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THE MOON IS A RISEN

Every month has a full moon, sometimes even two, and just about every culture from early American settlers to 19th century farmers to the Chippewa tribe describes each months full moon by giving it a name. Some describe the season and others the season of activities:

- January 3rd: Moon after Yule, old Moon
- February 2nd: Snow moon, Sucker-Spawning Moon
- March 3rd: Sap Moon, Crow Moon, Lenten Moon
- April 2nd: Grass Moon, Egg Moon, Budding Moon
- May 2nd: Planting Moon, Milk Moon
- June 1st & 30th: Rose Moon, Flower Moon and Strawberry Moon
- July 30th: Thunder Moon, Hay Moon
- August 28th: Green Corn Moon, Grain Moon or Rice Making Moon
- September 26th: Harvest Moon, Fruit Moon
- October 26th: Hunter's Moon, Falling-Leaves Moon
- November 24th: Frosty Moon, Beaver Moon and Ice-Flowing Moon
- December 24th: Moon before Yule

A Blue Moon is when there are two full moons in the same month.

There are many myths about the moon and one that the gold prospecting is better on the rise of the full moon, instead of the decent of the full moon.

A great many gardeners believe that planting vegetables during specific phases of the moon, and/or dates made favourable by the motions of the other heavenly bodies, is beneficial. Some almanacs are published especially for this purpose. Gardeners disagree on the exact details, but it is widely believed that planting when the moon is waxing ensures rapid germination and growth. Another idea is that vegetables which grow underground should be planted in the dark of the moon, and those which grow above ground should be planted at full moon.

MARK YOUR

CALENDAR ~

- *Sunday, January 7th*
2:00 PM
Metal Detecting Outing
La Jolla Shores
- *Hall of Fame Outing*
January 13th - 15th
- *GPAA Gold Show*
January 19th - 21st
Buffalo Bills
Primm, NV.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

We've had a great 2006 and are off to a running start for the new year. In 2006, we searched the California beaches for coins, rings, watches, necklaces and bracelets, and whatever else the sunbathers lost. We went to the deserts to watch the sunrises and sunsets, find gold and other minerals. We went to the mountains to smell the clean fresh air and to sluice, pan, highbank and dredge for gold. And while doing all this, we met our TSS members, exchanged ideas, learned new treasure hunting methods and had a whole lot fun.

Now, here it is 2007. Whatta we gonna do this year? Well, I hope we are gonna do much of the same thing. Just more of it and add some new adventures. We now know of a place where we can hunt for meteorites. We have steady monthly outings to the beaches. We are planning a metal detecting outing/picnic/barbeque at our local park. The club now owns it's own highbanker that we need to use. We have our own dry washer that could use up to three members to operate. If there are adventurous souls out there, we also own our very own four inch dredge. We have some unchartered areas in Holcomb Valley we need to prospect. And we need to explore new areas for our own mining claims.

Right away, this month, we are forming our nominating committee for new officers and board members. We have a three day holiday the second weekend this month and are planning on the Hall of Fame Claim Outing. Then we have the Primm Gold Show.

February might get a little messy. Most of the board members will be away at a GPAA Board member outing in Stanton, Arizona. According to GPAA Bylaws, to hold a general meeting, there must be four board members and one general member present. Since most or all of the board members will be at this conference during the general meeting date, we may have to change the date or eliminated the February meeting. Hopefully, this will be resolved on or before the January meeting.

So stay tuned, watch for information posted at our website. Make it to the meetings for information on new places to prospect and detect. And watch for new and adventuresome outings and events. What more could you ask for in 2007.

~Sourdough Chet~

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, January 7th:

Metal Detecting:

2:00 PM

La Jolla Shores

"Correct" directions on back table.

Saturday, Sunday, Monday, January 13th to 15th:

Outing to Hall of Fame Claim

Refer to TSS Claim Book for directions.

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

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

Buffalo Bill's Hotel and Casino

Don't miss this one! Great bargains, great buys!

GOLD IN YOURSELF

Gold prospectors dug for gold in the hills. They may or may not have found gold in "them thar hills" no matter how hard they worked. But there's another kind of gold that you will always find with hard work. That's gold in yourself - - kindness, love, understanding and consideration. Just like the gold in the hills, this gold shines inside you. Search for gold nuggets in yourself.

HALL OF FAME OUTING

Saturday, Sunday and Monday, January 13th through the 15th, TSS will be holding their monthly outing at the Hall of Fame Claim.

Directions: Take Hwy. I-15 to I-10 East to the Cottonwood Springs & Mecca Road Exit (this is approximately 50 miles past Palm Springs). Go North on Cottonwood Springs Road for approximately 30 miles.

This claim is located in a very remote area. It is recommended for tent or

vehicle camping. The last 20 miles to the claim is via dirt road, which at times can be washed out, depending on the rain for the season. So a high clearance vehicle is suggested and at times a 4x4 might be needed.

