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MCCAW SCHOOL OF MINES OPEN FOR NEW SCHOOL YEAR

The McCaw School of Mines is open and in full swing for the 1998-99 school year. Tours are scheduled regularly throughout the winter months.

Dan Green reports that the school is still searching for volunteers to assist with the tours of the mine. Remember, this is the mining project set-up at the school in Henderson whereby students from fourth and fifth grade classes throughout Clark County are

provided a field trip to the mine and are taught how a full scale mining operation is conducted. Call Dan Green to volunteer a couple hours of your time at _____ Thanks for your support!!!



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GOLD SEARCHERS OF SOUTHERN NEVADA CALENDAR OF EVENTS & MEETINGS

OCTOBER	7	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
OCTOBER	14	BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER	16-18	HERITAGE MUSEUM PANNING DEMO
OCTOBER	21	DOUG'S PARKS & RECREATION CLASS
OCTOBER	24&25	OUTING SECTION 34
OCTOBER	29	RAINBOW LIBRARY PANNING DEMO 7PM
NOVEMBER	21&22	OUTING SECTION 10
DECEMBER	2	ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY



FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Hello Again!!!

I sure wish I was here to attend the last membership meeting. I heard from a lot of people that Rolland LeClerc did a great job conducting the meeting. Members have been telling me it was enjoyable and entertaining.

I want to extend a sincere thanks to Rolland for his outstanding contribution to the Club.

Happy Prospecting...

Doug

**GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES****September 2, 1998**

Vice President Roland LeClerc began the meeting at 6:50 p.m.. There were eleven guests and 5 new members introduced and welcomed, for a grand total of 81 Gold Prospectors present.

President Doug Parker and Librarian Susan Bengé are on vacation and were excused.

A motion was made by Bob Allen to accept the minutes as printed in the HIGHGRADER and seconded by Don Adams. The motion passed.

Treasurer Henry Mayhew gave our treasurer report. A motion was made to accept the treasurer report subject to audit by Stu Pingree and seconded by Gary Emery. The motion passed. Henry also announced that if anyone wanted to take the porta-potty to the outings, he will let them take it. He will be unable to go.

Education Chairman Dan Green announced there will be an Open House at the McCaw School of Mines, on September 12. Everyone is invited to go see the mine.

The field trip for September is at Roger's Claims in Lida, on September 4,5,6 &7th.

Larry Lister from the Douser's Club gave us an exceptional report on meteorites. He told us they are very valuable. You can find them with a metal detector. A new meteor bed was recently found in Arizona near our claims. Meteorites can be more valuable than gold.

A movie was shown called "Treasure in the Desert and in Ghost Towns."

Steve Metcalfe donated a nugget display for our door prize drawings.

Jack Meiner won this months

Gold Pick Award. A nugget.

Roland warned us to watch out for scorpions in the desert. There have been a number of bites reported in Mendview near our claims.

Greg Olson Membership and HIGHGRADER Editor announced there are 48 tickets left for the metal detector drawing. He is also starting a new page in the HIGHGRADER for business advertising. The ad's will be business card size and will cost \$20.00 for 6 months. Of course members still have the free classified page for their use.

DOOR PRIZES:

Nugget: John Young
Spencer Bryant
Lea Cox
Rick VanHorn
Steve Corcoran
Howard Nutter

Suice & Mini Spade: Bob Allen

Water Jug: Ron Quencel

*Metal Detector Case &
Neck Coller:* Stu Pingree

*Emergency Kit &
Display Case:* Russel Greymore

Vest: Harry Ryder

Bucket: Fred Zajac

Map Measurer: Chuck Carpenter

Knife: Gary Emery

Neckcooler: Shirley Nutter

Pepsi: Jack Hurley

The meeting closed at 8:45 p.m..

**BOARD MEETING
MINUTES****September 9, 1998**

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by President Doug Parker. Attending were Doug Parker, Susan Bengé, Dan Green, Henry Mayhew, Don Adams, Greg Olson, Lorna Caldwell, and Ron Caldwell.

Dan Green gave Doug a review of the September General Meeting he missed, while on vacation. It was brought out what a good job that Roland did conducting the meeting.

Dan said he is looking for a projector to play VCR tapes. We need a way to project them on the large screen. He also scheduled some demonstrations for October.

