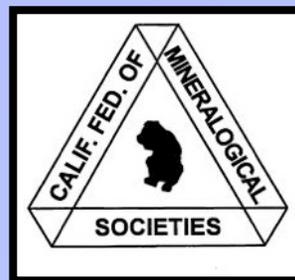


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Pebble Pups: 6:00 to 6:30 PM

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Juniors, 12 to 17, \$2 year. Pebble Pups up to age 12, free with paid adult.

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Because OGMS is affiliated with the AFMS, our members observe the following AFMS principles:



- I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without permission from the owner.
- I will keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.
- I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.
- I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.
- I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind such as fences, signs, buildings, etc.
- I will leave all gates as found.
- I will build fires only in designated or safe places and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.
- I will discard no burning material; matches, cigarettes, etc.
- I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.
- I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.
- I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.
- I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.
- I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.
- I will cooperate with field-trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.
- I will report to my club or federation officers, Bureau of Land Management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.
- I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.
- I will observe the "Golden Rule", will use Good Outdoor Manners and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public Image of Rockhounds everywhere.

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All Members are encouraged to submit any articles or advertisements of your interest.

Remember it is your newsletter too!

Articles and Ads can be submitted by email.

The Deadline to submit will be the 20th of each month.

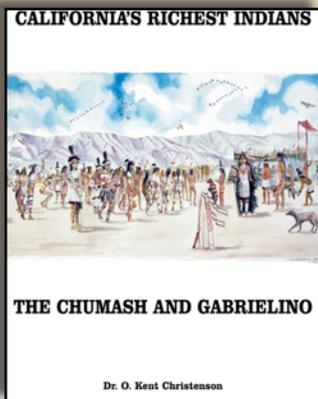
**Brian Miller
-OGMS Editor**



Sapphire is a variety of Corundum, an aluminum oxide mineral that forms in prismatic tabular, bi-pyramidal or rhombohedral crystals, as well as granular or massive habits, and may be transparent to opaque. Blue is considered Sapphire's "true" color and the one most often recognized, though Sapphire does form in a diversity of colors, and will have the color added to its name (for example: Green Sapphire, Yellow Sapphire). Additional mineral compounds forming with aluminum oxide are responsible for the different coloration, and in the case of Blue Sapphire, iron and titanium provide its heavenly hues. With the exception of Red Corundum, which is Ruby, all other colors of Corundum are Sapphires.

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THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 6, GENERAL MEETING



Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m., Kay Hara, First Vice President, presiding.

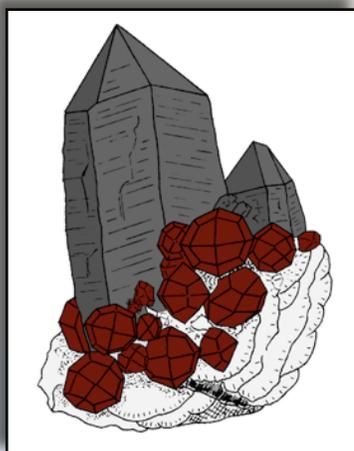
Several members of OGMS chose to attend the Ventura County Fair today as part of a club field trip.

Tonight's program is a presentation of the DVD, "Chumash and Gabrielino Indians," narrated by Dr. Kent Christensen. It serves as a reminder of our state's natural heritage and native American people.

No business was conducted, and the meeting was adjourned at 8.00 p.m., by Kay Hara.

*Respectfully submitted, August 25, 2014.
Laura Driskell, Recording Secretary*

THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 13, BOARD MEETING



Quartz Spessartine

Meeting called to order 7:35 pm, Adrian Ruiz, presiding. Review of the Agenda, addition of new item, "Review Role of Shop Steward," requested by Stephanie Hagiwara.

A big CONGRATULATIONS to our Rock Bag Editor, Brian Miller, who got a 2nd place trophy in the AFMS Bulletin competition!!

Motion by Miriam Tetreault, to approve July Board Meeting minutes, as printed in the Rock Bag was seconded, approved.

August board meeting. This can be done by the President, or another member.

Scholarships: Received satisfying letter from CSUCI recipient, who was invited to Holiday Potluck; Kay is reaching out to Oxnard College candidate to invite also.

Editor: Looking for newsletter articles by 20th of the month.

