



August 2017 Motherlode Monitor Newsletter

Upcoming Events

***Wednesday September 6, 2017, 11 a.m.,
Sierrans' Board of Directors Meeting, 431
Crown Point Circle, Suite 150, Grass Valley,
CA.***

This meeting is scheduled for 11 a.m., prior to the membership meeting.

***Wednesday September 6, 2017, , 12 noon,
Membership Meeting – Presentation by Greg
Jones, Assistant General Manager, Nevada
Irrigation District, Update on NID Projects ,
431, Crown Point Circle, Suite 150, Grass
Valley, CA.***

Greg Jones will update the Sierrans on various NID projects including:

1. Combie Reservoir Sediment and Mercury Removal Project.
2. Greenhorn Sediment Removal Project (Rollins Reservoir).
3. Bear River Sediment Removal Project (Rollins Reservoir).
4. Centennial Reservoir Project.

Greg Jones was hired on as NID's Assistant General Manager in January 2017. Greg has over 15 years' experience in management, finance and sales. Most recently, Greg served as Vice President Programs at the non-profit Sierra Business Council for eight years and another seven years prior to that as VP Administration in a start-up wind turbine manufacturing corporation in Nevada. Greg holds a B.S. in Recreation Management from CSU Chico and an MBA from the University of Nevada, Reno.

Nevada County Fair

The Sierrans attended the Nevada County Fair again this year sharing a booth shared with other resource industry groups including the Fire Safe Council of Nevada County, Associated California Loggers, Society of American Foresters, and the United States Forest Service. The Sierrans manned the booth on Sunday, August 13th. The booth included displays and information about natural resources and our organization. A blind bid auction was held to raise funds for scholarship programs by several of the group members, including the Sierrans.



Jack Clark Passes

The Sierrans wish to honor Jack Clark who passed away recently. Jack was born in 1920 and began working as a mucker at the Idaho-Maryland Mine on January 9th, 1941. Two months later he was promoted to the position of First Aid Attendant. During World War II, when the Idaho-Maryland Mine closed, he served in the U.S. Navy Reserve and Marine Corps as a Pharmacist Mate in the South

Pacific. Jack returned to work at the Idaho-Maryland Mine in 1945 and became the Safety Engineer. His last position was as Mine Superintendent when the mine ceased operations in 1956. Jack was one of the last few remaining people that had worked at the Idaho-Maryland Mine. In 2005, Jack wrote the book, "Gold in Quartz, the Legendary Idaho-Maryland Mine" which provides an excellent history of the mine and life in Grass Valley.

Jack went on to serve the City of Grass Valley as a fire fighter in the 1950's through the 1980's. He was Chief of the Fire Department in 1966.

Sierrans' Mercury Conference

The Sierrans are exploring setting up a conference in to educate the public about technologies to clean up mercury in California's rivers and reservoirs. This might be a panel discussion at the American Exploration and Mining Association (AEMA) conference scheduled for Dec. 4-8, 2017 and/or a conference event in 2018. An ad hoc committee met on August 9th to start planning an event. Items that need to be addressed include:

1. Event theme.
2. Event structure.
3. Potential speakers and topics.
4. Event location and schedule.
5. Potential attendees.
6. Event cost and cost recovery.

We are looking for members/non-members that are interested in participating. Contact Dave Watkinson at dwatkinson@sierrans.org or (530) 271-0679 if you are interested.

Boy Scouts of America Mining in Society Merit Badge Project

The Sierrans plan to become involved with the Boy Scouts of America ("BSA") to assist local Scouts in obtaining their Mining in Society Merit Badge. The BSA launched the Mining in Society Merit Badge in 2014 as part of a series of merit badges focused on science, technology, engineering, and math ("STEM") projects. The Society of Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration ("SME") was instrumental in the development of the badge.

This Project will involve the development of a program with a variety of components (including options) that that Scouts will have to complete to earn the badge. For additional information, go to the following link:

<http://mineralseducationcoalition.org/outreach-awareness/mining-in-society-merit-badge/>

Sierrans' Scholarship Program

The Sierrans are moving to establish a scholarship program. Barbara Ross, District Coordinator for the Nevada Joint High School District was contacted. It is proposed that two \$500 annual scholarships established for graduates of Bear River and Nevada Union High Schools going into post-secondary school programs related to the resource industries. One scholarship would be awarded to a male and female student each year.

Sierrans "Walking Tour" Brochure Highlighting Mining Attractions

The Sierrans are establishing a Walking Tour Brochure to highlight mining attractions in the City of Grass Valley.

Sierrans' Placemat Project

The Sierrans are in the process of creating a placemats that could be used in local restaurants and eateries to promote the resource industries in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Sierrans' 2018 Calendar

The Sierrans are starting the design of our 2018 calendar.

Renew or Become a New Member

Individual/Family Membership and Corporate Membership Forms can be found at www.sierrans.org.

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