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**NO DECEMBER MEETING  
AT ORR MIDDLE SCHOOL  
ON DECEMBER 2ND.**

Don't forget the Christmas Dinner Party will be at the Nevada Palace Casino at 5255 S. Boulder Highway on December 2nd. which is the same evening of the regularly scheduled meeting.

There will be no regular meeting at the Orr Middle School. The meeting will be during the dinner at the Nevada Palace.

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**NEWSLETTER**



**FROM THE  
PRESIDENT...**

Happy Thanksgiving to each and all of you!

I just want to remind everyone that the regular meeting for the first Wednesday in December has been changed to the Dinner Party Meeting at the Nevada Palace Casino.

You will need a ticket to get in. The tickets are available by calling Greg Olson at 313-2600. They are \$5 each and will be \$8 the night of the party.

Have a fantastic holiday season!

## GOLD SEARCHERS OF SOUTHERN NEVADA CALENDAR OF EVENTS & MEETINGS

DECEMBER	2	ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY (NO MEETING AT ORR THIS MONTH)
DECEMBER	9	EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
JANUARY	6	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
JANUARY	13	EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
JANUARY	23&24	OUTING SECTION 34

**GENERAL MEETING  
MINUTES  
November 4, 1998**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by President Doug Parker. He introduced 8 guests and 4 new members for a total of 98 members present.

Greg Olson HIGHGRADER Editor announced that the HIGHGRADER will be late being mailed in October. He did pass out several at the meeting.

Doug called for someone to make a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the HIGHGRADER as read by those present. Lea Cox made the motion, it was seconded and passed.

The treasurer report was given by Treasurer Henry Mayhew. A motion was made to accept the report subject to audit, by Lea Cox. It was seconded and passed.

Doug reported that several members and himself had a great time doing the panning demonstration at the heritage center last month. He said one boy brought the gold he had gotten the last two years, and wanted to buy another bag. Doug said they made \$21.00 selling little bags of dirt with a few flakes of gold in it. The kids really love panning.

The Christmas Party and December general meet-

ing will be at Nevada Palace Dec. 2nd. We will have a band and food from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. The drawing will be at 8:30 PM. Tickets are \$5.00 if you purchase in advance. \$8.00 if purchased at the door.

Greg said that he had enough of the business ads but there are still plenty of room for members free ads. He is also selling tickets for the Christmas nugget drawing.

Dan Green Education chair person was excused, he is recovering from knee surgery. Dan also keeps us in contact with McCaw School. Rita Miller a member who donates a great deal of her time at McCaw School, told us how much she enjoys teaching the kids how to pan. She gets some very nice thank-you letters from them. She asked that anyone who could donate a couple hours once or twice a week, it would be greatly appreciated.

Roland reminded us to be sure and sign in at the meeting so you can have a chance at winning the gold pick award which is usually a nugget.

Dan Green wasn't able to arrange for a speaker so Doug called for an open forum. Anyone could make comments or ask questions.

Doug told us about his trip to the last outing at King Tut. In one trip the wheel fell

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**BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
October 14, 1998**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Doug Parker. Attending were: Doug Parker, Roland LeClerc, Lorna & Ron Caldwell, Henry Mayhew, Susan Benge, Greg Olson, Dan Green, and Dick King.

Doug received a fax from the Parks Dept. They have 15 people signed up for the next class at Orr School on Oct. 21. The field trip will be on the 24,25 of Oct. At section 34. There will be hot dogs and chips.

The Heritage panning demo is this weekend the 17th and 18th. We still need volunteers for this as many of our regular volunteers will not be available on that weekend.

