rattler but may be a sidewinder I'm not sure, but I *am* sure I don't want to get too close just to find out. Even though it's cold and they move slow, they still bite. I believe in a sort of karma so I didn't mess with him much. I found him out in the open, vulnerable, really unable to defend himself, and that's where I left him. Maybe on day someone will be out there not watching where he's walking and this snake will let him pass.

When I got back to camp, I got set up and found gold straight away that morning. I even found a nice picker/nugget to boot! Everybody there found gold. We all had a good time talking story gathered around the bon fire and looking for shooting or falling stars (jury is still out on that one) and just enjoying the night sky. Diet be damned we stuffed ourselves at the potluck. I had a great trip out to Freedom and can't wait for the next outing!

A final thought to put in your gold pan... Even though we are all out there to find gold, take the time to look around. Try to find something you've never seen before. Tread lightly and you will be rewarded with something more valuable than the gold you're looking for. (But make sure you look where you are walking, I believe in karma - the snake doesn't.)

TURKEY



The turkey is the native game bird of North America. Today's tame turkeys are descended from the wild turkey of Southern Mexico. Turkeys were a favorite of pioneer hunters. Turkeys are related to the pheasant family. The turkey was once considered to be the emblem bird of the United States, but the Eagle was chosen instead.

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CLAIMS GUIDE

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RAY'S TIPS

BY RAY WILKERSON

When loading dirt onto your drywasher, if you can't see the riffles, your loading too fast and are liable to be losing gold. If your not seeing "dust", your dirt is probably too wet and you should run it through as many times as it takes to make dust.

If you are in need of large equipment such as drywashers, dredges, etc., your best time to get "a deal" is Sunday afternoon at the GPAA Gold shows. If they don't sell it, they have to haul it back to their shop.

So wheel and deal with them.

SEARCHING THE BEACHES

BY FRANK TRUITTA

The October 8th outing with the club at Oceanside Pier did not produce very many coins. I managed to recover 40 coins and no jewelry. We haven't seen any real storms or tide action to produce the looked for erosion of sand that we all hope for. Later on that same afternoon Zee and I went to another close by beach and found an eighteen inch cut. In three hours of hunting I recovered 139 coins for a total of \$15.70 but surprisingly did not find any jewelry. I was using the new Minelab Explorer SE with a fifteen inch coil for the first time and maybe did not have it tuned correctly. My wife recovered about \$11.50 and found four rings, three junkers and a 14K gold band weighing almost one third of an ounce (.30 ounces). She uses a Minelab Explorer II with a twelve inch coil.

Cuts are fun to work. Usually the coins are right in the top layer of sand that washed off the cut and are within twenty feet out from the cut face. We went back the following week and the cut was gone.

The beach changes daily, be sure to study the beaches you hunt so you can start to read them. Hopefully we will get severe storms this winter and destruction of the beaches.

I was an accountant at one time and like to crunch numbers so I keep a log book of my fines (excluding junk) to see the ratios of what I find. Over the years I average 42% penny's, 10% nickels, 25% dimes, 22% quarters and 1% jewelry. Amazingly from year to year this ratio never changes by more than one percent.

Do Your Homework.

HUNT SMART!



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MINER'S COOKBOOK CORNER

BY JUDY CARPENTER

Annie's Carrot Cake

I have used this recipe for over 36 years now and it's my favorite. I received this recipe from a dear friend when I was in high school. It's wonderful for all occasions and makes a great food gift as well. Annie has been gone many years now, but I cherish her memory and her love of cooking. Thank you Annie Custer.

Judy Carpenter

2 Cups Flour

2 Cups Sugar

1 ½ Cups Wesson Oil

4 Eggs

2 Cups Grated Carrots

2 tsp. baking powder

1 tsp. baking soda

¼ tsp. salt

2 tsp. Cinnamon

1 Small can Crushed Pineapple

½ Cup Chopped Walnuts

Sift dry ingredients, mix sugar, eggs and oil. Stir in grated carrots and crushed pineapple (with juice).

Mix until moistened. Add walnuts.

Bake in lightly greased 9x9x2 inch pan in moderate oven, 325 degrees about 1 hour.

Cool before frosting.

Cream Cheese Frosting

1 Box Powdered Sugar

1 Stick Butter or Margarine (½ Cup)

8 oz. Cream Cheese (softened)

1 tsp. Vanilla

¼ Cup Finely Chopped Nuts, if desired

Combine softened cream cheese, butter and vanilla. Beat on low speed, gradually add powdered sugar, beat until smooth, add a few drops of milk, if needed to stiffen.

Frost top of carrot cake, sprinkle with chopped nuts.

Cover and keep refrigerated.

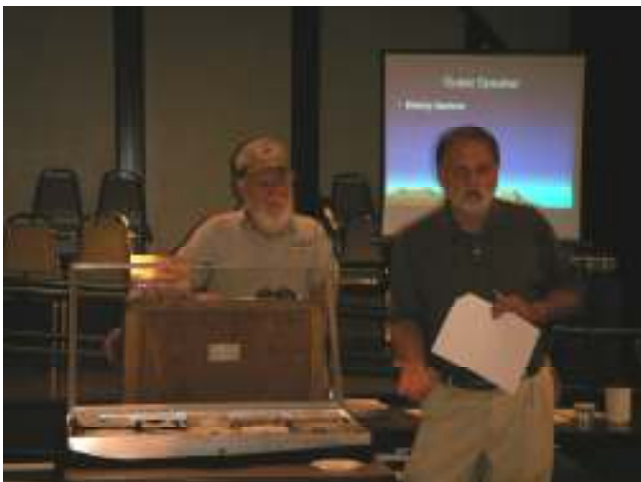
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OCTOBER 4TH CHAPTER MEETING



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METAL DETECTING - SOUTH OF O'SIDE PIER



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FALLBACK FESTIVAL - GASLAMP QUARTER



CLASSIFIEDS FOR MEMBERS:

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Contact Judy or Gene

951-674-3207

For Sale -

Minelab Metal Detector "Explorer". Great Condition. \$550.00

Contact Bill Edison

760-754-1632

For Sale -

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Contact Mary Jo Horn

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Contact Harold Krogness

253-531-1994

E-Mail: hbkrogness@isp.com

For Sale -

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Michael Johnson

E-Mail: texas.michael@sbcglobal.net

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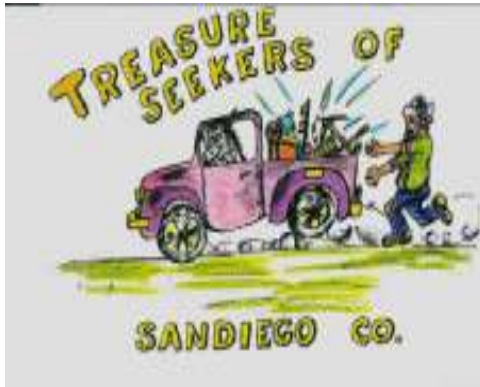
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Treasure Seekers Of San Diego County (T.S.S.) was officially organized on May 21, 2003 when the election of officers was held. We are a GPAA chapter. Non GPAA members may attend meetings and participate in the raffle, but are not eligible to vote, hold office, be on the claims committee, or utilize GPAA claims. The purpose of this organization is to provide an environment to increase public awareness, with education and training, of locating, identification and legal removal of minerals, caches and treasures while keeping in mind the preservation of the environment and wild habitat.

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