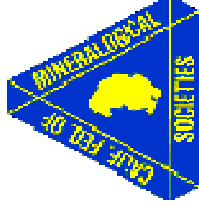
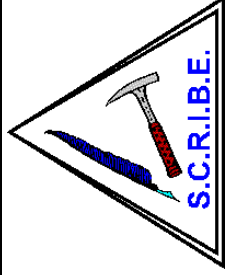


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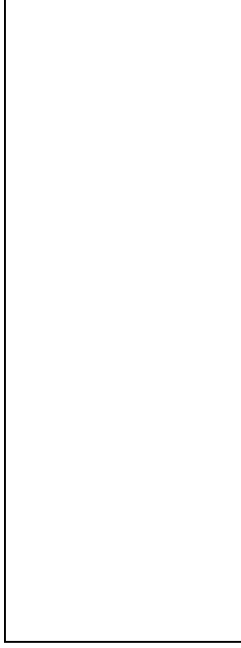
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 Virgil Melton, Gayland Graves, Don Pomerence, Charles Toles,
 Cyndy Mandell and Lloyd Guillian, John Printz, and Ed Skidmore.

AT THE TENINO GEM AND MINERAL CLUB



Everyone gathered as Judy McDaniel, club president started the meeting.



After a show and tell of finds we enjoyed refreshments.



Shown left, is a sample of the lapidary work that is done at the Tenino, Washington club. The club meets once a month at the local Masonic Hall and has a growing membership. It is not far from Olympia, Washington where we have our summer vacations. We have visited the club a few times and they always treat us well. It is a great experience to see how other lapidary clubs operate!

Wanted—Rocks, Lapidary, Antiques, Collectibles, Tools & Clean Outs Materials & Equipment.

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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 an active role 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 August meeting will be on Tuesday the 24th, and the September meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 28th at 7:30p.m.

Club Website—www.vvgmc.org

THIS AUGUST IS UNUSUAL

This August has 5 Sundays, 5 Mondays, 5 Tuesdays, all in one month. It happens once in 823 years.

SUNSHINE REPORT

Pat Coleman sent a get well card to Joe Kosik who I heard broke his hip again.

ON THE FRONT COVER

Here is a photograph of our recent field trip to Lucerne Valley. Pictured here is our past president, Tom Laszlo, John and Chieko Printz and I'm not sure who the lady is with her back to the camera. A prospective member, Darla Johnston took the photo.

I believe the field trip was on Saturday, August 14th.

WOMEN IN MINING

Several of our members went up to Big Bear on Saturday, August 7th to showcase our activities and to pan for gold to help out Patti Deer in Women in Mining. Thanks to all who participated—I know it was quite a trip but, those who went said they got a lot out of it.

PEEVES THAT DOGS HAVE ABOUT HUMANS

1. Yelling at me for barking. I'm a dog!
2. Taking me for a walk, then not letting me check stuff out. Exactly whose walk is this anyway?
3. Taking me to the vet for the big snip, then acting surprised when I freak out every time we go back!

Every dog has his day. A dog always offers unconditional love but, Cats have to think about it.

THE RECENT LUCERNE VALLEY FIELD TRIP



I count 27 people—28 with the photographer! It was a good club outing!



Taking a close look at some specimens.



Members comb the hills looking for just that right piece of rock!



A family pauses to show their finds. Thank you to Darla Johnston for her photographs.



The kids at the top of a hill.

UPCOMING LAPIDARY EVENTS.

September 3rd—6th.

Fort Bragg—California.
Mendocino Coast Gem & Mineral Society.
Town Hall—Corner of Main and Laurel

Fri.—Sun. 10a.m.—6p.m.

Mon.—10a.m.—4p.m.

Don Mc Donell (707) 964-3116

Jane Webb at ejwebb@mcn.org

September 11th & 12th.

Downey—California.
Delves Gem & Mineral Society
9813 Paramount Boulevard.
Hours: Sat. 10a.m.—6p.m.
Sun. 10a.m.—4p.m.
Guynell Miller (562) 633-0614
guynellallrn@sbcglobal.net

September 18th & 19th.

Redwood City, California.
Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society
Community Activities Building
1400 Roosevelt Avenue
Hours: 10a.m.—5p.m. daily
Carol Corden (650) 248-7155
ccorden@comcast.net
<http://sgms.driftnine.com>

As editor of the newsletter—(the Bulletin) I try to do several things. I try and make the Bulletin family friendly, club newsworthy and I try and make it error free. I've been printing newsletters for some time now and if a mistake is made, I apologize for it. I strive for progress—not perfection....Ed.

September 18th & 19th.

Paso Robles—California.
Santa Lucia Rockhounds
Pioneer Park
2010 Riverside Drive
Hours: 10a.m.—5p.m. daily
Kim Patrick Noyes (805) 610-0603
kimnoyes@gmail.com
slrockhounds.org

September 18th & 19th.

Stockton—California.
Stockton Lapidary and Mineral Club
Scottish Rite Masonic Center
33 W. Alpine Avenue
Hours: 10a.m.—5p.m. daily
Nettie Meissner (209) 946-0113
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September 25th & 26th.

