

NOC NEWS

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“New ideas,
new
programs,
new club
adventures”

President's Message from Loretta Ogden

We had our first board meeting for the year and I am very encouraged as to the future of our club. We have new ideas and commitments that feel good to me. I hope you all feel the same. We are looking at some new programs to link with the field trips. These are ranging from wading in salty water at Trona to a guided tour through a glass factory.

Once again we are asking you to answer a questionnaire to help the board. Please fill out and bring to the meeting in Feb. No names are necessary unless you desire a personal response.

Thank you and see you at the meeting. ☺Loretta☺☺☺☺☺☺☺



I would like to thank all of the officers who served last year and were of such help to me.

Thank you again, Loretta



1997 OFFICERS

- President.....Loretta Ogden
- 1st Vice.....Ginny Grafton
- 2nd Vice.....Pat & Sandy Mogan
- Treasurer....Bill Burns
- Secretary...Susan Hansen
- Federation Director.....
-Izzy Burns
- Directors.....
-Don Ogden
-Mike Maneth
-Pat Maggs

HELP!!

From
Loretta
and
Vicki

We need someone to help deliver article to the editor in a timely manner. This is an open invitation to all of you. Vicki is very busy and still would like to put the newsletter together but need to receive material ASAP.

Is there someone out there that will take it upon themselves to get together a list of the upcoming events and FAX or mail the info to V. Marks at (562)434-8879//3200 East First St., Long Beach, CA 90803

Specifically, all I need is to get Directors and any other info by the first Friday following the board meeting! If I get it the Wed. or Thurs. before the meeting I can not get the newsletter out in time for the meeting. I will have to resign as editor if I can't get this worked out. Thanks for any help in this matter.

SHOW NEWS

Loretta Ogden.....714 529 4419.....

We had a great time at our planning meeting and I am sorry more of you could not make it but you should all know Don and Loretta now have a new set of dishes. Ginny, Trini and Loretta have all undergone a little hair removal and put away their hats. Does this tease you enough to ask "What in the world went on at the Ogdens on January 19, 1997?"

Ginny Grafton.....562 865 2040.....

Here it is again! Get your grab bags ready. They were a great hit last year, so please try to put ten bags together with a least eight identified rocks in each one. This year we would like to put them in cloth bags so we can pile them in a box to save space. Loretta has fabric already cut in strips to make them. If you can sew them yourself just let me know you need the fabric, we can use some volunteers to sew also, so if you can help let me know. Thanks!

If you want to put in a case let me know as soon as possible.

Pat Maggs.....310 691 2840.....

I have arranged a work party for 9:00 AM Saturday February 15. We need to CLEAN OUT the warehouse and put the rocks in buckets. Meet at the warehouse if you can. The storage is on the west side of the street on Beach north of Imperial

Al Hermosillo.....310 695 8037.....

I still need volunteers to demonstrate so let me know what you would like to do.

I am ready willing and able to accept donation award prizes. We have a reputation for great prizes and this year will be no exception, starting with the main prize (diamond)! I know you will meet the challenge and search out the best of the best. Please don't forget that if you are unable to donate a prize it is traditional to donate \$5.00.

Loretta Ogden.....

Another year at Quartzite is over and we have that treasure we ran across. Bring it to the meeting to share with your friends and fellow treasure seekers. We travel to the ends of the earth for these so called treasures and the most valuable of all are right here in our local area. I am referring to our families and friends of course. The show is a perfect opportunity to share quality time with our valuables by enjoying the things we have in common or teaching a little of the hobby we are all so passionate about. Do all a favor and invite your family, friends and neighbors to partake of this visual feast you have helped to prepare.

He told someone and he told someone and he told someone and he told someone.

SHOW PLANS/DINNER AT OGDEN'S

A small, but industrious group gathered at Pres. Loretta and Don's home to finalize the plans for our upcoming show.

Ideas were great!

Al: "Let's buy a diamond for the main prize"

Loretta: "Then we could use some of our prizes for a sealed bid auction" Maybe have more than one auction. There is not room for a silent auction.

Where can we put the large case? It should be in front. No, on the stage. Pat, " Why don't we use the storage room where we have the fluorescent display." Discussions went on and on. Big case will go in the lobby south west side. Demonstrators will be in the front lobby and on the stage.

