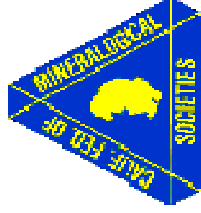
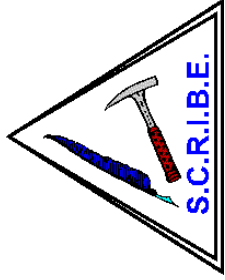


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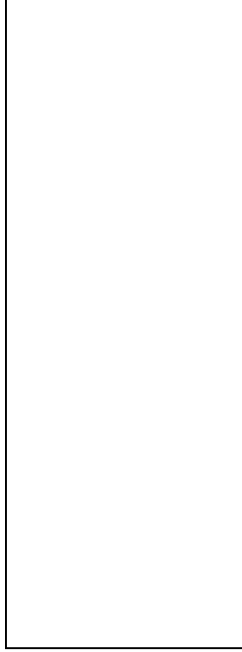
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Club Website—www.vvgmc.org



FUTURE FIELD TRIPS—BY BLAINE WITTE

Feb. 23- Kramer's Corner/Hills: Several sites to choose from.

Material: petrified palm wood, root and fiber, red and yellow agate, red jasper with yellow streamers, rare green opal sometimes found, black agate.

Note: Bring your picks and shovels, hammers and chisels if so inspired.

Judy made a new find of agate material at one of the sights recently!

I have found a couple of new sites in the area that are worth checking out.

Roads all fair. Some are sandy and could get stuck without 4x4 if not careful.

Meet at Club @ 9AM. Meet at Burger King @ 9:45 approx **Mar. 9-** Tailgate Field Trip-Stoddard Wells

Apr. 27- Bristol Dry Lake near Ludlow

Material: Christmas Tree Agate, Agate nodules Note: High clearance vehicles only!!!

Bring your pick and shovel for the best material. You can find some nice nodules on the surface though. Meet at the Dairy Queen in Ludlow at 8 AM.

May 25- Clay Mine Road and Castle Butte (in the N. Edwards area) Material: At the Clay Mine Road site there is banded opalite and agate, petrified wood and chert. At the Castle Butte side you can find chapinite (a popular brachiated agate-jasper), petrified palm, agate and jasper. Note: Easy roads unless it has rained hard recently. At the Clay Mine Road site you may want to have your pick and shovel. Both sites have a lot of material on the surface though. Meet at Diamond Pacific at 8 AM

June 22- Harvard Rd. (off of the 15 fwy, past Barstow) Material: The primary material you will be looking for is a peach colored speckled agate (sometimes called peach plume). The peach material is getting harder to find. We also made an accidental discovery of petrified reed at the same location on a scouting trip. We were parked right on top of it and missing it. Note: Easy roads. Bring your pick and shovel for the best material. You can find some nice material on the surface though. Meet at Diamond Pacific at 8 AM

Picture on front cover was taken at Quartzsite by: Terry Booth
 these pictures were also taken at Quartzsite by Terry Booth, we thank
 you for them.



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 February general meeting will be held on Tuesday, 26th at 7:00p.m. and the March general meeting will be on Tuesday the 26th.

Note from Bulletin Editor

Cyndy Mandell is the new bulletin editor. Please if you have any pictures or ideas for articles email them to me at: cynmandell@me.com

Classes Lampwork Bead Making By: MaryLou

Mary Lou is holding class on Wednesday February 20th, 2013, starting at noon until 4pm. You must have your own supplies. You can get a list of the needed supplies from the club's web site or contact Mary Lou at: ml.flecher@verizon.net, or phone her at (760) 949-9347.

Wishing all of our
 Members this month a very
 HAPPY BIRTHDAY



The Birthstone for the month of February is:

AMETHYST

Cheryl Beck, Kent Berryman, Lisa Bloom, Edward Dereñ, Charles Gardner, Robert Harper, Marcus Jaramillo, Jenna Lamore, Kerry Molineux, Scott Naples, Theresa Owen, Ed Skidmore, Michael Taylor, Marshall Upton, Judy Witte, Ron Gray, Mikki Olson.

If your name is not listed please forgive me, it just means it was not in the club phonebook. If you would like to be recognized here in the Bulletin on your birthday month please, update your info with Corey Beck, our Membership Chairperson.

