

NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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From President's Corner

HELLO TO ALL THE NOCGMS FAMILY

Welcome to October. This will be a very busy month for our Society.

Yes, there is a big event coming up, it's our annual Quarter Maina and it's going to be huge. So, get your costumes ready and for sure get your tickets early. They are \$20.00 now but will be \$25.00 at the door.

We also have two, yes two different field trips next month and they are both great trips. If you are interested contact Richard Sprawls.

We also have our normal general meeting on October 11, 2017 and that will be a wonderful time also.

We had several jewelry classes in September and I learned so many new things and new techniques it was truly amazing. If you are interested in the classes please contact Linda Chu. Speaking on classes, we are having a class on October 5, 2017. Ming Trees are this month's class.

One last thing I would like to add, I would like all board members to try to put together stuff for the **All-American Club**. This can be a lot of fun and it would get our club some much needed recognition. Think of it as scrapbooking on a higher level and I know many of our club members love to that hobby, so let's get together and build a book that will be noticed and cherished.

On a sad note our hopes and prayers go out to all the people at the Las Vegas country music concert that were injured or killed in a barbaric and sadistic way. Our prayers go out to all the families who must endure and slowly heal.

Sincerely
Kevin Smith
President NOCGMS

NOC Club Activities

Board Meeting - 6:30 p.m. 3rd Wed. at
La Habra Community Center

Field Trips are next month- Nov 4 & 5 -
WHITTIER CLAIM AREA - Honey onyx, agate,
jasper, and palm root. Early Man Site and more.
Leaders: Joe Goetz and Jay Valle. (*See page 7*
for information on this field trip next month.)

Programs

The program speaker for October is Walter Lombardo of Nevada Books and Minerals. He will be speaking on meteorites. Please let members know that they are welcome to visit his store in the city of orange. Great store.

Meeting Date

Date: Wed. October 11

Time: 6:30 p.m.

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

Up coming events

Oct 9 -- Jewelry Class

Oct 11 -- Meeting

Oct 18 -- Board Meeting

Oct 19 -- Jewelry Class

Oct 26 -- Quartermania 6 - 8:30
at the Community Center

Nov 8 -- Silent Auction

Dec 6 -- Christmas Party

Shows and Events

OCTOBER 7 - 8: BORON, CA

Mojave Mineralogical Society
Boron Community Center
26998 John Street

Hours: 9 - 4 daily

Contact: Bruce Davies, (760) 338-8829

Email: daviesb@yahoo.com

Web Site: Facebook page

OCTOBER 14 - 15 TRONA, CA

Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society
Gem Show Building
13337 Main Street

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

Contact: Jim & Bonnie Fairchild, 760 372-5356

Email: slgms@iwvisp.com

Website: www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub

OCTOBER 21 - 22 WHITTIER, CA

Whittier Gem & Mineral Society
Whittier Community Center
7630 Washington Avenue

Hours: Sat - Sun 10 - 5

Website: wgmsca.com

NOVEMBER 4 - 5: ANAHEIM, CA

American Opal Society
Business Expo Center
1960 S. Anaheim Way

Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5

Contact: Veronica Purpura, (714) 501-9959

Email: info@opalsociety.org

Website: www.opalsociety.org

North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society
Presents

The Halloween Quarter Mania

Thursday
October 26, 2017
6:00pm to 8:30pm

La Habra Community Center
101 W. La Habra Blvd.



