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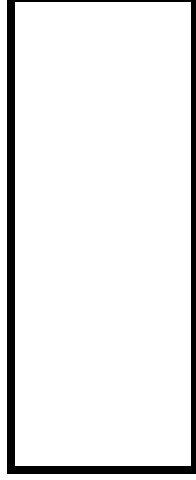
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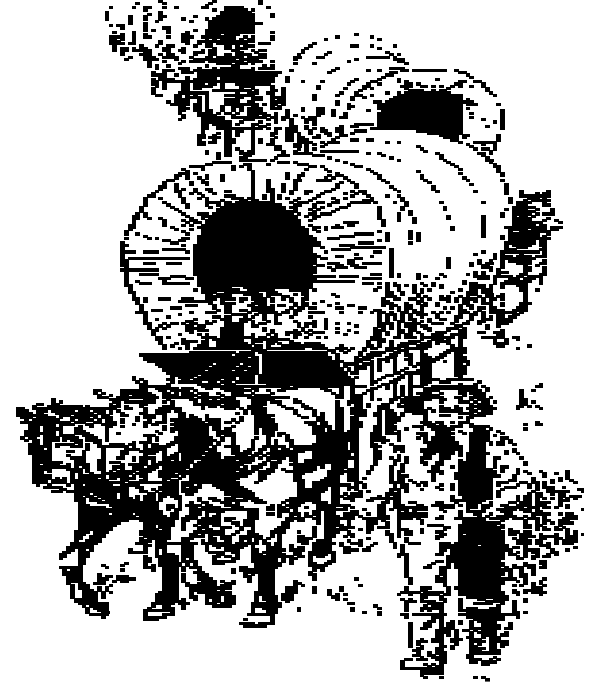
THE BULLETIN

NEWSLETTER OF VICTOR VALLEY
GEM & MINERAL CLUB



30TH ANNUAL TAILGATE AND FIELD TRIP

Our club is holding its 30th annual Tailgate and that's got to be cause for a celebration. As a new member to the club, I am looking forward to it all. There's going to be something for everyone. We're going to camp out, spin yarns, retell old stories and become reacquainted with old friends we haven't seen in some time. There will be booths where a body can buy food and drinks and I hear there's plenty of other stuff for sale too! Everything will be set up



by Friday, March 10th, but I hear that on Saturday we'll be having a field trip for those folks with an eye for good quality Tri-colored marble.

This is going to be a three day affair and I'm told it'll be a laid back weekend where everyone can relax and enjoy a great few days in the company of good friends.

I'm guessing that an event that's become a tradition over thirty years is certainly worth making it a must see and putting it on my calendar. Full directions are inside on p.3. Maybe I'll see you there!

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If you have a question, call any of the above officers but please do not call after 8p.m.

**THE VICTOR VALLEY
GEM & MINERAL CLUB**
was organized in 1947 and has been the focal point of High Desert rockhounds for the past 53 years. The club takes active roles in various civic activities.

Membership is open to all persons interested in the gem and mineral hobby and lapidary arts. Meetings are held at the clubhouse located at 15056-B 7th Street (behind Kaman Bearing) in the center of Victorville.

Visitors are always welcome. For more information, call (760) 243-2330.

FROM THE EDITOR

My name is Alan Molineux. I am the new editor of the BULLETIN. I am currently the editor of the Grubstake—the newsletter of the Hi Desert Golddiggers and have been for the last 5 years. I would like to congratulate Debbie Lyons on the terrific job she did on previous issues and I would like to thank Debbie, Tom Laszlo and Jim Fosse for their help in giving me the tools to get started. If you have any contributions or any comments, please do not hesitate to call me at (760) 951-7064 or you can e-mail me at amolinux@gmail.com

WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND THE SHOP?



Kerry Molineux at work on the belt grinder.



Here's Kate Waterman using the Genie grinder.



Brett Ward is cutting one of his pieces on the saw.



Chuck Scott stops casting silver ring mounts for me to take this photo.



Virgil Melton is showing a piece of gold he is cleaning.



Oscar Delgado is shown here at centrifuge in the casting area.

SUNSHINE CLUB

Marie Gramata is our Sunshine Lady. She works quietly behind the scenes sending comfort to those who need it. She recently sent a card to Bob Harper's wife, Faith. She broke her leg a couple of weeks ago but seems to be on the mend. Thank you for all you do, Marie. If you know a member who is ailing or needs cheering up, please give Marie a call on (760) 245-3775.



