

NOC GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NEWS

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President's Message

by *Don Warthen*

It's March already and show time. We are organized for the show. Mike has the dealers lined up. Al has the demonstrators ready to go and Oscar has the kitchen hot, however we still need help in several areas.

We need volunteers for security, we need two people each night, also we need help with set-up on Friday March 30. Please be at the clubhouse at 12:00 noon or at the warehouse at 10:00am. We also need donations for the crafty korner, the spinning wheel and grab bags, please bring 10 bags with 8 identified rocks in each bag. We also need donations for door prizes.

I want to thank everyone in advance for all of your great work. I know everyone will come through with flying colors.

NOC DUES ARE DUE

Please send your dues: \$10 Individual; \$15 Family; Juniors, \$3 to:
Don Livezey
1722 Virginia Place,
Placentia, CA 92870

Refreshments

by *Oscar Veloz*

Don and Ofelia Warthen are on the refreshment list to bring goodies for our March 13 meeting.

Thanks to Don and Jane Livezey for bringing the refreshments to the February meeting.

NOC Club Activities

Cab Classes at Walt Messemer's — 7-10 p.m. every Tuesday Evening (except Wednesday on Regular Meeting night).

Board Meeting — To be announced

Regular Meeting — March 13, 7:30 p.m.

Field Trip — The March field trip will be to Stoddard Wells. March 16-18

Deadline for NOC News — March 25

March Meeting

Date: March 13

Time: 7:30 p.m.

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

Program: Our speaker this month will be Tina Sentner from Women in Mining with a primary interest in the importance of minerals in our daily lives.

Members in the News

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

Virginia Grafton - March 1
Gloria Lortz - March 3
Derek Tufnell - March 3

Your gemstone is Bloodstone or Aquamarine.

Your flower is Daffodil or Janquil.

Shows and Events

via CFMS Web Page

March 3-4 Arcadia, CA
Monrovia Rockhounds
The Arboretum of LA County
201 North Baldwin Ave., Arcadia
Hours: 9-4:30 both days
Jo Anna Ritchey ((626) 359-1624

March 3-4 Ventura, CA
Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
Ventura Co. Fairgrounds
10 W. Harbor Blvd. (Seaside Park)
Hours: Sat. 9-5 Sun. 9-4
Richard Jiaras (805) 646-7184
Kathryn Davis (805) 658-2606

March 10-11 San Marino, CA
Pasadena Lapidary Society
San Marino Masonic Temple
3130 Huntington Drive
Hours: Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-5
Alex Sergienko (323) 258-1394

March 17-18 Hawthorn, CA
Northrop Grumman Gem & Mineral Club
NGRC Clubhouse
12329 Crenshaw Blvd., Gate 16
Hours: Sat. 10-6 Sun 10-5
Jimmy Lapham (310) 331-1406

March 24-25 Torrance, CA
South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society
Torrance Recreation Center
3341 Torrance Blvd.
Hours: Fri. & Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-5

March 31-April 1 La Habra, CA
NOC Gem & Mineral Society
La Habra Clubhouse
200 W. Greenwood
Hours: Sat 10-6 Sun. 10-5
Susan Hansen (562) 865-2040

April 7-8 Hacienda Heights, CA
Puente Hills Gem * Mineral Club, Inc.
Steinmetz Park
1545 S. Stimson Ave.
Hours: Sat. 10-6 Sun 10-5
(909) 594-6177 or (626) 336-2900

April 7-8 Boron, CA
Mojave Mineralogical Society Inc.
Boron High School - Multi-purpose Room
Hours: Sat. 9-6 Sun. 9-4
David Eyre (760) 762-6575 or
Roy Eyre (760) 762-6555

