

NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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President's Message

By Don Warthen

As the summer vacation comes to an end, I'm looking back at all we have accomplished so far this year. First, it's my sad duty to inform you of the passing of longtime and life member, Clarence Pool on Saturday August 28th. Our social secretary, Nancy Bird is making arrangements to send flowers and a card to the family.

I want to congratulate all members for their participation of a great Gem Show. Great reviews have been published in the AFSM news bulletin. So, a big THANK YOU for all your hard work. Many of our members participated in the La Habra Day Camp helping around 18 kids do many earth science projects. I believe everyone had an awesome experience and afterwards, we all went to Senor Compos for lunch. We will be starting the wire wrap and lapidary classes again this month. Space is limited if you would like to attend contact Ofelia.

A trip to the Bowers Museum has been scheduled for Saturday October 9th at 11:00 am. We are scheduled to have tours of "Gemstone Carvings" by Harold Van Pelt and "Quilts: Two Centuries of American Tradition & Technique" after the tours we are free to explore the rest of the museum and of course eat. The cost is \$9.00 for seniors and \$12.00 for non-seniors, if you are a member of the Bowers you will get in for free. There is a \$2.00 parking charge per car now. A sign-up sheet will be at the meeting.

We have four more meeting this year. At the September meeting, the Nominating Committee will present their list of nominees for officers. We will then ask for nominations from the floor, after the nominations are closed, there will be no more nominations. If anyone wishes to be nominated from the floor they must be present at the meeting to accept the nomination or submit a written letter accepting the nomination. The election for officers for the 2011/2012 term will be held at the October meeting.

November is our annual auction. So start thinking about what you would like to bring to the auction this

NOC Society Activities

Board Meeting - to be announced
Field Trip - Sep. 25-26 Paul Bunyon Area
Deadline for NOC News - September 17
Classes - Sep. 21 Beg. Wire Wrap
Day Trip to Bowers Museum - Oct. 9, 11 a.m.

September 14 Program

By Nancy Bird

Joe Girtner will be presenting a program entitled "The Best Kept Secrets of Silver Soldering." He encourages you to bring in your silver projects for helpful hints. Joe is a retired college professor, having taught at Cerritos College, Norwalk, CA for 32 years. He is a career artist/craftsman working in jewelry, wood carving, knife and carving tool making.

Refreshments

By Kathy Valle

Thanks to Eleanore Pleines and Loretta Ogden for bringing the goodies to the June meeting. Nancy Bird, and Kim-Frank Winn will bring the goodies to the September meeting.

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year; we need donations, and don't forget to invite your friends. It is one of our great events and fund raisers of the year. Everyone has a great time.

December is the installation of Officers and Christmas Party. Randy is hard working on this year's event which will be held here in the Community Center on December the 14th. Randi is out of the country and will be accepting RSVP's at our next meeting.

Shows and Events

September 11-12 2010, Downey, CA
Delvers Gem & Mineral Society
Woman's Club of Downey
9813 Paramount Blvd.
Hours: Sat 10-6; Sun 10-4
Nancy Bird (562) 697-0636
Email: nancybird@verizon.net
Guynell Miller (562) 633-0614
Email: guynellallen@sbcglobal.net

September 24, 25, 26 2010, San Bernardino, CA
Orange Belt Mineralogical Society
Little League Baseball Park
6707 Little League Dr.
Hours: 9:00 a.m. to Dusk
Chris Phillips 909-570-5817
Email: likearoq@msn.com
Website: obmsrocks@yolasite.com

October 9-10 2010, Trona, CA
Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society
Searles Gem & Mineral Show Building
13337 Main Street
Hours: Sat; 7:30-5; Sun. 7:30-4
Jim & Bonnie Fairchild (760) 372-5356
Email: iwvisp.com
Website: www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub

October 16-17 2010, Whittier, CA
Whittier Gem & Mineral Society
Whittier Community Center
7630 Washington
Hours: 10-5 both days
Jay Valle (626) 934-9764
Email: res19pnb@verizon.net

November 6-7, 2010 Lancaster, CA
Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds
2551 West Ave. H & Hwy 14
Hours: 9-5 daily
Susan Chaisson-Walblom (661) 943-1861
Email: sichaisson@yahoo.com
Website: palmdalegemandmineral.com

November 13-14 2010, Victorville, CA
Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club
San Bernardino Co. Fairgrounds
14800 – 7th Street
Hours: Sat. 9-5 Sun. 9-4
Cyndy Mandell (760) 508-1080
Email: cynmandell@yahoo.com

Members in the News

HAPPY BIRTHDAY and have a wonderful day all of you who were born in August, and September.

