

NOC NEWS

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Meetings

Day and Location:

With the exception of July, August and December, meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the La Habra Community Center, 101 W. La Habra Blvd., La Habra.

The La Habra Community Center is located west of Euclid on La Habra Blvd.

For current meeting information, please call (909) 598-2456

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The objective and purpose of the North Orange County Gem and Mineral Society is to disseminate knowledge of mineralogy and the earth sciences and to encourage study in these subjects through means of: the presentation of public exhibitions, lectures, slide programs; field trips for explorations, study and collection of specimens; the preparation, publication and distribution of articles and studies pertaining to mineralogy and the earth sciences; the promotion of scientific research in these fields; the encouragement of interest among young people and the fostering of classes in mineralogy and lapidary arts; and all other means which are appropriate to the accomplishment of the primary objectives set forth.

*Annual Membership Dues: Individual, \$10; Family, \$15; Juniors, \$3.
Visitors are always welcome at our regular meetings and field trips.
The North Orange County Gem & Mineral Soc. does not yet have a Junior Division.
Material contained in this newsletter may be used if credit is given.*

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President's Message

by Don Warthen

Show time is fast approaching. Every thing is looking good, but we still have a lot to do. Lets have everyone put together a special case to show off our hobby. Jonas has graciously agreed to cut another stone for us this year. We will decide on a stone at the March meeting. We still need someone to take care of the banner.

We are going to have a show committee meeting March 23rd at the community center. Everyone is invited to attend. Our show chairperson Ofelia want to tell you that she appreciates all your help and input to make this great show.

Loretta is working on getting our shop up and running in a new location. If you have any thoughts on this please give her a call.

Don Eschbach is working on some great field trips this year. Looks like we are going to have some great times.

March Meeting

Date: March 9
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: La Habra Community Center
101 W. La Habra Blvd.
Program: How to Tell if an Opal is Laboratory Made or Natural. See page 2 for details.

Refreshments

by Nancy Bird

Eleanore Pleines will bring the goodies for the March meeting. Thanks to Nancy for bringing the goodies to the February meeting.

NOC Club Activities

Cab Classes TBD

Board Meeting — To be announced

Field Trip — Stoddard Well — March 12, 13, 14

Deadline for NOC News — March 17.

Show Committee Meeting — March 23

Editor's Note

We need articles and photos for the NOC News from its members.. If you, the majority of our readers have tips, poems, show reports, field trip reports, or other rockhound info; please submit them for incorporation in the newsletter.

Also, I need help in producing the NOC newsletter.

Members in the News

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

Virginia Grafton - March 1

Gloria Lortz - March 3

Derek Tufnell - March 3

Your gemstone is Bloodstone or Aquamarine.
Your flower is Daffodil or Jonquil.

Shows and Events

via CFMS Web Page

March 6-7 2004, 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
Fee to enter The Arboretum
Jo Anna Ritchey (636) 359-1624 /
j.ritchey@verizon.net

March 12, 13, 14 2003, Stoddard Well, CA

Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club
Tailgate and Sat. field trip 9 am
Hours: unscheduled all days
E-mail for directions or call
Bob Harper (760) 947-6383 /
robrokx22@earthlink.net

March 13-14, 2004 San Marino, CA

Pasadena Lapidary society
San Morino Masonic Center
3130 Huntington Drive
Hours: Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5
Mariene Kyte (626) 794-0519

April 3-4, 2004 Torrance, CA

South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society
Torrance Recreation Center
3341 Torrance Blvd.
Hours: 10 - 5 Both Days
Omer Goeden (818) 383-9279

April 24-25, 2004, Hacienda Heights, CA

Puente Hills Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.
Steinmetz County Park
1545 Stimson Avenue
Hours: 10 - 5 both days
Paula Hess (562) 696-2270
E-mail: rphess@adelphia.net

