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Please join us on June 8, 2013 at 9:30 am at the junction of Hwv 101 and 166 east for our **Semiannual BBQ meeting.** We will meet there and caravan to the Porter Ranch. It is requested that everybody join the caravan to prevent anyone getting lost. Remember to bring a dish to share, and your drinks, tableware, sunscreen, & Off as there may be annoying insects. There will be a silent auction, bring your rocks you don't need and money to buy any that catch your eye. Also there will be an opportunity to rock hunt, so bring your bucket, tools, gloves, etc., and appropriate clothing (covering arms and legs, preferably dark colored as there can be ticks there. It is best to be able to tuck pant legs into your boots or socks and cuffs that can be buttoned.)

This will serve as our monthly meeting and we will <u>not</u> be meeting at the Oasis Center at our usual meeting date.

The Prez Box—May 2013

Wayne Mills, OMS president

May began with a wonderful show in Paso Robles—congratulations to the Santa Lucia Club for another well run event. Those who attended the show enjoyed the nice displays and their theme of "Meteorites". The nearly 1,400 pound meteorite displayed by Vince Pellerin of the Santa Lucia Club was one of the highlights for me. Barbara Bilyeu, President and Display Chairperson always writes nice thank-you notes to the folks who display in their show, and includes a picture of each persons display. A very nice touch.

Our highway clean-up went off like clock-work, thanks to the efforts of the same 9 folks that we usually see on the second Saturday event. My personal thanks to Wes, Jeannie, and Marty Lingerfelt, Truman Burgess, Don and Sylvia Nasholm, Geary Sheffer, and Joe & Lisa Azevedo for their frequent help with this club activity.

Though I didn't get much feed-back, I think our May talk on Soapstone went over OK, even though we are still having some tech issues between Wes's OMS computer and the big screen TV in the Senior Center. Again, we had some nice displays, and many thanks to those who take the time to put a display together for our meetings. Notable among those are the Henson's who have brought a display to most of our meetings this year.

At our meeting, we had quite a discussion about how we will run the food service at this year's show, and it looks like Renea Sutcliffe will be stepping in to take charge of the operation. Thanks Renea! Our kitchen is one of the activities that make our club show so distinctive.

I would be remiss if I didn't remind you of the CFMS show coming up at the Ventura Fairgrounds on May 31- June 2. This is the show not to miss in California, as it is the only one (I know of) that has competitive cases judged by CFMS trained judges. This may be old news though, by the time the bulletin is published. Hope some of you got to the show.

Another thank you is due to John and Elaine Von Achen who hosted the first (annual?) OMS Tailgate at their Nipomo Ranch. We wound up with 10 dealers from OMS, and I think that all of them had fun. I know that Wes and I did. Wes says

that he did better at the tailgate than he did at the Ventura Show in March! His new material is well worth seeing. Though we had folks to the tailgate from Los Angeles, Kellysville and Bakersfield, the turnout from OMS was disappointing. Maybe next year?

So can you believe it? We are already almost half way through the year. Our next big event is our Semi-annual meeting that will be held this year on Saturday, June 8 at the Porter Ranch located off Highway 166 near Twitchell Reservoir. (See inside for information about caravanning to the ranch). For those who have never been, this is a pretty piece of oak woodland property with some very interesting rocks. After lunch and our silent auction, (remember to bring your rocks for the auction, and a side dish or dessert to share), we will hit the big rock pile in front of the ranch. On our last visit, Wes found a rock in that pile that (he swears) has gold in it! I want one of those!

Summer is upon us, so enjoy it, and remember to be safe out there. If you check your calendar, you might note that our annual show is only 2 months away. You might be thinking about what you want to display, and if you do not have a case, reserve a club case through Elaine Von Achen soon!

If you have any questions or comments that you think will make our society better, I am willing to listen. I am in the red book, or on line at wwmills50@hotmail.com. Thank you for your participation in our society events.



Sunshine

Everybody who has been ill seems to have recovered well. We don't know of anyone beimg ill-Good work, Guys! Keep well!

