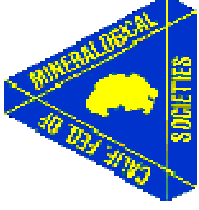
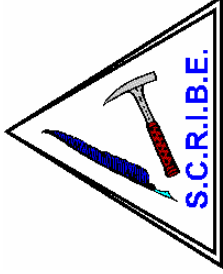


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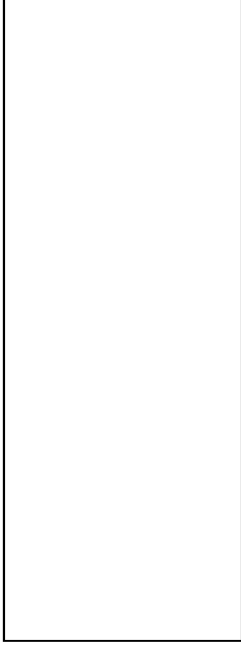


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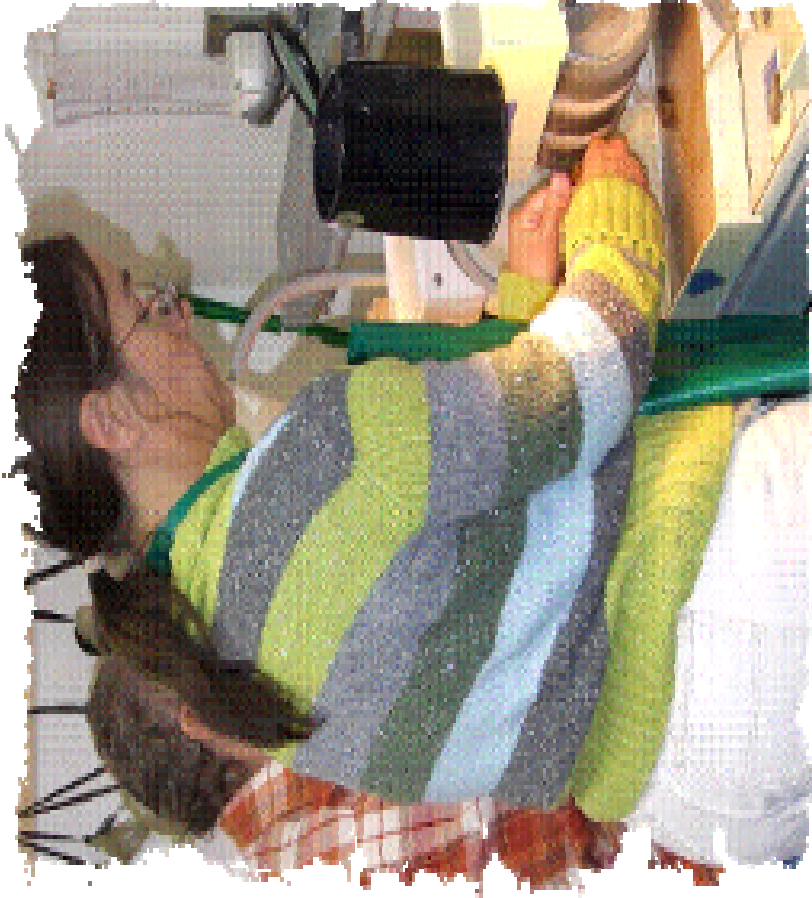


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BITS AND PIECES

I recently read an article in the AFMS newsletter. The Panorama Gem and Mineral Club of Kettle Falls in the state of Washington asked all clubs for a sample of rock findings in their area.

I thought it would be a good idea to respond to them as we have a wealth of different rocks in our collection area. I talked the idea over with Carole Mc Michael—who was then our CFMS rep and I bought a plastic, partitioned display box from Walmart as they suggested.

Carole went to work and furnished samples for the box and labeled each one. She then included a book citing our local collection sites—which we both edited and now has the box ready to ship off to the Washington Club.

I think this is a great idea as the Washington club is collecting specimens from all over America together with details of collection sites that local clubs use.

Carole, thank you for your motivation and your determination in putting together this project. I may have brought it to her attention but Carole Mc Michael put in all of the time and energy.



THE VICTOR VALLEY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB

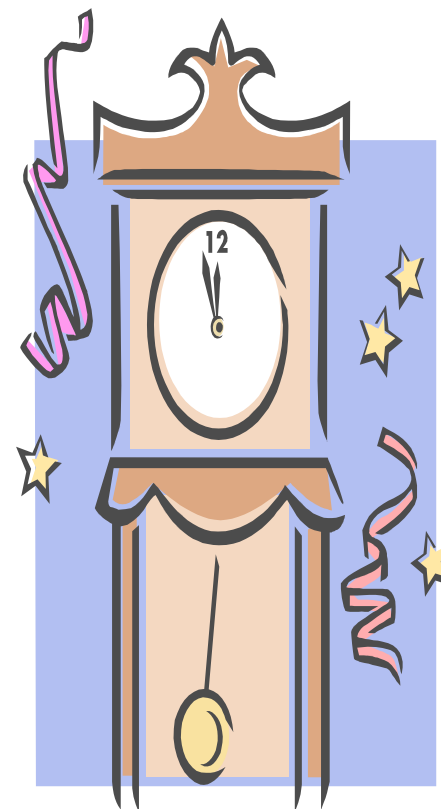
was organized in 1947 and has been the focal point of High Desert rock hounds for the past 61 years. The club takes active roles in various civic activities. Membership is open to all persons interested in the gem and mineral hobby and lapidary arts. Meetings are held at the clubhouse located at 15056-B, 7th Street (behind Kaman Bearing) in the center of Victorville. Visitors are always welcome. For further information, call (760) 243-2330.