April 24-25, 2004, Lancaster, CA

Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Club
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds
2551 W. Avenue H
Hours: 10 - 5 both days
Anita Carter (530) 872-1983

May 28-30, 2004, Mariposa, CA

CFMS & Mariposa Mineral & Gem Show
Mariposa County Fairgrounds
One hour from Yosemite Park
CA State Mining and Mineral Museum
209) 742-7625

June 19-20, 2004, La Habra, CA

NOC Gem & Mineral Society
Jubilee of Gems
La Habra Community Center
101 W. La Habra Blvd,
Hours: Sat 10-5 sun 10-4
Ofelia Warthen (626) 330-9874
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NOC March Program

by Isabella Burns

Our January Program presented by Jonas Ruzgys was exceptionally enlightening. He discussed the history of amber and had a display of amber from various places in the world. I think everyone enjoyed learning more about amber and were surprised to discover that it was once the most popular gemstone. A plus was visiting with Valerie, his wife.

February, I hope everyone found the video on tourmaline mining to be of interest. There are three mines in the Pala area that offer fee digging field trips. If club members have an interest, Bill & I would be happy to arrange a trip for the club.

March Program will be another educational program that I think you will like and find valuable. Mike Kowalsky, a member of the American Opal Society and participant in the Opal Seminar in Tucson, Feb. 7 and 8, will be our speaker. His topic will be "how to Tell if an Opal is Laboratory Made or Natural." The laboratory made opals have improved so much in the last few years, that it is difficult to know what you are buying. This will be not only an interesting program, but a useful one, also. Mike will present the facts and methods of identifying the opals, have a questions and answers, and then give the members an opportunity to see if they can recognize the natural or lab opals. I hope that you will attend the March 9 Meeting. Izzie

NOC General Meeting February 10, 2004

by Susan Hansen

The meeting was called to order by Don Warthen at 7:33 p.m.

The flag salute was led by the guest Boy Scouts.

Don W. introduced the program – The Stewart Tourmaline Story video, a lithium mine in San Diego County.

Refreshments were served. Nancy has signup sheets for 2004 refreshments.

Door prize drawings were held. Loretta won the white elephant prize.

Business Meeting:

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

Don L. Gave the Treasurer's report, accepted as read.

Don L. presented the proposed budget, handed out sheets comparing last 2 years. Biggest expense is the storage unit rent, we will discuss alternate storage, also look into splitting the bulletin into e-mail and 'regular' mail. Don O. would like help with printing and mailing the bulletin. The budget was voted on and approved.

Proposed changes in by-laws were published in the bulletin, to be effective 1-1-05. Change in dues structure and designation of even/odd election years for the officers.

Education: Castle Rock School in Diamond Bar called and asked for someone to speak to 4th grade class starting their geology unit. Don and Ofelia went, took Walt's before and after rocks display, gave out Apache tears, took samples of types of rocks, passed out tumbled rocks. They shared thank-you letters they received from the students.

Also had a call from Boy Scout troupe working on badges in Geology, they were invited to the meeting and were present for the program.

We need a committee to look for another shop location, Don appointed Loretta as Chair. We need to move our equipment out of Walt's garage.

Field Trips: Don E. will volunteer, could coordinate and have different people set them up. Some tentative locations were discussed, including mountains at daffodil time.

Federation Report: May 28-30 is the Show in Mariposa. Loretta has info in the bulletin and Don O put it on the CFMS Website, www.cfmsinc.org

Show Report: Ofelia reported the advertising has gone out to the magazines. We can't get the banner the week of the show-we get it 2 weeks up to the week ahead of show. The runner's group got their banner the week of our show. There is a "new" \$80 charge for a supervisor on weekends at the center. \$120 for the 3 days.

Don W asked if Jonas will to facet another stone pendant, and he "volunteered". He will select and donate a stone.

Bill B was going to get geodes at Quartzsite, so we can cut those again.

