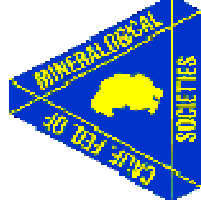
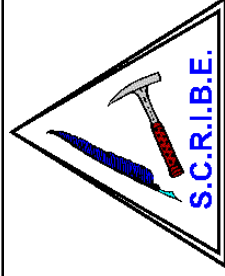


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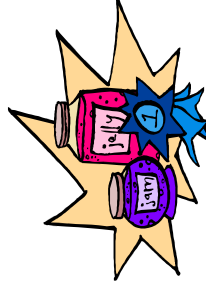
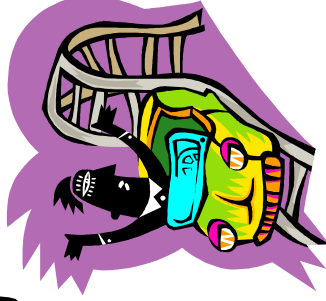
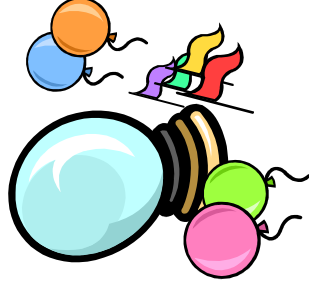
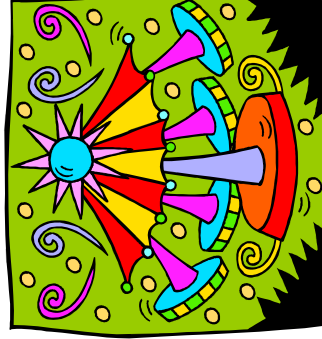
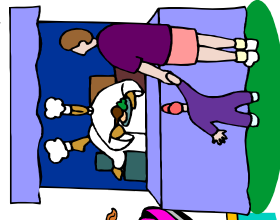
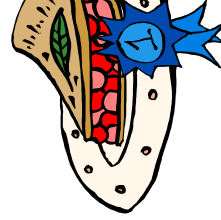
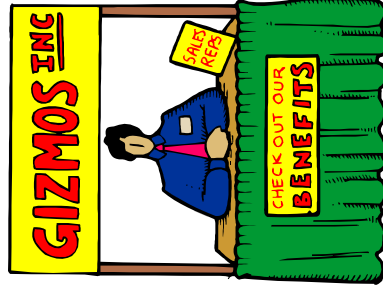
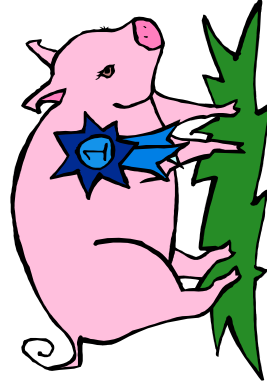
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Club Website—[www.vvgmc.org](http://www.vvgmc.org)

More photographs from the fair and other bits and pieces.



Debbie and her husband Ed Berresford and their grand daughter at the county fair.



Kerry took these photographs of me and Virgil with a broom and dust pan cleaning up the club house.



Pat Estes and Blaine Witte work on their projects in the Grinding Room.



## V.V.G & M.C at the County Fair



Cyndy Mandell and John Printz talk about the club to members of the general public



Kerry took these photographs at the county fair. Members filled display boxes with their projects and collections and showed the general public what could be done with rocks that are found locally and also with those from afar.

## 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 May General Meeting was held on Tuesday, 24th at 7:00p.m. and the June General Meeting will be on Tuesday the 28th.

### On The Front Cover

I call this the "fair" issue. Between Saturday 14th and Sunday 22nd of May we have a booth at the San Bernardino County Fair. It gives club members the opportunity to meet with the general public and demonstrate their techniques and it is also an opportunity for the public (who may have an interest in lapidary) to ask questions and possibly sign up to become members.



## Serendipity Days

Serendipity Day was held again this year at Topaz school in Hesperia on Thursday, May 19. Every year our club participates in this event with other groups including the gold club, African Violet club and many other community groups to present a fun hands-on activity for the children. This event takes place after the grueling state testing and as an end of the school year event. We have been making a copper wire basket that holds a polishing tumbled stone the children love making and wearing and many have told me year after year that they still have theirs.

Virgil and I have been participating in this activity for over five years we invite anyone who is interested to join us in helping the kids to make this piece of jewelry. We met around 8:00 a.m. at the Topaz school and conduct three groups of students in a 45 minute session. The school provided us with a t-shirt and lunch. This was a very enriching activity and the students loved it.



## Petrified Pups Agenda—2011

### May Earth in Space

7th (Randy & Mike) Meteorites

21st (\_\_\_\_\_)

### June Stone Age Tools and Art

4th (Terry Booth)—Knapping

18th (Randy & Mike) Stone Age Art

### July Rocking on the Computer

\*9th (Lois Papner)—Cataloging Your Collection \*(Mtg. will be a week late due to the holidays)

16th (Jim Fosse)—Exploring the Web

### August Gold Panning and Prospecting

6th (Jonathan Vanderloop) - Gold History

13th (John Printz) - Gold Panning

### September Fossils

3rd (Randy & Mike) Fossils

10th (Curtis & Marilyn Pierson) - Fossils

### October Gemstone Legend & Law

1st (Ken Davis) - Gemstones

15th (Nancy Woodside) - Legend and Lore

### November Earth Resources

5th (Patti Deer) - Use of Minerals

19th (\_\_\_\_\_) - Career in Earth Sciences

### December Earth Processes

3rd (Cyndy Mandell) - What is a Rock?