The next item discussed was the Christmas party. Dinner will be from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Door prize drawings, gold nugget drawing, and gift exchange will be at 8:30 PM. A motion was made by Dan Green to pay a band \$100.00 to play for 3 hours at the dinner. It was seconded by Henry Mayhew and passed. Roland knows of a band that might do it for us. He will check it out. It was also decided the club will give 10- ten dollar cash envelopes for the door prize drawings. Roland told us if we take a letter to

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
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Wall-Mart they will donate items for our door prizes. Henry talked to the accountant about our taxes. We need to get some 990 forms to him. Greg will take care of it.

Dan Green said several members were upset that they could not get double tickets because they didn't have their badges. The purpose of the badge is to identify your self at meetings. Therefor the double tickets were to encourage members to

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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.

For additional information, including dates and times please call Doug Parker at 642-8972.

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November	
19	9:30am
20	9:00am
23	9:30am
24	10:00am
25	10:0am

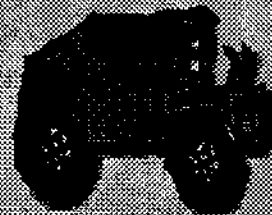
These are all fourth and fifth grade students that are scheduled to visit the mine for about two hours on the above dates and times.

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.

THANKS FOR  
YOUR SUPPORT!!!



## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES (Continued)

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off his ATV trailer. The weld broke letting the tailgate fall off, letting his equipment fall off the trailer along the road.

The outing for November will be November 21st at Section 10.

Doug said the metal detector is available February, March and April. The library also has books, back issues of Highgraders and many other items. They will take donations at any time. Please call Susan the Librarian.

Doug said he would like to do a TV Commercial for the Club. He and Greg Olson, who will be bringing the camera, will be filming at the November 21 Outing at Section 10. Call Greg or Doug if you are interested in being in the TV Commercial or know of anyone that does editing and post production.

Willie Biron said he wanted to get a group together to review the books in the Library and see if we need to update any publications.

Doug reminded everyone the elections will be held in April 1999. We will need

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## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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wear them. If the badges break you can super glue or epoxy the clip back on. Susan has super glue at each meeting.

Dan is working on a field trip to the Bullfrog Mine. He also said we may have a speaker from the Molly Corp. For our upcoming meeting.

Henry said he will get extra door prizes for the November meeting.

Greg would like to send letters to all those who buy raffle tickets giving them extra door prize tickets or maybe 10% their next membership. It was also suggested that our next raffle be a 12 volt Keene dry washer.

Dick King said he had heard of some claims over by Barstow Calif., But it was decided they were too far away.

Henry will make some tags so people will know how much



GEARY, KEVIN

# MEETING

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

OUR MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS HELD AT ORR MIDDLE SCHOOL'S CAFETERIA LOCATED AT 1562 E. KATIE ST. LAS VEGAS, NV ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM ALL GUEST AND PROSPECTORS ARE WELCOMED. THE MAP TO THIS SCHOOL IS LOCATED IN THE REAR OF THIS PUBLICATION.

## 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.

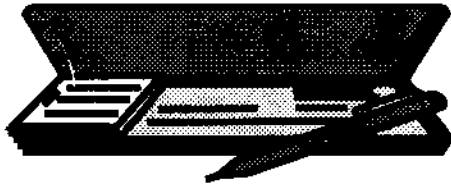
## CLAIM'S COMMITTEE MEETING

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 NUMBER : 393-GOLD (-4653)**

**PLEASE CALL TO GET HELP ON ANY MATTER.**

**THIS IS YOUR CLUB. PLEASE WRITE THE CLUB WITH 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.

#### CURRENT

Teplitz, Norman & Sharon  
Reiter, Harry & Janet  
Dobyns, Michael & Stacy  
Charlton, Millard  
Wynn, Robert & Brenda  
Linde, Reuben & Ryta  
Hernandez, Tony  
Keifer, Dick & Ruth  
Alberson, Alton & Linda  
Boone, Daniel  
Wright, Mike & Gabriela  
Siller, Frank & Dorothy  
Roberts, Douglas & Laurie  
Bird, Don & Lynn  
Watson, Mary  
Lopresto, Louigi  
Kimball, Floyd & Eloise  
Sullivan, Richard  
Stiles, Gene & Diana  
Mabey, Greg  
Fuchs, Edwin  
Duga, Steve

