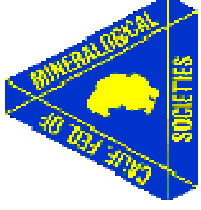
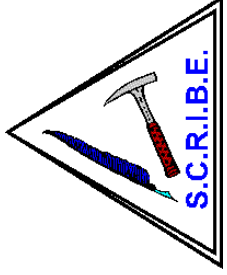


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A recent photograph of the club's board



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Club Website—www.vvgmc.org

What's going on around the clubs. (continued)

October 20th & 21st

Los Altos, CA.

Peninsula Gem & Mineral Society
Los Altos Youth Center
1 San Antonio Road
Hours: Sat. 10-5 & Sun. 11-4p.m.

October 20th & 21st

Placerville, CA.

El Dorado County Gem & Min. Soc.
El Dorado County Fairgrounds
100 Placerville Drive
Hours: 10-5p.m daily.
Arlene Williams (530) 676-2472
info@rockandgemshow.org
www.rockandgemshow.org

October 20th & 21st

Whittier, CA.

Whittier Gem & Mineral Society
Whittier Community Center
7630 Washington Boulevard
Hours: 10-5p.m. daily.
Marcia Goetz (626) 260-7239
joemar1@verizon.net

October 26th & 27th

West Hills, CA.

Woodland Hills Rock Chippers
First United Methodist Church
22700 Sherman Way
Hours: Fri. 3-9 & Sat. 10-5p.m.
Mary Beth Pio (818) 349-2943
info@rockchippers.org
www.rockchippers.org

*See the copy of the CFMS magazine for more events. *

Sunshine Club



Don & Marilyn Pomerence are the Sunshine people at the moment and so if you know of any member who is ill, recuperating from an illness or operation or bereaved and needs a card or contact please call them on (760) 868-5264.

E-mail List

Not on the e-mail list yet, then you can manage or subscribe to the list by e-mailing
<http://www.vvgmc.org/mailling>

Jim Fosse—Webmaster.

September Education Night

The speaker. Trish Deenan could not make the meeting and so a video was shown instead.

A synopsis of the club minutes is shown on p.9 If you want to read them in their entirety, they can be viewed in the minutes binder kept in the club.

I always try and remember to bring any club paraphernalia with me on general meeting nights. This month I have the CFMS newsletter, convention meeting minutes and society rules, the AFMS newsletter and a catalogue from Rio Grande.

What's going on around the Clubs

**September 29th & 30th
Monterey, CA.**

Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Soc.
Monterey Fairgrounds
2004 Fairgrounds 'Road
Hours: Sat. 10—6. Sun. 10—5
Janis Roveti (831) 372-1311
Cell (831) 521-8226
Janis12@sbcglobal.net
www.cvgms.org

**September 29th & 30th
Santa Rosa CA.**

Santa Rosa Gem & Mineral Society
Wells Fargo Center for the Arts
50 Mark West Springs Road
Hours: Sat. 10—6. Sun. 10—5
Jolene Coon (707) 849-9551
coons@sonic.net
smgs.org

**September 29th & 30th
Stockton, CA.**

Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club
Scottish Rite Masonic Center
33 West Alpine Avenue.
Hours: 10-5 Daily.
Dorothy Tonnacliff (209) 603-4539
Jan Bradley (209) 629-3878
slmcs@juno.com
www.itsportmansclub.com/gemshow.htm

October 3rd—7th.

Joshua Tree, CA.

Hi Desert Rock hounds
37th Annual Gem, Mineral & Craft Show.
Sportsman's Club of Joshua Tree
6225 Sunburst Street, Joshua Tree
Hours: 6p.m. daily.
Roger Thompson (Club President)
<http://www.jtsportmansclub.com/gemshow.htm>

October 7th: Fallbrook, CA

Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society
Fall Festival of Gems
123 West Alvarado Street
Hours: 10-4pm daily
Vanessa Jones (760) 728-1130
www.fgms.org

**October 13th & 14th
Grass Valley, CA.**

Nevada County Gem & Mineral Soc.
Nevada County Fairgrounds
Main Building.
11228 McCourtney Road
Hours: 10 -5p.m. daily.
Kim Moore (530) 470-0388
webmaster@ncgms.org
www.ncgms.org/ourshow.htm

October 13th & 14th Trona, CA.

Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Soc.
SLGMS Show Building
13337 Main Street
Hours: Sat. 7:30-5 & Sun. 7:30-4.
Jim & Bonnie Fairchild (760) 372-5356
slgms@iwwisp.com
www1.iwwisp.com/tronagemclub/

October 13th & 14th Vista, CA.

Vista Gem & Mineral Society
Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum
2040 North Santa Fe Avnue
Hours: Sat. 10 -5 & Sun 10-4p.m.
Ray Pearce (760) 726-7570
Lois Harr (760) 724-0395
raysrocks@cox.net

October 20th & 21st Anderson, CA.

Shasta Gem & Mineral Society
Shasta County Fairgrounds
Hours: Sat. 9-5 & Sun. 10-4p.m.
Sara Fenske
sarafenske@yahoo.com
shastagemandmineral.com

**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 65 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 September general meeting was held on Tuesday, 25th at 7:00p.m. and the October general meeting will be on Tuesday the 23rd.

On The Front Cover

Past Club President, Cyndy Mandell recently took this photograph at a board meeting. With the club elections coming up, I thought I'd show you who's on the board right now.

Buy, Sell or Swap.

I will put in a free ad for club members in an issue of the grub-stake. It must be rock club oriented and an accompanying photograph would certainly help. Please contact me on (760) 951 7064 and e-mail me at amolineux@gmail.com.

By Law Changes



The By Laws have been revamped. They've been worked out in committee and have been sent to the board for consideration. The changes should appear on the club website and are worth your consideration. These changes weren't put in the Bulletin because space wouldn't allow it. We, on the board spent a lot of time on each one and we firmly believe the club will be the better because of it.

Autumn already?

I'm writing this Bulletin on Saturday, September 22nd which is the autumnal or fall equinox. You may have noticed how low the sun is on the horizon. In the mornings the sun is really in your eyes when your driving in an easterly direction and when you turn west in the evening, it is again in your eyes. Look out for pedestrians! They may not realize that you're driving nearly blind!

The daylight saving hourly change is still a ways off and will not occur until November 4th. I will put it in the newsletter again next month so you can keep track of things.

As we move into Autumn, our southern neighbors (Australia, Argentina and Chile etc.) move into Spring. We've had enough of the heat and I'm sure they've had enough of the cold! It's all relative. As we enjoy the Fall equinox, the sun will shine at 90° over the tropic of Capricorn—23 ^{1/2} degrees south! The nation's first snows are here and it won't be long before the weather starts to change.....Ed

Deserts

Whenever we think of deserts, we usually picture a really hot place where the sun is blazing down and there is no water. In reality, there are four different kinds of deserts ranging from the blazing hot Sahara to the frozen wasteland of Antarctica. Deserts are found on every continent. The only thing they have in common is that they receive less than ten inches of rain a year.

Four factors influence the formation of deserts. The most important one is high pressure. This type of desert is usually found between 15 degrees and 30 degrees latitude. Back at the equator, the air is heated and rises. Then it cools, condenses and rains before it sinks back down toward the earth. Because the air mass has already lost its moisture, no clouds form and no rain falls. The Sahara is an example of a high-pressure desert. Another high-pressure desert but very different from the Sahara is found at the South Pole. Antarctica is the driest place in the world. It is even drier than the Sahara. It is so cold there that the air is unable to hold any moisture.

Cold, up welling ocean currents along the western coasts of continents cause the second type of desert. Here the air is so cool that it won't hold much moisture and no rain reaches the land.

The third cause of a desert is the rain shadow effect. The Mojave and Death Valley are the rain shadow of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. As the air tries to rise and get over the mountains, it cools, condenses and rains on the western side of the mountain. By the time the air gets over, no moisture is left.

The fourth and last type desert is found in the middle of continents. By the time the air mass reaches here, most of its moisture has already been lost so a desert forms. The Gobi desert in China and the Australian deserts form this way.

Wind and water are the main forces that sculpt the deserts. During the few storms that do occur in deserts, water, moving with great force, carries soil, rocks and other debris and dumps it in cone shaped alluvial fans. This is a great place to go rock hunting.