Members in the news in **August**.

*Colin Arp
Carolyn Duncan
John Erskine
Sandy Mogan
Walton Wright
John Elliott II*

Your gemstone is Sardonyx
Your flower is Poppy or Gladiolus

Members in the news in **September**.

*Matthew Cooley
Don Eschbach
Stacy Graham
Randi Hetrick
Lynn Johnson
Ben McKinstry
Mark Nelson
Don Ogden
Loretta Ogden
Milo Perecruz
Eleanore Pleines
Rose Mary Powers
Evelyn Smith
Dave Swanston
Leonard Villaescusa
Don Warthen*

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

Nominating Committee Report

By John Erskine

Below, are the list of names of those persons nominated by the nominating committee for officers and directors for 2011 and 2012, and the position for which they have been nominated.

This list is published in the SEPTEMBER NOC NEWSLETTER, so the society will be able to review them PRIOR TO THE SEPTEMBER MEETING (9/14/10).

“These names will be read aloud at the September society meeting. Also at that meeting, “floor” nominations for any of the positions will be taken from Society members present at the meeting. Any “floor” nominations at that meeting will require that the person being nominated must be present and agree to run for the position.

Actual voting will take place at the October society meeting (10/12/10).”

PRESIDENT - Dave Swanston

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT - Don Eschbach

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT - Mary Ruiz

SECRETARY - Richard Schirer

TREASURER - John Erskine

FEDERATION DIRECTOR - Loretta Ogden

DIRECTORS

- Kathy Eschbach
- Jay Valle
- Fran Swanston
- Don Warthen
- Susan Hansen

September Education Report

By Ofelia Warthen, Chairman

After a few months of summer vacation, the Education Committee continued to do what they know best, teach the fundamentals of earth science, to the La Habra Summer Camp children. There were 18 children who learned how to make the following:

Toothpaste - Mary & Bernie Ruiz

Cabochon set it in a bezel - Don Eschbach,
Don & Ofelia Warthen

Kathy Eschbach & Fran Swanston, learned
about fossils

Dave Swanston, learned about Geology

Audrey & Barbara Woolfolk - new members

Sergeant at Arms - Richard Schirer

Photographer - Yolanda Schirer

Many thanks to all of our members that participated. It was very fulfilling feeling to see the excitement of all the children after they finished their projects.

Fall Classes:

September 21st - **Beginning Wire-Wrap**

October 19 - **Egyptian Style Wire Pendant.**

6 to 9 p.m. at the Community Center

Classes fill up very fast, so please register now if interested. Space is very limited.

NOC Library Update

By Yolanda Schirer

Robyn Hawk donated the following Instructional DVD to the NOC Library:

Jewel School: General Beading

Jewel School: Beads & Wire

Jewel Schho: Basic Wire Wrap

Jewel School: Wire Wrap 1 Step Further.

The following DVD is not listed on the NOC Library Web-Site. It will be added shortly.

What's Hot In Tucson 2009.

Its Host is David Wilber and the DVD runs a approx 4hrs.

In Memorial Clarence Pool

Feb. 8, 1909 to Aug. 28 2010

We are saddened by the loss of long time member and staunch supporter, Clarence Pool. He was 101 years old.

Clarence Pool was born in Casper, Wyoming during the worst blizzard in Wyoming history. The delivery was performed by his 2 aunts and grandmother because the doctor couldn't get out to the family ranch due to the weather. He was 3 days old when the storm abated and the doctor was finally able to fight his way through the snow to check on mother and child.

In 1911, the family moved to California. Clarence went to high school in Redlands. His coaches found him to be a fine athlete, excelling in the 100 yard dash, chin ups, rope climbing and the broad jump. His coach was grooming him for an Olympics try when he broke his back and effectively killed his athletics career. Clarence was just 17. He was also an Eagle Scout with the Beaumont, California Boy Scouts.