Classes: Memorandum of Understanding was signed and turned over to Parks & Rec. Insurance is current. Instructors will need to meet, confirm class times, fee schedules, and safety procedures. As soon as club is cleared to enter the building, electricity will need to be hooked up, machines re-tagged, and the POD ordered back. (Secretary's Note: A visit to the classroom revealed the front door to classes bent in at the bottom. A Facebook post by Jean pSmith stated that she was called by City personnel to say that a turnover in staff caused a delay in the MOU from being processed, but that it was found and rerouted as of August 25th.)

Refreshments: Volunteers for the next 3 months are: September, Louisa Carey; October, Miriam Tetreault; November, Brian Miller. Anyone can bring extra refreshments, if they wish.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Shop Steward: Stephanie has been unofficially doing this job for several years. It needs to be an appointed position, so it will be on the Nominating Committee slate for October. The Shop Steward should maintain records of inventory, chemicals, and machines, and recommend building repairs to the City, recording when such requests are made and completed. The Shop Steward should attend random classes to ensure that safety requirements are being taught and enforced; therefore, it would behoove the Club to give the Shop Steward access to classes as incentive. We have discussed the need for a CFMS Safety Officer, and it seems logical that this person would also serve as Shop Steward or as co-Steward with another member.
2. Reminder to submit 2015 meeting schedule to Bevra at OPACC, requesting meeting room. Miriam will type up schedule and submit, after it is checked by a Board Member. Recording Secretary requests that Board consider moving Board meetings in November and December to second Thursday of the month, to enable dual members to attend Ventura potluck and holiday party, and avoid possible schedule conflicts. Times requested for all meetings will be 6 pm to 9 pm, except for December Holiday Potluck, 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm.

**Adrian Ruiz adjourned meeting, 8:45 PM.
Respectfully submitted, August 26, 2014
Laura Driskell, Recording Secretary**

Treasurer's Report by Acting Treasurer Miriam Tetreault, including bills received, deposits made. Motion by Stephanie Hagiwara to approve bills for payment; accept treasurer's report, was seconded, approved.

1st VP, Programs: September, Janie Duncan, on "Three types of rocks in the L.A. area," also presenting information on fossils, dinosaurs, etc to Pebble Pups.

October, Show meeting: all show chairs should report. **November**, program on "The La Brea Tar Pits" by John Cook. **December**, Holiday Potluck, 6:30 PM, Ventura Room.

2nd VP, Show: Show meetings before Board meetings in September and October, 7 PM. Raffle tickets will be printed and ready next week. Publicity needs to start now, signs, banners, requests for donation.

3rd VP, Field Trips: Larry Knapton, Bishop for garnets in late September. Jade Cove and Trona in October. Lavic Siding for Agates in early November, Wiley's Well, Thanksgiving weekend. See website, Rock Bag and Facebook page for maps, etc.

Corresponding Sec: Cards in mail for Shows coming up in SoCal.

Membership: We have 45 paid members. A roster will be emailed, and some printed for those who need one.

Federation: CFMS, with assistance of Stockton club are planning the 2015 show in Lodi. Louisa reports that Jim Brace-Thompson has volunteered for the Kid's Booth, and is requesting help with rock bags, etc. OGMS should nominate a Rockhound of the Year, by

Club Show Meeting for Sept & October months, Don't miss out!!! -Miriam Tetreault

THE P R E Z S E Z . . .

Hello OGMS Member's,

First off I want to personally thank all who helped participate in this years Ventura Fair. It wasn't easy but with all your help we did it. With the Fair now over, we need to start thinking about what show at our Expo in November.

Now, lets give a warm welcome to Janie Duncan, she will first be demonstrating with the Pebble Pups; then she will be off to show us adults a thing or two about dinosaurs, and fossilization. Come and join us, Newcomers are always welcome!

Adrian Ruiz, President



S E P T E M B E R 3 , P R O G R A M



As you recall Janie Duncan will be our program next month.

Janie Duncan will present her Rock Talk. She will cover 3 types of rocks, some local geology of mostly the LA area, crystal structure, Mohs hardness scale, rocks changed by erosion, and end up with fossilization. It will cover quite a few subjects but not in great depth. It is a basic introduction to rocks and a good refresher course for the more experienced rockhounds.