Thank you....Editor

Tailgate # 37

This year's tailgate is nearly upon us actually, it's on March 8th, 9th, and the 10th. It's time to start making our plans to come out and join the fun now! See pages 4 & 5 for details. We will be having a silent auction again this year at tailgate. There will be collection buckets at the club house for donations. We do ask that you mark what type of rocks they are, before putting them in buckets. Thank you



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**THE 37TH ANNUAL
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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 with ease & care. "Tailgate" signs along route.

**Minutes of the January
Monthly Meeting of the
V.V.G & M.C**

The meeting was called to order at 7:32p.m. by the club president, Ed Berresford, Alan Molineux led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Absent officers- Don Pomeranke and Cyndy Mandell, Lois Papner and Janet Flecher. There were guests recognized- Trudy Rimmel of Richmond, CA. Ann Mazzarella read the Treasurer's report. Terry Booth made motion to accept, members voted in the affirmative. Cory Beck read the nominations for Life Time Membership's, and the membership voted in the affirmative for, Cyndy Mandell, Lois Papner, Brett Ward, Ellen Gilbert and Ed Skidmore. Blaine Witte mentioned that the last field trip was a bust, and the next field trip will be to Kramer Junction. A rock swap day was proposed.

The silent auction at the Tailgate needs volunteers.

A pancake breakfast and outdoor craft sale on the last Saturday (February 23rd) from 8 a.m. to 10a.m.

On Feb. 20th, June 15th, and Aug. 17th, the Harley Davidson Motorcycle Ministry has booked our parking lot.

Brett Ward spoke of the Tailgate. Baked goods or monetary donations are required, and the volunteers at the tables need to have a break. Wednesday, Feb. 6th we will meet at the clubhouse at 8am and we need (3) open bed trucks and at least (2) SUV's to take all the stuff out to the sight.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm

**Minutes of the February
Board Meeting
of the V.V.G.& M.C**

The meeting was started by Ed Berresford at 7:05 pm. A roll was taken of the officers. Absent was Don Pomeranke, Cyndy Mandell and Lois Papner. Guest Alan Molineux was acknowledged.

Ann Mazzarella gave the treasurer's report, John Printz motioned to accept the report and Debbie Savacool seconded it, and discussion ensued, the board voted in the affirmative.

There were no suggestions in the club suggestion box.

Alan Molineux would like a hard copy of the newsletter mailed to him.

Terry Booth made a motion that all new members be telephoned and invited to a general meeting and shop session, Discussion ensued there was no second, the motion was nullified.

There will be a class held starting on February 20th at noon until 4pm by Mary Lou Flecher.

There will be a policy and procedures meeting in April.

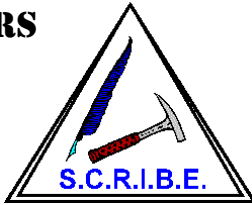
A new format for the Bulletin was discussed.

Brett Ward still needs helpers for the tailgate.

We will put off re-pointing the front wall till Spring.