Use round tables in the dinning area or turn the other tables 90 degrees. Making the large doors to the storage area, so they can be open, if it is available. The spinning wheel and the crafty corner could be placed in that area.

Once all issues were settled. Chief chef Loretta and assistance Ginny and Trini adjourned to the kitchen. We were invite for the elegant dinning. Comments that were heard:

Pat: God! What? a feast!

Bill : God! What a mess! It was different!

Mike: This was the biggest and the best mess that I have ever eaten.

Jerry: What a meal! Messy, but great!

Izzie; Exotic, Delicious Edibles!

Ginny: Everyone was surprised.

Don O. Served with style and mustaches.

Trini: Fun, Fun, Fun, if you didn't come, you missed the fun.

Al: Mucho Buno - Cisto Buno -

Aggie: It was the center piece.

Loretta: They came; they worked; they feasted: they laughed:
Help! they are still here!

Don't miss anything that is going on with the Diamond Gem Show! North Orange County GMS is on a roll to host a big little show again and every member is needed to be a part of it.

Refreshments

For February's meeting we will be treated by Ofelia Warthen and Bob Lautario.

March is again Bill and Izzy's turn hopefully with a little help from someone else.

Highlights of 1/28/97 Board Meeting

by SUSAN HANSEN

Present were Loretta and Don Ogden, Susan Hansen, Ginny Grafton, Mike Maneth, Pat Maggs and Pat Mogen.

Much of the meeting was related to the Show coming up in March.

The new budget proposal is ready and will be presented to the meeting in February.

We need another Education committee chairperson. Jeff is still going to do reports for the bulletin, but Ginny is now handling programs.

There was a discussion on field trips. Mike Maneth agreed to be Field trip coordinator, other members will lead the trips.

We need to "advertise" the lapidary classes on Wednesdays at Walt Messemer's for the members.

Ginny is having a problem getting programs lined up, either due to illness of speakers or distances being too far for them.

February Field trip is Quartzsite, Stoddard Wells (and our show) in March. April is Easter trip. We still want 1 day field trips for those who can't get out for longer trips.

We need to clean out the warehouse, and get it organized, Also, to separate out the rough rocks and get some smaller ones set aside for the kids at the show. Loretta wants to have a polisher that we can polish a window in the rocks selected by the kids. We need more of the cloth grab bags. Pat Mogen is going to donate some 5gallon buckets for the "bulk" rock at the sales table.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM: STONE AND THEIR SUPERSTITIONS

by Earl and Kathryn Burch

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The Board made up packets of donation award tickets for the show and mailed to all members.
SELL SELL SELL and ASK FOR MORE!!!!

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH BLM

BY IZZIE BURNS

A phone call from our CFMS Editor prompted me to tackle the task of reporting to you two of the many things that are happening regarding field collecting and study. I need to condense to a paragraph about a 15 pages from the Federal Register and research over 1500 pages of the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) Draft for the Army's Land Acquisition Project to update you on its affect to our programs.

WILDERNESS AREA RULES UPDATE:

The BLM published updated Rules for use of congressionally designated Wilderness Areas in the Federal Register on Dec. 19, 1996. The rules that mostly affect us is the "mechanical transportation" and the requirement of permits to collect in the Wilderness areas. People who have collect obsidian at Davis Creek in Northern California have been a pilot program for the permit program. When talking with Burns (no relation) from the Aturas BLM Office, he said it was running smoothly. Not following these BLM rules would result in unreasonable penalties.

You may receive a copy of these rules as printed in the Dec. 18, 1996 Federal Register from your Congressional Representative. The 60 day comment period will end Feb. 18, 1996. Send comments to BLM Administrative Record, 401 LS, 1849 C Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20240 or electronically via Internet: WOCComment@WO.blm.gov.
attn: AB 69 and be sure to give your name and address.

NATIONAL TRAINING CENTER AT FT. IRWIN PROPOSED EXPANSION

The Army has proposed to expand the N.T.C. at Ft. Irwin by 331,217 acres. This lies north west of I-15 in San Bernardino County. (Map included) There are six alternate plans for this proposal ranging from all to none of the area being acquired for Army Training.

