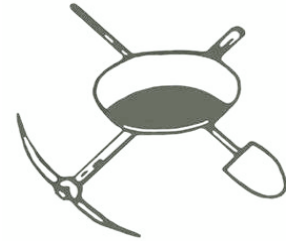




‘Rock Talk’
from
The Bulletin
Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club
15056-B 7th Street
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February 2006

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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

By Marie Gramata – Sunshine

Val Costello’s son who is hospitalized.

Claude Williams who lost his beloved wife Kaye, January 26, 2006. Services were Sunday, January 29, 2006 at Victor Valley Mortuary.

Harry and Nancy Roberson need a housesitter. Please call Harry/ Nancy at 247-5730 if interested for more info.



Birthday Wishes To:

February Birthstone: Amethyst

Faith Harper 2/4, Greg Gadbois 2/13, Chuck Gardner 2/18, Leona Gardner 2/19, Marcus Jaramillo 2/20, Clint Anderson 2/28



Happy Anniversary To:

Dennis & Virginia Harbison 2/3, Tom & Carol Laszlo 2/4, Jim & Leona Griner 2/15, Charles & Phylis Asendorf 2/25

It’s Time To Buy a Faceted Stone!
Tourmaline, Garnet, Topaz, Chrysoberl & others.
WHOLESALE Prices!! Call Carl Hollister (760)-240-1582

Rocks, Rocks Rocks!
Buy slabs, cabs and rough from Joe! Brazilian, Moss Agate, Jasper, Wood and Obsidian. There is a sale on bolo cords! Club members (any club) 20% off at my house. 10% off at gem shows. I sell crushed Agate, Jasper and Wood for tumbling at 75 cents per pound. Call Joe: 760-241-0894

**Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club
Field Trip
Hector Mine**

Date: February 5, 2006

Time: 8 AM

Meeting Location: Hector Road Exit, turn Right go to stop sign , turn Left & pull over at asphalt pile.

Wagon Masters: Patti Deer

For additional information contact Patti Deer at pdeer@mdaqmd.ca.gov.

This trip is to a working mine. This trip is for Travertine, basalt, olivine, and hectorite. There are high quantities of this material present at on the surface. Access is on a graded road. The distance to this meeting site is approximately 75 miles from the club. Distance from the meeting site to the collection site is approximately 8 miles. Physical dangers include snakes and other normal desert conditions. The Wagon Master for this trip asks that all participants bring close shoes, hard boots, hard hat, safety glasses (will be provided by mine if necessary), no wheel chairs or walkers. There is an age limit of 5 for this trip. All children are expected to be under constant supervision by parents or guardians at all times.

The trip leaders recommend that you bring gloves, spray bottle (water), rock pick, lunch, safety glasses, and adequate drinking water.

PLEASE DO NOT PICK UP OR DISTURB ANY DESERT TORTESSES FOUND IN THIS AREA OR IN THE DESERT AT ANY TIME.

No alcoholic beverages will be permitted on this trip.

Sheep Creek Field Trip January 21, 2006



Attendees: Cyndy Mandell, Lois Papner, Janet Flecher, James Fosse, Carl Abadie
(Petrified sand dunes upper right corner)

Attendees continued: Curtis Pierson, Craig Pierson, Ralph Powers, John Pridemore and Jack Harris

Sheep Creek Field Trip continued
Pictures Taken from Jim Fosse's Web Page



Looking at upper parking lot from the
Black/white agate collecting site



A full view of the collecting hill
from the end of the road.

Pictures sent by Cyndy Mandell

Note from editor: In the email Cyndy sent
The pictures are larger and I could see all of the
'color' on the ground.

Another note from the editor: The following is an email I received from Doug Arnold that was to go in last month's newsletter concerning the Victorville Gem & Mineral Show we held in November. Sorry it took me so long to get it in Doug.

Debbie Lyons

December 1, 2005

Dear Editor,

Next year it is likely that the show will have to be moved because the fairgrounds have increased the rental for the weekend by \$1,000. Some club members will hope that shows will become something "we used to do." Now is not the time to give up. Why?

In order for the club to survive we need communication so that the public knows we exist. Shows are how we have been doing it. We get new members every year because those new members have attended the show and see what we do with rocks.

If the club is going to survive we need youngsters who will grow up to be geologists or rockhounds. When I was working up front I was really happy to see how many youngsters brought their parents and came to the show. They may not even become rockhounds but it may get the interest of their parents who join and become rockhounds. Shows are a lot of work but it is for these people we are doing it and need to continue doing it. It was great to see how many helped at this year's show. Keep up the great work.

By Doug Arnold, Pinon Hills V.V.G.M.C.

