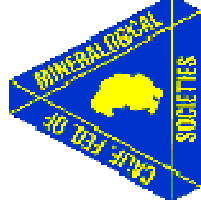
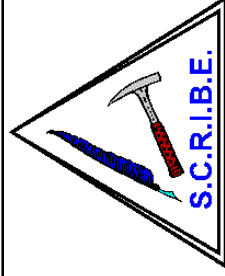


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Club Website—www.vvgmc.org

Minutes of the February Board Meeting

John Printz mentioned that a neighborhood businesswoman wanted to rent our parking spaces. George Kawasaki became a board member and took Ed Skidmore's place.

Tina La Beau, Jessie La Beau, Scott La Fond and Chieko Printz were no longer provisional but now full time instructors.

Jonathan Van DerLoop said that we needed donations from club members for the upcoming tailgate.

Brett Ward will bring in sign up sheets to the clubhouse for volunteers for tailgate.

We will be buying a digital tape recorder to record and archive the minutes of each board meeting.

Cyndy Mandell purchased a new bold and dopping technique and a new materials holder for the 24" saw at Quartzite.

There will be a divider made between the Genie #2 and the #100 Grinder.

Each of the club's (4) areas need to decide how much they need so that the club's budget can accurately reflect this.

Terry Booth said we should wait for better weather before we start to repaint the outside of the club.

A Special Board Meeting to discuss changes to the existing bylaws would be convened on Friday, February 17th at 6p.m.

Minutes of the January General Meeting

We need an assistant to help Terry Booth with the maintenance.

A new book "Creating Artisan Jewelry" has been donated to the club library.

Scott La Fond is updating the Petrified Pups manual.

Jonathan Van DerLoop tells us that tailgate flyers are now available.

No security committee to review the footage from the club's security cameras has yet been formed.

The saw auction raffle tickets are being sold—slowly.

A casting class is now available.

Kaman's heater has been repaired.

New sphere cups were bought in Quartzite.

John Printz and Ed Skidmore are readying the sphere machine for production.

Newsletter ads now cost \$30/year.

The By-Law committee is meeting to overhaul the club bylaws.

Donations for the Tailgate

We need members to make donations for the up coming tailgate. Donations both large and small can be left at the clubhouse.

We could also do with (4) members getting their food handler's licenses for the tailgate at V.V.C

Our Field Trip to the North Edwards Area



Marla and Juliana are starting out on the field trip. Juliana is featured on the front page of this issue.



Jim Fosse sent me these photos of a recent field trip to the North Edwards Area. See page 2 for a detailed explanation.



A lady from Cal State San Bernardino is filming the outing as a project for one of her geology classes. Thanks to Debbie Savacool for these photos.

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 February general meeting was held on Tuesday, 28th at 7:00p.m. and the March general meeting will be on Tuesday the 27th.

Going Green

As things stand at the moment, I bring the newsletters to the club and theoretically, those who cannot receive them on the internet and have advised me are put on a mailing list to be delivered. Some people are taking a hard copy and are viewing it on the internet as well. This idea of "going green" not only cuts down on the number of newsletters I need to have printed, but it saves paper too!

Help me out in doing the "right thing" and only taking a hard copy of the newsletter if you have to..Ed

Front Cover

I have put a photograph I received from a recent field trip on the cover of this newsletter. Juliana _____ is featured here digging for some rough. Blaine Witte e-mailed me and told me that on February 11th, members were going to a claim in the North Edwards area.

Upcoming Field trips

By Blain Witte—Wagon Master

Twenty eight people braved the cold wind and showed up for the field trip to North Edwards. Old pros and newbies alike showed up for the great onyx hunt. And boy did we find it. We started out by chance at a new dig. Plenty of onyx there but it was more a brown/yellow color pattern. Don Pomeranke 'snucked' off to the older pits and was soon on some of the more prized reddish material. Soon most of us followed suit and were soon on the same. Such excellent material! Judy my wife came up with a chunk out of a whole I started near Don's that probably went 25-30 pounds. That wasn't the biggest piece by far. One of our newer members came up with what I thought might be the best piece though. His was about a 7-10 pound chunk (just a guess) that had tight bands of reds, browns, yellows, maybe some purple and green in there too. It just doesn't get perttier than that. I thought about taking us to another onyx site close by but folks were to enthused with what they were on. "Give us another hour and a half Blaine." So we did. I estimate that we probably pulled out about a half a ton of rock, literally.

