

NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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Prez's Message

by Mike Maneth

The November meeting will be the last regular meeting, before our Christmas party in December, and we would like you to attend so you can vote on the 1999 NOC officers and/or volunteer for a position that needs filling.

The thanksgiving field trip will be to Loretts' old stomping ground of Holtville for a tailgating and silver picking trip.

November Meeting

Date: November 10
Time: 7:30 PM.
Place: La Habra Sr. Center, Assy. Rm.
Program: Election and your rock
to be thankful for

November Program

by Jeff Parker

Keeping in mind how this month brings thoughts of how much we have to be thankful for. At this meeting we will share our gratitude for a certain stone we acquired or a field trip we went on. Maybe even a rocky part of the world we visited. So be prepared to share your rock or memory with the club this month.

NOC Club Activities

Cab Classes at Walt Messemer's; 7-10 p.m.
every Monday & Wednesday Evening.
Regular Meeting — November 10
Field Trip — Holtville, November 25-29
Board Meeting — November 24
Deadline for NOC News — November 24

Shows and Events

NOVEMBER 7-8 FONTANA, CA
Kaiser Rock & Gem Club
California Steel Industries, 9400 Cherry Ave.
Hours: 9-5 Both days

NOVEMBER 7-8 ANAHEIM, CA
American Opal Society
Quality Inn Hotel, 616 Convention Way
Hours: Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5
Stan McCall (714) 827-5680

NOVEMBER 7-8 POMONA, CA
Mineralogical Soc. of So. CA
Fairplex, Building #6
Hours: Sat 10-7 Sun 10-5

NOVEMBER 14-15 ONTARIO, CA
Pomona Rockhounds
Masonic Temple, 1025 N. Vine
Hours: Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5
Doris Hietikko (909) 421-4572

NOVEMBER 25-29 HOLTVILLE, CA
Council of San Diego Gem & Min Soc
Holtville City Park - Rock Roundup
Hours: 9-5 daily
Jeep Swerdfeger (760) 344-6230

NOVEMBER 28-29 BARSTOW, CA
Mojava Desert Gem & Mineral Society
Barstow Community Center
841 S. Barstow Rd.
Hours: Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5
Bob Depue (760) 255-1030

DECEMBER 5-6 SAN BERNARDINO, CA
Orange Belt Mineralogical Society
San Bernadino Woman's Club, 503 W 31st St.
Hours: Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5
Debbie (909) 887-1246

**CFMS Show & Convention
County Fairgrounds
Turlock, CA
June 18-20, 1999**

*Mother Lode Mineral Society
Al Troglin & Dennis Stuart
<http://www.bell21.com/motherload/>*

Field Trips

by Mike Maneth

NOVEMBER 25-29 - The November field trip will be to Holtville. The field trip leader and date will be announced at the next meeting.

Refreshments

by Sandy Mogen

Verle and Al Stadell are on the Refreshment list to bring goodies for our November 10 meeting. Thanks to Sandy Mogan for the delicious refreshments we had at our September meeting.

Co-Editors

by Don & Loretta Ogden

We need articles from all the members. Share some of your lessons learned as a rockhound.

We would like to have different club members featured each month. So, send in a photo, and an article of your rockhound experience.

Members in the News

HAPPY BIRTHDAY and have a wonderful day all of you who were born in November.

*Jane Livezey - 11/11
Jerry Grafton - 11/19*

Your gemstone is Topaz.
Your flower is Chrysanthemum.

Election of 1999 Officers & Directors

by Don & Loretta Ogden

On October 13, the Nominating Committee placed names into nomination for NOC officers and Directors. Then nominations were called for from the floor. The process is posted in the General Meeting column on page 3.

The election will take place at the November 10th meeting. Following is the slate for the year 1999 after Don Warthen withdrew and Don Livezey declined:

President - Don Ogden

1st vice President - Susan Hansen

2nd vice President - Irene Veloz

Treasurer - Bill Burns

Secretary - Loretta Ogden

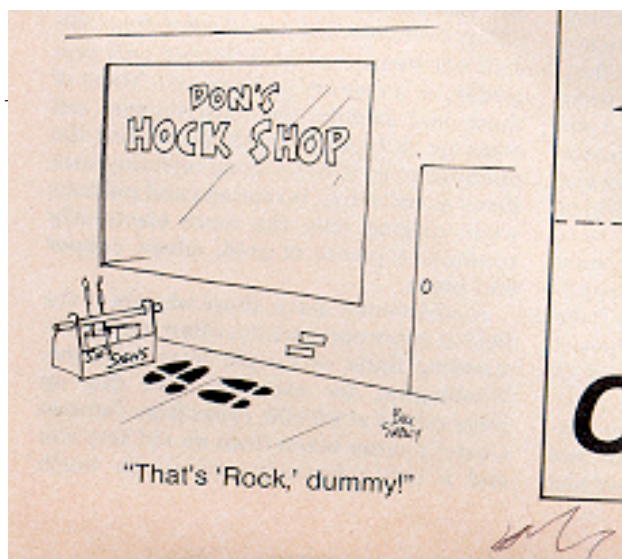
Federation Director - Izzie Burns

Directors -

Ginny Grafton

Jeff Parker.

