



Ore-Cutts

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The Pres Box—March 2015

Dyana Cridelich



Top of the Morning to you!

Is it really March already? I can't believe how time is flying past. Does anyone have a suggestion to slow it down?

March is shaping up to be a very busy month for OMS.

The Ventura Gem and Mineral Society will hold their 53rd annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Lapidary show on March 7th and 8th at the Ventura County Fairgrounds. It is open from 10am to 5pm and the admission is free (\$5 to park). If you have never attended, plan on going. It has everything that you like to see and more. Plus, it is a lot of fun.

Our bi-monthly Highway Cleanup is on the 14th of March. Please meet at 8:00am at the junction of Highways 101 and 166. Start your Saturday off right. Hope to see everyone there.

The Breakfast for March will be held at the Home Town Buffet in Santa Maria. See you there at 8:30am on March 28th. There's always time for a good meal with friends.

You won't want to miss our program this month. Once again, Richard Wade will be with us with an informative and exciting presentation on Astronomy. Meteorites, Tektites, Fulgurites, OH MY! For me, it may even be the highlight of the year. I love them. For the evening's display, bring all your "outer space" rocks or anything special to you.

The refreshments last month were amazing. Pies are always my favorite and they were all wonderful. My hearty thanks go to everyone who

brought them. This month we will be having cake. Thanks in advance to all our cake bakers. I'm sure they will be yummy.

Our next scheduled field trip activity will be the trip to the L.A County Museum and Himalaya Mine dumps at Lake Henshaw on April 17-19. More details at our March meeting. Our Annual Tailgate show at the Von Achen's Barn will be May 23. Vendor forms will be on our website soon. It will cost \$10.00 a table for OMS members. There will be a picnic with BBQ hot dogs, potato salad, beans and sodas for the dealers only. Browse through your rocks and share the wealth. Come enjoy the day and the camaraderie. Make a little money too. What can be better?

OMS has 32 buckets and containers of club rock. They are going for \$5.00 per container. Several cases are up for sale and there are 8 tables left. Tables are \$15.00 each or 3 or more for \$10.00 each. If anyone would like to have one or more of these, please let me know.

That's about all for now! *"May you live as long as you want and never want as long as you live"*

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Birthday greetings go out to those folks who are having Birthdays and Anniversaries in **March**

. Birthdays

Roger Lehman	3/5
Deborah Park	3/5
Jeannie Lingerfelt	3/7

Bill Hood 3/18

Nick Carpenter 3/24

Anniversaries

Lee and Betty Reyburn 3/27
61 years!!

Carl "Salty" and Kelli Tapper, 3/29

Congratulations!

*If you don't see your name here when you should, then the information is not in **The Red Book**. Please write your important dates down and give them to Wes Lingerfelt so they will be included in the next edition (2015).*

SUNSHINE

Jeannie Lingerfelt

Debbie Hood is recovering from a bout with pneumonia. Renea Sutcliffe is suffering from hip pain. Our thoughts are also with Roger Lehman who is facing some serious medical issues.

If you have good or bad news that you would be willing to share with our members, please notify Jeannie Lingerfelt and Wayne Mills.

SIR PAUL NOTES: *Sir Paul Howard who lives in Elanora on the Gold Coast of Queensland, Australia is an avid "fossicker" and lapidarian. He is the author of Fossicking for Queensland Agates, has produced several programs on micro-inclusions in agate, and has been an honorary member of OMS since 1992*

Sunday, February 8, 2015



Hello Wes and Jeannie. The Orcutt club's newsletter is eagerly awaited every month, and every word is read. There are always some very interesting articles in them. Every now and then I get a mention. Last month was no exception, my birthday was recorded. I have

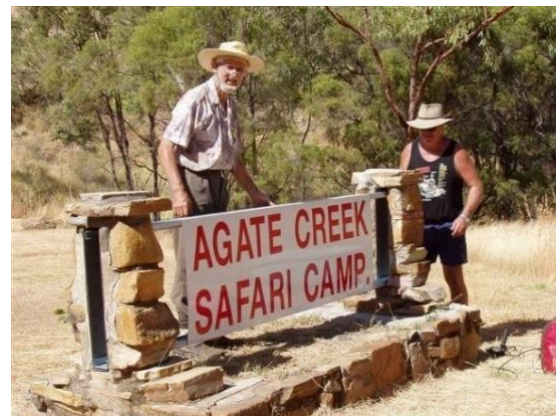
not been to a club meeting for such a long time, there would be only a few people I would remember.