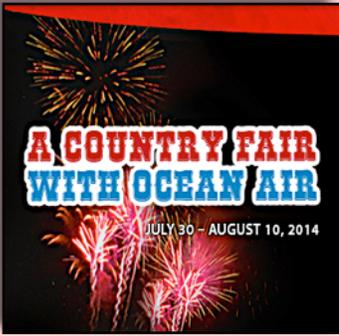
Pterosaur

The Pebble Pup program will be presented earlier and will cover Dinosaurs and Fossilization.

So come and enjoy a well presented program by Janie. She will also be available for you to purchase items from her beading and other craft products.

***Kay
Yer ole' 1st VP programs chair.***

I HUGE THANK YOU TOO...



A BIG THANK YOU to OGMS Members Cynthia Baumgartner, Nancy Bogart, Louisa Carey, John Cook, Sunny Cross, Laura and Bob Driskell,

Stephanie Hagiwara, Kay Hara, Carolyn Howe, Brett Johnson, Larry & Donna Knapton, Lee Leighton, Jack and Anne Lewis, Jo Martinez, Brian Miller, Adrian Ruiz, Miriam Tetreault, Ron and Jean Wise all volunteered to help at the fair. We had many newcomers this year and a lot of fun! If you were not mentioned I truly apologize.



Group Picture after 6 weeks of set up, entries, fair, take down. From left to right: Back row: Nancy Brace-Thompson, Cynthia Baumgartner, Lee Leighton, Don Asher, John Cook, Diane Cook, Laura Driskell, Krishna Juarez, Front Row: Jim Brace-Thompson, Raul Barraza, Maria Flores – still laughing and having a good time even when exhausted!

The Ventura County Fair is one of the largest local events that reaches out to over 300,000 people in attendance every year. This is a great community event to share our love for rocks!

Congratulations to Donna Knapton (20 years), Anne Lewis (15 years), Lee Leighton (10 years), Stephanie Hagiwara (5 years) and John Cook (5 years) they were awarded for their years of service to the Ventura County Fair. Great Service work, Thank you!

Again, a big thank you and hope to see you next year!

Diane Cook



Adrian Ruiz (OGMS) and Sharon Cunningham (VGMS) during Educational Rock day for kids. 200 Bags were given out. Great job!



Stephanie Hagiwara (OGMS) and other society members are helping to check in exhibitors. Notice how much fun we are having!

2014 "GALAXY OF GEMS" EXPO EXHIBIT CHAIR REPORT - SEPTEMBER

Our 45th annual "Galaxy of Gems" Expo is quickly approaching (Nov. 1st & 2nd) and it's time to think about what you will be exhibiting this year. Our theme will be "Quartz". That means there will be many opportunities and ways to show case this beautiful mineral. Of course, there will be plenty of room to display the many other facets of our hobby. We had almost 60 exhibits last year and that is a wonderful number of cases, but I would like to get more than 75 this year. We can achieve this with your help. We, as Society members, need to spread the word and exhibit forms to other Clubs. We need to commit and sign up to display more than one case. We need to encourage our fellow Society members, especially the younger ones, to show off their beautiful collections, wonderful treasures, and amazing creations.

There is an exhibitor's application on the back of the Rock Bag, there will be some available at the general meetings, or you can email your information (bj9709@yahoo.com).

The deadline for entry is Oct. 15th, so get that form filled out and sent in soon.

Thank you for sharing your past displays and looking forward to see your future ones,

Brett Allen Johnson 2014 Exhibit Chair



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CALLING ALL PEBBLE PUPS



Newcomers always welcome and never go home empty handed.

This month we have a special guest speaker! Janie Duncan has shared her beads with us, now she is going to talk about fossils and dinosaurs. Don't miss out on the fun. Looking forward to seeing you there!

The meeting will be held in the Thousand Oaks room of the Oxnard Performing Arts Convention Center (800 Hobson Way, Oxnard)
The first Wednesday of the month at **6:00pm**

Rocks ROCK!

Louisa Pebble Pups Coordinator

EDUCATIONAL CORNER

Dinosaur Footprints on the Roof... Of the World Written By: Jørn Hurum

Alongside Jørn Hurum, many other intrepid archaeologists ply the frigid winds and waters of Svalbard searching for fossils and other ancient remains. The islands of Svalbard, located far to the north of Scandinavia in the Arctic Circle, are as remote and breathtaking as a fossil survey gets. Here is an excerpt from a trip into the teeth of the "Ice Dragon."

