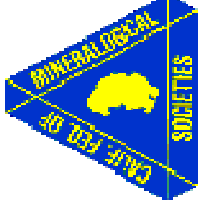
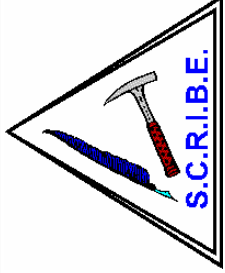


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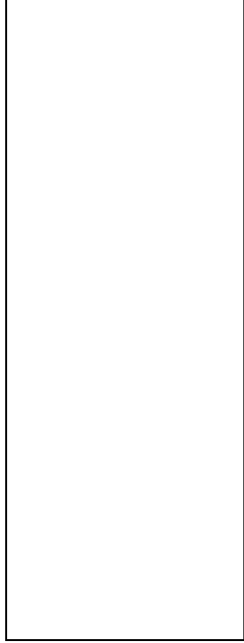
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ROCK OF THE MONTH

By Gayland Graves



This month's rock is *CHRYSOCOLLA*.

Chrysocolla (meaning "golden lime" in Greek) is an opaque blue to blue-green mineral sometimes used in jewelry. It is usually cut as a cabochon. Chrysocolla (hydrated copper silicate) is found embedded in rock crystal in copper mines in the USA, Russia, Chile, and the

Congo. Although Chrysocolla has been used in ornaments since the time of the ancient Greeks, it was only described mineralogically in 1968. Its hardness varies from 2 to 4. The name was first used by Theophrastus in 315 B.C. and comes from the Greek *chrysos*, meaning "gold," and *kolla*, meaning "glue," in allusion to the name of the material used to solder gold.

A mineral of secondary origin, commonly associated with other secondary copper minerals, it is typically found as glassy botryoidal or rounded masses or bubbly crusts, and as jackstraw mats of tiny acicular crystals or tufts of fibrous crystals. Copper-bearing allophane can look similar.

Chrysocolla is a very beautiful stone with many beneficial energies. It is known as a healing stone among Native American Indian cultures where it was used for strengthening the body's resistance and bringing about calm feelings where there is upset.

It promotes level headedness, encouraging clarity of thought and a neutral, cool attitude during turbulence. It can be used to decrease nervousness and irritability.

Chrysocolla can be placed directly on the affected body part. Laying it on the forehead as a 'third eye' offers spiritual benefit.

Help with infections (especially the throat area)

Used by healers to detoxify the liver, lower blood pressure

Has a cooling effect for fever reduction

Can assist in speeding up recovery from burns

Alleviates cramps

Use with copper to increase the power of chrysocolla.

It is found in copper mining areas, particularly Chile, the former USSR, and Zaire.

FEBRUARY BOARD MINUTES

Kaman Bearings have renewed their lease—but only for 1 year.

We have formed a committee to come up with a 5 year plan.

Gayland Graves or Membership VP has sent out late notice to those who have not yet paid their dues.

It was decided that hardcopy newsletters will only be sent out at the member's request after May.

Pat Estes has purchased a roll of large Rock hound stickers.

The tailgate food prices will be kept the same as last year.

Exclusion of dues for officers and board members will be brought to the membership at the February General Meeting.

The club financial books will be audited by the Financial Committee on February 6th.

It was proposed that Education night be combined with the monthly general meeting. This will be brought before the general membership at the next general meeting.

Ed Skidmore was made an instructor.

Charles Toles will fix a leak in the club's roof.

Alan Molineux thanked the board for financing his trip to Quartzite in January for the SCRIBE convention.

Workshop is now open on Saturdays.

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Finance Committee was formed—a club member volunteer is needed for the committee.

The next field trip will be on February 20th to the North Edwards Onyx Claim.

Andrew Turner said the scholarship deadline has been extended.

Charles Toles will exhibit a club display for March.

We need a person to fill the vacant Hospitality position.

The auction at the Christmas Party raised

A slab donation (in addition to the regular shop fee of \$3 will be levied on those who use the club saw.

Brett Ward said we need people to take a food handlers class to run the food booth at the Tailgate.

Club will advertize the used equipment for sale in two club Bulletins.

Lois Papner is now the 3rd V.P (Gem Show)

APOLOGIA

My apologies to Cyndy Mandell—I did not have room for the Ed Night Photos.

