

NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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October 1993

PRESIDENTS COLUMN

by Walt Messemer

Hi! We were low in attendance at our September meeting. I hope you are all back from your vacations now. We need volunteers for our 1994 NOC show. See Izzie to ask what you can do to help her put the show on. We are still holding classes in cabbing at my house. We will have classes in other crafts. Please let the Board know what your interests are.

PROGRAM COLUMN

by Don Warthen

OCTOBER MEETING1

Date: October 12
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: La Habra Sr. Center, Assy. Rm.
Speaker: Surprise!

On October 12 we will have an eventful Auction and White Elephant sale. So bring some items to be auctioned off. This should be an evening of fun and amusement for all.

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 -- October 12
Field Trip to the Whittier Onyx Claim
(see page 3) -- October 23, 24
Board Meeting -- October 26

SHOWS AND EVENTS

"WHERE'S
THE SHOW?"

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| Victor Valley G&M C,
San Bernardino Co. Fairgrnds.
14800 7th St., Victorville | 10/9,10 |
| Whittier G&MS, Masonic Temple,
7604 So. Greenleaf Ave., Whittier
Also CFMS sponsored gem
carving seminar. | 10/16,17 |
| Orange Belt MS, Nat. Orange Show
Grnds., Citrus Bldg., E St.,
Arrowhead Av. Entr. (at Central),
San Bernardino | 10/23,24 |
| Indian Wells G&MS, Ellis St. at
Hussey St., China Lake | 11/5-7 |
| Yucca Valley G&MS, Nutrition Ctr.,
29 Palms Hwy., Yucca Valley | 11/6,7 |
| Kaiser R&GC, Canyon Crest School,
11851 Cherry Av. (Exit I-10 at Cherry
and go approx. 2 mi.). Possible field
trip to Crestmore blue calcite. | 11/6,7 |
| American Opal Soc., Quality Inn
616 Convention Way, Anaheim | 11/6,7 |
| | <u>1994</u> |
| Cloud's Jamboree | 1/15-2/15 |
| Quartzsite POW POW QIA | 2/2-6 |
| CFMS/El Cajon Valley G&MS
Show & Convention | 4/8-10 |

FIELD TRIPS*by Bill Burns***FUTURE TRIPS --**

October trip -- Plans and location will be given at our October meeting.

November trip -- will be to Gold Rock Ranch on Thanksgiving weekend.

December Christmas Party -- will be at Days Inn in Fullerton.

REFRESHMENTS*by Adele Huber*

Jane Livezey and Frances Troemmler are on the Refreshment list to bring goodies for our October 14 meeting.

Thanks to Telmo Baida, Virginia Harvey and the Hubers for the delicious refreshments we had at our September meeting.

EDUCATION AND DISPLAYS*by Izzie Burns*

Your Education Chairman has been out of touch. I know that Walt held some industrious cab-making classes this summer. Don Warthen was going to kick the fall off with a guitar class, but due to his nearly losing a finger, that has been placed on hold until he recovers.

I have had requests for a follow-up bead-stringing class, another petrified wood class or a weekend seminar, and some interest has been shown for a faceting class. Please let me know what your wishes are.

There has not been the time to continue the mineral classification study; so let's keep the October displays simple and in season. Displays will be orange or black minerals, rocks or finished stones.

NOC SHOW NEWS*by Izzie Burns*

SHOW TIME --- Walt asked Bill and I to chair the 1944 NOC Show - so I am making a request of every member to volunteer at the next meeting to serve on one or more of our show committees and carry that commitment on to work with that committee at the show. Those committees are:

Craft Store:

Dealer:

Decorations:

Demonstrations:

Donation Awards:

Exhibits:

Show cases

Facilities: Walt Messemer

Hospitality:

Kitchen:

Friday Night

Publicity:

Sales Table:

Geode Cutting

Security:

Setup and Takedown:

Electrical and Audio

Show Program:

Spinning Wheel:

CRAFT STORE by Jane Livezey

Now is the time to begin thinking about how you can contribute to the Craft Store at our March show. We would like to have good quality home-made and hand-crafted items this year. Also, this would be a good time to divide and pot some of your garden and/or house plants. Please help us make the Craft Store an interesting and profitable venture this year.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS*by Virginia Page*

Bill and Izzie have finally returned home from their 3-month long summer camping trip with lots of exciting tales to tell.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

(Continued)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all born in October.