Don W. also reserved 3 rooms for July 10th for a beading seminar

Don L. has info on sale of some equipment and rocks in La Habra from an estate.

Don W. received a call about an 18" slab saw for sale for \$800. Will check on it.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

NOC Workshop

By Loretta Ogden

As you all know that with the passing of Walt Messmer we lost a good friend and our workshop facility. We are now asking for ideas from all the membership. I and chairperson for the committee and will listen to any and all ideas. Give me a call or see me at the meeting. We will consider all the proposals but obviously the best would be a central location the is very affordable that we can lock up as needed to protect our equipment we have invested in over the years. So rack your brains and lets come up with something wonderful. My phone number is Wednesday thru Friday 11. 909 598 2456 W. 714 671 0588. Saturday thru Tuesday 909 867 4608 or donogden@aol.com

March 12- 14 Field Trip

by Don Ogden and from the 18th annual
Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club Flyer

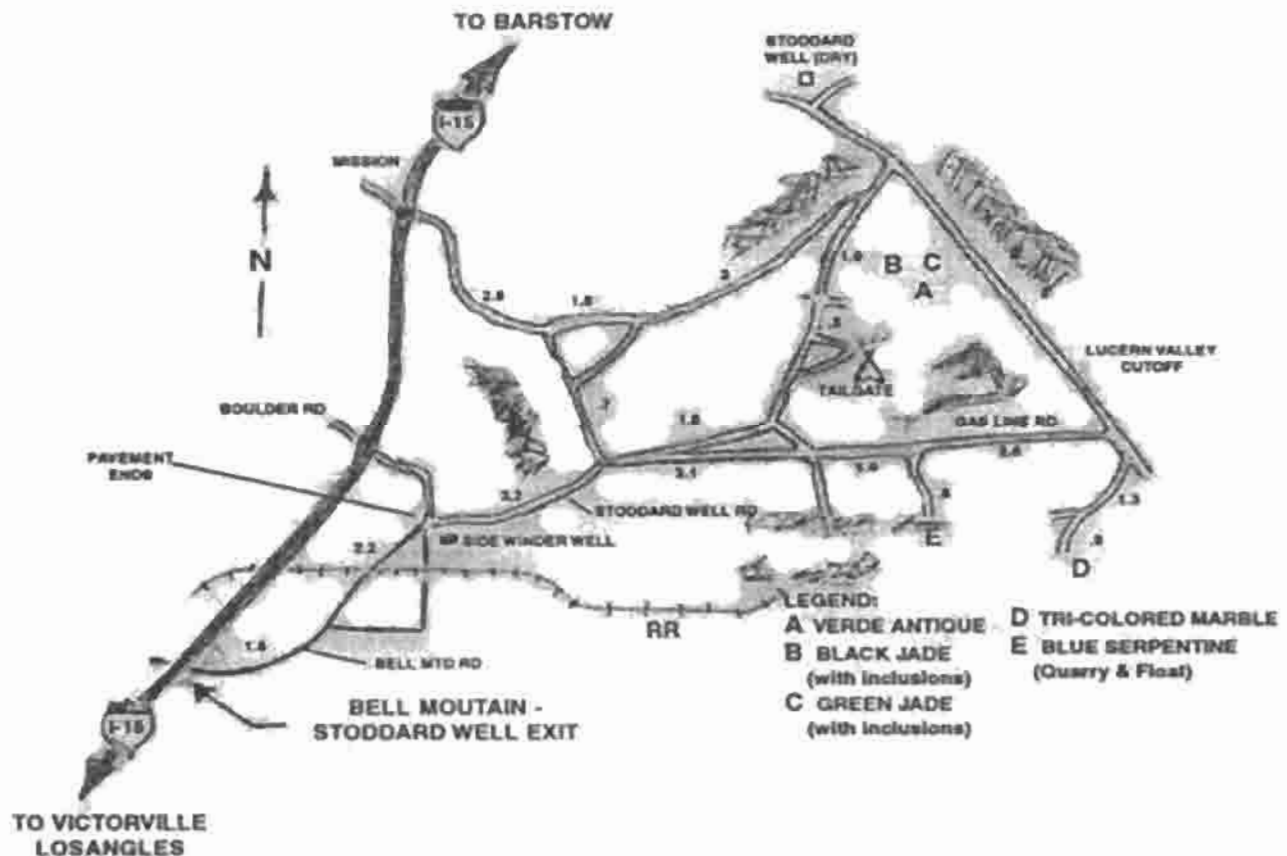
Our March field trip is to the 28th Annual Tailgate at Stoddard Well hosted by the Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club. Collect Verde Antique - Tri-Colored Marble - Jade, and buy just about anything.