Wheelin' and Dealin'

Wayne Mills, Field Trip Coordinator

Our May "field trip" was the Tailgate at the Von Achen's. For our first time, it was pretty organized. I think all who attended had a good time, and came away with some new rocks. Elaine Von Achen had some tasty snacks for the dealers, and I think that all of the dealers made some money. I know that Wes did! He said he did better at the tailgate than he did at the Ventura show (that was a lot bigger).

Dealers at the show were Joe Azevedo, Stan Ferguson, Wes Lingerfelt, Wayne Mills, Sylvia Nasholm, Kim Noyes, Geary Sheffer, Lucky Virgin, and John and Elaine Von Achen. Mike Schmidt manned a booth that benefitted OMS.

Aside from the dealers, attendance by OMS members was poor. We had more folks from the Santa Lucia Club attend than we did from our own club! Folks came from as far away as Kelseyville, Bakersfield and Los Angeles to see what bargains they could find, and bargains were found. I got several pieces of boulder opal and a turquoise cabochon from Joe Azevedo for .25 each!

So, big thanks to the Von Achen's for a great venue, and tasty food and to the OMS vendors who helped make it a fun event.



Ralph, John from OMS, Gene and Cliff from SLR (Santa Lucia Rockhounds) in John's shop



Geary and Bud and the northeastern half of the show



Wes and Kim's side of the show

...Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthday greetings go out to those who are having birthdays in June: Ralph Bishop, Don Dana, Shelly D., Michael Schmidt, Geary Sheffer. & Maida Williams. Happy Birthday to all of you & many more!



Members celebrating an anniversary in June are: Don & Gloria Dana, Stan & Jan Ferguson, Bill & Debbie Hood, and Roger & Donna Lehman. Many

happy returns!

If you don't see your name here when you should, then the information is not in the Red Book. Please write it down and give it to Wes Lingerfelt to get it updated.

First Impression of Zzyzx Creates Lasting Memory BY GENE STIRM, TEHACHAPI CA. From the May 2013 CFMS Newsletter

(Editor's Note: some members indicated at the last meeting that they did not know about this program. Here is some information to inspire you!)

The sun was about to peek over the horizon when I pulled into the parking lot of Desert Studies Center at Zzyzx, for the CFMS Earth Science Studies spring camp, better known to Rock Hounds as Camp Zzyzx. This was my first visit to Zzyzx. Because of my schedule, I had to miss the first day orientation. I arrived alone, my wife had prior commitments and no one from our club was attending, in fact, I knew none of the attendees. I parked, sucked in a breath of fresh desert air, looked around, and wondered what the week had in store, would they be friendly or would I be an outsider?

I have been sculpting stone, smithing and making various jewelry pieces for some time, but only started

cutting stone this past year. Cutting slabs of obsidian for napping on an old tile saw to conserve material. But you know how it goes, once you slice a rock and find the treasure within, you can't stop. I bought a cabbing setup in November 2012, and started teaching myself to cut and polish, so my focus at Camp Zzyzx was to make sure my technique was heading in the right direction. At 8:00 AM, while the rest of the camp was at breakfast, I located the lapidary setup, parked myself in a chair and waited for the first class to begin.

At 9 o'clock sharp, classes started all over the compound. Tom Burchard, our lapidary instructor, started his class by trumpeting on a real bullhorn. After a quick introduction, we all dove into trays of provided stone slabs. As our 'first project' we were required to make a round and oval cabochon before trying anything else. The lapidary setup had three trim saws and eight cabbing machines available and before long, everyone was busy. Equipment belonged to Tom or was on loan from Diamond Pacific, making it possible to create a beautiful cabochon without owning a single tool or even havea stone. In my opinion, that alone is worth the price of admission.