Susan Hansen, 10/11 Gary Willens, 10/25
Ofelia Warthen, 10/20 Robbi Barrett, 10/28

MOVING TIME — Walt and Joanne Abramson are moving again! Please change your roster to the following:

2309 El Rancho Circle
Hemet, CA 92545

Phone: (909) 925-6903

CLUB NEWS AND MEETING HIGHLIGHTS*by Virginia Page*

REGULAR MEETING September 14

We had one guest attend our meeting, Joyce Longo. We are very happy she came.

Winners of the door prizes were: Loretta Inforzato, Clarence Pool, Joyce Longo, Al Hermosillo, Telmo Baida, Don Warthen and Bill Huber.

Don Ogden and Loretta told about their trip to the Earth Science Studies seminar at Camp Minaluta.

Jane Livezey gave her Federation report. She talked about local shows and CFMS show, and has non-competitive exhibit and camping forms.

Izzie will be our Show Chairman next year.

October program will be an auction and white elephant sale, and a surprize speaker.

Nominating Committee members are: Susan Hansen, Chairman; Al Hermosillo; Trini Hermosillo; Loretta Inforzato and Ofelia Warthen.

The By Law Committee will be selected at our October meeting. We need all of our members to attend.

Angie Harwood reported on her ideas for the Country Store. Some members brought crafts they had made.

BOARD MEETING September 28

Izzie gave her Education report.

Bill Burns gave his Field Trip report. The trip to Pala might still be a possibility. Maybe a tour of the tourmaline mine and a visit to The Collector rock shop can be arranged. Thanksgiving weekend will be to Gold Rock Ranch. October 23 and 24 may be a trip to Mule Canyon and camping at the Whittier claim; or maybe to the Northern Cadys since this might be the last time we will be able to get in there. Christmas party will be at the Days Inn on December 14. In January the trip will be to Stoddard Wells, and February to Quartzsite. March is our show.

Don Warthen announced that our program for October will be an auction and white elephant sale.

Izzie gave the NOC show report, asking for members to sign up for duties. We will have a Craft Show at our show. It was decided to leave all of the Country Store items in the warehouse until our show in March. At the Friday unloading time at the warehouse, things not wanted will be loaded into a truck for delivery to a needy charity.

Many ideas were given as to where the 1996 CFMS/AFMS show could be held. The search continues.

You know you've been rock hunting long enough when you look down at a rock and say "I hope it's not any good..."
From Burrow Express via Nodule Nocker News

RECAP TIME**SEPTEMBER PROGRAM** by Virginia Page

Don Rosenfield gave us a slide show and lecture on dinosaurs at our meeting. He shared some interesting theories about how these creatures became extinct.

CFMS FIELD TRIP SEMINAR by Izzie

Five members and three guests of NOC attended the CFMS Field Trip Seminar on Saturday and Sunday, September 25 and 26, 1993. Saturday consisted of some very interesting guest lectures, a delicious potluck dinner, a tremendous campfire, and some great comradery. Those attending were informed about the latest information from the BLM, the most up-to-date first aid techniques by the Barstow Fire Department and the latest safety precautions by the Desert Rescue.

Nancy explained the free access guides that the BLM has for sale for \$4.00 each. There are twenty-two such guides available, but she explained that there are changes and updates made so fast that they have difficulty keeping them updated. She, also, pointed out the privately owned land that is designated by the white areas that checker board these maps. She mentioned a free access permit that can be gotten from the BLM and is good for ten years. Contact will be made with the state office regarding this. She told a little about the problems that they have with drug dealers using the abandoned mines to process drugs and cautioned us if we met with people who protested our being in an area that it might be best to leave, as many of these people are impossible, but to report all such incidents to the BLM Rangers.

