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WHAT ARE METEORITES?

Meteorites are naturally occurring objects that originate in space and survive a fall to the ground through Earth's atmosphere. Most are remnants of asteroids or possibly comets. However, a few have been shown to be pieces of Moon or Mars that were launched into space by an impact event. While moving through space these objects are known as *meteoroids*. The bright streaks that they produce while moving through Earth's atmosphere are known as a *meteors*.

The term *meteorite* is also used for a meteoroid that has landed on the surface of a celestial body other than earth. NASA's Rover Opportunity found an iron meteorite on Mars.

There are three main types of meteorites. The most abundant are *stone meteorites* which are primarily made up of silicate minerals such as olivine, pyroxene and feldspar. As their name implies, *iron meteorites* are mainly composed of iron but also contain a significant amount of nickel. The rarest of the three are the *stony-iron meteorites*. They are a mixture of stony and metallic materials.

Learn more about meteorites, meteorite hunting, see photographs and more at Meteorite.org.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, December 3rd - 1:00 PM - Board Meeting

Saturday, December 5th - 4:00 PM - Annual Christmas Party at Madrid Manor Mobil Home Park, San Marcos

Sunday, December 6th - metal detecting outing -

Saturday and Sunday, January 16th & 17th - Outing - Friendly Fox

Here is the List of Winners for November Meeting

Finds of the Month:

Gold: Gene Lepper

Metal: Dwight Reed

Gems: Doug Gunn

50/50 of \$68.00 --Charlene Myers

Nuggets -- Dwight Reed, Jean Neely twice, and Andy Collier.

Finding "The Eye of the Needle" Nugget Near Rich Hill

by Jim Price

It was a pretty nippy morning in the shadow of Rich Hill when my partner Harry and I left the Stanton Camp for the half hour ride to our digging's. We finally got set up and started the first run about 8:30 AM, with the first cleanup around only a half hour later.

We had worked outward to the right and to the left the prior day and the gold pickens were getting pretty thin. One place left to go was right up the middle. First cleanup looked pretty good. Harry was working with the pick and I had the #2 shovel moving trying to keep up with the big Gold King drywasher.

About 9:40 I turned to let the washer clear and start the second cleanup of the day. Harry was still picking away and suddenly he said "Jim!" As I turned toward him he plopped this object in my hand. Eyes wide, I responded, "What the hell is this?" It looked like a piece of tarnished brass, and Harry was sure I was going to throw it away.

We Looked at it for a second and then spit on it and wiped it with my glove. Nearly fell off the shovel handle I was leaning on. We immediately shut down the blower and sat down to look it over and talk about it. Got some pictures and finished two more runs before heading back to camp.

The word finally got out and we had a great afternoon showing and explaining how it happened. Friends, neighbors and others came to view it.

One of them was "Digger" who runs the backhoe for the digs, came around the corner of the motorhome and asked if we needed a plastic bottle for our gold. Harry looked at it and replied, "No, the top isn't big enough."

Digger looked at him funny and walked away. We waited a few minutes and went over to his trailer and asked if he still had the bottle. Handed it to Harry, who then imitated trying to put something in it. After a few comical trys, Harry opened his hand with the nugget in it. "See, I told you it wouldn't go in there, he grinned at Digger.

Eyes wide, Digger shook his head. "Damn, I knew you guys were going to pull something like this on me."

Harry and I both recognize the fact that there was no skill in finding the nugget, other than being at the right place at the right time. One of our campmates probably summed it up right when he said,. "Even a blind hog can find an acorn once in awhile."

Enjoy the pictures. It proves once again that there are still some great gold pieces out there. See pictures on page 7.

TSS MEMBERSHIP AND CLAIMS GUIDE

Membership to Treasure Seekers of San Diego is free. We do not charge an annual dues. All we ask is that you attend the meetings and participate with the group.

A membership application must be completed. Please see anyone at the back sign in table for an application. This should be done at your first meeting.

By the second meeting that you attend, you will be given a membership card, at which time you are able to purchase one of TSS's Claim Guides.

TSS LIBRARY

Treasure Seekers of San Diego has a tremendous library for it's members usage. Donna Brock, the Librarian and Robert Otto, the Librarian Assistant, are there to assist you. The library ranges from VHS/DVD "How To" shows, magazines, books of history, gold locations, treasure hunting and some maps. The process for checking out the material is easy.

CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale: AZ Desert Gold Echo ES-210 dry washer/vac combo as seen on azdesertgold.com. \$375. Jerry - (619)-417-6590.

TSS EQUIPMENT FOR MEMBER'S USE

Treasure Seekers of San Diego has a storage unit at Diablo Mini Storage in Escondido. Kent Donalson is the Equipment Manager.

We have:

- 2 Sluice Boxes – 3 feet long
- 1 Sluice Box – 4 feet long
- 1 Mini Recirculating 9 inch Sluice with pump and motor and tub.
- 1 Mini Recirculating Sluice with pump and motor (no tub)
- 1 Highbanker with motor and pump
- 1 Gold Grabber (box type high banker with motor and pump)
- 1 Small Dry Washer (no leaf blower)
- 1 Large Dry Washer (Keene 151 with leaf blower)
- 1 Dry Vac (5 gallon size) with motor
- 1 Dredge 3 inch (with motor, pump, hooka air, misc. hoses, end nozzles and accessories)
- 1 Magnetic Sweeper on rollers

All that we ask (and it's not much) is that, anything that is checked out, is to be returned in the same or better condition than when it is borrowed. It's understandable that with the nature of our hobby the equipment will get some bumps and bruises, which is acceptable, but if parts are lost or broken, it is the responsibility of the "borrower" to repair or replace missing or broken parts. To go a little more in depth—if a motor is on it's last leg and you are using it and it poops out, we understand that it's not your fault and don't expect you to replace it. On the other hand, if you have been using the motor for an extended period of time and forget to check and see if oil is needed, and the motor burns up, that would be a different story.

