

THE
**ORANGE COUNTY
FORTY-NINERS
GOLDEN AURA**

September 2013



General Membership Meetings

When: 3rd Tuesday of each month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Where: Garden Grove Woman's Club
9501 Chapman Avenue
Garden Grove, California 92841
(Corner of Chapman and Gilbert)

Check us out on the Internet at
www.oc49ers.com



Club Outings

Regular scheduled outings take place the last full weekend of the month.
"Regular" Club outings in November, December and January are scheduled
around the Holidays and/or inclement weather.

The President's Minute

September

Hello fellow 49ers

Well it looks like summer is coming to an end here and we all know what that means.

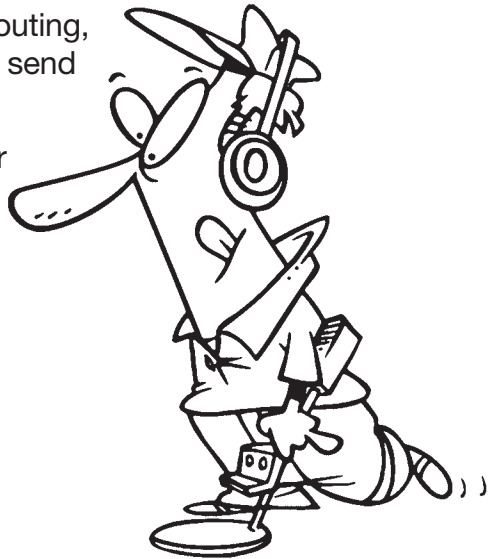
Cooler weather, Gold hunting weather. Can you smell the blooms of the Flower Gold?

We are planning our October outing, So if you have any ideas please send them our way.

We will be having our September outing at Cherry Beach in Long Beach. So clean up those metal detectors and put in some new batteries.

See you at the next meeting.

Bryan



The Treasure's Report

August 31, 2013

INCOME

50-50	\$12.00
Raffle	\$125.00
Refreshments	\$4.50
Income.....	\$141.50

EXPENSES

Rent	\$125.00
Aura	\$491.80
Claims.....	\$5,805.97
Expenses	\$6,422.77
Month	\$(6,281.27)

CHECKBOOK

Stmt Balance	\$12,957.02
Outstanding Cks.....	\$20.00
Checkbook Balance	\$12,937.02
CD Balance	\$2,353.40
Total Cash.....	\$15,290.42

LAST MONTH THE REPORT DID NOT PRINT PROPERLY HERE ARE THE CORRECT TOTALS

July Activity: Income.....	\$441.00
Expenses	\$928.01
Total	\$(487.01)



The Wagon Master's Report

September 2013

Hello fellow 49er's the Pala area gem dig was pretty darn good we had a fair showing of members & guests approx 11 in our party and about 16 other folks at the mine, some of our members where treated to an extra free tour by 4 seat John Deere 4x4 Polaris/ Gator type ohv of the actual mine and dig site. I had gem fever so I passed on the mine tour worn thru a pair of gloves sifting rocks, and I was rewarded with a nice rare Rainbow Mellon color stone, I still have a large 7 gallon bucket to go thru. The Oceanview mine mentioned they blasted \$1200 worth of explosives before our dig. I want to thank all our members for helping other members and sharing there food, water, and shade especially when we had high temps, strong wind gusts and nice thunder clouds in the distance.

I have made contact with another Gem mine owner in the area for a special dig out in the near future. Also, for those who like Lobster Casinos and all you can eat Lobster Buffet, Especially Free I will keep you posted on this outing.

Sunday September 29th beach Day start time 10:00 a.m. I have been informed that the city does not allow open fires or BBQ on the beach, Wagon master will be absent from this event so Please help your help your club & other members by contacting a board member or me to assist.

October Outing Friday Oct 25th, Sat 26th, Sun 27th - At HMC this is one of the easy claims to find and access, approx 1 mile off of 395 before you get into Red Mountain, lot's of flat area, EZ for 2 wheel drive's RV's and trailers. Lot's of digging and dry washing history in this area. The club should be able to spring for 1 porta potty for this outing. Temps should be cooling off so

by then a great camp fire is in order, Pot luck, Star gazing, story telling and so on. I will conduct a short Mine tour of the area and discuss nugget and gold patches on this outing. Several members have found gold nuggets on and near this claim. I'm still working with one of the last large operating gold mines in the area for a free in depth tour of there productive mine. To Be announced.

