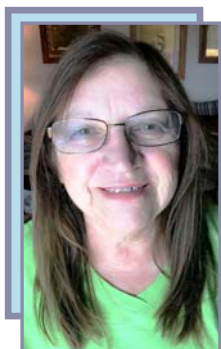


THE BULLETIN



Official Newsletter of the
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Happy New Year everyone!! Welcome to 2017 with best wishes for a wonderfully healthy and successful new year.

We have our slate of new board members that were elected at the November General Meeting: Sandra Skidmore, President; Val Costello, Recording Secretary; Dwayna Barron, Treasurer; New Board Member, Ruben Martinez and serving one more year; Corey Beck. Please say hello and work with our board to make it a great year, and the board will be working hard to do their best to make it so. We have several committees that we need volunteers for, consider one that suits you and let me know, would be happy to have your help.

We have our Tailgate at Stoddard Wells coming up soon, so start now to make plans to contribute your time and muscle. For those who are going to set-up, please see what you are able to do. Brett Ward, Committee Chair has put the flyers in the building, so pick yours up and a few extras up so that you can distribute them to those you come across. Let's make this the best Tailgate ever by helping and getting the word out!

We continue to update and repair equipment, we ask that everyone be mindful and treat it with care and respect. Cabinets have been moved and work spaces are being improved. If you have a suggestion, you are invited to write it down and put it in the suggestion box. This is your club, so we want your ideas and suggestions, your opinion is valuable.

We say goodbye to long time instructor Ed Deren, who is leaving to fulfill his "honey-do and bucket lists". Thank you Ed for your many years of help and participation, hope you come in and visit from time to time.

I'm looking forward to a great year and many promising things to happen. See you on Education Night and at the General Meetings.

Sandra Skidmore
President



BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2017

President	Sandy Skidmore	760-617-6001
1st Vice President-Membership	Lia Hamilton	760-780-7937
Recording Secretary	Val Costello	760-998-6394
Treasurer	Dwayna Barron	909-234-5533
Corresponding Secretary	Vacant	
Board Members:	Corey Beck	760-221-5738
	Ruben Martinez	760-868-8689

NEW MEMBERS

Luc Bernard

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! If I missed your name this month, my apologies, I will catch up next month.

Dwayna Barron, THE BULLETIN Editor

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Education		
Gem Show		
CFMS Representative		
By-Laws		
Wagon Master	Various Volunteers	
Petrified Pups	Gabby Martinez	
Historian		
Librarian	Lia Hamilton	760-780-7937
Newsletter	Dwayna Barron	909-234-5533
Sunshine	Marilyn Pomeranke	760-868-5264
Displays	Don Pomeranke	760-868-5264
Auctions (Donations)		
Photography	Dwayna Barron	909-234-5533
Hospitality		
Security	Sandy Skidmore	760-617-6001
Webmaster	Jim Fosse	760-245-8644
Technology	Michael Fosse	760-245-8644
Tailgate	Brett Ward	760-948-1232
Training Coordinator		

Our Instructors: Don Pomeranke, 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!

**SUNSHINE WISHES**

There was nothing to report this month.

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 Pomeranke 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.

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41st Annual Tailgate at Stoddard Wells

My Annual Tailgate "Prep-Talk"

By Brett Ward

Tailgate Committee Chairman

As we enjoy our Holidays with family and friends and begin to look forward to a New Year of rock hound and lapidary activities, may all our members be blessed with good health and outlook on life.

Our club's membership numbers continue to rebound and several new members have yet to experience our famous outdoor "Tailgate" event to be held March 10, 11 and 12, 2017 in a scenic desert area beneath the Verde Antique marble quarry in the Stoddard Mountains. And I am already fielding inquiries from vendors who wish to make plans to attend for their first time!

Our members should begin to consider how each can contribute to ensure another successful Tailgate. The most important and easiest way each member can help is with promotion in our High Desert communities and beyond to increase Tailgate visitorship and the by-product of gaining potential new members.

Word of mouth, distribution of Tailgate Fliers/Map and mentioning in social media our club website www.vvgmc.org (which has details on the 2017 Tailgate and printable map) over the next several months is where each of us can make efforts to increase public attendance. For those members who are planning to be vendors at Quartzsite or visit the "Desert Gardens" show venue in Arizona beginning January 1st, 2017, (or the Q.I.A. show) please drop by the clubhouse and pick-up a packet of Tailgate Fliers to take with you to distribute to Quartzsite vendors.

Many members may not be physically able to pick up 2017 Tailgate Fliers/Map at our clubhouse, so if you receive our Newsletter in electronic format, be on the look-out for a VVGMC Email with an attachment in a pdf.file "Adobe" format containing the 2017 Flier and map. Each member can then forward the Tailgate Flier/Map to their contacts or print it out to share with friends and perhaps take a few to post or distribute in other venues. If you wish to receive a packet of Tailgate Fliers by mail, please call/leave a voice message for Brett Ward at (760) 948-1232 to mail a desired quantity to you.

The success of our 41st Tailgate will be dependent upon our membership promoting our annual event!

Details where members can participate in various areas of Tailgate activities will be in our club's February and March 2017 VVGMC Newsletters. For now, let's all help to get the word out on our fantastic outdoor family-friendly Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club Tailgate adventure!



