

NOC NEWS

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Meetings

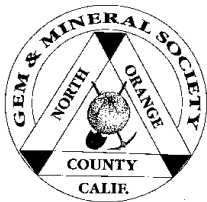
Day and Location:

With the exception of December,
meetings are held at 6:45 p.m.
the second Wednesday 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,
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President's Corner

2018

Hello everyone and welcome to 2018. 2017 has left us an I hope everyone had a great holiday season. 2017 had many changes and I hope everyone liked the changes that were made. What are some of the changes you might ask? Well we worked through the summer and made jewelry for the silent auction. I started our merit badge awards for events that our club members worked at, some very cool merit badges have already been handed out and if you like to earn some badges volunteer at some of the events that we will be doing soon.

The board members will be working hard on new events and field trips, this will be key in expanding our club and our knowledge of our hobby. New speakers will be coming during the year teaching us more about our craft. Field trips are being planned out so that we may leave our comfort zone and expand into the wild, lol.

This year we will be voting on new officers that will be sitting on the board, if you like a challenge think about running for a board seat. Innovative ideas are always needed and by sitting on the board your voice and ideas will be heard. As always anyone one can come to a board meeting and sit in or express any concerns or ideas you may have.

Outing

We have booked our March outing at the Oceanview/ Pala Chief Gem Mine. Lunch will be provided. Cost will be \$60-\$75 depending on attendance +20 to get the lower price. The Oceanview is a pile from the mine that you go through. The Pala Chief is digging through the actual tailings, breaking rock and climbing hills (more physical).

When - Sun March 18th 2018

Where - Oceanview Gem Mine & Pala Chief Mine, 37304 Magee Rd, Pala, CA 92059

NOC Club Activities

Board Meeting - 6 p.m. 3rd Wed. at La Habra Community Center
Field Trips - January TBD

Programs

The program for January is "21st Century Jade: Why it's Prized and How It's Tested and Valued" by Renee Newman. She will have books for Sale at the meeting. See page 5 for more information.

General Meeting

Date: Wed. January 10

Time: 6:30 p.m.

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

Order A Paver Program

Our society was founded in 1983. Now there is a chance for us to be a part of La Habra history by sponsoring a customized engraved paver at the La Habra Civic Center. This 12" x 12" Terra Cotta Paver will cost \$525 with our name and our custom logo.

We have collected \$170 donation from our members so far and our society will contribute \$200. We are almost there. I hope we can reach this goal at our first 2018 January general meeting.

Linda Chu

Shows and Events

2018

JANUARY 20 - 21: EXETER, CA

Tule Gem & Mineral Society
Exter Veterans Memorial Building
324 Kaweah Ave.
Hours: Sat 10 - 5: Sun 10- 4
Website: www.tulegem.com

FEBRUARY 16-25: INDIO, CA

San Geronio Mineral & Gem Society
Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival
82-503 Highway 111
Hours: Sat 10 - 11 daily
Contact: Bert Grisham (915) 849-1674
Email: bert67@verizon.net

MARCH 3 - 4: ARCADIA, CA

Monrovia Rockhounds
L.A. County Arboretum & Botanical Garden
301 N. Baldwin Avenue
Hours: 9- 4:30 Daily
Contact: Jo Anna Ritchey (626) 359-1624
Email: joannaritchey@gmail.com
Website: www.Moroks.com

MARCH 3 - 4: VENTURA, CA

Vetura Gem & Mineral Society
Ventura County Fairgrounds
10 W. Harbor Boulevard
Hours: Sat 10 - 5: Sun 10- 4
Contact: Diane Cook (805) 312-8467
Email: info@vgms.org
Website: www.wgms.org

MARCH 10 - 11 SAN MARINO, CA

Pasadena Lapidary Society
San Marino Masonic Center
3130 Hunting Drive
Hours: Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10- 5
Email: pasadenalapidary@aol.com
Website: www.pasadenalapidarysociety.org

APRIL 7 - 8; MARIPOSA, CA

Mariposa Gem & Mineral Club
Mariposa County Fairgrounds
Hours: Sat & Sun 10 - 5
Contact: Meredith Meehan (559) 868-3535
Email: mgmc@sti.net

APRIL 21-22; THOUSAND OAKS, CA

Conejo Gem & Mineral Club
Borchard Park Community Center
190 Reino Road at Bochard Road
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Chuck Bochard (805) 551-9946
Email: borchardcme@gmail.com
Website: www.cgame.org

