

# NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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November 2010

## President's Message

*By Don Warthen*

I have served as your president for the last two years, and now this term is coming to a close. It has been both a pleasure and a great challenge.

After serving four times before this term, the challenges were very different and more challenging. I could not have met all these challenges without the help of all the members especially my Board of Directors.

As we close out this year, we still have the auction coming up this month. This is always a fun event and we can also raise some money at the same time. Don't forget to bring your donations and invite your friends and neighbors.

On Tuesday December 9<sup>th</sup>, we will have the installation of our new officers and awards banquet at the Community Center. Randi has done a great job of putting together this dinner with entertainment and the cost is only \$10.00 per person. This is our last event of the year and should prove to be very exciting, so please let Randi know ASAP if you are attending (she needs to know how much food to order).

### **Randi Hetrick**

2011 Toledo Place  
La Habra, CA 90631-5076  
Cell: (310) 251-7292

I look forward to seeing everyone at the dinner installation. There are several people that are not able to get to our regular meetings any longer but are able to get to the annual Christmas Party, so please attend.

This is a great time to catch up on everything that has been going on in the last year or past years.

See everyone at the auction November 9<sup>th</sup>.

## NOC Society Activities

Board Meeting - to be announced

Field Trip - -**November 6-7** WGMS Honey

Onyx Claim \*\* Changed from October 23-24  
because of C Pools Memorial Service

Deadline for NOC News - November 17

Auction - Silent and live with our own Auctioneer  
Don Warthen.

## November 9 Program

*By Nancy Bird*

**Date:** November 9

**Time:** 6:45 p.m.

**Place:** La Habra Community Center  
101 W. La Habra Blvd, La Habra

**Program:** **Auction** - members should donate to the auction. Bring Rocks, finished products, etc.

## Refreshments

*By Kathy Valle*

Thanks to Kim and Frank Winn for bringing the goodies to the October meeting. Randi Hetrick and Nancy O'Conner will bring the goodies to the November meeting.

## Members in the News

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

*Jane Livezey      David J. Miller*  
*Mary Ellen Ruiz    Richard Schirer*  
*Fran Swanston*

Your gemstone is Topaz

Your flower is Chysanthemum

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## Shows and Events

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### 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](mailto:sichaisson@yahoo.com)  
Website: [palmdalegemandmineral.com](http://palmdalegemandmineral.com)

### November 13-14 2010, Victorville, CA\*\*Cancelled\*\*

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](mailto:cynmandell@yahoo.com)

### January 28,29 &30: Redlands, CA

Mineralogical Society of Southern California  
Micromounters Symposium  
San Bernardino County Museum  
2024 Orange Tree  
Hours: Fri. 5pm - 10pm; Sat. 9am - 10pm  
Sun. Field trip time to be set  
Dr. Robert Housley (714) 697-4435  
e-mail: [rhousley@its.caltech.edu](mailto:rhousley@its.caltech.edu)  
Webpage: [mineralsocal.org](http://mineralsocal.org) (click on micromounters)

### February 25-26, 2011, Northridge, CA

Del-Air Rockhounds  
Northridge United Methodist Church  
9650 Reseda Blvd.  
Hours: Fri. 3:00 to 9:00 pm - Sat. 10:00 to 5:00 pm  
Chris S. Ward  
Email: [cris\\_ward678@yahoo.com](mailto:cris_ward678@yahoo.com)  
Website: [delairrockhounds.blogspot.com](http://delairrockhounds.blogspot.com)

### March 5-6 2011, Arcadia, CA

Monrovia Rockhounds, Inc.  
Los Angeles Co. Arboretum & Botanic Gardens  
301 Baldwin Ave.  
Hours: Sat. & Sun. 9-4:30  
Jo Anna Ritchey (626) 359-1624  
Email: [vgms\\_editor@roadrunner.com](mailto:vgms_editor@roadrunner.com)  
Website: [www.Moroks.com](http://www.Moroks.com)

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## Earthquake Moved California 31 Inches

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LiveScience.com - Thursday, June 24, 2010  
via The Pegmatite 10/2010

The powerful earthquake that struck Baja California and the southwestern United States in April of 2010 actually moved an entire California border city, NASA radar images show.