My apologies to Val Costello, I did not have room to put in the recent Education Night news.

My apologies to Blane Witte. I did not have room to talk about the upcoming field trip....Ed

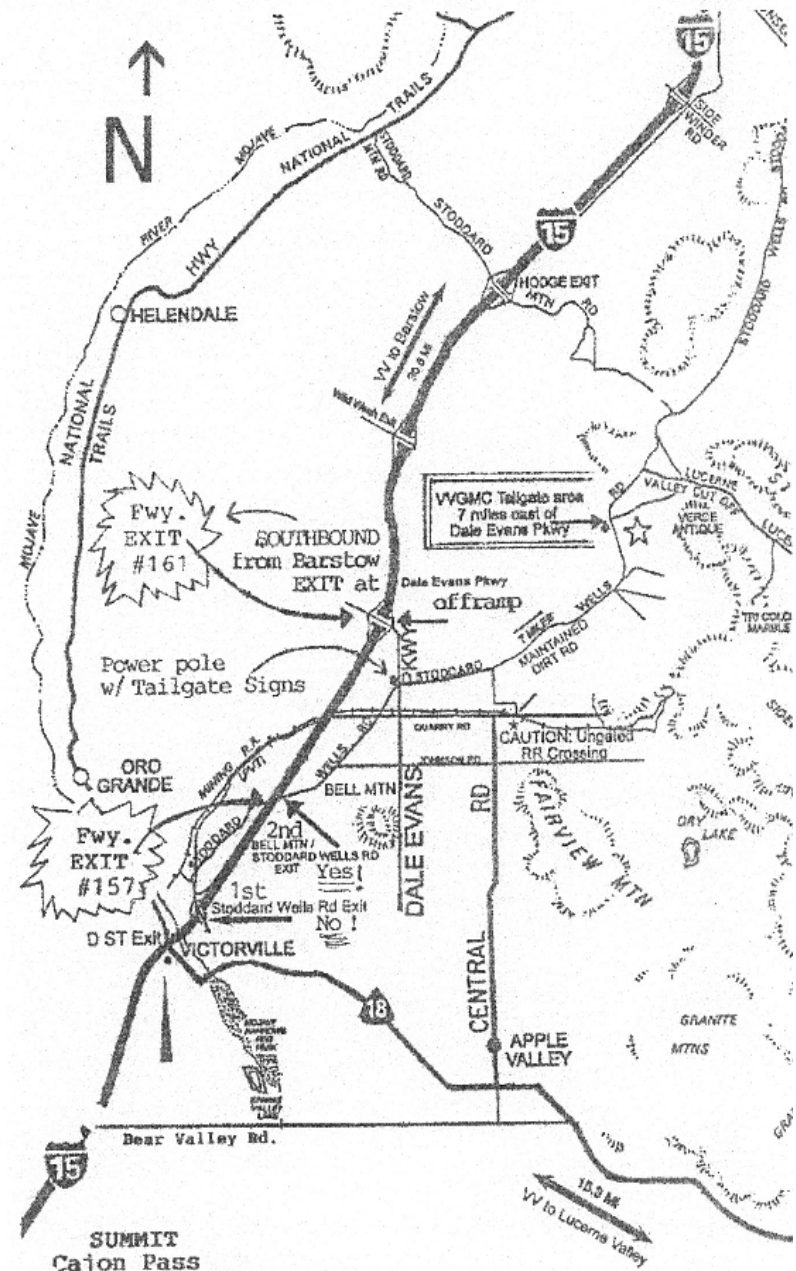
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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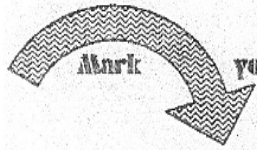
February has been a busy month with some important committee meetings being conducted and preparations for the annual Tailgate, March 12 through 14 taking place. Brett Ward spoke to the board on February 2nd about preparations and everything seems to be in place for another spectacular gathering. Hopefully, the rains will be over and the desert will be in full bloom with spring flowers.

