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Day and Location:

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The objective and purpose of the North Orange County Gem and Mineral Society is to disseminate knowledge of mineralogy and the earth sciences and to encourage study in these subjects through means of: the presentation of public exhibitions, lectures, slide programs; field trips for explorations, study and collection of specimens; the preparation, publication and distribution of articles and studies pertaining to mineralogy and the earth sciences; the promotion of scientific research in these fields; the encouragement of interest among young people and the fostering of classes in mineralogy and lapidary arts; and all other means which are appropriate to the accomplishment of the primary objectives set forth.

Annual Membership Dues: Individual, \$10; Family, \$15; Juniors, \$3.

Visitors are always welcome at our regular meetings and field trips.

The North Orange County Gem & Mineral Soc. does not yet have a Junior Division.

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President's Message

by Don Warthen

It's show time! Thanks to a lot of hard work by everyone. We are ready. We have put together another a great show this year.

Members of the community have come together to support us again. Home Town Buffet, Marie Callender's and Armstrong Garden Centers, have all donated some really nice prizes. We should all show them our gratitude and support them whenever we get a chance.

With a good word put in by Councilman Gomez, the cost of the Community Center was lowered by almost one thousand dollars putting that cost back within our budget.

On Fri. June 18th anyone not going to the warehouse to get the supplies should consider going to the community center at noon for the Seniors lunch. It's \$2 for a very nice lunch. While at the lunch, you can pass out fliers and advertise the show. Don't forget to wear your T-Shirts.

We haven't forgot about setting up a new shop. We should be having some planning meetings shortly after the show. If you have any ideas pleas let Loretta or myself know. Loretta will be setting up the machines at her house on a temporary bases. Anyone wishing to use them should contact her.

I will see you at the meeting Tuesday night; remember we now start the meetings at 7:00 p.m.

Refreshments

by Nancy Bird

Bill and Izzie Burns will bring the goodies for the May meeting. Thanks to Don and Ofelia Warthen for bringing the goodies to the May meeting.

I also need flower pots for the show. Clay or plastic, 4 inch to 1 gallon.

NOC Club Activities

Cab Classes—To be determined

Board Meeting -- To be announced

Field Trip— To be announced

Deadline for NOC News — Aug 17.

Show — June 21-22

Jade Seminar — To be announced

Walt Wright Bus Trip — June ??

Beading Class — July 10

La Habra Day Camp — To be announced

May Meeting

Date: June 8

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

Program: Tony Fender will talk about Bob, the computer operated car, that entered the Victorville - Prime race. (See Page 2 for details)

Members in the News

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

Jerry Conley - June 7

Ken Marks - June 8

Roger Loest - June 11

Harry Howe - June 12

Debbie Sumrow - June 16

Your gemstone is Pearl or Moonstone or Alexandrite or Agate

Your flower is Rose or Honeysuckle

Shows and Events

via CFMS Web Page

June 5-6 2004, Glendora, CA

Glendora Gems
Goddard Middle School
859 E. Sierra Madre

Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4
Mark Thompson (626) 335-3814

June 19-20, 2004, La Habra, CA

NOC Gem & Mineral Society
Jubilee of Gems

La Habra Community Center
101 W. La Habra Blvd.

Hours: Sat 10-5 sun 10-4
Ofelia Warthen (626) 330-8974
E-mail: warthen@earthlink.net

June 26-27 2004, Culver City, CA

Culver City Rock & Mineral Club
Culver City Veterans Memorial Complex
4117 Overland Ave., Culver City
Corner of Overland Ave. & Culver Blvd

Hours: Sat. 10-6 Sun 10-5
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September 17-19, 2004, Devore, CA

Orange Belt Mineralogical Society
3rd Annual Gem & Mineral Tailgate
Western Regional Little League Park
6707 Little League Drive

Bob Woodcox (909) 874-3697

October 9-10, 2004, Trona, CA

Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society
Searles Lake Gem & Min. Show Bldg.
13337 Main Street

Hours: Sat. 7:30-5; Sun. 7:30-4
Bonnie Fairchild (760) 372-5356

Oct 16-17 2004, Long Beach, CA

The Mineralogical Society of Southern California
Long Beach Convention and Expo Center
300 E. Ocean Blvd.

Hours: 10 - 6 both days

Justin Butt (626) 683-1770

Email MSSC Show@hotmail.com

web site: <http://www.mineralsocal.org>

Oct 22-24 2004, Riverside, CA

Valley Prospectors of San Bernardino
Rancho Jurupa Park;
4800 Crestmore

Hours: Sat. 9-5; Sun. 9-4

Alice Corey (909) 864-8320

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Nov 13-14 2004, Palmdale, CA

Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club
Palmdale Elks Lodge

2705 East Ave. Q

Hours: Sat. 9-5; Sun. 9-4

Gail Becker (661) 285-3958

Dec 4-5 2004, San Bernardino, CA

Orange Belt Mineralogical Society
58th annual Rocks Galore in 2004
San Bernadino Woman's Club

503 W 31st Street; 31 st. & E Streets

Hours: 10-5 both days

Pat Wind (909) 381-0089 or (909) 792-0668

June Program

By Izzie

We will have a short talk by Tony Fender, a faculty adviser for the construction of Bob, the computer operated car, that entered the Victorville - Prime race.