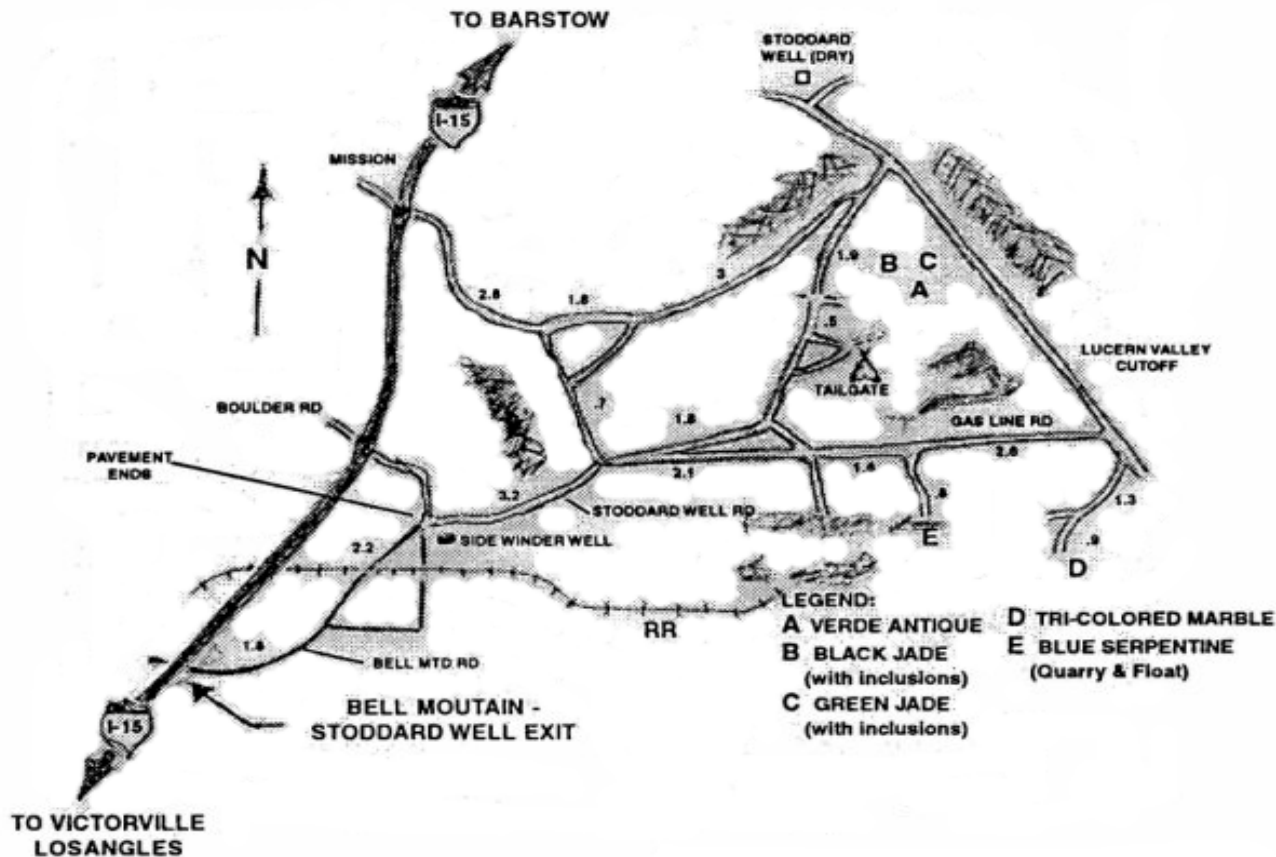
May 5-6 Anaheim, CA
Searchers Gem & Mineral Society Inc.
Brookhurst Community Center
2271 W. Crescent Ave.
Hours: Sat. 10-7 Sun. 10-4
Connie Van Kampen (714) 993-2827

June 11-17 Arlington, TX
AFMS/SCFMS Convention & Show
Hosted by Arlington G&M Club
Arlington Convention Center
Bill Wilson (817) 483-1555

June 22-24 Paso Robles, CA
CFMS Convention & Show
Hosted by The Santa Lucia Rockhounds
California Mid-State Fairgrounds
Bea or Sherm Griselle (805) 238-4366 /
thegriselles@tcsn.net

July 7-8 Culver City, CA
Culver City Rock & Mineral Club
Culver City Veterans Memorial Complex
4117 Overland Ave.
Hours: Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-5
Gary Strickland (310) 676-4523
/g.strickland@prodigy.net
Brad Smith (310) 472-6490 / brad@greenheart.com

September 22-24 Downey, CA
Delvers Gem & Mineral Society
Woman's Club of Downey
9813 Paramount Blvd.
Hours: Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-4



March 16 - 18 Field Trip

by Don Ogden and from the 17th annual
Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club Flyer

Our March field trip is to the 25th Annual Tailgate at Stoddard Well hosted by the Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club. Collect Verde Antique - Tri-Colored Marble - Jade, and buy just about anything.

What is a tailgate? It all began about 21 years ago when the Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club began hosting a free field trip and sale at Stoddard Well collecting area. The Tailgate is open to all clubs and rockhounds. Everyone is allowed to sell or buy just about anything. Most items for sale are related to gems, minerals, findings, and other related things, but you never know what you will see. The area is also noted for its abundance of rocks for collecting.

