

NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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September 1993

PRESIDENTS COLUMN

by Walt Messemer

HELLO! I hope everyone had a pleasant summer. I will be demonstrating at the Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona weekdays 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. I wish all of our members would come and see the exhibits and see how people display their work.

PROGRAM COLUMN

by Don Warthen

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Date: Sept. 14
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: La Habra Sr. Center, Assy. Rm.
Speaker: Don Rosenfield

We are looking forward to a great crop of meetings this fall.

Professor Rosenfield will be giving us a talk on dinosaurs. Many of us remember him as a former club member. He has prepared an all new presentation, so let's all come and hear an interesting talk.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

by Virginia Page

NOC CLUB ACTIVITIES

Cab Classes at Walt Messemer's; 7-10 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday Evening.

Regular Meeting -- September 14

Field Trip to the Whittier Onyx Claim

(see page 3) -- September 25,26

Board Meeting -- September 28

SHOWS AND EVENTS

La Pacifica G&M Group, New Location,
Carson Center Com. Hall,
801 E. Carson St., Carson 9/4, 5

Los Angeles Co. Fair,
L.A. Co. Fairgrounds,
1101 W. McKinley, Pomona 9/10-10/3

Convair Rockhounds,
9115 Clairmont Mesa Blvd,
San Diego 9/11, 12

AFMS/RMFMS Show and
Convention, Denver Merch.
Mart, 451 E. 58th Ave.
I-25 & Exit 215, Denver,
Colorado 9/16, 19

Delters G&MS, Apollo Park
Neighborhood Serv. Cen.,
12458 Rives Ave., Downey 9/18,19

Faceters' Guild of S.Ca.
Orange Co. Fairgrounds,
Costa Mesa 9/25, 26

San Diego Co. Council,
Bing Crosby Hall
Del Mar Fairgrnds., Del Mar 10/1- 3

El Monte G&MC and La
Puente G&MC, El Monte
Parks & Bldg., 3130 N. Tyler
Ave., El Monte 10/2,3



NOC SHOW NEWS

by Angie Harwood

September 14 Regular Meeting --There will be a short show and tell meeting for club members who want to help make items for the upcoming 1994 NOC Show Country Store. Bring crafts to show and tell for ideas. We need your support.

DISPLAYS

by Walt Messemer

I would like to see all my cab-making class students bring what they have made this summer to our September meeting to display.

FIELD TRIPS

by Bill Burns



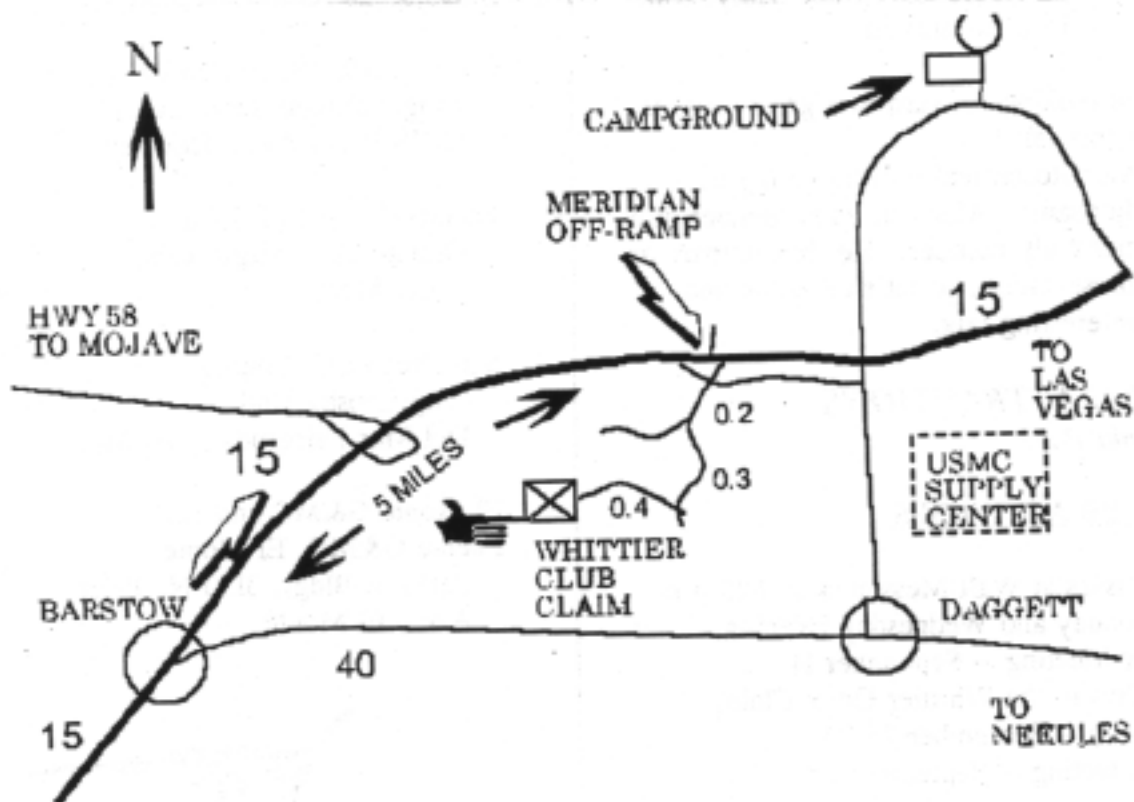
Our September field trip will be to the Whittier club onyx claim for the CFMS Field Trip South Seminar. There will be speakers and trips to nearby collecting areas. See map below. Dates are September 25 and 26.