After graduating High School, Clarence worked and went to college until 1927 when he landed a job at Douglas Aircraft as an Electro-mechanical Engineer. He had always had an intuitive "feel" and understanding for how things worked and this talent served him well during his working life. While working at Douglas, he developed several innovations, including a technique for flush riveting on aircraft. It was during this period that his hearing was first damaged by the high noise levels of the riveting machines. Aircraft of the time were controlled by hydraulic systems and at some point he became interested in the field. He eventually was able to solve some hydraulic packing problems that had been troubling Douglas (and other aircraft manufacturers). He also developed hydraulic valves for use in Douglas' aircraft. In 1939, he left to form his own business.



During his time at Douglas Aircraft, Clarence met a lovely lady named Frieda Young, who was to become his life-long partner. He was a member of the local YMCA and she belonged to the local YWCA. They met at a dance hosted jointly by the two clubs. Ont 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. Together, they raised a girl and 3 boys.

In 1940, Clarence started his first business, Hydropack, and built various types of hydraulic equipment. One of his innovations was a chevron packing for the hydraulic devices used in aircraft that was good to 65 degrees below zero. Though these hydraulic systems are no longer used, at one time his equipment was in every airplane.

After Hydropack, he started another company called Caltron. This business specialized in injection molding and made a variety of molded products. Caltron continues on but is now run by his son in Bishop, California.

Somewhere along the way, Clarence picked up the love of rocks. After attending a gem show in Whittier, he joined the Whittier Gem & Mineral Society in 1959 (after some arm twisting by Dora Stern). He loved the field trips and led many of the most memorable outings, including trips to New Mexico and Oregon. He collected rocks in about half of the United States. Clarence also created the Tagit Trophy which was awarded each year to the best case of cabochons.

Among his other interests was photography and he was a skilled and avid photographer. He won several photography contests and 11 of his pictures were featured in a calendar several years ago. He was a long-time member of the NRA and a good hunter. He especially enjoyed his deer hunts in Wyoming.

Clarence's own lapidary specialty was tumbling. He started out with a standard barrel type tumbler but didn't like to wait 6 months to see the results. So he designed a laboratory (vibratory) tumbler which would do the job in a week and he marketed it under the name of Tagit. (The name Tagit came from an I.D. tagging product he developed for marking cattle and the name stuck.) The barrels for his Tagit Tumblers were designed and produced at Caltron, his own molding company. Another product he designed and produced was a cab preformer tool for making the "perfect" cab.

Other products Clarence designed: an electric organ and an air rifle. The electric organ was designed just before the Korean War and, once hostilities began, it was impossible to get the resistors and transistors that he needed. The air rifle was developed in 1947 or 1948 but there was no commercial or military interest in the weapon so it was not pursued.

Frieda died in 2008 but he is survived by daughter Patricia and her husband Bob Tryon, Lionel and Gail Pool of San Juan Capistrano, Dan and Colleen Pool of Bishop, and Dick and Donna Pool of Tehachapi, all in California. There are also 11 grand-children, 30 great grand-children, and 2 great-great grand-children.

Jay Valle, Whittier Gem & Mineral Society

Don Ogen, North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society



In Memorial Muriel Berg

By Bill & Izzie Burns

Muriel Berg passed away August 15, when she was at her son's home and suffered from a fall and a broke hip. She was a former member of Whittier Gem & Mineral Society with her husband (Floyd), who preceded her in death. They were very active members; served on most committees; attended meetings; led field trips, and helped on shows. Muriel was President of WGMS in 1969 and 1972; Editor of our Bulletin for several years; and always acknowledged help from other members for doing things for the club.

When the North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society was formed Muriel and Floyd joined it, and helped with many projects. They worked long hours on developing the club's Constitution and Bylaws, and other government required forms to be a nonprofit organization. They gave time, ideas, and worked on the *NOC-CFMS Show -The ORANGE JUBILEE OF GEMS*. The profit, \$35,190.01, from that show was shared with the CFMS. The money was used to buy equipment for classes and some of it is still in NOC's saving bank account.

