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## PUBLIC LANDS FOR THE PEOPLE

### WHO THEY ARE:

Public Lands For The People (PLP) is a non profit organization who is dedicated to the public's use of public lands.

Public Lands for the People was constructed for the purpose of allowing individuals and representatives from various groups to join forces to help maintain the laws and rights of all Citizens on Public and Private lands. (Federal, State and City)

Their purpose is to represent all types of outdoor user groups that are interested in keeping Public and Private lands open for the purpose of Mining, Timber, Grazing and all forms of recreation on a non-discriminatory basis.

PLP will attempt to keep all informed of new rules, regulations and proposed changes which will affect the use, or access of Public and Private lands, prior to their implementation. By this action, they hope that the voice of the People can and will be put into action to prevent unnecessary closures and added restrictions which only impeded the Peoples right to us Public Lands for their enjoyment.

PLP will insure representation at public hearings of government agencies who are proposing more and more limitation and restrictions on the lands that belong to the people.

### PUBLIC LANDS FOR THE PEOPLE WILL LITIGATE!

PLP will be prepared to file injunctions, when necessary, to prevent governmental agencies from discussing public issues behind closed doors and calling them "personnel meetings".

PLP will come to the aid of, and give individual attention to, persons or groups who are being harassed, intimidated or misled by people in authority (in and out of uniform) who are attempting to enforce their own ideas or opinions of laws, rules or regulations, rather than the actual laws, rules or regulations, and what it actually means.

PLP is here to help. Remember..... PUBLIC LANDS FOR THE PEOPLE means..... Our right to Use Public Lands, not to Abuse Public Lands.

The Past Is Our Heritage

The Present Is Our Responsibility

The Future Is Our Challenge

*The above information was taken directly from the Public Lands For The People website at:*

<http://www.plp2.org/index.html>

### MARK YOUR

### CALENDAR ~

- *Metal Detecting*  
*Sunday, September 7th*  
*6:00 AM*  
*Mission Beach*
- *Outing*  
*Saturday (One Day)*  
*September 20th*  
*8:00 AM*  
*Ready Relief Mine*  
*Banner Grade*  
*Julian Area*

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**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE:**

We made it to Holcomb Valley up in Big Bear. There wasn’t a big member turnout but we managed to do what we wanted to do. Our previous years to Holcomb Valley have always been to the Holcomb Gold GPAA claim. Most of the places there have been turned over and worked then turned over again and reworked. Now, there are some very old piles that haven’t been worked and should be gone through.

What we wanted to do this trip is to scout around the other GPAA claims and check them out. We wanted find out if the roads were too rough and were the claims easy to find. We all know how to get to Holcomb Gold claim and of the two roads, which one is the easiest.

We tried Goodnight Irene claim and couldn’t find any access road open. Since the fires last year, all access roads have been closed. We tried them all.

We then went to the Gold Mountain claim. Now, that’s a claim that still has the gold. No four wheelers needed, but you do need a high clearance vehicle. You can park around 10 vehicles up on the claim. Some spaces for small tents or camp in your vehicle. Small samples were taken and pickers were found.

We were talking to the camp host at the campground and she had also found some meteorites out in the valleys.

Blake led us on the Crystal Mountain hike. Now that was great. A bit far, but great. He said “watch for broken glass” and that is just what the crystals look like. We all found broken glass looking crystals.

BLM has been putting the word out on abandoned mine shafts and how easy it is to be injured or even killed. Some of our claims have these hazards and you should be well aware how easy it is to fall prey to these dangerous leftovers from a long time ago. It is so easy to be caught up in the curiosity of what may be left in these mines, but if you live, you may find another body or bones of one who thought the same thoughts as you when you reach the bottom.