Calexico, California, near the US-Mexican border, moved as much as 2 1/2 feet south and down into the ground due to the magnitude 7.2 earthquake on April 4. (Easter Sunday)

Called the Mayor-Cucapah earthquake, the tremor was centered 32 miles south-southeast of Calexico and was the strongest quake to strike the region in nearly 120 years.

Two people were killed and hundred more were injured.

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## Jewelers Weight Dilemma

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posted on LA Rocks May 25, 2010  
via The Pegmatite 10/2010

**1. What weighs more, an ounce of Gold, or an ounce of casting wax?**

**Answer : Gold.**

Casting wax is weighed in Avoirdupois ounces, and Gold is weighed in Troy ounces. A Grain is the same in Avoirdupois weight (AV) and Troy weight (T).

So, a Grain of casting wax weighs the same as a Grain of Gold. But, an AV ounce has 437.5 Grains, and a T ounce has 480 Grains. So, an ounce of Gold weighs more than an ounce of casting wax.

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**2. What weighs more, a pound of Gold, or a pound of casting wax?**

**Answer : Casting wax.**

Since an AV pound has 16 ounces, and a T pound has 12 ounces, a pound of casting wax weighs more than a pound of Gold.

## November Education Report

*By Ofelia Warthen, Chairman*

We had 12 students sign up for our October class and they all finished their dazzling Egyptian pendant. Everyone attending our classes expressed their satisfaction and enjoyment in making their projects.

I have received responses from students stating their gratifying experiences especially extremely pleased with our teachers. They have signed up and look forward to our continued classes in the coming year.

I want to thank our fabulous teachers, Fran Swanston, Don Eschbach, and Loretta Ogden, together with all our volunteer helpers, Jay Valle, Don Warthen, Kathy Eschbach and Dave Swanston.



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## NOC General Meeting Minutes La Habra Community Center October 12, 2010

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By Jay Valle NOC Secretary

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

<**Program: Video - "What's Hot in Tucson"**>

<**Break & Drawing**>

**Membership:** 31 members, 2 guests

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

**Treasurers Report:** John Erskine presented the Treasurer's Report. He reported that our Club accounts were healthy. There were no additional comments on the Treasurer's Report so the Treasurer's Report will stand as presented.

**Election:** Don Warthen read the slate of Officers for the term of 2011/2012. There was no discussion so Loretta Ogden moved that we accept the slate as presented, seconded by Don Eschbach. Motion Passed, all in favor, none opposed. Officers elected.

**Education Committee:** Ofelia Warthen reminded us that there was a wire wrap class scheduled for Tuesday, October 19. She also mentioned the NOC library which is open to all members to check out books on wire wrapping and beads.

**Field Trips:** Don Ogden reported that the field trip date for October has been changed to November 6 & 7 due to the memorial service for Clarence Pool.

**Federation Report:** Loretta Ogden talked about the upcoming CFMS business meeting in Visalia and ZZYZX. Nancy Bird is going to ZZYZX this year. It was noted that next year ZZYZX returns in the Spring, rather than Fall.

**Xmas Party:** Randi Hetrick brought us up to date on preparations for our Christmas Party/Awards Dinner/Installation of Officers. It will be at the La Habra Community Center and is going to be catered by a Nicaraguan couple. It will feature Nicaraguan food, Cuban desserts and entertainment. A signup sheet was passed around.

**2011 Show Report:** Dave Swanston is the Show Chairman for next years NOC Gem Show. He sent around a sign up sheet allowing members to sign up for show jobs. The show is scheduled on the 1st weekend in June.

**Social Secretary:** A memorial service for long-time member Clarence Pool will be held on October 23 at 1:30 PM at the Pool's Pico Rivera home.