Anyhow how did the DVD that I sent you go over at the club meeting in October? Did you sell all the Agate Creek agate sample boxes? I have assumed you kept them for club members. Do you want any more? When I went to the New Zealand National show last October I took 10 with me and sold every one. Last week I posted off 3 more, one to Scotland and 2 to America. It got me thinking about reprinting more DVD's, but before I do I would like to

make a few improvements to the whole program before any reprints are made. I would like your opinion on posting a free copy to some of the Lapidary and Mineral clubs in America. I know America is a big country and has probably hundreds of Lapidary and Mineral clubs; can you tell me who do I write to, or contact to find out or get a mailing list from. Maybe there would be too many for this idea to be possible, or you could, if you have time to select which ones would be good ones for me to send them to. Some rockhounds think nothing about the cost of travel or distance if they make up their mind to go rock hounding. Some would even come to Australia once they learn a bit more about the possibility of finding nice agates in Queensland. And quite a few come each season.

SOME GOOD NEWS FOR YOU. Marie and I have booked a cruise of the North Pacific for next year which lasts more than 6 weeks. It sails up the East coast of Asia and Japan then Russia then up to Alaska, then down the inside passage to Vancouver and finishes in San Francisco on Monday 8th of August. I know that this time of the year our club has its gem show and we would like to be there. The last port of call we stop at before San Francisco is Vancouver on Friday 5th August if the gem show is on the 6th and 7th August if this works out better for us to visit the show. If we can be hosted by one of the club members, that would be wonderful, otherwise we have no objection to staying in a handy motel to you or the show. We have plenty of time to work out what to do after the gem show as there is one person in Arizona that we would like to visit, so we would have to fly down to Tucson where we could be met at the airport. But that detour has to be planned in more detail before we get that far. We will fly back to Honolulu for a couple of days before flying home from there. The long flight across the Pacific is too far for Marie.

I will look forward to your reply and hope the dates work out. Kindest Regards from Paul and Marie.



FEBRUARY MEETING NOTES

Story and Photos by Wayne Mills

Our display for February was **jaspers**, and we had several nice displays, though we only got a picture of one (the day after the meeting). Wayne showed some of his picture jaspers, some varieties of brecciated jasper, some misnamed jaspers (Poppy Jasper is actually an orbicular rhyolite, and Ocean Jasper is a silicified orbicular rhyolite).



Another interesting specimen that came from an old collection is pyrite cubes in jasp-agate from Willow Creek, Monterey County.



Our program was beautiful and a bit disturbing. Alexis chose the Video “Home” that discussed the origins of our planet, the beginnings of life,

and the development of “civilization”. There was some startling information about the effects man has had on the planet during his relatively short tenure (220 thousand years), and an unsettling claim that at the current rates of production, all the Earth’s resources will be expended by the end of this century. Whoa!

KIM’S BLOG

If you haven’t checked out Kim Noyes’ Blog **Eclectic Arcana**, but you love Earth Science, I urge you to check it out. One of his latest entries is both funny AND informative. Please check out this link to rock imposters. <http://imgur.com/a/Y6XIY>

FEBRUARY FIELD TRIP REPORT

Wayne Mills, Field Trip Coordinator

We met at Ralph Bishop’s home at 10:00 am on Saturday, February 21 to tour his private museum. More than 20 folks from Fresno to Santa Maria were in attendance. We began with a presentation on the Chumash Cosmology by Ralph who has been studying same for many years. Then we walked single file through Ralph’s museum and heard some of his many adventures in collecting rocks. Many folks made multiple laps through the museum filming many of Ralph’s unique specimens or rocks, fossils and artifacts. Many of the specimens were on display for the first time.

All folks in attendance were amazed by the quality and variety of Ralph’s materials. More details and pictures of the trip can be found on the OMS Website (omsinc.org) under A TRIP TO ROCK FANTASYLAND—THE RALPH BISHOP MUSEUM, NIPOMO, CA .