We have the Banner Grade outing this month. This is our one day outing. It will be at the Ready Relief claim that belongs to Dain Blackburn. I think those who are in the know, should bring some of their varied prospecting tools. Some items to show our new members. Since this is an old prospecting area, you should bring a metal detector too.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Thursday, September 4th:**

1:00 PM

Board Meeting

Madrid Manor Mobile Home Park, Escondido

**Sunday, September 7th:**

**Metal Detecting**

6:00 AM

Mission Beach

**Saturday , September 20th:**

**Outing - One Day**

Ready Relief Mine

Banner Grade

Outside of Julian

8:00 AM

Meet at the Julian Union High And District Office.

1656 Hwy. 78, Julian, CA.

<p><b>T.S.S.</b>  <b>Mining Claims Guide</b>  <b>Available for</b>  <b>Purchase</b>  <b>\$10.00 per guide</b>  <b>Please see:</b>  <b>Lee Crnkovic</b></p>
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## UP COMING OUTING

Saturday, September 20th will find TSS at the Ready Relief Mine outside of Julian on Banner Grade Road.

This is a privately owned mine by TSS member Dain Blackburn.

During the last couple of years outing to the Ready Relief, not only was Dain a very gracious host, but presented a wonderful history of the mine with many pictures and articles. It is an outing well worth it just for the history!

We will meet at 8:00 AM at the Julian High/District Office parking lot located at 1656 Hwy. 78, Julian, CA.

We will depart from there at 8:30 AM to caravan to the mine itself. Handouts with maps are available at the sign in table.

All members wishing to attend will be required to sign a Hold Harmless Agreement *before* leaving the parking lot.

Gold has been found in the tailing piles, as well as the creek that runs near by. Use of Metal detectors, gold pans and small sluice boxes. Rock hammers, buckets and such is needed for this area. Drywashers

## READY RELIEF MINE

work just as well. Due to the water level in the creek, highbankers and large sluice boxes may not work.

Remember to pack your lunch, drinks and chairs. There is some shade by the trees on the property, but umbrellas work just as well.

Approximately 12 cars can fit on the claim. Carpooling is a must. The gate to the property will be locked after the last vehicle enters.

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## AUGUST'S ATTENDANCE REPORT

### Wednesday, August 6th:

#### Chapter Meeting

84 people in attendance.

7 new members

### Sunday, August 10th:

#### Metal Detecting

11 people in attendance.

Ray Wilkerson, Eric Fry, Roy Stone, John Howe, Tom and Nancy Hale, Robert Cook, Frank and Zee Trutta, Bill and Charlene Myers.

### Saturday & Sunday, August 16th & 17th:

#### Outing

#### Holcomb Valley - GPAA Claims

8 people in attendance.

Blake Sanford and friend, Connie, Chester and Harriett Nowicki, Janet and Jerry Kaplan, Don Slowik and Chris Le Master.

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## AUGUST MEETING WINNERS

Gold Nugget Raffle Winners: Andy Collier, John Perry, Gabriel Buccat and Steve Le Page

Door Prize Winner: Don Slowik

50/50 Winner: Martin Ojeda

Finds of the Month Winner - Gold/Prospecting: "Gravel Group #2"

Finds of the Month Winner - Metal Detecting: John Howe

Finds of the Month Winner - Minerals: *No Entries*

Grand Prize Winner - Garrett Metal Detector - Ray Wilkerson

Quarterly Attendance Winner: *Not yet!*

## SEARCHING THE BEACHES

BY: FRANK TRUTTA

The weather is cooling off and kids are going back to school and the beach season is almost over with for us coin shooters. I went to La Jolla Shores and gridded the low tide area and in two hours came up with five targets. One was a nice sterling silver ring. That was pretty lonely hunting but sometimes you can catch a piece of jewelry that was just lost. The people were starting to leave the beach so I started working the dry sand and recovered a lot of coins but no other jewelry.