Doug talked to the Park's Department and arranged for another class on the 21st of October.

Henry reported that about 15 cars arrived at the field trip in Lida and that everyone had a good time. Also Henry will no longer be able to transport the porta-potty. We need a volunteer who attends outings that would be willing to do this. We also now have permission from the school to use their PA System for our meetings. It was also suggested that because the microphone jack the club might buy another cordless microphone in the future.

Dan brought an article about

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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
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filing our claims. It seems the procedure has changed, Greg is checking on it with the help of his lawyer and CPA.

Dan also contacted Walt Lombardo and John Lambert about speaking at our meetings.

Greg received several calls about the article on our club in the Sun Newspaper. The callers were complaining that the early years of our club weren't as reported. It was decided to let it die for now and do another article next year with the correct

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**PROSPECTING
CLASSES**

Did you know that The Gold Searcher's of Southern Nevada sponsors and teaches a class each month on Gold Prospecting?

The classes are once a month at the Orr Middle School where we hold our monthly meetings.

The class then meets at the Outing at one of the Club's Claims usually the following weekend.

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**McCaw School
of Mines**

Vice President, Daniel Green has announced the dates and times for the panning classes for the students visiting the McCaw of Mines. We urge all members to attend this special tour and show our support for this "Very Worth-while" project. Each tour lasts approx. two hours. For additional information regarding the school call Daniel Green at [redacted]

October 01	9:45am
02	10:00am
04	1:00pm
05	10:00am
06	9:30am
08	9:30am
09	9:30am
12	9:30am
13	9:30am
14	9:45am
15	9:45am
16	9:30am
19	1:30pm
20	11:00am
21	9:30am
22	9:30am
23	9:30am
26	9:30am
27	2:00pm
28	10:00am

These are all fourth and fifth grade students that are scheduled to visit the mine for about two hours on the above dates and times.

We would sincerely appreciate your help in working the tour of the mine. All helpers are provided a script of what to tell students and are given a certain area of the tour to help with.

We need your support!

Please call Dan Green for additional information and directions to the mine school.

**Board Meeting Minutes
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information.

Henry asked permission to talk to Bill Dixon and ask him to please stop using business cards representing himself as President of the club. He can use cards stating he is past President of the club.

Desert Outfitters had a terrible thing happen to them. A man told them Dan Green sent him there to rent a metal detector. So using I.D. and a Credit Card and Dan's name they rented it to him. Desert Outfitters found out that the card was bad. They later received a call from the man saying that the detector was stolen from his truck. The Police were called, but they told Desert Outfitters that there was nothing they could do about the situation. Dan is going to see if he can help them.

Greg received a letter and many disturbing phone calls about the guest speaker at the July meeting. It was decided that the explanation in the August HIGHGRADER was enough said on this topic. Greg has also had a good response on his advertising page for the HIGHGRADER.

Doug asked Henry for a copy of the August Treasure Report. Henry told us that everything was paid for and we almost have enough to buy

another CD. He said everyone liked the larger nuggets at the drawing in September, which he purchased at Desert Outfitters.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m..

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MEETING

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING**

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GSSN BOARD MEETING

GSSN BOARD MEETINGS ARE HELD THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE VALLEY VISTA MOBILE HOME PARK RE BUILDING ON CABANA DRIVE. MEETINGS BEGIN AT 7:00PM ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME. TAKE DESERT INN TO CABANA AND TURN LEFT GO 1/4 MILE AND TURN LEFT INTO VALLEY VISTA MOBILE HOME PARK. REC BLDG. IS ON LEFT JUST INSIDE GATE.

**CLAIM'S COMMITTEE
MEETING**

CLAIM'S COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE HELD THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE VALLEY VISTA MOBILE HOME PARK. THE MEETINGS ARE AT 8:00PM. THIS MEETING IS THE SAME LOCATION AS THE BOARD MEETING AND ON THE SAME NIGHT.

**THE CLUB'S PHONE
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ANY COMPLAINTS OR
RECOMMENDATIONS**



HAVE YOU SENT YOUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

HAVE WE RECEIVED YOUR RENEWAL?

We have not received renewals from the following members. If your name is on this list, please complete the application on the back of this newsletter and send it to the Club with your renewal check payable to Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada in the amount of \$20.00.

