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May OMS Meeting

May's program will be Brian Schull, Flintknapper Extraordinaire and Gnarly Dude. He will be demonstrating stone tool making and talking about the evolution of Lithic Technology in the various cultures as it developed over thousands of years, especially here on the central coast as he is an encyclopedia on Chumash styles. The display will be "Flower Rocks," this can be rocks with flowers in them or flowers made from rocks or however you would like to interpret it! It can be a rock with no relation to flowers that is the flower of your collection. Refreshments for May will be cakes. Join us and see the *Pecten caurinus!*

Australia's National Gem, Mineral and Fossil show 2006.

By Sir Paul Howard, Honorary Member, Orcutt Mineral Society

The annual National show, called the 'Gemboree', was held in Hobart, the Capitol city of the Island state of Tasmania over the Easter weekend. Hobart is the most southerly city you can drive to and still be in Australia. The end of the last road in Australia heading south is not much further. Each year the 'Gemboree' is held in a different state of Australia. Tasmania in relation to its size and proximity to Antarctica is not as populated as the mainland. To get there you either have to fly or take your vehicle across Bass Strait on the vehicular ferry from Sydney or Melbourne. The extra cost of this travel (Approximately \$1000), or the huge increase in fuel costs lately up to \$1.40 per liter or US\$5.40 per gallon for diesel) reduced the numbers attending the show. In spite of this the very successful show was host to over 5000-day visitors as well as the rock hounds from 133 campsites at the venue.

The huge hall was filled with over 40 traders and dealers as well as demonstrations of Faceting, Cabochon making, Enameling, Wire Wrapped jewelry, cleaning of jewelry and a new glue product. The weather was cold and windy for the weekend, on

Good Friday it rained in the afternoon, which was the start of the show and spoilt trading for the 40 odd tailgaters, (Car boot sellers). Every day seemed to be very busy, especially on the Easter Sunday when a trash and treasure and a farmers market was held at the same venue.

There were some magnificent displays of 'Manfern' a petrified tree fern wood found only at Lune River, just South of Hobart. Also the beautiful red crystals of Crocoites from the Dundas mine in Western Tasmania, one of only two places in the world where this lead mineral is found was copiously displayed and was for sale. There were field trips to different fossicking locations every day. One of the nice things about this Gemboree was the good food that was available 'Upstairs' and the live band that played music for dancing after the prize giving and crowning of the Gemboree Princes. There were 1163 entries into the Lapidary competitions from all over the world that were beautifully displayed in showcases along the full length of the huge hall. There were many showcases from individuals with specialty items in them that were a delight to see. The workmanship in them was superb.

This year was the first time in the history of the Gemboree that there was a separate section for wire wrapped jewelry. Because of this fact, none of the entries of wire wrapped jewelry I put into other sections, like I did for last year, were judged. However, for the two sections that were judged I received first and second prize for both of them. In the 'Open' section I received 99.5 and 97.5 points; and in the Novice section I received 98.25 and 97.00 points. I consider these very good marks. For next years Gemboree I have donated a big perpetual trophy to be awarded to the person who achieves the highest points for any one piece of Wire Wrapped Jewelry. It will be known as the Gold Coast School of Wirecraft Trophy. I will not enter the competitions. I encourage all wire wrappers to 'Have a go' next year, see if they can beat my points. I feel I

can join the crowd to compliment the committee and all the willing priceless volunteers that made the 2006 Gemboree such a successful and rewarding show.

Dam The Torpedoes, Scallops Ahead! Hey!

Where's Sue? By Ralph Bishop, Honorary Member, Orcutt Mineral Society

I must say before I get to my "True Story" that I am sincerely grateful for the stellar program presented by Rex St. Ange at our April club meeting. His documentary CD entitled "Kill Zone", and his candid question and answer period were truly engaging. I would not be surprised to see "Kill Zone" on the Discovery Channel someday. Just remember we were privileged to see the first cut. Although I excel as an "Aboriginal" field man, I must admit that I lack the intellectual panache, the gravitas so to speak, that Mr. St. Ange has perfected in dealing with both academics and Hollywood filmmakers. I guess that I'm just destined to be a "Gabby Hayes" type. This month I was going to write a "True Story" about the genesis of the "True Story" mentioned in the March 2006 Ore-cutts, but while listening to Mr. St. Ange at the April meeting I was reminded of another individual of French extraction. Unlike Mr. St. Ange, who is a by the book, uncompromising straight arrow, the other Frenchman was a scallywag. While Mr. St. Ange operates under the strict disciplines of the California State operating regulations, the other Frenchman often threw caution to the wind, and gambled everything on one roll of the dice.