While we were there some of use were interviewed by Elisabeth Clark (student at UCSB and inactive member of VVGMC) for a communications project she is doing for one of her classes. She was accompanied by a camera man from a local station. This will be aired on local TV and they said they would get a copy to Jim Fosse. Next field trip is the Tri-color marble trip that we do in conjunction with tailgate. Jim Fosse will be leading that one. Check the tailgate info for more on that.

After that we will be going out to Hodge for turquoise or past Ludlow for thulite. The turquoise is small and hard to get too. The thulite is easier to get to but requires hard work. More details later.



The 36th annual
Stoddard Wells
ROCK HOUND
"Tailgate"
Victorville, CA

March 9th, 10th and 11th, 2012
9 - 3:00 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.

**Entireness, Drycamping, 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.

See You THERE! Rain or Shine We'll be There!

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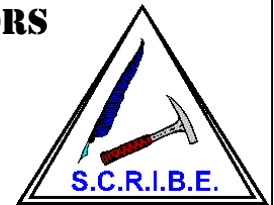
I need help. I was entering the club last month and was in a car accident. I am looking for a second hand car (\$2,000). Needs to run great but looks don't count.

Terry Booth

Special Board Meeting

We had a Special Board Meeting last Friday, February 17th to amend some by laws, policies, and procedures. The meeting started at 6p.m and went for a couple of hours.

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AND PROSPECTIVE EDITORS**



- There is a society devoted to helping you with your monthly newsletter—both content and grammatical construction.
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- Dues are just \$6 a single or \$8 for a couple. See Doug Arnold at (760) 885-7409.

Upcoming Lapidary Events.

March 2, 3, & 4: Newark, California
Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley
Newark Pavilion
6430 Thornton Avenue
Hours: Fri. & Sat. 10-6pm. Sun. 10-5pm.
Cathy Miller (510) 887-9007.
info@mgscv.org
www.mgscv.org

March 3rd & 4th: Ventura, California
Ventura Gem and Mineral Society
Ventura County Fair Grounds
10 West Harbor Blvd.
Hours: Sat. 10-5pm and Sun. 10-4pm.
Rob Sankovich (805) 494-7734
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March 3rd & 4th: Arcadia, California
Monrovia Rockhounds
L.A County Arboretum
301 South Baldwin Avenue
Hours: 9-4:30pm Daily.
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36th Outdoor Tailgate
Stoddard Wells Rd. (12 East of I-15)
Hours: 9-5pm. Daily
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Hosted by the Valley Prospectors

We Look forward to seeing you in
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July 13 - 15, 2012

