

NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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President's Message

by Don Warthen

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!! Let's all stop for a moment and count our blessings. We've had some great field trips this last year, we went to Mohave to set up a kiosk, we went to Basin Rd. over Easter and we just had the Thanksgiving trip. We had a great show and fun auction. But most of all we all have great friends in the club.

We are putting together some ideas for the coming year. We have Quartzite coming up then there is the CFMS trip to Wily Well right after Quartzite. We would also like to hear your ideas and things that you want to see or do this next year.

I hope to see all at the Christmas party December 11 at the Whittier Hilton.

December Meeting

Date: December 11
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Whittier Hilton
Program: Annual Christmas Dinner

Refreshments

by Oscar Veloz

Thanks to Susan Hansen and Ginny Grafton for bringing the refreshments to the November meeting.

NOC Club Activities

Cab Classes at Walt Messemer's — 7-10 p.m.
every Tuesday Evening (except Wednesday on
Regular Meeting night).
Board Meeting — To be announced
Field Trip — To be announced.
Deadline for NOC News — December 17.
Annual Christmas Dinner — Dec 11, 6:00 p.m.
Whittier Hilton.
7320 Greenleaf Ave.
Whittier, CA
Autonetics club and spouses are invited.

Programs

by Irene Veloz

Our program for December will be the Annual Christmas Dinner followed by the installation of the Secretary and three Directors.

Members in the News

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

Pat Mogan - December 25

Jane Hendrixon - December 28

Your gemstone is Turquoise.

Your flower is Holly or Narcissus.

Shows and Events

via CFMS Web Page

December 1-2 San Bernardino, CA
Orange Belt Mineralogical Society
Corner of E Street and 31st Street
Hours: Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5
Tony Gilham (909) 820-2122

February 15-24, 2002, Indio, CA
San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society
Riverside Co. Fair & National Date Festival
Gem & Mineral Bldg. (on the Fairgrounds)
46-350 Arabia Street
Hours: 10-10
Don Grisham (909) 795-7289

March 2-3 2002, Arcadia, CA
Monrovia Rockhounds, Inc.
The Arboretum of Los Angeles County,
Ayres Hall
301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA 91007
Hours: 9-4:30 both days
Jo Anna Ritchey (636) 359-1624 /
j.ritchev@verizon.net

March 16-17 2002, Hawthorne, CA
Northrop Grumman Gem & Mineral Club
12329 Crenshaw Blvd. (Gate 16)
Hours: Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5
Jimmy Lapham
E-mail: Lapham@earthlink.net

March 23-24, 2002, La Habra, CA
North Orange County Gem & Mineral Soc.
La Habra Clubhouse
200 W. Greenwood
Hours: Sat 10-5 Sun 10-4
Don & Jane Livezey (909) 524-6280 /
jdlive27@aol.com

April 6-7 2002, Haciends Heights, CA
Puente Hills Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.
Magic In Rocks
Steinmetz Park
1545 Stimson Avenue
Hours: 10 - 5 both days
Bob Hess (562) 696-2270

July 12-14 2002, Placerville, CA
CFMS 23rd Show & Convention -
Treasures of the Sierra Nevada
El Dorado County Mineral and Gem Society
El Dorado County Fairgrounds
100 Placerville Drive
For more info: (530) 622-3038

Annual Christmas Dinner

Autonetics club members and spouses are invited.

When: December 11, 2001
Where: Hilton Hotel
7320 Greenleaf Avenue
Whittier, CA 90601
6 p.m. Social Hour (No host bar)
7 p.m. Dinner
Installation of Officers to follow
Cost: \$12 for NOC and Autonetics mem
bers and spouses.
Send check to or call
Don Livezey (714) 524-6280
by December 5
Gifts: For Operation Santa, bring
presents for Children (unwrapped)
and **food.**
Crossroads: *Whittier and Greanleaf.*

NOC General Meeting November 13, 2001

by *Susan Hansen*

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by President Don Warthen.

The flag salute was led by Ofelia Warthen.

Bill Burns led the group in God Bless America.

The minutes were printed in the bulletin and were approved as printed.

Don Livezey gave the treasurers report. The main expenditure was the \$500 donation to the AFMS Scholarship Fund.

Committee reports:

Jane Livezey reported there are cards for members to sign for Walt Abramson, Bob Henry, Pat Maggs and Mae Richardson.

Jane also had a copy of Joan Abramson's new book, and will take orders, will have them at the Christmas Party.

We have 3 membership application: Floyd Allen, Charles and Helen O'Neil, and Bob Cordova. All were accepted unanimously for membership.

Federation Report: Loretta Ogden reported on the Visalia meeting and new officers.