CHANDLER MOUNTAIN CARNELIAN—LEO’S LUCK By Ralph Bishop

Originally published in Ore Cutts, April 1995

Photo by Charles Vollmer

This is the first in a two part series about this location. The story is written in the vernacular of the participants.

In the late 1950’s in northwestern Oregon, lived a man named Leo who was a good “company man.” In his earlier years, he had been a “faller”, but as he approached retirement the company had promoted him to pushing slash with a D-9 Cat. All Leo had was his job, from sunrise to sunset, since he was fourteen years old. As he approached retirement, he was worried about what he would do with the rest of his life, but he decided to worry about that tomorrow. Today, there was work to do. The boys had cleared a swamp on Chandler Mountain, a bench just outside of the town of Sweet Home in Linn County, Oregon.

The boss had decided to make the site a model tree farm, and Leo’s job was to “cat” some very large cedar root wads and slash into burn piles. After a good morning of pushing wood around, it was time to fuel the tractor, grease the tracks and have lunch. After servicing the Cat, he looked for a spot to sit that wasn’t mired in swamp muck. Below a giant cedar root wad, Leo found a dry place to sit and eat his lunch. As he got up and turned to get comfortable, a glint of something tangled in the cedar roots caught his eye. He had never “seed” anything quite like it

before. It was a rock he supposed, the clay had slipped off of it clean as a whistle. Using the roots like a ladder, he climbed up to take a look. Sure enough, it was a rock, red and kinda' clear like bottle glass. Damn it was "purdy". The surface was covered with bumps the size of a baby's but, and just as smooth. With the sunlight on the rock, it appeared to glow as if lit from within. Being a good company man, he had no time to try to get the rock out, so he went back to work clearing the swamp. Like many days in the Northwest, the day ended with a blood-red sunset.

A few days later, Leo awoke to a day off and wondered what he would do. His mind wandered back to the "purdy" root-bound rock back up on Chandler. So after a quick meal, he packed his double bladed axe in the pickup, and bounced over every rut in the road up to Chandler Mountain. Pulling up to the slash pile, he could see the rock better than ever, moist with dew, and glowing in the early morning sunlight. The Cedar roots reached to twelve feet above ground. As Leo cleared the roots away from the rock, it grew bigger and bigger until he could see its' full size when the final root had been cut away. The rock was still embedded in the root, and for many, it would be difficult to get down. The rock was about as large as a 50-gallon drum, and about 9 inches thick. But Leo was equal to the task. Standing 6 foot 7 inches tall in his size 16 shoes, he weighed in at 250 pounds, and most of that was muscle.

The rock was pried loose, and placed on the passenger seat, mud and all. "Well" he thought to himself "this will make a great hearth rock." Many of his fellow loggers had a piece of petrified wood on their hearths to "jibe" about, but this one was no joker and it sure was purdy. After washing the rock, Leo "leaned er" up against the hearth and took out his scaling tape. The rock measured 7-9 inches thick, and 28 by 26 inches in diameter. 2 to 3 inch bubbles covered the exterior, and Leo estimated the rock's weight at 130 pounds.

There wasn't a lot to do in this little logging town, but every year, the local rock club had a show in the town's Vet's Hall. It was a "humdinger" of a show, and everyone who attended said that only Portland and Eugene had better shows. It was a "pride-full affair," and everyone in town came out to support the club.

As was his custom, Leo went on down Saturday morning to see the rocks and to visit with 'Ole Boyd. Boyd had been his felling partner for 15 years, and had opened a rock shop when he retired from the

Company. "Boyd was sure lucky" thought Leo "to have found something interesting to do after retiring." Why in the summertime, there were license plates from all over the country crowding Boyd's driveway. Leo felt especially good today, because he had a surprise for his friend-nothin' too great, but...he made a beeline to Boyd's booth after he entered the Vet's Hall. After exchanging "howdys", he pulled a bubble covered, fist sized piece of Carnelian from his pocket. "Boyd" he said "I found you a purdy rock the other day, I think it's that ag-git stuff you favor." As Boyd took the rock, his jaw dropped but he didn't say anything. Other folks around the table saw the rock too, and man, was there a ruckus around that table. Leo slipped quietly away, and enjoyed the rest of the show.