Wednesday, 30th of July:
After a short wait we got a helicopter lift towards the east side of Spitsbergen. The weather turned worse during the trip and when we reached the area just east of the Svea coal mine, the snow got too dense to fly through and we had to return.



Patrick Drickenmiller studying a dinosaur track up close. (Photo courtesy Jørn Hurum)

Waiting until 9:00 p.m. and making a new flight out was our second chance and this time it worked. We got to Kvalvågen at 22:30 and started the mapping of the dinosaur tracks. The first tracks were found in 1976 and described in 1978, but until 2012 it was believed that there were only three tracks preserved at the site. In 2012 we discovered several more tracks. However, due to the logistics involved we were not able to visit this remote site again until this year.

We are five scientists: The head of the short expedition was Snorre Olaussen, a sedimentology professor at the University Centre in Svalbard (UNIS), and part of the LoCra group; Øyvind Hammer, a paleontologist and computer wiz from the Natural History Museum in Oslo, where Hans Arne Nakrem (also a paleontologist) and myself work. The last participant was paleontologist Patrick Druckenmiller from The University of Alaska Fairbanks, where he has the same position as I have in Norway (head of vertebrate paleontology collections).

The site was spectacular, remote and cold, with the Barents Sea lapping onto a booming glacier across the bay. To see dinosaur footprints on a fossilized beach, itself now a new beach along the same ocean as in the Cretaceous, only colder, was an experience we will always remember.

We mapped 36 tracks in 3D using a total station and photogrammetry methods. At least two different track makers were found including one trackway (several tracks in sequence). The tracks date to the early Cretaceous, about 125-million years ago, and are among the northernmost dinosaur tracks discovered in the world to date. Although weather threatened to delay our trip at first, it ended up beautiful, albeit cold and windy.



Getting an "aerial view" of dinosaur tracks. (Photo courtesy Jørn Hurum)



Hans Arne Nakrem, Øyvind Hammer, Jørn Hurum, Patrick Druckenmiller and Snorre Olaussen. (Photo courtesy Jørn Hurum)

And... finished at 5:30 a.m. The midnight sun is a fabulous thing.

After our work was done, we found a sheltered spot in the sun and slept until the helicopter picked us up at 10:00.

Hurum, Jørn. "Dinosaur Footprints on the Roof... Of the World!" *News Watch*. National Geographic, 6 Aug. 2014. Web. 28 Aug. 2014. <<http://newswatch.nationalgeographic.com/2014/08/06/dinosaur-footprints-on-the-roof-of-the-world/>>.



Magdalena Domingo

May 25, 2014

Dear The Oxnard Gem and Mineral Society:

I would like to take the time to thank you personally for granting me The Lois and Bill Allmen Scholarship. Coming from a family that has saved no money for my college education, I am very grateful for being selected for this award. I feel honored to be seen as a student with enough potential to make your contributions worth awarding.

I will be transferring as a junior to California State University, Channel Islands this Fall 2014 from Cuyamaca College. I chose CSUCI because the school offered a major that I saw as perfect for me: Environmental Science and Resource Management. Always trying to be conscientious about my lifestyle, I thought that this major would be great for me to become more knowledgeable about environmental issues and ways to create relief for said issues. My goal is to graduate for CSUCI with this degree and work for a company as an environmental scientist, working with team to solve ecological concerns. Now, I feel one step closer to achieving my goal because of your generosity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Magdalena Domingo".

Magdalena Domingo



Having Fun: Junior Activities

By Jim Brace-Thompson, Juniors Program Chair

Encouraging Club Reporters

I've served as a judge for juniors articles in our annual AFMS bulletin contest for a half dozen years, and the big thing I always notice is just how creative and enthusiastic our junior members can be. Reading these articles is just plain fun! Sadly, the next thing I notice is that each year, without fail, the number of juniors' entries submitted for competition declines. For instance, four years ago we had 17 entries in all. Three years ago, it slipped to 16. Then 15. And this year? With only 4 of the 7 Regional Federations participating, we had just 10 submissions. Now, that may say something about my judging ("Don't send entries anywhere near that old man – he's a crank!") or it could say something about how we are failing to encourage our kids along. Now, granted, I can be a crank, but I think it says more about the latter than the former. So here's a request. Via Regional Federation newsletters, local newsletters, and local society meetings, get out the word to encourage youth submissions in those newsletters. Next year, give this old man a chance to be cranky 20 times, not just 10! And in case you think I'm lecturing at you, I'm taking myself to the woodshed on this one. My own local society didn't have a single article written by a junior member in 2013 because we didn't take it upon ourselves to encourage it. From the articles I've read, it's clear that kids have had great fun during field trip adventures, while learning about fossils and mineral wonders, and while pulling together their first lapidary projects. Let's put a pen in their hands and encourage them to share that fun!