FOR SALE

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

QUOTE FOR THE DAY

You use a glass mirror to see your face, you use works of art to see your soul.
By George Bernard Shaw.

CAN YOU USE THESE?

Around the side and the rear of the shop I saw boxes and buckets of rocks that members have gathered on field trips and brought back hoping that someone could use them. If you get a moment, go and have a look. You'll be amazed at what's back there.



FOR SALE

It's time to buy a faceted stone! Tourmaline, Garnet, Chrysoberl, Topaz and others.
Wholesale prices!!
Call Carl Hollister (760) 240-1582.

VICTOR VALLEY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB PRESENTS WITH 30TH ANNUAL TAILGATE.

Held off Stoddard Wells Road in Apple Valley,
March 10th, 11th and 12th, 2006.
Tailgate map: N34.670650 W117.108983
Or in d,m,s: N34°40'14.34" W117°06'32.34"

Members of the Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club invite you and your friends to attend our annual free tailgate and field trip at the Stoddard Mtn. collecting site. Here Verde Antique and Tri-Colored Marble are easily located. The small "black jade" site at the top of the hill is a little more elusive.

The Tri-Colored Marble field trip departs at 9a.m. on Saturday. 4x4's are required and Jeep pooling is appreciated. The tailgate is open to all clubs and rockhounds. Everyone is allowed to sell or buy just about anything. Most items for sale or trade are related to gems, minerals, findings and equipment, but you'll never know what might turn up.

All selling space is on a first come basis. We do not hold space for anyone. There are no exceptions.

The club hosts a soft drink, coffee and bake sale booth. The club does request outside vendors not compete with products the club offers for sale since our bake and drink club booth is our only revenue source to pay for the public toilet facilities, operating supplies and promotional expenses.

Remember, this is a dry camp area, so bring your own water and other necessities. The Club will have four "Porta-Potties", two of which will be handicap accessible. Supplies are available at the Stoddard Wells I-15 exit just outside of Victorville.

Stoddard Wells Road becomes a graded dirt road for seven miles to the Tail Gate from the Dale Evans Parkway Intersection and can be easily handled by motorhomes and trailers.

Green and yellow Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club signs will mark the route to the camping area.

Hope you can attend! Rain or shine, we will be there! Pets must be on a leash or in an RV at all times.

Questions: Bob Harper robokx22@peoplepc.com
or Phone:(760) 947-6383

TRI-COLORED MARBLE
FIELD TRIP

Date: March 11th, 2006.

Time: 9a.m.

Meeting Location: VVGMC Tailgate site off Stoddard Wells Road.
From Hwy I-15, take Stoddard Wells Road east following the signs
to the VVGMC Tailgate.

Wagon Master: Jim Fosse

This trip will be for Tri-colored. There are large quantities of this material present at the surface and in the float. Access is on desert roads. At the time of writing, the road conditions are unknown. Please assume either a very rugged high clearance vehicle or a 4x4.

The distance to this meeting site is approx. 25 miles from the club. Distance from the meeting site to the collection site is approximately 3 miles. Conditions at the site are for easy to moderate hiking and unlimited material is available within 100 yards of the vehicles.

Material is on the surface and in seams. Digging and hard rock mining are required for choice specimens. Physical dangers include snakes and other normal desert conditions. This is a former commercial mining operation and as such there are open mining pits and high cliffs.

There is an age limit of 8 years for this trip. All children are expected to be under constant supervision by parents or guardians at all times. Any child climbing on the exposed cliffs will result in both child and guardians being asked to leave the site.

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

No alcoholic beverages will be permitted on this trip.

For additional information contact Jim at (760) 245-8644.

San Joaquin Valley Lapidary Society
Proudly presents
Bakersfield California's
4th Annual Rock and Gem Rendezvous

Date: Saturday & Sunday, March 18th & 19th.

Time: 9:00a.m. to 5p.m. both days.

Place: Kern County Fairgrounds—1142 South P. Street, Bakersfield, California, on the corner of South P. and Belle Terrace.

*Free Parking * Free Admission *

** 15 lucky people have a chance to win a field trip to -

Sharks Tooth Hill

Thanks to the generosity of Bob Ernst and the Buena Vista Museum.
Just \$1.00 per chance.

Grab bag goodies \$1.00 a bag

Spin the wheel and win a prize Free Hourly drawings **

Free demonstrations throughout the show.

There will be demonstrations on Silver Smithing, Cabbing, and Wire Wrapping. Sphere making, Beading, Knapping and much, much more!

Great Food—Cajon, Kettle Corn, and Indian Fry Bread—Yum Yum!
Dealers in rocks and minerals from all over the world displaying unique items made from Mother Nature.