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Brown, Walter
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Hancock, John & Patricia
Nyman, Dale
Kahan, Joseph & Lisa
Williams, Helen
Hurley, Jack & Gloria
Harvey, James & Loretta
Gale, Keith & Dorothy
Fitzgerald, John
Bowles, Steven & Joy

ONE MONTH

Reiter, Steven & Charmaine
Lafond, Jack
Clark, Mark & Patricia
Zimmer, Dennis & MaeKynn
McCarthy, John & Phyllis
Szabo, Gary
Brown, Walter & Jane
Anderson, Linwood & Susan
Mendenhall Family

TWO MONTHS

Folliard, Robert
Zampino, Ron & Diane
Ess, Ken & Barb

THREE MONTHS

Novack, Frank & Lucille
Tarr, Floyd & Gloria
Logan, John & Helen
Jackson, Dave & Bernice
Hansen, Larry & Leslie

LAST CALL

Hansen, Larry & Leslie

**If you know any of
these members, please
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WHERE'S THE GOLD? TIPS AND TECHNIQUES

In this column each month we will try to give newcomers to our hobby some valuable tips and techniques which may help them get more enjoyment out of recreational prospecting and mining. Who knows, it may even help them find GOLD!

This Article was reprinted from the American Society of Dowsers's Internet Web Page

DOWSING PARANORMAL

The action of a dowser using a dowsing rod. The dowsing rod often consists of a forked stick. The dowser walks along holding the dowsing rod until it points to a source of water. Supposedly, the dowser has some sort of psychic power or is the medium for some sort of paranormal energy which activates his rod as it passes water.

According to Bannister Research & Consulting Dowsing is a searching tool that has been used for at least one thousand years by prospectors who have tried, with the help of a y shaped rod, to locate underground water, ore bodies, oil and other important resources.

Dowsing is subjective by nature. Its success depends on the qualities developed by the

dowsers themselves, who sense, via a mind-body link, the presence of underground structures. Many people have this ability and simply have not tried it.

Scientists have tried to understand the physical basis of dowsing; what factors link the movement of the rod in the dowser's hand to underground structures. No one has yet successfully explained the dowsing signal.

Not only is dowsing subjective, most testing of dowsing powers has been subjective, too. If you dowse and find water, then you have dowsing power! The fact that this pattern is found repeatedly makes the causal connection convincing to the uncritical thinker. This type of fallacious reasoning is known as post hoc reasoning and is a very common basis for belief in paranormal powers.

James Randi set up a controlled experiment to test the abilities of several dowsers. All failed the test, though each claimed to be highly successful in finding water using a variety of non-scientific instruments, including a pendulum. Says Randi, "the sad fact is that dowsers are no better at finding water than anyone else. Drill a well almost anywhere in an area where water

is geologically possible, and you will find it."

If you get a whole group of people prone to belief in the paranormal and to post hoc reasoning, you can start a society! Or a business. Real psychics don't dowse, however. Like Uri Geller, they use their mental powers to locate oil or water. Map dowsers use a pendulum to locate water by swinging it over a map. Real psychics don't need pendula. Their minds penetrate the depths of the earth while viewing a mere map of the area. This is amazing but not as amazing as those standing in line to hire them.



RAFFLE UPDATE

We have sold over 100 tickets for the Goldmaster IV Metal Detector!

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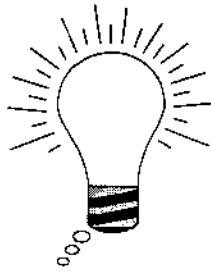
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Get your tickets for the Annual Christmas Nugget to be raffled at the Christmas Party. Tickets are \$3 each or two for \$5.

Get your tickets at the General Membership Meeting.

Call Greg Olson at 313-2600 to purchase your tickets by mail during the month.

Good Luck!!!



Have a Prospecting Story To Tell?

If you have a prospecting story you would like to publish, please send your story to:

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It is a local, non profit, Las Vegas Club comprised of members from all walks of humanity. Be it young "Greenhorns" or "Seasoned Prospectors." Some members are experts in such fields as Geology, Mineralogy, and even Mine Engineering. Some are Couchpotatologists. But most of all, members have a common love of their freedom to explore the "Great Outdoors."