AFMS NEWS



Reflecting on the 10th Anniversary of our Badge

By Jim Brace-Thompson

Program & Thanking Our "Super Users"

After a year or two of constructing activities, working out logistics, a lot of research and writing, and winning approval and funding from the AFMS, I initiated our AFMS/FRA Badge Program in 2004 with the release of the first Badge Manual and a set of 9 badges kids could earn. (Up until then, all we had was a Membership Patch to give to kids in affiliated societies, along with occasional ideas and encouragement for their leaders.) Every four years, I've updated the Badge Manual and gradually added new activities and badges such that we now offer a Membership Patch, 20 Activity Badges, a Rockhound Badge for kids earning at least 6 Activity Badges, and a Rock Star Pin for kids earning the full set of badges.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of that official start date, so how are we doing? 135 clubs and societies across the U.S. have signed up for the program at one time or another. In some instances, it's just been to get their pebble pups affiliated with an AFMS/FRA Membership Patch. In other cases, it's been to help the children of a single active family. Most often, we'll see a spike in activity in the first year, a tapering off the second year, and perhaps no further communication after that. I'm not saying that's bad—that's just the natural flow of things, especially when working with kids. The problem with kids is, they grow up! Thus we see constant ups and downs with junior memberships.

However, a few select "Super Users" of our Badge Program have managed to counter the trend, and from what I've observed, it all comes down to a single champion for the

kids—someone who has made a long-term commitment, shows energy and enthusiasm, and keeps those fires burning, attracting new kids even as other kids grow older and move on. This month, I wish to honor those "Super Users" by singling out societies that, over the years, have awarded over 200 FRA activity badges each to their pebble pups and juniors: Bakersfield Mineral Mites (CA), Mother Lode Mineral Society (CA), Woodland Hills Rock Chippers (CA), Colorado Springs Mineral Society (CO), Flatirons Mineral Club (CO), Tomoka Gem & Mineral Society's Coquina Kids (FL), Albuquerque Gem & Mineral Club (NM), Mineral Minds (NY), Charlotte Gem & Mineral Club (NC), Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club (PA), Gulf Coast Gem & Mineral Society (TX), Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club (WA), Rocky Trails Junior Club (WA), and Whidbey Island Future Rockhounds (WA).

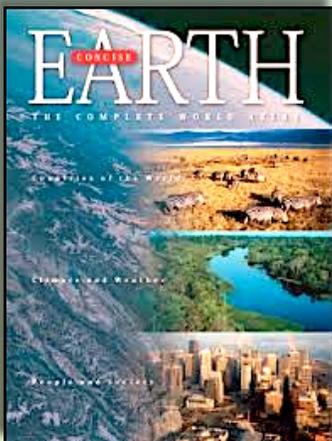
Other clubs (for instance, Roseville Rock Rollers [CA], Summit Lapidary Club [OH], or the "MOCKS" of the Gem, Lapidary, & Mineral Society of Montgomery County Maryland) haven't reached the 200-badge level but still run active, vibrant kids' programs. So while these clubs and others are not yet "Super Users," they're still super in my book!

These societies have used the program in a variety of ways—as part of normal club activities with meeting and activity times set aside for the kids, as part of a school program affiliated with a local club, as an independent juniors-only club, as an annual "summer camp" program—but again, it all comes down to that central dedicated leader. It's to those great folks that this month's column is dedicated: Thank you each for inspiring kids and keeping it fun!

Hello OGMS,

Please remember the following rules when checking out a book or a DVD:

1. You must be a current member with your dues paid, hopefully an active member.
2. Up to three books or DVD's that can be checked out at one time.
3. Books & DVD's can be checked out for one month at a time you check them out at a meeting and bring them back the next following meeting. If you wish an extension, please arrange with the librarian.
4. Books or DVD's must be brought back in good shape; any damage must be reported. If a book is lost, please make every effort to replace it or pay for it. Some books are very valuable.
5. If books or DVD's are overdue a week, you will be called and reminded to return them.
6. Any book(s) or DVD(s) you have that are relevant to our hobby and are fairly current, in good condition that you wish to donate to the library, it would be greatly appreciated.