It was a long day for Boyd. Everyone and his brother had heard about the Carnelian and questions were flying. Boyd had only one question for his friend. When he returned home, he showed his wife, Juanita the agate. She had never seen anything as beautiful, and carnelian had always been her favorite. "Leo come by the show and give it to me" Boyd told her "caused quite a stir!" "You bet" was all Juanita could manage, but then she added "say, isn't Leo coming up on retirement? I sure hope he finds something to interest him, I would hate to see him drop off like some of the boys. Boyd honey, you're so lucky to have your rocks."

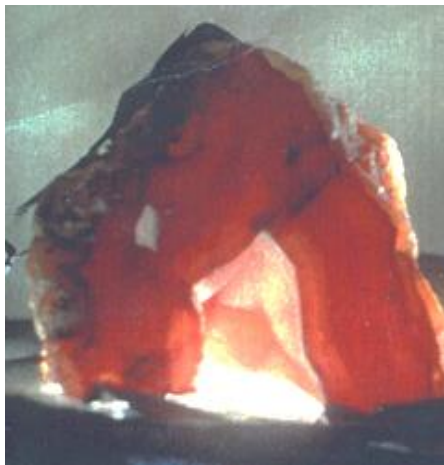
"I'm gonna' run over to Leo's n have a talk" said Boyd. "Hey there where you going with my rock?" he called after Juanita. "To my window sill" she responded, "and you can take him that fresh baked Blackberry pie in thanks."

That pie smelled good all the way over to Callapoola. Boyd found Leo in his saw shed, and they made their way to the house. Leo grabbed a plate, two forks and two jars of spring water. "Just like the old days" said Leo as he divided the pie, dished up one half for Boyd, and dug into the remainder. Boyd had some questions for his friend, but Leo couldn't answer since his mouth was full of pie.

They retired to the living room to finish off their pie. The light there was dim, so Leo lit a "wind match" with his thumb, and flicked it into the fireplace. The wood had been set with a "pitch bar" in front of the wood, so the fire caught and slowly increased its brightness as they finished their pie. "I sure thank you for the carnelian Leo" began Boyd. "T' weren't nothin" Leo countered. "No Leo, that's

the best piece of carnelian I ever saw” Boyd continued.

Leo knew that the brightening fire would light his “leaner” up soon, so he said “don’t worry Boyd, I kept a piece for myself.” That’s goo...!” Boyd didn’t finish the word as his eyes caught a glow from the hearth. “See ‘er yet Boyd?” Leo chuckled. “Holy Jesus” was all Boyd could manage as he scrambled to the fireplace. The carnelian, backlit by the fire literally glowed a warm, sensuous red. Boyd’s questions continued for quite a while ‘til Leo finally said “Juanita can watch the show tomorrow while we go up there.” So it was settled.



The glow of the rock haunted Boyd’s dreams, and he didn’t get much sleep. At sunrise, he heard the rattle of Leo’s old Jeep International in the driveway, and quickly got his stuff together and they headed toward the mountain. When

they turned off at Chandler, Boyd was dumb struck. “Yup” said Leo “remember when we dropped that section above the swamp?” Boyd recollected that, but had never seen any carnelian there.

Leo and Boyd worked the gray clay bar methodically, keeping their location secret for a few years. Their harvest helped their pocket books out pretty well, but the best part was that Leo came to appreciate the beauty and uniqueness of rocks. There was so much to learn and to do after his retirement that he felt like a kid in a candy store with an unlimited budget.

This story was told around a campfire at the South Fork of Oregon’s Crooked River in 1974. It was a wonderful end to a great day of collecting. We had all found a passel of lovely pink limb casts and dined on garlic fried Elk. We couldn’t resist a last question.

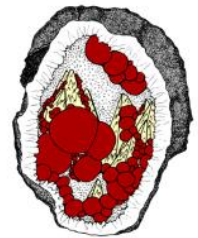
“Is there any carnelian left Boyd?” “Well boys, as a matter of fact there is!”

To be continued...

