

NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

NOC NEWS

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September 2008

President's Message

by Don Eschbach

Wow, another fantastic Show, thanks to Don Warthen our show chairman, Ofelia Warthen, who did a great job with the vendors, and the rest of the Show Committee. Don Warthen is already preparing for our 2009 Show; so if you would like to get involved, let him know.

Since we have changed the Silent and Live Auction to our Tuesday, October 14 Meeting, it is important to note that this meeting will start earlier than normal because of Officer Nominations. **This meeting will start at 6:00 PM.** Please try to be on time, as we will conduct Officer Nominations from 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM prior to the 7:00 PM Silent and Live Auction, which will be open to the public at that time. Also, please be thinking of items to bring for this very important fund-raising event.

Our La Habra Summer Day Camp Workshop held July 29 went exceptionally well. The children had a wonderful time thanks to the participation of NOC club members Bernie & Mary Ellen Ruiz, Frank & Kim Winn, Loretta & Don Ogden, Don & Ofelia Warthen, Richard & Yolanda Schirer, Nancy Bird, and Don, Kathy, & Brittany Eschbach.

The NOC Board met on July 10 and discussed several items including the following:

- Walt Wright who has given a tremendous amount to our club over the years was voted by the Board to receive a Life Honorary Membership.

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NOC Club Activities

Board Meeting — TBD

Field Trip — To be announced.

Camp Paradise —

1st session — Aug. 31 thru Sep. 06

2nd session — Sep. 07 thru Sep. 13

Deadline for NOC News — Sep.17.

September Meeting

Date: September 9

Time: 7:00 p.m. Main Meeting

Place: La Habra Community Center

101 W. La Habra Blvd.

Program: Joe Girtner will again be speaking to us, this time on making holloware-chalices (Danish-type silversmithing). He will have slides and objects to view. This should be real interesting to all.

Member Notice

Please every one, bring your projects you made or collected this summer. to the meeting and share your experiences with the rest of us.

Members in the News

(Birthdays moved to Page 3)

Refreshments

Randi Kitrick and Marilyn Kline will bring the goodies for the September meeting. Thanks to Bill & Izzy, and Julie for bringing the goodies to the June meeting.

Shows and Events

September 13-14 2008, Downey, CA

Delvers Gem & Mineral Society

Woman's Club of Downey

9813 Paramount Blvd.

Hours: Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10 - 4

Guynell Miller (562) 633-0614

Email: guynellallen@sbcglobal.net

September 25-28 2008, San Bernardino CA

Orange Belt Mineral Society, Inc.

Western Region Little League Ball Park

6707 Little League Dr.

Hours: 9 a.m. - Dusk each day

Emma Rose Couveau (951) 288-6182

October 11-12 2008, Trona, CA

Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society

"66th Gem-O-Rama"

Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society

13337 Main Street

Hours: Sat. 7:30 - 5; Sun. 7:30 - 4

Bonnie Fairchild (760) 372-5356

Email: glgms@wvisp.com

Web site: <http://www.1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub/tronagemclub.html>

October 18-19 2008, Whittier, CA

Whittier Gem & Mineral Society

Whittier Community Center

7630 Washington Avenue

Hours: 10-5 both days

Jay Valle: (626) 934-9764

Email: res19pnb@verizon.net

November 1-2 2008, Anaheim, CA

American Opal Society

Clarion Hotel Anaheim Resort

616 Convention Way (off Harbor Blvd.)

Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun 10-5

Jim Lambert (714) 891-7171

Email: jlamb777@yahoo.com

Website: opal.society.org

November 8-9 2008, Lancaster, CA

Palmdale Gem & Mineral Society

2551 W. Ave. H, Hwy 14

Hours: 9 - 5 both days

Susan Chaissin-Walblom (661) 943-1861

Email: SLChaisson@yahoo.com

Website: pgms@antelecom.net

La Habra Chamber of Commerce

At the Annual Chamber Awards & Installation Banquet Mick Beaumont was awarded "Entrepreneur Of The Year" for his work with the La Habra Business Connection.



Members in the News

Members in the news in **July**.

Estela Kuethen
Kathy Eschbach
Marilyn Kline
Norberto Elicker

Your gemstone is Ruby.
Your flower is Larkspur or Water Lily.

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Members in the news in **August**.

John Erskine
Sandy Mogan
Walton Wright

Your gemstone is Sardonyx
Your flower is Poppy or Gladiolus

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Members in the news in **September**.