Tom is an excellent instructor with unfathomable patience, working with all skill levels. For me, having an opportunity to make several cabs before hand, I had samples of problems I was having and a list of questions prepared before I arrived. By the second day, I had completed my first two 'required' cabs, corrected any bad habits and was now ready to experiment. I was interested in a particular machine that I was thinking of purchasing and got to really try it out, even discuss it's pros and cons with the factory rep. It turned out that the feature I was interested in could be duplicated on my machine, saving me over a thousand dollars.

On day three, I began to move on to other classes and found Tom was not a fluke, all the instructors I worked with were equally talented, knowledgeable and patient. Whatever your interest, you will find some form or variation being taught. And what is even more fun, things you never thought of trying or knew existed are there to peek your interest, offering new challenges or open worlds of creative possibilities.

However, I must caution you, beyond the joy of exploring the worlds of Earth Sciences, there is a danger. Behind ever tree, around every corner and across ever table is a friendly face and a warm smile. Couple that with the great food and outdoor fun it's a true rock heaven. I came to Zzyzx not knowing any of the instructors or participants and left with a heart full of new friends. Returning home, I was greeted with snow and temps in the

20s, but the warmth of memories, feeling of accomplishment and new found camaraderie, was like sitting by a warm fire, a comfort indescribable. I will return and this time bring my wife.

The following is a Repeat from the November 2009 Ore-cutts

Fieldtrip, another Visit to Porter Ranch

by Wes Lingerfelt

East of Santa Maria, CA on Hiway 166 lays a secluded Ranch nestled in the mountains of Oak trees and dry washes. It's called Porter Ranch and it lies among the hills of Miocene shale from the Monterey Formation. Due to recent rain the hills were showing lots of green and the temperature was beginning to warm up to a pleasant 70 degrees. Our fieldtrip leader is a friend of the ranch owner so he was able to schedule a visit for the day beginning with breakfast at the ranch picnic area. This is no ordinary facility as it has a generator for electricity and gas stoves for cooking. I have been there twice now and it is a real pleasure to be able to enjoy this primitive yet ultra-modern facility.



Figure 1 Ranch Picnic Facility

We met Bob & Rosie Bullock and the others including Paulette Mireles with friend and guest Joe Horst, guest Joe Azevedo, members Don & Sylvia Nasholm, Ralph Bishop, John Von Achen and grandson Joseph Martinez, Dick Bazzell, and of course Wes & Jeannie Lingerfelt at the junction of CA166 & US101 at 7:30 am. Bob & Rosie's daughter Jennifer met us at the ranch. A more perfect day would be hard to imagine. Although there isn't a lot of silica based volcanic rock to be found in the area there is a chance to find fossils of sea creatures there.

We drove the 17 miles to the ranch and noticed the rain had renewed the grass with a vivid green color. We

arrived at the picnic area hungry for breakfast and enjoyed the process of cooking eggs for burritos in a quart-sized zip lock bag placed into a tub of boiling water. Bob indicated that the cooking should take about 12 minutes however; I learned that applied to a bag with no meat in it. It seems the extra material placed in the bag greatly increases the cooking time. We finished a great breakfast and cleaned up the area before heading out into the narrow canyons to look for fossil Concretions.



Figure 2 Rugged Canyon Trail

By 10 am we were on the trail up the canyon that meant we had to cross the creek paths many times going down and then up at very steep angles. I feared the two wheelers were going to have great difficulty traversing the rugged trail. John's little pickup spun the tires on several of the slopes. After traveling a mile or two we stopped to scour the hillsides looking for anything matching the shape of a concretion. We found several stones with the impression of seashells and possible included fossils.

As the day grew warmer it was decided to try to circle around over the mountain and come out near the entrance to the ranch on our way to the final stop of the huge rock pile there.



Figure 3 the Meadow

That was a bad idea as we soon learned the road wasn't passable by 2 wheel drive vehicles. Being at the end the caravan myself and Dick Bazzell had to backtrack down the hill about a ¼ mile around the trail. This trail had a steep gully on the passenger side where Jeannie was seated in the back seat. At least twice I almost went over the edge trying to traverse the curves in the trail. Jeannie was very relieved (White Knuckles) when I finally made it back down to the meadow below. It's very difficult to steer backwards down a 4-wheel drive trail with a 1-ton vehicle.

