



September 2017 Motherlode Monitor Newsletter

Upcoming Events

***Thursday September 28, 2017, 12 noon,
Membership Meeting – Networking Event with
Nevada County Engineering Association,
North Star Mining Museum and Pelton Wheel
Exhibit, 933 Allison Ranch Road, Grass Valley,
CA.***

The Sierrans membership meeting for October will be held **a week early** on Thursday, September 28th (in lieu of our regular meeting) to allow a networking event with the Nevada County Engineering Association (EANC). We will meet at the North Star Powerhouse and Pelton Wheel Exhibit at noon sharp and a tour of the facility and exhibits will be provided by their docents.

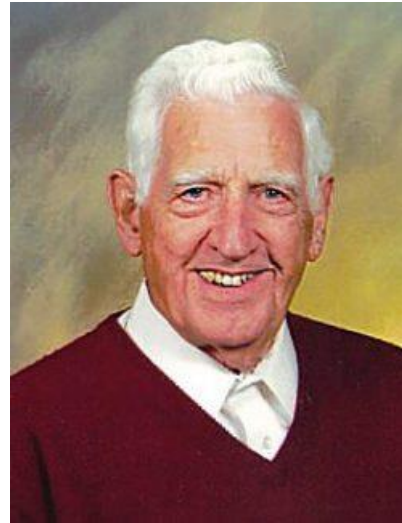
The Museum is a great place to learn about the history of gold mining, power generation using Pelton wheels, pumping using Cornish pumps, and other technologies that were used in Grass Valley between 1850 and 1950.

We have many synergies with the EANC as many of their members also work in the resource industries or businesses related to the resource industries. A picnic lunch will be available. Donations expected.

***Saturday, September 23, 2017, 11:00 a.m.,
Memorial Service for Jack Clark, Veterans
Memorial Building, 255 South Auburn Street,
Grass Valley, CA***

A memorial service is being held for Jack Clark at the Grass Valley Veterans Memorial Building. Jack was born on June 17, 1920. He 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 in the Marine Corps as a Navy Corpsman in the South Pacific.



Jack Clark

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.

After the Idaho-Maryland Mine shut down, Jack went to work at Aerojet-General as a Safety Engineer, where he worked until it closed. He returned to Nevada County and went to work for the County, Grass Valley, Nevada City and NID in the field of safety. He retired in 1985. He was a member of American Legion Post 130 and served as Commander. He joined the Grass Valley Volunteer

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Fire Department in 1952, was Fire Chief in 1966, and helped consolidate the local fire departments.

Jack was active with the Nevada County Fair through the years and was in charge of the gold display in the Main Exhibit Building. He helped build the G.V. Fire Department and Girl Scout booths, and worked in the American Legion, Fire Department and Episcopal Church booths. He served as president of RPEA and the local chapter of the American Red Cross, which he helped to organize. He was involved for many years in the Sierra Nevada Mining and Industry Council.

He built the focal point for twenty award-winning Girl Scout floats, was honored to be Grand Marshall of the July 4th parade, and acted the part of George Washington in Constitution Day ceremonies and parades. The NUHS choir "knighted" him for his work for 16 years with the Madrigal Dinner. Jack served on the Vestry at Emmanuel Episcopal Church and was both Junior and Senior Warden.



Jack Clark
New Brunswick Dry Room

Saturday and Sunday, September 23 and 24, 2017, American Mining Rights Association First Gold and Great Outdoor Show, Gold Country Fairgrounds, 1273 High Street, Auburn, CA.

The American Mining Rights Association (AMRA) will hold its first Gold and Great Outdoor show in September 23-24, 2017, at the Gold Country Fairgrounds in Auburn, CA. AMRA, a 501(c)(3) organization, states it is the largest grassroots advocacy organization dedicated to education and protection of public land use since 2011. They have helped hundreds of small-scale miners, OHV users,

hikers and others that cherish the great outdoors. They hope that this show can help in uniting and educating all public land users in the fight to keep public land open for everyone's enjoyment.

This event will include demonstrations of environmentally safe mining equipment used to remove precious metals, and harmful metals like lead and mercury safely from our waterways. Other education seminars will include safe and responsible off highway use techniques. One of the crowd favorites is a panning station where kids young and old learn to pan and find valuable minerals, and come away with a yearning for an adventure of their own in the great outdoors.

Vendors, clubs and other organizations are coming together to make this one of the biggest outdoor events of the year. Additionally, AMRA will be holding their 3rd Annual AMRA Dinner on Saturday night which includes speakers, raffle, live auction, and other events. Information can be found at www.americanminingrights.com.

Saturday, September 30, 2017, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 34th ANNUAL YOU BET TOUR, Veterans Memorial Building Parking Lot, 415 N. Pine Street, Nevada City, CA (corner of Cottage and Pine Streets).

The Brady family, in cooperation with the Nevada County Historical Society, will host the 34th ANNUAL YOU BET TOUR.

"We plan to gather at 8:30 am. You are welcome to car pool as extra vehicles may be left at the Veterans Memorial Building free of charge. We will travel by caravan to You Bet. Jerry Brady will show points of historical interest, and describe some of the characters that influenced this area. Each tale is enhanced with historical photos. Stops include a former homestead, town site, overlook, and an historic cemetery. At midday, the tour reaches a hydraulic mining "diggins." At this time enjoy your lunch, as Dan Brady gives a detailed description of placer and hydraulic mining in the 1930's. Poster sketches and antique tools will help visualize this dynamic process to mine gold."

A portable restroom facility will be available at the picnic area, which is the last stop. The tour will

draw to a close by 2:30 pm. Contact Jerry Brady at 310-831-3201 for further information.

ITEMS TO REMEMBER:

- clothes & shoes for walking short distances on dirt/gravel ground
- lunch and extra water
- folding chair-- tables and benches are not at the picnic site
- a bee sting kit, if you are allergic--- bees have appeared only once

Wednesday, October 4, 2017, 12 noon, Board of Directors Meeting, 431 Crown Point Circle, Suite 150.

The Sierrans' monthly Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for this time.

Sierrans' 2018 Calendar

The Sierrans are preparing our 2018 Historical Calendar. Pat Nelson has been working with Pat Chestnut from the Searls Library and has selected a variety of great photos to represent the historic resource industries in Nevada County. Pat Nelson is preparing a draft of the calendar for publishing.

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. At the Sierrans' last Board Meeting, it was agreed that two \$500 annual scholarships would be established for graduates of Bear River and Nevada Union High Schools going into their first year of a full-time post-secondary school program related to the resource industries. David Watkinson is working with Barbara Ross to set this up.

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. An ad hoc committee met on August 9th and September 8th to start planning an event. Olaf Bleck has set up a Google Document to create a "White Paper" to allow various authors to contribute. We are looking for members/non-members that are interested in helping draft the White Paper and plan the event.

Contact Dave Watkinson at dwatkinson@sierrans.org or (530) 271-0679 if you are interested in participating.

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' "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.

Renew or Become a New Member

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

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