APRIL 28-29; LANCASTER, CA

Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Lancaster High School
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Susan Chaisson-Walbom (661) 406-0143
Email: slchaisson@yahoo.com
Website: www.avgem.weebly.com

JUNE 8 - 10: LA HABRA, CA

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21st Century Jade: Why it's Prized and How It's Tested and Valued

Description of Presentation by Renee Newman:

Jadeite and nephrite prices are continuing to reach record highs at jewelry auctions. Before the 2008 Beijing Olympics, nephrite was viewed more as a trinket than as a worthy jewelry material. However, that changed when the Olympic medals were inlaid with nephrite and people learned that nephrite jade was the original Chinese "stone of heaven." Since then, jade prices have risen rapidly and the allure of nephrite jade in China has soared. Well known designers in the West like Todd Reed and Roberto Coin are using nephrite jade in high-end jewelry.

When gem materials go up in value and popularity, the desire to imitate and treat them increases. Some fakes are obvious, while others aren't. In addition, treated jade, may be worth less than some fakes. In her presentation to our club, Newman will give practical tips on how to distinguish fake and treated jade from natural jade using examples of modern jade jewelry and carvings. Her presentation will help you:

- Understand why jade is so prized
- Tell the difference between jadeite and nephrite
- Determine which types of jadeite and nephrite are most valued. Their value factors are not the same.
- Detect fake jade using visual, tactile and auditory non-technical clues

• Recognize when to be suspicious that jade has been treated with chemicals

• Appreciate contemporary jade.

Renée will be available before and after her presentation to autograph books. Bring cash or a check if you would like to purchase copies of them. Her *Exotic Gems: Volume 4* book is the fourth in a series that explores the history, lore, evaluation, geographic sources and identifying properties of non-traditional gems. It describes with text and photos how to evaluate jade quality and detect imitations and dyed jade. Information about the book is available at www.reneenewman.com/exotic4.htm

Author Bio:

Renée Newman became passionately interested in gems in the early 1980's while conducting tours to Asia, South America and the South Pacific. Her passengers wanted to know how to judge the quality of the gems they saw. After searching in bookstores and libraries for this information, Renée discovered that little had been written on the subject of gem quality evaluation, so she decided it would be worth creating books with photos that showed how to judge gem quality.

After receiving a graduate gemologist diploma from the GIA, she was hired as a gemologist at a wholesale firm in downtown Los Angeles. It provided hands-on experience grading diamonds and selecting colored gems and pearls for their jewelry. Armed with trade experience and gemological credentials, Renée decided to create books that showed readers how to visually evaluate the quality of gems. Her first book, the *Diamond Ring Buying Guide*, was published in 1989. Since that time, she has written twelve more books on gems and jewelry. They are used as gemology course textbooks, sales training tools, appraisal references and consumer guides. For more information about Renée and her books go to www.reneenewman.com.

NOC Dues are Due

Member only \$ 20.00 each
Couple (Husband & Wife or Domestic Partners) \$30.00 for one couple
Kids (under 18 years of age) \$ 8.00 each

Can be paid at the January Meeting, or mailed to the NOC P.O. Box 653, La Habra, CA 90631, or Mailed

Quartzsite

By Don Warthen

If you have never been to **Quartzsite** in February, you are missing the worlds greatest Rockhound Adventure.

Quartzsite is located in western Arizona, just 20 miles east of the Colorado River on I-10. It's been a rockhound's paradise since the 1960s. These days, it's also a mecca to well over a million visitors each year, most of whom converge on this small town in a wave of RVs during the months of January and February.

At this time of the year, 2,000 vendors of rocks, gems, minerals, fossils and everything else imaginable create one of the world's largest open-air flea markets in Quartzsite. Eight major gem and mineral shows as well as vendors of raw and handcrafted merchandise peddle their wares to snowbirds, collectors and enthusiasts, making Quartzsite the place to be the first two months of each year.



There is plenty in Quartzite for a true Rockhound to see and do this time of year.