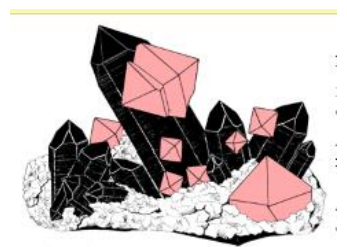
KID’S CORNER

EVERYTHING I NEED TO KNOW, I LEARNED FROM COLLECTING MINERALS

Diamond Dan’s Mini Miner’s Monthly
Volume 9, No. 1



1. There are a lot of beautiful things in nature.
2. Not everything that is beautiful is perfect...there are always dings” in things.
3. I may want to own one of everything...but I can’t afford to buy everything...and that’s ok.
4. Its’ important to look at someone else’s collection and say “WOW!”
5. There are enough minerals to go around.
6. I don’t know everything so I need to learn from other people who have been collecting longer than I have.
7. Life doesn’t need to be boring: There’s always something new to be discovered.
8. Things aren’t always what they seem: a hexagonal crystal just might be monoclinic, a rose just might be a mineral, and a “diamond” might be a really clear quartz crystal.
9. People are different: some like quartz, some like tourmaline, some like pyrite...we don’t all have to like the same thing.
10. In February, Tucson is the happiest place on earth.
11. Mineral names can teach me about people, chemistry, history, geography, colors, languages and more.
12. If I like to collect big specimens, I will quickly run out of space (*and money ed.*).
13. A mineral collector can always find more space for more minerals.
14. Adults will encourage me if I join a mineral club.
15. Some of my best friends are mineral collectors.
16. Good things do come in small packages: Little specimens can be the most perfect.
17. Be patient: in time you will find the right specimens at the right price for your collection.



18. Be generous: Sharing specimens with other collectors helps them. And they will also help you.
 19. Take good care of your things, or they will get broken (or scratched, or dinged, or cleaved, or fractured, or...)
 20. The best part of collecting stuff is the really cool people you get to meet in the process of collecting.

53rd Annual Ventura Gem, Mineral, Lapidary, & Fossil Show

March 7-8 2015 10am-5pm
 Ventura County Fairgrounds,
 10 W. Harbor Blvd

Show is Free (\$5 parking)

For more information about the Show or to enter a Display Case

Contact Jim Brace-Thompson
 805-659-3577 jbraceth@roadrunner.com

See OMS Website for Vendor applications for the OMS Tailgate May 23. All others, Save the Date!!



ORCUTT MINERAL SOCIETY— Board Meeting Nipomo Chamber of Commerce Building February 3, 2015

President Dyanna Cridelich called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Board members present were Wes Lingerfelt, Jeannie Lingerfelt, Elaine Von Achen, Dyanna Cridelich, Sandy Berthelot, Jan Ferguson, Mike Henson, Alexis Van Natta and John Von Achen. Paul Berthelot, Margaret Henson and Wayne Mills were guests.

Minutes: Minutes of the January general meeting were approved as printed in the February OMS Bulletin.

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

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports

Abused Children: None

Annual December Luncheon Meeting: Elaine said she had turned in the contract for Madonna Inn for 2015 and the luncheon will be on the 12th of December.

Annual Gem Show: Wes reported that he had mailed the request for Nipomo High School to the Lucia Mar School District.

Breakfast: February's breakfast will be on the 28th at 8:30 a.m. and will be held at the Sunset Grill, 1424 Fairway Drive, Santa Maria.

Bulletin: Wayne said the newsletter was out and there were no comments from the board.

CFMS: None

Education: None

Field Trip: February's field trip will be to Ralph Bishop's museum on the 21st at 10:00 a.m., 618 E. Cook Street, Santa Maria.



Cayucos
SEA GLASS
 FESTIVAL

MARCH 14 - 15, 2015

Saturday, 10am-5pm, 9am Preview Shopping

Sunday, 10am-4pm

Tickets \$5 each day, \$15 Saturday Preview Ticket

Cayucos Vet's Hall (at the foot of the Pier)

Street parking, as well as parking across the street for a small donation, will be available. Sea Glass enthusiasts, Sea Glass craftspeople and Sea Glass jewelers and artists, come discover why sea glass collecting is so popular on coasts all over the world. Vendors from around the nation will be selling and displaying their sea glass treasures and creations. Stop by the Discovery Booth to learn the history and fascination of sea glass.

Highway Clean-up: Jeannie Lingerfelt was the winner of January's clean-up drawing and came away with a nice piece of ocean jasper which she says Wes made into a sphere for her. Our next clean-up will be held March 14, at 8:00 a.m.