Presale Tickets
\$20.00
at the door
\$25.00

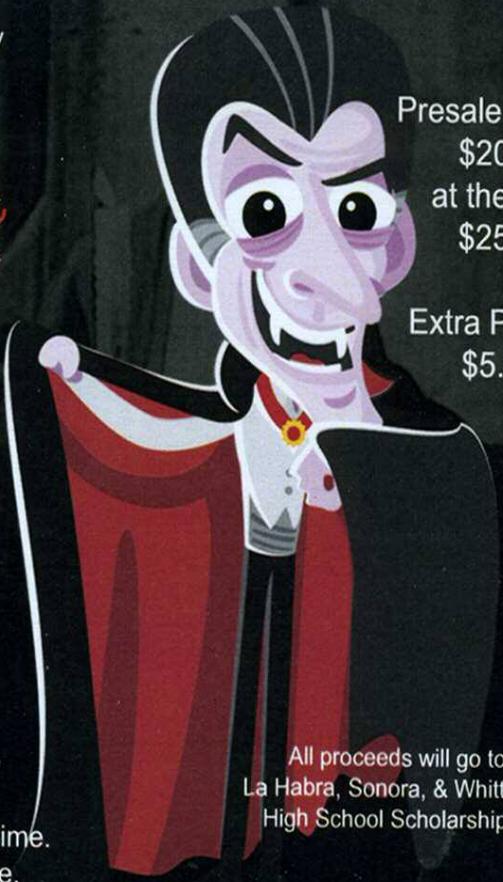
Extra Paddles
\$5.00

All proceeds will go to benefit
La Habra, Sonora, & Whittier Christian
High School Scholarship Programs

\$20 event includes dinner \$25 at the door.

Costumes are welcome for a ghoulish good time.
Best costume will win a frightening good prize.

for more information contact Kevin Smith at (714) 342-1227



NOCGMS MINUTES OF THE MEETING September 6, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 by President Kevin Smith. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Yvonne Cruz.

The speaker was Patrick Keegan who spoke about turquoise. He talked about the various types of turquoise and where they could be found. Currently a mine in Lander County Nevada is very popular with collectors and some of the priciest turquoise around. Members might want to google "Turquoise Images" for many pictures. There is also information on Facebook sites such as "Turquoise Enthusiasts," "Turquoise by the Pound" and many more. During our break, we had a chance to not only view samples he brought but also buy raw and polished turquoise as well as jewelry. He kindly donated 5 pieces to tonight's drawing.

After the break, Kevin passed out badges to members who needed them followed by the drawing. New restaurants are being explored for scholarship fundraisers. Ono Hawaiian BBQ was mentioned as a possible location. The date for our QuarterMania is October 26.

Beth asked for volunteers who can help out and for donations that the club could auction. QuarterMania is the fundraiser for the scholarship fund. Contact Beth for questions. The annual Silent & Live Auction will be held on November 8 at our regular meeting. Donations are also needed and can be items other than rocks.

Armando presented info on the next field trip to Big Bear on September 23, 2017. The meeting place is the Big Bear Discovery Center at 40971 North Shore Drive/Hwy 38 which is about a 2 hour drive. If interested, contact Armando at 909.455.6800.

Minutes taken by Nancy O'Connor

Quarter Mania

*by Beth Smith
Fun Raise Chair*

Hello to all our North Orange County Gem and Mineral friends.

Our Quarter Maina event will be held at the La Habra Community Center on October 26 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

It is coming along very well, with lots of vendors booked and donations are coming in.

I would like to ask all of you if you can to join in on the fun. It is a costume party, Quarter Mania and lunch all rolled into one big party. Costumes are optional of course.

So anyone that would like to attend or maybe donate to this great cause please let me know. Also if you would like to donate your time and volunteer and help out that would be great.

I would love to see more NOCGMS volunteer at these and other events that are coming our way.

I wish to thank everyone who has helped out thus far in making this an awesome event

I can be reached at 714-686-4341 or nocgemsociety@gmail.com. -- If I do not answer my phone please leave me a message.

Also you can contact Kevin Smith at 714-342-1227. And also you may contact Jann Cohen at 562-691-8019.



The Great Jewell Theft

by Don Warthen JD, GG

We have all heard, or read about the “Great Jewell Theft”. That is what happened in Fallbrook it is very devastating, harmful and damaging to the society.

The Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society is a very active club with over 180 members and they even have a Museum. On September 10th, they were robbed. along with gems and minerals there were 5 significant specimens of Tourmaline stolen. In fact, two of the specimens were shown in *The Mineralogical Record Supplement*, July-August 2017.

If anyone has seen these specimens at a show or maybe there are being offered for sale please call the San Diego Sheriff at (760) 451-3100 or the museum can be reached at (760) 728-1130 the museums address is 123 W. Alvarado St., Fallbrook, CA 92028

Be on Guard

by Don Warthen JD, GG

There has been a big increase in phony IRS calls lately. This scam is where the caller claims to be from the IRS, or some other Governmental Department saying that that they are filing a law suit against you for unpaid taxes. If you get one of these calls. **Hang Up**, The IRS will not call you in this way if they think you owe money. They will send you a letter first. If you are not sure talk to a tax professional.

**DO NOT TALK TO THESE PEOPLE
AND DO NOT CALL THEM BACK.**

Every year the IRS and the Justices Department tracks down these people down (often overseas) and shuts them down & locks up the callers, these are usually large operations with several banks of telephones like a telemarketing operation and they are back in business within a few weeks at a new location. Don't be taken by these thieves.



Two Field Trips in One Month October

No. 1 - November 4-5, WGMS Club Claim

The Oct. field trip was delayed until Nov. 4-5, 2017. The first trip will be to the world famous Whittier Club Claim and the surrounding area, (points north, south, east, and west).

On Sat. Nov. 4, and Sun. Nov. 5 mornings we'll meet at the Oak Tree Inn to get ready to leave for the trips. Be there by 8:00 a.m., no later than 8:30 a.m. when we'll be leaving for the first trip.

To get to Oak Tree Inn, take Interstate (I-15) (coming from the west) get off at Ghost town Road/Daggett Road.

There is lots to collect just about anywhere you can go. There is agate in the area of Tin Can Alley and Pastel Jaspers on the way to Tin Can Alley. To the northeast is the wide spot in the road where all sorts of agate can be found including petrified palm fiber and root.

Our Saturday evening "pot-luck" dinner will be at Peggy Sue's immediately after the last trip of the day. It's located on Yermo Road east of the Oak Tree Inn. Peggy Sue's is not paid for by the club.

If you're not camping, the Oak Tree Inn is close 760-254-1148 ext. 400.

No. 2 - November 23-26, Thanksgiving Trips to Afton Canyon,

The second trip will be to Afton Canyon, Nov. 23 thru 26, 2017. The camping area will be the overflow camping area overlooking the regular

campground which can be reached by taking the Afton Canyon exit and going south.

To get to Afton Canyon take Interstate 15 (I-15) east until you see the Afton off ramp. Take the road south, it is a long road to the campsite and that will be on the right side of the road. Stay on the main road, I know some to the side roads are tempting to go and see, but remember there is safety in numbers and you might not get a signal out there to call us to come to help you if you get stuck.

If you're not camping the closest town is Baker, Calif. Potluck will be on Thanksgiving and any other day the group decides. We'll be leaving camp at 8:30 a.m.

Let's be safe out there and have fun!

Lost somewhere in Calif.

Joe Goetz

Ph: (626) 260-7239

Jewelry Class for October

Time: October 5 and 19. 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: La Habra Community Center

Projects: Gem Tree for October 5.

Each participants provide their own wire. their own base rock (if you don't have one, the club can provide 1)

The club provides all the necessary beads. The charge is \$10.00 per person.

October 19 project is to be determined.

Education Program
Linda Chu
lmkchu@yahoo.com

The Total Eclipse Rock Collecting Trip Summer of 2017 via Whittier Rockhounder

*Gary and Maureen Levitt &
Tony and Sandie Fender*

This trip actually started over a year ago, when the four of us decided to go to Davis Creek and hunt for Obsidian, then Gary fell and broke his leg and the trip was postponed for a year. Come Spring of 2017 and the trip was back on, but now we had the total solar eclipse in central Oregon to add to our trip.

