

TREASURE SEEKERS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

# FINDERS KEEPERS

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Lucerne Dry Lake was OK and there was one good find. An old casino token from a casino closed years ago. There was also a lot of hobby rocket motor debris. We did go out to the campground in Warner Springs. That's a great place to metal detect because it is reported that the campground existed back in the 60's or even further. We had only one member sign up and a total of 12 showed up. Sometimes, we cancel events when there are no more than one or two sign up. I don't know how to fix this.

It is hard to get members to volunteer to attend events and also take the attendance sheet with them. We did try to award the holder of the attendance with a "red" ticket. I believe we should put that practice in permanently. Remind me if I forget.

Back to Warner Springs. There is a lot of varied history in that campground. There are a lot of different caliber shells there. Must have been used as a target range in the past. Can't say that there was that much game hunting out there. Since this is a designated campground, I doubt that this practice can now be done. A good number of wheat pennies are being found and also some old larger denomination coins too. We just haphazardly detected the campsites again. Still enough left over to have other events out there.

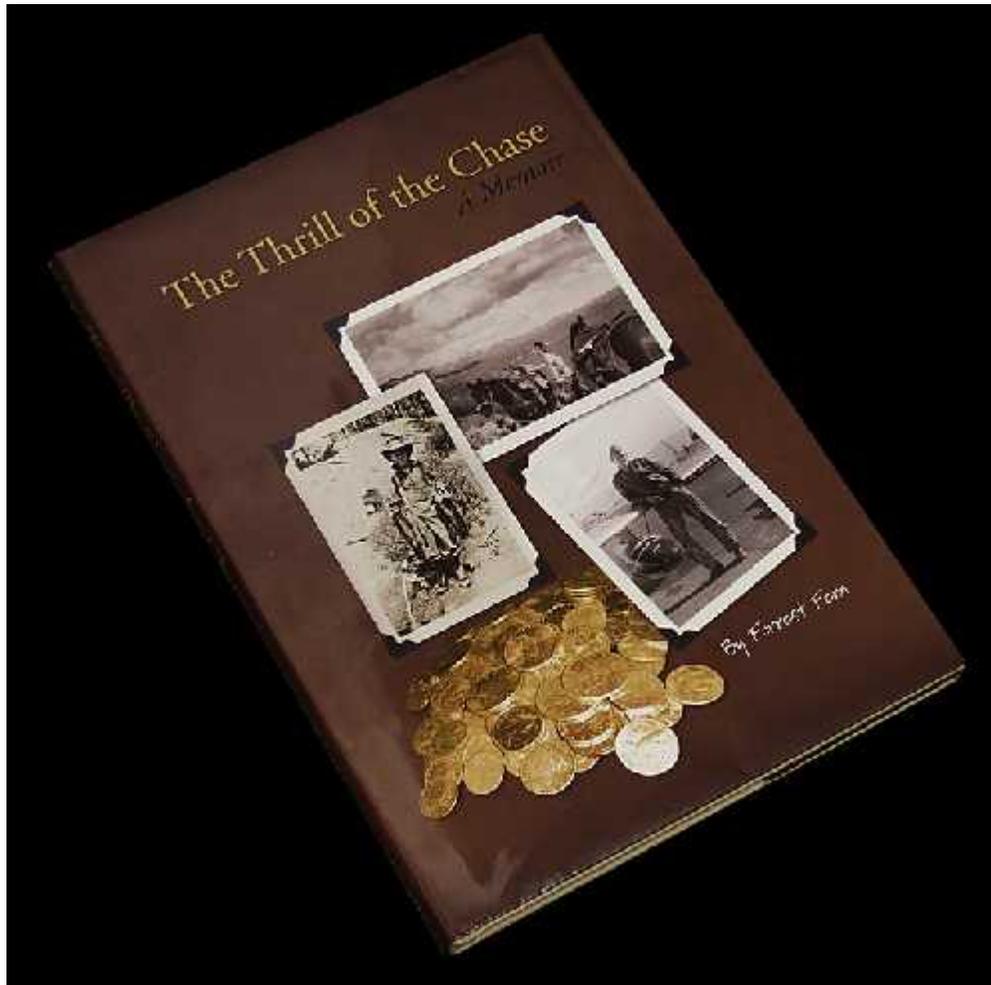
This weekend we are heading out to the GPAA Gold Show. We are also leaving early to attend the GPAA Summit Meeting. This is where GPAA is going to explain their changes to their "point system". Point system, being their method of rewarding chapters for volunteering and for signing up and renewing their memberships. We will have a booth with many items to sell. Much more that we have had in the past. We will definitely talk about this at our next meeting.