Feel free to give Kent a call if you would like to use "your equipment", his phone number is on the back page of the newsletter. All he asks, is that you give him a couple of days notice when you might need something, and when items are returned that they be in a CLEAN condition. This is to be respectful to the next person checking out the item. All equipment must be returned by the next meeting from when it was checked out. This will allow you any where from one week to three weeks usage.

Books by Blakey

Blakey Stanford, a TSS member, is the proud publisher of many interesting books. His books are compilations and re-prints of old magazine articles from the 30s, 40s, 50s and later. Many are first hand accounts of what it was like when there were real prospectors. There is nothing being printed today that compares to these articles. Often whenever possible there is a treasure map that corresponds to the article. He sells these books on e-bay for \$20 each or three for \$50. Frank Trutta at Columbia Metal Detectors also sells them for \$20 each. All have no shipping – no sales tax. Blake also sets up his books for purchase at the TSS Chapter meetings. Available compilations and re-prints are:

Basement Chemistry for Prospectors

Lost Arch Gold Mine

Duke's Short Course in Prospecting and Mineral Identification

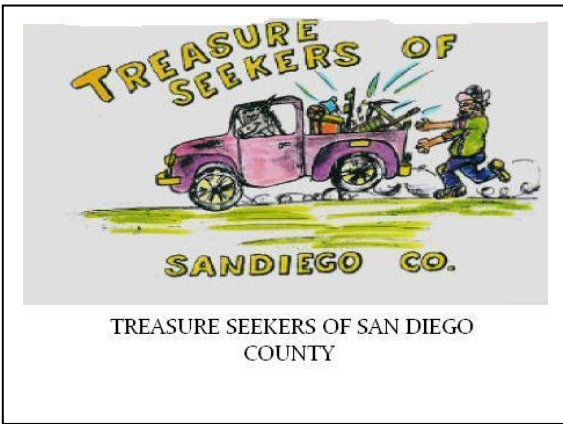
Peg Leg's Lost Gold

Randsburg Gold

Twenty-nine Palms Gold

Yuma Gold

(November please request books via email or snail mail.)



TREASURE SEEKERS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

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
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METAL DETECTING REPORT:

Here's are the attendees for last Sunday's outing at Tamarack:

- Dwight Reed
- Gary Eckerts
- Charles Bailey
- Dan Lambson

I heard that everybody found "something" but no jewelry. Probably because Frank & Zee weren't there!

John Howe

"In the Treasure Corner" - A metal detecting podcast

If any of you subscribe to Lost Treasure Magazine, you might have seen in the December issue, an article on Dan Hughes. He's begun an Internet podcast called "In the Treasure Corner". It's about a 6-minute broadcast on a variety of metal detecting topics...hints, tips and stories that can be very beneficial to new and "seasoned" detectorists. They're geared toward inland detecting, but since the pickins' at the beach are getting pretty slim, it might be worth the effort to expand your horizons if you're not doing that already. It's certainly worth a listen.

The link is http://danhughes.libsyn.com/index.php?post_category=treasure.

To date, he's got 31 up there. They're in .mp3 format and can be downloaded and listened to at a later time. As a matter of fact, I got the OK from Dan to put a CD of the first 31 podcasts in the club library. Note that some newer model cars with CDs can play mp3.

Enjoy. -----

(Pictures of "The Eye of the Needle" Nugget Below)



MINER'S COOKBOOK

Recipe by Judy Carpenter

Quick and Easy No Hassle Recipes for the Holidays

Coconut Lovers Macaroons

One 14 oz. can Sweetened Condensed milk (not evaporated milk)

2 teaspoons Vanilla

1 to 1 1/2 teaspoons Almond extract

5 1/2 cups Flaked Coconut (about 14 oz.)

Preheat oven to 325 degrees.

In a large bowl, mix condensed milk, vanilla and almond extract, Stir in coconut.

Drop rounded teaspoons of mixture on lined baking sheet with parchment paper, flatten slightly.

Bake 15 to 17 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from baking sheet and let cool on wire rack. After cooled, store loosely at room temperature.

Makes about 4 dozen

Easy Southern Pecan Fudge

1 pound (4 cups) Powered Sugar

6 tablespoons butter or margarine

1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa

1/4 cup milk

1 teaspoon vanilla or almond extract

1/4 teaspoon salt

1 cup Chopped Southern Pecans or Walnuts can be used

In a medium saucepan, heat sugar, butter, cocoa, milk, extract and salt over a low heat, stirring until smooth. Stir in the chopped nuts. Quickly spread the mixture in a buttered 9"x 5" loaf pan or (8"x 8"x 2" will work also) Cool, cut into bit size pieces. Makes about 2 dozen

Appetizer Meatballs

1 small bag of Beef style frozen cocktail size meatballs (about 25-30 meatballs more or less)

1 -12 oz. jar of Homade style Chili Sauce

12 oz. jar of Grape Jelly

1 Tablespoon Lemon Juice

1 Tablespoon Brown Sugar

a couple dashes of Tabasco sauce

Combine Chili sauce, grape jelly, lemon juice, brown sugar and Tabasco in a sauce pan and heat ingredients to make a sauce. Coat all of the meatballs with the sauce and place in a lined (for easy cleaning) crock pot. Turn on low and heat for several hours until meatballs are thawed.

