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A VIEW OF THE PRIMM TREASURE FIELDS

BY JERRY KAPLAN

Treasure fields in Primm... not likely you say. 35 miles from Las Vegas in the middle of the desert, maybe in the area, but not there in the fields. Well fellow prospectors, in my book, copper, nickel, silver, gold and greenbacks to the tune of several thousand adds up to treasure. In conjunction with the GPAA Gold Show Jan. 19 - 21, the American Metal Detecting Association held one of its three annual and richest competition hunts. This event has been featured on the Gold Fever Show and is one I wanted to try since viewing the program.

Saturday morning 8 A.M. clear sky, sunny, and 20 degrees. Hunt #1, a 20 minute "scramble", 400 painted pennies in the area of a football field and 75 people with every brand of detector imaginable are ready to go. I had my Whites Gold Master 3 and was on the line for my first ever competition hunt. Bernard drops his hat and the search is on. 20 minutes later the siren sounds and the hunt is over. If one does the math you should average out with around 5 pennies as a mean. Well, I had 1 penny and 12 pieces of trash. The high count was 21 and two tokens good for cash prizes, which by the way were 5, 10, 20, 50 and 100 dollars. Obviously, I needed to reevaluate my technique. Let's see, one can not predict where or what the targets and tokens are. Speed is of the essence. Searching virgin territory is also one of the most important things. I found the Gold Master a little heavy and while I could tell iron by the sound a lot of trash distracted me, I figured my backup machine a Bounty Hunter Fast Track is less than half the weight and would swing faster. It also has a tunable discriminator to let you know nickel and gold vs. copper, silver, brass vs. trash (aluminum and iron)

Saturday 10 A.M., Hunt #2, slightly warmer, twice the area, more than 100 people, 4,000 targets and tokens, 1 hour time limit. I was on the line in the fresh area, Bounty Hunter set and ready, with a new game plan. Move as fast as possible, targets are 2 - 4 inches so don't dig, stay in virgin territory as long as possible in the new area then move into the old area. Ready, Go. 1 hour later the siren sounds, I tally out, 41 targets, 1 token, and 8 pieces of trash. The new plan worked, the targets were assorted change and the discriminator worked great with the audio giving my eyes a hint as to what to look for. The toughest targets were the silver dimes, you could hear them, but they were a bear to find on the ground. Top count was 61 and 2 tokens, Wow was that guy moving, I can't believe it.

Again prizes ranged from 5 to 300 dollars, Silver Dollars, Silver rounds and gold coins. My token was worth a 1921d Silver Dollar in very good condition and my targets were worth \$3.75. A happy camper was off to the gold show for the afternoon.

Sunday morning 8 A.M., Hunt #3, warmer than Saturday, but windy. 20 minute scramble, 300 targets in one football field, same hunters. I was happy with the Bounty Hunter so off I went. 8 targets later it was over, the high count was 16.

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MARK YOUR

CALENDAR ~

- Sunday, February 11th

12:00 Noon

Metal Detecting Outing

Mission Beach

By the Roller Coaster

- GPAA Gold Show

February 17th & 18th

Lancaster, CA.

- TSS Chapter Meeting

Wednesday, March 7th

6:30 PM

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

Well, we had the metal detecting outing at the beach with Frank and I hope that was a bigger success than the outing at the Hall of Fame claim. It was very cold out in the desert and there was even a bit of snow. There were only one member that made it to the claim the second weekend.

Then we had the Gold Show in Primm, Nevada. We had lots of help and lots of fun. We got to see some new fangled gadgets at the show. I even picked up some items for the grand prize drawings. The total attendance for the three days of the show was way down, and our association didn't make half the funds it usually takes in. We got to talk to the Temecula Valley Prospectors quiet a bit and their organization seems to be growing a bit stronger now.

Since we have the Stanton meeting for the Board members from the 4th through the 10th, we are having our General Meeting on the first day of February. I know this is going to mess up some of our members. We will be naming the members of the nominating committee for the new board members. Don't be shy if you want to help our organization. We always need new blood to run things. Then we have the Lancaster Gold Show on the 17th and 18th. That will be our outing for February. And don't forget our beach metal detecting outing too.

I got word from Jim Hall that he now has sold his business and his house and he is finally on his way up north to his new diggings. He won't have to make those ten hour trips any more. He is very happy and we wish him and Michelle the best of luck.

