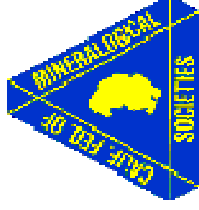
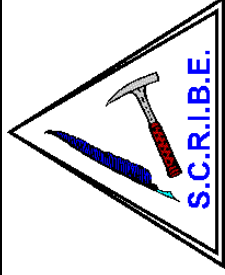


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Minutes of the January Board Meeting

There would be a club policy that the public access computer would not be used by "on duty" instructors and members are not to print non-club business on the public access printer. Bids are to be accepted to fix the heater problems at Kaman Bearings. We will renew the lease on the Kaman Bearing Building for a further (2) years—as is.

There has been a rise in theft of personal equipment and so the security equipment inside the clubhouse needs to be upgraded.

The new by-laws committee will meet to assess the current bylaws and then recommend any changes to the board.

The new officers will go the bank and sign the signature cards.

Ed Berresford is to become the new treasurer.

The board thanked Carole Mc Michael for her treasurer work over the years.

An audit committee and a financial advisory committee will soon meet.

As a law officer, Scott La Fond will look into the wording of a sign to prohibit skateboarders from using the area near the club.

Ads in the Bulletin

The cost of putting an ad in the Bulletin has risen from \$25 a year up to \$30 each year. Payment is now due and I cannot continue to feature these ads without it.

February Field Trip

It's about time for another field trip. Folks have been asking to go after material other than agate and jasper so for the next couple or so field trips I'll be focusing on other materials. I'd like to go out to The North Edwards travertine onyx claim on February 11th next. The material there is a banded onyx that is primarily red in color. Sometimes you can find pieces with vugs that are filled with quartz crystals and blue agate. There is also some agate and jasper in the area to be found if you still want to go for that.

As long as we don't have heavy rains between then and now the road there is easy going for most vehicles. If we do have a heavy rain the roads will turn into a very treacherous mud even for four wheel drive and we would have to reschedule most likely. There will likely be some smaller pieces in float but to get the nice larger pieces we will have to dig.

Bring a pick and shovel for that. Otherwise bring your typical gear such as rock hammer, bag and spray bottle. Dress appropriately for what ever weather we will encounter. Bring water and food. We will meet at the Burger King at the corner of Kramer Junction (Hwy 395 & Hwy 58) at 9 AM. This is really beautify material and I hope we get a good sized crowd to go.

Blaine Witte, Wagon Master

There's Nothing Like Quartzite in January!



There were racks of finished stones and strings of beads and many other objects for sale.



The usual vendors were here selling all types of "rough" materials!



Some more examples of "rough" offered by vendors is seen here. Many thanks to Cyndy Mandell for these photographs.

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 January general meeting was held on Tuesday, 24th at 7:00p.m. and the February general meeting will be on Tuesday the 28th.

New board and committee officers

We have a new board and new committee officers so take the time to look at page (2) for updates....Ed

Erratum

I have put a lot of new information in this newsletter—if I have made any mistakes—let me know.....Ed

2012

This year—2012 is a leap year. You'll see that the month of February has 29 days. To know whether a year is a leap year, just divide the number of the year by 4. If it is exact then this will be a leap year.

Moving right along. An Editorial

This is the first newsletter of the 2012. We have some new board members and some new committee members. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who gave the club direction in 2011—you did a good job! I would also like to thank you for time and talents, you have made the club what it is today.

Every year, some members take up the idea of volunteering for a particular position and others who have served their time drop out. A club is made up of personalities—some like yours and maybe some not so. If you feel you have something to offer the club then volunteer for a position and you might just be elected to it!

Did You Buy A Ticket?

The club is selling tickets for a 16" saw once in use at the club. We're putting a price of \$500 on it. One hundred tickets will be sold for \$5 each. Once we have reached the \$500 mark we can draw a winner. Have you bought your ticket yet? I've bought mine!

Thought for the day

So much of life is about perspective. (Litquotes.com)

Tailgate # 36

This year's tailgate is nearly upon us—actually, it's on March 9th, 10th, and the 11th. It's time to start making our plans to come in and join the fun now! See pages 4 & 5 for details.



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

**March 9th, 10th and 11th, 2012
9 - 5:00 p.m. daily**

FREE Event ! - Everyone Welcome ! - Public Invited !
All Vendor spaces are FREE on a first come basis
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Fundraising Food and Drink Booth)

**Findings, Rocks, Jewelry, Slabs, Cabs, Equipment and
literally TONS of Rough Material.**

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

**Kentrooms, 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.

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I'm Heading for Quartzite!

At least that was my plan—but I never made it! Scribe sent me an invitation to go and I booked the hotel room—but, illness prevented me from attending this year.

I was all set to go but had to cancel at the last minute. I've had this cold for a couple of weeks now and from all accounts I still have a week to go. I hear it's going around—many of our members have been laid low by it and certainly know what it's like. I'm a teacher and I catch at least one cold per year—probably from one of my students. I'm trying to be philosophical about it and saying that it's part of life's rich pattern. This is one of the memories I won't look back on with fondness, but I will look back on it nevertheless.

On The Front Cover

The photograph on the front cover shows some sodalite rough for sale by a vendor at Quartzite. Many thanks to Cyndy Mandell for this cover photo...Ed

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Upcoming Lapidary Events.

