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**THE SOUTHWESTERN PROSPECTORS
AND MINERS ASSOCIATION**

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**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 June SPMA newsletter. This month is about the San Diego County Fair, which starts on Friday, the 1st of June at about 4 PM. I am hoping that all of our SPMA members go and check it out, if you haven't been there in a while. Also, if you want to get a free pass for the day, just sign up for one 4 hr shift at the SPMA Mining Shack Booth. As in past, if you work 6 shifts, you will get a credential which will allow you unlimited access to the fair for the 26 day run, as well as a t-shirt with the fair logo on it. You can also get discounts on food with your credential. If you work an additional 6 shifts or more, you will be eligible for a gold picker. I hope to see a lot

of you at the fair.

If you are only going to work 1 to 5 shifts, you will be given a pass for the days and shifts. The passes will be available for pick-up at the Will Call booth at the Main Gate. Just tell them that you are with SPMA, and they will give you an envelope with your pass or passes.

We now have a trip coordinator- Mike Gibson. He will be leading a trip out to the Star Light claim, the last weekend of each month, starting in August. He will be meeting people at 9.00 A M at the rest stop, off the 8 FWY. His phone number is 619-847-6310 for more information.

Gold
The differences between Gold, and Gold plated If you're the type of person who appreciates vintage and antique jewelry, you've probably come across jewelry that's described as Gold, Gold plated, or gold filled. In order to get a real under-

standing of all these terms, you to first have to understand some basics about Gold itself. Gold is an elemental metal. This means that pure gold is made up of nothing but gold atoms. Some other examples of elemental metals are copper, (made of nothing but copper atoms), and iron (made of nothing but iron atoms). In its natural form, gold is orangish- yellow in color sometimes called buttery yellow, and it has a bright shining high luster. It's very soft so in order for it to be used in jewelry, other metals have to be added for strength, such as silver or copper. Gold can be hammered so thin that you can see through it. One ounce of gold can be made into a wire a mile long. Gold plated items have a layer of gold attached by electrolysis over copper jewelry.

Thanks for your support,
John Schotsch

June 2018

Gold Spot Price, as of 05/23
\$1299.00

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Calendar

Upcoming Events

June 11:

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

June 19:

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

June 30:

Starlight claim outing

July 28:

Annual Picnic

Program

Bob Peterson-owner of the San Diego Metal Detecting and Prospecting Shop, will be our guess speaker for June.

Field Trip & Event Schedule

- ◆ San Diego County Fair from June 1st though July 4th.
- ◆ Annual Summer Picnic on the 28th.

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The America on Main Street event took place on the 19th of May. There were about 30,000 plus people at the event, with different bands playing, along with all kinds of rides for kids, and lots food for all. I would like to thank Mary and John Troseth, along with Joe Johanek who assisted with setting up and taking down our booth for the event.

We are going to be selling raffle tickets for the Golden Goat trommel again with the trommel being raffled off at the **Sept** meeting. Good luck to the lucky person whoever that may be

FOR SALE

Keene new hand crank Model DW2 hand crank dry washer \$500.00. Call Frank at 760 743-8516

GPAA reminder . . . By Frank M. Trutta

Just a reminder that if you want to re-new or join GPAA you must do it at a dealer's store. You cannot join or re-new at the club or through GPAA. But do not forget to tell GPAA which club is to receive points, this will insure than the club of your choice will get merchandise for its members. If you have any questions call me at my shop, Columbia Metal Detectors 760 743-8516.

Metal Detecting

Searching the Beaches

by Frank M. Trutta

Our Pacific Beach hunt went well. Coin Shooters had their hunt at the same time we had our hunt, but the beach is big and no one got in each others way. The weather was a perfect overcast day with temperatures in the 60's. We had a nice low tide to work the flats and surf. Most people seem to work the dry sand which gave me plenty of territory to work. I came up with \$1.11 and a 10.5 gram 10K gold ring. John Howe had 11 coins for \$1.06, Jim Jupina had 6 coins for 66 cents and a sterling silver ring, Troy and Marie, from Julian, got 83 cents, Brian Kinnear had \$1.78 and a sterling silver ring, Jordan Hutton and his wife also showed up.



Our next hunt will be back to Pacific Beach. Every time we go a gold ring is found. With all of the hotels and motels there all of the out of town guests are replenishing the beach for us. This time we will go a week later to catch a low tide on Sunday July 1st Come early as the low tide is at 6:11 am and we will meet at 10:00 to show our finds and complain. Should you have any questions call me at my shop Columbia Metal Detectors 760 743-8516 or on my cell phone 760 291-7900. Hunt smart Frank

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 13.2 Connie Leslie

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 Door prize Ed Farley

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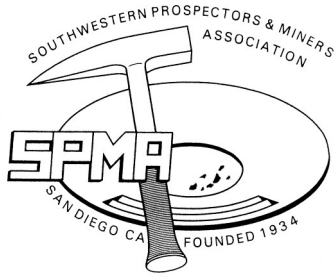
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The large **bolded squared** days are meeting nights. **B**oard Meeting is the second Monday of each month, the **G**eneral Meeting is the third Tuesday of the month. **Y**uma meeting, The circled days are the SPMA scheduled **O**utings.

- ◆ San Diego Fair June 1st—July 4th
- ◆ June 30 Starlight claim outing
- ◆ Annual Picnic 28 July

June 2018

July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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