There were 50,000 mining claims in the Barstow area, one geologist and not enough Rangers to cover the area.

The San Bernardino County Search and Rescue stressed being adequately prepared when going on the desert - always have water, shovel, warm clothing, blanket, and snack food. You should tell someone where you are going and when you will return. Go where you say that you are going. Check vehicle yourself to be sure everything is working correctly. If you do run into difficulty - STOP - THINK - even write down your options. When you make a decision make every effort to point the way to where you are and where you are going. If you are thirsty, use the water; do not try to conserve it. If you are thirsty that means that your body has already started to dehydrate.

The Barstow Firemen gave some techniques for treating heat stroke, heat cramps, sunstroke, snakebite and broken bones. The latest treatment for snake bite is not to use the suction method, but instead keep victim calm, elevate the extremity, place ice pack on it, and call 911 or use other method to seek help.

Ray Ritchie, CFMS Field Trip Chairman South, led us to a very prolific area to collect jasp-agate or to dig for silver onyx on Sunday.

CAMP MINALUTA 1993

by Don Ogden

Camp Minaluta is an Earth Science Study Program sponsored by the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies. Our club is a member of the CFMS and our members should take advantage of their activities.

CAMP MINALUTA 1993

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Three members of our club (Loretta Inforzato, Joyce Longo, and Don Ogden) spent an enjoyable week at the camp. Loretta and Joyce divided their time between classes and field trips, while I only went on field trips. We had a great time and plan to go next year.

The camp is located in the Sierra Motherlode Country approximately 5 miles from Nevada City, California.

Accommodations were as expected: plenty of parking spaces for motor homes, rustic cabins and bunks for those without motor homes, public toilets and showers with plenty of hot water. The food was great. We even picked wild blackberries, and the cooks provided blackberry cobbler.

Forty-two people attended the classes, field trips and programs. Ray Meisenheimer asked for more club publicity to increase the attendance next year to above 60.

Classes

Faceting - Al Whitney
 Cabbing - Joe Hafeli
 Ming Tree - Bev Hafeli
 Sculpting - DeWayne Sharp
 Gold Panning - Frank Martz

Field Trips

Smartsville to watch gold dredging.

Malakoff Diggins, a rich hydraulic mine area. A ranger met the group and explained the history of how the mountain was washed away.

Nevada City for a historical walking tour which included the Lola Montez home.

All day trip to Crystal Peak, and a drive to Verdi, Nevada.

Field trip for Argelite.

Programs

Slide show "Bells That Make You Smile"

Sterling Warv-Pryer, Geologist. Slide program on Tectonic Plates.

Fun Night - Martie Isch

Graduation & Show Time

HANDY HINTS**RECLAIM CUTTING OIL**

To reclaim cutting oil pour old oil in half gallon milk cartons and add a small amount of water. Let the sludge settle for a few days. Put the cartons in the freezer (if your wife will let you). The water will freeze and the oil will rise to the top. All you have to do is pour it off. -- From Glacier Gravel, via Chips 'N Splinters 8/93

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CLEANING

Remove algae and lichen from your specimens with a soak in ammonia and water.

SAFETY

Save your eyes when clipping wire while making wire-wrap jewelry and the like. Wear eye shields or cover the cutting area. Those little clipped pieces can really fly like bullets.

From The Nugget 7/93 via Chips 'N Splinters 8/93

CFMS NEWS*by Jane Livezey*

The CFMS show is coming in April. I will have non-competitive entry forms at our October meeting for those who wish to exhibit. (See page 8 for directions.)

AFMS NEWS*by Bill Burns*

The AFMS Show and Convention was September 13-19, 1993 hosted by the Denver Council and shared with the Rocky Mountain Federation. Twelve Directors (two from each of the six Federations) six Officers and many committee chairmen were present.