We started out on August 14 and headed north. Our first stop was Lodi where we spent the night at Flag City RV Park, and then headed north again. The second night was spent in Weed, CA. at a very nice RV park called Friendly RV Park. Our third day we made it to Oregon and spent the night outside of Prineville at the Crooked Creek Forest Service Campground.

We decided to head to outside of Mitchell, Oregon where we would have total eclipse and good collecting sites for Thundereggs. Actually we headed for the old Green Jasper location. We ran into the traffic for "Solar Fest" and were stuck in it for four hours! Most of the time we were not moving, or moving only 4 car lengths. At one point we moved 2 miles!(Yeah!) Such a pain! Finally traffic started moving and we stayed on highway 26 to head for rock collecting sites outside of Mitchell. On the way to the green jasper, we came across a big open meadow with a nice forested area on the other side.

This would be our "home" for the next four days. We had a group of horse riders that we camped about 100 yards from. Maureen was able to get her horse fixed and give the horses an apple on a daily basis. Wildlife was plentiful as we saw many groups of deer and many hawks. Day tripping found us at the green jasper location, where Sandie found some chips. (She was the only one to find anything there.) The next day we visited the Lucky Strike Thunderegg

Mine, where nodules they had dug were \$1 a pound, cut was \$2 a pound and slabs were as marked. Together we spent less than \$20 and came away with our treasures without doing any hard work. We also ventured to White Fir Springs to collect Thundereggs. We found many surface eggs, and dug only with our rock picks. Actually we just scratched the surface of the ground.

Then came Monday August 21st - the day we were waiting for. Our chairs went out at 8am to mark our spot. About 50 people had added to our group, most coming in on Sunday. Gary and Tony had their cameras ready, and we all had our solar glasses. About 9:20 the eclipse started and we watched and took pictures. About ¾ the way through, it became dark and a little chilly, so our jackets went on. Then we were almost at total, just a sliver showing, then POW!! We were in total eclipse, with the corona showing and we could see the flares of the sun. Our solar glasses came off and we were amazed! It was incredible! Everyone in our group was speechless! All we could say is WOW!!! Then we noticed some sun spots when the moon was receding.

That afternoon we started heading for Davis Creek. That night was spent at John Day, Oregon at the Clyde Holiday State Park where we were in the overflow area. That night we were treated to a show of bats coming out of their caves. The next day we headed further south and spent the night at Goose Lake State Park at the Oregon / California border. It was at this point that Tony and Sandie had realized that they had never driven across Central Oregon; they had driven across the southern and northern parts.

Finally onto Davis Creek, Gary and Maureen & Tony drove into Lassen Creek Campground together as Sandie had gone back to Lakeview, Oregon to do laundry and grocery shopping. We finally made it to Lassen Creek Campground and our "home for the next four days. We set up camp and planned out where we would go to collect then headed for the Davis Creek General Store to get our collecting permits. The permits have changed over the years; you used to be able to get a group permit good for 30 days and 300 pounds. Now the permits are per

person good for 14 days and only 100 pounds. Wildlife/ domestic life were even more plentiful here as we had deer and cattle and many different types of birds.

Day one of collecting found us going to the Gold Sheen and Pink Lady. Maureen loved the mahogany at the gold sheen site and we collected there for about 1½ hours. We even found some big chunks that Gary can make spheres from. Then onto the Pink Lady where we did better than we (Tony and Sandie) have done in years past. We (all) collected there for about 1½ hours. We did notice there some collectors had broken the rules and dug under live trees and ran overburden trenches.

The next day we went to the Needles location (Sandie's favorite spot) and dug there for about an hour collecting some very nice needles. There was no commercial digging at this site this year so we were able to dig in the "commercial pit". Tony found an especially nice long needle from this pit. We believe there are wind chimes in our future.