**Program for Next Month:** The November program is our annual Live & Silent Auction. The Silent Auction will start at 6:45 PM and the Live Auction begins at 7:15 PM.

**Refreshments:** Refreshments were provided courtesy of Kim & Frank Winn. November refreshments will be supplied by Randi Hetrick and Nancy O'Conner.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 P.M.



## Wileys Well Annual Thanksgiving Round-Up November 25-28, 2010

By Adam Dean and Robert Sankovich

This trip is open to all CFMS Affiliated Society Members and their guests that agree to abide by the AFMS Code of Ethics, the directions of the field trip leader, and practice safe rockhounding. A Consent and Assumption of Risk Waiver of Liability form must be signed upon arriving at the campsite.

**TRIP LOCATION:** The Wiley Well District is 10 miles southwest of Blythe, CA and is one of the most popular collecting areas on the Colorado Desert.

**WHEN:** Thanksgiving Weekend, November 25-28, 2010. There will be folks camping all week.

**SPONSORS:** CFMS Field Trip South Co-Chairs, and OBMS.

**LEADERS:** Adam Dean and Robert Sankovich. Please notify us, if you plan on attending. Feel free to email or call us if you have any questions or need more information:

Adam: Ph: (909) 489-4899

e-mail: theagatehunter@verizon.net

Robert Sankovich Ph:(805) 494-7734

e-mail: rmsorca@adelphia.net

**DIRECTIONS TO CAMPSITE:** From the 10 Freeway, exit on Wiley Well Road and turn south from the freeway, 14 miles to camp. Around a mile or two down the road, the pavement will turn towards the right. Don't follow that road; stay straight onto the dirt road. Stay on this dirt road past Fire Agate Mine and the Coon Hollow Rd. You will see a sign for the Imperial County Line. The camp will be just past this sign on the right-hand side. I will have OBMS (Orange Belt Mineralogical Society) Field Trip signs along the way to the camp ground. If you get lost, call Adam at (909) 489-4899.

**COLLECTING TRIPS:** November 25th, 26th, and 27th. Open to all CFMS affiliated society members and their guests.

Each day we will leave camp at 8:00 am and return in the late afternoon except on Thanksgiving Day when we will be back in time for our Feast at 2:00 pm. Be sure to carry your lunch and water when we go to the collecting sites, we will not come back to camp during the day.

25th – Petrified Bay Laurel-Iron Wood by Colorado River, AZ

26th – Fire Agate/Chalcedony. Pebble Terrace, Paisley Agates

27th – Geode and Nodules Beds

**VEHICLES:** On the 26th, a 4-wheel drive vehicle “is” necessary to get to Fire Agate . We will make arrangements for those without a 4-wheel drive to ride with those who do. On the 27th trip, a 4-wheel drive vehicle is not a “must” for this trip, but is highly recommended. No lowclearance vehicles advised. These sites are remote, so bring food, water and all required supplies. The nearest stores are in Blythe, California.

**CAMPGROUNDS & FACILITIES:** This is a dry camping area, no water, no services, no hookups, no toilets. There is a dump station at the rest stop at the Wiley Well exit off I-10; however, there is no potable water. Blythe has a free dump station and good water 2-blocks south of I-10 at the Lovkin Ave. exit. Blythe is also good place to get food, supplies, ice and gasoline. It is approximately 25 miles from Blythe to the campsite. There are numerous good motels in Blythe with a wide range of rates. The closest town to the campsite is Palo Verde, approximately 16 miles through Coon Hollow and over the Mule Mtns. There is a convenience store (food, etc.), gasoline, a couple of restaurants and rock shop in Palo Verde, the road is okay for 4-wheel drive vehicles but not 2-wheel drive vehicle.

**SAFETY CONCERNS:** Do not lick the rocks, use sun screen, when needed, stay away from rattlesnakes, use bug spray, be aware of flash floods,

be extra careful, team up with a buddy and don't get lost.

