

TREASURE SEEKERS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

FINDERS KEEPERS

Attention: January Meeting will be on the 8th.

January, 2014

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year. How many years have we been together? Some of us have been together since the late 1990's. Others, of us, got together in 2000/03. Well, we are still organized and growing ever stronger. Now we are pretty much headstrong and independent. Our speakers, instructors, and those who educate us in the topics that we stand for, get better and better each year. And who can we thank? We thank those who have come forward and volunteered to make us the very best. At the meetings, look around the room and see those who take the time to fill those positions at the tables. In the Newsletter, check out who is recognized for their positions. On the back of the Newsletter, check those names of those who are Officers, Board Members, and Directors. There's a bunch, isn't there. That's why we are what we are. We can't thank them enough.

2014 is going to be just as great as last year. We are going to start the year off with David Rice as our speaker and our Outing Coordinator for January. We're heading out to Plaster City for fossils and gemstones. It might be an overnight outing if there is enough signups for the second day. We have individuals who have come forward to speak on various subjects, but you can never have enough. You know who you are. Come on out and enhance our meetings and outings. Our Outings Calendar is out for 2014 and there is always a chance that there might be some changes and/or additions. Sue, Jim and Kristi of the American Prospector and Treasure Seekers, are always good for some great outings and events. If there are some places that you would like to go to, as a group, please let us know.

I can't leave this message without reminding all of you that we need support from everyone to help us keep our public lands open for all of us to recreate on. Public Lands For The People can't do it alone. Each individual organization (club) can't do it alone. Since this new federal government administration has taken over, i.e. lawmakers, both the federal and state lawmakers have banded together with the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management and with environmental groups to lock us out and fence us off of public lands that we as taxpayers own. The most recent example is the USFS report that they are going to gate and fence off areas in the Buckman Springs area. Some area is around undesignated roads but some are access areas to presently occupied claims out there. The USFS gave a 30 day notice right through the holidays. January 6 is the last day to file a response letter. What kind of fair play is that?

Let's leave it there, but also make a New Year Resolution that we will make this organization even better and we will all stay informed of these road and land closures and we will do something about fighting harder in 2014.

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Thank You

Guest Speaker: Gary Eckert – Choosing the Right Metal Detector. I learned a lot.

To all who made the Christmas Party a success!

To PLP for all their work for our cause.

They need our help.

Do what you can or we will be out of places to prospect and mine.

<http://plp1.org/home.html>

<https://www.fundraise.com/public-lands-for-the-people/public-lands-for-the-people-legal-defense-fund>

Last Month

Finds of the Month: Metal Detecting – Ryan Romaine; Gems – 1) Frank Huberts, 2) Jason Evans

Opportunity Drawings

Door prize - Frank Trutta

50/50 - Gene Flatt \$86.00.

Gold Nuggets - Gerald Steffler, Charlene Myers, Jesse Ammon, Gerry Butler

Grand Prize - Don La Follette

Upcoming Events & Information

First outing for 2014 will be in January 18th or 19th at Plaster City with David Rice who is also the speaker for January 2014.

Metal Detecting

We only had 4 attendees this month, but it was the same date as the Christmas party so that may be why. Or maybe it was the beach I selected.

Attendees sorted by cash found: Donna Shout \$1.38 + a gold earring + a junk ring, John Howe \$1.08 + a hammer + a pencil flashlight + a key, Dan McGuigan \$.42 & Brian Kinnear \$.05 but he was hunting strictly the wet and that's what can happen. Sometimes good jewelry, sometimes a nickel. But he still WINS THE SKUNK!

January's hunt will be on the **5th** at Coronado beach in hopes that the holiday tourists dropped stuff. ***Please note that this is one week earlier than normal, but I've got another commitment on the 12th. This may be a better date anyway, as it's closer to New Year celebrations.***

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, and 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 March



TEKNETICS EUROTEK PRO Metal Detector
<http://www.tekneticst2.com/teknetics-metal-detectors.htm>

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

Clam Dip

16 ounces Sour Cream
16 ounces Cream Cheese, soften
4 cans of Clams, 2 minced, 2 chopped
2 Tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
2 Tablespoons Soy Sauce
2 Tablespoons Lemon juice
Tabasco Sauce, to taste

Drain the clams; reserving 1 teaspoon of clam juice to add to the mixture.

Mix all the ingredients together in a glass or plastic bowl. Cover and put in the fridge. Make several hours ahead of time or the day before. Garnish with chopped chives or a sprinkle of paprika. Serve with crackers or pita chips

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, and AC runs cold. CD/stereo. Leather interior (no cracks or tears), Dynamat interior flooring, and 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](tel:760-215-9030) anytime. \$16,000.00 obo. No dealers please. Call anytime.

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Vintage 1985 Camper for Full size truck with 8ft long bed and has tailgate removed. 12" overhang. Great for going to desert. You have got to be tired of sleeping in tents or in the back of your truck. Why rough it any longer. This camper is in good condition, has normal wear and tear. 2 sinks, Custom AC unit installed on roof, comes with a toilet so no more going in a bucket or in the bushes! Has stove, refrigerator, multiple sleeping areas. Brand name 1985 Beaver. Call [760-215-9030](tel:760-215-9030). Open to realistic offers.

Thank you "The Durbinator" Linda Durbin

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 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 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:

Badge# and Position:

Agency:

District represented:

Date & Time:

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, 6:00-9:00PM

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

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