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## BUSY MONTHS AHEAD!

Besides our upcoming outing to the Franconia Meteorite Strewnfield in Arizona. TSS has been asked to help with one day at the Del Mar Fair (San Diego Fair, as it is currently called).

The Gem and Mineral coordinators at the fair have asked us if our club would like to help in the Gem and Mineral building. This is to help keep an eye on their exhibits, help the youngsters play in the sand pile looking for gem stones, hand out their pamphlets. We will also be handing out GPAA information and promoting TSS.

We have been given the day of Friday, June 22nd for our presence. We will need one or two volunteers per shift. Shifts are: 10 to 12, 12 to 2, 2 to 4 and 4 to 6 PM. Eight members max for this event. Those that sign up MUST show up! You will receive free pass to the fair for pulling one of these shifts. Sign up sheet in the back.

### MEMBERSHIP CARDS:

New membership cards are here!

97 cards have been typed up.

Membership cards will have an annual expiration date, which will be the month of April of each year. This coincides with the election of officers.

Go to the sign in table to get yours. If you have attended an outing, event or chapter meeting in the last quarter then there is one waiting for you.

Thank you Frank Trutta for a job well done!

### THANK YOU -

To the members of TSS and their spouses for the wonderful clean up effort of the Freedom Claim. The difference can surely be seen!

It is amazing on what an individual or group of people can do to improve the land. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

### JULY MEETING AND PICNIC:

Since our Chapter meeting falls on Wednesday, July 4th this year. The Chapter meeting and a picnic will be held on Saturday, July 7th at Dixon Lake.

Please make this note on your calendars.

## MARK YOUR

### CALENDAR ~

- *Sunday, May 13th*  
*8:00 AM*  
*Metal Detecting Outing*  
*Tamarack Beach*  
*Carlsbad*
- *Outing*  
*Franconia Meteorite*  
*Franconia, AZ*  
*May 19th & 20th*
- *Del Mar Fair*  
*June 22nd, 2007*

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

This was a busy organization in April. We had the metal detecting outing at Mission Beach, we had the Freedom Claim outing the third weekend. That same weekend, some of us went to the Dale Mining District tour and we had the wee long outing at Stanton. The weather still wouldn't cooperate as well as we would have liked. Cold weather, wind and rain came to some of the outings. The weather is finally warming up so that we can enjoy our outings. The weather at the Freedom has warmed up to 97 degrees.

We have our Franconia meteorite hunt in May. This is in Arizona and it may be a bit warm by then. I have heard that the rattle snakes will be out there too. People have been talking about the Mojave Green being out there. They are not a shy rattler. All rattlers hunt in the evening and early morning. If you are out looking for meteorites, before you pick one up, make sure a Mojave Green isn't keeping a close eye on you.

Some may have heard that the **Outdoor Channel** in Temecula has sold the GPAA/LDMA organization. I thought it might be just a rumor, but after checking it out, it is true. Tom Massie bought it out. Don't know much more other than it's still up in the air on how it will play out for the GPAA and LDMA. Also, don't know how it will affect the Chapters and the claims. I have been watching the news section at [www.goldprospectors.org](http://www.goldprospectors.org)

Well, lets get ready to have some fun this summer. We still have a lot going on. Franconia coming up. Perfect weather for beach metal detecting. Holcomb Valley in June. Also the Del Mar Fair representatives have asked if we would like to volunteer and help them at the Gem and Mineral building. This will be a set date of June 22nd. Hope to see you all at the next meeting.

~Sourdough Chet~

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### Sunday, May 13th:

Metal Detecting:  
8:00 AM  
Tamarack Beach  
Carlsbad  
Pay parking lot - down a slight hill

### Saturday and Sunday -

**May 19th and 20th:**  
Franconia Strewnfield, AZ.  
Informational packets are available on the back table.  
**Wednesday, June 6th:**  
T.S.S. Chapter Meeting  
6:30 PM  
Joslyn Senior Center, Escondido

### Friday, June 22nd:

Del Mar Fair  
Gem and Mineral Exhibit  
2 hour shifts

### Saturday, July 7th:

T.S.S. Chapter Meeting and Picnic  
Dixon Lake, Escondido  
Time to be announced.