Our May outing is out at the Freedom Claim. We have also invited Southwestern Prospectors and Miners Association to the outing. This should be interesting. This claim has a lot of space to camp, so should not be a problem. There should be those who will explain how it looked in the past and where we have been finding those precious minerals. The Freedom "camping area" has been worked over quite a bit since we first acquired the claim.

The last two Fridays of May are scheduled with two elementary school Gold Rush presentations. Magnolia Elementary School in Carlsbad and Oak Hill School in Escondido. Other schools have contacted us, but they all seem to have their California Gold event at the same time. That's going to be fun to set up. Like I've said in the past, "we work hard to entertain and educate you, all you have to do is volunteer to help us once in a while." There are already too many events scheduled for June and we will probably cancel some. That's it for now. See you after the Las Vegas Gold Show.

Sourdough Chet

**We have a special item on the Raffle Table tonight.  
A real life, contemporary Buried Treasure Book.  
Good Luck finding the Treasure!**



## **THE THRILL OF THE CHASE**

***Forrest Fenn sealed the 42-pound chest. He lifted it into his car and drove into the mountains. He returned 42 pounds lighter and a few million dollars poorer.***

Forrest Fenn, a legendary 80-year-old Santa Fe art dealer and collector, has written a memoir in which he gives clues to finding a real treasure chest that Fenn has hidden in the mountains north of Santa Fe. The treasure includes gold coins, nuggets, pre-Columbian gold animal figures, a Spanish 17th century gold-and-emerald ring and an important bracelet with turquoise beads excavated in 1898 from Mesa Verde, which Fenn won much later playing pool.

This book is the remarkable true story of Forrest Fenn's life and of a hidden treasure, secreted somewhere in the mountains north of Santa Fe. The book contains clues to the treasure's location as Forrest Fenn invites readers to join in The Thrill of the Chase. If you are searching for Forrest's treasure please stay safe, take adequate supplies and a GPS. The chest is not in a dangerous place. Remember, it weighs 42 pounds and an old man carried it to its secret location.

<http://lummifilm.wordpress.com/>

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Hunt-for-the-Fenn-Treasure/153754318007583>

<http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2013/02/28/if-you-re-hunting-for-forrest-fenn-s-buried-treasure-start-here.html>

<http://www.today.com/news/10th-clue-revealed-hunt-hidden-treasure-worth-millions-1C8633528?franchiseSlug=todaynewsmain>

# Thank You

Ray Wilkerson for waving his magic sticks and for his informative talk on Dowsing.

Our new Associate Librarian: Rozalynn Laffoon

## Last Month

We elected two new Board Officers: Vice President: Jason Evans Secretary: John Hendricks

127 signed the attendance sheet with 11 new members

**Door Prize:** Sharon Crnkovic 50/50-- \$103.00- John Duda

**Finds of Month: Gold--**Jason Evans **Metal—**Jim Varonkasis **Gems--**3 way tie Blakely Sanford, Jason Evans, Kay Byrne

**Gold Nuggets:** Chris Jones, Joe Torres, Randall Naveau & Virginia West

## Upcoming Events & Information

### New General Meeting Time

The Board Members and volunteers will be setting up the hall at 5:30 P.M.

General membership will be allowed in the hall at 6:00 P.M.

The meeting will start, promptly, at 6:30 P.M.

**May club outing**, on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, will be at the Freedom Claims.

### 'Suggestion Bucket'

Thanks for the suggestions and keep them coming.

If you ask for feedback or a response, you have to leave your name.

### Dowsing Rods

We will now have a list for anyone wanting to purchase dowsing rods, with a limit of one set per member in good standing. They will also have to show their membership card to purchase.

## Metal Detecting

**April Outing:** We had 16 attendees (detecting and watching). Great detecting weather and no traffic or parking problems. Here's the final tally: John Davis \$5.46 a ring, couple Mexican coins, tokens and a bracelet, John Howe \$1.92, Zee Trutta \$1.87 and a ring, Robert Cook \$1.70 and a token, Frank Trutta \$1.67, John Troseth \$1.65 and a token, Jack Stangle \$.37 and an earring, Jon Cunningham \$.35, Michelle Silva. \$.16, Bill Lafoon \$.06, Andre LaBerge \$.05, President Chester. \$.01, Roz Lafoon a plastic toy shovel and wins THE SKUNK!, Larry Shaules (Frank's friend), Mary Troseth (John's significant other) and Jerry Kaplan (overslept but found over \$3 across the street after the hunt).