The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies was voted into the American Federation. This group from the Southeast Section of the United States has about 6000 members. This makes seven Federations.

A dues increase was voted of twenty-five cents starting in 1995. This was the first dues increase in 18 years. This means that the CFMS will pay fifty cents dues for each individual member of CFMS. The AFMS has nearly depleted all of their reserve funds by having a deficit budget the last few years.

Ruth Bailey of Santa Clara Valley GMS was installed as AFMS President for 1993-1994.

This was a beautiful show with some great cases in competition.

Our Virginia Page won a second place trophy for NOC NEWS.

**AMERICAN LANDS ACCESS ASSOCIATION NEWS***by Bill Burns, Member of Board of Directors*

In Denver ALAA held three business meetings: the annual membership meeting, one general public meeting and a forum on the new Paleontological bill that is being proposed and will be introduced in the House of Representatives soon.

The business meetings (after the treasurer's report, budget, etc., were completed) were spent making plans for methods to increase membership, membership dues, and ways to improve this organization. Annual Membership Dues Payable before December 31 each year were adopted to be Base dues of \$25.00; Club/Society (amount and privileges left to the Executive Board): Contributing Member \$500.

A policy for Land Use was adopted. Development of a Wilderness Policy Statement was discussed and left for further study by the Directors. Reports are due in sixty days. A Code of Ethics was also discussed and held for future review. A suggestion was made to recruit people who are willing to stay abreast of laws, resolutions, etc., in each state.

National Computer Bulletin Board and a 900 number phone was discussed and the basic costs for start-up charges were approved in the new budget.

The ALAA Officers for 1994 will be President, the concerned, efficient Jon Spunaugle; Vice President, Marvin Houg; Secretary, proficient Bob Cranston; and Treasurer, committed and capable Ed Romack. Each of these people are hard working fellows that are giving an optimum of

AMERICAN LANDS ACCESS ASSOCIATION NEWS

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time and effort to save our hobby.

Updates on the current legislative bills that are affecting our hobby were given at the Board Meeting, General Meeting and Informative Meeting. In a nut shell - ALAA supports HR 1708 (companion Bill to S 775 which has passed the Senate) Mining Bill, HR 1490, and

the Fossil Bill which is awaiting introduction. ALAA opposes S 21 (Desert Bill), HR 322 (Mining Bill), and HR 1414. ALAA is keeping a close watch on the Desert Tortoise Study, RS-2477, reopening of Jade Cove for collecting, and over 100 bills that could impact the gem and mineral hobby.

The three Board Directors - Bill Burns, Charles Leach and John Alf, who were up for reelection this year, were elected to serve a three-year term.

EXHIBIT IN THE CFMS SHOW
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HELP US SOAR IN '94

San Diego County Fairgrounds
Del Mar, California

LOCAL CLUB MEMBERS ARE THE KEY TO THE SUCCESS OF THE CFMS ANNUAL SHOW! The host club provides the physical facilities for the show and convention events, but it is the club members throughout the Federation who enter the contests, come to the show and exhibit, attend the Directors' Meeting, and patronize the dealers that make the show a success. There are several categories for exhibiting. Special and guest exhibits are by invitation, but any member of a CFMS club may enter competitively, apply to exhibit noncompetitively, create a theme entry, or enter a case representing a local club.

MEMBER EXHIBITS AND WORKING DEMONSTRATIONS PRESENTING THE MANY ASPECTS OF OUR HOBBY ARE THE BACKBONE OF CLUB AND FEDERATION SHOWS. Member participation in these activities distinguish our shows from commercial ventures. Non-Competitive Exhibit Entry Applications are now available from your CFMS Director. The entry forms for other exhibit categories will appear in the October CFMS Newsletter. Advance Registration forms giving information regarding camping and costs of CFMS convention events are also available through your Director.

COME SOAR WITH US IN SAN DIEGO APRIL 8, 9, & 10! Mark these dates on your calendar, make plans to attend, then go a step further and decide what exhibits you will display in the show.