**Volunteer
We Need You!**



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:

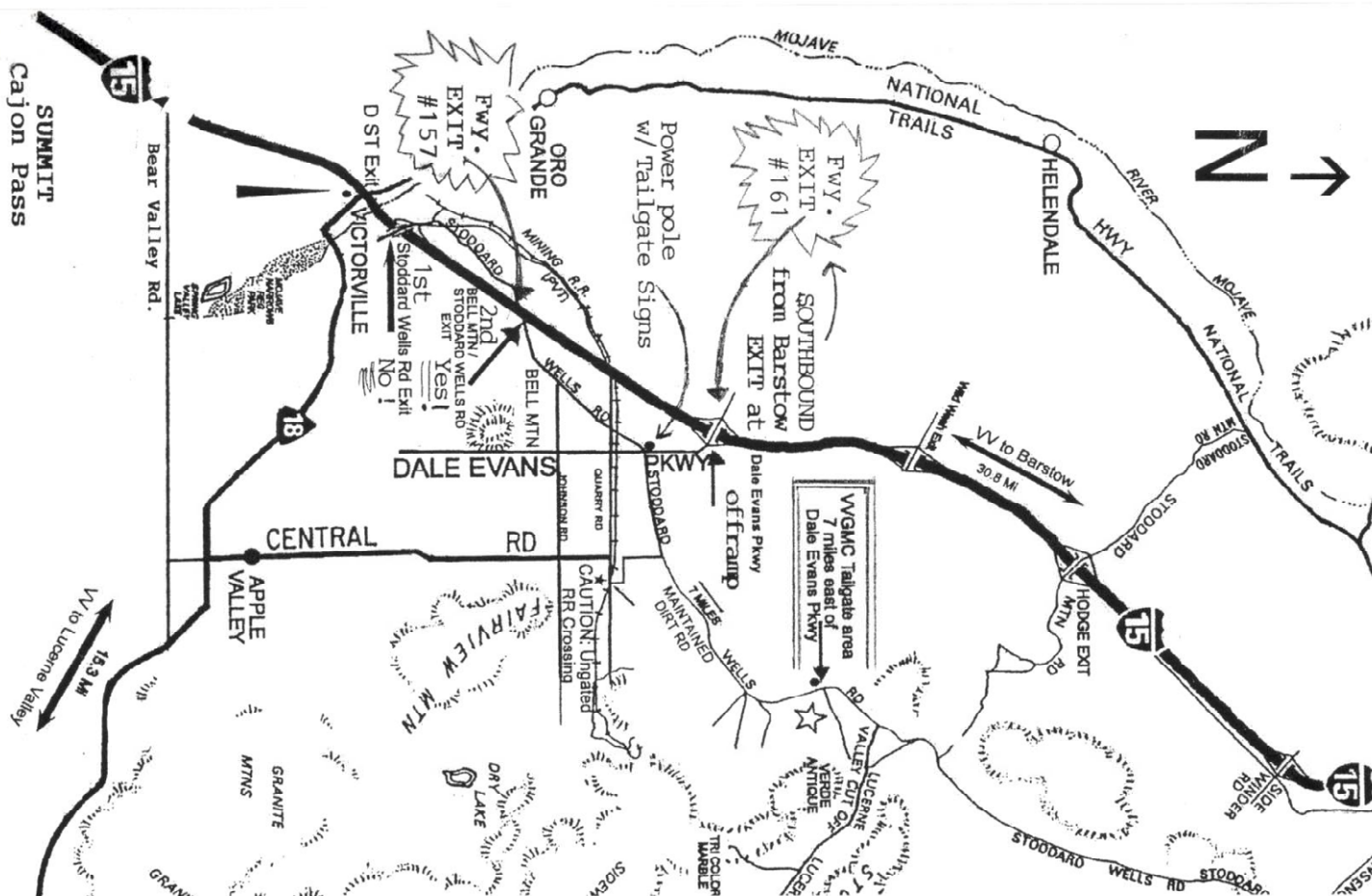
Hwy 15 North THRU Victorville! - EXIT Rt. At 2nd Stoddard Wells Rd at BELL Mtn. EXIT # 157. Turn Left/East at Ramp STOP Sign. STAY On Stoddard Wells Road 4 mi. until next STOP sign at Dale Evans Pkwy. “Tailgate” signs high on NW corner power pole. Check Odometer here! Continue Straight On Stoddard Wells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

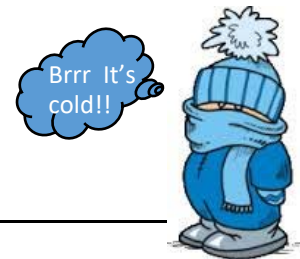
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January 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		3 Instructor and Board Meetings deferred to next Tuesday 1/10	4 Workshop Noon to 5pm	5 Workshop Noon to 5pm	6 Instructor Day	7 Petrified Pups 9am –11:30 Workshop Noon to 5pm
8 Workshop Noon to 5pm	9 Instructor Day	10 Instructor 6pm Board 7pm	11 Workshop Noon to 5pm	12 Workshop Noon to 5pm	13 Instructor Day	14 Workshop Noon to 5pm
15 Workshop Noon to 5pm	16 Instructor Day	17 Education Night	18 Workshop Noon to 5pm	19 Workshop Noon to 5pm	20 Instructor Day	21 Petrified Pups 9am-11:30 Workshop Noon to 5pm
22 Workshop Noon to 5pm	23 Instructor Day	24 Potluck 6pm General Meeting 7pm	25 Workshop Noon to 5pm	26 Workshop Noon to 5pm	27 Instructor Day	28 Workshop Noon to 5pm
29 Workshop Noon to 5pm	30 Instructor Day	31	It's time for			



Happy Birthday to all those born in the month of January!

Please don't feel slighted because your name isn't listed, I just don't have a completed list of the 2017 members yet, but we'll catch up with you next month.

DATES TO WATCH THIS MONTH

1st/2nd - Club Closed—
Happy New Year
10th - Instructors Meeting 6pm
Board Meeting 7pm
7th/21st - Petrified Pups 9am—11:30

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!

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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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