~Sourdough Chet~

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, February 11th:

Metal Detecting:
12 Noon

Mission Beach by Belmont Park—
Home of the Giant Dipper Coaster

One block south of Belmont Park is a
large parking lot. Park there.

Saturday and Sunday,

February 17th & 18th:

GPAA Gold Show - Lancaster

Located at: Antelope Valley Fairgrounds
2251 W. Avenue "H", Lancaster, CA.

T.S.S. will be manning a booth.

Workers are needed, please sign up at
the back table.

Wednesday, March 7th:

Regular Chapter Meeting for T.S.S.
6:30 PM
Joslyn Senior Center

Sunday, March 11th:

Metal Detecting
Time and location to be announced

Saturday and Sunday,

March 17th & 18th:

Friendly Fox Outing

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Dates to Remember for the Month of February ~

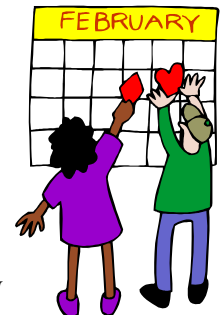
Friday, February 2nd - Groundhog Day

Monday, February 12th - Lincoln's Birthday

Wednesday, February 14th - Valentine's Day

Wednesday, February 21st - Ash Wednesday

Thursday, February 22nd - Washington's Birthday



OUTING INFORMATION:

Saturday and Sunday, February 17th and 18th will find Treasure Seekers of San Diego members at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds in Lancaster for the GPAA Gold Show.

Members are encouraged to attend this "event" to help the club sell bags of gold, dowsing rods and introduce ourselves to the general public.

While up there working the booth, there is time for you to wonder around the other booths and meet people from other clubs and get great deals on any

and all type of prospecting equipment.

Some members 'camp' in the fairground RV lot for a minimal fee (\$20.00). Others show up for the day and others stay in the local hotels/motels.

Antelope Valley Fairground RV Park has full hookups and has a separate shower and bathroom facilities. Pets are allowed - but not in the show. Call Judy or Roger Arell at 661.206.0427.

The month of March will find TSS heading out to the Friendly Fox Claim the weekend of March 17th and 18th.

More information will be able at the March Chapter meeting.

We also will be having the metal detecting outing on Sunday, February 11th at 12 Noon at Mission Beach, located near Belmont Park, home of the Giant Dipper Coaster, 3190 Mission Blvd., San Diego. Parking is available one block south of the roller coaster and there is no charge for parking. Tide is to be 0.7 low starting at 11:45 AM. Maps are available on the back table.

Hope to see you there!

JANUARY'S ATTENDANCE REPORT

Wednesday, January 3rd:

Chapter Meeting:

66 People in Attendance.

7 New Members signed up

Sunday, January 7th:

Metal Detecting - La Jolla Shores

18 people in attendance:

1 Guest

Bonnie Monahan, Ray Wilkerson, Colette Preston, Donna Brock, Charlene Myers, Yoko Weideman-Riggs, Terry King, Trish King, Roy Stone, Frank Trutta, Zee Trutta, Robert Cook, Jerry Kaplan, Janet Kaplan, Dennis Kell, Christina Kell, Dave Curtis and Bruce (guest).

Saturday, Sunday & Monday, January 13th - 15th:

Hall of Fame Outing.

25 People signed up

1 member in Attendance.

Reason - Bad Weather! Snow!

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, January 19th - 21st:

GPAA Gold Show - Primm, NV.

11 Members worked the booth.

Donna Brock, Ray Wilkerson, Loren Radatz, Richard Callahan, Richard Gravel, Chester Nowicki, Harriett Nowicki, Dain Blackburn, Frank Huberts, Judy Carpenter and Gene Lepper.