Dispersed throughout the proposed acquisition area are rocks and minerals. Some area that are to be taken are Coolgardie, gold prospecting area, and the Avawatz & Alvord Mountains, good rock hounding for jasper, agate, feldspar, epidote, azurite crystals, and petrified palm. Not included in the army lands acquisition is the north slope of the Calico Mountains where you may have found petrified palm roots, jasper, agate, etc. The entire area has a wealth of minerals and great potential for paleontological discoveries.

There will be environmental impact on sensitive wildlife, such as, desert tortoise, other wildlife habitats, and some endanger plants. Over 100 Cultural historic sites are dispersed through out the area. Off Road Vehicle Recreation has occurred through out the area, especially in the Silurian Lake Area.

Comment: This will be an international military training area. Is that really necessary in the U. S.? Since live ammunition has been replaced by laser in the army training program, make this a multiple use area for other use when the army is not using it.

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This withdrawal of public lands for military use will take an act of Congress. Copies of the entire EIS should be available from the BLM or your Congressional Representative. There is a ninety day comment period ending April 4, 1997. Send to:

ATTN; Fort Irwin Expansion Proposal DEIS
Bureau of Land Management
Barstow Resource Area
150 Coolwater Lane.
Barstow, CA 92311

Public Hearings

San Bernardino
February 6, 7 p.m.
County Government Center
Board Chambers
385 North Arrowhead Ave.

Baker
February 20, 2 p.m.
Community Center
Baker Blvd.

Victorville
February 13, 7 p.m.
Council Chambers
14343 Civic Drive

Sacramento
February 24, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Council Chambers
915 "I" Street

Barstow
February 18, 7 p.m.
Council Chambers
220 East Mountain View Street

(EDITORIAL COMMENT)

COME ON EVERYONE, WRITE SOME LETTERS OR ATTEND A PUBLIC HEARING...THIS IS CRAZINESS!! INTERNATIONAL MILITARY PRESENCE IS LESS DESTRUCTIVE THAN ROCKHOUNDS? I'M SURE JEEP, TANK, ARTILLERY, AND OTHER PRACTICE WILL BE VERY CAREFUL TO NOT DISTURB THE ECOLOGICAL BALANCE....AH, SWEET PENTAGON, WHOSE BACKS ARE BEING PATTED? (NOT THE TURTLES)

FIELD TRIP SOUTH SEMINAR APRIL 26-27, 1997 at the Sierra Pelona Rock Club Claim by Bill Burns

This claim is north of Los Angeles, near Edwards Air Force Base on Clay Mine Road. We will be there on Friday to set up camp. (Map

Saturday -

8:30 am Group gather for a discussion of History of Sierra Paloma Claim. How it was found and kept under claim all these years. Rules for use of this claim. How can other clubs establish a claim.

10:00 am Dig your own onyx

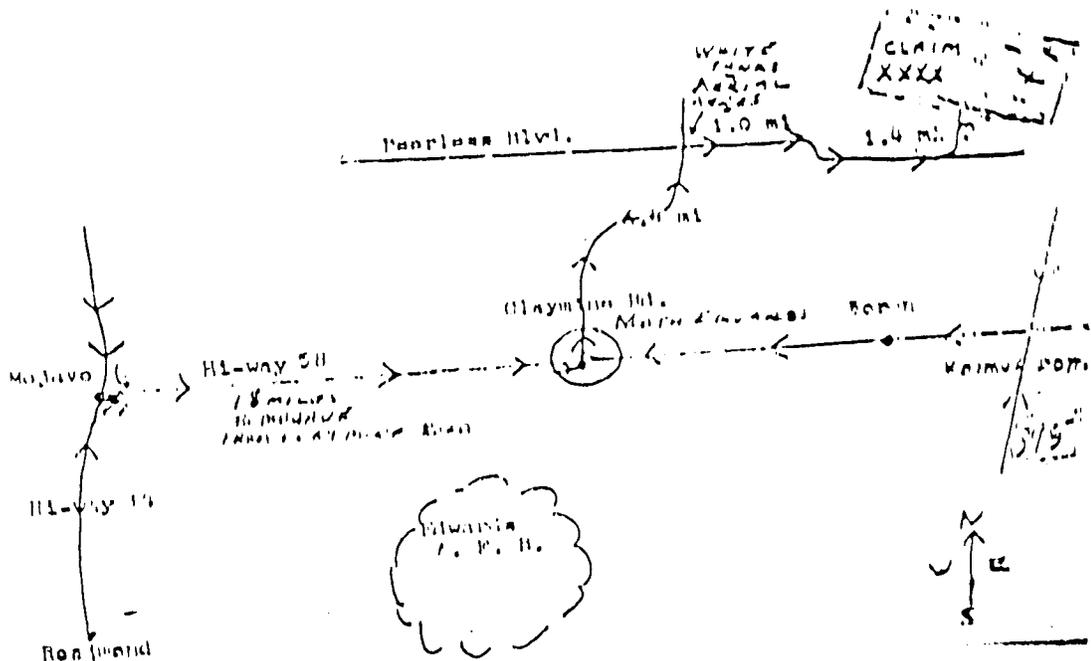
4:30 pm Rocktails - discussion and sharing of other collecting places in this area. Bring maps to share your collecting areas.