Lapidary Equipment both new and used. Rough Rock to finished gemstones.

Tools & supplies for silver smithing, beading and casting, jewelry making and lapidary. Silent Auction—lots of materials up for grabs.

Trading posts—Lots of interesting and unique gifts to buy.

Dry Camp Available.

Come join us for a fun filled weekend that the whole family will enjoy.

For more information or to become a vendor, please contact Lewis

Helfrich—President San Joaquin Valley Lapidary Society at

(661) 872-8230 or (661) 323-2663 or lewsrocks@netzero.net or

helfrichsjewelrycreations@yahoo.com

E-MAIL

If you have an e-mail address, but are not receiving e-mail from the club, the post a message to vqmc@charter.net

I CAN TELL YOU'RE PART IRISH...

Saint Patrick's Day is coming up on March 17th and so I couldn't let the opportunity go by with a few Irish jokes.

Gallagher opened the morning newspaper and was dumbfounded to read in the obituary column that he had died. He quickly phoned his best friend Finney. "Did you see the paper?" asked Gallagher. "They say I died!!" "Yes, I saw it!" replied Finney. "Where are ye calling' from?"

Father Murphy walks into a pub in Donegal, and says to the first man he meets, "Do you want to go to heaven?" The man said, "I do, Father." The priest said, "Then stand over there against the wall."

Then the priest asked the second man, "Do you want to go to heaven?"

"Certainly, Father," was the man's reply.

"Then stand over there against the wall," said the priest. Then Father Murphy walked up to O'Toole and said, "Do you want to go to heaven?" O'Toole said, "No, I don't Father. The priest said, "I don't believe this. You mean to tell me that when you die you don't want to go to Heaven?" O'Toole said, "Oh, when I die, yes. I thought you were getting a group together to go right now."

E-mails I have received.

Two Irishmen met and one said to the other, "Have ye seen Mulligan lately, Pat?"

Pat said, "Well, I have and I haven't."

His friend asked, "well what d'ye mean by that?"

Pat said, "It's like this, y'see ...I saw a chap who I thought was Mulligan, and he saw a chap that he thought was me. And when we got up to one another...it was neither of us."

www.irishjokes.com

EARLY MAN SITE (YERMO) FIELD TRIP

Date: March 25th, 2006.

Time: 9a.m.

Meeting Location: Peggy Sue's Parking Lot off the Calico (South) Road exit on Interstate 15.

Wagon Master: Janet Fletcher.

This trip is in three parts. The first part will be for Agate, Jasper, and Palm Root. There are large quantities of these materials present on the surface and in the float. Access is on well graded desert roads.

The distance to this meeting site is approximately 50 miles from the club. Distance from the meeting site to the collection site is approximately 10 miles. Conditions at the site are easy for hiking and unlimited material is available within 100 yards of the vehicles.

Physical dangers include snakes and other normal desert conditions. There are huge quantities of material available a considerable distance from the parking area.

There is an age limit of 8 years for this trip. All children are expected to be under constant supervision by parents or guardians at all times. This trip is suitable for all vehicle types.

The second part of this trip will be a visit to the Early Man Site for those wanting to visit. There is a charge for this visit. Additional well graded gravel road travel is estimated at 3 miles. There is no collecting at this site.

A final afternoon collecting opportunity will be the Mule Canyon area of the Calico Mountains. This will be a scouting trip. A four wheel drive is required. Long wheel base is ok.

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

No alcoholic beverages will be permitted on this trip

For further information contact Janet at (760) 949-0796.



March 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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			Workshop 1-9pm	Workshop 1-9pm		
5 Workshop Starts at 12 noon	6 Instructors Meeting 7pm	7 Board Meeting 7pm	8 Workshop 1-9pm	9 Workshop 1-9pm Wagon Masters Meeting 7pm	10 VVGMC Tailgate All Day Event	11 VVGMC Tailgate Tri-col Marble Field Trip 9am
12 VVGMC Tailgate All day event Workshop 12noon	13	14 Workshop 6-9pm	15 Workshop 1-9pm	16 Workshop 1-9pm	17	18
19 Workshop Starts at 12 noon	20	21 Education Night 7pm	22 Workshop 1-9pm	23 Workshop 1-9pm	24	25 Early Man Site Field Trip 9am
26 Workshop Starts at 12 noon	27	28 Pot Luck Dinner 6:30pm General Mtg. 7pm	29 Workshop 1-9pm	30 Workshop 1-9pm	31	