Camping: This is a dry camp area, so bring in your own water and other necessities. Supplies are available at the Bell Mountain service road. Roads are desert dirt and can handle motor homes with no problem.

Gem and Mineral Collecting: Verde Antique, and Green & Black Jade collecting areas are within walking distance from the Tailgate. The Verde Antique is in float and in a quarry. Jade with magnetite inclusions can be found in seams. Digging tools are needed for the better materials. Field Trips may take collectors to the nearby Sidewander Mountains to find Tri-Colored Marble which ranges from greys to dark green. A four-wheel drive is advised for this trip.

Directions: Take I-15 past Victorville, past Stoddard Well road, and turn off (right) at Bell Mountain - Stoddard Well Exit. Follow above map to the tailgate and camp site. NOC signs will mark the camping area. Bring fire wood and food for a 6 p.m. potluck on Saturday.

NOC General Meeting

by Susan Hansen

The meeting was called to order on February 13 at 7:35 p.m. by President Don Warthen.

The **flag salute** was led by Irene Veloz.

Program: A video "Timless Impressions" was presented by Irene Veloz. It was about the Arizona petrified forest from the Triassic time period.

There were 5 guests and 14 members present at the meeting.

Drawing: Chalmer Steed won the white elephant prize.

Minutes in the bulletin were approved with one correction.

Federation Report: Ginny gave it for Loretta. NOC to put in a Club case at the CFMS show in June at Paso robles.

Field trip: March field trip to Stoddard Well. NOC camped next to the QIA at the Quartzsite field trip.

Education Report: Ginny will teach a class for the 1st graders next Tuesday. She also talked to the Weblos about helping with merit badges. The NOC had a booth and passed out flyers at the La Habra Street Fair.

Show

Publicity: Jane Livezey reported that Jane Hendrixon is taking care of school flyers, News papers have been notified, Ch 7 been contacted as well as the La Habra Cable Ch 3, and she sent flyers to local clubs. Display cases are set up in the La Habra Library and Community Center.

Signup for kitchen help and Friday night dinner.

Security: Don O and Noberto E.

Saws: Mike Maneth and one from Walts shop.

Dealers: all signed up. Outside dealer to set up Saturday morning.

Demonstrators: Walt Abramson - Opals; Ofelia - cabbings; Trini - bead stringing; Al - silver; Don Warthen - wire wrap; Verle - carving or bead making; Jerry Conley - florescent minerals; and Bill Burn - field trips (BLM maps, GPS maps, and legal places to collect).

NOC General Meeting (Continued)

Meet at Storage at 10:30 - Don L and Don O.

Meet at clubhouse at 12 noon. People needed to help. Last year the dealers helped.

Budget for 2001 was presented by Don Livezey. Mike Maneth made a motion to approve it. Seconded by Virginia Grafton and passed.

New Business: Jerry Conley made a stand for the flag.

The NOC board meeting will be at Don Warthen's House 3/27. Topic will be the show.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 by President Don Warthen.

NOC Board Meeting

The NOC Board meeting was held at Don Warthen's House on February 27. The coming club show was discussed. Security, Setup/take down, Crafty Corner, Spinning Wheel, Grab Bags, and Door Prizes were discussed as items of concern.

There was no formal board meeting minutes because Susan Hansen was in the hospital at the time of the meeting. She is home now and doing fine.

ROCK SALE

by Norberto Elicker

March 10, 2001

9:01 a.m. till 1:00 p.m.

12512 Hayford St.

Norwalk, CA

Phone: 562 921-1298

One ton of Brazilian agate \$0.50 to \$1.00 per pound. Agate slabs 50 percent off.

Other rocks, more or less \$0.25 per pound.

Norberto and Helga are moving to Cresent City by the end of March. Our loss will be Cresent City gain.

Shophints

from 11/00 CHIPS

For those of you who have never cut a stone in a rock saw, I have a suggestion on how to keep or get your hands (arms & head) clean as well as a rock slab. Experienced Hands on a rock saw may also find this hint very useful.

All rock saws either uses some form of oil (Shell Pella or Texaco Almag) or a water based solution as a blade coolant. At the present, the two 10" saws and the 24" saw that I am using to cut slabs for grab bags use oil as a coolant.

After the slab is cut, the oil must be removed from the slab before the slab can be used for anything. Some people let slabs drip and then use kitty litter to absorb the oil. Others let a slab drip and then put the slab in a bucket filled with soap and water. Some use Simple Green or some form of liquid dishwashing soap. I have found that the cheapest dishwashing soap works just as effectively as the high priced variety. You can get inexpensive dishwashing soap at the 99c Store, Pic'N'Save or Walmart. It works, but dishwashing soap takes time to remove all of the oil. Simple Green is faster than dishwashing soap, but not by much.

