

TREASURE SEEKERS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

FINDERS KEEPERS

March, 2014

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

So many things to remember and so many things I may forget to say here. First, let's start with the Freedom Claim outing. Randy Oyler was our Wagonmaster out there. Maybe we don't call them Wagonmasters anymore, but he did such a great job, I'm glad to say he was our Wagonmaster. Got some great calls and emails that he did a great job and everyone found gold and learned how to find it. He gets the thanks from everyone who attended the outing.

Lee Crnkovic passed on Friday the 21st. at 9:15 AM. He and Sharon were able to see the check we gave of \$840.25 before his passing. They were very grateful and sent us a thank you card. For Lee, There will be a service held at the Emmanuel Faith Church in Escondido at 629 E. 17th Ave. Saturday, March 8 at 10:00 am with a reception and light refreshments after.

Many of you have read about the more than \$10million in gold coins found on a couple's property this past month. 1,427 coins dated 1847 to 1894. I believe they were not even looking for anything in particular. Just found a can sticking out of the ground. The pair wish to remain anonymous to keep those with metal detectors away from their property.

Also some good press in the news about the Temecula Valley Prospectors on how the drought is making gold prospecting easier. The streams may be dry, but that only makes it easier to get out in the middle of the stream beds, dig under the boulders. We went out to the GPAA Bautista claim and did just that. Some promising pieces were found by the TVP. While typing up this message, I got a phone message of another newspaper writer that they may be interested in doing an article on our experiences at gold prospecting. Gary Warth did a large article while camping on the Friendly Fox claim in the Cargos.

We went to the Julian Mining Company in Julian to see about having an event with them. They liked us so much that they want us to be a part of the Julian Gold Rush Days and any other event they might put on. We made such a great impression; they contacted the GPAA and let them know that they wish us to represent us, the TSS, as well as the GPAA. So the TSS will have a free booth there on the 31st of May and 1st of June. There will be a sign up at our next couple of meetings. We will have a booth like at the Bates Nut Farm with free events for the kids. They also have some interesting events that I know they will share with us. Ray is helping set us up for the Vista Strawberry festival the weekend before the Julian event. I need to get busy to see if we can also set up for that one too.

We also have the elections coming up in April. We will have the nominating committee set up to look for some new members taking over the positions of Treasurer and President. I know I can't stay in this position forever and I know you must know someone who may want to step in and do a great job. And there are those who like to handle the treasurer position of this organization.

Temecula Valley Prospectors are going to be with us at the Hauser Geode Beds this month. No use telling you that this outing will be the third weekend of the month. We also have some great speakers lined up for the next few months. Everything is going good for the organization and everything is going great for the president. I know I haven't mentioned everything here. If I have forgotten anything here, please let me know. See you at the meetings.

-Sourdough Chet

Lee Crnkovic

Lee joined the Lord on Friday, February 21st, 2014.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 8th, 2014 at 10:00am at the Emmanuel Faith Community Church, 639 E. 17th Ave., Escondido, CA. 92025

With a reception and light refreshments immediately following.

Lee was a founding member of TSSD and the creator of the claims guides. At last month's meeting, the gold pan was passed to help Lee and Sharon. The membership of TSSD presented them with a cashier check in the amount of \$840.25. The check was received by them before Lee's passing.

I remember the first time I met Lee. It was up prospecting the 'Freedom' claim.

It was my first time out with Treasure Seekers, my first time prospecting in the desert, my first time feeding a Keene 151 on the communal dig and it was miserable.

It was hot. It was dry. It was dusty and dirty. I knew no one.

I was wondering why the heck I was out in this God forsaken part of the world, sweating and about to suffer heat stroke.

I took a break from shoveling the 151 and walked around to see what others were doing.

There was a Jeep with a couple working a little dry-washer on the other side of the huge pile of gravel that we were trying to make into a small pile of gravel.

I was admiring their little, quiet dry-washer as I walked near their dig.

Lee said "Hi" and introduced himself and his wife, Sharon. He told me to have a seat, on a pile of gravel.

Lee inquired into my background and knowledge of prospecting. I knew a little less than nothing at the time.

Lee started explaining his setup and the dry-washer hooked up to the Jeep battery, how the dry-washer worked, the classifying and concentrates they would get from working his spot. He showed me his vial with a little gold in the bottom.

He just talked and Lee taught me a lot that day. We had some smiles and a couple of laughs.

Lee made me feel comfortable and welcome that hot miserable day. If not for him, I might not have come back for more abuse in the desert.

I remember after working so hard that long weekend, being filthy, sunburned and tired and having a gold vial with just a few tiny specks of gold; hardly a grain weight to it. Certainly not remotely enough to justify the expenses.