MEETING DATES

The Club Christmas Party was held on Tuesday, December 16th at 6:30p.m. and the January meeting and pot luck will be held at the clubhouse on Tuesday, 27th at 6:30p.m.

ON THE FRONT COVER

I went into the shop the other day and saw Judy Witte working on a cab. I took a lot of pictures around the shop but as I looked at the one of her quietly working away—grinding a cab on one of our Genies, I knew she had to be on the cover of the next issue of the Bulletin. Judy, I didn't get what piece you were working on but you seemed very intent in your work and so you are on the front cover this month..Ed



HAPPY NEW YEAR

We start our new year with a lot of new beginnings. We have a new board and new officers. Each new president, of course brings his own ideas and own priorities to the running of the club. Some we may agree with—some we may not. Understand this, we all try our best and we all have the good of the club in our hearts. We may approach that goal from different directions but we all arrive at the same place in the end. On behalf of the membership, I would like to thank the outgoing president and all those who put their time and effort into the club. It was much appreciated....Ed

Mark your calendar.....

The 33rd annual
Stoddard Wells
“ROCK HOUND
TAILGATE”

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Sponsored by the Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club
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March 13th, 14th and 15th
9 – 5:00 p.m. daily

FREE event! – Everyone welcome! Public Invited!
All Vendor spaces are FREE on a first come basis
(absolutely NO holding spaces for a friend or competing with Club's
Fundraising Food and Drink booth)

Findings, Books, Jewelry, Slabs, Cabs, Equipment and
literally TONS of Rough Material

Saturday FAMILY Field Trip: 9am-1pm for famous marble varieties

Restrooms, Drycamping, Food Snacks, Field Trips, Prizes and best of all

Rocks – Rocks – More Rocks

Directions: From I-15 Northbound towards Barstow: Hwy 10
North THRU Victorville – EXIT Rt. 2nd Stoddard Wells Rd at
Bell Mtn. EXIT (open desert). Turn Left/East at Ramp STOP
sign. Stay on Stoddard Wells Road 5 mi. until next STOP
sign at Dale Evans Pkwy...“Tailgate” signs on power pole.
Check Odometer here! Continue straight on Stoddard Wells
Rd. 7 miles to “Tailgate”. Road becomes graded dirt road
about 2/10 mi. from the Dale Evans Pkwy. Intersection.
Proceed East/NE past “Grange” fork to “Tailgate” site. Cars
& RVs can make it w/ease & care. “Tailgate” signs along
route.

Directions from Surrounding areas (See web site at www.vvmmc.org)

See YOU there – Rain or Shine We'll be there!



Kathy Holbrook works with Pat Estes.



Ben Weiden inspects a cab.



Instructor, Tom Laszlo goes over the books. Kerry Molineux and Eve Toles.



Charles Toles in the saw room.



Bobbi Reeder is hard at work.

FROM THE NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING.

Bob Hilburn (From the Barstow Museum) talked about local rock formations at our last Education Night. Dr. Buchanan from Cal. State San Bernardino will talk at the January Education night on formations in the Sierra Nevadas. Gil Gilbert said that at this year's San Bernardino County Fair in May, we'll have a 30' space for the club booth—a committee will be formed to make this a success.

Carole Mc Michael talked about the upcoming CFMS field trip to Calico on Dec. 13th and she talked about the upcoming club Christmas party.

We have tailgate brochures available for those who are interested. See pages 8 & 9 of the *Bulletin*.

We voted in the affirmative to buy a SC-3 digital kiln for the club—\$679 + tax.

Club elections were held. The new officers will officially take their positions as of January 1st 2009. See pages 2 & 3 of the *Bulletin*.

John Printz suggested we develop a book of maps of local collection sites to made available to the membership.

Copies of the by-laws were made available with the Bulletin. Those members who require a copy should pick one up from the club.

FROM THE DECEMBER BOARD MEETING.

We're looking to buy a camera surveillance system. We have several quotes but no decision has been made yet.

Slab saw #5 clamp needs repairing.

Dwayna Barron and Natalie Pomeranke were accepted for new membership.

Ben Weiden was accepted as a new instructor.

Carole Mc Michael spoke about recent and upcoming CFMS shows. She also spoke about the upcoming Christmas Party.