This year, I was shocked and surprised by a Gold show put on by one of the Central valley prospectors clubs in Fresno, CA 1) this event usually get's 800-1900 attendees, there where only 97 on the 1st day and 50 on day 2. That was not the shocker. The lesson I got was the home town hospitality I had club members unload my truck 30 boxes place it in my stall and two security guards the whole time, free food, lunch, drinks, breaks, and they loaded my truck at the end of the weekend, all at no charge. This reminds me of the good old days when members in our own local area would step up to help other board members set up the hall, pot lucks, and drive 3 hrs to the desert on a friday night in lovely SO-Cal traffic to go camp in the middle of no where just to get away from the day to day stuff and dig a few bucks worth of GOLD. It's not the Gold it's the fun along the way.

Thanks,

Scotty

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General Meeting

August 20th 2013

Our President, Bryan DeGhetto called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. followed by the flag salute. Steve Reid gave the Treasurer's report. We had two visitors.

Scott Reynolds, our Wagon Master talked about our up coming coin hunt on Sunday September 29th at Cherry Beach in Long Beach. The club will be cooking hot dogs so bring anything else to go with them along with your drinks and beach chairs, should be lots of fun.

Our speaker for September will be the "Privi Digger" it,s always interesting to see what he has found, so make sure and be there.

Raffel:

Vile of Gold: Al Hamerski

Silver dollar: Mike Hulka

Fifty cent piece: Mike Hulka

Silver Quarter: Ralph Kolbush

Silver Quarter: Steve Reid

Silver Quarter: Mike Hulka

Silver Quarter: Clint DeFields

50-50: Clint DeFields

Membership drawing; Silver Dime: George O'Hara

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15

Secretary, Sandy Hunt



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To the Members:

Are any of you interested in purchasing embroidered club patches? These patches will be 3 ½ inches in diameter and will look like our Club's decal. We need to know how many of you may want to purchase the patches, and what is the upper limit you would be willing to pay for the patch. This will allow the Board to determine the feasibility of investing in the project.

If you support the idea of having club patches, inform a Board Member at the General Meeting, an Outing or by email.

Thank You,

The Board of Directors

The Lost Mine of Sycamore Creek - New Mexico

THE TALE

Named for the Spanish governor of New Mexico from 1712 to 1715, the rugged Mogollon Mountains of southern New Mexico are part of a huge Tertiary-age volcanic complex that covers much of the southwestern quarter of the state. The Mogollons have a venerable history extending back to Pre-Columbian times. Evidence for this early occupation occurs along the rim of the high mesa overlooking Whitewater Canyon. Here, a series of ancient Indian ruins dot the landscape.

The Mogollons comprise some of the most rugged and forbidding country in the American Southwest. One of the last bastions of the fierce Apache Indians, the Mogollon Mountains were eventually opened up to mining during the late 1800's. The early American miners focused most of their attention on the western flank of the range, near the San Francisco River. Here, they found a number of rich mineral deposits.

Most of the Mogollon strikes occurred in the area drained by Whitewater Creek, Silver Creek, Copper Creek, and Mineral Creek. Mineral Creek was the site of the old mining town known as Cooney. Named for Sergeant James C. Cooney, the town sprang up next to the nearby silver mines. Close by, an old stone tomb still graces the grassy banks of Mineral Creek. Within that lonely tomb lie the last earthly remains of James Cooney.

Stationed in Fort Bayard, New Mexico in 1870, Sergeant James Cooney discovered the famous Silver Bar Mine while scouting the western canyons of the Mogollon Mountains. Ten years later, he was killed by Apache Indians and entombed along the creek named for its rich mineral deposits. Shortly thereafter, his brother, Captain Michael Cooney, showed up in the Mogollon country.

Like his brother James, Michael Cooney thrived in the heady atmosphere of the mining camps. He speculated on various mining properties and grubstaked a number of prospectors during the 1880's. One prospector in particular would turn out to have a profound effect on Michael Cooney's life.

Known only as Turner, the prospector discovered a fabulously rich mine somewhere near Sycamore Creek in the Mogollon Mountains. Turner's strike took place in 1883. Later that same year he mysteriously disappeared into the mountains, never to be seen again. At least alive. In 1889, his skeleton was found in Sycamore Canyon.

Michael Cooney became interested in Turner's lost mine during the 1890's.

He thought enough of the story to make numerous trips into the mountains in search of the lost mine. In 1914, Cooney made his last attempt to find the mine. He never came back from that trip. The following year, Cooney's body was discovered in Sycamore Canyon.