**CLIMATE & WEATHER:** We are planning on nice weather—sunny days; cool, clear, star filled nights. But remember it can rain this time of year so be prepared and plan ahead.

**MATERIAL TO COLLECT:** Fire agate, geodes and a large variety of miscellaneous fossils, limestone, jasper, petrified wood, agates and very old Stromatolites. Also, we plan to search for the Paisley Agate Beds, Geodes and nodules.

**COLLECTING MATERIALS:** There will be surface collecting and the use of sturdy bags will be all you need. However, if you plan on digging fire agates, you need hard rock tools, safety glasses, and a hand sledge and gloves. It may be wise to carry a first aid kit. If you plan on digging for geodes, you need hard rock tools, as well as, picks, shovels, and I recommend a dust mask, as the volcanic ash may irritate your lungs.

**TOOLS:** Sturdy bags, hard rock tools, safety glasses and gloves. It may be wise to carry a first-aid kit. I also recommend a dust mask as the volcanic ash may irritate your lungs.

**CLOTHING:** Wear clothing in layers as it can be very warm during the day and extremely cold at night. Bring extra jackets and blankets.

**DINNER:** Thanksgiving - 3:00 pm; O.B.M.S. and C.F.M.S. will host a potluck dinner for all those willing to contribute. Please bring your own plates, utensils, drinks and chair. We welcome everyone. If you plan to join us for dinner, here is the guideline to follow:

- If your last name starts with A, E, I, M, Q or - please bring a main dish.
- If your last name starts with B, F, J, N, R or V - please bring a starch.
- If your last name starts with C, G, K, O, S, W or X - please bring a vegetable or salad.
- If your last name starts with D, H, L, P, T, Y or Z - please bring a dessert.

**REMINDER:** Please help preserve our deserts and pack out what you pack in. Let's leave it clean for future Rockhounds.

All those attending the collecting trips will be required to fill out a Liability Waiver form.

- Robert & Adam



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## CFMS Earth Sciences Studies 2011 Camp Zzyzx

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*By Marion Roberts  
via CFMS Newsletter*

All is going well with the two Camps, with one exception, the limited bed space at Zzyzx and the cost of food service has put the finances in a bit of trouble.

To keep from increasing the fees, I am hoping to increase the R. V. owner's participation. To let them all know about the road in off the Highway, it has been paved nearly all the way. This was done only 2 years ago.

We have also decided to offer R. V.ers a chance to come for \$300.00 instead of the \$350.00. This is a \$100.00 discount for couples with a R. V.

If you have any problem getting an application for Zzyzx in March of 2011, feel free to contact me and we will e-mail you one. Look for a copy of the 2011 Zzyzx application on the next page of the NOC Newsletter.

-Marion

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**THE CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF  
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ENJOYMENT OF THE EARTH SCIENCES



We invite you to join us at the Earth Science Seminar to be held at Soda Springs (Zzyzx) located approximately 50 miles northeast of Barstow, CA, off I-15 at Zzyzx Rd. Facilities are rustic, dormitory style rooms with bed, mattress, and desk. Cleaning responsibilities lie with occupants. You must bring bed linen or sleeping bag and any creature comforts you may desire, i.e., lamp, throw rug, ice chest. RV parking is approximately 1/4 mile from the center and has no facilities of any kind. All restrooms and showers are located in separate buildings at the center and are communal. The Earth Science Committee retains the right to accept or deny applications as they deem appropriate. This area is designated by the Government as a Desert Studies Center; consequently, **NO PETS ARE ALLOWED**. A limited number of reservations are available and early application is recommended. Subject to change, these classes will be offered:

Lapidary -  
Silver Fabrication -  
Beading  
Soft Stone Carving & Scrimshaw-  
Advanced Wire Art-  
Wire Art-

Field Trips-  
Enameling-  
Dichoric Glass & Precious metal clay

The fee for the week is \$350.00 per person and includes quarters or RV space, three meals per day, and classes. Additional charges may be assessed for material furnished by instructors.