REFRESHMENTS

by Adele Huber

Telmo Baida and Adele will bring the refreshments for our September meeting.

Thanks Don and Ofelia Warthen for the delicious goodies we enjoyed at our June meeting.



MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to those born in September. We hope you all have a wonderful day!

- Jean Bennett, 9/1
- Angie Harwood, 9/3
- Loretta Inforzato, 9/6
- Linda Driscoll, 9/8
- Dolores Maggs, 9/23
- Don Warthen, 9/25



Your gemstone is Sapphire.
 Your flower is Aster or Morning Glory.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Don and Ofelia Warthen. They became proud grandparents of twin boys on July 31.

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Some of our members have had some physical problems this summer. We hope all have fully recovered and are ready to head for the hills to look for our desert's hidden treasures.

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CLUB NEWS AND MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Regular Meeting June 8 -- Thirty-one members attended our meeting.

Donation -- Fifty dollars will be donated to the California State Mining & Mineral Museum in Mariposa.

Displays -- Telmo brought some interesting objects including a display of black coral. Jane Livezey brought an educational exhibit showing rock identification. Russ Hughes brought some opalized nodules and wood collected at Hackberry Wash. Easter field trip pictures were on display. -- Izzie Burns

Drawing -- Winners of our door prize drawing were: Betsy Messemer, Don Warthen, Clarence Pool, Russ Hughes, Al Hermosillo, Susan Hansen, Bill Burns; and the main prize (a picnic kit) was won by Lucile Howe.

Field Trip -- Bill Burns gave his report. Sign-up sheets for NOC Orange Co. Fair days were available.

Federation Director -- Jane Livezey talked about a field trip to Mexico that is being planned. She has information on this. Also information on AFMS and CFMS shows.

New Member -- Walt presented Mike Maneth with a club vest.

NOC Annual Show -- We discussed whether or not to have a Country Store. There will be further discussions on this in the fall. Angie Harwood will have a more comprehensive report and ideas to help us decide if we really want to have this as part of our show.

Term length for Officers -- It was suggested that those serving one year terms be asked to serve for two years starting in January 1994. If this is agreed to, our by-laws need to be changed.

CLUB NEWS AND MEETING HIGHLIGHTS (Continued)Board Meeting June 22

Donation -- The slide projector screen NOC donated to the city of La Habra arrived and was mounted on the wall.

Don Livezey gave his Treasurer's report.

Loretta will send the list of Orange County gem show NOC workers to Todd Schowalter.