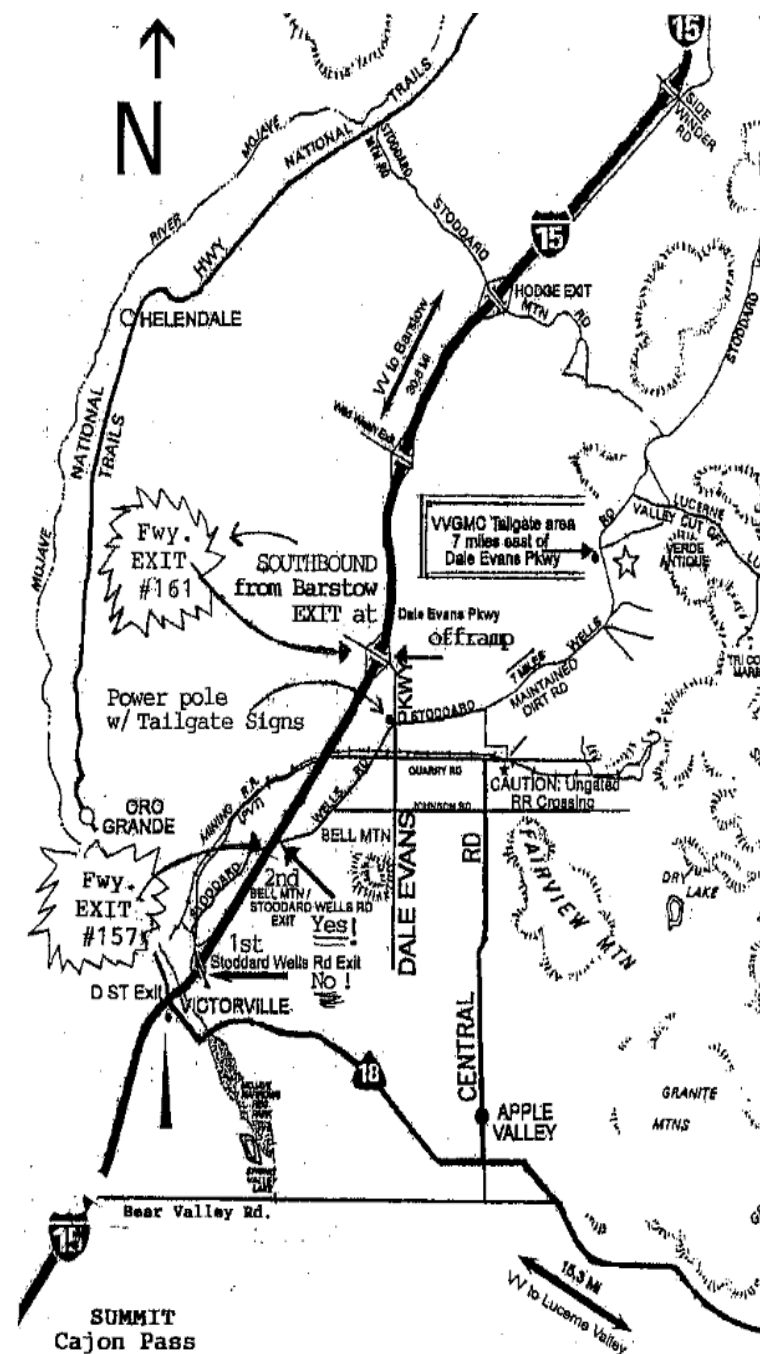
The Budget Committee met and submitted a proposed budget for 2009. This was discussed.

We still need a Wagon Master, Historian and Legislative Rep.

The quality of job that the current contractors do with our floors was discussed. It will be discussed further at the January meeting when we have new officers.

A letter was submitted on behalf of Cyndy Mandell detailing her treatment at a recent instructor's meeting. The letter is available for viewing in the minutes folder.

Tom Laszlo thanked all officers for the work they had put in during the year.





January 2009



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Financial Wellness Month 				1 	2 Jacob Grimm's Birthday—1785. 	3 Alaska Becomes the 49th State in 1959. 
4 Workshop 12noon—5p.m.	5  Instructor's Meeting 7p.m.	6  Board Meeting 7p.m.	7 Workshop 1-9p.m.	8 Workshop 1-9p.m.	9	10
11 Workshop 12noon—5p.m.	12	13	14 Workshop 1-9p.m.	15 Workshop 1-9p.m.	16  Dian Fossey's Birthday—1932.	17  Operation Desert Storm begins in 1991.
18 Workshop 12noon—5p.m.	19  National Popcorn Day	20  Education Night 7p.m.	21 Workshop 1-9p.m.	22 Workshop 1-9p.m.	23	24  California Gold Rush started in 1848.
25 Workshop 12noon—5p.m.	26  Australia Day 1788.	27  Pot Luck 6:30p.m. Monthly Meeting 7:30p.m. 	28 Workshop 1-9p.m.	29 Workshop 1-9p.m.	30	31

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