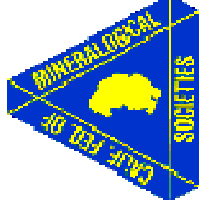
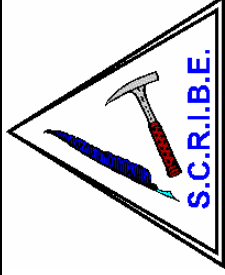


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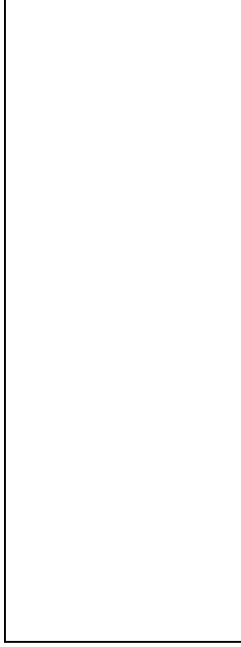
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## YOUR OFFICERS FOR 2008

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    Gil Gilbert.....868-6900  
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Tom Laszlo, Virgil Melton, Joe Kosik, Pat Estes, Kate Waterman  
& Cyndy Mandell.

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## WANTED—ROCKS, LAPIDARY, MATERIALS & EQUIPMENT.

### CALL CHARLES TOLES.

HOME (760) 951-0372

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## Rocks, Rocks, Rocks,

Buy slabs, cabs & rough from Joe!  
Brazilian, Moss Agate, Wood, Jasper,  
and Obsidian.

There is a sale on Bolo cords.

Club members (any club) 20% off at my house or 10% off  
at gem shows. I sell crushed Agate, Wood & Jasper  
per for tumbling at \$1.00  
per pound. Call Joe Kosik (760) 241-0894.



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Here are club members taking a break from their projects—around the table are Bob Menelly, Buff Combe, Pat Estes, and on the other side is Alec Molineux and Terrie Combe

## 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 61 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 July meeting was held on Tuesday, 22nd at 6:30p.m. and the August general meeting will be held on Tuesday the 26th.

### WHO ARE THOSE PEOPLE?

At the top, left, Virgil Melton is working on the All You Need.

At top, right, Chuck Scott is grinding a cab mounted on a dop stick, on one of our Genies.

On the bottom, left, Kent Berryman is patiently working on a sphere.

Lastly, on the bottom, right, Pat Estes is making wire links.

### SO LONG, KATE

Kate Waterman is relocating back east. She has worked on club displays, is an instructor, and has been very active in the club. We'll miss you Kate. We appreciate all you've done.

## DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MAN AND WOMEN

### Names

If Mary, Susan, Claire and Barbara go out for lunch, they will call each other Mary, Susan, Claire and Barbara.

If John, Brad, Tony and Daniel go out, they will affectionately refer to each other as Bruno, Scrappy, Peanut-Head and Godzilla.

### Eating Out

When the bill arrives, John, Brad, Tony and Daniel will each throw in \$20, even though the total is only \$34.25. None of them will have any smaller bills and none will admit they want change back.

When Mary, Susan, Claire and Barbara get their bill, out come the pocket calculators.

### Money

A man will pay \$10 for a \$5 item he needs.

A woman will pay \$5 for a \$10 item that she doesn't need, because it's on sale.

### Bathrooms

A man has five items in his bathroom: a toothbrush, razor, shaving cream, a bar of soap, and a towel from the Motel 6.

The average number of items in a woman's bathroom is 328. The average man would not be able to identify most of them.

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## CLUB BARBEQUE AND PICNIC



I'm looking forward to the upcoming VVG & MC annual picnic and barbeque. This year we're going to hold it at TXI park in Oro Grande

It's an opportunity for friends to get together and talk about our hobby—lapidary. I get to see some folks I haven't seen in months and it gives me a chance to catch up on gossip and trade stories with them. The

picnic is a little ways off yet—it's going to be held on Sunday, September 7th. Keep it in mind and mark your calendars. We'd love to see you there....Ed



## HOW'S THAT WEATHER, HEH?

The weather has been so extreme lately, I couldn't let an issue of the *Bulletin* go by without mentioning it. We've been in the grip of summer heat—which, here in the High Desert is always intense. Temperatures of a 100°F or more are the norm for this time of year. Whenever we can, we work in the early mornings and late evenings when the temperature is bearable.

We get little water as it is up here and it seems that the cost of water is constantly rising. Fortunately, we've been having thundery showers in our afternoons lately. I suspect some areas of the Victor Valley have been receiving more rain than others. For now, we're all in this together. Tempers get a little strained with the heat and so let's take every opportunity we

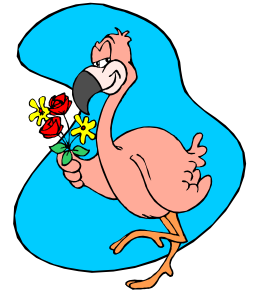
## SUNSHINE REPORT

Gloria Guillian was not feeling good for awhile due to pre-existing health issues that bother her now and then. She has a pleasant outlook on it and is not letting it get her down.

Ed Deren also was under the weather, but is not letting it get the best of him.

George Navaro a new member had surgery on his heel this month.

On a sad note, July 12th, 2008 Mike Brothers passed away in his sleep. His funeral will be July 18th at Victor Valley Cemetery. For more information please either call Victor Valley Mortuary or go to our online posting for more information.



I'm sorry to all you June Birthday people, I just simply forgot to put your names in my report.

