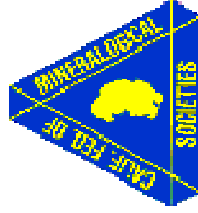
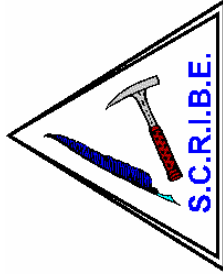


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OCTOBER 2007



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Desert River

BEADS

Cindy Hinojosa

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 Apple Valley,
 CA 92307.
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stones, You can find us on the northern glass,
 metal, wood and side of Hwy 18.
 bone beads. Freshwater East of Navajo Road, and a little
 pearls, seed beads, tools, east of Rite-Aid. Come find us-
 findings, stringings, we're worth look. There's plenty
 supplies, classes & more. of parking in
 the rear.



Rocks, Rocks, Rocks,

Buy slabs, cabs & 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 & Jasper for tumbling at \$1.00
 per pound. Call Joe Kosik (760) 241-0894.



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(Lavic field trip continued.) **THERE ARE NO SIGNS MARKING THIS ROAD, YOU MUST USE MILEAGE.** Caution, beyond this point the road paralleling the RR tracks deteriorates and it will be difficult to turn around. At the Lavic Dry lake road turn right and travel 0.7 miles. At the indicated mileage, turn right and go 0.2 miles until an extremely large, flat, and cleared area is seen on the RIGHT. This is the camp site. This road DOES NOT GO THROUGH and it will be extremely difficult to turn a long travel trailer at the end. This route was checked on Sept 16 and was found in VERY good condition. Conditions at the site are for easy to difficult hiking and material is available within 100 yards of the vehicles. Material is on the surface. Physical dangers include snakes and other normal desert conditions. There is no age limit 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 in ADDITION TO CAMPING GEAR. Alcoholic beverages will be permitted only in the evening at the camp site. You are responsible for cleaning up all trash before you leave.

SUNSHINE REPORT

Mary Damiani is out and about and attended our General Meeting after a period of absence mending after her hip surgery. It was great to see her back at the Club House.

Nancy Roberson had eye surgery done, and it will be three to six months before she will know anything if the surgery was a complete success or not. Please keep her in your thoughts and Prayers that all will be successful and that her eyesight will be back and she can complete the projects and living life as she used to do.

Ed Skidmore is under the weather these days with going for tests, etc. Seems like the doctors have yet to make a determination as to what is causing him to be ill. More tests have been ordered for him.

Marie Gramata's hip surgery was delayed and will be performed on September 21st, so keep that date in mind and think positive thoughts that all will be done and will be successful.

Lenny Oberg is having a rough time with Chemotherapy. Friday September 7th after going for dialysis he suffered a seizure and was hospitalized.

Dorothy Oberg has been under the weather also. To all members, please keep them both in your thoughts and Prayers and give them a call or send a card to cheer them up.

If anyone else has been sick or knows someone who has been ill, please give me a call at (760-247-5369) and I'll be sure they receive a card to brighten there day.

Carol Laszlo.

THE VICTOR VALLEY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB

was organized in 1947 and has been the focal point of High Desert rock hounds for the past 60 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 further information, call (760) 243-2330.

MEETING DATES

The September general meeting was held on Tuesday, 25th at 7:00p.m. and the October meeting will be held on Tuesday the 23rd.

NEWSLETTER POLICY

During my tenure as newsletter editor, the Bulletin will always be upbeat, informative and most importantly it will be a vehicle for communications between the club board and the membership. I will never print the club's monetary standing nor will I print any negative opinions or rancorous club issues. People in other clubs read this newsletter and people outside of lapidary read it. Every club occasionally has issues which cause dissent. I believe those issues do not need to be publicized.....Ed

FROM THE FRONT COVER

I stopped by the club on Thursday, September 13th and took photos of members working on various projects. We are fortunate to have a variety of machines, instructors to help us and space to work. Our club president, Tom Laszlo is featured on the front cover of this issue of the *Bulletin*.

ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC

The Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club Annual Picnic was held at Schmidt Park at George Air Force Base on Saturday, September 8th.

The club provided hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks and members who came, brought side dishes for themselves and a friend. See photos of this club event on page 4.



Wanted—Rocks, Lapidary Materials & Equipment.

Call Charles Toles.



Home (760) 242-9240

Cell (760) 220-6748.

V.V.G & M.C ANNUAL BARBEQUE AND PICNIC



Eve Toles looks elegant here. Notice her dichroic glass pendant!



Charles Toles is showing what is available in the silent auction.



Nick and JoAnn Beall seem to be enjoying themselves.



Here are the boys, (L-R) Andrew Turner, Gaylan Graves & Ray Navarro.



I warned Pat Estes I was about to take her photograph and so she finished eating and smiled for the camera. Thanks, Pat. Nancy Mosowski is filling her plate and lastly, Virgil Melton looks dashing!



Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club Overnight Field Trip to Lavic Siding

Dates: October 6, and 7, 2007

Time: 9 AM

Meeting Location: Lavic Siding Camp Site
(see below for directions) ((Both Days))

Wagon Master: Janet Flecher

For additional information contact Janet at 760-949-0796.

