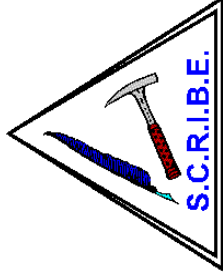


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Nancy Flanders enjoys a dish of ice cream at the Ice Cream Social sponsored by the Petrified Pups.



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AUGUST 2013

Your Officers for 2013

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2nd V.P (Education)	Vacant	
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	Steve Hendrix	(714)323-0323
	George Kawasaki	247-4121
	Jim Fosse	245-8644
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CFMS Representative	Janet Flecher	949-9347

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Raffles	Cyndy Mandell	244-7169
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Webmaster	Jim Fosse	245-8644
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Training Coordinator	Vacant	

Instructors

Terry Booth, Steve Hendrix, John Hill, Jessie La Bau, Tina La Bau, Cyndy Mandell, Morris O'Brien, Don Pomerence, John Printz, Barbara Pedrow, and Ed Berresford.

Club Website—www.vvgmc.org

Minutes of the July 23rd General Meeting

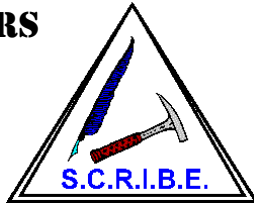
Blaine Witte will be willing to help others that take on wagon master. Corey Beck gave Blaine a t-shirt, hat and rock bag as a thank you for being our wagon master. Cyndy Mandell is requesting articles for the newsletter. Don Pomerence needs to know of anyone who is ill. Corey Beck will do the display another month. - Eric Scott from the San Bernardino County museum gave the pups a behind the scene look of Ice age, death and fossilization. The kids looked through the entire museum. Cyndy Mandell announced we applied for the raffle permit and received the permit effective Sept 1 for one year. Starting with the September general meeting we will begin our raffles again. We replaced our stolen air condition unit and installed a cage around the unit to prevent it from being stolen again. John Printz stated we need some welding to tack on each bolt of the gate. Corey Beck has some welding equipment and Crystal Mendoza can do the welding.

Minutes of the August 6th Board Meeting

Corey Beck stated we have 232 members and apps for four more. Every new member cost us. Cyndy Mandell stated it's kind of a philosophy of some members that because the income from Kaman supports the club we don't need the money from the members. Corey Beck stated we have a problem with so many vacancies. His heart is not in the club and has a fulltime job and overwhelmed with paperwork. Even membership chair is taxing.

We need to do some sole searching. Janet Flecher was asked by Ed Berresford several months ago to take up treasurer on an interim basis until January but she doesn't want to loose her CFMS duties. John Printz motioned for Janet Flecher to fill in as treasurer until the end of the year and continue as CFMS Director. Jim seconded. Motion carried. Cyndy Mandell sent a thank you letter to the person who donated equipment that we're auctioning off. John Printz stated the Pups will go on field trip to Wrightwood for Actinolite the third Saturday of Sept. Janet Flecher agrees with the board to not host a CFMS show. Janet also stated the farmers market moved and the Lion's park is available for us to have a fall tailgate. We wouldn't have to work with Gary. Cyndy Mandell stated it's not that we don't want to do these things. It's like pulling teeth to get the work done. Cyndy Mandell commented that CFMS is having a field trip above Lake Elsinore looking for Garnet and Rose Quartz. It will be in the newsletter. Don Pomerence nominated Steve Hendrix as a board member to take Bill Woody's vacancy, John Printz seconded. Motion carried. Nominating committee will be Frances Gramata along with Corey Beck and Ed Berresford. The board decided not to do scholarships because our education to our community and pups satisfy our by-laws. Cyndy Mandell said the club was never able to give the money to a local person. John Printz will be doing youth organization night. The board will do away with the scholarship committee chair. John Hill is interested in being wagon master. The Board decided to pay John Hill at the federal rate of 55.5 cents per mile for his scouting and field trip mileage. Cyndy Mandell wrote up a contract for Crystal Mendoza to keep the club clean on a weekly basis. Corey Beck said he would check with Dan Smith as to our liability in this matter and report to us at the next Board meeting.

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Meeting Dates

Our August general meeting will be held on Tuesday, 27th at 7:30pm. and the September general meeting will be on Tuesday the 24th at 7:30pm.

Position Available

The board is looking for a volunteer to fill a recently vacated 2nd VP Education position. If you are possibly interested in this position please contact Ed Berresford.