For the good of the order: We need a training officer. We need to re-evaluate 3rd V.P. position those ideas were tabled for now. Ed Berresford called for a Special Board Meeting to be held at 6pm Feb. 12th the board voted in the affirmative. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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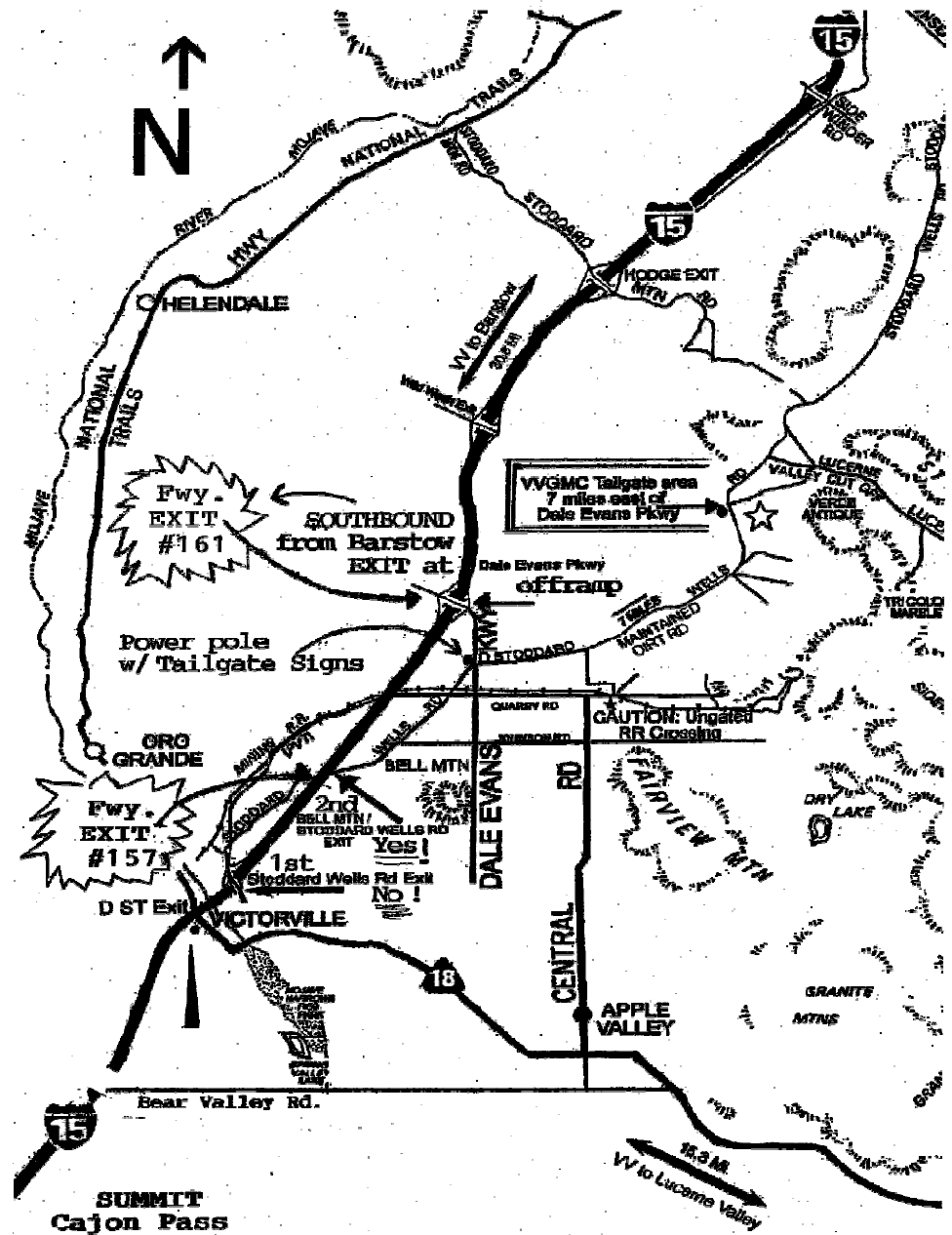
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Petrified Pups 9-12noon Workshop 12 noon- 5pm
3 Workshop 12 noon- 5pm	4	5 Instructor's Mtg. 6 pm Board Meeting 7pm	6 Tailgate set-up 8:00 a.m. meet at the clubhouse NO WORKSHOP	7 NO WORKSHOP	8 Tail Gate 9AM- 5 PM	9 Tail Gate 9A-5P NO WORKSHOP
10 Tail Gate 9A-5P NO WORKSHOP	11	12 Youth Demo Night 6 pm	13 Workshop 12 noon- 7pm	14 Workshop 12 noon- 7pm	15	16 Petrified Pups 9-12noon Workshop 12 noon- 5pm
17 Workshop 12 noon- 5pm	18	19 Education Night 7pm	20 Workshop 12 noon- 7pm	21 Workshop 12 noon- 7pm	22	23 Workshop 12 noon- 5pm
24 Workshop 12 noon- 5pm	25	26 Pot Luck 6:30pm General Meeting 7:30 pm	27 Workshop 12 noon- 7pm	28 Workshop 12 noon- 7pm	29	30 Workshop 12 noon- 5pm
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Deadline for the March issue of the Bulletin is Mon. March, 11th .Ph.(720) 620-9845 or email editor@vvgmc.org