

FINDERS KEEPERS

Editor: Charlene Myers

Presidents Message:

Busy month of February. We hosted the Pomona Gold Show, We went to the Cargo Claims down south, we had some great fun beach metal detecting and the Sleepy Bear Mining along with American Prospector and Treasure Seekers held a fund raiser for the Public Lands for the People.

The Gold Show went better than I expected. We had plenty of volunteers. Five chapters were involved in the "hosting". We made some funds from this venture along with the pre-ticket sales. This will help us with our funds needed for our meeting lease and the storage facility charges. Not much really new at the gold show but we did manage to pick up a few items for our drawings. I do want to thank all those who volunteered to help. Their names are given in the newsletter. Thank you for all that you do. I hope you all had fun.

The Cargo outing and beach metal detecting will be discussed at the meeting. I did see a number of our members on a video for the Sleepy Bear mining PLP fundraiser. Didn't hear how they did on the gold recovery. Come to the meeting and I know you will find out.

With the help of Jon Cunningham, we will keep a fundraiser jar handy at all our meetings for helping the PLP. This last month we were able to put our raised funds to good use by purchasing two hundred dollars worth of PLP raffle tickets and two free trips to the LDMA, Dusienburg claims. We will auction these off along with a special deal on the raffle tickets and make even more funds that will go to the PLP.

This month is the selection of officers who will be running for the position of Secretary and Vice President. Some like to stay as far away from volunteering for officer positions, but we know that all these positions are what keep us as the best chapter and club. Volunteer and put your two cents in and keep us as the best.

We had to make a change in our outings this month. We will be going to our gem claim in Warner Springs. We will also visit the Indian Flats Campground. This is an outing where we need volunteer help on the gem side of our outing. Where to go and what to look for. Metal detecting will be done in the campground.

I am also looking for another beach metal detecting/barbecue or just a get together at the beach with a coin hunt contest. Now is the best time to hold this. Let's think about this. Well, let's cut this short. A lot of this will be discussed at our meeting and the best way to get you there is take care of business at the monthly get together.

Sourdough Chet

Quarterly drawing for the Minelab Metal Detector is tonight!

Searching The Beaches:

By Frank Trutta

The Pacific Beach outing turned out better than expected. The last hunt there produced almost no finds. This time John Howe came up with 37 coins for \$3.99, Tom Alaniz recovered two Hot Wheels, a copper ear ring and 10 coins, Jerry Kaplan came up with 94 cents, Brian Kenear found a Hot Wheel car, 30 some cents in change and a nice copper chain, Kristine Kesten ,my new snow bird customer from Boston using her Safari for the first time came up with about 10 coins and a copper ring. I came up with 35 coins for \$2.04, 4 rings one being a weird three finger ring with a skeleton design, a sterling silver ring, a copper ring and an unidentified metal ring. All of this was found in the low tide area using my Minelab CTX 3030 with the 13 x 17 inch coil. I did come up with 10 nickels which is a high percentage and all the targets were all 9 plus inches deep. Needless to say I got my exercise for the day. We all did well because my wife Zee did not go.

Next month we will go back to Pacific Beach since there is an even better low tide and see if our luck continues. The gold rings have to be there just waiting for us. The hunt will be March 22nd at 7:00 a.m. just south of the pier. Any questions call me on my cell phone 760 291-7900 or at my shop, Columbia Metal Detectors, 760 743-8516.

As always "Hunt Smart"

Metal Detecting with John:

By John Howe

Here are the results of TSSD's February Metal Detecting Outing at Coronado Beach on 2/15/15.

It was a day to be thankful to be living in San Diego! Absolutely perfect weather to be at the beach in FEBRUARY! We had a total of 6 hunters and here are the finds (not counting trash) in order of most cash....

John Howe 13 coins @ \$1.40

Jerry Kaplan 15 coins @ \$1.15, and a cell phone

Bob Waldrip 10 coins @ \$0.60 and an earring and key

Cliff Vaughn 5 coins @ \$0.14 and a pair of junk earrings

Bob Adimari 1 coin @\$0.10

Ron Porio 0 coins @ \$0.00 and the **WINNER OF THE SKUNK!**

The March outing will be at Ocean Beach, 3/8/15. I'll send out a reminder.

Did You Know ~

In 1881, [Alexander Graham Bell](#) invented the first metal detector. As [President James Garfield](#) lay dying of an assassin's bullet, Alexander Graham Bell hurriedly invented a crude metal detector in an unsuccessful attempt to locate the fatal slug. Bell's metal detector was an electromagnetic device he called the induction balance.