Muriel and Floyd retired and moved to Lake Elsinore and they soon found a new Gem Club. It was Lake Elsinore Gem & Mineral Society. They were soon apart of that group and were busy working with the youth, who won youth awards for their displays. Muriel with Floyd's changed their names to Beverly and Bob.

Muriel and her side kick have, also, helped with many clubs Shows, served on CFMS Committees and were on every field trip for rocks and gems until age limited their ability. Muriel (Beverly) has been a wonderful Rockbound and a life long friend. Bill and I will greatly miss her. Her services will be at the Lake Elsinore Elks Club sometime soon.

NOC General Meeting Minutes La Habra Community Center June 8, 2010

Call to Order: President Don Warthen called the meeting to order. Don Eschbach led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of Last Meeting: Secretary Jay Valle read the minutes of the last General Meeting. There were no corrections. Dave Swanston **MOVED** that the minutes be accepted as corrected, **SECONDED** by Kathy Eschbach. The **MOTION** was accepted, none opposed so the Minutes will stand as corrected.

Treasurers Report: John Erskine presented the Treasurer's Report for May. There were no additional comments on the Treasurer's Report so Dave Swanston **MOVED** that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented, **SECONDED** by Ofelia Warthen. The **MOTION** was accepted, none opposed so the Treasurer's Report will stand as read.

Federation Report: Loretta Ogden talked to Fred Ott about the CFMS tourmaline field trip which had been scheduled for the weekend after our show and which is in direct competition with our own field trips.

Education Report: Ofelia Warthen has nothing to report.

Nominating Committee: Per our By-Laws, it is time to form the Nominating Committee for 2011-2012 Officers and Directors. The following members were selected to serve on the committee:

President's Selection: John Erskine, Committee Chair
Board Nominee: Loretta Ogden
3 selected by the members present (the floor): Fran Swanston, Wendi Erskine, Don & Kathy Eschbach (1/2 vote each). John Erskine made a motion to close the nominations, Frank Winn seconded the motion. Motion passed, none opposed.

President Don Warthen directed the committee to meet before the September meeting, with the nominations to be published in the September bulletin. The nominations are then to be read at the September General Meeting and nominations from the floor are

to be taken. The actual vote on the nominees will be at the October General Meeting.

Christmas Installation party: Randi Hetrick told us that the event would be held at the Community Center and that she had already signed up a musician, a glass harmonica. She is still considering what food to feature (maybe Nicaraguan.)

July Special Meeting: Don Warthen reminded us that we would be hosting a special after-show meeting on July 13. Initially, the plan was for the meeting to be a potluck but Don Eschbach made a motion to have the club buy pizzas instead. John Erskine seconded the motion. Motion carried, none opposed. Lisa Babilonia will be our featured speaker at this meeting.

Show Biz: The following final pre-show items were discussed:

- * Thursday night hot-dog cookout: Fran Swanston will need help from 4:30 - 6:30 PM. Bernie Ruiz has the meal vouchers.
- * Table skirting will be between 8-9 AM.
- * We have 39 dealers.
- * There will be 52 competitive and 8 non-competitive cases.
- * The buildings will be locked and outside security will be provided by the University. No one will be sleeping over inside the buildings. The security company hired by the University is "Shield". Richard Shirer is in charge of our security.
- * The generator is being delivered at 7 AM. We will need "spiders" and cables.
- * Robyn Hawk and Nancy Bird will be picking up the truck from U-Haul in the morning. The work crew and helpers need to be at the warehouse by 8 AM. Robyn will arrange to pick up a couple of workers for Thursday setup.
- * Setup at the campus is scheduled to begin between 9-9:30 AM. Dealer setup begins at 11:30 AM.
- * Don't forget your orange vests and/or NOC badges.
- * A final show meeting is scheduled for June 14 (Monday) at 6:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned.

Jay Valle, NOC Secretary
August 31, 2010

NOC Special Meeting Minutes La Habra Community Center July 17, 2010

Call to Order: President Don Warthen called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

<Break for Pizza>

Program: Makena Crowe presented a program about horse fossils that had been collected at Clark Park.

<Break and Drawing>

Committee Reports:

Membership: Mary Ruiz reported an attendance of 33 members and 5 guests.