We made it back down and decided to search the meadow area. We discovered several concretions and Sylvia Nasholm discovered a huge fossil sea turtle on the eastern edge of the meadow. Ralph discovered a huge concretion of at least 600 pounds he believed contained a whole Seal. Having searched the meadow thoroughly we then decided to visit the large rock pile near the ranch entrance.



Figure 4 Sylvia's Sea Turtle

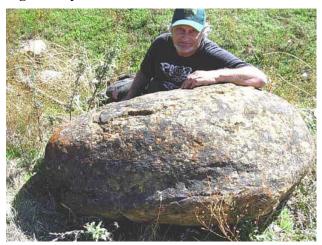


Figure 5 Ralph's Smiley Face Seal

Joe Azevedo had trouble earlier with his vehicle overheating. As we traversed back down the canyon he decided to pull over next to a water trough and refill his radiator with water. The rest of us went on down the rough and rugged road to the rock pile. I told Joe if he wasn't out of the canyon in one hour's time we would return to get him.

At the rock pile we dug through the pile looking for some more of the rock I found last visit there. No luck this time. I did find a few small rocks that looked close to the green orbicular rock but there isn't the same amount of silica in these. I'll know more after I cut them; who knows perhaps they will turn out to be useful.



Figure 6 the Rock Pile

Over all it was a great day in the woods and a very much-needed outing to enjoy nature at her prettiest.

By the way, Joe made it out of the canyon and headed home a little worse for wear but safe nonetheless.

Orcutt Mineral Society Board Meeting at Margaret and Mike Henson's Home, Santa Maria, CA May 7, 2013

President Wayne Mills called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Members present were Wes Lingerfelt, Debbie Hood, Jeannie Lingerfelt, Elaine Von Achen, Sandy Berthelot, Mike Schmidt, Wayne Mills, Jan Ferguson and Sharon Duncan. Guests included Paul Berthelot, Bill Hood, Margaret Henson and Sylvia Nasholm.

Minutes: Minutes were approved as printed in the May, 2013 newsletter.

Treasurer's report: Wes Lingerfelt gave the treasurer's report. It was accepted as given.

Correspondence: Nothing to report.

Committee Reports:
Abused Children: None.
Annual Gem Show: None.

Annual December Meeting: None.

Breakfast: May's breakfast will be held on the 25th at The Sunset Grill, 1424 Fairway Drive, Santa Maria, Ca. Breakfast will be held at 8:00 a.m. in order that members may attend the "Tailgate Show" at the Von Achen's following the breakfast.

Bulletin: The Bulletin is has been mailed and is on line.

CFMS: This year's annual CFMS show will be held in Ventura from May 30 thru June 3rd.

Education: None.

Field Trip: The field trip for May will be on the 25th to the "Von Achen Barn" for our first ever Tailgate show from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. More regarding the field trip in Old Business.

Highway Clean-up: The next highway clean-up will be held Saturday May 11th. Members will meet at Highways 101 and 166 on the south east corner at 8:00 a.m.

Library: None. **Membership:** None.

Refreshments: The refreshment for May will be "Pie" donated by Sandy Berthelot, Jeannie Lingerfelt, Jan Ferguson and Elaine Von Achen.

Scholarship: Wes has mailed a check in the amount of \$1,500 to Santa Barbara City College, for this year's scholarship donation.

Sunshine: Debbie Hood is ill with pneumonia. **Old Business:**

- Wes Lingerfelt received insurance confirmation so the June Barbeque will be held at Porter Ranch off Highway 166. Our reservation at Pioneer Park has been held over until next year.
- The Tailgate show is on the 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Von Achen Barn in Nipomo. Members who have reserved a space are Elaine Von Achen, John Von Achen, Wes Lingerfelt, Wayne Mills, Lucky Virgin, Joe Azevedo, Stan Ferguson and Kim Noyes. Please come out and see what great items these people have for sale.

