

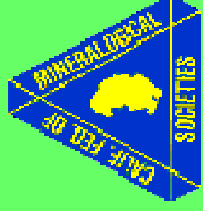
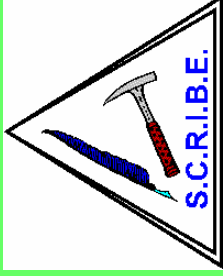
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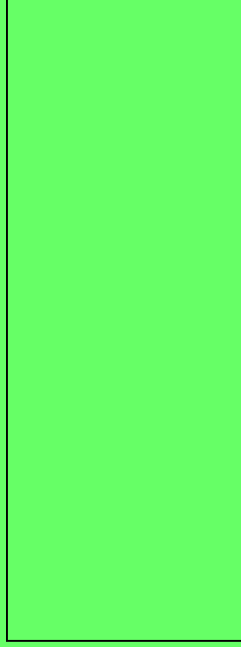
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NOVEMBER 2008

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Tom Laszlo, Virgil Melton, Joe Kosik, Pat Estes, Charles Toles
& Cyndy Mandell.

Club Website—www.vvgmc.org 2

WANTED—ROCKS, LAPIDARY, MATERIALS & EQUIPMENT.

CALL CHARLES TOLES.

HOME (760) 951-0372

CELL (760) 220-6748.



Rocks, Rocks, Rocks,

Buy slabs, cabs & rough from Joel!
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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ABOUT THE HUMAN BODY

It takes the food seven seconds to get from your mouth to your stomach.

One human hair can support 3 kg (6 lb).

Human thighbones are stronger than concrete.

A woman's heart beats faster than a man's.

There are about one trillion bacteria on each of your feet.

Women blink twice as often as men.

The average person's skin weighs twice as much as the brain.

Your body uses 300 muscles to balance itself when you are standing still.

If saliva cannot dissolve something, you cannot taste it.

An E-Mail from my son, Damian

CLUB MERCHANDISE

On the cover is a picture of our club merchandise display.

Pat Estes is our Merchandise person. She has a range of hats, T-Shirts and badges with the club logo on them. Help support the club and see Pat about buying some club merchandise. Then, wear it with pride—I do....Ed

CLUB DISPLAY CASE

As I mentioned in the minutes of our last General Meeting. Don Pomerence made up a display for the club for the month of October. Last month's display was done by Andrew Turner. I featured it in last month's *Bulletin*. Don certainly did a great job and if you're able to drop by the club, then come and see Don's display.



EDITORIAL

I believe a club is a group of like minded individuals who come together for a specific purpose. Clubs cannot function without volunteers. People giving freely of their time—well, they're the lifeblood of any club. We'll be looking for nominations to fill club positions in the months of October and November. You don't have to know everything—you just need to love what you do and you need to like people. It was with these talents that our current batch of officers stepped up to the plate—now, it's your turn!

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 61 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

Our October meeting was held on Tuesday, 28th at 6:30p.m. and the November general meeting will be held on Tuesday the 25th.

NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING.

On behalf of the membership of V.V. G & M.C we welcome all the guests and new members who were recognized at the September general meeting. They were, Denise Whorden, Mark and Tammy Coles, Rudi Martinez, Denise Milhar, Bobbi and Steve Kauffman, Ken and Barbara Mildlakowski and Dalushaka Mugwana.

We hope you enjoyed our general meeting and we hope to see you all again....Ed

EDUCATING THE YOUNG

On Saturday, October 18th, I spoke to cub scouts about Geology. A few days before, on a Tuesday evening I was at a meeting of Hi Desert Gold Diggers. During break I was approached by a cub scout leader from a pack that also meets at The Church of the Valley, in Apple Valley on Tuesday nights.

I agreed to talk to boy scouts about Geology so they could earn a merit badge.

On Saturday morning I arrived at 7:40a.m. and started talking to interested groups of cub scouts and parents. The church was packed and there must have been about 300 cub scouts there doing a range of activities to earn a variety of merit badges. Some learned to use computers. Some were taught to play marbles. Others shot a BB gun and others played soccer.

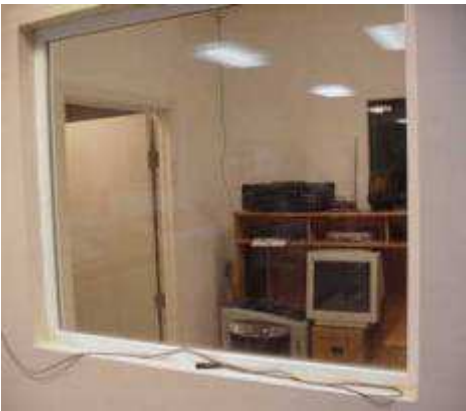
According to the records at the end of the day, I had talked to 58 cub scouts about Geology. My wife, Kerry had sent me off with various types of rocks and I dressed the part of a field Geologist. Each lecture lasted for about 15 minutes and by the end of the day I had given between 20 and 30 lectures. At 3p.m. I packed up my rocks—I was hoarse but happy. Some boys had learned something about geology—it was a good day!