Show Report:

Treasurers Report: John Erskine presented the preliminary Treasurer's Report for the show.

Other Show Comments:

* Frank Winn said that we need to update our power cords.

* Izzy Burns told us that the Old Timers Club was happy with the show.

* Randi Hetrick reported that the prize won by Bob Jones had been personally delivered to his home in Arizona by Randi's husband.

* Fran Swanston thanked everyone who helped at the Thursday hot dog cookout with donations and work.

* Robyn Hawk received a well-deserved pat on the back for her fine work on the field trips.

* Apparently the youth group did well.

2011 Show Chairman: Dave Swanston will be show chairman for the NOC 2011 Show (Fran will be his co-chair.)

Education: Ofelia Warthen Informed us that we would be working at the Kid's Summer Camp again this year. The date will be the 2nd Monday in August.

Field Trips: Don Ogden suggested a day trip to the Bower's Museum. Loretta Ogden will set it up for sometime in September.

Summer Potluck & Pool Party: This year's summer get together will be at Jay & Kathy Valle's house. It will be a potluck and guests are encouraged to bring a swim suit to go in the pool.

Refreshments: Nancy Bird & Kim Winn will provide the September snacks.

Social Secretary: Nancy Bird informed us the Chalmers was at St. Jude Cancer Center where he is undergoing treatment for lung cancer. She also sent thank you cards to her helpers at the show.

Other Business:

Don Warthen had Camp Paradise raffle tickets for sale at \$5 apiece.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Jay Valle, NOC Secretary
August 31, 2010

Field Trip - Memorial Day weekend September 25 - 26 Paul Bunyan Agate Area (With an eye toward Mule Canyon)

The weekend of September 25-26 we are planning is to spend some quality time looking for fine lapidary materials in the Calico Mountains and at other nearby collecting spots. This will be a multi-club trip including WGMS, PLS, NOC and the Anaheim Searchers. Our base of operations (campsite) will be at the Paul Bunyan Agate mine which is an excellent camping location with many collecting sites nearby, including the Silver-lace Onyx Mine and Mule Canyon. The famous red plume agate named for this site can still be collected, though the tailing piles have been much diminished. For those who do not wish to camp, Barstow is nearby with motels and restaurants, and the ever-popular Oak Tree Inn is just one mile past the Fort Irwin Road exit, down the road from Peggy Sue's. Saturday night we are planning to enjoy a potluck dinner and campfire (Mother Nature and the BLM permitting.) The weather is usually nice - you should plan for warm weather but it can be cool too, so be aware of that possibility (this is the desert after all!)

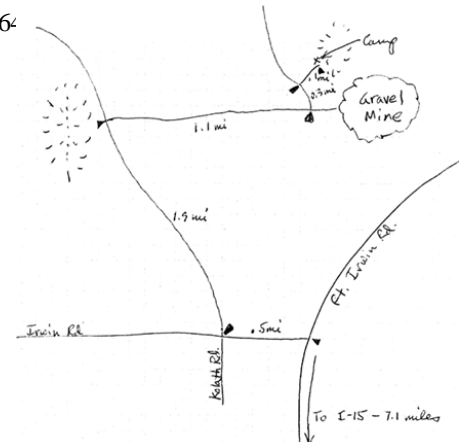
This trip is suitable for those who can only come out for the day (Saturday or Sunday). If you are planning a day trip, though, you should contact us so we know you are coming and can wait for you.

Directions:

- Take I-15 past Barstow to the Fort Irwin Rd. turnoff.
- Go left over the freeway (North) for 7.1 miles to Irwin Rd.
- Turn left and go 1/2 mile to dirt road on the right. (Kolath Road is on the left.)
- Turn right onto the dirt road and go 1.9 miles to a road from the right at the base of a small hill.
- Go right (it is a sharp turn) and follow for 1.1 miles.
- Turn left and go just 0.3 miles to the turnoff on the right to camp, about 0.1 miles further.

Note: If you know this area, there are a lot of "short cuts". These directions guarantee that you will arrive at our camp, not that you will cover the shortest distance. Look for signs - either the Orange NOC, or Blue/Yellow PLS/WGMS. They will lead you to camp.