#### ONE MONTH

Kocjan, Joseph  
Dempsey, Walter & Heather  
Grant, William  
Moser, Ronald & Arlene  
Spry, Wayne & Beva  
Pearson, Oscar & Kathy  
Geddes, Ezra & Cleone

McElroy, Phyllis  
Koper, George  
Alltounian, Howard  
Metclafe, Stephen & Carol  
Peterson, Richard & Grace  
Hanes, Lyle  
Staynar, John & Donna  
Longero, Ken  
Kimball, Boyd & Carma  
Fairchild, Milton & Helene  
Ameling, Michael & Cathy

#### TWO MONTHS

Brown, Walter  
Romo, Dion  
Nyman, Dale  
Kahan, Joseph & Lisa  
Williams, Helen  
Harvey, James & Loretta  
Fitzgerald, John  
Bowles, Steven & Joy

#### THREE MONTHS

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

#### LAST CALL

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

If you know any of these members, please encourage them to send in their renewal as soon as possible.

Call Greg Olson, Membership Committee at 313-2600 with questions related to dues.

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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!*

Is it  
GOLD?

The positive identification of placer gold is of prime importance to any prospector or miner. All too often worthless minerals are mistaken for gold when a few simple tests, which can be made in the field, would quickly remove any doubt. Gold is a heavy mineral and will "hang back" in a gold pan. Much so-called "gold" that is lost in panning is in reality flakes of mica. It is true however, that extremely fine gold tends to float on the surface of the water, particularly if any oil or grease is present, and may be lost over the lip of the gold pan.

Gold is very soft and can be cut or flattened easily with a knife. A fragment of gold rubbed over a streak plate leaves a golden streak. Pyrite is brittle, leaves a greenish-black streak, and gives off sulfur fumes when heated. Gold has a metallic luster and is commonly golden in color, inclining to silver white if alloyed with silver. It should be noted that placer gold does not always shine like jeweler's gold which is refined and highly polished. The surface of placer gold is nearly always roughened or pitted by abrasion in the stream due to its softness.

This explains why mica and particularly pyrite crystals, which have shiny surfaces, are so often mistaken for gold. A further test for gold is to try dissolving the specimen in nitric acid. Gold is completely insoluble while sulfides, such as pyrite and chalcopryrite are attacked. And of course, placer gold can be refined and assayed to determine the gold content.

Placer gold occurs in a variety of shapes, the coarser particles indicating closer proximity to the original source while the particles become progressively finer the farther they are transported. Rolled, curved, or flattened grains, angular or subrounded pieces, plates, scales, and tiny specks of "flour gold" are common forms of placer gold. Gold is usually classified into five different categories: coarse gold—that which remains in a 10-mesh screen; medium gold—that which remains on a 20-mesh screen (average 2,200 colors to an ounce); fine gold—that which remains on a 40-mesh screen (average 12,000 colors to an ounce) very fine gold—that which passes a 40-mesh screen (average 40,000 colors to the ounce) and flour gold—smaller than very fine gold, averaging anywhere from 100,000 to 800,000 colors to the ounce.

Gold also may be very coarse, sponge like, irregular masses, sharp-edged crystals, or a mass of tiny, intertwined wires. Gold particles large enough to be retained on a 10-mesh screen may qualify as nuggets, a term applied to native gold larger than a grain in weight.

Large nuggets, or examples of wire gold or gold crystals are very valuable, and many can be considered of such specimen value as to be purchased by geological museums and exhibitions.

A very special and profitable market exists for gold nuggets in their natural state in the jewelry business. Nuggets, also called specimens, may sell for up to 10 times the world market price for gold. The exact price of any individual piece of specimen gold is largely determined by the beauty and uniqueness of the specimen and the bargaining power of the individual.