5:45 pm Pot luck dinner.

7:00 pm Campfire
Field Trip Preparations by
Desert open and closed areas, rules for rockhound use, latest on BLM, etc.

Sunday - Free time to try some of the near by areas, dig more onyx, or visit the Lancaster Show to see their beautiful exhibits, purchase needed supplies or equipment from their dealers, try your luck at their sales table, or have a piece of that delicious fresh baked strawberry pie.
Tip: Order your pie when you first arrive at the show or you may not get it.

For more information contact Bill Burns, 1038 Bradshaw Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91754-4921 (818) 288-2896.



**WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY VALENTINES DAY AND
A HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL THE FEBRUARY FOLKS**

Light another candle for:

AL HERMOSILLO 26TH
CLARENCE POOL 8TH
CHALMER STEED 3RD
FRANCES TROEMMLER 2ND
ZEKE WILDER 9TH



BIRTHSTONE: AMETHYST

FLOWER: PRIMROSE OR VIOLET

SHOWS TO SEE, PLACES TO GO
Please support your local show.

1997 CFMS SHOWS

JANUARY 11-12 EXETER, CA
Tule Gem & Mineral Society
Veterans Memorial Bldg
324 No. Kaweah
Hours: 10-5 both days
Don Vieira (209)732-7739

JANUARY 24-25, REDLANDS, CA
Pacific Micro Conference
So. Cal. Micro Mineralogists
San Bernardino County Museum
2024 Orange Tree Lane
"COPPER" Conference to register:
Juanita Curtis (310) 427-0657

FEBRUARY 8-9 SAN DIEGO, CA
San Diego Mineral & Gem Soc
Al Bahr Temple, 5440 Kearny Mesa Rd.
Hours: Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5
Bev Strohl (619-457-5641

FEB 22-23 NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA
San Fernando Valley Gem Fair
Valley Plaza Recreation Center
12240 Archwood St. North Hollywood
Hours: 10-5 each day
Gary Levitt (818) 993-0119

FEBRUARY 22-23 SAN JOSE, CA
Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds
344 Tully Rd
Hours: Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5
Ruth Bailey (408) 248-6195

FEB 28 - MAR 9 IMPERIAL, CA
Imperial Valley Gem & Mineral Soc
Calif Mid-Winter Fairgrounds
Gem & Mineral Bldg
Hours: Mon - Thur 4-10 Fri Noon-10
Sat & Sun 10-10
Jim Strain (619) 356-2361

FEB 28 - MAR 1-2 HAYWARD, CA
Min & Gem Soc of Castro Valley
Centennial Hall 22292 Foothill Blvd
Hours: Fri & Sat 19-6 Sun 10-5
Sue Bolton (510) 233-8821

FEB 28 - Mar 1-2 PHOENIX, AZ
Maricopa Lapidary Society
Phx Mt. Preserve & Conference Ctr.
1431 E. Dunlap
Hours: Fri & sat 10-6 Sun 10-5
Melvin Lenz (602) 373-0851



A big Native American sale, show, and pow wow is going on this week end in the same general area. So if you need to eat more fry-bread, this is your chance.

"THE ANNUAL SURVEY" from the President and Board

Meetings (What do you like or dislike?)(Please use reverse side for any comments that won't fit.) Suggestions will be gratefully accepted!

Programs _____

Refreshments _____

etc _____

Field Trips

Places _____

Times _____

etc _____

Newsletter

Format _____

Content _____

etc _____

Classes

Variety _____

Cost _____

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