Education Report: Virginia Grafton reported on the beading class last weekend. Several of the participants (that are not members) came in tonight to finish or work on projects they started. There were about 14 participants in beading or wire working. Ginnie also requested the club subscribe to California Geology Magazine for the library.

Trini Hermosillo reported on the Christmas party to be held at the Hilton Hotel in Whittier. \$12 for members and a guest.

Elections: Don Ogden resigned as Director, so we now have 3 openings, plus Secretary. Ginny re-nominated Floyd Allen.

Ofelia made the motion we accept the slate, Mike seconded, the motion passed.

Secretary: Susan Hansen

Directors: Virginia Grafton, Ofelia Warthen, Floyd Allen.

Show Report: Don Livezey paid for the banner to be put up, and scheduled the clubhouse. He also talked with the police Department. We haven't heard from 2 of the Dealers, Mike Maneth will try and contact them. Jane Hendrixson will do the schools' publicity again. She would like the big posters for the kids. Don Ogden will do the show posters, flyers, tickets. It was suggested we put out big posters with arrow to GEM SHOW on the major streets leading to the show. La Habra, Whittier, etc.

Field trip report: Bill Burns announced a trip over Thanksgiving and weekend, they will go out Tuesday or Wednesday and stay until Sunday morning, when they want to go to the show at Barstow. Isabella Burns will do a turkey if everyone else brings things for a pot-luck. There are several different collecting areas around there. Maps are on the back table. We invited the Monterey Park club, there is a motel in Ludlow and one in Barstow (@ 40 miles away).

Don Ogden announced he needs the material for the December newsletter as soon as possible.

The program was an auction, Don Warthen auctioneer. There is also a silent auction of the rock material on the back table.

There were 30 members and 6 guests present.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Federation Report

By Loretta Ogden

Don and I recently attended the business meeting for the federation and I left there feeling very good about the coming year. The officers are all capable and dedicated to handling federation business for the good for all members.

There are many advantages for us as member's one being organized field trips. There will be one to Wiley Well January 28, 2002 - February 1, 2002. This is a great trip for us because it is on the way home from Quartzite and local to our area. There will be many members from the northern clubs and it makes a nice time to see old friends and make new ones.

We have two earth science camps every year one in southern California and one in the north. They have field trips and classes in just about every one of the facets of our hobby and the evening's end with interesting speakers. Room and board are provided for about \$220.00 a week. What a deal!

Several years ago the insurance was discussed at great lengths by all clubs. Had it not been for the Federation finances we would have all felt the problem more directly. There are also people who can help with the non-profit status, programs, newsletters and public land information.

As the year goes on I will tell you of more benefits and events available from the federation and if you have any questions or suggestions please do not hesitate just let me know.

Editor's few words

Member contributed articles for the NOC News are needed. Please send in articles to:

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Don Ogden

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Nativity

By John Vincent, December 98

Mary brought forth her newborn son
And she wrapped him in linen bands
She worshipped him as she "did for him"
And she fondled his well-formed hands

So, a stable became the house of a king
And the joy of the angels made heaven ring
With their trumpets and zithers and caroling
As they sang of the glory of God.

Oh, Mary looked into her Christ-Child's face
And he looked at her who's called "Full of Grace"
And a poor shepherd kneeling away pace
Proffered gifts of a lamb and a rod

Oh, Mary looked at her Christ-Child son
And the world will remember her grace-
He gave her life and she gave to him
Strong hands to stroke her face.

Book Order

By Jane Livezey

Joan Abramson's great book GIFT OF THE RAINBOW SERPENT is now available. For those of you who ordered, your book will be at the Christmas party. Joan is also sending some extra copies which I will bring along on Dec. 11th. The cost is \$20.00 which includes tax and shipping.

This is a wonderful love story intertwined with all sorts of information about mining opals in Coober Pedy, Australia. It is a joy to read! I know we're all excited for her great achievement. Lots of effort over several years produced this very special book!

Safety

What to do if Your Car Catches on Fire

*By Chuck McKie, CFMS Safety Chair
via Fact Sheet Menu / Online Library / OSH
Services via Dec. 2001 CFMS Newsletter*

A fire in one's car or other motor vehicle is a frightening situation which can quickly involve great personal danger to vehicle occupants and bystanders.

Although every vehicle fire incident will have certain unique factors present at the time, the National Safety Council offers the following step-by-step general suggestions on what to do if your car (or other motor vehicle) catches on fire.

