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TSS will be heading to Wiley Well Road area on Saturday and Sunday, March 20th and 21st. This area is located approximately 13 miles west of Blythe.

Big "C" (Charlie Freeman) will be the wagon master for this trip.

This trip will allow everyone to explore the Hauser Geode Beds, Opal Hill and Pebble Terrace, just to name a few.

Members can camp at Wiley Well Campground or Coon Hollow Campground, which are all a first come - first serve basis.

Big "C" will be camped in his motorhome at the Riverside County Line turnoff, about a 1/4 mile from Wiley Well Road.

The road into this area is good for all vehicles. But if you want to explore the area, a high clearance, or 4x4 is recommended. You will need a vehicle to get around in once you are camped.

Handouts are available at the meeting with information and maps of the area.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

March 9 Metal Detecting Big "C" & Jean Neely 9a South Side Oceanside Pier

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

May 15-16 2 Quartz near Barstow - Jim Jeffrey wagon master

June 19-20 East Fork of the San Gabriel River

Here is the List of Winners for January Meeting

Finds of the Month:

Gold: Jim Jeffrey

Metal: Dwight Reed

Gems: Jim Mears

Door Prize – Charlie Freeman

50/50: Sharon Crnkovic

Gold Nuggets: Jerry Duke, Jean Neely, Robert Otto and 1 other member. Sorry didn't get name before he left.

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

Like I said in the last newsletter, coming up April 16 through 18, is the Las Vegas Gold Show where we will have a booth. We do need volunteers for the booth.

This year, it is at the Southpoint Hotel and Casino. Address is 9777 Las Vegas Blvd. South Las Vegas. 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.

Much rain and cold weather has kept most members inside. Some have been running around in between storms to the Rendezvous at Stanton, AZ. A lot of club forming information was shared by members all over the United States.

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

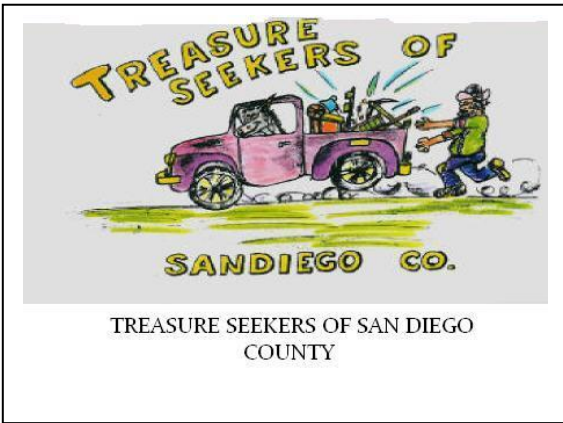
Peg Leg's Lost Gold

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.

Metal Detecting Report:

Here's the attendance list for the outing @ Mission Beach on 2/7/10:

John Howe

Bob Adimari

Becky Adimari

Didn't find much, but neither did the Coinshooters!



4 foot of sand gone and still no luck!



John Howe's finds, Yuk!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT (Con'td)

There is rumor that another very large nugget was found in the Rich Hill area nearby. Others went to the outing and searched the damp grounds of the Franconia meteorite field. Some small meteorites were found. Members and guests went through a lot of training on area of strewn field; maps were given out and field trips all day, both days.

Schools requesting our help in the California Gold Rush programs are starting to come in. The first one is during the second week of March. We need to get the equipment and volunteers ready for that. Other schools are also on the list. Coming up in April is the election of President and Secretary of this organization. It's very important to this organization that we get our members to step and volunteer to help. It's not all come and see the show.

Being up in front and as President, I see a lot who only want to see the show. Volunteers are what run all these programs. Volunteers are elected to the offices of the Treasure Seekers. No payments but just the satisfaction of contributing to make our programs much better every month, every year.

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Wiley Well Road Outing (cont'd)

A common fire will be held Saturday night - so extra wood is available.

A potluck for Saturday's dinner is planned. Please bring a dish to share.