TSSD Election and Nominating Committee:

April election of Vice President and Secretary.

Conrad Eury. Mary Troseth and Sue Connor are on the nominating committee.

If you, or anyone that you might know, is interested in holding either of these positions please contact one of these 3 committee members.

Positions are for two years.

March Guest Speaker(s):

Betty Krutzsch-Johnson and Tony Johnson, Owner/Operators of AKAU Alaska Gold & Resort L.L.C. Long time members of Treasure Seekers with give a presentation on their mining operation in Nome, Alaska on the famous Anvil Creek. Visit their website at: <http://akaugold.com/>

Fire Permit:

Did you know that the State of California requires a Fire Permit? Even for fires in the wide open desert? Well they do and they are free.

Take a simple test after watching a 2 and ½ minute video and you will have your permit. Good for one year. This is needed for BBQ's, propane stoves and camp fires.

Permits can be issued by the US Forest Service (USFS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), National Park Service (NPS), and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) or online at PreventWildfireCA.org/Permits

GPAA Membership Kits:

Available at the TSSD meetings.

Cost is \$70.00 for a one year membership; start up kit and claims guide through TSSD only.

Please see Chester.

Finds of the Month:

3 categories to enter: Gold, Gems and Minerals, Metal Detecting Finds

Bring in your best finds from last month.

Prizes for 1st and 2nd place in all 3 categories.

*Remember, it is **quality**, not quantity.*

February Meeting Summary:

167 people in attendance.

Door Prize Winner – Susie McKinney

50/50 Drawing – Charlene Myers

Finds of the Month:
Metal Detecting – Jason Evans

Gems & Minerals – John Troseth and Lori Parker

Gold – Jason Evans and Brian Kinnear

Gold Nuggets – Patricia Regan, Gene Oliver (a 2 time winner), Tom Stefan, Jeff Fabrizio and Tony Bulis.

Sluice – Frank Huberts

Yearly “Special” Drawing Winners:**For the Silver Rounds:**

Blakely Stanford
Pat Regan
Dan McGuigan
Steve (sorry – did not receive last name)
Michele Silva
Sharon Crnkovic
Bill Laffoon
Dave Hale

For the 10oz Silver Bar:

Mike Gibson

Throughout the ages, silver jewelry has been associated with magical powers; believed to promote healing, bring good luck and for warding off evil spirits to the wearer. While these beliefs are not part of mainstream thinking today, some people still hold them true.

Miner's Cookbook Corner:

By Judy Carpenter

Bacon & Onion Foil Packet Potatoes

2 to 3 sheets of heavy-duty foil
1 packet onion soup powder, (like Lipton)
10-12 baby red potatoes, thinly sliced or cubed
12 slices of cooked and crumbled bacon or used the Oscar Myer already cooked
1 small onion thinly sliced and diced
1 cup sharp cheese (optional)
Salt and pepper to taste
3 tablespoons olive oil or butter
Sour cream for serving (optional)

Spray each sheet of foil with cooking spray.

In a mixing bowl add the onion soup mix, potatoes, olive oil, salt and pepper.
Spoon equal portions of the potatoes on the foil, top with the cheese
Wrap securely.

Grill for 20 to 30 minutes. Or you can bake it in the oven, at 350° for about 35 minutes or till done. Let stand 10 minutes before serving. Serve in foil, topped with sour cream if desired

Thank you – You Make a Difference!

To Mr. Ted Burke and Mr. Ralph Lewis for their great presentation on Kokoweef Mine and its mystery. Mr. Ted Burke is a director and board member of Kokoweef.com and Mr. Ralph Lewis, a past board member and current historian of Kokoweefinc.com. Both have been involved with Kokoweef for 20 to 30 years. Kokoweef is located off of Hwy. 15 as you head towards Las Vegas.

To the members who volunteered at the Pomona Gold Show – Chester Nowicki, Michele Silva, John and Mary Troseth, Jerry Goldstein, Robert Cook, Pat and Ron Regan, Judy Carpenter, Gene Lepper, Linda Durbin, Mike Gibson, Tom Kluczynski, Bob Dunn and Don LaFollette.

To Mary Troseth for her huge effort in selling the GPAA Gold Show Advance Tickets. You did a remarkable job Mary!