Oscar Veloz



General Meeting October 13

by Susan Hansen, Secretary

The **meeting** was called to order at 7:37 by President Mike Maneth.

The **flag salute** was led by Susan Hansen.

The **program** on Australian Opals was introduced by Jeff Parker. It was given by Larry Hoskinson and Leslie Neff. They had a nice display of material and books and magazine articles on opal and Australia to share.

Minutes of last meeting in bulletin were approved with two corrections.

Treasurer's Report was given by Bill Burns and accepted to be filed.

No **Education** report.

Show Report - Loretta has the sign-up list for the show committee(s) you want to chair or work on.

Federation Report - was given by Izzy Burns. The CFMS fall meeting at Visalia is coming up in November. They are talking about setting up Websites for the federation. There is a letter from Imperial Valley going around with some incorrect information. Be aware if you see or receive one. Bill and Izzy are going to the Environment meetings.

Hospitality - Sandy reports that there are 30 members and 4 quests. Refreshments tonight are provided by Susan Hansen and Ginny and Jerry Grafton. Next month is Verle and Al Stadell. Birthdays this month are Susan and Ofelia.

Field Trips - mistake in minutes- trip is this weekend Oct 17 & 18 to Lavic Siding. The Delvers are going. This weekend is also the Whittier club show.

Loretta did the **drawings**. Don Warthen won the grand prize (an **opal** donated by our speaker).

Old Business - Youth Science Center at Hacienda Heights has asked us to return next year. Izzy asked for volunteers for the workshop on January 9, 1999, Saturday. Don & Jane, Ginny & Susan, Don & Ofelia, Bill & Izzy volunteered.

Nominating committee presented slate of officers:

President - Don Warthen

Treasurer - Don Livezey who declined.

1st vice President - Susan Hansen

2nd vice President - Irene Veloz

Secretary -

Federation Director - Izzie Burns

Directors - Ginny Grafton, Don Ogden, Oscar Veloz.

Nominations **from the floor**:

President Don Ogden

Treasure Bill Burns

Secretary - Loretta Ogden

Directors: Jeff Parker,

Izzy moved that nominations be closed. 2nd and passed. Nominees to be published in bulletin.

Voting will be at **November meeting**.

New Business - **Christmas Party** - Club wants to have one Sandy Mogan will check on locations and let us know.

Sub: **Election for President**
Date: 10/26/98 10:55:51 PM EST
From: warthen@earthlink.net (Ofelia Warthen)
To: donogden@aol.com

We have always encouraged our members to get involved and run for office. I have held the office of President two times in the last 5 years and it would not be fair to run against another member who wants the job and who has been active for the last few years. I have talked with Don Ogden and many of goals. As such I am withdrawing my name from consideration as President.

Don Warthen

BLM - DESERT NEWS

By Isabella Burns

Member of the Desert Advisory Council

The Eastern and Northern Colorado Desert Plan (NECO), a part of the Regional Habitat Conservation Plan is still being studied and revised. The public hearings for comments on the plan were held this summer. Three BLM personnel were available at the CFMS Show and Convention in Ventura in 1997 to provide information about this plan and to seek rockhounds input. Dick Crowe, the project leader spoke at the Ventura Convention and at the CFMS - South meeting in April, 1998. He showed the maps and discussed the plan, answered questions, and sought input from those in attendance. At the CFMS Show meeting this year, Jim Strain and I reported the progress of this plan and received the backing of the CFMS Board of Directors to try to establish a Rockhound Park in the Houser Geode Area. Ed Hasty, the BLM California State Director, encouraged us to pursue our plan. We felt that this historical collecting area was worthy of being set aside, not to prevent collecting but to assure its preservation for rockhound use.

I was sorry to hear that a letter that was circulated which had contained some incorrect information was exciting some of our members. I have studied the proposed three plans of NECO and do not find the statement, *All of the Eastern desert in Imperial County would be closed, except for a two mile strip along the Colorado River.* It does not list the closure of all routes. It does recommend the closure of some washes in areas where travel seems to be harmful to some species on the endangered list. The BLM learned a lesson from the desert bill restricting the access to the guzzles built for the big horn sheep, etc. "No off road travel" is a part of the plan, but I think people do not need to drive to the collecting spot. What happened to the fun of walking and looking for new rocks and minerals? I have not found a reference to the recreation mineral collecting in the document.

There are two more plans that are a part of the Federal and California Endangered Species Acts that are being presented - the Northern and Eastern Mojave Plan (NEMO) and the Western Mojave Plan. It seems that most rock collectors' feel using logic and reason are better than ranting and raving. More rockhounds need to take an interest in the information about these plans that is presented at the Public Hearings and/or read the plans. Jim Strain, Sue Hickman and many others, as well as I have volunteered much time and given much thought to these. As the new plans are made available, please read them thoroughly and if you do have questions or concerns, make them known. Please do not base your reactions on "half of the story".