No cancellations after MARCH 10, 2011 *UNLESS A REPLACEMENT IS PROVIDED*.  
A \$25.00 Administration Fee will be assessed for cancellations made prior to March 10, 2011

Please complete the Registration Form and mail it with full payment, payable to CFMS.

For information only, call:  
Marion Roberts  
(209) 538-0197

**ZZYZX CAMP DATE**  
March 27-April 3, 2011

Mail application to:  
Audrey Harvey  
3363 Tuxford Place  
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360  
(805) 492-2253

**REGISTRATION FORM - DEADLINE Feb.27,2011**

Applications received after this date will be placed on a stand-by list and considered only when a vacancy exists.

*Please use block printing:*

Mr. Mrs. Ms \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mrs. Ms \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

ROOM ASSIGNMENT FOR SINGLE APPLICANTS ONLY. R.V. \_\_\_ DORM\_

ROOM REQUEST FOR MEDICAL OR PHYSICAL REASONS; PLEASE DESCRIBE

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS: DIABETIC OTHER EXPLAIN \_\_\_\_\_

*Please fill in classes desired:*

First Choice \_\_\_\_\_ Second Choice \_\_\_\_\_ Third Choice \_\_\_\_\_  
A \_\_\_\_\_  
B \_\_\_\_\_

## WGMS Field Trip Whittier Club Honey Onyx Claim November 6-7, 2010

By Jay Valle

After the WGMS Show, our field trip is typically an outing to the Whittier Gem & Mineral Society's Honey Onyx Claim, located just east of Barstow. The honey onyx is still there but it is hard rock mining. If you have any or have seen it, you know that it is well worth the effort involved.

Usually we use our Claim as a base of operations for daily field trips to the surrounding collecting areas. The access to the camp area requires unlocking a combination lock and opening a locked gate. You will find a combination lock on the gate. The combination is 4321. After you pass through the gate, you must lock it behind you. Follow the 'W' or 'PLS' signs to camp (see map on facing page).

There will be guided field trips on both Saturday and Sunday and we will leave camp each day at 8:00 - 8:30 AM. Saturday evening will feature a traditional

potluck dinner, followed by a warm campfire, if the weather permits.

**Materials which may be collected:** Honey onyx, red moss agate, petrified wood & palm root, algae agate, and other unnamed agates, jasp-agates, jaspers, fossils, etc.

**Tools:** Rock pick & bag for general collecting; Sledges, wedges, chisels, pry bars, etc. for those rockhounds who really want to get serious with the honey onyx.

**Supplies:** Barstow is very close. For beginning rockhounds (without campers, trailers, etc.) you may wish to stay in a motel in town and drive to the Club Claim each morning. This is also an easy way to get to know the "workings" of a rock club field trip.

Contact: Jay Valle at (626) 934-9764 for questions or further information.