Gold seldom occurs in "pure" form, that is as 1000 fine or 24 karat gold. For instance, gold found in the Mother Lode country of California is between 80 and 90% pure, or 800 and 900 fine. Some gold carries other minerals, such as copper, which gives it a look of a different color. Black Hills gold, has assorted minerals, giving it a multicolored look. Silver gives gold a mellow, light gold color. Copper, for instance, can give gold a green cast.

Gold also has an intrinsic value. This means that the actual market value of gold contained in gold ore, or coins, for instance, depends upon the fineness. For instance, a gold coin which weighs one troy ounce and is 900 fine, actually has 90% of an ounce of gold in it. Based on a market price of \$400, the intrinsic value of the coin is actually \$360.

**GOLD PROPERTIES**

**Specific Gravity:**

18.5 to 19.3

**Hardness:**

2.5 to 3.0, malleable, ductile

**Color:**

Pale to silvery yellow

**Streak:**

Pale yellow

**Luster:**

Metallic

**Cleavage:**

None

**Fracture :**

Hackly



## Ex-Navy Nurse A Gold Prospector

The image of the dusty, grizzled prospector, complete with a stubborn, backpack-burdened mule in tow, has been replaced by the more modern version of the gold hunter (various professionals who use up-to-date equipment and cruise across the desert in clean, air-conditioned jeeps instead of on dirty, hot mules).

But the spirit of the '49ers — those thousands who flocked westward in the middle of the 19th century after gold was discovered at Sutter's mill in California—is alive and well and flourishing in Southern Nevada, in the persons of Las Vegas Kathleen Middleton and her gold prospecting partners, one of whom goes by the name of "Gold Digger Red." (Red's been hardrock mining on and off for close to 50 years).

Middleton is an ex-navy nurse, registered barber and "excellent cook and bottle washer" who was first bitten by the gold bug while stationed at a naval base in Alaska some 20 years ago.

"Our station was next to one of the rivers in Fairbanks, and our barracks were just a few feet from the water," says Middleton, whose bright red lipstick contrasts sharply with her sky-blue eyes. "We saw other people

prospecting and got into the swim of it that way. That's when the gold bug bit me."

Before long, Middleton and her fellow servicemen (and women) were immersing their pans in the clean, icy cold Alaskan waters, searching for those elusive nuggets and that brightly colored dush resting in the riverbed. Visions of striking it rich numbed whatever discomfort they might have felt while spending hours on end squatting next to the river, pans in hand, sifting the abundant, useless sand from the rare, precious metal they were hoping to find.

And there they'd squat, panning many streams over many miles, using two-by-fours nailed together as improvisational sluice-boxes.

Middleton says her initial success at prospecting elevated her skate in gold hunting from a mild interest to a feverish pitch. And though the past 20 years may have eroded many a riverbed, her interest in prospecting remains virtually unchanged.

"I found several nuggets the very first time I ever went out," she recalls. "They varied in size from that of a pea to a marble. Some were as large a walnut.

"I still have some of the first nuggets I ever found—they're too much of a treasure for me to sell them."

She keeps her treasures in a safe deposit box in a bank, stored out of the way of prospective buyers and whatever temptations she might have to sell them, temptations that must grow stronger as time goes by. In recent years, the price of gold has skyrocketed 10-fold, from \$30 an ounce to more

than \$300 an ounce. After two years of gold hunting in Alaska and a short stint of naval duty in the east, Middleton came to Las Vegas in 1962, partly to thaw out and partly because she wanted to be centrally located in the mining belt of the Southwest.

Spending close to eight months a year searching for gold, Middleton and her sometimes-partner "Gold Digger Red" go where possible gold reserves and weather dictate.

She says they frequently see other prospectors crowding the landscape, which leads her to believe "everybody's got gold fever out here. Sunday prospectors, we call 'em."