The rules that govern the use of the desert are made in Washington, DC and the State Offices of California. The leaders do not always feel the same as we do about educational and recreational use of the desert. **Be sure to vote in November!**

Information about NEMO available from Edy Seehafer, Barstow Field Office - — (760) 252-6021

Release of Development of Environment Impact Study (DEIS) - January 1999

DEIS comment period - 90 days

Release of Final Environmental Impact Study (FEIS) - September 1999
FEIS **comment**/ Governor's Review - 60 days

Revision of Data - December 1999

Information about the West Mojave Plan is available from the Barstow Field Office, (760) 252 -6021.



Christmas Party

by Loretta Ogden

Well the time to celebrate the Holidays is here again. This year we will be gathering at Stuart Anderson's Black Angus Restaurant in Fullerton. The date is Tuesday December 8, 1998 at 6:00 PM for cocktails. It is very important to bring your unwrapped gifts for the children and also the food for the city of La Habra to distribute to those in need.

Speaking of need, I'm quite sure not a one of us needs this but it sounded fun for everyone to bring a wrapped rock to exchange. We can probably make a game of it. Please play with us.

You will have a choice of Teriyaki Chicken Breast, London Broil, Prime Rib, Salmon or Top Sirloin. The meal includes salad, baked potato, freshly baked bread, ice cream and coffee, tea or soft drink. You may reserve your spot by calling Bill Burns at 626 288 2896 or purchasing your ticket at the November meeting.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at the party and if you need a ride please call any of the board members so we can make arrangements for you. This restaurant is very close to where the club used to meet. Do you remember that? Some of the newer members would love to hear the stories of the times past and on the other hand we all share in a common interest for the future of the club. We will be doing the traditional installation of the new board, maybe a song or two and possibly a little dancing.

Heres hoping we all come together on December 8th .HO HO HO



A Member's Guide for Murder (How to Ensure the Death of your Organization)

1. Don't attend meetings. (If you do, follow rules 2 & 3.)
2. Be sure to leave before the meeting is over.
3. Next day, find fault with the officers and committees.
4. Take no part in the association affairs.
5. Be sure to sit in the back so you can talk to a friend.
6. Get all the association will give you but give nothing in return.
7. Never ask anyone else to join.
8. Talk cooperation but never cooperate.
9. If asked to help on anything, always say you haven't time.
10. Never accept an office because it's easier to criticize than do anything.
11. If appointed to a committee, never give anytime or service.
12. Never do anything more than you have to. When others willing and unselfishly use their ability to help the association along, howl that the organization is run by a clique.

ALAA REPORT ON THE 105TH CONGRESS

The ALAA monitors the activities of the Federal Government, including the President, the public land managers, and the U.S. Congress. Our interest is for initiatives and actions that affect or could affect hobby activities on public lands. A summary of the public land bills passed in the 105th Congress along with a comparison of the two previous Congresses shows that this Congress was less interested in public land matters. We would observe perhaps ‘less’ is better, depending on the subject and on your perspective. Consider the following comparison of activities of the previous three Congresses:

Bills Introduced to Congress			
103th (93-94)	104th (95-96)	105rd (97-98)	
5,310	4,344	4,854	House
2,569	2,198	2,639	Senate
465	333	277	Passed
Public Land Bills Passed			
40	11	8	
Acres of New Wilderness/Preservation			
9,089,996 acres	8,000 acres	161 acres	
Miles of New Wild & Scenic River			
55.4 Miles	51.7 Miles	0 Miles	
Heritage River Corridor Designations			
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Our observations are that the 105th Congress was a “good” Congress in terms of avoiding further restriction of access to public lands for hobby pursuits. In the 105th Congress, the major Bill passed that effected public land was the expansion of the Eagles Nest Wilderness in the Arapaho National

Forrest and the White River National Forest in Colorado which added 160 acres to wilderness. The other Bills were primarily minor land exchanges and transfers.

Web sites of Interest to You

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Address</u>
Agriculture	http://www.usda.gov/
Interior	http://info.er.usgs.gov/
Gov Printing Office	http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs

Prints the Fed Register. Go to icon Fed Register Look for agency, ie USFS, Land Mgt, etc.

Forest Service	http://www.fs.fed.us
Izaak Walton	http://igc.apc.org/iwla/
Legislative Bills	http://thomas.loc.gov

You have to know the bill No. to search for it.

Nat Audubon Society	http://audubon.org/audubon
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National Resources:

Defense Council	http://www.nrdc.org/nrdc
National Wildlife Fed	http://www.nwf.org/nwf
Resources for Future	http://www.rff.org
Sierra Club	http://www.sierraclub.org

BLM Cultural Heritage & Recreation:

(NPS)	http://www.nps.gov
(USGS)	http://www.usgs.gov

From Washington Information Directory - at your library.

CFMS News

by Bill Burns

The big buzz around the CFMS is when, why, and how do they go on the Web. Well that is riot as simple as some of the internet buffs might think- The executive board has to be sure that this will be correctly handled, should they go professional, is it cost effective, and many more concerns to serve the entire California Federation of Mineralogical Societies. I am sure many of decisions will be made by the time that you read this as the Federation Meeting is Nov. 14. Next year they will be requesting an e-mall address from each society and that does not necessarily mean the president.