### Gold Bags

**\$6.00 per bag**

T.S.S. sells bags of gold concentrates. This is a great way to practice your panning skills plus save on gas money!

Get yours today!



### Dates to Remember for the Month of May -

Tuesday, May 1st - May Day

Saturday, May 5th - Cinco De Mayo Day

Sunday, May 13th - Mother's Day

Monday, May 28th - Memorial Day

## OUTING INFORMATION:

Saturday and Sunday, May 19th and 20th is the scheduled outing for the Franconia Meteorite Strewnfields in Arizona.

This field is located at Exit #13 off of Hwy. 40 in Arizona. And is approximately 20 minutes from Lake Havasu City or 25 minutes from Needles.

This is also a approximate 5 hour drive from Escondido (roughly 300 miles).

Some members are talking about staying in hotels at these nearby cities and driving out to the field on Saturday.

Others are planning on camping in the area.

The weather is too be pretty warm, so go prepared.

There is a package of information located at the sign in table, with maps.

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T.S.S. maintains several claims for the members to enjoy as a group or individually.

We ask all members who use these claims to help us with the following:

1. Guests. Guests are welcome on the claim - AS LONG AS YOU ARE THERE WITH THEM.
2. People that are NON members can not be on a claim with a note from a member giving them permission to do so. This is for LIABILITY reasons.
3. Holes: If you dig a hole, you MUST fill it back up before you leave the claim. This is a government requirement.
4. Pack out your trash and trash of others.

## APRIL'S ATTENDANCE REPORT

### Wednesday, April 4th:

Chapter Meeting:

73 People in Attendance.

5 New members.

### Sunday, April 15th:

Metal Detecting - Mission Beach

8 people in attendance:

Robert Cook, Yoko Weideman-Riggs, Steve Berdan, Frank Trutta, Roy Stone, John Howe, Charlene Myers and Bill Myers.

### Freedom Claim Outing: Saturday, April 21st:

8 people in attendance:

Judy Carpenter, Gene Lepper, Lori Otto, Robert Otto, Rich Zale, George Carpenter, Steve Ridenoure and Randy Oyler.

### Freedom Claim Outing: Sunday, April 22nd:

Judy Carpenter, Gene Lepper, Lori Otto, Robert Otto and Randy Oyler.

### Dale Mining Tour - Saturday, April 22nd:

*(Not for TSS points)*

Heard there were approximately 8 or 9 members that attended.

Lee and Sharon Crnkovic, Steve Berdan, Donna Brock, Steve Heise, Will Bigler, Blakely Sanford, Charlie Blazek and who ever else I missed!

### 7 Day "Push" at Stanton, AZ.:

*(Not for TSS points)*

Brian Thomas, Jim Daugherty, Richard Gravel and Ray Wilkerson.

## APRIL'S MEETING WINNERS

Gold Nugget Raffle Winners: Charlie Freeman, Yoko Weideman-Riggs and Brad Redding

Door Prize Winner - Bruce Pederson

50/50 Winner - Keith Browning

Finds of the Month Winner - Gene Lepper

Quarterly Attendance Drawing—Robert Cook

## SEARCHING THE BEACHES

BY FRANK TRUITTA

Dry sand hunting season is approaching real fast and will be here before you know it. Around June the beaches are really packed. Now is the time to prepare for the hunting. You just don't roam around and hope for the best. Do your homework. Whenever you are driving by or at the beach and it is too hot to hunt take a walk and see where the crowds are concentrated. Different beaches have different concentration points. They might be on the towel line, near volleyball courts, near concession stands or fire pits. Check along pathways and entrance points from the boardwalk to the beach, if there is one. See if the people are near the piers and lifeguard stations. See if there was a big party, drunks are good for loosing stuff.