Dave Swanston
Don Eschbach
Don Ogden
Don Warthen
Eleanore Pleines
Evelyn Smith
Irene Veloz
Leonard Villaescusa
Loretta Ogden
Milo Perecruz
Randi Hetrick

Your gemstone is Sapphire
Your flower is Aster or Morning Glory.

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President's Message

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- The Board also voted unanimously to increase the size and location of our storage facility. Currently, the club has machines and materials stored at several members home. This item requires a vote by the general membership, because the slight increase in yearly fees were not budgeted.
- I appointed Izzie Burns to chair the Nominating Committee and the Board nominated Ofelia Warthen to be a member of the committee. The NOC Society at the September 9 General Meeting will elect three additional members to the committee.
- The Board also decided to form a Workshop Committee to find a new location for a Club Workshop. Mike Beaumont will chair the committee, which includes John Erskine, and Nancy Bird.
- Loretta Ogden who is in charge of our Christmas Instillation Dinner, announced it will be held Tuesday, December 9 at the La Habra Community Center with the theme, "Christmas on the Desert" and encourages western-style apparel is worn.

That's all for now. Kathy and I look forward to seeing you at the September 9 Meeting!

Rules for Cutting Malachite

via The Pegmatite 08/2008
(tip from Ed Wengerd in Gem Cutters News, 03/06)

Malachite should never be cut with oil. The oil soaks in and changes the color of the rock. Use a water coolant instead. When working malachite, always use plenty of coolant, work in a well-ventilated place and wear a mask.

AFMS Club Rockhounds of the Year

California Federation

via AFMS Newsletter 08/2008

North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society honors long time members *Al & Trini Hermosillo*. Both have been given untold hours for the club and it's activities. Al is a silversmith and artist (painting). Trini is a wonder in the kitchen and with beads and glass. They have both held offices and demonstrated at shows and civic events sometimes planning the events themselves. They make a great pair and we are flad they paired up with us for so many years.

*Submitted by: Loretta Ogden
Federation Director*

Earth's Inner Temperature

*via The Pegmatite 08/2008
(Summarized from article by Jeanna Bryner
in Live Science, 3/30/07)*

Earthquake-generated seismic waves can penetrate thousand of miles beneath the earth's surface. Scientists can monitor such waves as they pass through the core-mantle boundary, a zone where the mineral perovskite transforms into post-perovskite at certain temperatures and pressures. Using mineral physics (how fast waves travel through different materials), scientists can calculate the temperature of the materials on each side of the boundary. Researchers from M.I.T. measured seismic waves in real time beneath Central America and came up with 6,500 deg. F for the outer core, and 9,000 deg. F for the inner core. Compare that to the surface of the sun: 9,8000 deg F. Pretty hot stuff.

Gold Panning Field Trip

August 23

Photos by Jay Valle



2008 North Orange County G&M Show



La Habra Day Camp

July 29, 2008

By Don Ogden

Geology at the La Habra Day Camp at the La Habra Veterans Center was hosted by the North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society. The agenda for the workshop was:

Nancy Bird -- fossil table

Loretta Ogden -- setting stones in bezels

Don Ogden -- take pictures

Kathy Eschbach -- setting stones in bezels

Brittany Exchbach -- help where needed

Mary Ellen Ruiz -- how to make toothpaste

Frank Winn -- rock identification & hardness

Misha Farinech -- help where needed

Ofelia Warthen -- help kids make cabochons

Don Warthen -- help kids make cabochons

Don Eschbach -- help kids make cabochons



Field Trip - Ant Hill

September 27, 2008

By Jay Valle

On September 27, our monthly field trip will be to the “Ant Hill”, northeast of Bakersfield. We will collect shark teeth and other marine specimens of the Miocene.

We will meet at 9:30 in the parking lot of the California Living Museum, 10500 Alfred Harrell Hwy;

near the collecting site and the campground. The Kern River Park Campground (661) 868-7000 is a short distance northeast of here. This is a one day collecting trip, however the 2.5 hr. drive from the San Gabriel Valley may motivate you to consider a camp-over.

You will need digging tools, 1/4" mesh screen, gloves, face protection, hat, and water. We will be close to other needed items.

For further information find me at: (626) 934-9764 or res19pnb@verizon.net

See you on the river,



Recycling Used Saw Oil

via *The Pegmatite* 08/2008

(message posted on LA-Rocks on 06/10/08
by Dave Villet)

I use a light mineral-based oil in my saw known as Chevron Superla. Recently, I changed my old oil and

was left with 10 gallons of oil to dispose of. I placed an ad on Craigslist and found someone who lives in Carlsbad area who uses it to make Biodiesel. They gave me permission to share their contact information.