What is a tailgate? It all began about 26 years ago when the Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club began hosting a free field trip and sale at Stoddard Well collecting area. The Tailgate is open to all clubs and rockhounds. Everyone is allowed to sell or buy just about anything. Most items for sale are related to gems, minerals, findings, and other related things, but you never know what you will see. The area is also noted for its abundance of rocks for collecting.

Camping: This is a dry camp area, so bring in your own water and other necessities. Supplies are available at the Bell Mountain service road. Roads are desert dirt and can handle motor homes with no problem.

Gem and Mineral Collecting: Verde Antique, and Green & Black Jade collecting areas are within walking distance from the Tailgate. The Verde Antique is in float and in a quarry. Jade with magnetite inclusions can be found in seams. Digging tools are needed for the better materials. Field Trips may take collectors to the nearby Sidewander Mountains to find Tri-Colored Marble which ranges from greys to dark green. A four-wheel drive is advised for this trip.

Directions: Take I-15 past Victorville, past Stoddard Well road, and turn off (right) at Bell Mountain - Stoddard Well Exit. Follow above map to the tailgate and camp site. NOC signs will mark the camping area. Bring fire wood and food for a 6 p.m. potluck on Saturday.



Insurance Update

By Fred Ott, Insurance Chairperson

What can your club do to help expedite your requests for insurance?

1. Do not use old forms! Current forms can be found on the Federation's web site at cfmsinc.org.
2. Complete each form in full; leave nothing "blank". If the form asks for telephone number or fax number, enter one. If the form asks for a ZIP code, enter one. If a Certificate of Insurance and an Additional Insured Endorsement is needed, please indicate "both". If "special wording" is required, please provide the "special wording".
3. Don't wait until the last minute to submit your requests. Allow at least 3-4 weeks whenever possible.
4. When in doubt, contact me at fred.ott.b8t5@statefarm.com or 530-677-5211.

Club checklist for requesting insurance certificates:

1. Does a "third party" (such as a property owner, fairgrounds, governmental agency, etc.) require that your club provide a "proof of insurance" to them before your club is allowed to use their property or facilities -or- will 300-or-more persons (total) be attending your event (field trip, show, etc.)? If the answer to both of these questions is "no", then you don't need to go any further - no certificate is needed.
2. If a "third party" does require "proof of insurance", complete the "Request for Certificate of Insurance/Additional Insured Endorsement" found on the Federation's web site at least 3 weeks prior to your club's scheduled event.
 - a. If less than 300 persons (total) are anticipated at your event (field trip, show, etc.), you don't need to complete the "Special Event Questionnaire"; just mail or fax the "Request" to me.
 - b. If 300-or-more persons (total) are anticipated at your event, then attach a fully-completed "Special Event Questionnaire" to your "Request" so the Federation's insurance agent/broker can obtain

a premium quotation for the event. Once the premium has been determined, I'll then contact your club to obtain a check in that amount.

