

TREASURE SEEKERS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

FINDERS KEEPERS

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Here it is the last month of the year already. This is the month of our Christmas party. I know we will get members to come to it. This year remember; don't sign up unless you are positive you will show up. Even on this event, we get those who don't show up. We buy the meats and other items and in some years, we have plenty of leftovers. It's Sunday, December 8 at 4:00 PM and is at the Madrid Manor. Bring your \$15.00 - \$20.00 gift for the gift exchange. Bring a side dish. Let's see those new members show up.

Our November outing was at the Cargo Claims. Rumor was that not a whole lot of members made it out there. I went to another "associations" meeting and they are now holding outings once every three months and focusing mainly on the new members. Maybe we should think on that idea. I gave the Temecula Chapter a copy of our next year's outings and told them that we would like to have some joint outings with them.

I read an article of an event in Utah. A 72 year old man discovered a cavern in the mountains that is an old Spanish mine. The mine was established in 1650. The mine was abandoned in 1680 during the Pueblo Indian Revolution and never found again. This person was able to file a claim on this area. He was mining some crystal minerals and looking for any lost or hidden gold. There is a group of U. S. Forest Service officials that are fighting his right to mine this area. The Forest Service officials had said that treasure hunters are destroying natural caverns by chasing fairy tales. Maybe that is the reasoning that Forest Service officials close down public lands all over the U. S. Ya think.....

Another article I read was about environmental groups are rushing out to grab a share of the millions allocated to clean up mercury left over from the gold rush days. This was published in the November issue of the Western Mining Alliance. A \$280,000.00 study at U.C. Santa Barbara found out that floods cause erosion and redistribute gravel releasing small amounts of mercury to travel the watershed. They banned dredging but now they are studying floods for \$280,000.00. Environmental groups are seeking taxpayer funds to continue studying the mercury in the gravels. They say that this is evidence even more money is needed to go into the study and cleanup of this mercury from the California gold rush days. It sounds evident that these groups want to use tax funds to find a method of dredging the mercury from the gravel and streams. The article goes on and is a very interesting read.

We will be starting off the New Year with a David Rice trip out into the desert to look for gems and minerals. I know there will be some fossil hunting thrown in too. David will also be our speaker as well. He never ceases to amaze me on his knowledge of desert geology.

Well that's it for now. Let's see some new members at the Christmas party this year.

-Sourdough Chet

Thank You

Guest Speaker: Rick Hall – Outhouse Pits and Bottle Collecting. Spoke for 45 minutes about how to excavate former outhouse pits and what to look for. He and his partners have found everything from intact whiskey bottles to coins and dolls. Many of the bottles are rare and valuable.

Last Month

Sleepy Bear Mine: It was a great outing. Special thanks to Jason for it.

Monthly Trip: Monthly trip will be to Cargo Muchacho on the 16th and 17th. It was requested that everyone have a “buddy” due to remoteness of the claim.

Finds of the Month: Gold- 1) Jason Evans, 2) Lois Dolan/Joe Corriher; Gems – 1) Frank Huberts

Opportunity Drawings- Door prize- Aaron Klapka

50/50- Gene Oliver \$60.00.

Gold Nuggets: Frank Huberts, Mike Mahr, Dave Gatley, Mike Mahr.

Upcoming Events & Information

Speaker: GPAA’s Dominic will be the speaker for December’s General Meeting

Christmas party is December 8th, Sunday. It will be held, as usual, at the Madrid Manor Community Center. Volunteers are needed for set-up and tear-down. Gift exchange is held to a limit of \$15-\$20 per gift. Please, only sign up for the party if they are positive you will be able to attend. We need to calculate the food.

Watch Out For E15 Fuel

Bad for Your Snow blower, Lawn Mower, Dry Washer and Dry Vac

<http://consumerist.com/2013/11/04/watch-out-for-e15-fuel-thats-bad-for-your-snowblower-and-lawn-mower/>

Metal Detecting

Results of our 11/10/13 outing at Ocean Beach: We had 9 attendees for a good detecting day, as usual.

Zee Trutta \$3.24, Tiffany stud, Frank Trutta \$2.35, silver ring, John Troseth \$2.16, silver charm, John Howe \$2.04
Rick Heygi \$1.59, Brian Kinnear \$1.37, Garmin GPS (water-logged), Jack Stangle \$1.34, 10 Franc coin, earring,
Jerry Kaplan \$.78, Samsung Galaxy phone (working!)
AND Big C \$.17, junk pendant and the WINNER OF THE SKUNK!!!

The December hunt will be on 12/8/2013 at Oceanside Harbor (@ jetty). I thought we should have a hunt at a North County beach since we haven't been here in a while (for good reason). Maybe we'll have better luck.

Note: This is the same date as the club Christmas Party, detect in the morning and party in the afternoon.

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 December



All Four Nuggets Go To One Winner!



See Jerry Goldstein For your WINNING Ticket!!!

Finds of the Month

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

1st and **2nd** Prize winners for each category.

Gold - Gems and Minerals - Metal Detecting

MINER'S COOKBOOK

By Judy Carpenter

Flexible Homemade alcohol water Ice Pack

(NOT FOR EATING)

- 2 cups water
- 1 cup rubbing alcohol or high-proof vodka (like Everclear)
- Food coloring any color you prefer (optional)
- 2 zip-top bags – quart or gallon-size or vacuum sealer bags

Mix the water and alcohol together in one of your zip-top bags and add food coloring, (if desired), until you get that perfect tint. Release as much air as possible and seal the bag. Recommend double bagging for strength. You may want to freeze the inner bag first to make sure you like the amount of flexibility before committing to permanent double-bagging. After freezing use a vacuum sealer bag for the outer layer to avoid leaky accidents. Stick your new flexible homemade alcohol ice pack in the freezer for about 12 hours before using it for the first time. It will be icy, a little slushy, and perfectly flexible for any body injury that needs the cold treatment.

Different alcohols will give different results. Rubbing alcohol is around 70% alcohol, and the Everclear is about 95% alcohol. The general rule is – more alcohol = slushier ice pack.

FOR SALE

2004 Jeep Wrangler Rubicon 4X4. Hardtop, metal doors. 4" lift by Skyjackers, Automatic, 6 cylinder (Inline 6), K&N air intake, Edge Products Computer, PIAA fog lamps, AC runs cold. CD/stereo. Leather interior (no cracks or tears), Dynamat interior flooring, Tinted rear windows. 5 1/2" black fender flairs, Chrome running boards. Off-road front bumper and rear tow package. 15x33 BF Goodrich All Terrain tires. 1 Brand new BF Goodrich All Terrain A/T on spare. Mickey Thompson Aluminum Alloy wheels, 2 (5gal.) gas cans and sand jack on exterior rear tire mount. Full Wilderness Racks by Garvin Industries (www.wildernessracks.com), 75533k miles. Call 760-215-9030 anytime. \$16,000.00 firm. See pictures in Autotrader.com and Craigslist.com.

Send your Ads to TSSDnewsletter@hotmail.com

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 (gas) 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 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 member's 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 its 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 anywhere 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 your 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:
Agency:
Date & Time:

Badge# and Position:
District represented:
Location Details:

PLP - PUBLIC LANDS FOR THE PEOPLE - 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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