The Complete World Atlas - EARTH

By: Charles F. Gritzner

This book is a practical and accessible reference atlas. It puts the world at your fingertips and sets the standard with its carefully researched information, wealth of detail, full color photography, and superb cartography.

The text was written by an expert team of geographers, geologists, astronomers, and historians. The detailed mapping presents the topography of each region of the world. It contains detailed descriptions of the world's countries, dependencies, and territories. It also contains hundreds of superb color photographs, including stunning satellite imagery.

This reference book requires a \$10 deposit if you take it home. There is no deposit required to read it at the meetings. This book also has a reference DVD. It is to be used on a computer. Check your operating system for compatibility.

Check out a book at the next meeting.....there is something for everyone.

Lee Leighton, Librarian

CERRO GORDO 2014 TRI-CLUB FIELD TRIP REPORT



My partner ended up getting sick so I left later on Saturday than planned. It is not safe plucking rocks in the hot desert alone, so I opted to travel straight to Ridgecrest and check into my room. The room was cool and clean, and it was close to shopping and the theater. Outside it was 104°

Sunday morning I was up, through Subway for a couple of foot long sandwiches (for breakfast and lunch), and off to Lone Pine by 6:30. The caravan had already been gathering at the Chevron station just at the South end of town. Everyone checked in and paid our \$5.00, then the group headed out. Our next stop was the small town of Keeler, at the base of Cerro Gordo.

We staged at the base of Cerro Gordo Road, and once we got word the road was clean, we headed up. This climb is steep, but the road was in good repair. There is a microwave tower at the peak of one of the hills above so the roads are well maintained for access to it for service. This also means we had reasonable phone coverage. The drive up was uneventful, but dang the windows got so dusty it was hard to see out front! The upside to being so high on the hill...it was a nice 76°!



We all found parking in and around Cerro Gordo, and we were treated to a talk by Bob Desmarais, the caretaker, about the history of the mining operation, what to expect to find, and what to avoid. We then broke for the hills, and treasures! I collected for about an hour, as the high altitude was playing heck with my ability to stay upright. There was much to be found on the dumps, and as usual I went the opposite direction of everyone else..well, at least most everyone else. What I collected was a few small samples of

Chrysocolla on Galena (one piece, one crumbly piece, and one with just stains) some Orpiment / Realgar, Marble, a bit of Calcite material, tons of druzey-coated materials...and a good sized piece of white Smithsonite. I was climbing across a hill to grab the bright blue Chrysocolla and spotted what I thought was a large rock with Calcite crystals on the face...when I got it home and cleaned off, surprise! One lady found a beautiful fist-sized piece of blue Smithsonite, which was the prize of the day. After just over an hour of scrabbling across the mine dumps, I headed down for some grub.



Most of the group ate lunch in and around the center of town (we ate in the Hotel) just after offloading our firewood and 5 gallon caches of water. I continued to inspect the interior of some of the buildings, and take photos. Our day concluded with some photos with most of the Tri-club folks out in front of the old assay office. Once we finished with the photos, we said our good-bye's and I followed Steve Mulqueen down the hill. Let me tell ya, going down the hill is much scarier than going up...break into a skid on that narrow road...well you know. This was my first experience with using "4-low" and coasting down at 7-10 mph. We reached bottom without incident, and headed our separate directions. I reached my home in Oxnard just at 6:30 PM.



If you get the chance, try to make this annual trip. The experience of seeing some of our living history, some of the most beautiful scenery in the country, and finding cool rocks is something special to look forward to, and frankly it should be a "bucket list" trip for all Rockhounds.

~ Bob Driskell

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS, EVENTS & SHOWS



Kanan Rd. Agates (VGMS) September 6th at 9:30 am

Two sites in the Santa Monica Mountains for sagenite & plume agate, marcasite, chalcedony. There are several ravines, rock outcroppings. Light to moderate hike, getting harder the more you go uphill. Light to moderate brush covers the mountain.

You will need digging tools, rock pick, pry bar, and as usual, collecting bag/bucket, sturdy shoes, hat, plenty of water, etc.

Wear clothing for protection against bugs, ticks and other wildlife; long pants and sleeves is recommended as there is brush to wade through.

Contact David Mautz for more info and Maps!