I find this situation very ironic. In the old days no one cared if the blade of the caterpillar destroyed significant paleo/archaeo artifacts. Now, twenty-five years later, our culture is steeped in a modern, geo-political climate of moral sensitivity. Mr. St. Ange is a professional paleo/archaeo monitor who gets \$75 per hour to excavate and curate significant fossils. It seems that today's moral culture is finally catching-up with that exhibited by my friend, "Frenchie," and I so many moons ago. While I hold Mr. St. Ange in the highest esteem for his professionalism and high moral standards, I must admit the other Frenchman, "Frenchie" was a hell-of-a-lot more fun. We were sensitive when sensitivity was not cool. So just like our childhood heroes the Cisco Kid and Poncho, Frenchie and I carved a wide swath through sedimentary strata the length and breadth of El Camino Real.

Although I was raised a Presbyterian, I feel that confession is good for the soul. This story is a contrite effort to appreciate the feelings of a Catholic at a confessional. Frenchie and I met many moons ago. Our common interest was fossils. Before Jurassic Park (the movie), fossils to most local rockhounds were in the dirty rock category. Frenchie was the fossil nerd from S.L.O. County; I was from Santa Barbara County, one per county. This epic journey begins with a phone call from Frenchie. "Ralph, I need your help because I got myself in a fix...a world of hurt!" "OK!, OK!" I said. Frenchie was frantic. "It's Sue! She talked me into taking her down to the Federation show in San Bernardino." Now folks, Sue was a looker, one of those compact models with a big block engine. Buck Owens (may he rest in peace) sang a song about her type of Aggie Chick, "I've got a tiger by the tail it's plain to see, and I won't be much when she gets through with me....". She was 32 years old and freshly divorced. A ranch gal, she knew how the cow ate the cabbage. Poor ol' Frenchie looked like Coleslaw to me. Lucky Stiff! But there was a rub. My ol' buddy was happily married with two children. Poor ole' Frenchie, being a "Handsome Dan" has its drawbacks. He seemed to draw every "Vamp" in the county, like bears to honey. "You gotta go with us, I need interference!" Frenchie pleaded. When they pulled up, Wow! Sue was spray-paint-jeans and Anaconda boots. Somehow I was able to gain position in the front seat. Sue pouted until the Gaviota rest stop where she pulled a fast one on me and wound up in the "Shotgun" seat. Frenchie tried to pay attention to traffic while Sue wanted to shift gears. As we passed the off-ramp to Isla Vista I told Frenchie about the beautiful Pliocene-aged Scallops (*Pecten caurinus*, weathervane scallop) that I'd collected near the Santa Barbara dump. They averaged 7 to 8-inches across, but I'd seen some the size of dinner plates. And they were replaced with crystalline Aragonite! They would ring with a warm tone when flicked with a finger. Also found there were large Turban shells, Geoduck, and Gaper clams, Razor clams, Sea Urchins and Auger shells. When I was a teenager, the Orcutt club, as guests of the Santa Barbara club, went there on annual field trips. However, few cared, after all they were just fossils. Now they are nearly priceless, considered by fossil connoisseurs as one of the crown jewels of any invertebrate collection. As we passed the access road I saw it. "Oh-mah-god Bubba!" I said. "Take the next

exit!” We got off on La Cumbre Avenue and backtracked. Fifty yards from the frontage road was a backhoe carving a bank I knew well. So we did a drive-by, rubbernecking the excavation in progress. Our moral sensitivities were offended. There were scallops exposed, the strata looked like Christmas fruitcake; but what could we do? Sue grabbed his leg “What’s so exciting?” she asked. But Frenchie, being true to his nature, only had eyes for the fossils. Sue was demoralized and pouted for at least 100 miles.