There is NO services, NO water, NO nothing. The nearest help and water is at the Cottonwood Springs Ranger Station and Campground, which you pass 6 miles north of I-10.

Fine gold to nice nuggets have been

found here. Good for Drywashing and metal detecting.

A potluck will be held Saturday night. Please bring a dish to share.

As always, a common, night time fire will be held. Firewood is always welcome.

This claim is in the Old Dale/New Dale mining district that is rich in gold mining history. The area has many abandoned mines and trails to explore. Be Safe.

DECEMBER'S ATTENDANCE REPORT

Wednesday, December 6th:

Chapter Meeting:

69 Members in Attendance.

4 New Members signed up

Sunday, December 10th:

Metal Detecting - North of Oceanside Pier

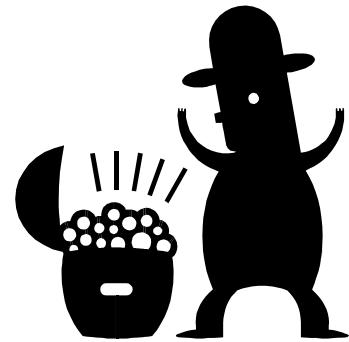
5 people in attendance:

Ray Wilkerson, Robert Cook, Frank Trutta, Donna Brock and Charlene Myers.

Saturday, December 9th:

Treasure Seekers of San Diego Annual Christmas Party was held at Madrid Manor Mobile Home Park Club House.

Approximately 40 to 45 or so members were in attendance.



Knock, knock.

Who's there?

Nugget.

Nugget who?

Nugget off. You're bugging me.

DECEMBER'S MEETING WINNERS

Gold Nugget Raffle Winners: Charlie Freeman, Colette Preston, Marty Neal, Roy Stone, Michael Poffenberger and Tom Paulson

Door Prize Winner - Trish King

50/50 Winner - Charlene Myers

Finds of the Month Winner - Gene Lepper

METEORITE'S

At last month's meeting, Joe Jezisek mentioned a great location to hunt for meteorite's in Arizona. The following is specific information on the location and coordinates.

"To get to Franconia, take the 40 east to Arizona. When you hit the Arizona state line, you are 13 miles away. Just a little ways pass the 95 South, at mile marker 13, turn off the 40 onto Franconia Road. If you go to the right, which is the south side of the 40, that is where the bigger ones were found. If you turn left, you will be on the north side of the 40, and that is where he has found his. For the newbie the north side is the place to hunt. So turn left and go down the dirt road till you come to the train tracks. From there hang a right and go down the dirt road for about 1/4 of a mile. You will come to a place where you can see some cars have pulled off and parked. It is right by the two towers with lights on them for the trains. Now if you feel lucky you can go over the train tracks here and get on the north side of the train tracks, and keep going down the road, till you get to a tunnel and park right by it. If you do that just make sure that you park off that road. I have heard that the train guys have called the cops on someone for parking on their road, which blocks their access (do that at your own risk). I would just park by the tower lights and walk over the train tracks to the north.

For the north side, I would hunt with the smallest coil you have. You can't cover a lot of ground, but that's ok, the big, big stuff has been found already. You just need to hunt around the rocks that the bigger coils could not get in between. The name of the game out there is slow and low.

GPS Coordinates: N34 45.441/W114 14.153 for the field and N34 45.314/W114 13.528 for the tunnel."

Good luck and have fun!

2.37-CARAT DIAMOND FOUND IN U.S.A.

An Arkansas man has found a 2.37 - carat white diamond at the world's only diamond bearing site where visitors are allowed to search for and keep the gems they find.

Gary Dunlap of Jefferson named the diamond the "Star of Thelma" to honor his wife. Dunlap's find was the fourth largest diamond found in 2006 at the Crater of Diamonds State Park in Murfressboro, Arkansas.

In all, 486 diamonds have been found at the park this year.

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CLAIMS GUIDE

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CONTRACT:
LEE CRNKOVIC

RAY'S TIPS

BY RAY WILKERSON

Always use a plastic vial for your gold when in the field. The glass shows your "find" better, but breaks easily. If you use the glass vial, leave a few air bubbles in it to allow for compression of the air when it heats up. A few people didn't and when the vial warmed up (usually while in their pockets) the bottom of the glass vial blew off. Reason? Water doesn't compress - the heat expanded the water to blow point and they had a mess.

SEARCHING THE BEACHES

BY FRANK TRUTTA

Now is the time of the year to be watching for the low tides. The wave action from approaching storms constantly keep the sand in motion. Sometimes it adds sand to the beach. We look for the times that it removes the top layers to get us down to the older layers where the heavy objects settled down.

