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A Nice Day On The Beach Metal Detecting.

Upper Left: Jim & Sue Jeffrey,
Guest Diane, Upper Middle:
Charles Bailey, Upper Right:
Dwight's finds, Lower Left:
Stoney, Lower Middle: Frank,
Lower Right: Jim Howe's finds

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 14th to Feb 19th Rendezvous at Stanton, AZ for Board Members

Feb 20th to Feb 21st Meteorite Outing (More Details to Come)

March 20-21 Howser Beds Area - Big "C" wagon master

April 16-18 Las Vegas Gold Show

April 24-25 Freedom claim - Jim Mears wagon master

Here is the List of Winners for January Meeting

Finds of the Month:

Gold: Jim Jeffrey

Metal: Dwight Reed

Gems: Dale Boettcher

Door Prize – Sharon Crnkovic

50/50: Loren Raddatz

Gold Nuggets: Jim Jeffrey, Mike Mahr, and Jack Stangl

ATTENTION ALL CLUB MEMBERS:

When signing in at TSS Meeting, please verify that all your information is up to date and correct. We have found we have a great many wrong telephone numbers and email addresses. And please provide GPAA and LDMA numbers if we don't have them from any new members. Thank you.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

President's Message Feb. 2010

We had some good rain this past month. Should have made it better for some panning and sluicing up in the mountains. I'll let you know how that "pans" out up at the San Gabriel River. Winter is here and it is too cold and wet for any desert prospecting.

We will be going out to the Franconia Meteorite fields this month on the 20th and 21st. Jim Mears has promised us a good hunt this year and has even set up an event for the youngsters at the camp site.

Quartzsite is also going on right now and will probably slow down by the time we get through with Franconia. If you like the travel, you can do both.

And then if you feel like really putting in the miles, there is the Phoenix Gold Show on the 13th and 14th of February and then the Rendezvous at Stanton the week of the 15th of February, and the Fresno Gold Show on the 20th and 21st.

Also coming up is the election of president and secretary of this organization, which will take place in April. We need to find those volunteers for the election committee. It's just something that you members must be responsible to step up and do. It's not all come and see the show.

Coming up is the Las Vegas Gold Show where we will have a booth. This year, it is at the Southpoint Hotel and Casino. Address is 9777 Las Vegas Blvd. South Las Vegas. (Cont'd on page 9)

TSS MEMBERSHIP AND CLAIMS GUIDE

Membership to Treasure Seekers of San Diego is free. We do not charge an annual dues. All we ask is that you attend the meetings and participate with the group.

A membership application must be completed. Please see anyone at the back sign in table for an application. This should be done at your first meeting.

By the second meeting that you attend, you will be given a membership card, at which time you are able to purchase one of TSS's Claim Guides.

TSS LIBRARY

Treasure Seekers of San Diego has a tremendous library for it's members usage. Donna Brock, the Librarian and Robert Otto, the Librarian Assistant, 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. The process for checking out the material is easy.

TSS EQUIPMENT FOR MEMBER'S USE

Treasure Seekers of San Diego has a storage unit at Diablo Mini Storage in Escondido. Kent Donalson is the Equipment Manager.

We have:

- 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 Dredge 3 inch (with motor, pump, hooka air, misc. hoses, end nozzles and accessories)
- 1 Magnetic Sweeper on rollers

All that we ask (and it's not much) is that, anything that is checked out, is to be returned in the same or better condition than when it is borrowed. It's 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. To go a little more in depth—if a motor is on it's last leg and 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 and forget to check and see if oil is needed, and the motor burns up, that would be a different story.

Feel free to give Kent a call if you would like to use "your equipment", his phone number is on the back page of the newsletter. All he asks, is that you give him a couple of days notice when you might need something, and when items are returned that they be in a CLEAN condition. This is to be respectful to the next person checking out the item. All equipment must be returned by the next meeting from when it was checked out. This will allow you any where 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. Often whenever possible there is a treasure map that corresponds to the article. He sells these books on e-bay for \$20 each or three for \$50. Frank Trutta at Columbia Metal Detectors also sells them for \$20 each. All have no shipping – no sales tax. Blake also sets up his books for purchase at the TSS Chapter meetings. Available compilations and re-prints are:

Basement Chemistry for Prospectors

Lost Arch Gold Mine

Duke's Short Course in Prospecting and Mineral Identification

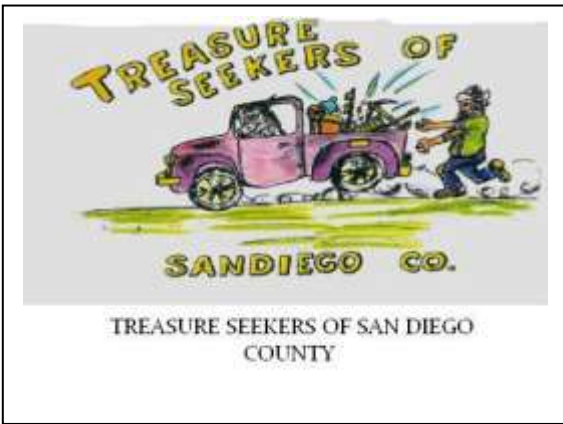
Peg Leg's Lost Gold

Randsburg Gold

Twenty-nine Palms Gold

Yuma Gold

(November please request books via email or snail mail.)



TREASURE SEEKERS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

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
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ITEMS FOR PURCHASE AT MEETINGS

TSS Claim Guides - \$20.00 per guide with proof of your TSS membership card.

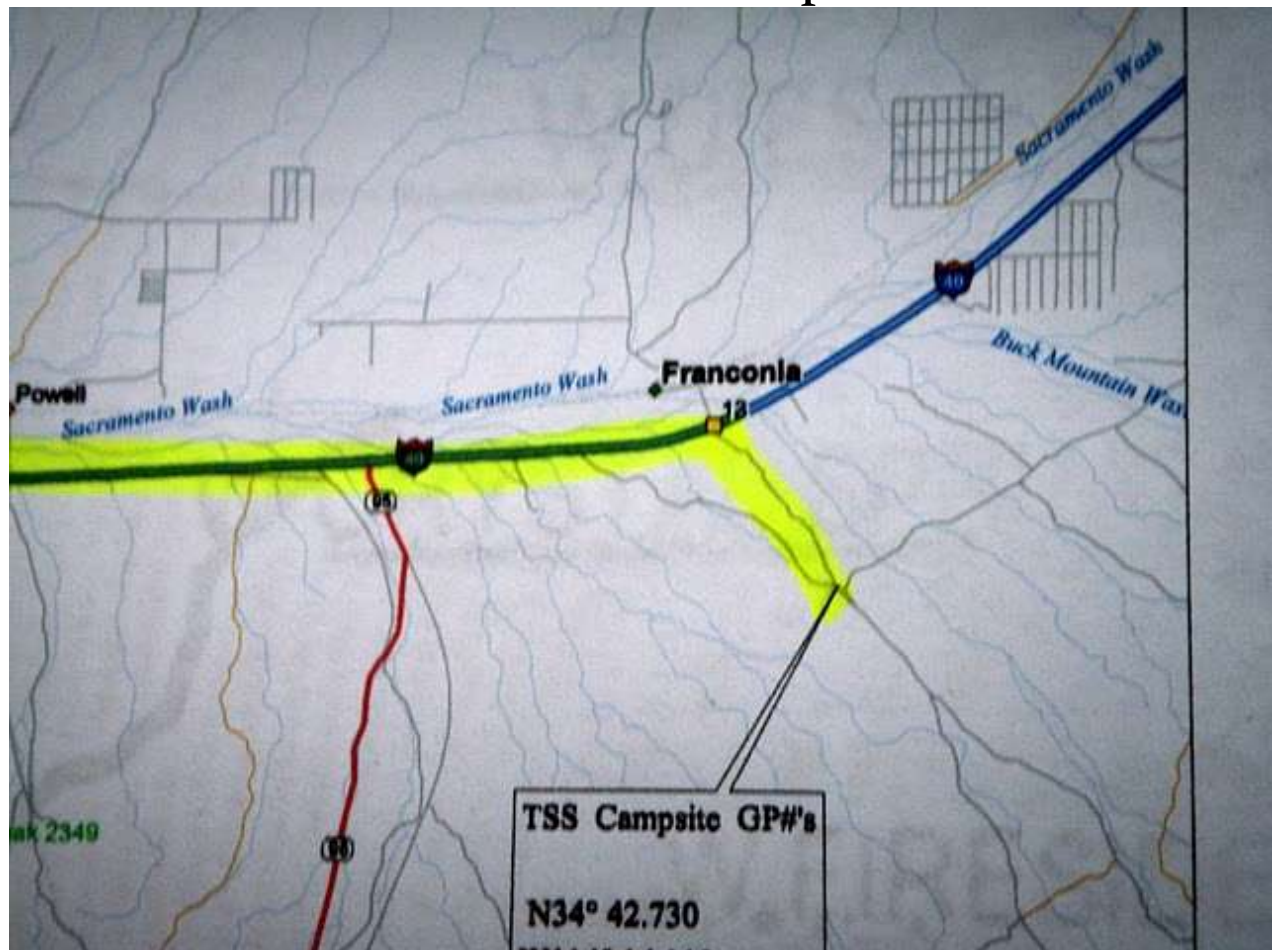
TSS Dowsing Rods - Member Price: \$15.00 for ½ inch handles and \$17.00 for ¾ inch handles. We are limited to 20 pairs on hand - first come, first served.