Recently my wife picked up something called "Oil Eater" a cleaner and a degreaser at the store. The label said it was very fast and thorough. Ok fine, yeah yeah I have heard this before. I first tried it at a strength of 1 part "oil eater" to 100 parts of water and discovered to my amazement that a whole 5 gallon bucket of very dirty slabs was cleaned in under 12 hours. I then tried 1 part Oil Eater to 50 parts water, and found to my amazement that a 5 gallon bucket of very oily slabs was cleaned in 6 hours. A mixture of 1 to 20 will clean an oily slab in 2+ hours. The grease and oil form a fluffy white substance that can be drained from the bucket. Not bad.

Oil Eater is made by Kafko International in Illinois. Their phone number is 1-800-528-0334. The web site is www.kafkointl.com. It comes in 1-gallon containers (white with a red label) or 5 gallon pails.

You can buy it at Costco or some automotive parts stores (ex. United Automotive in Irwindale). Try Oil Eater is also biodegradable and environmentally friendly.

Students Prayer

Anonymous

Now I sit me down in school
where praying is against the rule.
For this great nation under God
finds mention of Him very odd.
If Scripture now the class recites,
it violates the Bill of Rights.
And anytime my head I bow
it becomes a federal matter now.
Our hair can be purple or orange or green,
that's no offense; it's the freedom scene.
The law is specific, the law is precise.
Prayers spoken aloud are a serious vice.
For praying in a public hall
might offend someone with no faith at all.
In silence alone we must meditate,
God's name is prohibited by the State.
We're allowed to cuss and dress like freaks,
and pierce our noses, tongues and cheeks.
They've outlawed guns, but FIRST the Bible.
To quote the Good Book makes me liable.
We can elect a pregnant Senior Queen,
and the unwed daddy as our Senior King.
It's "inappropriate" to teach right from wrong;
we're taught that such "judgments" do not belong.
We can get our condoms and birth controls,
study witchcraft, vampires and totem poles,
but the Ten Commandments are not allowed.
No Word of God must reach this crowd.
It's scary here, I must confess;
when chaos reigns, the school's a mess.
So, Lord, this silent plea I make:
Should I be shot, my soul please take.

Preliminary NOC Calendar 2001

Jan		Old and New Board Meeting
	13	Youth Science Workshop in Hacienda Heights
	9	Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. General Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
	23-28	Quartzsite AZ Field Trip
	27	SCRIBE Annual Workshop and Symposium at Wuartzsite
Feb	13	Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
	27	Board General Meeting 7:00 p.m.
	TBD	Field Trip
Mar	13	General Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
	?	Board Meeting
	16-18	Stoddard Wells Field Trip
	30	NOC Show Setup
	31-4/1	NOC Show
	25-4/1	ZZYZX
Apr	10	Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. General Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
	TBD	Field Trip
May	8	General Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
	?	Board Meeting
	26-28	Field Trip (Memorial Day) TBD
Jun	12	General Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
	?	Board Meeting
	11-17	AFMS/SCFMSI Show in Arlington, TX
	22-24	Field Trip to CFMS Show & Convention (Paso Robles, CA)
Jul/Aug		No Meetings
Sep		Camp Paradise
	11	General Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
	?	Board Meeting
	22-23	Field Trip TBD
Oct	9	General Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
	?	Board Meeting
	20-21	Field Trip TBD
Nov	13	General Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
	?	Board Meeting
	?	CFMS Business Meeting
	22-25	Field Trip (Thanksgiving) TBD
Dec	11	Annual Christmas Dinner and Officer's Installation

Today: Mad Dash

from The Saturday Evening Post, 1940
via the CFMS Newsletter - March 2001

“This is the age
Of the half-read page.
And the quick hash
And the mad dash.
The bright night
With the nerves tight.
The plane hop
With the brief stop.
The lamp tan
In a short span.
The Big Shot
In a good spot.
And the brain strain
The heart pain.
And the cat naps
Till the spring snaps
-And the fun's done!”

Sound familiar? But wait - this poem was actually published in *The Saturday Evening Post* in 1949, under the title, “Time of the Mad Atom.” Seems that people were as rushed then as they are now!

Help Wanted

By Steven Wright
via the AFMS Newsletter - March 2001

I saw a sign at a gas station. It said
“help wanted.”

There was another sign below it that
said “self service.” So I hired myself.

Then I made myself the boss. I gave
myself a raise. I paid myself. Then I quit.