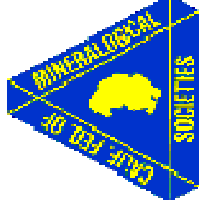
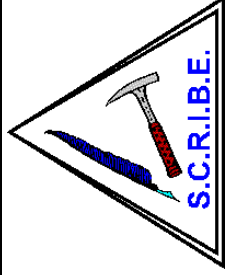


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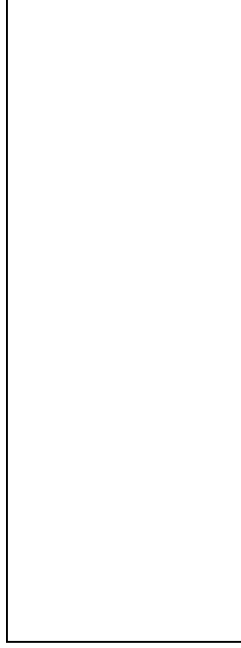
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FEBRUARY 2011

YOUR OFFICERS FOR 2011

2011 Executive Committee

President.....	Cyndy Mandell.....	244-7169
1st V.P (Membership).....	Sheryl Grenell.....	242-7602
2nd V.P (Education).....	Lois Papner.....	244-7169
3rd V.P (Gem & Mineral Show chairman)		
	Jonathan Van DerLoop.....	245-2313
Recording Secretary.....	Alan Molineux.....	951-7064
Treasurer.....	Kerry Molineux	951-7064
Corresponding Secretary.....	Lynn Hallock.....	951-1736
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<i>have an area code</i>	Don Pomerence.....	868-5264
<i>of (760) unless</i>	Jim Fosse.....	245-8644
<i>shown otherwise.</i>	Carole Mc Michael.....	961-7659
	Gayland Graves.....	902-3249
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CFMS Representative.....	Pat Estes	948-7324

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Historian.....	Jonathan Vanderloop.....	245-2313
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Tailgate.....	Brett Ward.....	948-1232
	Jonathan VanderLoop.....	245-2313
Training Coordinator.....	Lloyd Guillian.....	962-6844

Instructors

Ed Deren, Jim Fosse, Gil Gilbert, Virgil Melton, Ed Skidmore, Pat Estes, Gayland Graves, Don Pomerence, Charles Toles, Cyndy Mandell, Lloyd Guillian and Kris Koch.

Club Website—www.vvgmc.org

What's happening around the clubs?

This information is taken from the pages of the CFMS newsletter.

January 28th, 29th and 30th: Redlands California.

Mineralogical Society of Southern California

Micromounters Symposium

San Bernardino County Museum

2024 Orange Tree Road

Fri 5p.m—10p.m, Sat. 9a.m—10p.m

Sun. Field trip time to be set.

Dr. Robert Housley (714) 697-4435

rhousley@its.caltech.edu

Mineralsocal.org (click on micromounters)

February 18—27; Indio, California.

San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society
Riverside Co. Fair & National Date Festival.

Gem & Mineral Building, Bldg.#1

46—350 Arabia Street

Hours: 10a.m—10p.m daily

Bert Grisham (951) 849—1674.

Bert67@verizon.net

February 25, 26 & 27: Newark CA

Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley—Newark Pavilion

6430 Thornton Avenue

Hours: Fri & Sat. 10—6p.m Sun 10—5

Larry Ham (510) 887-9007

showchair@mgscv.org

www.mgscv.org

February 25 & 26: Northridge CA

Del-Air Rockhounds

Northridge United Methodist Church
9650 Reseda Boulevard.

Hours: Fri. 3—9p.m. Sat. 10—5p.m.

Chris Ward

Chris.ward678@yahoo.com

Delairrockhounds.blogspot.com

March 5 & 6: Arcadia, CA

Monrovia Rockhounds, Inc.

L.A County Arboretum & Botanical Gardens.

301 Baldwin Avenue

Hours: 9—4:30p.m. daily

Jo Anna Ritchey (626) 359-1624

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www.Morocks.com

March 5 & 6 Ventura, CA

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society

Ventura County Fairgrounds

10 West harbor Boulevard

Hours: Sat. 10-5p.m Sun. 10-4p.m.

Andy Anderson (805) 987-0043

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March 11, 12 & 13 Victorville, CA

Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club

Tailgate at Verde Antique Marble

Quarry.

Stoddard Wells Rd. 12 East of I—15

Hours: 9—5p.m. daily

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For other listings, see the CFMS newsletter available in the clubhouse.

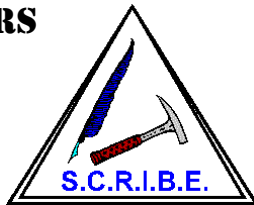
2010 VVGMC Accomplishments

This is a list of some of the accomplishments our board made in the year 2010. I would like to thank the board for their diligent work and participation in making these events come about.