3. MOST "third parties" (particularly fairgrounds, counties, State of California, Agricultural Districts, etc.) also require that "special wording" appear on the Certificates of Insurance. PLEASE check with a representative of that "third party" to obtain the "specific wording" that they require before you submit your Request. Almost all delays in having certificates issued for clubs within the Federation have been because incomplete or inaccurate "Requests" were submitted.

4. And, as always, use ONLY the most-current forms (as found on the Federation's web site); please discard any form dated prior to 10-1-03.

Safety

*by Chuck McKie CFMS Safety Chair
via "Project Pride" Missing Childrens EuCenters*

Please Teach Your Children 10 Rules For Safety

1. I always ask my parents before I leave my house. I let them know who I am with, and everywhere we are going.
2. I never talk to strangers. I will never go anywhere with someone my parents do not know.
3. If anyone touches me in a way that makes me feel uncomfortable, I can say no, even to an adult.
4. I will yell "HELP" and draw attention to myself if anyone tries to take me away. I will fight them or run as fast as I can.
5. My parents love me, they will listen and help me if I feel troubled.
6. I will tell my parents if anyone touches me in a way I don't like even if it's someone my parents know.
7. I don't keep secrets from my parents. I will tell them about people that scare me.
8. I will remember, a stranger is anyone I do not know. Even if someone looks nice, they are still a stranger.
9. I will not be tricked into going with a stranger.
10. I will not go with someone that does not know my password.

Field Trip Cady Mountains

April 23-25, 2004

*by Bob Fitzpatrick
CFMS Field Trip Chair South*

Hello Everyone

TRIP LOCATION - Northeast side of the Cady Mountains (Alton Canyon area)

WHEN - April 23-24-25, 2004

SPONSOR - CFMS Field Trip South

ORGANIZATION - CFMS

MATERIAL TO COLLECT - Red and yellow agate, jasper, (plume & sagenite) opalite, calcite rhombs, chalcedony roses, amygdules, green fluorite, onyx and much more.

LEADER - Bob Fitzpatrick

PROPOSED SCHEDULE - Early Friday will be for setting up camp. Friday around 1 p.m. I will be leading a field trip. Each day around 8 a.m. we will be going to a different area to collect. There will be a potluck Saturday around 5 p.m.

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP SITE - I-15 Freeway East past Barstow for about 45 miles to Basin Road. Exit off ramp to the right and follow signs to camp site area. The road to the camping site should be okay for 2-wheel drive cars, trailers & motor homes. We will be camping just on the other side of railroad tracks.

VEHICLE - 4-wheel drive from camp to collecting areas. The desert road is sandy and in some areas has large rocks in it.

CAMP & FACILITIES - This will be dry camping, no water, no picnic tables, no toilets, no firewood to be gathered and no fees.

TOOLS - Collecting bags, rock hammer, eye gear, flashlights, spray water bottle, etc. camp chair (to sit in at night around the fire.)

SAFETY CONCERNS - Do not lick the rocks, use sun screen, stay away from rattlesnakes, use bug spray, be aware of flash floods, be extra careful and don't get lost.

CLIMATE & WEATHER - It can be hot during the day and cold at night, it could rain.

CLOTHING - Appropriate for this time of the year.

OTHER REMARKS - All club members and there guests are welcome to join us. Come for the day or camp out with us. Bring food, lots of water, a camera and lots of firewood for the campfire at night. If you need a motel or supplies they are available in Baker or Barstow.

Don't forget we will have a potluck on Saturday night, so bring a dish to share and your own place setting. Each night after dark we will have a campfire where we can all join together and have a good time roasting marshmallows, telling jokes or just talking about the good OLE times.

I should be arriving at campsite around 11 a.m. on Friday. Saturday and Sunday we will be leaving the camp at around 8 a.m. and drive to the collecting areas.

You must observe the AFMS code of ethics and sign a consent and assumption of risk waiver of liability form. I hope to see you there.

For additional information
Email me at RUROCKY2@aol.com
or call me at (909) 845-3051.

Bob Fitzpatrick