If you have saw oil to get rid of (not antifreeze) call Kevin or Casey at 858-568-1448.

NOC General Meeting Minutes June 10, 2008

By Jay Valle, NOC Secretary

Call to Order: President Don Eschbach called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, followed by the flag salute.

Attendance: The meeting was attended by 26 members and 8 guests.

Program: Joe Girtner presented a program about the making of an art knife.

<Break & Drawing>

April Minutes: One change was noted on the April Minutes: The April Meeting was attended by 36 members and 2 guests, not 23 members and 1 guest as reported. With changes, the April Minutes will stand as read.

Membership: Kathy Eschbach introduced new members Kathleen and Jerry Turner.

Treasurers Report: Don Warthen gave the Treasurer's Report for May and a preliminary show income report. There were no corrections to the May Treasurer's Report so it will stand as read.

Field Trips: Jay Valle said that the June Field Trip was to the CFMS Show at Ventura, June 27-29. Maps and directions to locations to collect along the beaches on the way to or from the CFMS Show were made available. They were provided by Dave Kelty (PLS). Sometime during the summer months, we will have a field trip to go gold panning. We will let you know when a date/time/location is finalized.

Federation Report: Izzy Burns gave the Federation Report and had the following to report - the CFMS Show is coming up in Ventura June 27-29. There is lots of stuff going on each day of the show. The Boy Scouts will be using a large area for the AFMS Scout Badge program and other activities. There will be

several lectures, including programs by Mike Beaumont, Walt Wright, and Bob Jones. The 'Cracker Barrel' is on Friday night and has lots of fun activities planned. If you want to know about Amtrak, call Nancy Bird. Don't forget to wear your NOC badges.

Librarian: Ofelia informed us that we did not have the library tonight but it will be back in September.

Programs: No program scheduled for September yet.

Refreshments: Kathy Valle thanked Izzy Burns who brought ice cream, and Julie West who brought fruit, cookies and other snacks. The September refreshments will be provided by Randi Kitrick and Marilyn Kline.

Show Report:

- Mike Beaumont personally delivered the Grand Prize.
- Don Warthen committee members for all their hard work during the show.
- Wendi (Erskine) did a great job in the kid's room; John (Erskine) prepared all the banners and signs used in the room and blew up all the balloons for the kids.
- Everyone did a good job throughout the show.
- Misha (Farinech) picked up some great geodes this year.
- Tentative show date for next year: **June 6-7, 2009** (note: we already signed the contract on the banner).
- The 3D Art people did great – it's a learning process for them. They got out and really hustled to get it to work. They acknowledge that they need better signage to direct visitors to their exhibits/demonstrations, and next time they plan to put stuff in the hallway leading to their room. They were great about advertising the show and worked at getting the word out. They also made some sales.
- We have already received some letters from dealers complimenting us on a great show.
- **Social Secretary:** Nothing to report.
- **Supplemental Agenda:**
- President Don Eschbach congratulated Don Warthen on another successful show. Don E. read

letters from two of our show dealers expressing their gratitude and appreciation. They said that they were impressed with the hard work of our members and their expectations were exceeded.

- Congratulation to Jerry and Ginny Grafton on receiving the “Busy Bee” Award, presented by Izzy Burns.
- The Board is investigating the possibility of changing the club storage to the same U-Haul Rental location that we currently rent the moving van during the show. The floor space is 7 ft x 15 ft x 6 ft. The facility has a loading dock and carts for loading and unloading. The rate is \$124.95/month or \$1,488/year. They are open 7 days a week, 7 AM to 7 PM. Our current space is 9 ft x 10 ft x 8 ft so we gain a lot of floor space but lose a little height. The annual cost is about \$40.00 less. The U-Haul location offers easier access, better hours and a more usable floor plan. Because they are open until 7 PM on Sunday, we might be able to transfer the show cases, etc. back into storage right after the show ends at 5 PM. If that isn’t enough time, Don E. suggested we could end the show on Sunday at 4 PM to give more tear-down time. Another advantage - this is the same place we rent the truck from. The Board will study the situation more before a decision is made.
- The Summer Picnic is going to be held at Don and Ofelia Warthen’s on August 9, 2008 at 4:00 PM. Invitations will be sent out to all club members.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Frieda (Young) Pool

April 17, 1909 to June 20, 2008

via The Rockhounder 8,/08 , by Jay Valle

PICO RIVERA – Frieda (Young) Pool, Age 99, a 67 year resident of Pico Rivera and wife of Clarence Pool died Friday, June 20, 2008.