- Wes received the children's s coloring books which the board decided to order for our annual Gem Show. We purchased 50 each of "Gold", "Mineral Oddities", "Minerals of the USA", "The Power of Crystals", and "Minerals of the Bible" and 100 each of "Fossils", which has dinosaurs in it.
- There was discussion on who might run the kitchen and what we might serve for our annual show. It was also discussed on how many hours we would want to keep the snack bar open.

New Business:

- Sylvia Nasholm received badges for our two new junior members and asked the board for funds to make two junior member books for the Merit Badge Program. Debbie Hood made a motion that we make those books. Sandy Berthelot seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Elaine mentioned that we should order more fabric for the tables for the Gem Show as we used every bit we had last year. She suggested that we order two bolts instead of one so that hopefully this will be the last time we have to order. Debbie Hood made a motion that we purchase two bolts of fabric. Sandy Berthelot seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Sharon Duncan received a catalogue from "Wild Cotton" with Tee Shirts and other items that we might be interested in purchasing. Some of our members bought these shirts at the Ventura show and really liked them. They have some with Gem Stones, Dinosaurs, Minerals, etc. She and Elaine will get together and narrow it down with information to be presented at the May general meeting.
- There was also discussion as to different events for kids at our annual show. We came up with a few good ideas and we will be working on them.

May's program will be given by Wayne Mills on Soap Stone Carving.

May's display will be carvings, rocks that look like carvings picture rocks, etc.

The meeting was adjourned by President Wayne Mills at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Elaine Von Achen Secretary, OMS

Orcutt Mineral Society General Meeting, Luis Oasis Senior Center, Orcutt, CA May 14, 2013

President Wayne Mills called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Mike Henson gave the invocation.

Joseph M. led the flag salute.

Minutes: Elaine Von Achen read the minutes from the May 7, 2013 board meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's report: Wes Lingerfelt gave the treasurer's report. It was accepted as given.

Correspondence: None.

Hospitality: There were 36 members and 1 guest in attendance. Our guest was Adam Loera who was introduced and welcomed.

Refreshments: Margaret Henson thanked Elaine Von Achen, Sandy Berthelot, Jan Ferguson, Jeannie Lingerfelt and Lucky Virgin for their donations of pies for the night's refreshment. Margaret also noted that the club is in need of a new coffee pot and was given permission to purchase one.

Committee Reports:

Abused Children: None.

Annual June BBQ: The annual barbeque picnic will be held on the 8th of June at the Porter Ranch off Highway 166. Those interested in attending the picnic need to be at the corner of Highways 101 and 166 on the South East side at 9:30 a.m. and everyone will caravan out to the ranch. Members need to bring their own table setting, a dish to share and their own drinks. You might also want to bring a folding chair.

Breakfast: May's monthly breakfast will be on the 25th and will be held at The Sunset Grill, 1424 Fairway Drive, Santa Maria, Ca. at 8:00 a.m. *PLEASE NOTE:* breakfast is held one hour

earlier than usual to give members the opportunity to attend the tailgate rock show at the "Von Achen Barn".

Budget & Audit: None.

Bulletin: The bulletin is out.

CFMS: The CFMS annual show is May 31st

through June 2nd in Ventura.

Door Prizes: Mike Schmidt reported that Lucky Virgin donated a piece of polished petrified wood and that we had some picture jasper and a nice blue sphere among other things.

Education: None.

Gem Show: Wes Lingerfelt made an impassioned plea to members to step up and help with the snack bar. He said if everyone put forth a little effort it would not all fall on to one individual's shoulders.

Historian: None.

Field Trip: The field trip for May will be a Tailgate show held at the "Von Achen Barn" at 636 Cherokee Place, Nipomo, CA on the 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please contact Elaine Von Achen for further information at 805-929-1488. Another field trip to look forward to will be to Willow Creek in July. This will be led by Stan Ferguson. More information on that later.