Thank you to Jon Kishi for the donation of “Advanced Prospecting & Detecting for Hardrock Gold” by Jim Straight. This book is now in the TSSD Library and available for check out.

To each and every volunteer that it takes to run a meeting and all the behind the scene actions. You are appreciated.

MARCH OUTING:

**Warner Springs Gem Claim
One Day Outing
Saturday, March 21st, 2015
9:00 AM meeting time
Indian Flats Campground, Cleveland National Forest**

1. This claim belongs to SPMA and they are allowing TSSD members a chance to explore it.
2. The claim information is located in your TSSD Claims Guide.
3. This claim can offer: Garnets, Quartz, Albite, Feldspar, Tourmaline and others.
4. Some members will be metal detecting around the campground (which is not part of the claim).
5. Bring your own food and water. There is a vault toilet located in the campground.
6. You will need a National Forest Service Adventure Pass. (Big 5 Sporting Goods)
7. You will need to bring small bills with you, as there is a charge to park at the campground. \$12.00 per day or per night – there is no difference between day use and overnight. (per Palomar Ranger District on 02-25-2015, 760.788.0250) \$5.00 per day/night for additional vehicles.
8. Only hand tools are permitted to work this claim.
9. There is a private claim within this claim called “Cryo-Genie” – we do NOT have permission to work that claim and it is very well marked. Stay off this claim.
10. You must have your TSSD Membership Card in possession and the TSSD Claims Guide while on this claim.
11. Distance from Escondido is approximately 48 miles.
12. From the town of Warner Springs:
Go approximately 2 miles NORTH of Warner Springs on Hwy. 79.
Turn onto Indian Flats Road, Forest Route #9S05 (aka Lost Creek Rd.) marked by a Forest Service Sign.
If you reach the Warner Springs Airport, you have gone too far.
Then travel approximately 7 miles until you reach Indian Flats Campground.
The road is pretty much a good, graded road and “most” vehicles will have no problems.

Supporting the Chapter:

Dowsing Rods - \$25.00 for members/ \$30.00 for non-members. Limit one per family.

“The Desert Magazine” on Disk – 1937 to 1983 - \$5.00 for the set. Limit two per family.

Membership Card Holders with clip or pin style – \$2.00 each at Membership table.

Treasure Seekers Pins & Decals - \$6.00 each

Bags of Gold Pay Dirt - \$10.00, \$25.00, \$50.00 and \$100.00 bags available for purchase (with limits).

Claims Guides - \$20.00 with your TSSD membership card.

Opportunity Drawings:

Door Prize – taken off the meeting sign in sheet

50/50 Split Drawing

Gold Nugget Drawing

Raffle Table Drawing

See Jerry Goldstein for your winning tickets!

TSSD does not 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 and free.

Yet TSSD still has to pay rent, pay the mining claim fees, pay the storage bill for the equipment for you to use, gold and raffle item costs, printing fees and numerous other monthly costs.

Please support “your” club!

Participate!

Buy some tickets!

Win!

A special ‘ticket’ is given to you for every \$20.00 spent at a meeting. This ticket is for a “Super Prize” that will be drawn at the February 2015 meeting.

March “Quarterly Prize”:**Minelab X-Terra 305 Metal Detector**

Outings and Events:

March 4th – Wednesday:

TSSD General Meeting @ 210 Park Ave., Escondido
6:30pm

March 8th – Sunday:

Metal Detecting with John Howe
Ocean Beach
7:00am'ish
10:00 am meet up to share finds

March 21st – Saturday:

Warner Springs Gem Claim
9:00am meet at the Indian Flats Campground

March 22nd – Sunday:

Metal Detecting with Frank Trutta
Pacific Beach – south of the pier
7:00 am.

April 1st – Wednesday:

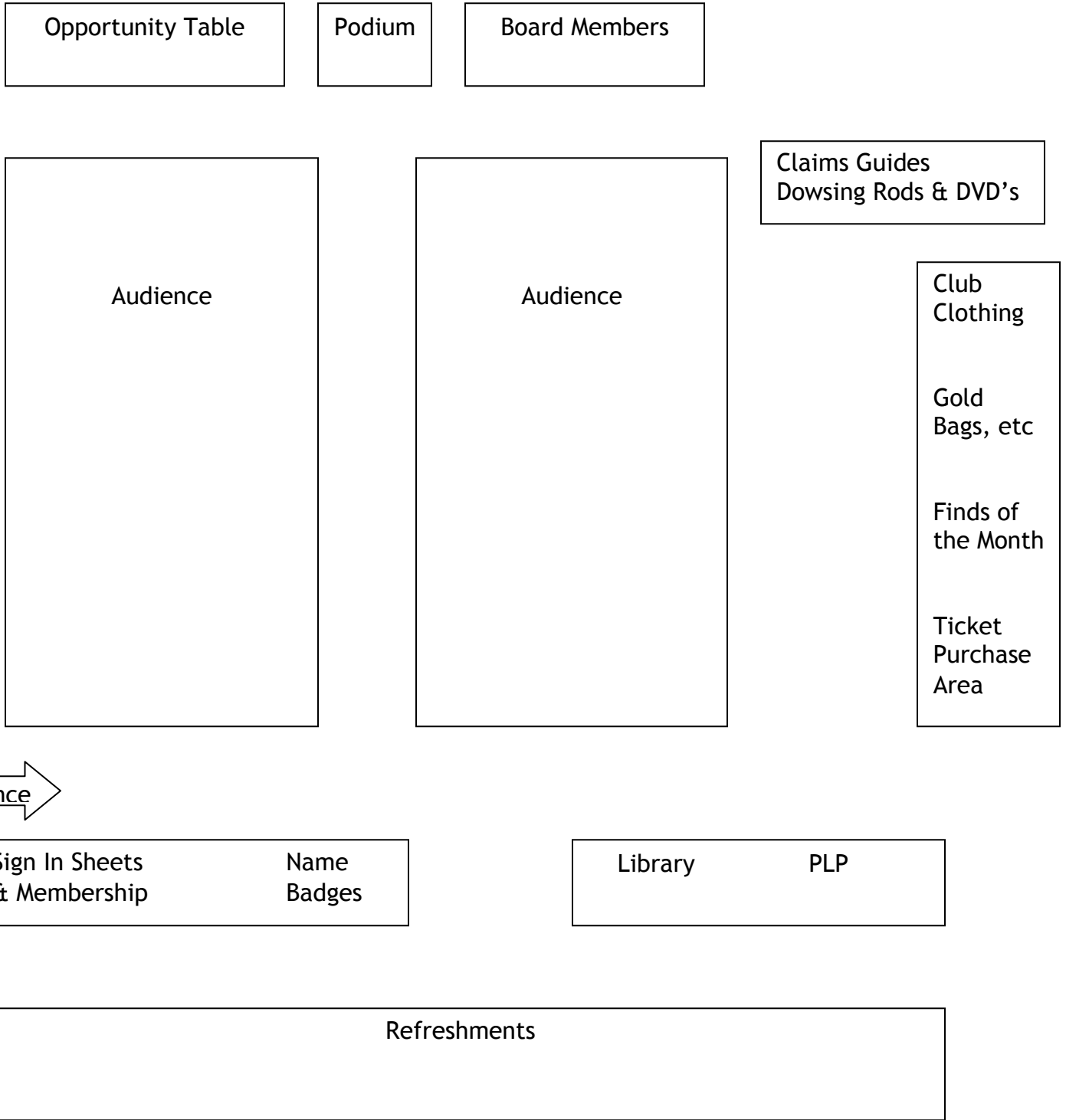
TSSD General Meeting @ 210 Park Ave., Escondido
6:30pm

March 2015 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 <small>St. Patrick's Day</small>	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

March 8th – Daylight Savings Time and March 20th – Spring Begins

Meeting Room Diagram



CLASSIFIEDS:**For Sale:**

LDMA membership.

\$2,000.00

Contact Sharon 760-519-9899

For Sale:

Gold Screw with pump ready to go.

\$200.00.

Call Frank Trutta 760 291-7900.

For Sale:

Keene 151 Electrostatic Drywasher for sale. Selling price new was around \$1600.00 plus another \$125.00 or so for sales tax.

I am asking \$1100.00.

Please contact Jack Stangl at (760)788-6116 if you are interested or have any questions.

**For Sale:**

Au-nique Vacuum and Hydraulic Mercury Amalgam Press

Contact: Greg Heyser 619.507.0182 or visit his website @ <http://auniquevac.com/>

Percentage of sales goes to TSSD.

If you wish to run an ad, please send to: charlenemyers@cox.net by the 20th of each month.

Save The Date:

Saturday, June 6th, from 7:30am till 12:30pm, TSSD will have a booth at Bates Nut Farm for “Valley Center Yard Sale/Swap Meet”. Details as the time get closer.