Bob will be on exhibit at our show, and some information about it should help us to advertise and increase our show attendance. This is the meeting before our show and we will have plenty of time to put the finishing touches on the show.

NOC General Meeting May 11, 2004

by Susan Hansen

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by President Don Warthen.

The flag salute was led by Bill Burns.

Pat introduced Mike H. who spoke on the Turquoise Mines of Apache Canyon in San Bernardino County. He brought samples of the material and some polished and carved examples. Loretta conducted the drawings.

The minutes were handed out and approved as printed.

Don Livezey gave the Treasurer's report, accepted and written report is on file.

Angie has some items for the show on display, as examples of items would like for the Krafty Korner. Ofelia gave the show report.

They have raised the price of the building another \$400. Will have to talk with the City Council to see if can be reduced. One dealer had to cancel, already paid and will hold space for next year. We have several others who have called that are interested.

Everyone is invited to the next show meeting June 1st Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Denny's at 57 Fwy & Pathfinder.

Flyers and tickets are available for those who didn't get them yet.

Mike needs a new saw blade.

Pat is just starting to get things in for prizes. Jonas had donated a second stone for a prize.

We will have Bob the Car – the Cal Tech driverless car from the desert race-for a display.

Izzy will need help with the rock collections.

Loretta needs help in the kitchen. Loretta asked for nominations for the Busy Bee award.

Federation Report – Mariposa show coming up.

Education – nothing to report

Refreshments for June- Izzy & Bill volunteered.

Nancy needs pots for the plants.

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Showtime

by Loretta Ogden

As we gave up our Friday night dinner last year we will do so again. Everyone that comes for set up or to do your display case, PLEASE remember to bring a snack for the group.

The kitchen is asking for pies and brownies, lemon bars or that type of desert. Those seem to be the most popular with the crowd. I can also use more help in the kitchen. If you are a good pie cutter please see Loretta.

The Krafty Korner wants hand made items, rooted plants or things you are sure someone else will want. You price and pick up if it does not sell otherwise it will be donated.

We will need all the help we can get to skirt the tables, do the electrical etc. Please SHOWup with time, muscles and a smile.

Once the show starts all the members become ambassadors of our club so mix, greet, mingle and amaze the guests with your vast knowledge. Remember to wear your vest and badge so you stand out of the crowd.

Wear your T-shirts as much as you can to advertise the show. If you do not have one and you are feeling left out call Ofelia at 626 330 8974 and she can fix your right up for \$10.00.

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Attention everyone!

Please be sure to bring any tickets you have left to the meeting on June 8. Any tickets you have after that date will be charged to you.

This is so I can have an accurate idea of what we will need for the show. If every one will either turn in their tickets or pay for them by the end of the meeting June 8, I would appreciate it.

Ofelia

The Naming of a Road RAZOR ROAD

by Joan Abramson

Percy was really a debonaire man,
A big city boy, a true "Dapper Dan."
His cuffs were quite right, his necktie just so,
And his wonderful smile set the ladies a-glow.

After carefully checking he had matching sox,
He packed up his bag and a shovel for rocks.
He joined the rock hunters, his first field trip,
And feared the rough jouncing his new pants would rip.

Knowing he'd hurried with no time to shave,
He tucked in his razor. The ladies would rave.
When they saw him, immaculate, shaven so clean—
No day's growth of whiskers on him would be seen!

They rode far a-field, through gullies and washes,
(All thankfully dry, no need for galoshes.)
The rockhounds all scattered and left him behind,
For the beautiful sagenite they hoped to find.

But Percy stayed back with his razor in hand
And protected his skin from the bleak, arid land.
Some lotion and sunscreen put worries to rout
And he searched the surroundings and wandered about.

But no one returned, and he feared to get lost,
So he sat in the shade and felt double crossed.
He picked up a stone by the R. V's front tire,
And turned it around so he could admire.

There were interesting patterns, so into the bag
Went his lone contribution when time came to brag.
The day grew much hotter: the group straggled back
Loaded with rocks in every big sack..

They shared all their findings, a great "show and tell",
And snickered at Percy— they knew him so well!
Then the rock he displayed caused the crowd to grow still.
"Is this what you've hunted?" Their black glares would kill!

A great gasp went up. "It's the prize of the day!
How could it possibly happen this way?"—
Sagenite leaping with great golden spears,
Colors intense that eclipsed all its peers.

Percy modestly smiled at the grudging acclaim,
Suggested, "Let's give this old road a new name!
'Percy's Fine Treasure' or 'Percy's Success',
Or 'Sagenite Percy' sounds good, I confess.

"Percy's Discovery' or 'Percy's Great Find'."
The group muttered darkly and were of one mind.
"We can't give him credit—a slacker for sure.
Any of those names we couldn't endure!"

"We'll give it a name— something dear to his heart!"
Razor Road was its moniker, right from the start!

One Liners

Mineralogist - the only living creature who
belongs to the mineral world.