February 2006

Hi this is Lew Helfrich , President of San Joaquin Valley Lapidary Society. Our field trip Rainbow Ridge and Sheep Springs was a great success. I want to thank Pat Childers and the Indian Wells Lapidary Society for inviting us and a great time. It was great to see old friends and different rock clubs to get together for a fantastic field trip. There were members from Woodland Hills Rock Chippers, Polomo Rock and Mineral Club ,Victor Valley Rock And Gem Club and ours .Depending where you went any where from 20 to about 50 different club members. We arrived at Inyo Kern around 8 A.M. and had break feast before we congregated at the Post Office. By 9:00 A.M. most everybody was there and at 9:15 we were off. You could not ask for any better weather. We arrived about 9:45 to Rainbow Ridge. The road was a little damaged due to the rain but not bad. Any vehicle could make the trip. You could see the boulders of Rainbow Ridge Agate scattered around Indian Wells Lapidary Society's Club claim . I got out of the truck and didn't see much a piece of jasper here and there but that was all. I went past the markers about 50 feet and all of a sudden there it was Rainbow Ridge Agate. Bits and pieces scattered all over from the rain. The higher the hill you climbed the more float there was. Beautiful yellows and greens and reds.. You pick one piece up and there would be another next to it just the same or even better. Putting them in the bucket was easy but turning around and bringing it down the hill was a different story. Around 12:00 and a truck or car full of agate people decided to try for some dendritic opal and moss agate at Sheep Springs. It's just over the hill so they say. I suggest anyone going to Sheep Springs empty your bladder and fasten your seat belt for you are in for a ride of your life. Tom and Rosie broke in a new 2006 F-250 they bought Friday. The road from a scale of 1 to 10 and 10 being best would rate a 2. The road has ruts and gullies and boulders that would make any 4 wheeler cringe. I bottomed out twice and tore half of my front cowling off. Many people went to site b and c and did very well in Dendritic Opal. We Arrived about 1:30 . Picking was slim but some nice pieces of agate and opal were found. It is an interesting area and if time and day lite were not running out it would be worth investigating. It was a great trip. Our next field trip looks like Fields Road for wood and banded jasper. If anyone would like to join us on a field trip please e-mail me or call (661)872-8230 Happy and safe Rock hounding. Lew Helfrich's Jewelry Creations
School Of Lapidary Arts
2225 River Blvd.
Bakersfield Ca. 93305
(661)872-8239 lewsrocks@netzero.net
Taken from TheDiehardUndergroundRockhoundGroup@yahoo.com

Attention V.V.G.M.C. members!! January 31, 2006 was the deadline to pay your dues. So if you have not paid, you won't be in the 2006 roster.

Attention Vendors!!

March 18th & 19th 2006

San Joaquin Valley Lapidary Society 4th annual Rock and Mineral Rendezvous held at the Bakersfield Fair Grounds still has spaces open for vendors. Contact Lew Helfich 661-872-8230 or email him at lewsrocks@netzero.net Lew's address: Helfrich's Jewelry Creations

School Of Lapidary Arts and Bead Shop
2225 River Blvd.
Bakersfield, Ca 93305

CFMS Shows 2006

February 17-26 2006, Indio, Ca

San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Club “Date Festival” Riverside Country Fair & Date Festival
Gem & Mineral Bldg. #1 46-350 Arabia Street Hours: 10-10-daily

Contact Gert Grisham (951)849-1674 Email: grish1@msn.com

February 25-26 2006, Antioch, CA

Antioch Lapidary Club Contra Costa County Fairgrounds

1201 West 10th Street Contact: Ellen Bauer (925) 458-2539 Email: jbauer@wwdb.org

March 4-5, 2006, Arcadia, CA

Monrovia Rockhounds Inc. Los Angeles Country Arboretum & Botanical Garden

1 block South of I-210, Foothill Freeway near Santa Anita Race Track

301 North Baldwin Ave. Arcadia, CA 91007 / Hours: Sat. 9-4:30, Sun. 9-4:30

Janie Duncan 626-358-8157 Email: Jo Anna Ritchey: j.ritchey@verizon.net Website: www.moroks.com

March 4-5 2006, Ventura, CA

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society Seaside Park, Ventura Country Fairgrounds

Hours: Sat 10 – 5, Sun, 10 – 4

Jim and Nancy Brace-Thompson (805) 659-3577 Web Site: www.vgms.org

March 10,11, & 12 2006, Victorville, CA

Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club Tailgate

Stoddard Wells (11 miles east of I-15) Hours: Fri. & Sat. 8-5; Sun. 8-2 Joe Kosik (760) 241-0894

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Visitors Are Always Welcome!

2006 Executive Committee

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Parliamentarian	Dennis Harbison	247-5559
Gem Show and Tail Gate Committee		

Monthly Schedule

First Monday	7:00 p.m.	Instructors Meeting
First Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Board and Executive Meeting
Third Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Education Night
Fourth Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Potluck Dinner
	7:30 p.m.	General Membership Meeting

Workshop Schedule

Sunday	12 – 5 p.m.
Wednesday	1-5 & 6-9 p.m.
Thursday	1:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Field Trip	(as announced)

Instructors: Nick Beall, Janet Flecher, Jim Fosse, Gil Gilbert,
Dennis Harbison, Tom Laszlo, Yo Simpson

			1 Workshop 1-6 Jim Fosse 6-9 Joe Kosik	2 Workshop 1-5 Janet Fletcher 5-9 Tom Laszlo	3	4
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AFMS Code of Ethics

I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without written permission from the owner.

I will keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.

I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.

I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.

I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind such as fences, signs, building, etc.

I will leave all gates as found.

I will build fires only in designated or safe places and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.

I will discard no burning material-matches, cigarettes, etc.

I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.

I will not contaminate well, creeks or other water supplies.

I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well, the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.

I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.

I will cooperate with field-trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.

I will report to my club or federation officers, Bureau of Land Management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public, educational and scientific purposes.

I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.

I will observe the "Golden Rule," will use Good Outdoor Manners and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and public Image of Rockhounds everywhere.

Revised July 7,1999 at the AFMS Annual Meeting

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Address Correction Requested