The purchase of three new rock slab saws
New tile saw (trim saw)
Two cab grinders
Assessment on our property
Perpetual Plaque
By-Laws brought up-to-date with amendments
Rock slab donations and sale
Small store established
Library computer program purchased
The start of the Pebble Pups program for children 10 years and up
Updated web site with members and board mass email
Resurfaced and striped the parking lot
Sample vests made
Established a purchasing agent
Went "green" with the newsletter
Auctioned surplus equipment
Established a mutual working relationship with Women in Mining (WIM)
Energy efficient lighting upgrade from Edison at no cost to us
Final distribution of display boxes to schools
Demonstration/Education night combined
Two-year contract with Kaman Bearing
Beading, silver, casting, fused glass, and wire wrap classes
Meeting guidelines established
Outside storage improvement on going
Lots of new members
An improvement in the Spirit of the Club

ATTENTION ALL NEWSLETTER EDITORS AND PROSPECTIVE EDITORS

- There is a society devoted to helping you with your monthly newsletter—both content and grammatical construction.
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- Dues are just \$6 a single or \$8 for a couple. See Doug Arnold at (760) 885-7409.



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 January General Meeting was held on Tuesday, 25th at 7:00p.m. and the February general meeting will be on Tuesday the 22nd.

Going Green

Our newsletter—the *Bulletin* has been green for quite a while now. If you need a hard copy—(you do know it is shown in color on the club website) because your computer isn't working properly—see me, the editor (Alan Molineux) and I will be happy to put your name on the list to receive one.

Club Directory

Many of our members use the club directory.

If you do not have a club directory and would like one, see Gayland Graves of Lynn Hallock and they will be able to help you out.

What's on the front cover.

We've had some harsh weather lately. The day before I was due to go back to work—Monday, January 3rd, it snowed. I figured there wouldn't be any rock collecting on that day and so the front cover appears like this! I've lived up in the high desert for ten or so years now and we get unseasonably harsh weather now and then. This just happens to be one of those years! Whereas rock cutting and polishing can certainly be done indoors, rock collecting—which is done outside requires much nicer weather. Well, I'm sure as the year wears on the weather will get nicer....Ed

New Lighting at the Club



You might have to wear your sunglasses the next time you go to the shop.

Edison's contractors replaced all the lighting and it is very bright. This was done at no cost to us as part of their energy conservation plan.



**The 35th annual
Stoddard Wells
ROCK HOUND
“Tailgate”
Victorville, CA**

**March 11th, 12th and 13th , 2011
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)

**Findings, Books, Jewelry, Slabs, Cabs , Equipment and
literally TONS of Rough Material.**

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

**Restrooms, Drycamping, Food, Snacks & Drinks , Prizes and best of all
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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**January Board
Minutes**

John Printz will be running the Pebble Pups (Junior members) meeting on Saturday, January 8th. Chairs were purchased by the club from the now defunct Star Buffet—54 white ones at \$3 each and 37 black chairs at \$5 each.. We are looking to store them Brett Ward updated the board with the latest Tailgate information.

After cancelling the recent equipment auction, we are looking to keep the saws as back ups pending a report on their usability.\

The vests are being worked on. Commonwealth Edison is supplying energy efficient lighting. The club is considering a chain link fence between us and Del Taco. Kris Koch was recently made an instructor.

Ed Deren is looking into offering club bumper stickers for sale.

The treasurer needs to find someone to inventory and price all the club's assets.

De Leon Electric fixed Kaman Bearing's power pole and power box.

Janet Flecher will be the Education Night speaker for January.

Lois Papner bought new software for cataloging the club's library material. She also ordered a new computer at accost of \$410.

**December General Meeting
minutes**

The club held it's Christmas dinner in December and so no official general meeting was held.

February 2011



Sun

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Sat

		1 Instructor's Meeting—6p.m. Board Meeting 7p.m.	2 Workshop 1—9p.m.	3 Workshop 1—9p.m.	4	5 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m.
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13 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m.	14	15 Education/ Demonstration Night 7p.m.	16 Workshop 1—9p.m.	17 Workshop 1—9p.m.	18	19 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m.
20 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m.	21 Junior Members will work at the club.	22 Pot Luck at 6:30p.m. General Monthly Meeting at 7:30p.m.	23 Workshop 1—9p.m.	24 Workshop 1—9p.m.	25	26 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m. Clean up starts at 9a.m.
27 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m.	28					

Deadline for the March issue of the Bulletin is Monday, February, 7th. Ph. (760) 951-7064 or email amolineux@gmail.com