MINING HISTORY

The history of mining in the rugged Mogollon Mountains of southwestern New Mexico must surely begin with the early Spaniards who penetrated this country during the 1600's. Old Spanish mines, prospect pits, tools, and smelters have been found throughout New Mexico's mountain ranges. Evidence of early Spanish mining activity can be found in the Pedernal Hills, the Sandia Mountains, at the old Mina del Tiro in the Cerrillos Hills, in the Ortiz Mountains, the Manzano Mountains, and the Socorro Mountains near Magdalena. Certainly the Mogollons were touched by these early Spanish prospectors.

The Americans first came to the American Southwest as fur trappers, then as explorers and gold seekers. In 1850, a man named Aubrey discovered gold in the Mogollons, but nothing came of it. It wasn't until 1870 that the first significant strikes were made in the Mogollon Mountains. It was during that year that Sergeant James Cooney discovered amazingly rich silver and copper ores on the western flank of the range, near Mineral Creek. Five years later, Cooney filed the first claims in the area and by 1877 he was working the deposits that came to be known as the Silver Bar Mine.

The 1870's also saw mineral discoveries on Copper Creek, located just north of the Cooney camp. A mining town known as Clairmont sprang up nearby, but by the 1880's it was gone. In 1889, the mines in Silver Creek Canyon began to pour out a stream of precious metals. By 1913, the Mogollon mines had produced over \$1.5 million worth of gold and silver, mostly from the Maud S. and Deep Down Mines near Silver Creek.

GEOLOGY OF THE AREA

The Mogollon Mountains form the heart of the enormous Mogollon-Datil volcanic field of southwestern New Mexico. The Mogollons trend north-northwest and stretch from the Gila River northward to Lost Lake Mountain, a distance of about 35 miles. They are extremely rugged and cut by many deep canyons.

The Mogollons are comprised exclusively of volcanic rocks. They range in composition from basaltic andesite to andesite to rhyolite and include lava flows and ash-flow tuffs. The oldest rocks exposed in the Mogollon district are found at the bottom of Whitewater Canyon, where the creek has cut the deepest. Here, the Whitewater Creek Rhyolite crops out for a short distance along the creek bed. The Whitewater Creek Rhyolite is overlain by the Cooney

Quartz Latite, named for the old mining town founded by James C. Cooney. It consists of alternating layers of latite lava flows

and ash-flow tuff. The Cooney Quartz Latite is overlain by the Mineral Creek Andesite which is, in turn, overlain by the Fanney Rhyolite. The Fanney Rhyolite is one of the major units that comprise the ring-fracture flows of the famous Bursum cauldron and is distinguished by the presence of spherulites. The Fanney Rhyolite is overlain by the Last Chance Andesite. This unit alters readily and serves as a host rock for much of the mineralization in the Mogollon district. The Last Chance Andesite is topped by the Deadwood Gulch Rhyolite Tuff which is, in turn, overlain by the Mogollon Andesite, the youngest volcanic unit in the district.

Faults are important controls and loci for mineralization in the Mogollon district. Virtually every ore deposit in the district is emplaced along a fault or fracture zone.

PROSPECTING POTENTIAL

The Fanney Rhyolite is one of the major volcanic units that comprise the ring-fracture flows of the immense Bursum cauldron of southwestern New Mexico. The Fanney Rhyolite is sandwiched top and bottom by the Last Chance Andesite and the Mineral Creek Andesite, respectively. These andesite flows alter quite readily and serve as a host rock for much of the mineralization in the Mogollon district.

Faults are important controls and loci for mineralization in the Mogollon district. In the famous Eberle Mine, the gold, silver, and copper-bearing ores were emplaced along a normal fault separating the Fanney Rhyolite from the Mineral Creek Andesite. In the southern part of the Mogollon district, near Dripping Gold Spring, a similar situation occurs. In this case, a number of small gold and silver-bearing bodies occur along a southern extension of the Queen Fault. Again, the ore bodies were emplaced within the cavities and open spaces of the fault, which in this area forms the boundary between the Fanney Rhyolite and the Last Chance Andesite.

Prospectors may want to concentrate on the streams and canyons that drain the western flank of the Mogollon Mountains, including the drainages of Sycamore Creek, Mineral Creek, and Silver Creek. The entire western edge of the Mogollons extending from Deep Creek in the north to Big Dry Creek in the south appears to be the most promising country for the prospector. Prospectors may want to focus on the various fault zones that cut the range along its western edge. The andesites that underlie and cap the Fanney Rhyolite would also be worthy of attention, especially where they are highly faulted.