For questions and further information contact: Jay Valle at (626) 934-9764



Breakfast at the Mayors Place before the Napomo Show

By Don Ogden



Napomo Show

By Don Ogden



Hidden Treasures

By Randi Hetrick

Hidden Treasures, there certainly are many in our NOC Gem and Mineral Society. I felt compelled to write this missive because I was truly overwhelmed at the effort put forth by our club members and their friends and relatives and people on the street we roped in to help put this show on.

Every day I became more aware of some other aspect of planning and execution of this event. Where do I start, the advertising, attending other community events to promote the show, the articles in the local papers, the entrée into social media advertising, the 50 signs that were made to help people locate the show, the lay-outs of the contents of the three buildings, the speakers, the children's activities (and I had friends who came with their children WHO TOTALLY LOVED IT), the offerings at the silent action and the fun atmosphere around the silent action area. The demonstrators were diligent and skillful and PATIENT. The speaker roaster was impressive, in addition we had authors and representatives from different organizations and a great show offer and free magazines from Rock and Gem magazine.

Our club fed the dealers and ourselves Thursday night and the banquet on Saturday night was completely charming with the fiesta theme, once again our members were food servers (somehow I did not expect that) and everyone there with the club pitched in for the fastest tear down I have ever seen. (Howard did wash the 100 salsa bowls and I hope we use them into perpetuity). The bracelets were an engaging party favor memento and the centerpieces were so attractive people asked if they could take them to use again for the editor's breakfast. Club members received much deserved awards and I can't wait to see them in the display case at the community center! Our event chairman, really the team of Don and Ophelia Warthen were like the little engine that could and there were some steep grades to ascend.

As many of us are aware of we had serious electrical problems in the gym but Frank and his crew worked and worked and by Sat. noon "we had light". Again on Friday we had problems with adequate food being available for purchase but on Saturday and Sunday problems resolved. One reason I am so passionate about why this matters is the educational emphasis of this convocation. The fossil exhibits and petrified wood exhibits were incredible, I saw a child's face transfuse with wonder after she was handed a freshly sliced geode and was told, "no one has ever seen the inside of this rock before, and you are the

first." Of course, there was a little crystal garden tucked inside and it was a perfect moment. Our dealers were often very knowledgeable and so willing to talk with attendees, eager to share their background and enthusiasm. The dealers, well selected by our dealer chair, had wonderful products and there was a nice variety of items so one could find huge photos of an agate slab looking otherworldly, tools, books, sunstones and moonstones, fossils, rocks and minerals from around the world to start or enhance a collection (even a few from out of this world.) Most of our dealers donated lovely or useful raffle items, diamonds and intricately crafted pendants, a rock hound hammer and fossils!

The gorgeous plants were popular as always and my daughter was so excited about the plant haul she made she said she will volunteer for the club show next year. She bought a salt rock lamp and an agate slab night light and plans to try her hand at making night lights herself.

There were greeters/security at every door and if the next person didn't show up people would stay until everything was secure. We were told there was an attempted break in but the person was scared off by our volunteer sleepover security. And finally our announcer Kathy keeps everyone informed with help from Bob and Randi.

The raffle team worked very well together and we commented at least 100 times that the raffle prizes that were donated were generous and some of them stunning as well. See the picture of our grand prize winner for the amethyst necklace, Jeanne Asp almost had tears in her eyes. Our special prize winner for the Sunday attendees only, Alfred Alvarado was an attendee because of advertising at the senior center jewelry class in Whittier. The prizes donated and/or purchased by the NOC club generated much excitement, dare I say "lust" by the raffle ticket purchasing public and it became a hang out spot as people checked back to see if they had been a prize winner.

We had the opportunity to hear feedback on regular basis, and the majority was positive, some of it gushingly so! Of course there were some "helpful" comments and we will certainly digest those at the July meeting but the overriding message here is attendees had a great time, learned a lot, the children had fun and began to cultivate an interest in earth sciences, we will have some new people attend our meetings, our national affiliates were proud of us and knew how hard everyone worked and how much we cared about it being a well planned and successful show and we all survived to tell our "war stories". I am proud to be part of this club in this community!