GOLD FEVER spurs a lot of us to get out and extract enjoyment out of our mother earth, and learn more about her hidden wealth. There's a wealth of knowledge to be obtained, and friendships to be made. Lest we forget, the wealth of excitement in finding that beautiful, yellowish metal called **GOLD!**

Though finding **GOLD** is not our sole priority (we do public service for the mining industry, such as teaching scouts,

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and public school students how to pan gold), it is, however a lot of what we are about.

We are a fun-loving bunch that welcomes new members, and we gather together on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:45PM, at the **ORR MIDDLE SCHOOL, 1562 E. Katie, Las Vegas.** We voice our opinions as one on such matters as land use, and mining laws. Also, to help others who have become aware of our recreation or livelihood. We teach how to use mineral rights without abusing them, and work to protect our rights to continue in our prospecting interests. The majority of our members own a Metal Detector. Our Club plans field trips where such an instrument could help unearth that precious metal. Others in our Club put more trust into known gold extracting equipment, such as Dry Washers or Recirculating Sluices. Some of their equipment is handmade, and some of it is store bought. Being in a local Club, such as ours, can help you to see and use a variety of mining equipment first hand in a location known to produce **GOLD.**

Our Club is open for your inspection. You may attend
WOODS, JOHN

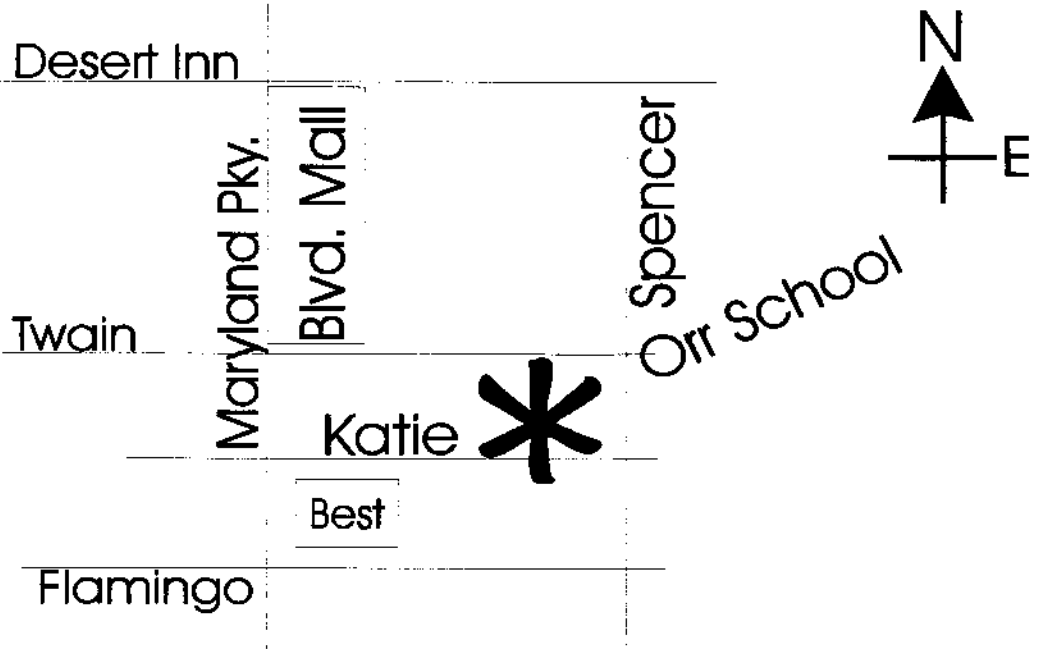
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DOWSING Q&A

American Society of Dowsters:

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Dowsing?

Remember when your grandfather "witched" for water with a forked stick...that is dowsing. The basic dowsing tools have evolved into L-rods, pendulums, Y-rods, bobbers and auremeters.

Who Can Dowse ?

Everyone is born with the capability. Children up to the age of 15 or 16 are almost universally sensitive. It has been established that in any group of 25 adults, between two and five will obtain the dowsing reaction immediately, when properly instructed. Others may have to practice for a while before they manifest what seems to be a birth-right talent.

Those who discover they can dowse stand on the threshold of new and challenging experiences. Dowsing normally begins on sources of underground flowing water. As your interest grows you may find yourself putting in many hours of practice. Other targets may present themselves as success follows success.

How Can I Tell If I Am A Dowser ?