Library: None

Membership: Elaine read an application for membership from Andrew Richie. Jan Ferguson made a motion to accept Andrew as a new member. Sandy Berthelot seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Refreshments: Alexis Van Natta had agreed to take care of refreshments until we could find a chairperson. After some consideration she has now agreed to be the new chairperson for this year. She will need some help at the meetings from members.

Scholarship: None

Sunshine: Jeannie Lingerfelt said that Vernon Deck had surgery on his wrist due to an accident he had been in. She also reported that Herman Rogers, a long time participant in our Gem Show, has passed away. His wife, Connie, called to say that he was gone after a long illness. His great smile will be missed.

Old Business: Elaine mentioned that John has moved all of the club rock up near the barn as he is cleaning the area it has been stored in. There are 32 buckets and crates. The board has decided that we will sell a bucket, or crate, for \$5 each and they are available to members and will also be available for sell at the May tailgate.

New Business

Wes made note of the May tailgate at the Von Achen's to be held on the 23rd. He said he would like to do a locker clean-up before that date and that we would sell some of the club showcases which have been donated and that we haven't used in the last few years, if ever, and that will leave space in the Sea Train for extra storage.

Elaine mentioned that we need to get a couple of storage racks from Costco to replace some that were damaged when the tables fell in storage.

The meeting was adjourned by President Dyanna Cridelich at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Elaine Von Achen, Secretary, OMS

**ORCUTT MINERAL SOCIETY—
General Meeting
Luis Oasis Senior Center, Orcutt Ca
February 10, 2015**

President Dyanna Cridelich called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
Roger Lehman gave the invocation.

Elaine Von Achen led the flag salute.

Minutes: Elaine Von Achen read the minutes from the February 10, 2015 board meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

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

Correspondence: Elaine reported receiving a couple of newsletters from other Rock and Gem Clubs as well as a post card notifying of an upcoming Gem Faire in Santa Barbara, Ca. on February 20, 21 and 22.

Committee Reports

Hospitality: There were 25 members and 5 guests in attendance. Our guests were Fred Moreno, Betty Kearn, Betty Smith and Marilyn and Allyn Goodall. Guests were greeted and thanked.

Refreshments: Alexis thanked Sandy Berthelot, Jeannie Lingerfelt, Donna Lehman and Jan Ferguson for their donations of pie for the evening's refreshment. I believe there were a couple of other donations from members who I did not get marked down. Thank you all.

Committee Reports:

Annual December Luncheon Meeting: Elaine reported that she had turned in the contract for the 2015 luncheon which will be held on December 12th.

Abused Children: Jan Ferguson said she is accepting all donations.

Breakfast: February's breakfast will be held at the Sunset Grill, 1424 Fairway Drive, Santa Maria at 8:30 a.m. on the 28th.

Bulletin: Wayne Mills asked members for stories and articles for the newsletter. He said he is having a hard time coming up with material.

CFMS: None.

Door Prizes: Joseph Martinez reported donations from: Wayne Mills, Lucky Virgin, Sandy & Paul Berthelot, John Von Achen and Wes Lingerfelt. They included a fish fossil, a Royal Imperial Jasper sphere, some figurines, DeeDeeite and crystal and calcite minerals.

Education: None

Gem Show: Wes said he has submitted the paperwork to the Lucia Mar School District for rental of their facilities at Nipomo High School for our annual gem show.

Field Trip: Wayne told everyone to be sure to mark their calendars for February 21st for a field trip to Ralph Bishop's museum. It will be worth the trip as Ralph has some fabulous items in his museum. Wayne is also planning a trip to the Himalaya Mine in San Diego on the third Saturday of April (18th).

Highway Clean-up: Wayne reported that the next clean-up will be held the 14th of March with members meeting at 8:00 a.m. on the south east corner of highways 101 and 166.

Library: Dyanna said we need a chairman for the library and asked members to volunteer for this position.

Membership: Elaine was happy to report that the board voted in new member Andrew Richey. Andrew was welcomed as a new member and congratulated. She also mentioned that the end of March was as late as members could renew their membership and still be included in the Red Book.

Junior Members: None

Political Action Committee:

Property: None

Scholarship: None

Sunshine: Jeannie Lingerfelt reported that Debbie Hood, Erica Erskine and Mike Henson were all under the weather. She also said that Lee Reyburn has had a stroke but that he was on the mend.