Frieda was born April 17, 1909 in Portland, Oregon. She graduated from high school in 1927 and moved with her family to California, where she attended the Woodbury School of Comptometer Operators.

Frieda was a member of the Los Angeles YWCA and Clarence was a member of the YMCA. They met at a dance hosted jointly by the two clubs. One thing led to another and they were married August 16, 1930 at the “Wee Kirk o’ the Heather Church” located at Forest Lawn in Glendale, California. Together they raised a daughter and 3 sons.

Frieda worked as a comptometer (on a precursor to the adding machine) for a company in Hollywood, California from 1928 until her marriage. Clarence and Frieda bought their first home in Pico Rivera in 1941 and moved into their present home in Pico Rivera in 1947.

Frieda thoroughly enjoyed being a homemaker (her apple and lemon pies were second to none) and crocheting. She loved to play the piano and was a virtuoso whistler. She also enjoyed rock hounding with her husband; going along on those trips as often as possible. She was a life time member of the Whittier Gem and Mineral Society and the North Orange County Gem and Mineral Society.

Frieda was the bookkeeper for Tagit, a business started by her husband; and also kept the family’s finance records.

Frieda Pool is survived by her husband of 77 years, Clarence Pool. She is also survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Bob Tryon of Terre Haute, Indiana; 3 sons and daughters-in-law, Lionel and Gail Pool of San Juan Capistrano, CA; Dan and Collene Pool of Bishop, CA; and Dick and Donna Pool of Tehachapi, CA. Frieda is preceded in death by her granddaughter, Gigi Tryon.

She also leaves 13 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Frieda was loved and will be missed by family and friends.

Field Trip Report Wrightwood July 12, 2008

via The Rockhounder 8,/08 , by Jay Valle

Recently, I read an article from a club up in the Montana area in which they wished that Spring would finally come and release them from their mid-winter blues. For them, winter was wet and cold, and you can't rockhound when the ground is either muddy or under a blanket of snow. People in the frozen north have been known to freeze to death during that time of year.

I know how they feel, though our period of "doldrums" is in summer and our environmental hazards include extreme heat rather than cold, and thunderstorms with the occasional flash flood. Since our "backyard" is the California deserts, going there can be life threatening in an inverse way that winter can be dangerous to life and limb in Montana.

Lucky for us we have some places to go during the heat of summer, when traveling the desert is a calculated risk. One popular alternative is visiting the California beaches. The collecting is not as prolific as it normally is after the winter storms, but the wonderful cool and other recreational activities make up for the lack. Another cool destination is our local mountains. One such place, located at 6,200' elevation, is Wrightwood and it is a wonderful place for summertime rock collecting.

Our day started at Jenson's Market in greater downtown Wrightwood where a group of undaunted 'hounters, representing three clubs, met to sample the local selection of rocks and minerals. Mother nature was kind to us and the temperatures remained in the 70s most of the day. We began collecting just outside of town, finding for the most part, specimens of actinolite, large and small. Right off, Dave Kelty found the only piece of rhodonite found at this spot. Everyone collected actinolite

and other interesting metamorphic rocks to their hearts content until it was time to move on to the next site. It was then that I realized my car keys weren't in my pocket. Oh boy.

The entire group made a complete sweep of the car, surrounding area and stream bed seeking those all-important items on a keychain with no luck. Just as I was preparing to call home for a rescue, one of our collecting crew approached me and handed me my keys. I had unlocked the car earlier and set the keys down on the tailgate of the pickup where she had inadvertently picked them up and stuck them in her pocket! Whew!!! Life was good again so we moved on to collecting area number two.

The second collecting locale has actinolite and a quartzite containing colored bands and lines, an attractive lapidary material and very collectable. It is also a more prolific collecting area for the local rhodonite. I found a few samples of this gemstone here which I look forward to cutting and cabbing. Finally, Dave led us to a nearby marble location which ended the field trip for most of the group.

One of my carpoolers had his eye on a rather large and somewhat heavy boulder of actinolite back at the original collecting site. So four of us returned to the stream bed outside of town and helped him retrieve it. We brought ropes and tightly secured the rock to two of them. Then the four of us pulled the thing, two to a rope, about 300' down stream to a bank where I could back the pickup close to the edge of the stream (now I know how a team of oxen must feel when pulling a wagon.) It was surprisingly effective. Attaching the ropes to the tow hitch, the boulder was dragged up out of the wash and onto the parking area where we finally muscled it into the bed of the car.

So that was how we spent a Saturday in the middle of summer. It was fun and the mountain air was refreshing. You should have been there.