There are shows:

Quartzsite Market Place Street Fair

Oct. 31, 2017 - March 1, 2018

Tyson Wells Market Center Swap Meet

Oct 01, 2017 -April 1, 2018

Rice Ranch "Yawl Come" Show

November 1, 2017 - April 1, 2018

Grease Wood Swap Meet

November 2017 - April 2018

Desert Gardens - Gem & Mineral

January 01 - February 28, 2018

Prospectors Panorama

January 01 - January 14, 2017 tbc

QIA Pow Wow - Gems, minerals & jewelry

January 17 - January 21, 2018

(this is the Local Quartzsite club Show)

Tyson Wells Rock & Gem Show

January 05 - January 14, 2018

Tyson Wells Sell-A-Rama

January 19 - January 28, 2018

Sports, Vacation & RV Show

(The Big Tent)

January 20 - January 28, 2018

Tyson Wells Arts and Crafts

February 02 - February 11, 2018

Gold, Treasure & Craft Show - QIA

9 am - 5 pm

February 9 - 11, 2018 tbc

Quartzsite Quilt Show -

Quartzsite SR Center

February 2 - 3, 2018 tbc

Quartzsite Gold Show

February 9-11, 2018 tbc QIA building.

Friday - Saturday 9-4 Sunday.

There are a couple of motels in Quartzite, but they will be book by now but there are several hotels and motels in Blythe, CA about 20 miles from Quartzite. There is also plenty of BLM land where you can camp for free and there are also some paid camp grounds.

Beth's Universe #4

Welcome everyone to 2018. That's right the new year is here, and I am still wondering what happened to 2017. This year has gone by so fast it's hard to believe that 2017 is done and over with. The NOCGMS had a fantastic growth in many ways. We had a great QUARTER MANIA and we worked through the summer making jewelry for the silent auction which was also a remarkable success. Then our Christmas dinner was very tasty and a lot of enjoyable conversation. I am looking forward to this year to see what we can come up with to make the NOCGMS even better.

We are working on new ways to make money for new projects coming down the pipeline. What will that be you may ask? Well if you are interested in learning more get to the meetings every second Wednesday of the month and you will get the whole scoop.

I would like to Thank everyone who helped me throughout the year to make 2017 a fantastic and fun year.

If there is anyone who would like to join the team and work on new events, please contact me Via text message. My number is 714-686-4341.

I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Thank You
Beth Smith
FUNDRAISER CHAIR

CFMS Field Trip-South Collecting Trip Lavic Siding near Barstow, CA February 17th, 2018

This trip is open to all Rockhounds who agree to abide by the AFMS and CFMS Code of Ethics, the directions of the field trip leader and practice safe rock hounding.

Call the field trip leader beforehand for further information.

Remember to sign in and out with the field trip leader. A Consent and Assumption of Risk Waiver of Liability form must be signed upon arrival at

meeting site.

WHEN: Saturday February 17th at 8:00 AM

WHERE: Lavic Siding

MATERIAL: We will be collecting Agates and Jaspers.

MEET: Hector Rd off I-40 on the south side for orientation and sign in. Waiver of liability will be signed at the meeting spot. From the meeting spot we will caravan for about 20 minutes to collecting site. Contact field trip leader for additional information.

VEHICLES: No low clearance vehicles, most will be able to make it to the main collecting area, there is an alternate spot for those with 4X4. Gas and food are available in Barstow.

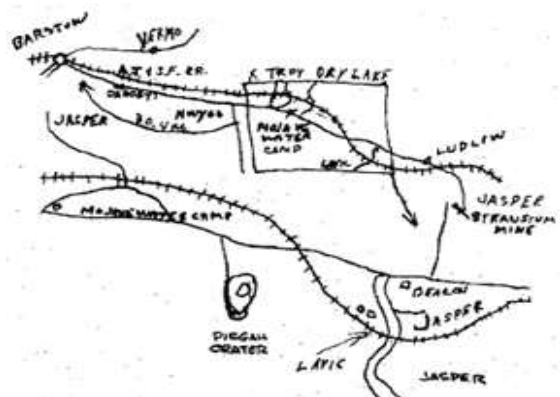
WHAT TO BRING: Collecting bags/buckets, rock hammer, digging equipment, safety glasses and spray bottles, First Aid kit. Bring lunch, plenty of water and a camera; this widespread field offers no shade so use sun screen and protect yourself. If you would like to stay for the weekend, this general area offers a wide variety of material so bring your rock collecting guides.