Bishop Garnets September 27th-28th

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More will be added as we get closer to the date; Larry Knapton has offered to sponsor a repeat of this trip.

-Hosted by Larry Knapton



Lavic Siding Jasper October 11

Hosted by Carolyn Howe

This will be a full day trip to the area between Ludlow and Barstow, on Interstate 40. The roads require a high clearance sturdy vehicle, but 4 wheel drive should not be necessary. Anyone wishing

to stay an extra day may be on their own :)

We will be collecting fine quality Jasper and agate at two locations in the Lavic Siding area. There will be ample material to bring home, so be very discriminating with the material you keep :)

We will meet @ 8:15 at Rte 66 where it meets Hector Road at the overpass.

For overnight camping, exit Hector Road and go south to Rte 66. Turn left on 66 and follow it until it crosses back over I-40 about 8 miles east of the Hector exit. Once you get to this overpass, follow the dirt road, Lavic road 45 degrees right instead of crossing the Interstate. The dirt road will curve around to the south, and you will come upon a large camping area on the left

hand side. There is no running water or facilities of any kind at this site, so be sure to come prepared.

For those who are Motel campers, there are several places to choose from in nearby Barstow, starting as low as \$39.99 a night for 2 queen size beds. We stayed at Motel 6 on the March scouting trip and it was fine.

Keep in mind that it is mid-spring, and the temperatures can top **80 degrees** during the day, and can still get very cold at night.

What to bring:

- **Rock pick**
- **Collecting bag/ buckets**
- **Plenty of energy**

Also:

- **Good sturdy shoes**
- **Long sleeves as it is in the desert**
- **Sunblock**
- **Good coverage hat.**
- **Food & plenty of water!**

The site is a good distance away from any concessions so remember to bring plenty of water and snacks.

Upcoming Shows in September

September 20 - 21: CHICO, CA

Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society, Oroville
Silver Dollar Fairgrounds
2357 Fair Street
Hours: Sat 9 - 5; Sun 9 - 4
John Scott, (530) 343-3491
Email: jweazel@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.featherriverrocks.org

September 27 - 28: MONTEREY, CA

Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Monterey Fairgrounds
2004 Fairgrounds Road
Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5
Contact: Janis Rovetti, (831) 372-1311
Email: janis12@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.cvgms.org

September 27 - 28: SANTA ROSA, CA

Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society
Wells Fargo Center for the Art
50 Mark West Springs Road
Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5
Jolene, (707) 528-7615
Email: Jolene@srmgs.org
Website: www.srmgs.org

September 27 - 28: LODI, CA

Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club
Lodi Grape Festival Grounds
413 East Lockford Street
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Jerold Kyle, (209) 368-9411
Email: jeroldkyle@yahoo.com
Website: www.stocktonlapidary.com

Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society "Galaxy of Gems" Expo 2014

We would like to invite you to Exhibit at our 2014 "Galaxy of Gems" Expo.

Our theme this year is "QUARTZ – Gemstone of the Ancients". The Show will be held on November 1st & 2nd at the Oxnard Performing Arts Center (800 Hobson Way, Oxnard). Set-up times for your case will be Friday, Oct. 31st between 1:00 pm & 9:30 pm and on Saturday before 8:00 am.

Society guards will be on duty around the clock for security and members will be on hand to assist you in loading / unloading or in any other way that will make your stay enjoyable. A complimentary dinner will be served to exhibitors at 6:00 pm on Friday. Your exhibits must remain on display until the end of the expo on Sunday at 4:00 pm.

We would be honored to have you take part in our Show and would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible. Deadline to submit your Exhibit Form will be Oct. 15th. Please fill out and return the below entry form to:

Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society c/o Brett Johnson
5138 Corbina Way
Oxnard, CA. 93035
or email the information below to: bj9709@yahoo.com

NAME: _____ TEL: _____

ADDRESS: _____ EMAIL: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

WILL EXHIBIT A TOTAL OF _____ CASES.

WISH TO BORROW _____ OGMS CASES. (CASE INSIDES: 46inch x 22inch x 22in)

HAVE _____ OF MY OWN CASES, THEY ARE _____ inch WIDE by _____ inch DEEP

MY OWN CASES WILL BE: BOX _____ OR PONY UPRIGHT _____ / FLAT _____

A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF MY EXHIBITS: _____

JOINING FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER? _____ HOW MANY IN YOUR PARTY? _____

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