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Wishing all of our
members this month a very
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The birthstone for the month of August is: Peridot

Patti Deer, Jim Fosse, Marie Gramata, Cherie Hallack, Cathy Johnson, Geroge Kawasaki, Richard Luevano, Barbara Minard, Don Pomerence, Robert Delaluz

Thank You's

A big thank you **Randy Geiger** who installed a door closer on the silver room door as requested by the fire department. He also installed a water filter on the kitchen sink. A big thank you goes out to him this is a big savings on labor for our club.



Thank You

Mike Lee is not a member of our club, however he provided us with his welding abilities and welded the rail by the sidewalk at Kaman Bearing. Thank you Mike and Jim Fosse for providing us with this service.



This equipment was given to the club by Kathleen Owens of Apple Valley it includes a 6 inch gemstone diamond & corundum wheels; 8" buffer with motor; 8" corundum wheels with buffer; 12" saw with stand and 16" buffer with motor.

These items will be auctioned at the general meeting in October and are on display now at the club. All motors are in good running order this equipment needs some good loving care and clean up. Thank you to George Kawasaki, John Printz, Don Pomerence, and Ed Skidmore for picking up and delivering this donation to the club house.

Rules:

1. You do not have to be present to bid.
2. Place all sealed bids in the suggestion box (at least one day before the day of the auction).
3. All sealed bids will be opened at the time of the auction.
4. If there is a sealed bid on any item that sealed bid will be the starting bid for that item.
5. If anyone at the live auction wants to bid more than the sealed bid the highest bidder will win that item.

EARTH SCIENCE STUDIES

CAMP PARADISE

Week 1 August 25-30, 2013

Week 2 September 1-6, 2013

CLASSES—Beginning Faceting, Ming Trees, Lapidary, Soft Stone Carving, Silversmithing, Lost Wax Casting, Beginning through Advanced Wire Art, copper Enameling, Lampwork Bead Making, Beading, PMC3 Clay and Dichroic Glass.

Please Note: there will be some classes with limited space—Preference will be given to first time students.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Go to CFMS.org for registration form

ZZYZX CAMP

March 31-April 8, 2014

September Double Field Trip

Lavic Jasper/Flame Agate

Saturday, September 28, 2013 08:00am

These two sites are fairly close to one another and I feel it is possible for club members to pick up many quality pieces over the morning. The road into the Lavic Jasper site is part of the railway line and is kept graded and passable. The road to the Flame Agate area is part of the power line road and is also kept graded and passable. Two wheel drive vehicles should have no problem making the entire trip. There is minimal walking at the Lavic site. Vehicles will be able to park right next to where jasper can be found. Rain water has cut a channel here, exposing fine pieces. They are small, but full of color. Much occurs in float, but if you bring a pick and shovel, one might find large pieces. Walking at the Flame site will be greater. The map shows 2/10ths of a mile to the site from the road so be prepared. Overall, bring water, a lunch or snacks, and sunscreen and a hat as there will be a little summer holding over. Mileage is near 90 miles one way. Meet @ Barstow. Take Barstow Rd. exit, turn right and into gas station. Pizza Hut is in the back. Meet there @ 8am. All will be asked to sign a roster and a release form. All children must be kept under supervision. Alcohol is not permitted on the trip. UFO's taking the wagon master for a quick ride around the galaxy is okay....

John Patrick Hill, Wagon Master

Ice Cream Social

The Petrified Pups sponsored an ice cream social on Saturday, August 3rd at the club house. Were you able to attend? Many flavors of ice cream were made available and the toppings were excellent.

A checkers tournament was also enjoyed by many.





SEPTEMBER 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Workshop 12 noon- 5pm	2	3 Instructor's Mtg. @ 6pm Board Mtg. @ 7pm	4 Workshop 12 noon- 7pm	5 Workshop 12 noon- 7pm	6	7 Workshop 12 noon- 5pm Petrified Pups 9-noon
8 Workshop 12 noon- 5pm	9	10	11 Workshop 12 noon- 7pm	12 Workshop 12 noon- 7pm	13	14 Workshop 12 noon- 5pm
15 Workshop 12 noon- 5pm	16	17 Education Night @ 7pm	18 Workshop 12 noon- 7pm	19 Workshop 12 noon- 7pm	20	21 Workshop 12 noon- 5pm Petrified Pups 9-noon
22 Workshop 12 noon- 5pm	23	24 Potluck @ 6:30pm General Membership Mtg. @ 7:30	25 Workshop 12 noon- 7pm	26 Workshop 12 noon- 7pm	27	28 Workshop 12 noon- 5pm
29 Workshop 12 noon- 5pm	30					

Deadline for the September issue of the Bulletin is Thursday, September 20th .Ph.(760) 508-1080 or email editor@vvgmc.org