Highway Clean-up: There was a highway clean-up on the 11th of May with the following persons helping: Truman Burgess, Marty Lingerfelt, Wes Lingerfelt, Jeannie Lingerfelt, Geary Scheffer, Wayne Mills, Roberta?, Sylvia Nasholm and Don Nasholm. The next highway clean-up will be July 13. Members meet at highways 101 and 166 on the south east corner at 8:00 a.m.

Library: None.

Membership: Elaine Von Achen read an application for membership from Amy McDaniel. Lee Reyburn made a motion to accept. Bob Bullock seconded. Motion passed.

Junior Members: Elaine Von Achen gave new junior member Hunter P-B his membership patch for the Future Rockhounds of America Membership Program. She also gave Bob Bullock a patch to be given to Mikayla C-B., who was not in attendance.

Political Action Committee: None.

Property: None. **Scholarship:** None.

Sunshine: Nothing to report.

Old Business:

• Elaine Von Achen reported that OMS will have one large display case at the Nipomo Library during the month of July. She will be in charge and members can contact her if they have something they would like to display.

New Business:

• Elaine Von Achen showed photos of tee-shirts sporting pictures of rock, mineral and dinosaurs that the club will have for purchase if anyone is

interested. We hope to have a variety of sizes at the June picnic for members to try on.

• Wayne Mills gave a program on Soap Stone Carving with lots of pictures and diagrams. Thank you, Wayne.

May's display was carvings, rocks that look like carvings, picture rocks, etc.

There will be no meeting in June as we are having our annual picnic barbeque.

President Wayne Mills adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Elaine Von Achen

Secretary, OMS

Bench Tips

By Brad Smith

When cutting jump rings from large gauge wire for chain making, you'll notice the saw leaves a small burr. An easy way to remove these is to tumble the rings with some fine-cut pyramids. Steel shot alone does not work as well. It's best not tumble for a long period with the pyramids because it will remove the polished finish from the wire. Only a minute or so is needed.

No tumbler, no problem. You don't actually need a tumbler. I just put a handful of pyramids in a wide mouth plastic jar and shake for a bit. You can find these pyramids in the tumble finishing section of most jewelry supply catalogs.

I often use little balls of silver and gold as accent pieces on my designs. They can be made as needed from pieces of scrap. Cut the scrap into little pieces, put them on a solder pad and melt them with a torch. Then throw the balls into a small cup of pickle.

If you need to make all the balls the same size, you need the same amount of metal to melt each time. The best way to do that is to clip equal lengths of wire.

But there's an easier way to get a good supply of balls. Some casting grain comes in near perfect ball form. Just grab your tweezers and pick out the ones you need. When you need larger quantities of balls, pour the casting grain out onto a baking pan, tilt the pan a bit, and let all the round pieces roll to the bottom. Bag the good ones, and pour the rest back into your bag for casting.

Balls can also be sorted into different sizes using multiple screens.

Bench Tips by Brad Smith are at facebook.com/BenchTips/ or yahoogroups.com/group/BenchTips/

June 2013 Calendar			
Tuesday June 4, 2013 7:00 to 8:00 pm	OMS Board Meeting- At the home of the Hansen's. All members are welcome at this business meeting. For information or directions please call Mike at 934-1308.		
Saturday June 8, 2013 9:30 am till 3:00 pm	Semi-annual BBQ Meeting Bring side dish to share, and rocks for Silent Auction @ the Porter Ranch		
June 15 & 16 2013 Saturday	SLO Club Show in Cayucos at the Veteran's Hall. OMS Monthly Breakfast-		
June 29, 2013 9:00 to 10:00 am	Francisco's Country Kitchen, 1701 N. Broadway, Santa Maria y 2013 Calendar		
Tuesday July 2, 2013 7:00 to 8:00 pm	OMS Board Meeting- At the home of the Hansen's. All members are welcome at this business meeting. For information or directions please call Mike at 934-1308.		
Tuesday, July 9, 2013	OMS General Meeting- •Program: •Display: 1'x 1" Display-anything goes. •Refreshments: Cake		
Saturday July 13, 2013 8:00 am till done	Highway cleanup-8:00am @ 101/166 East. Refreshments afterward at Francisco's Country Kitchen. For Information call Wes Lingerfelt at 929-3788.		
Saturday July 20, 2013 9:00 am to ?	Field trip to Willow Creek Led by Stan Fergusson		
Saturday July 27 2013 9:00 to 10:00am	OMS Monthly Breakfast- The Girl's Restaurant, 1237 E. Grand Ave., Arroyo Grande.		