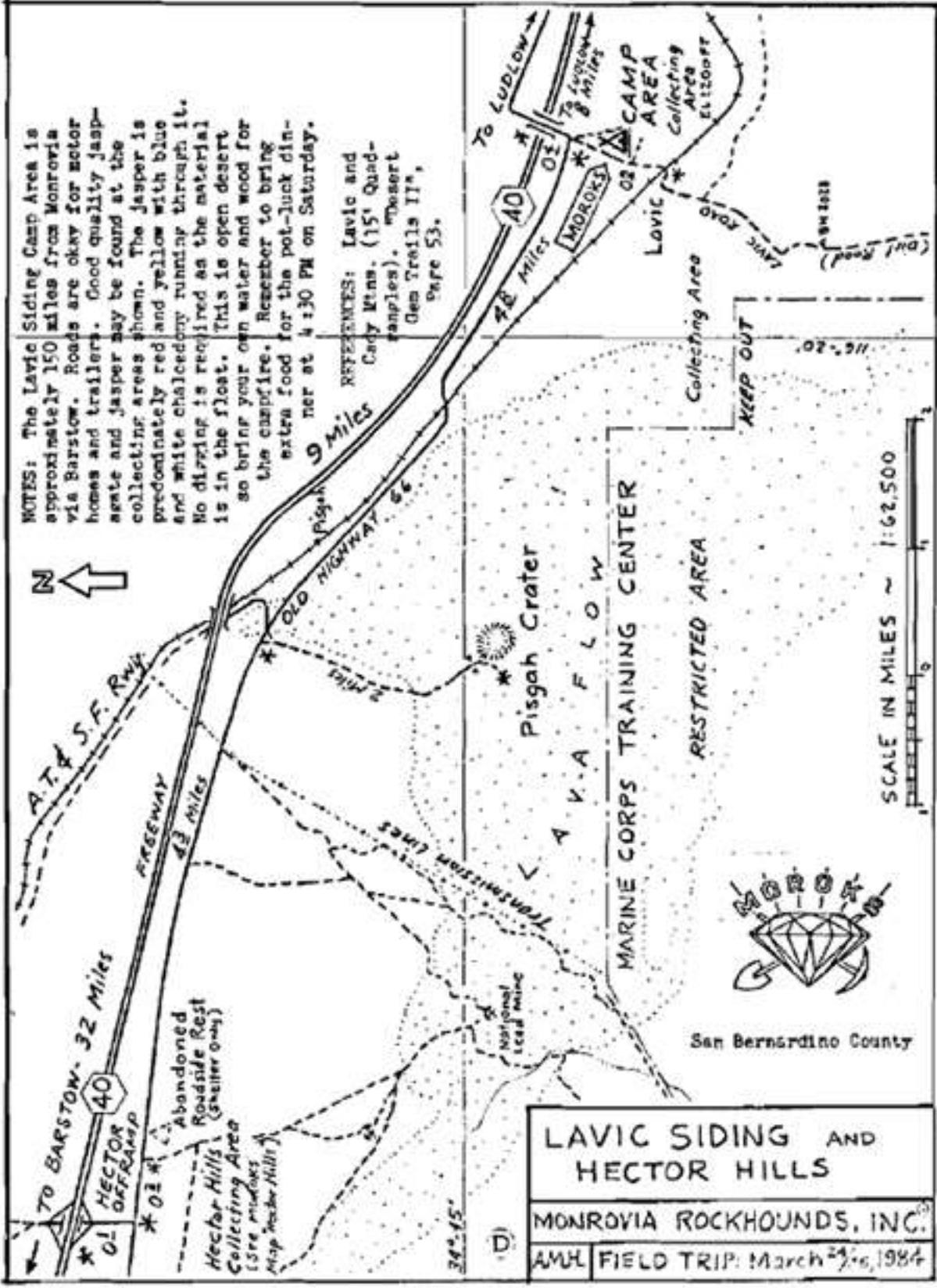
NOTE: This is the heart of the Mojave Desert and the weather can be unpredictable at this time of year so dress accordingly. This trip may be canceled at the last minute due to bad weather, so please feel free to contact us the night before if weather is questionable. Treat the desert with respect - tread lightly and if you pack it in, pack it out.