A creative mess is better than tidy idleness.

Hard work is the easiest bridge to cross over to
success.

To get maximum attention, it's hard to beat a
good, BIG, mistake

If you would like to leave footprints in the sands
of time, you had better wear 'work shoes'.

via many bulletins

It is often difficult to acknowledge the source
of 'one liners'. If you did, the 'credits' would be
longer than this piece. Most editors understand this.
But be sure, ALWAYS, to give credit when you
borrow a whole article.

MORE ONE LINERS

From - Bits & Pieces 12 / 77

Leadership is the activity of influencing people to
cooperate towards some goal which they come to
find desirable.

Few things make us feel better than having our
judgement vindicated.

The person who gets ahead is the one who does
more than is necessary - and keeps on doing it.



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Juan M. Garcia
Councilmember

Dear Mr. Warthen,

G. Steve Simonian
Councilmember

I would like to thank you and the North Orange County Gem Club for taking the time to attend the La Habra Area Chamber of Commerce fundraising event on Tuesday, May 11, 2004. The event was a great success! Once again thank you for your participation and if there is anything that I can assist you with please don't hesitate to call me at City Hall at (562) 905-9701.

James Gomez
Councilmember

Sincerely,

Jim Gomez
Councilmember

Growth nears Petrified Forest

Subdivisions imperil park expansion plan, ranchers say

*By Mark Shaffer
Republic Flagstaff Bureau*

For nearly a decade, some of the state's largest ranchers have waited patiently to strike a deal with the federal government to enlarge Petrified Forest National Park and protect the area's geological and archaeological treasures.

But time appears to be running out as development pressures increase and the ongoing drought makes the cattle industry less viable.

Meanwhile, bills seeking the park's expansion by 97,000 acres, doubling its size, languish in U.S. House and Senate subcommittees with no hearing dates scheduled. And the state, which has been a latecomer in endorsing the expansion, still faces a laborious process in determining the value of State Land Department property that would be involved in the process.

Holbrook rancher Mike Fitzgerald, owner of the huge Twin Buttes Ranch, which borders the west side of the Petrified Forest, says he's had enough waiting.

"The fact of the matter is that I'm droughted out," Fitzgerald said. "This thing has to happen soon if it's going to happen. I've been waiting 10 years for it, so let's get it done."

Fitzgerald said a number of 40-acre subdivisions have sprouted adjoining his ranch. "I grew up here and have ranched all my life, and I'm simply not going to subdivide it myself," Fitzgerald said. "But I might have to sell it, and the next person would subdivide it like many of the other land owners around here."

Marion Hatch of Holbrook, co-owner of the Paulsell Ranch with his brother, Marvin, also is getting antsy. The Hatches own 30,000 acres and lease another 30,000 acres deemed for the expansion.

"We've tried **everything** in the world to move this land for the expansion," Marion Hatch said. "We could subdivide, but we're willing to ride the process out since we've put so much into this."

Marvin Hatch said he is confident that the expansion will go through Congress this year because "I can't imagine all that money being spent on probes to Mars and them not doing anything about one of the most educational places about our own Earth."

But critics of the negotiations have said that one of the main stumbling blocks is that the Hatches are

seeking about \$8 million for their land, which they say is far more than what it would be worth on the open market.

Randy Rasmussen of Albuquerque, who has been working on the expansion for years for the National Parks and Conservation Association, said another of the problems is that the federal Bureau of Land Management is in charge of appraising the land and has no funding to complete the process.

Determining the worth of mineral holdings on the land will likely take about two years, Rasmussen said.

The most prized area of the proposed expansion is along the Chinle Formation, which stretches in a band across north-eastern Arizona. Most of the petrified wood is in a narrow strip that begins seven miles east of the park and ends three miles southwest of the Petrified Forest. The area also has been rich in dinosaur finds in recent years.

Petrified wood can be removed legally from private land. But the illegal activities of archaeological looters in the area has been an ongoing problem. In 2001, about 400 Indian burial sites were dug near the eastern boundary of the park.

In a letter last month to Rep. George Radanovich, R-Calif., chairman of the House subcommittee on national parks, recreation and public lands, Gov. Janet Napolitano wrote that the Petrified Forest expansion needs to happen soon.

The national park and surrounding areas are "the best record of early Triassic terrestrial ecosystems in the world" and some of the land in the expansion area has even better resources than those found in the park, Napolitano wrote.

The administration of former Gov. Jane Hull had opposed the expansion because of the large amount of state land sought. The Arizona Game and Fish Department also has had concerns about the amount of land that would be removed from the state's hunting domain.

Rasmussen said that one hopeful development is that three of the four private land owners have said that they are interested in trading their land for other BLM land in northeastern Arizona. Those lands could then be swapped to the Park Service once they are in the public domain at no cost to the federal treasury.

That would be just fine for the NZ Corp., which owns land on the southeast side of Petrified Forest, said Scott Higginson of Phoenix, an NZ spokesman.

"We're willing to do a deal of equal value from the land that the BLM identifies for disposal," Higginson said. "We are anxious to get the land into its proper hands."