Dorothy Relaford, Chairman
1994 Show Publicity Committee



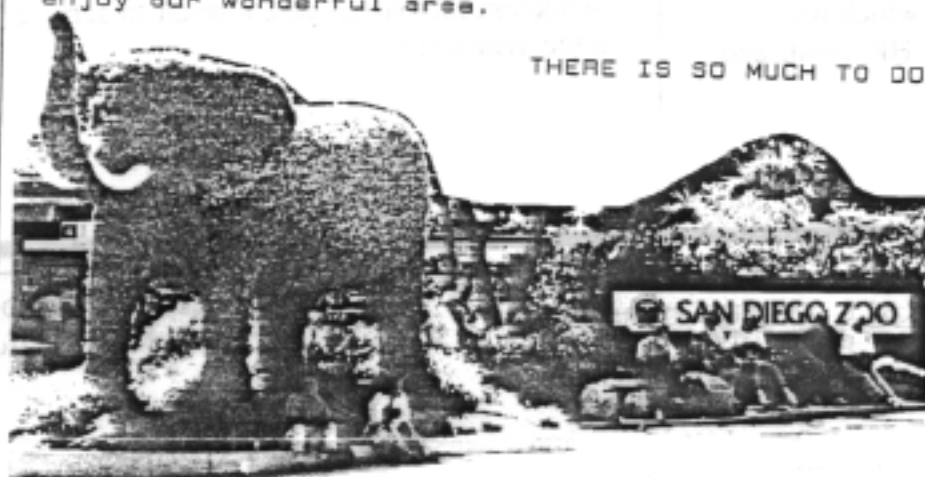
AROUND THE WORLD WITH GEMS

California Federation of Mineralogical Societies
55th Annual Show and Convention
April 8, 9, & 10, 1994

San Diego County Fairgrounds
Del Mar, California

COME SOAR IN '94!

The members of El Cajon Valley Gem & Mineral Society, host society for the 1994 CFMS Show and Convention, invite you to start planning now for a vacation in the San Diego area in April 1994 to attend the show and enjoy our wonderful area.



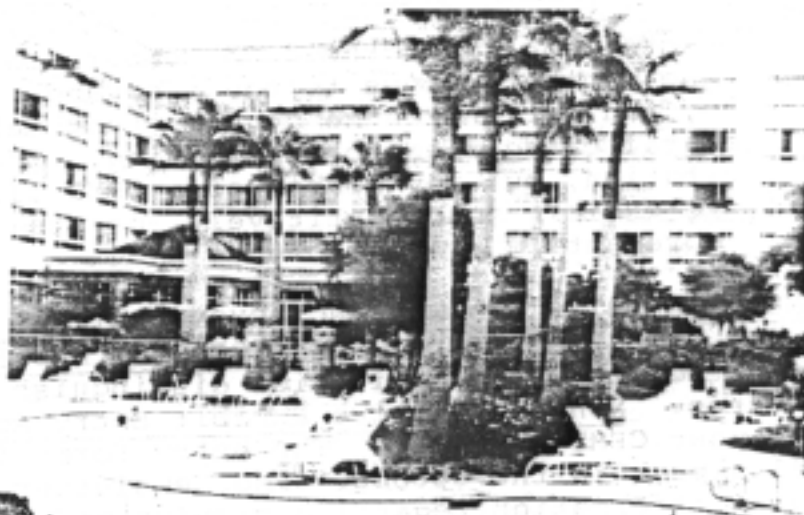
THERE IS SO MUCH TO DO AND SEE IN SAN DIEGO!

- World Famous Zoo
- Wild Animal Park
- Sea World
- Our Beautiful Waterfront
- Balboa Park
- and its many fine museums
- Scripps Institute of Oceanography
- South of the Border
- Visit to Tijuana
- Cruise to Ensenada

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CAMPING AVAILABLE
on Fairgrounds April 5-10



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shopping, church, etc.