Interesting Facts for your Warehouse of Useless Knowledge

125. If you have three quarters, four dimes, and four pennies, you have \$1.19. You also have the largest amount of money in coins without being able to make change for a dollar.
126. If you toss a penny 10,000 times, it will not be heads 5,000 times, but more like 4,950. The heads picture weighs more, so it ends up on the bottom.
127. If your eyes are six feet above the surface of the ocean, the horizon will be about three statute miles away.
128. In 1980, a Las Vegas hospital suspended workers for betting on when patients would die.
129. In 1980, there was only one country in the world with no telephones - Bhutan.
130. In 1983, a Japanese artist made a copy of the Mona Lisa completely out of toast.
131. In 1984, a Canadian farmer began renting ad space on his cows.
132. In 75% of American households, women manage the money and pay the bills.
133. In Bangladesh, kids as young as 15 can be jailed for cheating on their finals.
134. In England, in the 1880's, "Pants" were considered a dirty word.
135. In England, the Speaker of the House is not allowed to speak.
136. In every episode of "Seinfeld" there is a Superman somewhere.
137. In Kentucky, 50 percent of the people who get married for the first time are teenagers.
138. In Los Angeles, there are fewer people than there are automobiles.
139. In most advertisements, including newspapers, the time displayed on a watch is 10:10.
140. In space, astronauts cannot cry, because there is no gravity, so the tears can't flow.
141. In the 1940s, the FCC assigned television's Channel 1 to mobile services (two-way radios in taxicabs, for instance) but did not re-number the other channel assignments. That is why your TV set has channels 2 and up, but no channel 1.
142. In the great fire of London in 1666 half of London was burnt down but only 6 people were injured.
143. In the last 4000 years, no new animals have been domesticated.
144. In the movie "Casablanca," Humphrey Bogart never said "Play it again, Sam."
145. In the White House, there are 13,092 knives, forks and spoons.
146. In Tokyo, they sell toupees for dogs.
147. Isaac Asimov is the only author to have a book in every Dewey-decimal category.
148. It takes a lobster approximately seven years to grow to be one pound.
149. It takes about a half a gallon of water to cook macaroni, and about a gallon to clean the pot.
150. It was discovered on a space mission that a frog can throw up. The frog throws up its stomach first, so the stomach is dangling out of its mouth. Then the frog uses its forearms to dig out all of the stomach's contents and then swallows the stomach back down again.
151. It was once against the law to have a pet dog in a city in Iceland.
152. It was once against the law to slam your car door in a city in Switzerland.
153. It's against the law to burp, or sneeze in a certain church in Omaha, Nebraska.
154. It's against the law to catch fish with your bare hands in Kansas.
155. It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open. (Don't try this at home!)
156. Ivory bar soap floating was a mistake. They had been overmixing the soap formula causing excess air bubbles that made it float. Customers wrote and told how much they loved that it floated, and it has floated ever since.
157. John Lennon's first girlfriend was named Thelma Pickles.
158. "Kemo Sabe" means "soggy shrub" in Navajo.
159. Kotex was first manufactured as bandages, during WWI.
160. Lee Harvey Oswald's cadaver tag sold at an auction for \$6,600 in 1992.
161. Leonardo Da Vinci invented the scissors.
162. Lightning strikes about 6,000 times per minute on this planet.
163. Like fingerprints, everyone's tongue print is different.
164. Lincoln Logs were invented by Frank Lloyd Wright's son.

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Scheduled Outings 2013

Dates and Locations are Subject to Change!

Meetings	Outing	Claim	Access	Rest Rooms
January 15	January 26 - 27	Puppy Feet	Easy	No
February 19	February 23 - 24	Puppy Feet	Easy	No
March 19	March 30 - 31	Puppy Feet	Easy	No
April 16	April 27 - 28	HMC1 & Claim Crawl	Easy	Yes
May 21	May 25 - 26	Duisenburg - LDMA	Easy	Yes
June 18	June 29 - 30	Puppy Feet	Easy	Yes
July 16	July 27 - 28	HMC1	Easy	Yes
August 20	Aug 30 - Sep 1	Puppy Feet	Easy	Yes
September 17	September 28	Cherry Beach in Long Beach	Easy	Yes
October 15	October 26 - 27	Duisenburg - LDMA	Easy	Yes
November 19	November 30	HMC1	Easy	Yes
December 17	December 17	Holiday Party - Club House	Easy	Yes



Access Easy	Good access for Passenger Car, 2 Wheel Drive, RV, and Trailers.
Access Medium	Can be accessed by 2 Wheel Drive. RV's, Trailers and 5th Wheels check with other members!!!
Access Tuff	Serious 4 Wheel Drive Trail/Dirt Road.
Restrooms	Are Chemical Toilets (Porta-Potties) that we rent for specific outings.

It is highly recommended that you attend the meetings and check with other members to discuss accessibility to these claims before going.

Orange County 49er's