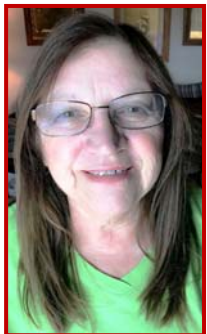


February 2017



Well we are already into February 2017 and so much to do. Our Annual Tailgate is next month and we need all the helping hands available. Trucks, manpower, cooks and cashiers. Please pitch in and help, your club is more than a workshop. Brett Ward will have his sign-up sheet for help, so please put your name on the list. Take down help is always in need. Thank you.

The Petrified Pups are growing leaps and bounds, if you were a pup last year and have not heard, we have a new instructor. You are in for a treat with Gabby Martinez who has been doing a great job with the help of Joyce DeGarmo and Dale & Fran Lorz, (who has been supplying hot chocolate on these cold days), so come on in, new and old members.

We have our new board working on lots of projects. Thank you to the out-going board for their hard work last year, we got a lot accomplished. Check out the new landscaping in front of Kamen Building for one. Please come in and use the facilities, we have had some very slow Thursday's and Sunday's and should it remain so, we will consider closing on Sunday's. So if you need that day, please let us know.

Remember there is Education Night on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Please come in and support our speakers and classes. They are free to public and to members alike.

Take care, see you at the tailgate.

Sandra Skidmore
President

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NEW MEMBERS



We apologize that our computer with the list of new members was down at the time of printing so no names will be published until March. But if you are new to the club: Welcome to Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club. We hope your experiences are positive and that you get involved, make friends, learn as much as you want and help the club be all it can be by volunteering for various activities and committees. If you need assistance, just ask... We're here for you!

EDUCATION NIGHT



Dr. Buchanan was our speaker for Education night on Jan. 17, and for those of you who couldn't be here, he gave a wonderful presentation on minerals, and had many specimens he passed around for all to see and feel. There was even a sulfur rock that everyone got to smell, which was very cool.

Dr. Buchanan gave a very informative talk on the composition of minerals, which can be very intensive, but at least we do not have to memorize it. It was a great meeting that we learned a lot about identifying minerals and gave incentive to pups to go into the field of Geology and earth sciences.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2017

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	Ruben Martinez	760-868-8689

**SUNSHINE WISHES**

Our Condolences to the family and friends
of Dorothy Oberg

If you or someone you know is sick or in the hospital, if a member/family member has passed on, even when celebrating a special occasion, please contact our Sunshine Lady Marilyn Pomerence at 760-868-5264 or if you're in the club when Don is there, let him know.

Please tell them if you don't want a mention in THE BULLETIN.

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Education		
Gem Show		
CFMS Representative		
By-Laws		
Wagon Master	Various Volunteers	
Petrified Pups	Gabby Martinez	
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Webmaster	Jim Fosse	760-245-8644
Technology	Michael Fosse	760-245-8644
Tailgate	Brett Ward	760-948-1232
Training Coordinator		

Our Instructors: Don Pomerence, Frank Dunkin, Chris Koch, Lia Hamilton, Mo O'Brien, Ed Skidmore.

Instructors in Training: Ruben Martinez and Dwayna Barron

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR TIME AND EFFORTS!

Club Website—www.vvgmc.org

If you find errors or are having technical difficulties with the website please contact our webmaster Jim Fosse at webmaster@vvgmc.org so he can fix it or assist you. For THE BULLETIN archives go to: www.vvgmc.org/newsletters.

IN MEMORIAM

Dorothy Marie Capobianco Oberg was born on March 1, 1925 and passed away on January 4, 2017.

Dorothy was the spouse of Leonard E. Oberg, a Naval cook who preceded her in death.

She is survived by her son Leonard and daughter-in-law Pauline and grandson Eric. Ditty as she was called by her siblings is survived by Jenny, Helen, Michael, Barbara, John, Edward and Deborah.

Dorothy was a Life Member of Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club and a member of the Mojave Gem & Mineral Society in Barstow and was also a life member of the Delvers Gem & Mineral Society club in Bellflower.

Dorothy made beautiful jewelry and had displayed her work often, most recently at our Gem Show in 2015, but mostly she enjoyed a multitude of friends in the various rocks clubs and enjoyed the many club events, field trips, tailgates and especially the potlucks.

To Dorothy no one was a stranger says Lou, her friend of more than 20 years. We will miss you Dorothy!!

41st Annual Tailgate at Stoddard Wells



Tailgate Article 2: Time to Change By Brett Ward Tailgate Committee Chairman

Hello and greetings to all our members and “followers” in this new year of 2017!

>Time to Change and participate in the “facets” of the VVGM&C “Tailgate” to ensure the March 10,11 & 12, 2017 event turns out as a fine “gem” of a success again this year!

>Time to Change methods of gaining public awareness of the “Tailgate” event to increase attendance through Club member’s efforts promoting the “Tailgate” on social media platforms and member’s “contacts”. Please send out our Club’s website address, vvgmc.org to all your “contacts” to obtain a copy of this year’s flier and map. Send out an attachment of the 2017 flier and map electronically to everyone you can!