Old Business Wes said we need to schedule a locker clean-up and pull out cases that we no longer use and offer them to members for sale. Anything that doesn't sell can be for sale at the May tailgate.

There will be a tailgate show at the Von Achen's on the 23rd of May. Members can get a table for \$10.00. There will be a hotdog barbeque with potato salad, beans and cookies for dessert for all participating vendors.

New Business

Our program for the evening is hosted by Wes Lingerfelt and is a video on planet "Earth".

The evening's displays were as follows: Jeannie Lingerfelt - Jasper/moss agate pendants, Alexis Van Natta and Dyanna Cridelich both displayed stone hearts, Wayne Mills - various jaspers and Margaret Henson - Biggs Jasper from Oregon.

President Dyanna Cridelich adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Elaine Von Achen, Secretary, OMS

OMS CALENDAR

MARCH 2015

Tuesday, March 3 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting, Nipomo Chamber of Commerce Meeting room. All members are welcome at this meeting
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Tuesday, March 10 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.	OMS General Meeting—Luis Oasis Senior Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program-Richard Wade - Astronomy • Display- Out of this world objects (anything) • Refreshments-Cakes
Saturday, March 14 8:00 am	Highway Clean-up. SE Corner 101/166 East
Saturday, March 28 8:30 a.m.	OMS Monthly Breakfast- Hometown Buffet 1431 S. Bradley Rd. Santa Maria
APRIL 2015	
Tuesday, April 7 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting, Nipomo Chamber of Commerce Meeting room. All members are welcome at this meeting
Friday-Sunday. April 17-19	Field Trip to LACNMH and Himalaya Mine dumps at Lake Henshaw, S.D. Co.
Tuesday, April 14 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.	OMS General Meeting—Luis Oasis Senior Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program-The Antarctic—Frozen Laboratory • Display- Anything! • Refreshments-Cookies
Saturday, April 25 8:30 a.m.	OMS Monthly Breakfast- Country Kitchen , 1701 N. Broadway, Santa Maria

CFMS SHOWS

MARCH 2015

March 6 - 8: NEWARK, CA

Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley
Newark Pavilion
6430 Thornton Avenue
Hours: Fri & Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5
Contact: Cathy Miller, (510) 887-9007
Website: www.mgscv.org

March 7 - 8: ARCADIA, CA

Monrovia Rockhounds
Los Angeles Arboretum
301 Baldwin Avenue
Hours: 9:00 - 4:30 daily
Contact: Jo Anna Ritchey, (626) 359-1624
Email: joannaritchey@gmail.com
Website: www.Moroks.com

March 7 - 8: VENTURA, CA

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
Ventura County Fairgrounds
10 West Harbor Blvd.
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4

Contact: Krishna Juarez, (805) 323-6725
 Email: info@VGMS.org
 Website: www.vgms.org

March 13 - 15: VICTORVILLE, CA
 Victorville Valley Gem & Mineral Society
 Stoddard Wells Road & Hwy 15
 Hours: 9 - 5 daily
 Tele: V.V.G.M.C. (760) 243-2330
 Website: www.vvgmc.org/tailgate

March 14 - 15: SAN MARINO, CA
 Pasadena Lapidary Society
 San Marino Masonic Center
 3130 Huntington Drive
 Hours: Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 5
 Contact: Marcia Goetz, (626) 260-7239
 Email: joenmar1@verizon.net
 Website: www.pasadenalapidarysociety.org

March 14 - 15: SPRECKELS, CA
 Salinas Valley Rock & Gem Club
 Spreckel's Veterans Hall
 5th & Llano Streets
 Hours: 10 - 5 daily
 Contact: Karin Salomon, (831) 375-5233
 Email: k1.salomon72@yahoo.com
 Website: www.salinastrockandgem.com

March 14 - 15: TURLOCK, CA
 Mother Lode Mineral Society, Modesto
 Stanislaus County Fairgrounds
 900 North Broadway
 Hours: 10 - 5 daily
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March 21 - 22: LEMOORE, CA
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 Trinity Hall, 470 Champion Street
 Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 4
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March 28 - 29: ANGELS CAMP, CA
 Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society
 Calaveras County Fairgrounds
 101 Frogtown Road
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 Roseville (Placer County) Fairgrounds
 800 All American City Blvd
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