In the low tide area the sand seems to have been moving onto the beaches. If the sand moves off of the beaches you come up with a lot of junk target hits. With a good discriminating detector you hear the void in your threshold and do not have to dig them. Now would be a good time to work the dry sand before everyone else does and pick the days with low tides to work the wet sand. The swells will start to change and start removing the sand and exposing all of the goodies for us to find. Mother Nature will be good to us again.

Hunt Smart!



## TSS NAME TAGS AND CLUB SHIRTS WITH LOGO'S

TSS name tags are available for purchase from Ray Wilkerson, 1st Vice President. The cost is \$5.00 per tag.

TSS shirts and other apparel with the TSS logo is available from Steve Berdan. You pick the shirt or hat and what logo you would like on it. You can contact Steve at the meetings or through the website or phone number listed on page 10.

## GRAND PRIZE

Tickets can be purchased for the Grand Prize of a portable Echo Vacuum with motor and two hands.

Have you gotten your tickets?

If you were born in the month of September -

Your flower is: Aster, Morning Glory

Your stone is: Sapphire, Agate, Moonstone

Your meaning is: Shrewdness, Love, Clear Thinking

Your colors are: Brown, Deep Blue

Sapphire: Most valuable color is cornflower blue that doesn't fade to black under artificial light; uneven color reduces stone's value. Extremely durable, suitable for jewelry worn daily.

## MINER'S COOKBOOK CORNER

BY JUDY CARPENTER

**S P A M - tastic****S P A M - a - licious****S P A M - tabulous**

I think SPAM is one of those foods people either like it or hate it! I, for one, like SPAM and keep a can or two on hand in the pantry. It can very easily go from can to table in a matter of minutes as a delicious meal whether for breakfast, lunch or dinner. SPAM can be used in place of other meats. Named the "Miracle Meat" from Hormel in 1937, SPAM became popular around WWII and was once credited for the survival of Russian army troops. SPAM is the Registered trademark of Hormel Foods.

**California SPAM-burger**

1 (12 oz.) can of SPAM Classic sliced into about 1/4 inch thickness.

In a large skillet, sauté SPAM until lightly browned.

4 - 6 hamburger buns, split

Mayonnaise

Avocado, sliced

Tomatoes, sliced

Red Onions, sliced thinly

Leaf Lettuce, optional

American or other favorite cheese slices

Spread mayo on buns, add SPAM slice, top with remaining ingredients.

Try a Hawaiian version of SPAM burger with grilled SPAM, grilled pineapple slices, Bell Peppers and Swiss cheese and Teriyaki Sauce.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

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Then we will do the Hall of Fame claim in October. Now, that's a bit remote and maybe some of you should be thinking of car pooling. You'll have to do the tent camping or sleeping in your vehicle. Earlier this year, some members have gone there and found some good gold.

The year is coming to a close and Thanksgiving and Christmas will be upon us. We wanted some place closer and a different weekend for the Thanksgiving outing. You all think about this and let us know what you think. I checked our minutes and couldn't find any decisions made for Thanksgiving.

That's it for now. Hope everybody is well and doing fine. Hope to see you all at the meetings or at the outings.

~Sourdough Chet~

## MEET OUR MEMBERS

BY JERRY GOLDSTEIN

It was the October 2007 meeting when Travis Carter and Kandice Skidmore joined our group. Today we will profile them.

Travis was born 24 years ago in Ramona, which is not far from Escondido, and Kandice was born in San Bernardino (we will not say when and give her age away). Needless to say it Makes Travis and Kandice two of our youngest members. We also want to thank one of our members, Keith Browning for introducing these two to the club.

Travis's interest in the hobby began when he was very young, about four years old. It was an easy hobby for Travis to step into, as his father is a power monkey in the Ramona-Julian area. Most people know what this job is, but just in case, they blow things up in the mines. This has to be one of the most dangerous occupations. The mines that Travis's dad works at produces topaz, tourmaline and morganite. Hence, Travis and Kandice love to look for gems and minerals.