In the winter, she can sometimes be found in Death Valley; in the summer, she goes to a cooler Northern California to escape the sweltering desert heat. She and her partners also make frequent trips to Oregon, Utah and Arizona, wherever they think a possible bonanza may be lurking.

To obtain her "grubstake," Mid-

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## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES (Continued)

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members to run for all elected positions. Start thinking about being a candidate. It is easy, painless and fun!!!

Door prize winners:

Gold Nugget:

Pan: Dick King  
J. Baumgras  
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Michael Pfau  
Knife & Gloves: Ron Quincel  
Marilyn Zajac  
Gloves: V. Mirando  
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L. Edwards  
Jenne Moore  
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Vest: C. Carpenter  
Radio: Bill Ferlanie

Marilyn Zajac-gold pick  
award-nugget

Lucas Abromowitz-a tester  
nugget for drawing tickets.

Thank-you to Jan Sprague for  
the vest- Donna Bair for the  
earrings For the door prize  
drawings.

Meeting ended at 8:40

PM

## Meet Our Members Continued

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Middleton works part-time in between prospecting trips nursing the elderly and baby-sitting for show people in Las Vegas hotels. Only a very few prospectors, she says, make enough money to live entirely off their findings.

"In the old days," she says, "tine 'grubstake' was the prospectors term for what used to mean bacon, beans and tobacco. The term is still used now, but it means paying for my rent and groceries."

Middleton's placer (meaning stream, sand or clay) mining has netted her somewhere in the neighborhood of \$5,000 to \$6,000 in gold over the last 20 years, and there's always the hope that someday she will hit it big (her bonanza, she calls it).

In the meantime, though, she will just plug along with her prospecting, a task she now considers more pleasure than real work. Camping out with friends is one of the more pleasant aspects of gold prospecting.

Though the soft-spoken lady has never really struck it big, she's had what might be called a few close calls toward finding her bonanza.

"The biggest nugget I ever found weighed one ounce," says Middleton, who wears a 3/4-ounce nugget ring on her wedding finger. A mounted diamond sits in the middle of the shiny stone. "That was in the Illinois River in Cave Junction, Oregon."

Her next big project?

An excursion to the wilds of

New Mexico, where she and a few others are hoping to find some \$17 million in buried Mexican gold bars. That gold, she says, was brought from Mexico in the 1930s so the Mexicans could obtain a higher price for it from the U.S. government, and was subsequently buried somewhere in the desert. She's "very excited about the trip, with a little bit of pessimism thrown in."

That sort of trip isn't "Gold Digger Red's" bag.

"People who look for treasures like that are hoping for Santa Claus," he says. "There's gold to be found, but only if you dig in the right place, and you persevere enough."

"And," Middleton adds, "If lady luck is smiling down on you."

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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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*What is the Gold Searchers  
of Southern Nevada?*

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,

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

**MOORE, MARK & JEANNE**

**TWO GENERAL MEETINGS** and/or go one **FIELD TRIP** with the **GOLD SEARCHERS OF SOUTHERN NEVADA** free of charge. After that, simply join the Club for a mere membership fee of \$35.00 for the first year and \$20.00 each year thereafter. This is a "**FAMILY MEMBERSHIP**" which includes all your immediate family. Once you join, you receive the Club's monthly newsletter, **THE HIGHGRADER.** The **HIGHGRADER** contains news from the general and board meetings, upcoming field trip information, articles relating to prospecting, and you may even submit your own articles or place an ad in the Free Classified section for publication. We would love to have you join our Club! A membership application is in this issue for your convenience. Simply complete and enclose your check for \$35.00 then either bring it to our next meeting or mail to us at:

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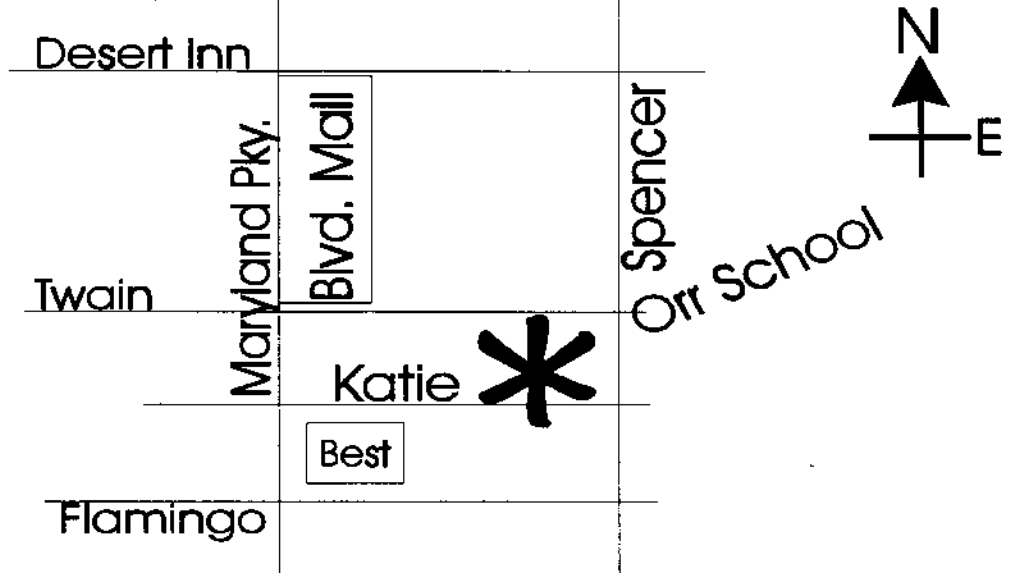


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## The National Park Service

# THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

By Daniel Green, Education Coordinator

On October 23, 1998 2:00 P.M. I received a phone call from the Clark County Gem club. I was alerted to the fact that the National Park Service was having a PUBLIC HEARING. The hearing was at the Enterprise Library 25 E Shelbourne Ave. The Library was on Las Vegas Blvd. about 1 mile South around Blue Diamond Road. The meeting was called for 6:P.M. During that time I called and faxed as many of the local, State and National clubs as time allowed. Each of us and all of us are interested when the Park Service and the BLM are laying the groundwork for YOUR benefit.

As we learned at our last meeting, more and more of the public lands are being withdrawn from public use. Recently an article appeared in the Review-Journal which stated that they were withdrawing another 500,00 acres from public access for YOUR BENEFIT. A management plan preferred by the BLM would limit the number of visitors, curtail the use of off road and all terrain vehicles, close some areas and roads and create designated camping areas.

They want to stop mining operations.

They have printed a Draft Environmental Impact Statement and General Management Plan. We now have a copy of the Draft Plan. The stated purpose of this meeting was for the general public to tell them what you think of their plan. *I asked, when did the plan come out and who might have had a chance to read it and to comment on its content.* The answer was that the Draft was available through some of the libraries and could have been seen on the Internet-if you had checked their web site. Since the area being considered for PROTECTION was in California (The Mojave National Preserve and the Death Valley National Park), it was deemed to be not of much interest to the people of Nevada.

The clubs and organizations that were able to attend on such short notice were understandably upset with the presentation. They were not satisfied by the response that CONGRESS HAS MANDATED THEM TO DO THIS STUDY.

We have picked up some Comment Forms from this pre-

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sentation. YOU are asked for your comments and opinion. We have one copy of the Draft. They want your comments on their plans. Copies of the COMMENTS FORM will be available at our next meeting. There is not a lot of time before they take some kind of action. We will write to them at: Mojave National Preserve, Superintendent 222 E Main St. Suite 202 Barstow Ca 92311. Perhaps you will too.



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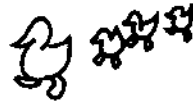
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