>Time to Change and decide you can bake pies, cookies, brownies, etc. or bring a “creative/unusual” snack or dessert item to donate to our Club’s booth to sell to our Vendors and visitors (at last year’s Tailgate, those “grab-bags” a member created sold-out FAST, I can’t remember who donated and thought of that, but that was ‘creative’)....Store bought items always welcome (we won’t need ANY type of chips), and all ideas for snacks and desserts are WIDE OPEN to your creativity.

>Time to Change and join us on Wednesday, March 8th at 8:00 am at the Clubhouse to help load in your truck or SUV all the Club’s equipment used for events and then drive out to the Tailgate site to assemble and “raise the roof” on our Booth! Several of our dedicated members who have faithfully “had my back” just cannot participate in our Tailgate’s drive-out, set-up and man the Club’s booth any longer. I sincerely thank each and every member for your past years of dedication and service. Time to Change and other members step-up and volunteer help.

>Time to Change that if you are a VVG&MC member who is “drycamping” during the Tailgate that you’d just love to get up early and commit to being at our Club booth a morning or two at 6:00 am to help make and drink coffee and to entertain our Vendor’s during breakfast service. Club members who volunteer in our booth eat and drink “on the house” as an incentive to being of service!



>Time to Change that as a Club member who’s just out to the “Tailgate” for one or more days and then going home before dark that you can spare a couple of hours volunteering in our Club’s booth (**especially during the lunch rush, 11:00am – 2:00pm**) by taking lunch orders, managing the cash box sales, and maintaining the “flow” of operations inside and outside of our Club’s booth.

A “sign-up sheet” will be on the front table just inside the Club’s booth beginning Wednesday, March 8th after the booth is set-up for you as a Club member to select the days and times of your commitment to serving Vendors and the public visitors from our VVG&MC booth!

>Time to Change and PLAN to be a part of the Club’s team to help on Sunday, March 12th at 2:00pm to begin our pack-it-all-up, take down the Club’s canopy (possibly two) and **offer the use of your pick-up truck OR enclosed SUV to join in the caravan to return the Club’s equipment back to the clubhouse this year in ONE trip!**

>Time to Change as a longtime Club member and for newer members to become involved in the areas above for our Club’s 41st year annual “Tailgate” tradition to be a success! It was the during the 1996 “Tailgate” that I first attended any VVG&MC event and ended up as most of you know with more rocks in my head than just rocks!

Mark
your calendar.....

The 41st annual
Stoddard Wells
ROCK HOUND
“Tailgate”
Victorville, CA

March 10th, 11th and 12th, 2017

9 - 5:00 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)

Handcrafted & Faceted Jewelry, Slabs & Cabs, Findings & Equipment, Minerals & Fossils and TONS of Rough Material.

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

Restrooms, Brrycamping, Food, Snacks & Drinks, Silent Auction and

Rocks - Rocks & More Rocks

Directions: From I-15 Northbound towards Barstow:

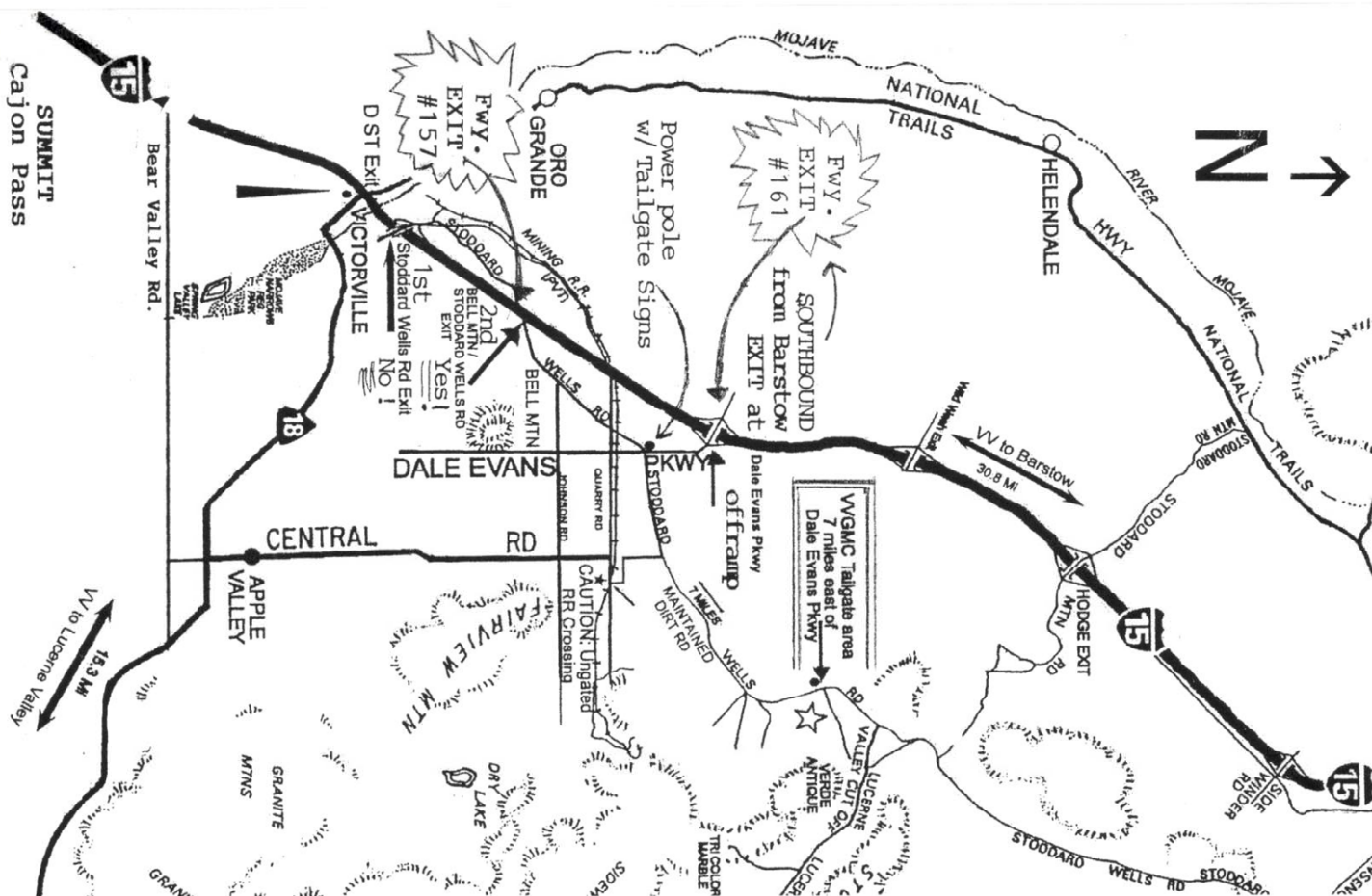
Hwy 15 North THRU Victorville! - EXIT Rt. At 2nd Stoddard Wells Rd at BELL Mtn. EXIT # 157. Turn Left/East at Ramp STOP Sign. STAY On Stoddard Wells Road 4 mi. until next STOP sign at Dale Evans Pkwy. “Tailgate” signs high on NW corner power pole. Check Odometer here! Continue Straight On Stoddard Wells 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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February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i> Workshop Noon to 5pm	<i>2</i> Workshop Noon to 5pm	<i>3</i> Instructor Day	<i>4</i> Petrified Pups 9am-11:30 Workshop Noon to 5pm
<i>5</i> Workshop Noon to 5pm	<i>6</i> Instructor Day	<i>7</i> <i>Meetings:</i> Instructor 6pm Board 7pm	<i>8</i> Workshop Noon to 5pm	<i>9</i> Workshop Noon to 5pm	<i>10</i> Instructor Day	<i>11</i> Workshop Noon to 5pm
<i>12</i> Workshop Noon to 5pm	<i>13</i> Instructor Day	<i>14</i> <i>Happy</i> <i>Valentine's</i> <i>Day</i> 	<i>15</i> Workshop Noon to 5pm	<i>16</i> Workshop Noon to 5pm	<i>17</i> Instructor Day	<i>18</i> Petrified Pups 9am-11:30 Workshop Noon to 5pm
<i>19</i> Workshop Noon to 5pm	<i>20</i> Instructor Day	<i>21</i> Education Night	<i>22</i> Workshop Noon to 5pm	<i>23</i> Workshop Noon to 5pm	<i>24</i> Instructor Day	<i>25</i> <i>Clean Up 9am</i> Workshop Noon to 5pm
<i>26</i> Workshop Noon to 5pm	<i>27</i> Instructor Day	<i>28</i> <i>Potluck 6pm</i> <i>Gen Mtg 7pm</i>				

Happy Birthday



January Birthdays:

Dottie Kaufman, John Printz, Joyce DeGarmo, Louise Acherson, Judy Einboden, Anya Schwebs

February Birthdays:

Bryndon Michener, Ed Skidmore, Ed Deren

DATES TO WATCH THIS MONTH

7th - Instructors Meeting 6pm
Board Meeting 7pm

4th/18th - Petrified Pups 9am—11:30

21st - Education Night

25th - Clean-Up Day 9am

28th - Potluck 6pm
General Meeting 7pm

Workshop hours remain the same. If you want extra time in the workshop during the week, let Don know in advance and he will stay until 7pm on Wednesday's for your convenience. Thanks Don!



VVGMC CLUB SCHEDULE

SHOP DAYS:
Wednesday & Thursday: Noon—5:00pm
Saturday & Sunday: Noon—5:00pm
Instructor Days Mondays & Fridays.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS:
Instructors Meeting—1st Tuesday 6:00pm
Board of Directors—1st Tuesday 7:00pm
Education Night—3rd Tuesday 7:00pm
Potluck Night—4th Tuesday 6:00pm
General Membership—4th Tuesday 7:00pm

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