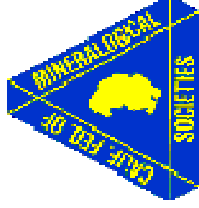
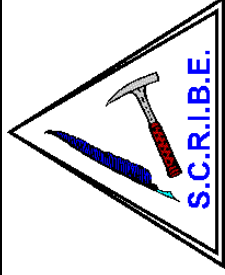


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July Board Minutes

Terry Booth reported that he and other instructors evaluated the saws that we have replaced but are holding onto the old ones.

He said they evaluated (5) saws.

The (14") saw should be put back into the saw room. We should keep the (24") saw for back up. The (16") saw needs some repairs but it should be kept as a training saw. We will be auctioning off two others. (See article on p.10)

Pat Estes (The CFMS Rep) noted an upcoming field trip on July 28th—31st to Greenhorn Mtn.

She mentioned a Jewelry camp at Camp Paradise on Sept. 4th—10th and again from the 10th to 17th. A Jewelry camp will be held at Zyzyx at the end of March.

Through the suggestion box, John Hill suggested we buy a hot plate to work with Liver of Sulfur.

Re-roofing of the club will start next Monday.

The board voted to get DeLeon Electrical to wire security cameras and a security light outside.

We received thank you notes from each of the scholarship winners.

We received a certificate of appreciation from Topaz Elementary School for teaching Lapidary there.

John Printz said we need a 2door wall locker to house the Petrified Pups projects and equipment.

June General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was rather formulaic and the desert heat was already looming. Few members turned up and consequently, the meeting went by quickly.

Lois Papner spoke at the June Education night about Desert Tortoises. Robert Lopez, an artist from the Yucaipa club will speak at the July Meeting and Eric Scott, curator of the San Bernardino County Museum will speak at the August Education night.

Work has already begun (By the A1 Painting company) repainting the Kaman Building.

Shiloh Roofing will be re-roofing the club house on July 5th and the work will come with a 10 year guarantee.

Work was due to start on fortifying the hillside behind the clubhouse on Saturday, June 25th but was postponed due to a lack of volunteers.

Terry Booth (in addition to being a new instructor) is also the new saw coordinator.

We will be auctioning off (37) black chairs for a min. bid of \$10 each and a rock tumbler (on display at the club) for a minimum of \$30 on Tuesday, August 23rd.

Cyndy Mandell is holding another glass fusion class on July 6th and 13th with a limited class size of (6) people.

Upcoming Club Equipment Auctions

(37) Black Chairs in open auction at the club on August 23rd—the August monthly meeting. The minimum bid is \$10 per chair. A rock tumbler will be auctioned off on the same date—the same way. The minimum bid is \$30

We will auction off (2) saws—a (12") saw and a (16") saw. They will both be sold at open auction on September 27th. The minimum bid for the (12") saw is \$225 and the minimum bid for the (16") saw is \$500.

Some repair to each of them is recommended.

The (12") saw needs the rock carriage rebuilt.
The motor and the blade need to be put back on.
All else is minor repair.

The (16") saw needs the rock carriage rebuilt.
There needs a cover over the saw arbor.
The motor needs to put back on.

Every monthly meeting brings new members. Were it not for the hot weather, our monthly meetings would be full! I attend the monthly board meetings and we o.k new member applications each month. I suspect that when the heat subsides—later in the year, we will see a sharp rise in the number of people staying at the monthly meetings.

We haven't seen Lloyd Guillian around the club for quite some time. I'm sure our Sunshine Lady is keeping in touch with him—but I would like to say, (on a personal note) that he is sorely missed and know that many of us think about you, Lloyd and your wife Gloria and we wish for better health for both of you.

The Board and Officers

I guess in many ways, the club is a bit like a family. Officers are gathered from the membership and they try to run the club to the best of their ability. Are they perfect—no! Certainly not! But I will say, (as a non-rock person who has been around for a while) they are good folks and they try—they give freely of themselves to help the club run and they will continue to do so—why, because they like the lifestyle and the members....Ed

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 64 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 General Meeting was held on Tuesday, 26th at 7:00p.m. and the August General Meeting will be on Tuesday the 23rd.

Knock, knock...