February 17th—26th: Indio, CA.

San Geronio Mineral & Gem Society.

Gem & Mineral Bldg. #1, Arabia Street.

Hours: Fri & Sat 10a.m—10p.m daily.

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Wanted—Rocks, Lapidary, Materials & Equipment.

Call Charles Toles.

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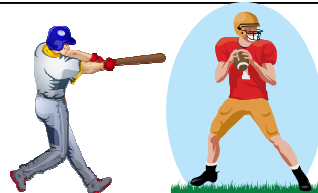
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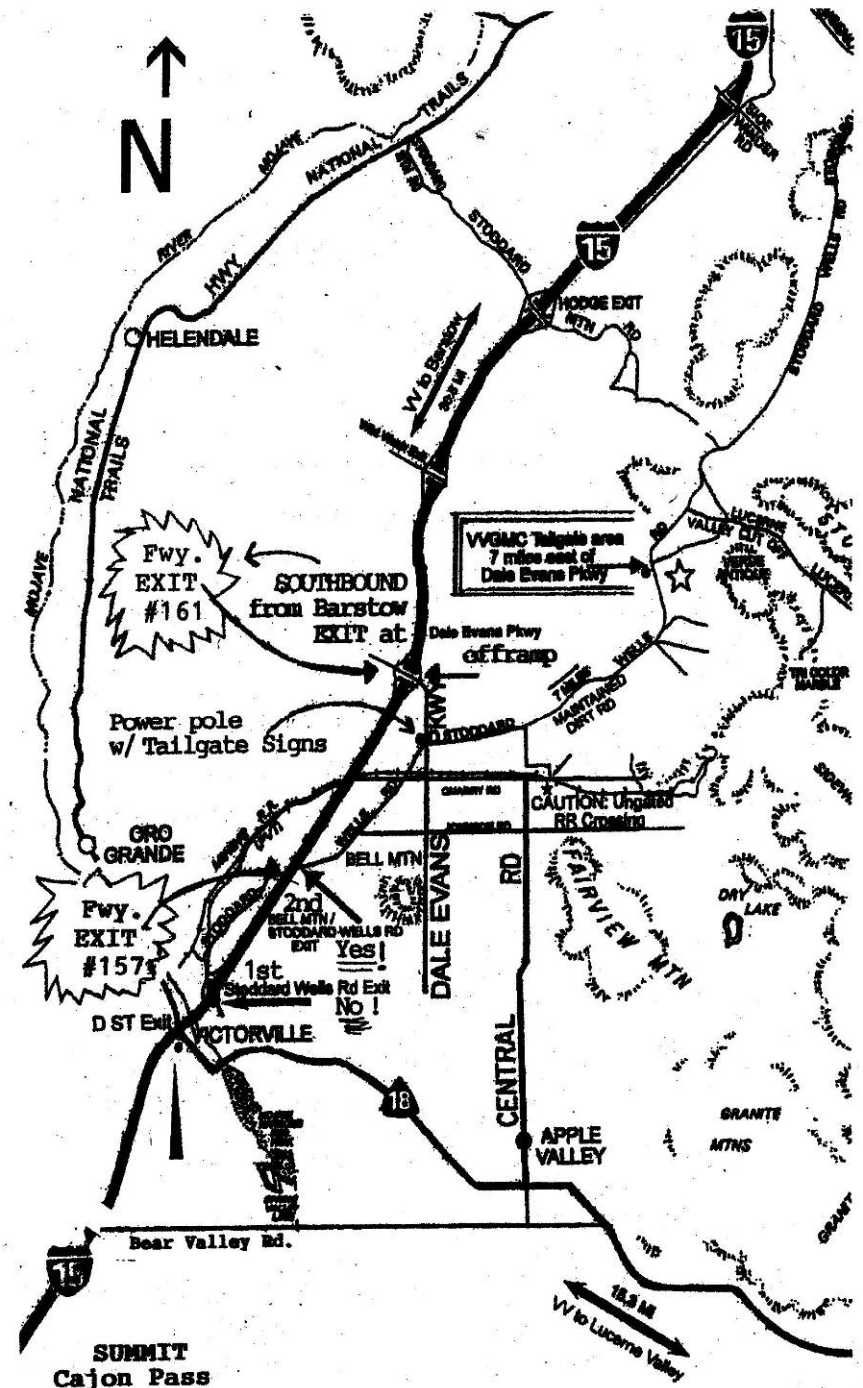
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February 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
			1 Workshop 1-9p.m.	2 Workshop 1-9p.m.	3	4 Workshop 12noon—5pm Petrified Pups 9—2pm
5 Workshop 1—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—5pm
12 Workshop 1—5p.m.	13	14	15 Workshop 1-9p.m.	16 Workshop 1-9p.m.	17	18 Workshop 12noon—5pm Petrified Pups 9—2pm
19 Workshop 1—5p.m.	20	21 Education/ Demonstration Night at 7p.m.	22 Workshop 1-9p.m.	23 Workshop 1-9p.m.	24	25 Workshop 12noon—5pm
26 Workshop 1—5p.m.	27	28 Pot Luck—6:30p.m. Monthly General Meeting—7:30p.m.	29 Workshop 1-9p.m.			



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