**Information on the Oaktree Inn** for those who would like to stay in a room for the two nights:

### Oaktree Inn

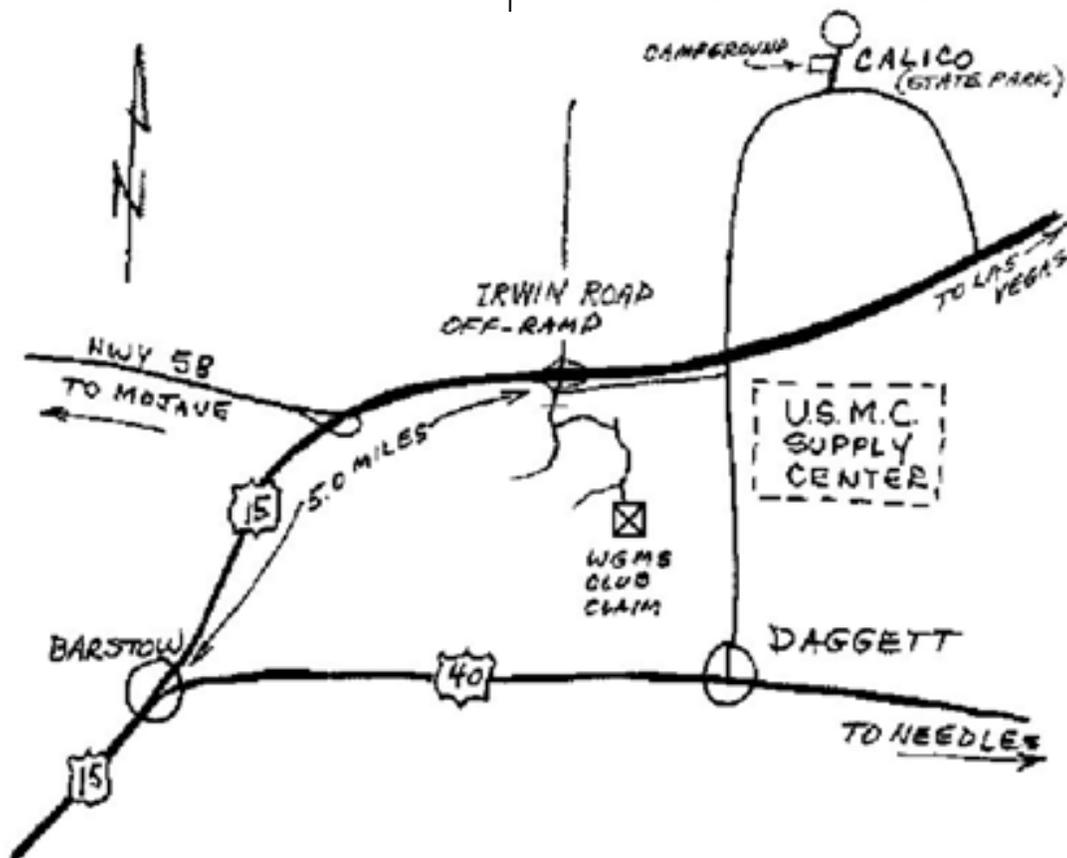
35450 Yermo Dr.

Phone: (760) 254-1148

Take the Ghost Town Road Turnoff

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Dinner is open 24 hours a day





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- × Affordable Prices

The Second Tuesday of November

November 9, 2010 @ 6:45 PM

At the La Habra Community Center  
101 W. La Habra Blvd., La Habra, CA



For more information call Dan or Ofelia at (626) 330-2974 or (626) 945-2172

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## An important e-mail from my computer club.

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By Don Ogden

It's that time of the year again...

### United States Postal Service Delivery Error Virus ALERT

With Christmas coming up, this could be a real problem. Now in circulation, a virus carries the subject line "USPS Delivery Problem NR#####" (numbers appear in place of the # signs). Victims receive an e-mail supposedly from the United States Postal Service along with a packet number. The message says it was unable to deliver a package sent to you on such-and-such a date. You are requested to print out an attached invoice copy in a file called USPSLabelDoc.zip.

DON'T OPEN THE ZIP ATTACHMENT TO PRINT IT OUT. It contains a malicious .exe file. The .exe file, if executed, attempts to infect the user's system with malicious code.

You can read more about this at:

Fake United States Postal Service Emails Distribute Trojan Downloader

<http://news.softpedia.com/news/Fake-United-States-Postal-Service-Emails-Distribute-Oficla-Trojan-158465.shtml>

Threat Outbreak Alert: Fake United States Postal Service Delivery Error on October 7, 2010

<http://tools.cisco.com/security/center/viewAlert.x?alertId=21432>

You can also check information about this at Snopes:

<http://www.snopes.com/computer/virus/ups.asp>

Many of you will recognize this ploy from the past year or two relating to UPS, Fed Ex, and DHL. Thanks to Bob Goodman, Cajun Clickers, for giving us a heads up on this one.

Linda Gonse

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