AROUND THE SHOP



Pat Estes is an instructor at V.V.G. & M.C. Here she is taking time out for a bite to eat in between helping out other members in a variety of ways. She's always friendly and approachable and so if you ever have any question concerning lapidary, she will be only too happy to help you.

It's not all work at the club. Here, Gaylan Graves chats for a while with Bob Menelly. Some nice work gets done at the club—but there's also time to rest and catch up on what's new too.



I had a peek at the new office now it's completed. It's amazing just how much room there is inside! Now that it's been plastered, stuccoed and painted, it's time to move in the office furniture. I see a computer desk, the club computer and a photocopier and printer installed in their new place. It's a good place to work without getting in people's way.

VICTOR VALLEY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH 2008

GOLDEN STAR BUFFET

17376 MAIN STREET, HESPERIA

\$8.39—ALL YOU CAN EAT!
(LOCATED AT MAIN & I AVENUE
IN THE VON'S PARKING LOT)

PLEASE BRING A NICE GIFT TO BE AUCTIONED.

WE HAD A GREAT TIME LAST YEAR AND EVERYONE
WHO ATTENDED ENJOYED THEMSELVES
I'LL BE THERE—WILL YOU?

Joe Kosik is working on a Genie—grinding his cabs and as many in the clubhouse do, he's turning a piece of nondescript stone into a thing of beauty.



FROM THE SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

We welcomed guests and new members. (See page 2).

Andrew Turner created a club display for September. Don Pomeranke will create a display for October.

Carole Mc Michael received a boxed display of rocks indigenous to Kettle County, Washington state. I supplied a box for her and she will send a box of our rocks and labeled with their names and where they can be found back to the Washington rock club. (This is being done through the AFMS).

John Printz will send a letter of thanks to TXI for allowing us to use their Oro Grande park for the recent club picnic.

A club fire extinguisher has been refilled in compliance with fire marshal's regulations.

Virgil Melton urged club members to run for soon to be vacant board and committee positions.

Cyndy Mandell will continue with her Wednesday night silver fabricating class.

The club Christmas Party will be on Tuesday night, December 16th. (See p.9 for details).

A club clean up day is scheduled for Saturday, October 18th at 9:00a.m.

FROM THE OCTOBER BOARD MEETING

Trees need to be trimmed at the front of our parking lot so that a clear line of sight can be had for the oncoming traffic.

The welding tanks are not being switched off.

(6) membership candidates were motioned to become members.

Club Treasurer, Janet Flecher motioned that 2009 property taxes should be paid in September 2008. Everyone voted for this except Charles Toles who abstained.

The Election Committee is looking for candidates to fill upcoming vacancies.

Pat Estes is still waiting on the CFMS Rockhound stickers to become available.

Tom Laszlo will talk to the floor maintenance man about the poor state of the floors.

Carole Mc Michael will report on the Building Assessment and Budget Committee at the next Board Meeting.

Junior Rock Club member's ages have been fixed at 10—16 years by the Board.

The Sunshine Lady, Carole Laszlo needs additional greeting cards and postage stamps.



November 2008



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Native American Heritage Month 	Aviation History Month 					1 National Author's Day 
2 Workshop 12 noon–5p.m. Daylight Saving ends	3 Instructor's Meeting 7p.m. 	4 Board Meeting 7p.m. 	5 Workshop 1–9p.m.	6 Workshop 1–9p.m.	7	8 Cortez conquers Mexico in 1519 
9 Workshop 12 noon–5p.m.	10	11 Veteran's Day 	12 Workshop 1–9p.m.	13 Workshop 1–9p.m.	14 Nelly Bly begins her trip around the world in 1889.	15 America Recycles Day 
16 Workshop 12 noon–5p.m.	17 Leonids meteor shower. 	18 Education Meeting 7p.m. 	19 Workshop 1–9p.m.	20 Workshop 1–9p.m.	21	22 U.S Dept. of Homeland Security created in 2002.
23 Workshop 12 noon–5p.m.	24	25 Pot Luck 6:30p.m. General Mtg. 7p.m. 	26 Workshop 1–9p.m.	27 Workshop 1–9p.m.	28 National Flossing Day. 	29 Ex-Beatle George Harrison dies from cancer in 2002.
30 Workshop 12 noon–5p.m.						

Deadline for the December issue of the *Bulletin* is Monday, December 15th. Ph. (760) 951-7064 or email amolineux@gmail.com