The Financial Advisory Committee met to review the books for the year 2009 and found everything to be in order and ready for this year's treasurer Kerri Molineux to take over. A special thanks of appreciation goes out to Carole McMichael for her skills and abilities to maintain our clubs treasury in good order last year. A new committee met twice this month to discuss the possibilities of establishing a 5 year plan for the club. This group faces many challenges some known and some unknown that will greatly affect our club. There is concern among the members that as a club we want to be prepared for the unexpected and also prepared for growth and expansion in the future. They are looking at the current trend among companies with brick and mortar stores to close their businesses or close their stores and sell their products on the Internet thereby avoiding the expense of a store front. This is something that might be possible in our future with our renters, Kaman. This years rental contract was only accepted as a one year contract by Kaman as they were taking a serious look at closing all of their stores last year because of a revenue decline. In the past the rental fees have sustained us as a club. If this income should change in the coming year we need to be prepared with a plan in place. We are working on that now and will be reporting back our findings to the general membership in the near future. We have also embraced a plan to establish a Purchasing Agent within the club to help with purchases and with keeping those purchases in tune with our budget. A special thanks needs to be extended to Blain Witte for conducting the first field trip of the year to the Boron Area. Another thanks goes once again to Ed Deren, John Printz, and Charles Toles for their extraordinary efforts to clean up the tool room, identify storage items needing to be made available to members to buy and for fixing the storage doors on the kitchen island to swing out rather than lift straight up. Jim Fosse has worked hard in the background to update and improve our web site and he reports that we have gone over the 6,000 mark on hits **4** to our site.

Cyndy Mandell, President



UPCOMING EVENTS



Mark your calendar.....

The 34th annual
Stoddard Wells
ROCK HOUND
"Tailgate"
Victorville, CA

March 12th, 13th and 14th, 2010
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 of 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, Brycning, Food, Snacks & Drinks, Prizes and best of all
Rocks - Rocks & More Rocks

Directions: From I-15 Northbound towards Barstow:

Hwy 15 North THRU Victorville! - EXIT Rt. At 2nd Stoddard Wells Rd
at BELL Mtn. EXIT # 157. Turn Left/East at Ramp STOP Sign. STAY
On Stoddard Wells Road 4 mi. until next STOP sign at Dale Evans
Pkwy. "Tailgate" signs high on NW corner power pole. Check Odometer here!
Continue Straight On Stoddard Wells Rd. 7 miles to "Tailgate". Road
becomes a graded dirt road about 4/10 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 AREA: See Map on Reverse.

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February 26th, 27th and 28th.

Friday, noon—7p.m. Saturday, 10—6p.m. and Sunday, 10—5p.m.

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and 9, will include demonstrations, speakers, door prizes, special exhib-
its and much more to see. The May 2010 show will include about 80
retail dealers and 15 wholesale dealers. Speakers will include Rock Cur-
rier and Marty Zinn. There will be a \$5/adult admission charge and one
free admission is offered with each parking receipt. Parking is \$9/day.

For more information, visit www.mzexpos.com/westcoast_spring.htm.

Mark your calendar NOW

And plan to visit the show May 14-16, and Nov. 12-14, 2010.

MARCH 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Instructor's Meeting 6p.m. Monthly Board Meeting 7p.m.	3 Workshop 1p.m-9p.m.	4 Workshop 1p.m-9p.m.	5	6 Workshop 12 noon-5p.m.
7 Workshop 12 noon-5p.m.	8	9	10 Workshop Closed due to the upcoming Tailgate	11 Workshop Closed due to the upcoming Tailgate	12 2010 Club Tailgate	13 2010 Club Tailgate
14 2010 Club Tailgate	15 Workshop Closed due to the recent Tailgate	16 Workshop Closed due to the recent Tailgate	17 Workshop 1p.m-9p.m.	18 Workshop 1p.m-9p.m.	19	20 Workshop 12 noon-5p.m.
21 Workshop 12 noon-5p.m.	22	23 Monthly Potluck-6:30p.m. Monthly General Meeting 7:30p.m.	24 Workshop 1p.m-9p.m.	25 Workshop 1p.m-9p.m.	26	27 Workshop 12 noon-5p.m. Club clean up day-9a.m.
28 Workshop 12 noon-5p.m.	29	30	31 Workshop 1p.m-9p.m.			

Deadline for the March issue of the Bulletin is Monday, March, 15th. Ph. (760) 951-7064

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