Jane Livezey told us about the California Mineral Education Foundation based in Sacramento. They put out a guide that lists teachers who are available for classroom presentations on a number of subjects including the earth sciences. There was a questionnaire that our club could fill out and return to them.

Walt has forms for people who would like to exhibit at the Los Angeles County Fair gem show in Pomona.

Don Warthen gave his program report. The auction and white elephant sale will be in October. Our speaker for September has not yet been selected.

We discussed the Country Store and club rocks left over from our show. One suggestion was to bring the rocks to our general meeting and let members have them.

For our Christmas party entertainment this year, it was suggested that we try to get the guitar player who entertained us at Bill Burns' retirement party last June.

The Fallbrook area of gem stores as a place to go on a field trip was suggested. Jane will get us more information on this.

Board Meeting August 22

Jane had more suggestions about the trip to Fallbrook. She will get more information and make some preliminary arrangements.

Don Ogden read a thank you note from the California State Mining & Mineral Museum thanking us for our contribution to their museum fund.

Nominating Committee -- Walt appointed Susan Hansen; the Board appointed Al Hermosillo. Izzie Burns will be asked to take the job of Federation Director.

The Board approved payment to Walt for new grinding wheels for machines being used in his cab-making classes.

HANDY HINT

To store your finished cabochons, use a plastic coin sheet. It will hold 20 cabs.
from PVGMS TUMBLER, July-Aug. 93

RECAP TIME by Virginia Page

BILL BURNS' RETIREMENT PARTY
 JUNE 5 -- Everyone had a wonderful time watching Bill have a wonderful time. We had lots of delicious food, enjoyed a very talented guitar player who played our favorite sing-along oldies but goodies, and watched Bill open all those fun things. It's a good thing he likes to wear T-shirts! Thanks Bill and Izzie for memorable evening.

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PROGRAM JUNE 8 -- Toy Sato presented a very interesting talk and slide program about the chrysanthemum stone. She gave some history about how it was found in Japan, Korea and China; and how it became a valuable collectors' item. Many beautiful slides and displays were shown.

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CFMS SHOW JUNE 25-27 --
 The Oxnard Gem & Mineral Soc. did a great job doing all the things a host club has to do to present a successful show

of this size. The exhibits were outstanding.

Our NOC NEWS bulletin captured 1st award in the CFMS Bulletin Editors' contest. Just ask our club members who attended the Saturday night Awards Banquet how excited your editor was to accept the beautiful plaque! I received it again at the Editors' breakfast Sunday morning, but that time it wasn't a surprise.

I was also honored to accept a 1st place award for the Oxnard club's special Seagull Contest in the jewelry division.

The next CFMS show is April 8-10, 1994.

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POT LUCK/SWIM PARTY AUGUST 22 --
 Twenty-five members enjoyed a wonderful time visiting friends and eating absolutely delicious food on a gorgeous day! Ofelia brought a cheese dip with crackers that was so good we almost didn't leave room for pot luck. Thanks to our host and hostess Don and Jane Livezey for a most pleasurable afternoon at their home.

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Some of you retired teachers might appreciate these 'gems' taken from the Wildacres Daily Newsletter, Tom Milligan, editor (authors unknown), via SCRIBE July, Aug., Sept., 1993.

Dear School: Please excuse John being absent on January 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 & 33.

Dear Teach, please excuse Harriet from missing school yesterday. We forgot to get the Sunday paper off the porch and when we did find it was Monday and we thought it was Sunday.

Please excuse my son's tardiness. I forgot to wake him up & didn't find him 'till I started to make beds.

RECAP TIME (Continued)**The Skeptical Field-Tripper**

Well, it was getting close to the time for the field trip to Hackberry Wash and I was getting nervous so to make sure I didn't chicken out I invited my experienced, and enthusiastic friend Ronda to go with me. I picked her up at 5 A.M. It only took a minute to get to Barstow and forever to get to our turnoff. Once we got off on Goffs I realized we were in for a great time. The plants and scenery were beautiful and there was a lot of animal life to watch.