Pay attention to what the sand looks like and feels. When you see the darker fine sand that is hard packed then you probably are in the area that is most productive for coins and rings or anything heavy. Your light colored sand probably is the sand that the wave action has been adding to the beach. This sand almost never has any targets in it. Cuts can be very productive at times, if the erosion exposes deep targets they wash out usually within ten feet of the cut. When you dig into this sand you will have a top layer that just washed out and it will be a different color of the sand than the sand below, The targets are right where the two colors meet. If you are on a slope and have a real puffy sand under your feet it probably washed off of the towel line and has very few targets to recover.

So pay attention to your surroundings and learn, by experience, where you recovered the most targets so when you got to a new beach you can pick out the most likely places that are productive.

Have a plan.

HUNT SMART!



GOLD RUSH

- G** is for gathering of friends and families
 - O** is for outstanding objectives of life
 - L** is for learning that lasts your lifetime
 - D** is for dreams that will come true with diligent work

 - R** is for responsibility to do what is right
 - U** is for the understanding of others we develop
 - S** is for soaring of spirit and strength of character
 - H** is for happiness and sense of humor
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DO YOU HAVE A CAMERA ?

If so, we need you!

If you attend meetings, outings or events that Treasure Seekers of San Diego sponsors, your photo's are welcome for the website and newsletter.

While Bill and Charlene Myers have been taking the majority of the pictures, they may not be able to make an event or outing and we would really hate to miss some great photo's of our members in action because of this.

The more photo's the better! Send your digital or CD photo's to Charlene Myers at charlenemyers@cox.net or surface mail to 1729 South Horne Street, Oceanside, CA. 92054.

MINER'S COOKBOOK CORNER

BY JUDY CARPENTER

JANUARY

NATIONAL SOUP MONTH

Soup maybe as old as time it self, well, at least as old as the history of cooking.

Ancient, medieval or modern, soup, stew, porridge or gruel, New England chowder, Italian minestrone, Chinese won-ton, Russian borscht or Spanish gazpacho; local ingredients make up all variations of this dish we call "soup".

In the 19th century canned and dehydrated soups were available and could be found in the home pantry. It was used by the military, served on covered wagon trains and of course a staple for the cowboy chuck wagon.

Easily digested, nutritious, filling, simple to make, eaten by the rich or poor, prescribed to the sick/invalid, (remember grandma's homemade chicken noodle soup, when you were sick?). Soup may be the perfect choice for any meal.

Wonder What or Refrigerator Soup

Use the leftovers in your refrigerator to make this wonderful soup.

Use that leftover Sunday chicken, the Monday night roast, or the ground beef from taco Tuesday, any meat will do.

In a 4 - 6 quart stock pot, bring to a boil 1 ½ quarts of water,

Add 1 ½ tsp. salt, 2 celery stalks, leafs and heart if desired,

1 medium onion, peeled and chopped, 1 to 2 potatoes, peeled and cubed,

1 - 16 oz. canned tomatoes, 1 to 2 cubes of chicken or beef flavored bullion.

Now clean out the refrigerator - add all those little bits of leftover veggies, green beans, carrots, corn, lima beans, cabbage, peas, mixed veggies, rice, macaroni and the meat (cut up in bite size pieces).

Cover, simmer and heat thoroughly.

Season to taste with salt, pepper, garlic salt.



MEMBER PHOTO'S

CHAPTER MEETING - DECEMBER 6TH



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CHRISTMAS PARTY - DECEMBER 9TH



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METAL DETECTING - DECEMBER 10TH



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951-674-3207

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Contact Bill Edison

760-754-1632

For Sale -

LDMA Membership. Half price. \$2,000.00

Contact Mary Jo Horn

760-233-4005

For Sale -

L.D.M.A. Lifetime Membership - unable to use it anymore. Offering it at \$2,500.00. The price of a new membership is \$3,750.00.

Contact Harold Krogness

253-531-1994

E-Mail: hbkrogness@isp.com

For Sale -

Lifetime membership to L.D.M.A., current maintenance dues (2006) paid. \$2,400.00 plus transfer fees.

Michael Johnson

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Wanted -

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For Sale -

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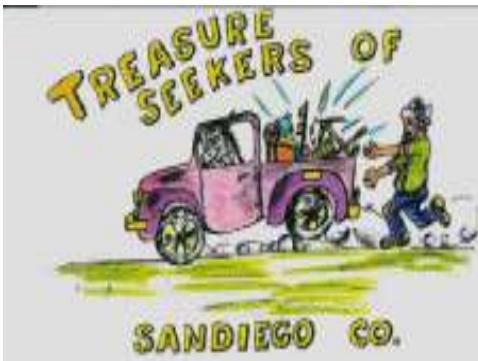
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MISSION STATEMENT:

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, cashes and treasures while keeping in mind the preservation of the environment and wild habitat.

Meetings are held at the Joslyn Senior Center

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On the first Wednesday of each month, 6:30—9:00 PM.

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