The love for rock hounding is also linked to the love of gold. Travis and Kandice also do their share of panning and sluicing in the Ramona-Julian area. Travis said he has amassed over a penny weight of gold in that neighborhood. Some things are going to be changing next year for this couple as they are expecting their first baby next May. They do not know if it will be a boy or girl yet.

In a couple of weeks, they will start their rock hunting trips and will be going to the Yermo area to look for Jasper and Agates. Later on, when it gets cooler, it is off to the desert in search of, what else, gold and rocks.

Travis is also trying his hand at inventing. He is working on a dry-washer/shaker box system. If anyone has any ideas, he is ready to hear them. His e-mail address is: [VWcart@aol.com](mailto:VWcart@aol.com)

Travis and Kandice both live and work in Escondido. Travis in the sales department of the Infinity dealer and Kandice works in Starbucks at the intersection of Mission and Quince. If you need parts for your Infinity, or would like a nice cool or hot drink, visit one of our newer members.

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table.**

MEMBER'S PHOTO'S:

AUGUST CHAPTER MEETING



MEMBER'S PHOTO'S: METAL DETECTING OUTING - O'SIDE PIER



MEMBER'S PHOTO'S

HOLCOMB VALLEY



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**For Sale -**

ATV (quad) - great condition - \$2,000.00

Contact: Stephen Gates 951-551-4128  
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**For Sale -**

Fleetwood Terra Motorhome 26Y - No slides, Queen walk around bed, 18 foot awing, 8.1 liter V8 gas engine, Workhorse chassis, 19.5 inch wheels, less than 2000 miles, blue and white exterior, tan and brown interior - \$45,000.00

Contact: Bernie Pangersis 760-366-1958 or bernieandfrank@verizon.net  
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**For Sale -**

Home made puffers

Contact: Charles Gates 760-237-3782 or gates\_69\_88@hotmail.com  
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**Looking For Extra Work -**

Charles Gates, who is currently serving in the military is in need of extra work to help make ends meet. He is the proud father of a baby girl. He is looking for members to call him if they have any extra work that he can help with or know of someone who does need assistance.

He is willing to work evenings and weekends. No job too small.

Contact: Charles Gates 760-237-3782 or gates\_69\_88@hotmail.com  
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**For Sale -**

Keene Gold Mining Dredge and Keene Diving Air Compressor

The Diving Air Compressor is the Keene Model 263 and is driven by a 4 horse-power Honda engine. This is all mounted on a corrosion resistant shock mounting and includes the KAS2 safety air snorkel. It is their Cat. #263GH. It sells new for \$1,325.00, I will sell mine for \$475.00. Works great.

The Keene Dredge is an older model, but works great. It is a 2.5" dredge although the actual nozzle opening is 2" and is powered by Briggs & Stratton 3HP. The sluice has been modified with deep V ribbing, miner's moss, and new carpeting. I will sell it for \$400.00.

Contact: Steve Le Page 760-917-3974

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That is strictly the buyers and sellers responsibility.

**Gold Bags**

**\$6.00 per bag**

*Or*

**Summer Special Of**

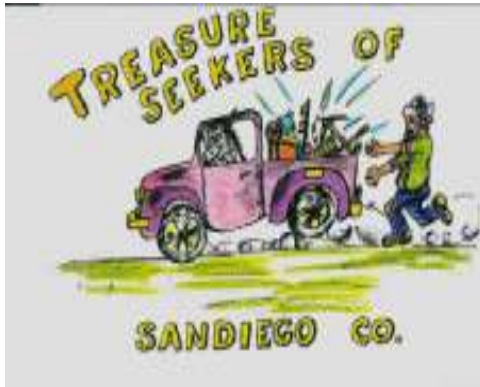
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Treasure Seekers Of San Diego County (T.S.S.) was officially organized on May 21, 2003 when the election of officers was held. We are a GPAA chapter. Non GPAA members may attend meetings and participate in the raffle, but are not eligible to vote, 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.

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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