High tides are high now in the afternoons; see where the people are playing so when the tide recedes make a mental picture where this area is. This is a good place to recover lost jewelry. In front of the lifeguard towers the concentration of bathers is usually heavier and is a good place to check out.

Make mental pictures of these different areas so when you hunt late in the evening or at sun-up you will be in a productive area.

Sometimes the areas you think are barren are good to hunt. Where ever you go on the beach there are footsteps, someone crossed this area and these areas are not hunted so much and you just might get lucky.

Do your homework to be successful.

HUNT SMART!

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**GRAND PRIZE DRAWING** will be for a MONTANA ROCKER. The drawing for this raffle will be held either in May or June. Buy your lucky tickets NOW!

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### TREASURE SEEKERS OF SAN DIEGO name tags

Are available for purchase (around \$5.00) from Ray Wilkerson, Vice President.

Get yours ordered today!




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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

T.S.S. has NEW Membership Applications as of January 2007.

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**GPAA Membership Kits** are available for purchase (cash or check) for \$86.00 per kit. These are the exact same kits that you get from GPAA - we just save you the shipping and handling costs (about \$16.00 value)

T.S.S. also sells small mining equipment and Claims Guides (\$10.00 each). Please see Lee Crnkovic for purchases.

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If you were born in the month of May -

Your flower is: Lilly of the Valley and Hawthorne      Your stone is: Emerald, Sapphire, Agate, Beryl

Your meaning is: Success in Love      Your colors are: Yellow, Red and green

Emerald. Most valuable color is deep green with a velvety appearance; sometimes oiled to improve color and durability. Chips and cracks easily. Sensitive to heat. Leaving in sunlight can dry up oil and harm the gem color.

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## MINER'S COOKBOOK CORNER

BY JUDY CARPENTER

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Whether you **are one**, **have one**, or **had one**, Mother's of all generations hold a special meaning in our hearts.

Our mother's, grandmother's, great grandmother's, and even our great-great grandmother's were some of the bravest, strongest, resourceful, remarkable and outstanding women of all times. These women went through hard times. They were among the women who pioneered their ways to modern times. These women could feed an entire family of six on 1 pound of hamburger, make an entirely new meal out of leftovers, nurse sick children and animals back to health. They made their own clothes, stitched quilts, made their own soaps, grew their own gardens and they had home remedies and/or recipes for "whatever ails ya".

