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THE ASSAY

**THE SOUTHWESTERN PROSPECTORS
AND MINERS ASSOCIATION**

- Founded 1934 -

**Meeting held the Third Tuesday of Each Month
at VFW Post 2082**

2885 Lemon Grove Ave. Lemon Grove, CA 91944

President's Message



Welcome to the October SPMA newsletter. I'm very grateful for having been selected and serving as your President for 2018. My agenda was to try and help make this association profitable by getting new members to join, keep our current membership strong, as well as keeping it enjoyable for all. Most important, working as a team, and I think that's happening. I believe we're having a good year. Congrats to Brian Turner, as the winner of the Goat Trommel. As you know, October is nominations of officers month. This is where the general membership can pick and choose new people to run for the office's of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Jr. Director. Please come to the general meeting and nominate someone for office, or call Joe Johaneck (858-273-5987) with your nomination if you can't be at the meeting. I will help

you in any way that I can. Hope to see all of you there. We are going to present a movie on Prospecting, as the program for October. As always, there will be food, and various opportunity drawings. Also, if there is time, we'll invite members to share their prospecting, and/or treasure hunting stories. This should be good, listening to how they made a "Great Find".

There are no weekend outings planned for October. Day Trip to Star Light claim, last Sat of the Month.

November - Election of New Officers. Thanksgiving Pot Luck - Jim and Betty Perkey will be sponsoring the 5 day outing at the Pot Holes again this year. As before, they will be providing the main course, and if your planning to attend, please bring a dish for 6-8 people. Last year, there were about 40 people in attendance, and enough food left over for a potluck on Sat.. No one went away hungry, and there was food left over for taking home. Come one, come all. Hope to see you there.

December - Annual Christmas Dinner. The Associa-

tion will provide the main course. There will be a sign up list at the back table for help in providing additional items, as bread, deserts, and salads. Award ceremony and raffle to follow dinner. GOLD DEMAND UP! Gold producers aim to boost industrial demands for the precious metal by more than 50 percent within a decade, by developing new uses in gas masks, air cleaning devices, and as a superconductor in electrical gadgets. Currently, the bulk of the gold is used for jewellery, accounting for 80 percent, or 500 tons.

Thank you for your support. John Schotsch

Oct 2018

Gold Spot Price, as of 09/29
\$1194.40

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Upcoming Events

Oct 8th:
6:30pm, Board of Directors meeting Gem and Mineral Building in Balboa Park.

Oct 16th:
6:30pm, General Membership meeting at VFW in Lemon Grove

Oct Metal detecting
call Frank 760 743-8516.

Last Saturday Monthly
Day trip to starlight claim



SPMA PROGRAMS

OCTOBER Video titled “ Iron from the Sky: The Meteorite Hunters “ will be shown.
NOVEMBER Election of Officers for 2019
DECEMBER Christmas Dinner

Field Trip & Event Schedule

Trip coordinator- Mike Gibson. Will be leading a trip to Star Light claim he last weekend of each month. Meet at 9 A M at the rest stop, off 8 FWY. His phone 619-847-6310 for more information.
November– Thanksgiving potluck Dinner at Potholes. This is a great opportunity if your just starting out to see a variety of equipment in action and learn the ropes. Have fun, meet members, and get some gold !!

SPMA Officers for 2018

Any SPMA member in good standing can run for an office on the board. Just tell ANY Board Member you would like to run and what position(s). Your name will be put into the November Assay . Any member can place is name up for vote UNTIL voting at the November Meeting begins.
ALL offices are open and will be voted on by the members at the NOVEMBER meeting. The only office NOT VOTED on is Senior Director (Directors have 2 year term)

FOR SALE

- ◆ Keene new hand crank Model DW2 hand crank dry washer \$500.00. Call Frank at 760 743-8516
- ◆ 1998 popup tent trailer. \$3500. Call John 619-654-4736

THE ASSAY IS ON LINE AT www.spma-gold.org Select -news- .

Get your Assay by the 1st week of the month !

GPAA UPDATE By Frank M. Trutta

Checking with GPAA I found out you can join or re-new your membership on line but will have to pay for any items shipped to you. You can join or re-new your membership at any of their authorized dealers and not pay for any shipping.
Should you have any questions call me at my shop, Columbia Metal Detectors, 760 743-8516.

Metal Detecting

Searching the Beaches

by Frank M. Trutta

Don't forget the number one rule in metal detecting. “THE DETECTOR HAS TO BE ON”. A lot of my customers complain they did not find anything. In talking with them I find out they used their detectors only one or two times. They forget a detector is only a tool and is as good as the operator operating it. They do not spend time making a test bed to see what their detector says to them. You should use your detector for 100 hours in the factory pre-set modes then after you get familiar to the feel and sounds then you can start changing settings. I keep a log book on my finds and time spent detecting. I have over 2,000 hours using a multi-frequency machine and know what the detector is telling me. I am 98% sure what the target is before I touch the sand.



So put your time in to start finding good targets.

I always say “HUNT SMART”

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CLAIM COMMITTEE REPORT

Starting this winter B.L.M. is starting a 10 year project to extract boulders and sand to maintain BLM roads. The quarry is just North of our SPMA Potholes East claim. BLM has told me that there will be NO blocking of our access to our Potholes Claims.