CFMS Show Schedule 2013 JUNE 2013

June 8 - 9: LA HABRA, CA North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society La Habra Community Center 101 W. La Habra Blvd. Hours: 10 - 5 daily Contact: Loretta Ogden,

(909) 598-2456 Email: donogden@aol.com, fbriktr1@aol.com Website: www.nocgms.com

June 14 - 16: WOODLAND HILLS, CA Rockatomics Gem & Mineral Society Pierce College Farm 20800 Victory Blvd Hours: 10 - 5 daily Contact: William Rucker, (818) 428-7834 Email: rockhound@rockatomics.com Website: Rockatomics.com

June 28 - 30: SAN BERNARDINO, CA Orange Belt Mineralogical Society Western Regional Little League Ball Park 6707 Little League Drive Hours: 9 am to Dusk daily Contacts: Ken & Jessica Gard, (909) 624-1782, (909) 887-5507 Email: kengard@roadrunner.com Website: http://OBMSrocks.yolasite.com

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July 13 - 14: CULVER CITY, CA Culver City Rock & Mineral Club Culver City Veterans Memorial Auditorium 4117 Overland Avenue Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5 Contact: Rick Shaffer, (310) 391-8429 Email:

info@culvercityrocks.org Website: www.culvercityrocks.org

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August 30 - September 2: FORT BRAGG, CA Mendocino Coast Gem & Mineral Society Town Hall Corner of Main & Laurel Hours: Fri-Sun 10 - 6; Mon 10 – 4 Contact: Jerry Sommer, (707) 937-1833

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September 28 - 29: LODI, CA Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club Lodi Grape Festival Grounds 413 East Lockford Street Hours: 10 - 5 daily Contact: Jerold Kyle, (209) 368-9411 Email: jeroldkyle@yahoo.com Website: www.stocktonlapidary.com

September 28 - 29: MONTEREY, CA Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society Monterey Fairgrounds 2004 Fairgrounds Road Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 – 5 Contact: Janis Rovetti, (831) 372-1311 Email: janis12@sbcglobal.net Website: www.cvgms.org

September 28 - 29: SANTA ROSA, CA Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society Wells Fargo Center for the Art 50 Mark West Springs Road Hours: Sat. 10 - 6: Sun 10 – 5 Jolene Coon, (707) 849-9551 Email: <u>Jolene@SRMGS.org</u> Website: www.srmgs.org

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ORE-CUTTS (named after, William Orcutt) was published in 1966. Member Helen Azevedo was the first editor Orcutt Mineral Society was founded in

1958, and was named after William Orcutt, a geologist and Civil engineer who worked in the Santa Maria Valley as a District manager for Union oil Company in 1888. In 1889, William Orcutt discovered the mineral and fossil wealth of the La Brea Tar Pits on the property of Captain Alan Hancock. The La Brea Tar Pits are one of the most significant fossil finds in paleontological history. The OMS is a non-profit club dedicated to stimulating an interest in the earth sciences. The club offers educational programs, field trips, offers educational programs, field trips, scholarships, and other opportunities for families and individuals to pursue an interest in the collecting and treatment of lapidary materials, fossils, gems, minerals, and other facets of the Earth Sciences. In addition, another goal of this Society is to promote good fellowship, and proper ethics in pursuit of the Society's endeavors. Operating Rules have been set forth to guide the Officers and members of the Society in accomplishing these aims. Affiliations of the OMS include American Federation of Mineral Societies, and California Federation of Mineral Societies