June 5 Chuck Eiding, June 5 Yohontus Simpson, June 7 Robert Arias, June 15 Steve Mink, June 16 Joe Kosik, June 20 Tim Thomas, June 25 JoAnn Beall,

June 26 Maurine White, June 27 Victor Hellman, June 29 Pat Estes, June 29 Norman Kzaz.

I sincerely hope you all had a wonderful Birthday.

July 1 Norman Corey, July 3 Michael Fosse, July 9 Curtis Pierson, July 11 Valeria Costello, July 16 Lloyd Guillian, July 22 Jean Felix, July 23 Riekie Saunders, July 26 Loretta Watts, July 26 Ted Sparks.

August 1 Patti Deer, Aug.5 Walter Evans, Aug. 8 Annette Buell, Aug 8 Noel Roberson, Aug. 9 Sharon Waggoneer, Aug.11 Mike Brothers, Aug.12 Marie Gramata, Aug 19 John Clark, Aug.20 Jeannie Moll, Aug.21 Carl Galt, Aug 22 Debbie Lyons, Aug 24 Virginia Espinosa, Aug. 28 James Fosse, Aug 29 Barbara Minard, Aug.29 Jim Mustra.

Thought for the Day: A reporter once asked a 90 year old woman what the secret was to her longevity.

"Simple" she replied, "Keep Breathing."

## EDITOR'S NOTE

Many's the time Carol Laszlo is under the weather—which is the reason why she cannot accompany her husband, Tom, to the monthly general meetings. Because of all this, thank you for your regular report and thank you for looking out for others....Ed

## FROM THE JUNE GENERAL MEETING

Due to a recent "flooding" accident, Charles Toles urged members to separate their sludge and water. Patti Deer is showing our Geology series of DVDs on Education nights.

We're holding a raffle drawing in February '09 to send a member to Camp Zyzyx (the gem and mineral workshop) attended and highly recommended by several of our members.

Several of the rock saws are out of commission at the moment but members will be working on them to bring them back up.

Carole Mc Michael, our CFMS rep. said that she and the Arnolds attended the recent CFMS show at Ventura. The club was represented with member presence and individual projects.

Our position of Wagon Master is still vacant.

Gil Gilbert reported that the silver room is still down but hopes to have it up and running with trained instructors by mid July.

Janet Flecher pointed out the IRS raised the mileage allowance from 49.5—58.5 cents per mile.

Alan Molineux mentioned the silent auction for used equipment would be wrapping up soon.

Kerry Molineux said the By-laws committee meets at the club on the Thursday after the Tuesday monthly General meeting.

## FROM THE JULY BOARD MEETING

There was much discussion over what was more efficient and cost effective—our refrigerated air conditioning system or a swamp cooler. It was decided just to fix the system we already have.

Women in Mining will lecture at the August Education night.

After cancelling the '08 Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Show at the fairgrounds, we will reimburse the (3) vendors who have already paid.

Pat Estes is working on getting Rock Hound stickers from the CFMS so she can sell the to members.

Lloyd Guillian has set a deadline of July 30th for instructor recertification.

Carole Mc Michael reported on the recent CFMS show at Ventura.

Alan Molineux opened the sealed bids for the silent auction of used lapidary equipment.

Nick Beall was nominated to Lifetime membership.

Term limits for board members were discussed.

Carole Mc Michael suggested we buy "Golden Bear Pins" for past club presidents.

Jim Fosse is still working on buying a new telephone answering machine for the club.

Look at the calendar for upcoming board meeting dates. All members are welcome.

## AROUND THE CLUB



My wife Kerry looks on while my son, Alec, works on the All You Need.



Oscar Delgado is polishing a cab on the Genie.



Joe Kosik is making slabs from a very unusual piece of stone.



Terrie Combe's display of some very nice wire wrapped pieces.



Jack Sneed is standing in the saw room waiting for a piece to be finished being cut.

Our club has all of the machinery and equipment needed to work on projects. It is constantly being worked on and maintained by members with mechanical expertise.

I like to include photos of people working around the club. So each month I drop in and photograph members working on their projects. Next time you see me, I'll probably be taking your photograph. So work hard, show me what you're working on and oh yeah, smile, because you'll probably be in the next issue of the Bulletin.

# August 2008



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
National Inventor's Month 	National Get Ready for Kindergarten Month 				1 Birth of the World Wide Web in 1990. 	2 Declaration Of Independence Signed in 1776. 
3 Workshop 12noon-5p.m.	4 Instructor's Meeting 7p.m. 	5 Board Meeting 7p.m. 	6 Workshop 1-9p.m.	7 Workshop 1-9p.m.	8	9 Nixon resigns in 1974. 
10 Workshop 12noon-5p.m.	11	12 Perseids Meteor shower. 	13 Workshop 1-9p.m.	14 Workshop 1-9p.m.	15 Panama Canal opens in 1914. 	16 Wilbur Wright's birthday in 1867. 
17 Workshop 12noon-5p.m.	18 Meriwether Lewis' birthday in 1774. 	19 Education Night 7p.m. 	20 Workshop 1-9p.m.	21 Workshop 1-9p.m.	22	23
24 Workshop 12noon-5p.m.	25 Wizard of Oz released in 1939 	26 Pot Luck 6:30p.m. General Mtg. 7:30p.m. 	27 Workshop 1-9p.m.	28 Workshop 1-9p.m. By-laws committee Meeting 6p.m.	29 Hurricane Katrina 2005. 	30 
31 Workshop 12noon-5p.m.						

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