JANUARY'S MEETING WINNERS

Gold Nugget Raffle Winners: Tammy Vincent, Keith Browning and Dain Blackburn

Door Prize Winner - Richard Gravel

50/50 Winner - Sharon Crnkovic

Finds of the Month Winner - Frank Trutta

Quarterly Attendance Gold Nugget Winner - Harriett Nowicki

A VIEW OF THE PRIMM TREASURE FIELDS - CONTINUED

BY JERRY KAPLAN

Sunday 10 A.M., Hunt #4, The Silver Hunt. 3,000 silver dimes and tokens, 1- hour time limit, 2 football fields. Again the hat drops. My second target was a '44 Mercury and I didn't keep a tally during the hunt. The wind was up and you couldn't see the ground at times. Somewhere around the 15 - 20 minute mark I hit a dime, rechecked the hole and hit a second dime, rechecked the hole and pulled a third target, a brass numbered token with 449 on the front and a happy face on the back. The hour ended and I thought I had around 12 targets, but when I counted up there were 25 dimes, the merc, the token and 5 painted pennies left over from the morning hunt. 32 total items. The prize call started with the \$10 dollar tokens and I expected another silver dollar or round. Well howdy was I surprised when they called \$20, \$25, silver rounds and gold coins and my token was still there. The dimes with 88 were worth \$50, the quarters with an X pulled \$100. Three prizes left for brass numbered tokens with happy faces...#407, \$429 and #449. Top prizes #3,2, and 1 in that order. I was floored. My take for the weekend was \$6.25 in change, the merc, the Silver Dollar and 5 Benjamin's..... the feeling - Priceless.

If I can do it anyone can, so get out there. If you don't try you won't find *anything*.

So, about those meteorites from two meetings ago.....

OUR NEW STORAGE UNIT & EQUIPMENT FOR USE

Treasure Seekers of San Diego is now renting a storage unit at Diablo Mini Storage in Escondido. In this storage unit is all of the club's belongings, tables, panning tubs, sign, canopy, magnetic roller, gold pans, all the goodies that the club uses at it's meetings, demonstrations and at our claims. There is also the donated prospecting equipment that was given to the club just recently. They are:

- 4 inch Dredge with 2 motors with pumps, snorkeling equipment and 5 minute reserve tank all with foot valves and hoses.
- Keene Highbanker with foot valve, pump hose and a Honda motor with pump.
- Keene Drywasher (151) with motor and hoses.
- And many other numerous small prospecting items.

The board members voted on the storage in December. The reason: to free up some of Chester and Harriett's own personal storage units on their property and to free up their time of waiting while someone wanted to borrow an item. Also, the next President, may not have the ability to store all of this stuff!

This way, if a member wishes to choose to borrow an item, they can know contact Kent Donalson, the Equipment Manager, or Chester, our President. (both contact numbers on last page of the newsletter) They will meet the member over at the storage facility and have them fill out a informational sheet regarding the borrowing of such equipment.

T.S.S. would like to see the members use these items and wish them the best of luck with the hunt!

RAY'S TIPS

BY RAY WILKERSON

For all you metal detector and camera buffs, there is a new battery on the market. It is the Panasonic Oxyride.

The 1.5 AA's are rated at 1.75 and according to the Minelab people, these batteries not only last longer but deliver more power to the head. Do not use for regular flashlights though, as the pop the bulb.

SEARCHING THE BEACHES

BY FRANK TRUITTA

With all of these super low tides, this time of year, you would think any beach anywhere would be a sure cinch to hit the pay streaks of goodies. In theory that is correct, but if it was that easy everyone would be cleaning up. Unfortunately a super low tide in itself is not enough. Last weekend my wife and I went out when there was a minus 1.5 tide, that's as good as they get! The beach was a nice even colored light tan color, nice and even with no cuts or variance down the whole beach.

An absolute beach hunter's nightmare.

The nice looking beach was a result of the wave and tidal action depositing sand onto the beach thereby depositing a foot or so of new sand burying the targets just out of range of the metal detector's capability to detect them. After two hours of detecting and abandoning my "Never Give Up" motto with about ten coins I decided I had better things to do. One interesting thing is that I found about fifteen pull-tabs relatively shallow. This supports my theory that during high waves the lighter pull-tabs wash out leaving no tabs to be found during an eroded low tide, and with the sand moving on to the beach these lighter tabs wash back onto the beach. I am not sure if it is true, but it sounds good.

Pay attention to the news broadcasts on the radio announcing high wave warnings. This could either move more sand onto the beaches, or in our case eroding the sand off of the beaches. We love erosion and destruction of the beaches.

Remember, pay attention to your surroundings.

HUNT SMART!



LOW & HIGH TIDE INFORMATION

Besides being listed in the local newspapers with the weather section and if you have access to a computer, you can go to: www.tidelinesonline.com ("tide lines on line" - all one word)

Once at this website, click on the state of California, then open the drop down box of locations and click on "La Jolla (Scripps Institution Wharf) for the tide listings of San Diego County.