## Home Remedies and Recipes from the Past

## (The ones our Grandma's used)

**Pine Gum Ointment** - This salve was used for infections. 1 c. sticky pine gum, 1 c. mutton tallow (mutton tallow is very healing), but if you can't find it use Vaseline, 1 cake of camphor. Melt and strain sticky gum with gauze. Melt and strain the mutton tallow also. Melt the cake of camphor and mix all ingredients together. Store in a jar w/lid. Fill the rest of the jar with water. **Rubbing Liniment** - 1 whole egg, beaten, 1/2 pint vinegar, 1 oz. turpentine, 1 oz camphor and olive oil. **Homemade Cough Syrup** - 1 Tbsp honey, 1 Tbsp lemon juice, 1 Tbsp glycerin, 1 Tbsp. whiskey Mix all together and drink. **Cough Medicine** - pint whiskey, w boxes rock candy, 1 Tbsp. glycerin Put in a bottle and shake. Use 1 Tbsp at bed time or mash onions with sugar and eat. **Chigger Bites** - rub bacon rind over them. **Chest Cold Medicine** - Use goose grease and turpentine, apply to chest. **Cold #1** - cup molasses, 1 Tbsp butter, 2 Tbsp white vinegar Cook 10 minutes. Take 1 Tbsp every hour. **Cold #2** - 1 Tbsp coal oil, 1 tsp turpentine, 1 Tbsp lard Heat and apply to chest as needed. **Cold #3** - (*I love this one*) Catch a sow bug, put in a bag and wear around the neck. **Cuts** - Apply pure 100% raw Honey and cover with a dressing or try rubbing cow dung over the cut. **Blisters** - put cucumber juice on them. **Asthma** - take the person out in the woods, have them stand up against a pine tree, notch a mark in the pine tree at the top of their head (as to see how tall they are) leave and after 6 months come back, if they have grown taller then the notch, the asthma will go away. **Warts** - Rub castor oil over wart or take 9 grains of corn and rub them over the wart, now feed the corn to one old hen and my favorite, steal a dishrag, rub it over the wart, bury the rag under the steps and when the rag is rotted the wart will disappear. **Stomach Trouble** - Make a tea of wild peppermint and drink it. Drink some juice from kraut left over after cooking or try blackberry juice. **Sore Throat** - 1 c. vinegar, 2 Tbsp sugar and a sprinkle of black pepper. Gargle. **Sprains** - soak brown paper bag in vinegar and wrap around affected joint. **Toothache** - a wad of tobacco or cloves. **Bee Stings** - apply mud or red clay on area or chewin tobacco. **Window Cleaner** - 1 pt rubbing alcohol, 2 T. dish washing liquid, 2 T. non sudsy ammonia, 8 drops blue food coloring, water. In a gallon jug mix alcohol, dish washing liquid, ammonia and food coloring. And lastly **Ant Repellant** - drops of oil of sassafras on shelves will drive ants away, also sticks of spearmint gum works.

## DISCLAIMER:

TSS and/or the author make no claim as to the effectiveness of these remedies and do not advise the use in case of illness, seek professional advise from your family physician if you are ill.

Do not try these at home kids, unless they were used by your grandma or someone you know.

MEMBER'S PHOTO'S:

APRIL CHAPTER MEETING



MEMBER'S PHOTO'S:

APRIL METAL DETECTING



MEMBER'S PHOTO'S:

FREEDOM CLAIM OUTING



## OUTDOOR CHANNEL ANNOUNCES SALE OF MEMBERSHIP DIVISION

### **As of 04/25/2007 Outdoor Channel Holdings Announce the Sale of Its Membership Division Segment (GPAA/LDMA)**

“Outdoor Channel Holdings, Inc. announced the sale of all assets, liabilities and operations related to its Membership division segment. Thomas H. Massie, vice chairman of the board of Outdoor Channel Holdings, purchased all outstanding shares and membership interest in GPAA and LDMA for \$3.6 million cash, which represents the net book value of the division including approximately \$2.4 million of cash on its books.

Members of the Massie family, including Thomas Massie and Perry T. Massie, chairman of the board of Outdoor Channel Holdings, founded GPAA and LDMA in 1968 and 1976, respectively, as gold prospecting themed organizations. In 1993 The Outdoor Channel was created primarily to promote George Massie’s prospecting business.

As part of the deal, The Outdoor Channel modified its programming agreement with the GPAA and LDMA, reducing the length of an agreement to see airtime to the two entities to two years. Its previous deal with the two organizations, struck in 1998, was automatically renewable until 2012.

This transaction enables the company to focus all efforts and resources entirely on our core operations at Outdoor Channel and, we believe is in the best interest of shareholders, Outdoor Channel CEO Roger Werner said in a prepared statement.

We are pleased that Tom Massie will be able to maintain the long heritage of the Massie family with GPAA and LDMA, he added. Both of these organizations will always remain, in spirit, a part of our company, and we wish Tom and the employees the greatest success in their future.

The LDMA owns several parcels of land in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Georgia, Michigan, North Carolina, Oregon and South Carolina, which are used by members to search for small gold deposits and other treasures, as well as for hunting and fishing expeditions for an additional fee.