Hours: Fri & Sat. 10:00 to 5:00
Sunday: 10:00 to 4:00

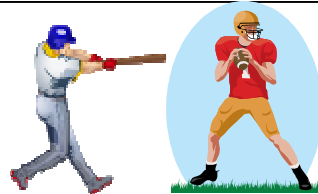
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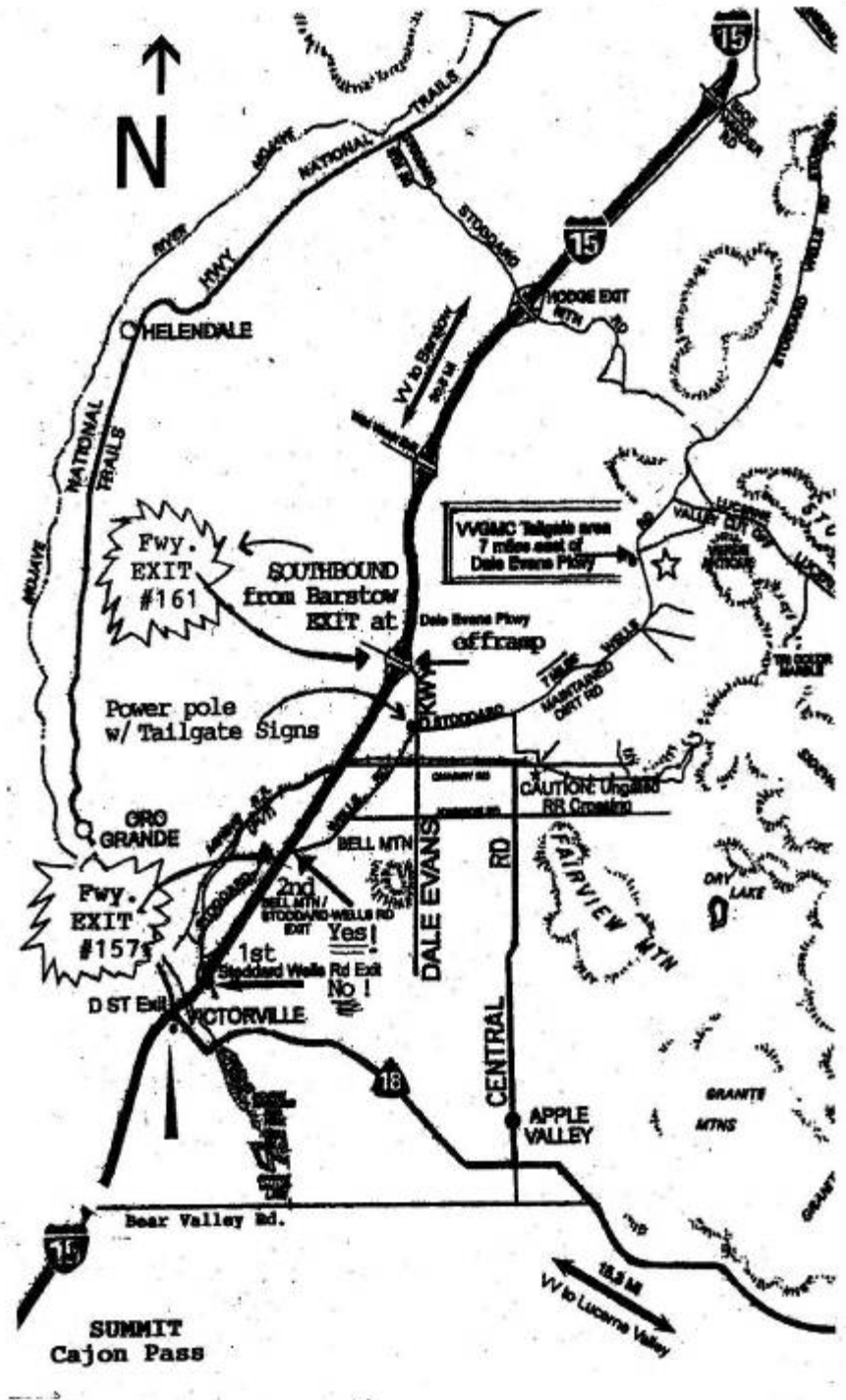
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Workshop</i> 1—9p.m.	2	3 <i>Workshop</i> 12noon—5p.m. <i>Petrified Pups</i> 9—2pm
4 <i>Workshop</i> 1—5p.m.	5	6 <i>Instructor's</i> <i>Meeting</i> —6p.m. <i>Board Mtg.</i> — 7p.m.	7 <i>Workshop</i> 1—9p.m.	8 <i>Workshop</i> 1—9p.m.	9	10 <i>Workshop</i> 12noon—5p.m.
11 <i>Workshop</i> 1—5p.m.	12	13	14 <i>Workshop</i> 1—9p.m.	15 <i>Workshop</i> 1—9p.m.	16	17 <i>Workshop</i> 12noon—5p.m. <i>Petrified Pups</i> 9—2pm
18 <i>Workshop</i> 1—5p.m.	19	20 <i>Education/</i> <i>Demonstration</i> <i>Night</i> —7p.m.	21 <i>Workshop</i> 1—9p.m.	22 <i>Workshop</i> 1—9p.m.	23	24 <i>Workshop</i> 12noon—5p.m.
25 <i>Workshop</i> 1—5p.m.	26	27 <i>Potluck</i> 6:30pm <i>Monthly General</i> <i>Meeting</i> at 7:30p.m.	28 <i>Workshop</i> 1—9p.m.	29 <i>Workshop</i> 1—9p.m.	30	31 <i>Workshop</i> 12noon—5p.m. <i>Club Clean</i>

Deadline for the March issue of the Bulletin is Monday, March, 19th. Ph. (760) 951-7064 or email amolineux@gmail.com