Try one of the basic devices. Hold it in the search position and walk forward, keeping the mind focused on your potential target, i.e. underground flowing water. If you feel

you have covered too much ground or passed over a known target without result, try one of the other devices. Remember that with a little practice and some patience nearly everyone can achieve a dowsing reaction. As with all human skills, aptitude will vary. We believe, however, that dowsing is a basic ability and that familiarization with it is a simple matter for old and young alike.

Which Device Shall I Start With ?

Angle rods will respond to most people on the very first attempt. You can make them from metal stock, preferably 1/8 to 3/16 inch in diameter and from 18 to 30 inches long. Bend two rods at a point approximately 6 inches from the ends to form a right angle "grip". Hold the rods at waist level pointing forward like two pistols. As you walk forward, mentally ask for whatever it is that you seek. The rods will swivel, either crossing inward or diverging outward, as you pass over the target. As you pass beyond it, they should resume their original position.

The forked stick, however may suit you just as well. It is also called a Y Rod. It has an age-old connection with dowsing. Simply cut a fork about 18 to 20 inches long and 1/8 to 1/4 inch in diameter, from a tree or bush. It should be limber enough to be responsive when the two ends



"Do you ever find anything with those?"

are held in a palms up position, yet stiff enough to resist all but a definite pull from a vertical, or search position. Proceed as with the angle rods, mentally holding the desired target until the forked stick reacts over it by a pulling motion. This may be towards or away from the body, although many dowsters find the latter response to be the norm. You may want to try forked sticks made of metal or plastic.

The pendulum is equally favored by beginners. Anything of 1/4 to 1/2 ounce weight such as a finger ring or a hex nut will serve. Secure it to a six inch string or chain. Hold the string or chain between the thumb and forefinger of your master hand about two to four inches above the suspended weight. Position it above your right knee and set in motion. Then, keeping the hand steady, allow the weight to find its pattern of movement. This will often be a clockwise circle, but whatever the pattern, let this be your "signal" or sign for "positive" or "yes". After stopping the swing, move the hand over the left knee and, after an initiatory motion, let the weight settle into a pattern. Frequently this will be counterclockwise or the opposite of "yes". Let this be your signal for "negative" or "no". Finally, move the hand to a position between the knees, and as above, let the weight describe a pattern. Often, this will be a straight back and forth swing. Let this be your signal for "neutral" or "don't know". If after repeated trials the modes appear differently to you, do not attempt to change them but use the pattern that is consistent for you. It is only necessary to set the weight swinging in motion in the neutral mode and proceed over the target area until it reaches a positive mode in order for you to know that you've made a "hit" and are on target.

The wand or bobber is another device,

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DOWSING Q & A

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and can be made from a four foot branch of a tree, stripped of leaves and shoots, and about 1/2 to 1/4 inch in diameter. A similar length of rigid wire or the plastic tip of a fishing rod will also serve. Grasp the wand close to the smaller end and set it in motion, either vertically or horizontally, As you walk over the target area, the opposite motion or a circular motion will prevail and signal you that your search has been a success.

Using Dowsing Skills

When you find you can get a dowsing response from the instrument of your choice, you may feel that you are ready to carry on all kinds of searches. You may be fortunate and make some successful hits with very little experience and preparation. You will soon discover however, that a lot of practice is necessary if you wish to have consistent results. The ASD calls your attention to this fact and underscores its desire to help you achieve a high standard of competence.

Dowsing is More Than Dowsing for Water...

Did you know that there are many applications for dowsing? Dowsing for water is an important application of dowsing, however dowsing is not limited to water, search or location. There are many other aspects including dowsing for minerals, dowsing electromagnetic fields, noxious rays and geopathic zones, dowsing for lost objects, dowsing for lost persons, dowsing for personal-related subjects, spiritual dowsing, dowsing and the im-

mune system- the list goes on and on. The applications are endless. Map dowsing is another of the applications.

What is Map Dowsing?

The following explanation of map dowsing is given by the American Society of Dowsters "With a map or a sample sketch of the terrain, an individual property, whether a house lot less than an acre in size or a ranch of several hundred square miles, can be dowsed by one proficient in this method. Map dowsing is best performed not with Y or L rods but with a pendulum. One way is to overlay the map with a grid dividing it into rectangles(though this grid can be mentally pictured, or imagined). The dowser then asks which rectangle(s) on the grid will contain the best site(s) for drilling a water well. The pendulum will supply the answer.

