



FIRST CLASS MINERS, INC.

2010/2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS – version 8/27/10

(We try to avoid any changes, but please note that these dates are subject to revision if the need arises — please read your current newsletter for the latest version)

- Sept 25, 2010 (Sat) GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 1:00 pm at Greg Herring's house in Pioneertown** Bring your chair, something to drink and potluck item. FCM will provide the hamburgers and hotdogs.
- Oct 2, 2010 (Sat) – JOSHUA TREE GEM AND MINERAL SHOW** – The First Class Miners will be manning a Panning Booth for this gem show in Joshua Tree. Volunteers needed so please let President Doug Peercy know if you are available. We will be setting up at 7:30am, bring a chair so you can relax.
- Oct 22, 23, 24, 2010 SPECIAL EVENT “Rendezvous – Joint campout” with other Prospecting Clubs In Riverside at Rancho Jurupa Regional Park.** Friday opens at 2:00 pm and out Sunday by noon. Join other clubs of Southern California for a fun weekend of panning contests, drywasher contests, Chili cookoff on Saturday night and treasure hunts. Unimproved camping area large enough for any type of campers/5th wheels, if you want electricity and water for your rigs they have that too at regular park rates. FCM will sponsor the gold panning contest. Contact Pres Doug for further info. Bring your metal detectors and join in the fun!
- Nov 7, 2010 (Sun) – GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 1:00 pm at Lucky Park in 29 Palms.** Bring your potluck item, your chair and whatever you want to drink. Hamburgers/hot dogs will be provided by FCM.
- Nov 19, 20, 21 2010 (Fri-Sunday) – CAMPOUT AT THE HUMBUG CLAIM:** Great family campout! Spend the weekend or longer on our claim in the Humbug mountains or just come for the day to drywash and metal detecting. Great opportunity to get familiar with the claim and venture out to our other claim, the Lucky Nugget. Old mining areas galore to explore in surrounding hills and great fun camping. Four-wheel drive highly recommended to access this claim. **Please bring wood for the Club bonfire.**
- Dec 11, 2010 (Saturday night) – ANNUAL CHRISTMAS AWARDS DINNER: 5:30 p.m. at the Elk's Lodge in Yucca Valley.** Come for our annual award banquet and see who wins the “Miner of the Year” award and the coveted Dowie Award! More details to come. Doors open at 5:30 pm with dinner at 6:15 pm.
- Jan 22, 2011 (Sat) – GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 1:00 pm at Knott's Sky Park in 29 Palms.** Come 30 minutes early for a class/demo on Metal Detecting. Join us for our bi-monthly membership meeting. FCM will provide the hamburgers/hotdogs – don't forget your chair/potluck item and whatever your drinking.
- Feb. 12, 2011 (Sat) ORIENTATION TOUR TO MIDDLE CAMP – 8:00 am departing from Joshua Tree National Park Headquarters in 29 Palms.** Great opportunity to tour the FCM claim called “Middle Camp” in the remote Eagle Mountains. Four wheel drive vehicles recommended. Be prepared to pay the Park entrance fee if you do not have an annual pass, as we will be driving through the Park to access our claim. Come with lunch, plenty of water and a spare tire! This is an all day event.

- Feb 18, 19, 20, 2011 (Fri, Sat, Sun) – CAMPOUT AT MIDDLE CAMP CLAIM:** This campout is again traditionally very well attended, so come for the weekend or just the day to metal detect or dry wash with other FCM members. Beautiful, remote area of Eagle Mountains to camp for the whole family. Sit around the campfire at night with other members. Four-wheel drive highly recommended. **Please bring fire wood for the Club bonfire.**
- Mar 13, 2011 (Sun) – GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 1:00 p.m. at Jim Wharff's house in 29 Palms.** FCM to furnish the hamburgers/hot dogs. Tom Koch will have his great “mobile museum” of old mining artifacts for all to see. Don't forget your chair, potluck item and whatever you drink..
- Apr 16-17, 2011 (Sat/Sun) SPECIAL EVENT: GPAA Gold Show in Las Vegas.** Make hotel reservations early as this is one of the largest Gold Shows and is usually very well attended by FCM members. **Will be held at the South Point Hotel & Casino in LV.** Call GPAA headquarters at 800-551-9707 for more details. Most of us old timers will be staying at Buffalo Bills in Primm on the 16th to save money. You are welcome to join us for a night of dancing after the event.
- Apr 08, 09, 10, 2011 (Fri, Sat, Sun) – CAMPOUT – ORD MTNS.** This will be our second time to prospect in a new area, we are scouting this area for a potential new claim. This location is 2 wheel drive friendly ! Bring your motor homes/5th wheels for this campout !! Last year we had a large fire each night so bring extra wood. We will have our 2nd annual “Pot Luck” on Saturday night so bring something for about 8-10 people. (This sight is a dry camp)
- May 14, 2011 (Sat) – GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 1:00 pm at Cathy and Eddie Brandon's house in Yucca Valley.** Come 30 minutes early for a dry washing demo. FCM will provide the hamburgers/hot dogs. Please bring your chair, whatever you are drinking and a potluck item.
- May 28, 2011 (Sat) – FCM GOLD PANNING BOOTH AT GRUBSTAKES DAYS - Yucca Valley**
FCM will be manning a gold panning booth at this important event. Need volunteers to help setup and run the booth in 3-4 hour shifts. Contact President Doug Peercy to volunteer.
- May 29, 2011 (Sunday) – TOUR OF RATTLESNAKE CANYON CLAIM – 8:00 am** Join us for a tour Of our Rattlesnake Canyon claim (place for our campout the following weekend). Familiarize yourself with Burns Canyon and the surrounding areas. Meet at Pappy & Harriett's in Pioneertown to caravan together. More details to follow as we get closer to the date.
- June 3, 4, 5, 2011 (Fri, Sat, Sun) - CAMPOUT AT RATTLESNAKE CANYON FCM CLAIM**
Beautiful area in the mountains at 5600 ft elevation. Cool nights (50's) and nice days (80's), plenty of shade. Great place to camp with other FCM members and metal detect or dry wash on our claim. Very popular campout. There are NO camp fires allowed ! But you do need a fire permit for each vehicle if you plan on using ANY TYPE of Flame. You can get a permit at any local fire station.
- July 10, 2011 (Sun) – GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 10:30 am (note early time!) at Machris Park in Yucca Valley.** Don't forget your chair, your potluck item and whatever your drinking. FCM will provide the hamburgers and hotdogs.
- Sept 24, 2011 (Sat) GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 1:00 pm at Greg Herring's house in Pioneertown** Bring your chair and potluck item. FCM will provide the hamburgers and hotdogs. Don't forget your chair, potluck item and whatever your drinking.