TSS Bags of Gold Dirt - \$8.00 per bag - 4 bags for \$30.00! Save on the cost of gasoline and still get some practice time in! ***One in every 10 bags will have a ‘little’ something extra in it. You just never know what you are going to get!

Opportunity Drawings at this meeting:

50/50 Drawing, Gold Nugget Drawing, Table Drawing and the famous Door Prize drawing. New Grand Prize will be a mini-slucice with backpack and accessories. Drawing will take place at the March meeting.

Franconia Map



MINER'S COOKBOOK

Contributed by Judy Carpenter

Super Bowl Sunday 7 Layer Bean Dip

- 2- 16 oz. cans Rosarita Traditional/Spicy or combo refried beans**
- 1- 16 oz. tub of Knudsen sour cream**
- 1- 16 oz. tub of store bought Guacamole regular or spicy, (homemade is better)**
- 1 - 10 1/2 oz. bottle of Mild or Medium Red Taco Sauce Lindy's or La Victoria**
- 2 cups finely shredded Cheddar Jack cheese**
- 2- finely chopped Romano tomatoes**
- 1 small can of slice black olives, drained**

In a 9" x 12" x 2" deep baking pan start with the refried beans spread as the bottom layer and work each of the next ingredients to make the next layer ending with the sliced olives. Serve with your favorite dipping chips, scoops, tortillas chips or crackers.

Sweetheart Apple Donut Holes

- 2 1/4 cup sifted all purpose flour**
- 1 1/2 tsp. baking powder**
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda**
- 1/2 tsp. each cinnamon and nutmeg**
- 1/2 tsp. salt**
- 1/4 cup brown sugar**
- 2 eggs**
- 2 Tablespoon oil**
- 1/4 cup milk or apple juice**
- 1 cup apple sauce**
- 1 Granny Smith apple, peeled and grated**
- Cooking oil for frying**

Sift together the first 6 ingredients. Set aside. Cream together sugar eggs and 2 TBS of oil. Add flour to mixture, alternating the milk or juice until well blended (batter should be thick), add the grated apple and apple sauce.

**Heat the cooking oil to around 325-350 degrees in a deep fryer or cast iron pan. DO NOT OVER HEAT the oil. Carefully add batter to the hot by spoonful or small cookie dough scoop. Fry until golden brown (they will float to the top of the pan) turn once. Drain on paper towels and then lightly sprinkle with powdered sugar, or roll in
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT (Con'td)

If you are planning on staying at this casino, the GROUP CODE for hotel discounts is GOLO415. I found out that the group code gets you \$85.00 a night for Friday and Saturday, and \$60.00 for Sunday. The room reservation phone number is 866-791-7626. There are many, many hotels in the vicinity. Probably with better deals than that. I pulled up Hotels.com and found a whole bunch. The prices go all over the place. I don't know what the Emerald Suites, South Las Vegas looks like but it is close to the Southpoint and rooms may be for \$47.00 per night. That's just a for instance. Pull up Hotels.com and start looking unless you want to stay at the Southpoint.

Check around and let us know what you come up with. We do need some volunteers for the booth.

Sourdough Chet

MINERS COOKBOOK (Cont'd)

Sweetheart Apple Donut Holes

a sugar/cinnamon mix (1/3 cup sugar and 1/2 tsp. cinnamon). You can also make a flavored whipped cream used for dipping, (1 cup heavy whipping cream, 2 TBS of powdered sugar, 1/2 tsp cinnamon or apple pie spice) this can be doubled easily.

FRANCONIA METEORITE OUTING

Saturday and Sunday. February 20th and 21st, 2010 is the scheduled outing for the Franconia Meteorite Strewnfield in Arizona.

This field is located at Exit #13 off of Hwy. 40 in Arizona. And is approximately 20 minutes from Lake Havasu City or 25 minutes from Needles.

This is also a approximate 5 hour drive from Escondido (roughly 300 miles). Some members are talking about staying in hotels at these nearby cities and driving out to the field on Saturday.

Others are planning on camping in the area. Jim Mears will be the wagon master.

Go prepared. There is a package of information located at the sign in table, with maps.