The instructors in the club are listed on page (2). **They are all volunteers!**

If flow of members into the club slows and the instructor/s on duty find they are the only ones there, they will close the club. My advice to you is to phone the club before you come down. The number is on the front cover—so, give it a call and avoid disappointment....Ed.

Upcoming Elections

The club board and it's officers are up for election in November. I know it seems a ways off at the moment—but, time has a way of creeping up on us! Anyway, if you think you might like to serve the club and it's members in a more official capacity, see one of the board members or officers and we'll be glad to point you in the right direction.

Petrified Pups

The Petrified Pups meeting date changed—**just for July**. So that they're meeting the second and third Saturdays in July instead of the first and third Saturdays because of holiday observance. I'm telling you this now because I wasn't aware of it when I drew up the calendar for last month's *Bulletin*.

On the Front Cover

I stopped by the club on Sunday, the 4th July Weekend and Corey Beck was working in the club along with others. I took this photo of some doped cabachons he was ready to work on.

The Summer Heat

As the summer comes upon us, few want to venture out to the club to work—and I certainly can't blame them.

I stopped by the club on Sunday, July 3rd to drop of the minutes of the recent general meeting and saw few people there. Most of our members are of an older age group and so I would say to them, keep cool, do little and work when it's comfortable for you!



Around the Club



Pat Estes is one of the instructors on duty at the club on Sundays.



Virgil Melton is also an instructor on duty on Sundays too!



Corey Beck is seen here working with one of his projects on a Genie.



Blaine Witte holds a dopped cab ready to be worked on.



Blaine Witte, our Wagon Master was at the club dopping cabochons and getting them ready to be worked on.

I drop by the club now and then with my camera to take photos for the newsletter. I love to say "Hi!" to the members and take their pictures too!

Getting older....

An elderly gentleman....

Had serious hearing problems for a number of years.. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%

The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, 'Your hearing is perfect.. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again.'

The gentleman replied, 'Oh, I haven't told my family yet.'

I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!'

A senior citizen said to his eighty-year old buddy:

'So I hear you're getting married?'

'Yep!'

'Do I know her?'

'Nope!'

'This woman, is she good looking?'

'Not really.'

'Is she a good cook?'

'Naw, she can't cook too well..'

'Does she have lots of money?'

'Nope! Poor as a church mouse.'

'Well, then, is she good in bed?'

'I don't know.'

'Why in the world do you want to marry her then?'

'Because she can still drive!'

Three old guys are out walking.

First one says, 'Windy, isn't it?'

Second one says, 'No, it's Thursday!'

Third one says, 'So am I. Let's go get a beer..'

Getting older (cont)....

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen.

The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, 'Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great.... I would recommend it very highly.'

The other man said, 'What is the name of the restaurant?'

The first man thought and thought and finally said, 'What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love?'

You know.... The one that's red and has thorns.'

'Do you mean a rose?' 'Yes, that's the one,' replied the man. He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, 'Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?'

Morris, an 82 year-old man, went to the doctor to get a physical.

A few days later, the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm.

A couple of days later, the doctor spoke to Morris and said, 'You're really doing great, aren't you?'

Morris replied, 'Just doing what you said, Doc: 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful..'

The doctor said, 'I didn't say that.. I said, 'You've got a heart murmur; be careful.'

These were sent to me in an e-mail by board member—Gayland Graves.

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These are most of the club instructors.

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	1	2 Instructor's Meeting 6p.m. Board Meeting 7p.m.	3 Workshop 1—9p.m.	4 Workshop 1—9p.m.	5	6 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m. Petrified Pups 9—2p.m.
7 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m.	8	9	10 Workshop 1—9p.m.	11 Workshop 1—9p.m.	12	13 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m.
14 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m.	15	16 Education/ Demonstration Night 7p.m.	17 Workshop 1—9p.m.	18 Workshop 1—9p.m.	19	20 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m. Petrified Pups 9—2p.m.
21 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m.	22	23 Pot Luck 6:30p.m. Monthly General Meeting 7:30p.m.	24 Workshop 1—9p.m.	25 Workshop 1—9p.m.	26	27 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m.
28 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m.	29	30	31 Workshop 1—9p.m.			

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