This website will let you access all the tide information that you will need. Just keep clicking on the "Next Five Days".

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

T.S.S. has NEW Membership Applications as of last month.

On these NEW applications your birth date is requested. The reason, Joslyn Senior Center is increasing their rental rates, but if we can prove that some many members are over a "certain" age, then we will get a reduced rate.

If you did not fill out a NEW application at last month's meeting, PLEASE see Charlene Myers at the sign in table.

If you were born in the month of February -

Your flower is: Violet and Primrose

Your stone is: Amethyst, Bloodstone, Onyx and Moonstone

Your meaning is: Sincerity

Your colors are: Light Blue, Yellow and Purple

Amethyst: The most valuable color is medium-dark purple: an uneven color reduces its value. This gem is durable, suitable for all types of jewelry. If the gems are left in sunlight, color may fade.

MINER'S COOKBOOK CORNER

BY JUDY CARPENTER

It was once rumored that during the Alaskan Gold Rush era some miner's actually traded their hard earned gold for a home baked Cherry Pie.

Of course we know that could have been very little or maybe even a whole lot of gold for some miners.

We all know the story of how George Washington (as a youngster) chopped down a cherry tree and how he couldn't tell a lie.

And we've all heard the expression "As American as Apple Pie."

Well on the contrary to belief, Americans favor Cherry Pie over Apple Pie, and most want it hot, with a scoop of vanilla ice cream on the top or on the side.

Valentine's Day or President's Day, cherries seem to be on the menu for this time of year and Cherry pie is appropriate for either occasion. Cherries the fruit of choice.

Traditional cherry pie has a lattice top, (but not essential), it is juicy, but not runny, tart but sweet with a touch of almond flavoring. The crust should be light and flakey and baked to a golden brown.

Cherry Pie Filling

2 - 16 ounce cans of Dark Sweet Pitted Tart Red Cherries (water packed)

(not the artificially colored canned cherry pie filling)

1 ½ cups of Sugar

1/3 cup Cornstarch

Dash of Salt

1 tablespoon butter or margarine

3 to 4 drops Almond Extract (optional)

10 drops of Red Food Coloring

Drain cherries: reserve 1 cup liquid. In medium saucepan combine ¾ cup of the sugar, the cornstarch and salt, stir in the reserved cherry liquid. Cook and stir over medium heat. Stir in the remaining ¾ cup of sugar, the cherries, butter or margarine and almond extract, add food coloring if desired. Let stand while preparing the pastry.

Basic Pastry for Double Crust Pie

(Use store bought pie crust or your favorite pie crust recipe)

2 cups All Purpose Flour

6 to 7 tablespoons cold water

1 teaspoon salt

2/3 cup Shortening or Lard

Tips for the Pie Crust:

Don't over work the pastry dough

Refrigerate the dough for 1/2 hour before rolling out

To prevent edges from over browning, cover with foil, remove foil about 1/2 way through baking time.

Bake in 375° oven for 50-60 minutes or until golden brown.

Cool before serving.



MEMBER PHOTO'S

CHAPTER MEETING - JANUARY 3RD



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METAL DETECTING - JANUARY 7TH



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GPAA GOLD SHOW - PRIMM,



Dain Blackburn is the winner of the gold panning contest!



Harriett Nowicki is the winner of the gold nugget drawing!



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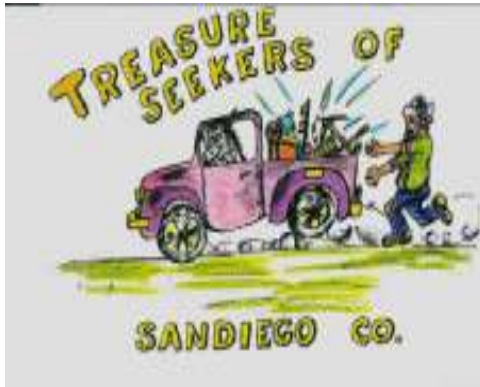
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MISSION STATEMENT:

Treasure Seekers Of San Diego County (T.S.S.) 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 Joslyn Senior Center

210 Park Avenue, Escondido.

On the first Wednesday of each month, 6:30—9:00 PM.

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