After the needles location we headed for the Middle Fork Rainbow collecting site. This is the site that several years ago, Sandie found the "old diggings" that still had much to be collected. By old we mean this is where she collected with her parents as a child, some 50 plus years ago. As we turned up the road we came across posted mining signs. A person has claimed most of this site and had a bulldozer in there, cutting back the hill to collect the obsidian. The area that Sandie had re-found and rockhounds enjoyed, is now under this claim. We were still able to find some rainbow outside of the claim area. But the major hill cut was up-setting to us all. In the late afternoon Tony and Sandie went looking for the Iris obsidian site, but couldn't pinpoint it even with the GPS markings from trips to there before.

Our fourth day was spent going back to the gold sheen to get more mahogany, and even found gold sheen obsidian. This was a great area to enjoy. Gary kept saying how great it was to visit an area he had heard so much about and see it, and collect from it. (One more thing off of Gary's bucket list)

From Davis Creek we headed south on 395 spending the first night at Border town RV Park. We saw our 1st major accident just before Reno. This was the only accident of the trip. The second night was spent in Bishop at Brown's town. Since this was our last night, we treated ourselves to dinner out.

It was a wonderful trip, but it's always good to be home, and ready to go rock collecting another day.

Picture of The Total Eclipse of the Sun

These are pictures that I took during the eclipse in Oregon.

The first nudge started about an hour before the totality, and the last nudge was about an hour after totality.

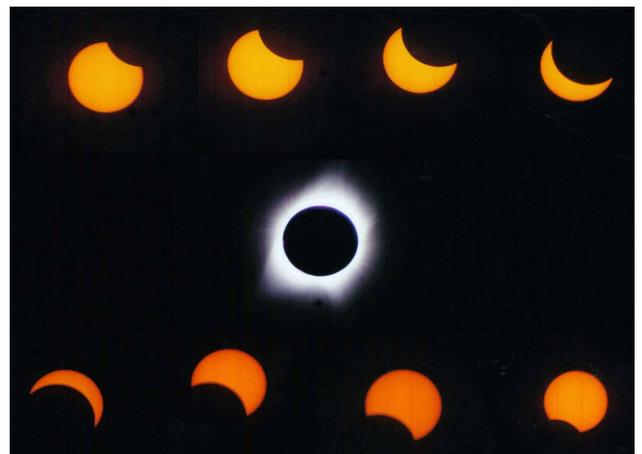
The period of totality lasted about 2 minutes at about 10:21 am on August 21st.

When the moon blocked the sun, the corona instantly popped out, and the moment the sun started to appear after totality, the corona disappeared.

It was quite exciting.

This was actually my second total eclipse, the first being in 1979 in Yakima Washington.

Tony Fender





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Dear Community Member

North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society is proud to announce our QUARTER-MANIA OCTOBER 26TH 2017

For several years the North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society has raised money through our generous donors of our community. With our community leaders and businesses throughout the Orange county area we have been able to create scholarship funds for our local schools including La Habra High, Sonora High, and Whittier Christian High Schools, and the La Habra Youth Group. We would like to **Thank You for your current and past donations** to this worthy cause. Your donations may be in the form of products, gifts certificates, or monetary. All donations are displayed at the QUARTER-MANIA and are labeled with the name of the donor.

The show will be held at the La Habra Community Center located at 101 W. La Habra Blvd. in the city of La Habra Ca. 90631. Doors open at 5:30 pm on Thursday OCTOBER 26TH and finish at 8:30pm.

The North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society is a California **Nonprofit 501-C3** corporation and is a member of the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies in association with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies Inc. Our taxpayer Identification Number is **33-0053925** . Our club is a family oriented organization open to all those interested in learning about gems, minerals, and fossils along with all the earth sciences, the lapidary arts and field trips.

We thank you in advance and appreciate your generous support. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 714-342-1227 or E-Mail Me at nocgemsociety@gmail.com.

Sincerely

Kevin Smith President

North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society