



July 2016 Motherlode Monitor Newsletter

Upcoming Events

August 3, 2016 Membership Meeting, 12 Noon – Prepare for the Fair Meeting. Scheduled at 431 Crown Point Circle, Suite 150, Grass Valley. The Sierrans plan to take part in the Nevada County Fair, August 10-14, 2016. We will be part of the Ag-Sperience Booth. We will share the Booth with a number of other resource groups including the Fire Safe Council of Nevada County, the Society of American Foresters, and the Associated California Loggers.

Special thanks to Joanne Drummond of the Fire Safe Council who arranged for us to participate with these groups.

We will have a small mining display that will be set up in the booth for the entire week. Brandon Stauffer of Teichert has donated some 1:50 scale mining toys for this display.

The various groups participating will man the Booth on the separate days of the Fair. The Sierrans will be responsible for manning the booth on **Sunday, August 14th**.

Each day, the group manning the Booth will set up a display to allow "selfie" photographs to be taken by visitors using their cell phone cameras. Each group participating will have a different theme. Our theme will be, "If It Can't Be Grown, It Has To Be Mined". Our goal is to show how mining, agriculture, and forestry all connect as resource industries.

The Sierrans will have small prizes (Gold Nugget Bubble Gum) to give out to kids. We will also have two larger prizes (Gold Rush Alaska Panning Kits) that will be given to one child and one adult through a drawing on August 14th.

Set up for the Fair will be on August 6th at 8 a.m. and teardown will be Monday August 15th at 8 a.m. We will meet August 3rd to determine who is available for set up, tear down, and manning the booth, setting up schedules, and doing any last minute planning.

August 3, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting. Scheduled directly after the membership meeting above, 431 Crown Point Circle, Suite 150, Grass Valley.

August 14, 2016, Sierrans at the Nevada County Fair, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Meet us at the Ag-Sperience Booth at the Nevada County Fair, Grass Valley. For those members that attend, come by anytime. Let's try to meet up with everyone as a group at 2 p.m.

August 27, 2016, 120th Miners Picnic, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit Empire Mine State Historical Park and attend the Miners Picnic. The first Miners Picnic was held in 1895 to raise money for miners' widows and orphans as well as injured and out of work miners. Today, it is an action-packed day of fun, food, gold mining history, and lasting memories. It includes a mine rescue re-enactment, a blacksmith shop, living history at the Bourne House, and much more.

September 3 and 4, 2016, Foresthill Heritage Festival Celebration, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a Labor Day weekend event that includes the California State Gold Panning and U.S. National Gold Panning Championships. Other events include:

American Legion Pig Roast (Saturday)
American Legion BBQ (Sunday)
Hands-On Gold Panning Instruction
Hands-On Metal Detecting Instruction

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Pancake Breakfast
Food and Craft Vendors
Railroad Regulators Western Shows
Early California historical Displays, Demonstrations
and Old Town Walking Tours at Foresthill Museum
Kids Zone (games and fun booths)
Old-Time Costume Contest
Raffles and Drawings - cash and prizes

For more information, visit www.goldhounds.com or
www.foresthillchamber.com

Establishment of an Affiliated 501(c)(3) Organization

The Sierrans is moving forward to establish a separate affiliated 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit that will have the ability to raise funds from donations, grants, and other funding sources. Articles of Incorporation have been submitted to the California Secretary of State and accepted. A Federal Employment Identification Number (FEIN) and federal tax exempt status has been obtained from the IRS (June 1st). A Statement of Information Form has been filed with the California Secretary of State. An initial Board of Directors meeting was held (May 25th) and bylaws adopted. A bank account has been established. Filings have been made with the California Registry of Charitable Trusts and the California Franchise Tax Board to gain state tax-exempt non-profit status. We should receive our status shortly.

Sierrans' Calendar

Pat Nelson is working on a Sierrans' Calendar for 2017 that would feature historic resource industry photos. Pat is working with a graphic artist to complete the design. Once the design is finalized, the cost of publishing it will be determined. We have funds in place for an initial printing. The calendar will be used for fundraising for the Sierrans and as a way to advertise our organization.

Robert Shoemaker Memorial Plaque

Bob Shoemaker (1925-2016) will be inducted into the National Mining Hall of Fame at the 2016 Induction Banquet in Las Vegas, NV. The Banquet will be held Saturday September 24th at Caesars Palace coinciding with the 2016 International Mine Expo.

The Sierrans are working to place a memorial plaque in the North Star Powerhouse and Pelton Wheel Museum. If you are interested in donating to this cause, please contact info@sierrans.org.

Renew Your Membership or Join

Forms can be found online at www.sierrans.org under the "Join Us" tab. If you receive our Newsletter and would like to join the Sierrans, now is the time to do it. Help us grow our organization.

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