Almost simultaneously we and our chauffeur (Bill Burns) pulled into camp and we were on our way to the diggings. We met Don and started working on a nice piece of flame agate. Don used his muscle while Ronda and I did the sound effects (uhh! The sound of the men working on the chain gang). Shortly Bill was back to pick us up and we were back in camp.

Don Ogden had a little trouble with his red jeep but Russ Hughes rescued him and drove him into Needles for a new battery.

Well, I have to say this camping thing is not near so bad in a motorhome. I learned this thanks to Virginia Page. I enjoyed staying with her very much.

We rested a while in Bill and Izzie's new screened in awning. Ask Ken and Robbie how nice it is. We then had our dinner, dessert and got ready for our campfire. Bill has some wonderful song books and I think now is the appropriate time to ask for donations for my singing lessons. Remember everyone will benefit from your generosity!

Jane and Don Livezey made a little side trip to Laughlin but returned empty handed. I finally got to meet Gary Willens who is on our roster and writes tid bits for our newsletter quite often. Thanks for the information Gary and I hope to see you at the Culver City show. Lee Hughes gave us some exercise tips and Ray managed to stay all neat and clean throughout the trip. Ophelia is a real trooper and kept at it even after a pretty bad fall. Don Warthen showed us where to find the petrified wood and accompanied us on the guitar.

We all had a great time especially me. I decided I don't want a Rolex after all for my birthday. There is a travel trailer just waiting for me out there.

PS: Thanks everyone for showing me what great fun these trips are.

HEALTH WARNING; ROCK DUST TOXICITY

When grinding and polishing, don't breathe the dust of rocks. Some materials are toxic. Tiger eye is not some kind of harmless agate - it's quartz with asbestos fiber inclusions. The asbestos makes it shimmer and shine, but the airborne fibers are carcinogenic. Malachite is also poisonous as a microscopic dust particle. If you breathe it, mild to very serious breathing problems can develop.

WEAR a mask when you are cutting and grinding. You can never be too careful. -- from Lapidarian 4/91 via The Tumble Rumble 9/93

CFMS NEWS

The California Federation needs help in filling the following 1994 Committee positions: Bulletin Aids Chairman, CFMS-Endowment Fund Chairman, and Treasurer.

Please call Jim Nelson, 1st V.P., (408) 274-2181, or write to him 4160 Forestwood Dr., San Jose, CA 95121, if you can accept any of these positions. Help is available for you to learn the duties.

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**CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES
55TH ANNUAL SHOW & CONVENTION**

AROUND THE WORLD WITH GEMS

APRIL 8, 9, 10, 1994
San Diego County Fairgrounds
Del Mar, California

Host Club: El Cajon Valley Gem & Mineral Society



Jane Livezey has forms and information for anyone who plans to exhibit at the CFMS show in April. Right now it is urgent that non-competitive exhibit entry applications be turned in. Deadline for listing exhibitors in the official program is December 1, 1993. Final deadline is March 7, 1994.

Jane Livezey, Federation Director

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AFMS NEWS

AFMS Smithsonian Museum Fund -- The Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History in Washington, DC has finalized the plans for the renovation and renewal of its Hall of Geology, Gems and Minerals. The Hall, to close in late summer 1994 for complete renovation and renewal, is scheduled to reopen in 1996.

To finance the new Mrs. James Stewart Hooker Hall, a total of 10 million dollars will be raised with an unprecedented 6 million dollars from private sources. This is where we, the earth science hobbyists of the nation, can give something to posterity in return for our enjoyment of the hobby. -- from The AFMS Newsletter 7/93, by Fred Schaefermeyer, AFMS Treas.

Send contributions to: Dixie Lee Alf, Treasurer, Smithsonian Museum Fund, 816 Whippoorwill Court, Bartlesville, OK 74006

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Part of this bulletin was put on the computer. Let me know how you like the cover and first three pages. If we go with this, it will take a lot of experimenting with setting up everything and me getting used to something new. It will eventually save time and bulletin space. -- Virginia Page