Websites to stay informed with:

BLM NewsBytes – a weekly publication - <http://www.blm.gov/ca/caso/getnewsbytes.html>.

Western Mining Alliance – www.westernminingalliance.org

Public Lands for the People (PLP) - <http://plp1.org/home.html>

On Facebook? There is a group on Facebook “San Diego Prospectors and Gold Miners”
https://www.facebook.com/?ref=tn_tnmn#!/groups/248992371925760/

It is a closed group and you must ask to join. This is for anyone who is interested in the great outdoors. Many SPMA, TSSD members, and others, are on this page.

TSSD Equipment for Member’s Use:

- 2 Sluice Boxes – 3 feet long
- 1 Sluice Box – 4 feet long
- 1 Mini Recirculating 9 inch sluice with pump, 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

TSSD has equipment that it loans to its members. All we ask is that anything that is checked out is returned in the same or better condition than when it was borrowed. It is 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. Further details of the equipment check out policy is on the form which you will sign when receiving the item.

Earl Sterrett, 858-922-4547, will be able to assist you with the equipment checkout. He asks that you give him a couple of days’ notice when you might need something, and when items are returned that they are CLEAN. All equipment must be returned by the meeting following when it was checked out. Equipment is located at Diablo Mini Storage in Escondido.

G.P.A.A.:

Treasure Seekers of San Diego is a chapter of G.P.A.A.. This does not require you to become a member of G.P.A.A. but if you are, please advise them that you are also a member of TSSD, so that we are eligible for ‘points’ from your membership. TSSD uses those ‘points’ to obtain opportunity raffle items.

TSSD Library:

Treasure Seekers of San Diego has a tremendous library for its members' usage. Librarian, Roz Laffoon, will gladly assist you in checking out books, magazines, VHS/DVD's that show you gold locations and history, treasure hunting, maps and knowledge of what to look for. Anything that is related to gold, gems and treasure hunting is available.

TSSD Membership:

Membership to Treasure Seekers of San Diego is free. We do not charge an annual dues. All that is asked is that you attend meetings, participate and support the group through its opportunity drawings and events. To maintain membership, you **MUST** attend one meeting every four months.

- 1st meeting: Complete and turn in a membership application.
- 2nd meeting: You will be given your TSSD membership card.
- 3rd meeting: You will be able to purchase a TSSD Claims Guide with proof of your membership card.

TSSD Claims Guides:

TSSD Claims Guides are available for purchase for \$20.00 (Twenty Dollars).

Inside each guide you will find:

1. List of Officers
2. Current year calendar of events
3. Claim Rules and Regulations
4. Chapter Support and Claims Etiquette
5. Equipment for members to check out and use
6. Claim do's and don'ts
7. What to expect at an TSSD outing
8. Using Dowsing Rods
9. Detailed maps and information pertaining to the 15 claims of TSSD.

Claims Assessment Work Form:

Each and every time you are at one of TSSD's claims, you should be completing a Claims Assessment Work Form (located in the front of the claims guides, or at the meetings from the Claims Guide Seller). This form needs to be turned into Robert Cook, TSSD Claims Manager, at the meetings or e-mailing it to him at: rmjcc@cox.net or surface mail to: 1941 Rockhoff Road, Escondido, CA 92026-1113.

Needed information required: Claim used, Members name, Date used, Total people prospecting and time on the claim, Type of work done (clean up, maintain, filling in holes, etc.), Members signature, Claims access, Vehicle access, Claim Markers, Claims Guide Directions, Type of equipment used, Type of gold found.

It sounds like a lot, but it really is not. This information is needed to prove that our claims are being worked. If BLM questions us as to the use of our claims or wants to close one of our areas to prospecting we want to be able to produce records that show that our claims are being used.

Claim Assessment Work forms are available at the sign in table. Please return to Robert Cook.

Treasure Seekers of San Diego County Mission Statement

Treasure Seekers of San Diego County (T.S.S.D.) was officially organized on May 21, 2003 when the election of officers was held. We are a G.P.A.A. chapter. Non G.P.A.A. members may attend meetings and participate in the raffle, but are not eligible to vote, hold office, be on the claims committee, or utilize G.P.A.A. 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 (formerly Joslyn Senior Center)
210 Park Avenue, Escondido CA
On the first Wednesday of each month, 6:30pm – 9:00pm

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