On the drive home, I was thinking to myself, this has really been a fantastic weekend. I think I have a new friend.

I will miss you my friend.

Last Month

Klaus Golkhe discussed his rock crusher and what it can accomplish.

Smokin' Claim, by the chimney, Outing (Summit Range out in the Randsburg area) led by Randy Oyler

Finds of the Month: Metal Detecting – 1) Kalina Catagirone, 2) John Davis; Gems – 1) Frank Huberts, 2) Jerry Kaplan; Gold – 1) Aaron Klapka, 2) Joe Corriher 3) Steve Gessler

Opportunity Drawings- Door prize- Frank Huberts

50/50- Kalina Catagirone \$150.00

Gold Nuggets: Lois Dolan, Joe Torres, John Howe, Jeffery Wark, Mike Jordan

Grand Prizes: David Hale – Techniques Metal Detector; John Davis – collection of silver American coins; Jesse Ammon – Spanish shipwreck coin

Upcoming Events & Information

Speaker will be Thor Strom. **I have no idea what the subject will be!!!**

We will have a safety presentation by Charlene & Bill Myers and Jim Mears. This will cover explosive and/or live ordinances that can be found with a metal detector.

March 15th and 16th – Hauser Geode Bed Outing



California couple finds \$10 million in rare coins while out walking dog

<http://consumerist.com/2014/02/26/couple-goes-for-a-hike-finds-10-million-cache-of-gold-coins/#more-10154578>

<http://money.msn.com/investing/post--tax-man-comes-for-couples-gold-coin-find>

Metal Detecting

Results, Feb 9, 2014 outing at Mission Beach (@ jetty); sorted by cash found....

A great day to hunt. Not too hot, not too cold. We had 12 club hunters and three guests.

John Howe \$3.23 - tungsten carbide ring - 10 peso coin - car wash token - junk Chinese bracelet, Michele (with 1 L) Silva \$1.30 - toy car - spoon - "message" in a bottle, Brian Kinnear \$1.25 - Gerber knife, Bob Adimari \$1.19 - token, Jack Stangle \$1.16, Becky Adimari 79¢, Jerry Kaplan 69¢ - Canadian penny - bracelet - junk ring - bud in a bag, Brian Winter 48¢ - flashlight - pendant, Bill Laffoon 25¢, Roz Laffoon 25¢, Big C 17¢ - sinker, Steve Brite 00¢ and the **winner of the SKUNK!**, Patty Chadwick (guest) bottle cap, Steve Brite's daughter & friend (guests) struggled to learn the machine

Next month's hunt will be March 9th at Pacific Beach.

Searching the Beaches . . .

Now when beach hunting is slow this is a good time to assess your hunting techniques. I always harp on setting a good grid pattern yet I never see the majority of detectorists doing this. Pay attention to the width of your swing and drag your scoop behind you to mark the sand so when you turn around you have a good reference to where you detected. Put on your biggest coil and swing real slow and see how deep of a target you can find. Do this long enough until it becomes a habit. This is how you should hunt all of the time. Don't be in a rush. Whatever is there is not going anywhere.

Hunt smart! By Frank M. Trutta

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

Luck O' the Irish Slow Cooker Reuben Sandwiches

Ingredients:

1 package (2 pounds) refrigerated sauerkraut (I prefer Bavarian style in glass jars)
1 package (2 to 3 pounds) corned beef brisket
1 cup Thousand Island dressing or use a good mustard instead
16 slices pumpernickel rye bread, toasted
8 slices (1 ounce each) Swiss cheese

Directions:

1. Place sauerkraut in 3- to 4-quart slow cooker. Place beef brisket on sauerkraut. (If brisket includes packet of spices, sprinkle spices over brisket.)
2. Cover and cook on Low heat setting 9 to 11 hours.
3. Remove beef from cooker; place on cutting board. Cut beef into slices. To serve, spread 1 tablespoon dressing on each toast slice. Using slotted spoon to remove sauerkraut from cooker, top 8 slices toast with 1/2 cup sauerkraut each. Top sauerkraut with beef slices and cheese slice. Top with remaining toast.

FOR SALE



Minelab Eureka Gold Metal Detector – the only gold detector with 3 frequencies.

Includes: 10 x 5 inch Gold Search Double D search coil, 110v Wall Charger, Alkaline Battery Pack, Ni-MH Rechargeable Battery System, and Instruction Manual. Serial Number for detector #2370, coil #25049. Retail selling price: \$1,049 plus tax
Selling for \$750.00 Serious inquiries only: **Charlene Myers 760.439.8521**

Used **Gold Screw** complete with pump. Call Frank at Columbia Metal Detectors 760 743-8516.

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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