While you are moving on a roadway:

1. Signal your intentions and move to the right lane.
2. Get onto the shoulder or breakdown lane.
3. Stop immediately.
4. Shut off the engine.
5. Get yourself and all other persons out of the vehicle.
6. Get far away from the vehicle and stay away from it. Keep onlookers and others away.
7. Warn oncoming traffic.
8. Notify the fire department.
9. Don't attempt to try to put out the fire yourself. (The unseen danger is the possible ignition of fuel in the vehicle's tank.)

While the vehicle is stopped in traffic or parked:

1. Shut off the engine.
2. Get far away from the vehicle.
3. Warn pedestrians and other vehicles to stay away.
4. Notify the fire department.
5. Don't attempt to try to put out the fire yourself. (The unseen danger is the possible ignition of fuel in the vehicle's tank.)

In all vehicle fire situations, the first thing to think about is personal safety. Any vehicle can be replaced — humans cannot. Think and act quickly, in the safest way possible.

CFMS Earth Science Studies At Zzyzx In 2002

via Dec. 2001 CFMS Newsletter

The annual CFMS sponsored Earth Science Studies Seminar at Zzyzx will be Sunday, March 24 to Sunday, March 31, 2002.

This is a wonderful learning opportunity and an opportunity to mingle with many others who have the same interest-to meet new people and make new friends.

Workshops include bead stringing, silversmithing, sculpting (stone carving), wire wrap, cabochons and perhaps others. All of our instructors have won awards in their field at CFMS and AFMS shows.

The facilities are somewhat rustic, with dorm style rooms and rooms with double beds or cots. Restrooms and showers are in a separate room nearby. There is ample room for RVs, and if you own one, you might be more comfortable using it.

Three meals a day will be provided by professionals, and food and beverage will be sent out on field trips.

There will be field trips for collecting and some for sight-seeing. Interesting programs in the evenings will round out a full day.

Zzyzx is located 8 miles west of Baker, California on Highway I-15 to Zzyzx Road. It is about 4 miles to the facility.

You will receive all of this-facilities, instruction, programs and meals, for only \$220.00 per person.

Registration is limited to 60 attendees. We suggest you send your registration form in early to be included in this Seminar. There is a registration form in this CFMS newsletter or can be obtained from Loretta Ogden. It is also on the CFMS website under FORMS. <<http://www.cfmsinc.org>>

For more information, call Cal Clason - (661) 589-4169 or Ray Meisenheimer - (805) 642-3155.

WILEY WELL DISTRICT FIELD TRIP

January 28 - February 1, 2002

Hosted by CFMS Field Trip Chairman - North

The Wiley Well District is southwest of Blythe and is one of the most popular collecting areas on the Colorado Desert. Although this has been a productive area for many years, it still offers an amazing variety of material. We will collect at 5 main sites; 1 site each day. This is my fifth field trip to this interesting and productive area. Besides the more noted collecting areas we will be exploring new areas (at least new to me).

Directions to campgrounds: Exit Interstate 10 at Wiley Well Rd. which is approximately 10 miles west of Blythe and 31 miles east of Desert Center. Follow Wiley Well Rd. south for 12.5 miles to campsite on west side of road at the Riverside/Imperial Co. line. Watch for ORANGE PAPER PLATES to camp. Roads to campgrounds and collecting sites are typical desert roads. OK for motorhomes and trailers to campgrounds. OK for cars to most collecting areas. This is a dry camping area: no services, no hookups. This is the Mule Mtn. LTVA.

Collecting Trips: All trips will leave at 8:00 a.m., **SHARP**, from the campgrounds. Assemble at 7:45 for details and instructions for each day's trip.

Schedule

Sunday Jan. 27 Arrive at camp.
Monday Jan. 28 am-pm Houser Beds for geodes, sizes of lemons to cantaloupes. Digging Tools — shovels, picks, gads, etc. Explore the Corn Field for corn colored, crystal lined amygdules.
Tuesday Jan. 29 am-pm Potato Patch for egg-size geodes. Digging Tools — shovels, picks, gads, etc. Explore new site — The Big Windy for botryoidal psilomelane, geodes and nodules.
Wednesday Jan. 30 am-pm Straw Bed for geodes, sizes of lemons to cantaloupes. Digging tools — shovels, picks, gads, etc. South of Camp on Milpitas Wash Rd. for psilomelane.
Thursday Jan. 31 Indian Pass Road for dumortierite, petrified palm, agate, jasper, and more
Friday Feb. 1 Hidden Saddle geode beds for geodes

Plan on several potluck dinners, the first on Monday evening, and daily happy hours. Bring firewood for evening campfires. We plan on having a good time and collecting some good geodes and good material. Come join us for a great rockhound time of collecting, fun and fellowship.

Please notify me by 1/8/02 if you plan to attend; call if you have questions or need more information:

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