The May outing will be @ Ocean Beach on Cinco de Mayo! I'll be sending out a reminder with info. -John Howe

## Chapter Support

*We don't charge dues, there is no cost to check out prospecting equipment, outings are free, prospecting our claims is free, the library is free, the education and companionship are priceless/free.*

*All the work to maintain the claims, equipment, storage, federal/state/local bureaucracy, taxes, maps, guides, kitchen, library, website, newsletter and so much more is ALL volunteers.*

*Your club still has rent to pay, many claims with annual fees, equipment to buy/maintain, storage fees,*

website fees, gold & prizes cost, printing fees and numerous other monthly costs.  
We sell a few quality items and some raffle tickets for some really good prizes.

**Here is how you support your club. Participate. Buy some tickets. Win!  
And Thanks for being part of a fine organization.**

## Items available for purchase at the meeting

**Claim Guides** - \$20.00 with your TSS membership card.

**Dowsing Rods** - \$25.00 - Limited to one set per member

**Treasure Seekers Pins & Decals**

**Bags of Gold Pay Dirt** - \$12.00/Bag - limited to four bags per member

*One in every 10 bags will have a 'little' something extra! One in 50 has a picker.*

## Drawings at this meeting

Door Prize

50/50

Gold Nuggets

Raffle Table

**Special Ticket for 'Super Prize'** drawing at the end of the year with every \$20 tickets purchased.

## Quarterly Grand Prize drawing for June The Gold Cube



[http://www.goldrushtradingpost.com/gold\\_cube\\_](http://www.goldrushtradingpost.com/gold_cube_)

**See Jerry Goldstein For your WINNING Ticket!!!**

## Finds of the Month

Show off what you have done in the **last month!**

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize winners for each category.  
**Gold - Gems and Minerals - Metal Detecting**

## **MINER'S COOKBOOK**

By Judy Carpenter

### **Spinach Salad with Pears & Nuts - w/ Honey Mustard Dressing or Balsamic Vinaigrette**

1 pound Baby Spinach or bite size pieces, washed  
1 large ripe Pear, peeled and cut into thin wedges or chunks  
1/4 -1/2 cup Walnuts or Almonds, Pecans or Cashews, diced or whole, can be toasted  
1-2 stalked celery, diced small

#### **Honey Mustard Dressing or use Paul Newman's Balsamic Vinaigrette**

1/2 - 2/3 cup Dijon or Spicy Mustard  
3 - 4 Tablespoons Honey (use Local honey if you can)  
1/4 cup Extra Virgin Olive Oil  
1 - 2 teaspoons Lemon juice, fresh is best, but bottled is fine  
1/2 Teaspoon garlic powder, not salt  
1/4 teaspoon White pepper, regular ground is okay to use

Use a mason jar with screw on lid or whisk ingredients in a bowl. Start with a little and add more to suit your taste.

Optional Spinach toppings: Chopped boiled eggs, Cranberries, Craisins, crumbled Feta cheese, your imagination.

## **FOR SALE**

Send your Ads to [TSSDnewsletter@hotmail.com](mailto:TSSDnewsletter@hotmail.com)

### **"Senator Boxer Introduces Legislation to End Mining Leases in Soledad Canyon"**

(Imperial Valley News, 4/19/13)

Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) today introduced the Soledad Canyon Settlement Act, legislation that would resolve a two decade-long mining dispute between the City of Santa Clarita and CEMEX USA by requiring the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to cancel current mining contracts in Soledad Canyon and prohibit future mining at this site. <http://www.ca.blm.gov/g3kd>

One piece at a time, we're losing.

## **MEMBERSHIP POLICY**

Membership is free. All we ask is that you attend the meetings and participate.

**First Meeting:** A membership application must be completed.

**Second Meeting:** You will be given a membership card and sign the TSS claims rules.

**Third Meeting:** You are able to purchase one of TSS's Claim Guides.

To maintain membership, you must attend one meeting every four months.

Active military will not be removed from membership list.

## **Claims Etiquette**

You have to be a current member, have your Claims Guide and a current membership card with you when prospecting on our claims.

It is fair and proper for someone prospecting to ask one another to see their current membership card and claims

guide while on any of our claims.

**All guests** must sign TSS's liability form before prospecting on our claims.

If your membership is not current and you are prospecting on our claims, you are prospecting illegally and will be dealt with accordingly to existing law.