Note that in the act of map dowsing, the dowser has transcended the limitations of space. The map can represent a property in a neighboring country or in a country halfway around the globe."

Are There any Scientific Studies of Water Dowsing?

Yes there are several. A recent study of water dowsing in arid regions was published by the Journal of Scientific Exploration.

What Makes Dowsing Work?

There have been many attempts to explain dowsing over the course of history. Various books have contained theories and attempted explanations, but the fact is that the pages of science are incomplete on this matter, and we are dependent still on judgment by result. The facts, as

we know them, have been preserved in our quarterly Journal, to which we invite all to communicate to further understanding.

The Society maintains an open forum to this end, with freedom of expression as a rule. With results, we sense the potential and we hope for understanding. In the mean time the Society holds no corporate views on the nature of dowsing and does not favor one technique or tool over another.

Is There More to Dowsing Than This?

After you've chosen a device and discovered you have consistent reactions with it, you can begin to develop the dowsing art. Start with water. The dowser usually seeks flowing underground veins suitable for drilling and pumping. The veins can be large and deep or small and shallow. You can discriminate by focusing on a need, real or imaginary. For instance, as you assume the search position, ask mentally, either successively or all at once, for a "vein of good drinking water, less than twenty feet in depth, which will flow uninterrupted at the rate of 5 gallons a minute or more". Thus when you receive a reaction, you will know that it is not a pipe, a polluted vein or a source that might otherwise be too deep or seasonally unreliable for the purpose at hand. When the dowsing reaction takes place, mark the spot and approach it from the opposite direction. If the two points do not coincide, the mid-point between them should be the center of the vein.

There are several methods for determining the rate of flow of a vein.

One is to ask "How many gallons a

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minute are flowing right now through this vein that I have just marked?" Then start counting, "1 gallon a minute or more, two gallons a minute or more, 3 gallons a minute or more," etc. When the right answer is mentioned, the stick should go down or indicate "yes". The same procedure can be followed for determining the depth and quality, such as grains of hardness or degree of pH.

How much Further Can Dowsing Take Me ?

Dowsing will take you as far as your sensitivity allows. As soon as you develop confidence in the dowsing reaction, you automatically begin to develop selectivity. If you can pass over metal pipes, plastic pipes, and electric lines to find a flowing underground vein of water, by inference you can also eliminate the water from your search to find one of the others. With practice and patience other targets, both tangible and intangible, can be dowsed.

What is Geomancy ?

The art of geomancy considers the relationships of natural hills, waterways and earth surface features as understood by the diviner-surveyor from a totally earth-cosmos overview. Western Geomancy is divided into three main lines of research and work.

Mathematical (geometric) line and grid projections by map Physical inspection of ancient lines, sites and verification In field detection of same and all types of earth energies usually by means of dowsing.

There is a fourth way known as Feng-Shui.(Bill Cox ,1982, The Cameron Auremeter in Action).

What is Feng-Shui ?

Feng-Shui sees a beginning point, relating to the cosmos, as an intersection of the four symbolic gods, with Mountain to the North and Plain on the South, Stream lying East and Pathway to the West.. Everything appearing in nature, or if created by man, must adhere to the divine laws of order, or imbalances and disharmony will result. (Bill Cox, 1982).

What are Labyrinths?

A labyrinth is an ancient magical path that can bring balance, playfulness, spiritual connectedness, and healing to those who walk it (Marty Cain). To learn more about labyrinths, visit the Labyrinth Letter.

What are Energy Ley Lines ?

Energy ley lines are natural flows of cosmic energy that are of the plus electrical sign. By definition they come down to the earth at places we call "power centers", which have domes. Read more about this subject.

The Mystery of Dowsing

You will find many ideas presented on the theme of what makes dowsing work. The ASD believes much research remains to be done before all the facets of the dowsing process can be explained in terms of what is known in academic science and the study of human behavior. Your interest in dowsing may turn in the direction of this mystery, where there is opportunity for you to con-

tribute to man's knowledge. You will find the study of dowsing a true pioneering venture.

Where Can I Learn More About Dowsing?

More information can be obtained by calling the ASD Headquarters at 802-684-3417

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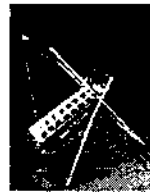
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