Wind is responsible for the beautiful sand dunes found in most deserts. Bryce Canyon in Utah was formed from huge dunes piled up by the wind 200 million years ago. Wind has since eroded the sandstone layers into dramatic forms. Many of our beautiful land formations out west were formed this way.

Via Rockwood Rockhound News, Via The Gemrock 12/98

Via The Glacial Drifter 9/01

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the V.V.G & M.C for August.

The Petrified Pups went gold Panning in the beginning of August in Swarthout Canyon.

Debbie Savacool is mailing out several Honorary Memberships.

Blaine Witte talked about an upcoming CFMS field trip to Jay Cove by San Simeon to look for Nephrite on Sept. 7th—9th.

The positions of 3rd V.P, Training Coordinator, Bldg Maintenance, and Hospitality person are still vacant.

Cory Beck will spend up to \$900 on a new DVD player for the surveillance system.

Jim Fosse will do a club display for September.

Jim Fosse, the webmaster won 1st place in the CFMS competition for the club website and 3rd place in the National AFMS for the club website.

We will not have a club picnic this year.

The shop hours have changed, the hours on Wednesday and Thursday are 12noon till 9p.m.

We are looking for another person to run the club phone tree.

We ask that when you sign in the attendance book for the monthly meeting that you put one name per line. This will help the Fire Marshall.

Minutes of the September Board Meeting of the V.V.G. & M.C

The speaker at the September Education Night is archaeologist, Trish Deenan from CSUSB.

Scott La Fond's hours have change and from now on Tina La Bau will look after the Petrified Pups.

The walls outside Kaman Bearings will be stenciled with the No Skateboarding signs on Monday 09/10 at 9a.m.

We will have to replace the swamp cooler at Kaman Bearings.

History materials will be kept at the club.

The board considered it unnecessary to put a plexiglass cover on the display boards.

At a closed hearing, witnesses cannot be present until they are called to testify.

Who will cook the turkeys and hams for the Christmas dinner.

The Christmas dinner is being arranged by Ceci Kawasaki and Debbie Savacool.

The board updated a lot of bylaws and they can be viewed in the minutes folder.

ATTENTION ALL NEWSLETTER EDITORS AND PROSPECTIVE EDITORS

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(25 years experience)

Metallurgy & Mining Consultant

Men and Women

1. Women marry men hoping that they will change. Men marry women hoping they will not. So each will inevitably be disappointed.
Albert Einstein
 2. You can't buy love, but you can pay heavily for it.
Henny Youngman.
 3. Nothing spoils romance so much as a sense of humor in the woman.
Oscar Wilde
 4. Never go to bed mad—stay up and fight.
Phyllis Diller.
 5. I love being married. It's so great to find one special person you want to annoy for the rest of your life.
Rita Rudner.
 6. Love is a grave mental disease.
Plato
 7. Love means nothing in tennis but everything in life.
Anonymous.
 8. You can't put a price tag on love but you can on all it's accessories.
Melanie Clark.
 9. A woman in love can't be reasonable or she wouldn't be in love.
Mae West
 10. A man falls in love through his eyes, a woman through her ears.
Woodrow Wyatt
 11. It is impossible to love and be wise.
Francis Bacon
 12. The only time a woman really succeeds in changing a man is when he's a baby.
Natalie Wood
 13. Put your hand on a hot stove for a minute and it seems like an hour. Sit with a pretty girl for an hour and it seems like a minute. That's relativity.
Albert Einstein
 14. A man in love is not complete until he's married. Then he is finished.
Zsa Zsa Gabor
 15. Behind every successful man is a woman, behind her is his wife.
Groucho Marx.
 16. Marriage has no guarantees. If that's what your looking for go live with a car battery.
Erma Bombeck
 17. When I eventually met Mr. Right I had no idea his first name was Always.
Rita Rudner
- Men should be like Kleenex...soft, strong, disposable.
Cher
Yahooquotes.

October 2012

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

Deadline for the October issue of the Bulletin is Monday, October, 15th. Ph. (760) 951-7064 or email amolineux@gmail.com