Share Your Photos on the SPMA website

Share Your Photos With Your SPMA Friends. SPMA members are encouraged to add photos to our photo page. Albums (or folders) have been set up in our Photobucket account for each month of 2018. When photos are uploaded the webmaster will create a slideshow link. For example, the slideshow for the summer picnic needs pictures. The two scenic photos that are there now are merely place holders. Check out all the pictures our President John Schotsh posted for this year's Del Mar Fair. You can add more if you have some. To learn how please read directions below, or if on line click here- [PhotoBucket Instructions](#) If you have questions please contact Tom Heffernan via tomh.svm@gmail.com

PhotoBucket.com Upload Instructions how to upload photos for the SPMA website photo page

1. Go to <http://s1313.photobucket.com/> and click on the "log in" button.
2. When the box appears, enter the user name: **SPMA-Photos**
3. Next, enter the password: **SPMA-Au**
4. Click the log in button just below the password box.
5. A new page will appear offering **paid services. Ignore it** and click on Login in the upper right corner. This will bring you to the **FREE SPMA page** that has been set up. You should now see many photos of past SPMA activities.
6. Click on the **LIBRARY** button and wait for the library to load.
7. On the left side of the screen you will see **ALBUMS (Folders)** with names like "2018-September." Click on the one that corresponds to the pictures you wish to upload. Monthly Albums have been set up.
8. Click on "Click to Upload" and begin uploading pictures. (Tom uploaded a sunset to the 2018-Summer-Picnic album as a test.)
9. When you are finished uploading photos, click on the head silhouette on the horizontal menu bar, between the search box and the word "Plans." Hover then click on LOG OUT to end the session.
10. Send an email to tomh.svm@gmail.com telling Tom that you uploaded new photos and which ALBUM you put them in.
11. Tom will then get the link and embed a new slideshow in the website. If a link is already exists on the website and you're just adding some additional photos the new photos will appear in the slideshow without Tom having to do anything. Thanks for your help and cooperation on this.

Tom will bring his laptop to the next meeting and help people upload photos from their cameras. Bring your pictures on whatever device the pictures are on **PLUS a USB cord** to connect to my laptop.

FROM THE YUMA GROUP

Greetings to all the upcoming winter visitors who will soon to be in Yuma, Az. Well, it's that time again that our friends from up North will be returning to the land of sunshine and warm weather. Not much has happened since you left, the San Diego group has been active, but here in Yuma it's difficult to do anything in the summer heat. Just wanted to remind everyone that if you need your membership renewed, I can do that here in Yuma for you. Additionally, I wanted to remind you that the Yuma group will again sponsor the Thanksgiving Pot Luck at the pot holes this year. I'm currently trying to set up other activities such as Thanksgiving dinner and a movie at the pot holes. If you have equipment for sale bring it out, or if you want to demonstrate something new, then set it up for show. So if you have any other suggestions, please bring them to my attention. Additionally, everyone should know by now where I live, and you're always welcome to come by and have a cup of coffee or a cold drink.

Be careful on the way to Yuma, its better to be slow, then not to make it at all.

The Yuma Group

Jim and Betty Perkey 928-503-7402

WAYS AND MEANS RAFFLE

Fellow prospecting members, if you missed the September all hands meeting, you sure missed out. First the raffle has changed for the better. Now there will be 15 to 20 prizes to choose from, instead the usual 10. and you know what was left to choose from when you were no. 10.. there will be 10 drawings, or more depending on the attendance. but even if you are no. 10, you will have 3 to 5 items to choose from. yes, a special drawing. (example) if your 3/ 6/or 9 draw, you can pick from the special (much better prizes) such as quality rock hammers, coleman sleeping bags, propane lanterns, with a green bottle. and 3 person tents, and more. or can pick any prize on the tables. I hope this new system will encourage members to purchase more raffle tickets. and yes, the gold nuggets sure attract attention. and why not, that is what this is all about. Finding GOLD. Even if you find it on a table, the largest nugget weigh in at 13.3 grams. and I believe the big winner was mike gibson. A special thank you goes to joan rufener, for her special donation of the long handle sand scoop. We were blessed with 3 guest speakers this evening, and would have shared their knowledge till 10 pm, if it hadn't been for a few members saying, let's have the raffle. A little wait, but worth waiting for. (note) if you can think of any other prizes that you would like to see their, call me. My no. is in the assay.

MY SINCERE APOLOGY, even though I had help, with the drawing, the list of names of the winners was just to unreadable, and I would never make a mistake in miss spelling someone name. This issue will be corrected, because I WILL BE TAKING THE NAMES, and insure they are spelt correctly.
Sincerely, Raffle chairman R.J. WINGO



Membership

New memberships are \$55, and Renewal memberships are \$45. Please make checks or money orders payable to SPMA Membership and Mail to: SPMA Membership P O Box-904, La Mesa, Ca 91944-0904 or bring a check, money

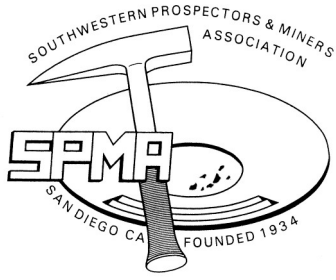
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The large **bolded squared** days are meeting nights. **B**oard Meeting is the second Monday of each month, the **G**eneral Meeting is the third Tuesday of the month. **Y**uma meeting, The circled days are the SPMA scheduled **O**utings.

- ◆ Starlight outing last Saturday of each month
- ◆ November, thanksgiving pot luck at Potholes

Oct 2018

Nov 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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