For more info contact Field Trip Leaders.
CFMS Field Trips South Co-chairs:

Adam Dean: theagatehunter@verizon.net
(909) 489 4899

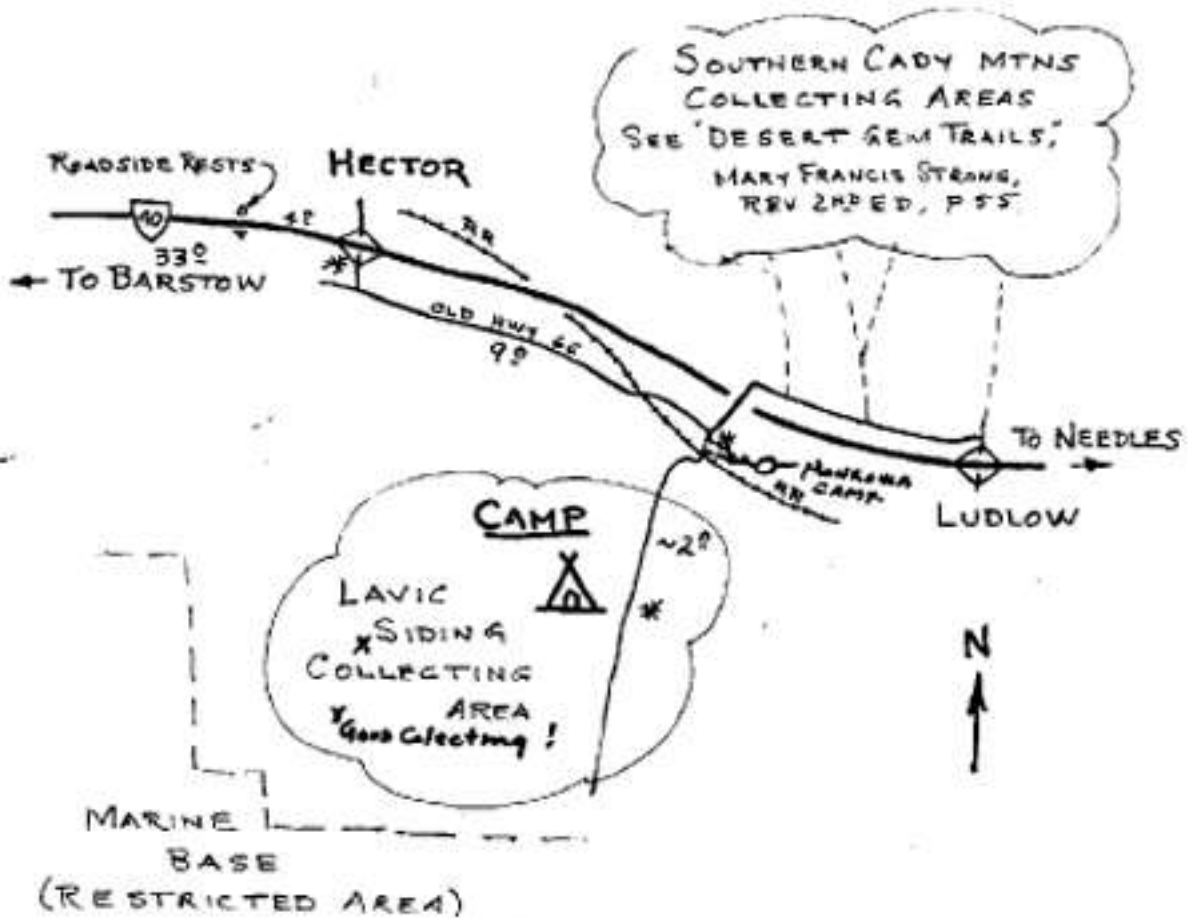
Roy Isaac: 1bionidj@gmail.com
(818) 633-3350





FIELD TRIP MAP

ROAD LOG: FROM BARSTOW TAKE INTERSTATE 40 EAST TOWARD NEEDLES. GO ABOUT 33 MILES AND EXIT ON THE HECTOR OFFRAMP. YOU WILL PASS A ROADSIDE REST AREA ABOUT 4 MILES BEFORE REACHING THE HECTOR EXIT. TURN RIGHT AT THE OFFRAMP STOP SIGN, THEN TURN LEFT ONTO OLD RTE. 66. PROCEED EAST ABOUT 9 MILES TO THE DEAD END. TURN RIGHT TOWARD THE SOUTH (AWAY FROM THE FREEWAY). FOLLOW DIRT ROAD ACROSS TRACKS TO OUR CAMP--ABOUT TWO MILES. WATCH FOR NOC SIGNS AND ORANGE RIBBONS. OK FOR ALL VEHICLES.



SOUTHERN CADYS & LAVIC SIDING
Field Trip - Mar. 28-29, 1987

North Orange Co. Gem & Mineral Soc.
D. Page Field Trip Chairman