### **What to expect at a TSSD Outing:**

1. Come prepared for "you". You are camping on your own.
2. That means your own food and your own water. You need to make sure that you have enough food and water for your intended stay.
3. Your own lodging and transportation. Make sure that you have enough fuel to get to and from the location.
4. There are no public restrooms available – you need to come prepared, i.e. a port-a-potty.
5. Bring your own mining equipment, spare parts and necessities.
6. TSS invites you to the area; there is no 'guide' to show you around. You explore the desert on your own. Members will answer some questions if they are able to do so of the area.
7. If you are new to gold hunting – many members will let you share their equipment so that you get to know what you are really wanting to purchase.
8. Potluck – if this is a weekend trip – TSS members like to have a potluck dinner on Saturday night. This means you bring your own eating utensils, plates and drinks. We ask that each person participating bring a dish to share for 6 to 8 people. All food is welcome. There is nothing furnished by the chapter, unless otherwise stated. Please sample a little from each dish, but leave some for others. You do not have to participate in the potluck – the choice is yours.
9. Firewood – there is normally an evening fire after the potluck; where we share our experiences. If you have some extra firewood, it is appreciated.
10. Most areas are wide open desert – do not feel that you need to camp right next to someone, everyone enjoys their own space.
11. Animals are welcome as long as they are leashed.
12. You will be asked to sign in for attendance and for the Hold Harmless Agreement (same as on the membership application).

### **Aluminum pull-tabs for Ronald McDonald House**

Please bring your aluminum pull-tabs to the TSS General Meeting each month.

TSS member Sue Jeffrey will collect and donate them

<http://www.rmhc.com/how-you-can-help/pop-tab-collections/>

### **Claims Work Assessment Form**

For some bureaucratic reason (saves us money), we need to do and track work on our claims that improves the locale.

When you visit our claims, write down: Your Name, Address, phone, claim name, date, work done and time spent.

Get this information to our Claims Manager, Robert Cook. [rmjcc@cox.net](mailto:rmjcc@cox.net) He will fill in the correct paperwork and track it.

**FILL IN YOUR HOLES WHEN YOU ARE DONE PROSPECTING.**

## **LIBRARY**

Treasure Seekers has a tremendous library for members usage. Donna Brock, our Librarian, and the Associate Librarian, Rozalynn Laffoon, 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. Checking out the material is easy.

## **EQUIPMENT FOR MEMBER'S USE**

Treasure Seekers has a storage unit at Diablo Mini Storage in Escondido. Earl Sterrett is the Equipment Manager.

Inventory:

- 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 Magnetic Sweeper on rollers

All we ask, not much, is anything checked out is returned in the same or better condition than when it was borrowed. It's understandable, with the nature of our interest, 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.

*i.e. If a motor is on it's last leg, 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, forget to check if oil is needed and the motor burns up that would be a different story.*

Give Earl Sterrett at 858-922-4547 a call, if you would like to use "our equipment." He asks that you give him a couple of days notice when you might need something, and when items are returned they are CLEAN. All equipment must be returned by the meeting following 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. Whenever possible there is a treasure map that corresponds to the article. He sells these books on e-bay for \$20 each or 3/\$50. Frank Trutta at Columbia Metal Detectors also sells them for \$20 each. Blake also sets up his books for purchase at the TSS Chapter meetings.

### Orange Challenge Card Info

Use this form to guide you when you are challenged and most of all be polite.

While pursuing your outdoor endeavor of work, play, recreation or sport and you are challenged by a representative of a governmental agency or public servant, regarding the legality of you activity in their area, you should do the following:

- It is wise to politely ask if you are breaking any law. If you are informed that you are breaking the law, then ask for an explanation of the law and any municipal code that may pertain to the law.
- You should do as the governmental representative asks you, then ask for their name, badge number, position, and the agency and district they represent. Record this information along with the Date, time, and location of the area where you are located.
- If you do have a pleasant response from any of the representatives, such as being informative, cooperative, or helpful, we would like to hear about them also.
- Give this information to your local PLP office or representative and they will advise you of the appropriate procedure to follow.

**Name:**

**Badge# and Position:**

**Agency:**

**District represented:**

**Date & Time:**

**Location Details:**

PLP - PUBLIC LANDS FOR THE PEOPLE - [www.PLP2.org](http://www.PLP2.org) - Jerry Hobbs (909) 889-3039

# MISSION STATEMENT

Treasure Seekers of San Diego County (TSS) 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 Park Avenue Community Center  
210 Park Avenue, Escondido, CA 92025  
On the first Wednesday of each month, 6:30-9:00PM

See the treasurer and/or the secretary to review their respective reports from the previous month's meeting.

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