Monterey—California.
Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Monterey Fairgrounds
2004 Fairgrounds Road
Hours: Sat. 10a.m.—6p.m.
Sun. 10a.m.—5p.m.
Susie Harlow
Susie@tghcpa.com
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V.V.G & M.C GENERAL MEETING - JULY

Jim Fosse asked for updated e-mail addresses to send out newsletters.

Lois Papner reported we need volunteers to make do-dads for the upcoming Gem Show.

Pat Estes reported that our turquoise display at the June CFMS show won a 2nd place.

We will soon be raffling off a place at next year's Camp Paradise or the Zzyzx jewelry camps—this is for members only.

Blain Witte, our Wagon Master has been doing a lot of scouting on his own for places to go.

Lloyd Guillian mentioned we have a shortage of instructors and also he will be happy to train members to use the equipment we have at the club.

Ed Skidmore wants to get a group together to go to Garnet Hill in Lucerne Valley in about 3 weeks.

He will have sign up sheet.

We are interested in seeing who is interested in a summer club picnic—the president asked for a show of hands.

V.V.G & M.C BOARD MEETING - AUGUST

Rick Giamis asked if his motor cycle group—Black Sheep—Harley Davidsons for Christ could use our parking lot on the 3rd Saturday of each month from about 5p.m to 9:30p.m. Permission was granted.

Because of a shortage of committed vendors the board is concerned about the future of this year's Gem show.

We are hoping to get a paleontologist from CSUSB for the Education night in August.

Cyndy reported that the company president would come down to our club and pick up a defective rock saw that needs repair.

The board decided to buy a perpetual plaque for Lifetime Members because we can't find the original one.

The board is going to auction off an old rock saw each month. We have four to auction off.

Instructors want members who work at the club to wear responsible clothing and footwear to minimize bodily damage should an accident occur.

Our efforts at going green seem to be working. I understand that everyone wants to view our Bulletin and they may have inadvertently been missed off our mailing list. Should this happen, let me (Alan Molineux) the editor and recording secretary know and I will put you on it starting next month. In the mean time, I always leave about (20) copies of the Bulletin at the club for the instructor's use.

FIELD TRIPS—with Blaine Witte.

The "unofficial" field trip, (that became kind of "Official") out the Lucerne Valley garnet beds, lead by Ed Skidmore was a big success. We had 23 people show up for the event. We were able to locate the mother rock that produces the garnets that are found in the area! And Ed was right. Everyone found a rock! Actually we found quite a few good samples of micro crystals of garnet. There were tons of the more common brownish garnet and massive garnet rock. Only a few quality specimens, pea size or a little larger were found. More time would have produced more results I'm sure. It seemed like everyone had fun though. Thanks Ed for the leadership and effort you put into this.

At this point our next field trip will be with the Women in Mining trip out to the AMY mine to hunt for florescence in September. I'm hoping that there will be details available at the General Meeting. Details will be posted at the club and on the web site when available.

Possible trips in the future are: - Boron, Gephart Road, jasper, agate and opalite (the last trip out there didn't really happen because of the competition with the Fair). - Broadwell Dry Lake near Ludlow, flame agate and - Cajon Pass, serpentine (resembling turquoise)

Let me know what sounds interesting to you. And please, if you know a place you are willing to share and lead the club to, step up!

TEHACHAPI GEM & MINERAL SHOW

Please join us for the 6th annual Tehachapi Gem & Mineral Show. There will be 30 plus gem, mineral, jewelry, equipment and fossil vendors, a registered gemologist, sphere and bead making demonstrations.. This great show is the same week-end and part of the Tehachapi Mountain Festival. Parades, car show, rodeo, art show and other family fun events through out the week-end. Go to Tehachapi.com for full event information.

Get away from the heat and join us in the cool mountains (low 80's) carpool for the day or make it a week-end get away. Stop by the TVG&MS booth and say hello.

Friday 8/20 to Sunday 8/22. Saint Malachi church auditorium and grounds. Corner of "E" and Mill St. When you reach town stop at any gas station, convenience store or restaurant and pick up a copy of "The Loop" event newsletter or Tehachapi News for full schedule and maps. See you there!

Stan Dickens,
President TVG&MS
805-207-1251

SEPTEMBER 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Workshop 1—9p.m.	2 Workshop 1—9p.m.	3	4 Workshop 12noon—5p.m.
5 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m.	6	7 Instructor's Meeting at 6p.m. Board Meeting at 7p.m.	8 Workshop 1—9p.m.	9 Workshop 1—9p.m.	10	11 Workshop 12noon—5p.m.
12 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m.	13	14	15 Workshop 1—9p.m.	16 Workshop 1—9p.m.	17	18 Workshop 12noon—5p.m.
19 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m.	20	21 Education Night 7p.m.	22 Workshop 1—9p.m.	23 Workshop 1—9p.m.	24	25 Workshop 12noon—5p.m. Club Clean up at 9:00a.m.
26 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m.	27	28 Pot Luck 6:30p.m. Monthly Club General Meeting 7:30p.m.	29 Workshop 1—9p.m.	30 Workshop 1—9p.m.		

Deadline for the September issue of the Bulletin is Monday, Sept. 20th. Ph. (760) 951-7064 or email me at amolineux@gmail.com