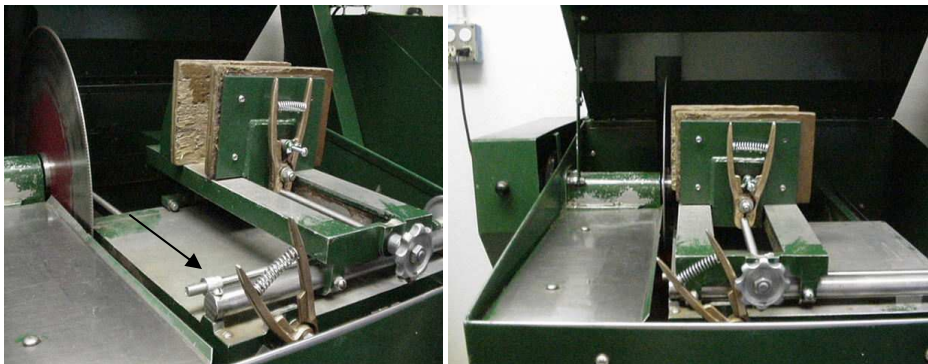


This trip will be for Jasper and Chalcedony. Lavic Siding Jasper and Jasp-Agate are considered amongst the best Jaspers in the Mojave Desert. The trip on Saturday is suitable for all medium clearance two wheel drive vehicles. The location of Sunday's trip is to be determined. Sunday's trip will most likely require a 4x4. If you do not have a 4x4, please do not place both yourself and others at risk by insisting that you "can drive in the desert as well as any 4x4". The simple truth is that you can't. The trip leader is **NOT** responsible for getting you out if you get stuck. Only you can decide what is safe for your equipment and your driving ability.

The trip leader (and others) are planning on setting up camp on Friday. If you arrive early, please leave adequate room for others to maneuver and park their rigs. This is a huge camp site; however we have no way of knowing how many campers there will be or what equipment they will have. Please set up your rig as far back as possible to allow room for others who may be arriving after dark. This site is suitable for tent camping. Please note, there are no water, shade, firewood, or bathroom facilities at this site. This is a wilderness desert camp site. You are responsible for bringing **EVERYTHING** you need, so if you don't have it, don't expect others to help. Gas, food, **BATHROOMS**, and etc. are available in Ludlow.

Directions to Camping site: From Victorville, take I-15 to Barstow. In Barstow take I-40 East about 35 miles to the Hector Road exit. This is about 3 miles past the rest stop. At the stop sign at the end of the I-40 ramp turn right about 300 feet to the stop sign at the National Trails Highway. At the National Trails Highway turn left (east) for **6.8** miles. At this point you will be at a road level crossing for the RR tracks. **BEFORE** crossing the tracks, turn right and travel **2.2** miles of graded dirt road that parallels the RR tracks to the Lavic Dry Lake Road.

SAW #5—THE COVINGTON



We've installed a new collar and saddle feed screw so that when the saddle moves over to the collar, that's as far as it goes. If necessary, members will have to reposition their stones.—Maintenance.

CLUB T-SHIRTS, TOTES, HATS AND PINS.

Please bring your order for club logo articles to the next General Meeting on August 28. If you cannot attend the meeting, call Pat Estes 948-7324 or drop off your order at the Club House.



For our first order of printed or embroidered articles, you can use your own T-shirt, sweat shirt, jacket, vest or any color clothing or your choice.



We would like to have our first order as large as possible for the best prices possible. The prices are very reasonable and they make great gifts! Please fill out your order form and have payment ready.

Let's show our club spirit by wearing and using our club logo at club functions and anywhere you go

UPCOMING SHOWS



The 32nd Annual Gem, mineral and Crafts Show

October 3—7, 2007

Over 50 Dealers

Monday—Saturday 8a.m.- 5p.m.

Sunday 8a.m.—3p.m.

Gems, Rock Minerals, Crafts, Raffles
Lapidary and Rock Polishing Equipment

*Pancake Breakfast*Classic Car Display*Sherrif's
Mounted Search & Rescue*Flag Raising Ceremony.

Free parking at

6225 Sunburst Avenue, Joshua Tree, CA 92252

Call (760) 366-2915

I'm purposely leaving these ads in this month as they are still current

Victorville Gem and Mineral Show

San Bernardino County Fairgrounds, 14800 7th Street
Victorville

Saturday, November 17th 2007 9:00a.m-5:00p.m

Sunday, November 18th 2007 9:00a.m-4:00p.m

Dealers and Artisans offering Gems, Minerals,
Jewelry and Lapidary Tools and Equipment

Club Exhibits, Hourly Raffle Drawings and a Silent Auction












Free Parking and Admission (Enter Fairgrounds from 7th Street)

Dealers contact Joann Beall (760) 246-7117

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Deadline for November Issue of the bulletin is Monday, October 15th ph. (760) 951-7064 or email amolineux@gmail.com

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
National Dinosaur Month 	1 Instructor's Meeting 7p.m. 	2 Board Meeting 7p.m. 	3 Workshop 1—9p.m.	4 Workshop 1—9p.m.	5	6
7 Workshop Begins at 12 noon	8 Chicago Fire 1851. 	9 Workshop 1—9p.m.	10 Workshop 1—9p.m.	11 Workshop 1—9p.m.	12 Pledge Of Allegiance created 1892. 	13
14 Workshop Begins at 12 noon	15 Statue of Liberty becomes a National Monument in 1924. 	16 Education Night 7p.m. 	17 Workshop 1—9p.m.	18 Workshop 1—9p.m.	19	20
21 Workshop Begins at 12 noon	22	23 Pot luck 6:30p.m. Monthly General Meeting 7:30p.m.  	24 Workshop 1—9p.m.	25 Workshop 1—9p.m.	26	27 
28 Daylight Saving ends at 2a.m. Workshop Begins at 12 noon	29 Stock Market crash 1929. 	30 Workshop 1—9p.m.	31 Workshop 1—9p.m.			