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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



Our guest speaker for this month will be Blaine Cunningham, and his topic will be "Hard Rock Mining on a Budget".

If you or someone you know, wants to run for one of the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Jr. Director, please let one of the Board Member know. A Nomination Committee will be formed at the September, Board of Directors meeting. All are welcome to attend.

This year we will be having an Awards Ceremony and a Raffle at the Christmas Dinner. The Association will be supplying the main course for the meal, but there will be a sign up sheet at the October meeting for other dishes, breads, deserts, and other items. Please make plans to attend. The Raffle will consist of each family getting a ticket good for one gift.

If you would like to try out something new, check out the monthly metal detecting event to the beaches. Each month, Frank Trutta leads a hunt to a different beach. Meet at or about 7 AM at the beach listed in the Assay, and hunt till 10 AM., to show off what you found. If you have any questions, call him at 760-743-8516 or see him at his shop. His business card is

shown in the Assay. There are no Field Trips, planned for Sept. Mike Gibson will be leading a Day Trip to the Star Light claim, the last Sat of Sept.

Old Poway Days will be taking place in Oct.. If you would like to help out with panning demonstrations for schools kids, call Joe Johaneck at 858-273-5987.

The Americas Oldest Gold On March 31, 2008, a nine bead necklace discovered in Peru, is the oldest know gold artifact in the Americas. Archaeologists say the necklace, dated to 2100 BC, was un-covered in a burial pit near Lake Titicaca next to the jawbone of an adult skull. Prior to the discovery, the oldest known gold artifacts in the new world were found in Central Peru at sites dated to around 1500 to 1410 BC. The burial pit was found near the ancient settlement of Nicki Rumoko, which dates back to 3300 BC. The beads were hammered from gold nuggets and suggest the development of a early sedentary culture. Joke of the month; Prospectors never die - they just smell that way from dry washing "their clothes".

Thanks for your support and may you find the "Mother Load". John Schotsch

Welcome to the September SPMA newsletter. Well, 3/4 of the year is gone, and we are in the homestretch of 2018. The things that will be taking place in the next 3 months are the nomination of people for officers in October, the voting for officers in November for the up-coming year 2019, and our annual Christmas Dinner in December.

We had our annual swap-meet last month in the VFW parking lot, instead of our regular general meeting. I didn't get there due to other commitments, but I heard that there were quite a few people there, both selling and buying items. If you didn't get there, plan on it for next year. Remember, if you have an item that you want to sell or buy, you can put an add in the Assay for it. The Golden Goat Trommel will be raffled off at the Sept. General Meeting. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Good Luck to the lucky person.

**Sept 2018**

Gold Spot Price, as of 08/30  
**\$1207.20**

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**Sept 10th:**

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

**Sept 18th:**

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

**Sept 30:**

*Metal detecting OB*

**Last Saturday Monthly**

*Day trip to starlight claim*



## Program

**SEPTEMBER** Hard Rock Mining on a budget

### 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.

### 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 October Assay . Any member can place is name up for vote UNTIL voting at the November Meeting begins.

Joseph JohaneK  
Edward Farley Jr.  
Committee Chairmen

### THE ASSAY IS ON LINE AT [www.spma-gold.org](http://www.spma-gold.org)

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#### 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

This article should have been in last month's newsletter but the hunt was after the cut-off for submitting articles. We had our hunt at Ocean Beach by coming at sun-up we had plenty of parking and the beach to ourselves plus there was a nice low tide and nobody working the low tide. I mainly worked the water and found 2 small sterling silver rings, 27 coins for \$3.02, 2 fishing weights and a junk ring, My wife Zee found a silver ring, flashlight, a pair of glasses and \$2.58, Joan Rufner had 61 cents, Jerry Kaplan a stainless steel ring, 27 coins for \$2.56, a lighter and foreign coin, Marie Beatty had \$1.01 and a hair clip, Troy Beatty found \$1.04, Brian Kinnear had 4 coins, lock and 2 cars, Cliff Vaughan had \$3.01, toy car a 10K and a 14K gold ring, Terry Stasch got \$2.43 and a plated cross, Larry Bridgeford found a 3 ring inter-locking gold ring set and another 14K ring, \$1.46 in change, silver earring, 5 loop earrings and a pair of glasses, John Howe had \$8.20, 2 silver rings 2 titanium rings and a junk necklace and Tom Alaniz found \$6.02, pair of glasses and 2 earrings.

Our hunt at Pacific Beach went well. Everyone found a bunch of targets but nothing or real value just a couple of small sterling silver rings. We had nice overcast weather making it perfect and a low tide. I worked the low tide flats and found very few targets. Brian Winters got 24 coins for \$1.70, a lock, set of keys and a small sterling silver ring, Brian Kinnear got 31 coins for \$4.20 and an ear ring, I came up with 36 coins for \$2.40, John Howe got \$3.00 and two junk rings, Tom Alaniz got \$3.14 and a small sterling silver ring, Terry Stasch found \$2.36 and two ear rings, Jerry Kaplan got \$1.47 a pot pipe and a charger, Joan Rufener found \$1,80, and my wife Zee found \$2.52, Cliff Vaughan found \$3.63 and Earl Bordeaux had 30 cents and a lighter.

Our next hunt will be at Ocean Beach on September 30<sup>th</sup> to catch a small low tide. Come early and we will meet at 10 am just north of the lifeguard station to show off our finds. Should you have any questions give me a call at my shop, Columbia Metal Detectors 760 743-8516 or on my cell phone 760 291-7900. Hunt smart.



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## CLAIMS COMMITTEE

The executive board has decided to eliminate the following Claims:

Animal's Lair , Golden Nugget # 1 and # 2 , and SD Able 10-17 (Gem)

Any member wishing to take over a claim please contact Joseph Johaneck – claims.

## 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.

Starting August 1st, the SPMA Gold Claim # 1 is OPEN to mining. The Toad Breeding Season is over and you can use Gold Pans and small sluices ( 2 feet or smaller), but REMEMBER you can ONLY dig in the middle of the Stream Bed - - no digging into the stream bank.

### 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

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

## 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

## 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

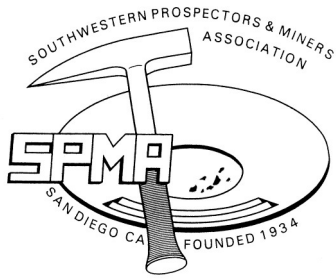
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The large **bolded squared** days are meeting nights. **B**oard Meeting is the second Monday of each month, the **G**eneral Meeting is the third Tuesday of the month. **Y**uma meeting, The circled days are the SPMA scheduled **O**utings.

- ◆ OB Metal Detecting 30 Sept
- ◆ Starlight outing last Saturday of each month

**Sept 2018**

**Oct 2018**

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