17th (\_\_\_\_\_) - Plate Tectonics.

January 2012—Communication'

February 2012—Leadership



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### Petrified Pups need help!

We are going to have a fundraiser. This is to help us buy our Petrified Pup Patches (yes, we are designing our own patch.) In either June or July we are going to be having a combination: car wash, BBQ, bake sale, and raffle on the club's clean up day. What we need is anything you don't need for our raffle.

We also need instructors on pup meeting days (the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month.) I need someone supervising the saw room, (2) in the grinding room and someone on the All You Needs and glass grinders

Thank you for helping the pups.

John Printz.

## May Board

### Minutes

Bob Arias was nominated for Life-time membership.

Carole Mc Michael related her work on the club CD.

Lois Papner will get more tri-fold brochures on the club from Michael Fosse.

The board discussed changing the sign in sheet to show "Fee paid."

Jonathan VanDerLoop said the hill behind the club is in good shape with the exception of a small area near the water pipe which needs filling.

Cyndy Mandell volunteered to pick up some gravel in her trailer to cover the hole near the water pipe. The board looked at possibly putting on a Fall Tailgate. Lyon's park in Apple Valley was bandied around as a possible location.

Alan Molineux mentioned that the CFMS dues need to be paid.

Cyndy told of her exploits together with Lois Papner for Women in Mining in the Sacramento area.

Andrew Turner discussed the club geological scholarships.

We need to vote on the painting of the Kaman Building and the re-roofing of the club house. These issues could not be voted on at the last general meeting because insufficient members were present.

Jonathan VanDerLoop will look into the cost of another storage shed.

## April General Meeting

### Minutes

The club president and 2nd V.P were absent.

There were too few members for a "quorum."

Jonathan VanDerLoop brought in the 2009 club history book.

Linda Engle will do the display for May.

Blaine Witte spoke of recent and upcoming field trips.

We need volunteers for the upcoming San Bernardino County Fair—see the club bulletin board to sign up.

Club clean up day is April 30th at 9a.m.

Curtis Pierson mentioned an upcoming show at Helendale—Mojave River Trail Days—October 1st and 2nd.

John Printz said he needed more help on Saturdays with the Petrified Pups.

Mike Stafford spoke about the club hospitality.

Jonathan VanDerLoop spoke about filling in the hole at the rear of the clubhouse—up the hill, by the water pipe.

### Upcoming Soldering Class

I will be offering a soldering class Wednesdays, June 1st, 8th, and 15th at 7:00 p.m. This class is for beginning, intermediate, and advanced students. This class is designed to help members master the five soldering basics. We will practice our techniques by making finger rings. A supply list will be available at when you sign up at the club and pay a \$20.00 show up deposit. This class is limited to the first eight members who sign up.

Cyndy Mandell

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## Lost Donations

I have been told this rumor. Near the end of April 2011 a club member came in and donated a bunch of turquoise (several large pieces included.) When this club member made the donation, it was specified that it was for the Petrified Pups. I, (John Printz) am the Pup leader and I have not been given any of this turquoise. So, if someone did make such a donation, ....what was donated and to whom was the donation given.

The only donations (outside of the donations at the tailgate) are: a set of gem marbles, some religious medallions, and one I forgot (for the moment.) If you have made any pup donation to someone beside myself—please let me know about it.

Thank you

John Printz

## Clean up Day

On the last Saturday of April only (6) workers showed up to work at the club. We got a lot accomplished: cleaned (3) saws (including the big blue one,) cleaned all of the tabletops and counter in the common area, vacuumed all of the floor mats and did a general clean up of the common area. Chieko and I drove down from Barstow. We really need members who live close by to come and clean the club. Only (6) people are supporting the whole club is just not enough!

I would like to see members come in once or twice a year to attend the club clean up days. Remember, this club belongs to us all!  
(original letter edited for content)

Very Disappointed,

John Printz

## Editorial

I have been doing the club newsletter (Bulletin) for quite a while now and there are some guidelines I try and live by. The newsletter must be club oriented, up beat, appropriate for everyone - no matter what age or persuasion and of course credit must be given where it is due. I am very fortunate that I have a great many contributors in this club (there are a great many people who take photographs or write articles for me to use) and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your help and your input....Ed

# June 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Workshop 1—9p.m.	2 Workshop 1—9p.m.	3	4 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m. Petrified Pups 9a.m—12 noon
5 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m.	6	7 Instructor's Meeting 6p.m. Board Meeting 7p.m.	8 Workshop 1—9p.m.	9 Workshop 1—9p.m.	10	11 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m.
12 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m.	13	14	15 Workshop 1—9p.m.	16 Workshop 1—9p.m.	17	18 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m. Petrified Pups 9a.m—12 noon
19 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m.	20	21 Education/ Demonstration Night 7p.m.	22 Workshop 1—9p.m.	23 Workshop 1—9p.m.	24	25 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m. Club clean up 9a.m—till it ends.
26 Workshop 12 noon—5p.m.	27	28 Pot Luck 6:30p.m. Monthly General Mtg. 7:30p.m.	29 Workshop 1—9p.m.	30 Workshop 1—9p.m.		

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