According to The Outdoor Channel’s 10-K annual report filed March 30, the LDMA charges a membership fee of \$3,500 - \$3,700 and a \$120 annual maintenance fee.

The GPAA - which also publishes Gold Prospector’s & Treasure Hunters in the Great Outdoors magazine - charges its members a \$79 initial fee and annual renewal fess of \$24 - \$54. Membership fees generated revenue of \$5.16 million in 2006.

Massie and his brother, Perry, will continue to serve on the Outdoor Channel Holdings board of directors, Chief Financial Officer Bill Owen said. Combined, they own 39 percent of the company’s voting stock.

The GPAA was founded in 1968 by George and Wilma Massie and promotes and supports the prospecting lifestyle. Owen said the association has about 33,000 members.

The LDMA has members, who number between 6,300 and 6,700.

This transaction enables the company to focus all efforts and resources entirely on our core operations at the Outdoor Channel and, we believe, is in the best interest of shareholders. We are pleased that Tom Massie will be able to maintain the long heritage of the Massie family with GPAA and LDMA. Both of these organizations will always remain, in spirit, a part of our company, and we wish Tom and the employees the greatest success in their future.”

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### FINDS OF THE MONTH -

Just what is “Finds of the Month”? Well, it is anything of interest that you have found between meetings! Gold, gems, detector finds, let your imagination run wild.

At the start of each meeting, the finds are placed in a gold pan and given a number. During the meeting the members are invited to ‘vote’ for the best finds of the month.

The winner is usually given a small prize and asked to tell the group about the find.

Page Reserved for Ad's

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## CLASSIFIEDS FOR MEMBERS:

### Wanted -

German WWII Relics

Badges, Medals, Edged Weapons, Pistols, Helmets, Flags

Private Collector - Bill Myers 760-500-2266

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Got something to sell?

Give the information to Charlene Myers for posting!

The ad's are FREE !

Treasure Seekers of San Diego welcomes the opportunity for it's members to run free ad's in the newsletter.

This is just a reminder that Treasure Seekers of San Diego does not endorse or guarantee any product sold or purchased through these ads.

That is strictly the buyers and sellers responsibility.

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**TREASURE SEEKERS OF SAN DIEGO** is looking for some people to set up a camping trip for the group that would be for Metal Detecting only. It would be set up as the GPAA Gold Show Metal Detecting contests.

Are you interested? If so..... then we need to come up with a place that is pretty much 'clean' dirt (not a lot of rocks), someone to help paint the coins and tokens, someone to bury the goodies and all the other things that go with such an outing.

If you are interested in helping, in any way, even if just suggestions, please contact a board member so that we can get started on this now.

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## OUR NEW STORAGE UNIT & EQUIPMENT FOR USE

Treasure Seekers of San Diego is now renting a storage unit at Diablo Mini Storage in Escondido. In this storage unit is all of the club's belongings, tables, panning tubs, sign, canopy, magnetic roller, gold pans, all the goodies that the club uses at it's meetings, demonstrations and at our claims. There is also the donated prospecting equipment that was given to the club just recently. They are:

- 4 inch Dredge with 2 motors with pumps, snorkeling equipment and 5 minute reserve tank all with foot valves and hoses.
- Keene Highbanker with foot valve, pump hose and a Honda motor with pump.
- Keene Drywasher (151) with motor and hoses.
- And many other numerous small prospecting items.

If a member wishes to choose to borrow an item, they can know contact Kent Donalson, the Equipment Manager, or Chester, our President. (both contact numbers on last page of the newsletter) They will meet the member over at the storage facility and have them fill out a informational sheet regarding the borrowing of such equipment.

T.S.S. would like to see the members use these items and wish them the best of luck with the hunt!



TREASURE SEEKERS OF SAN  
DIEGO COUNTY

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

Meetings are held at the Joslyn Senior Center

210 Park Avenue, Escondido.

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

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