We had a long and uneventful trip to San Bernardino and the Federation Show. I remember seeing Dave Hignett with a new batch of Laguna Agate. Walt Wright had something brand new also; gorgeous agatized pinecones from Patagonia, S.A. Bill Burns had won a first place trophy for his case of Priday Plume. After the show we headed back and stopped for a long dinner in Ventura. Poor Sue was demoralized; I’d saved my ol’ buddy from a fate worse than...??? She conked out in the back seat. Around Summerland our conversation wound back to the scallops just off the freeway. “What’d-yah-think?” Frenchie said. “It’s only 1:30” (That’s A.M. folks) “I didn’t see any No Trespassing signs”. “You’re right Marine, are we talking about a mission?” I asked. “Hit and run Uhraaa!” the leatherneck said. His nostrils flared, the sure sign of a morally sensitive Marine. We were ready to storm the Pliocene beaches. “DAM THE TORPEDOES – SCALLOPS AHEAD!” We pulled off the freeway into the blackness and parked bold as brass right next to the backhoe on the dump road. We picked up a small sledge and chisels (always on Frenchie’s floorboards) and my headlight, then walked over to the cut bank. Even in the dark you could see the white shells. Just a few yards to the left of the cut was a fence. “Hey, what’s that razor wire fence?” Frenchie asked with a smirk. “Oh!” I said. “That’s the maximum detention area of the Santa Barbara County Jail”. “Oh Sh--! Frenchie’s voice was suddenly in a hushed tone. “No wonder there weren’t any “No Trespassing” signs on the fence. Who would want to break and enter here?” Still in a hushed tone Frenchie asked, “Hey, what are those rigs over there?” I swung the headlight on two large box vans. One said “Bomb Squad” and the other one was “SWAT”. I quickly swung the light back to the bank of scallops. Maybe this wasn’t the smartest thing I’d ever done. Maybe I could plead “Implied Easement”. Honest judge, I didn’t know it was illegal to break

into a maximum detention facility! We were simply on a graveyard work detail!

It was a dead quiet night and there they were, big and beautiful. There was one thing we could do to keep our conscience pure. This was Sunday; Monday they’d be destroyed. It was our duty. The first strike of the hammer on steel rang like a bell. It was shocking! We stopped! “Hit the light!” We waited. Nothing! A pry on the bank and the first matrix specimen dropped out. Frenchie carried it to the car. He returned; everything was unbelievably silent. Uhraa! I said in a hushed voice and I let loose. The steel rang while Frenchie shuttled the matrix to the car. I thought to myself, “Good God, we could break into the jail!” We’re making all this noise. Where’s the cop?” Then I saw a nice pair of shells only 5 yards from the fence. My arm was about shot from swings non-stop. I only had a few strokes left. Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! The big specimen dropped out of the bank. I hit my light and spoke boldly “Bail!” We got to the car and tossed the big one into the back seat and idled down toward the frontage road. As we got to the bottom of the hill it dawned on me. I looked behind me “Hey! Where’s Sue?” “Oh Sh--! No Sue! The back seat was covered with fossil matrix. “What?” Frenchie said as the car jerked to a stop. I got out of the car. Thirty yards back up the road I saw a silhouette. Sue! I got back in the car. “Backup!” He did. We pulled up along side Sue. “Get in” I ordered. As she opened the rear door a rock fell out. I got out, threw it in and pushed the pile of chunks over giving Sue about enough room for ½ of her slender tail. “Don’t sit on the big one!” I said with as much authority as I could muster. I slammed the door but the other half of Sue’s tail was in the way. “What-Hey! Where’d you guys go?” she said. She scooted over the back seat mumbling a few choice words. Bang! I slammed the door (imagine a keystone cops movie). Just then a light illuminated the backhoe. “Bail!” I ordered. Frenchie rolled forward and turned on the blinker at the stop sign like a good innocent Marine. We eased down the frontage road like good citizens. Sue was still groggy and half asleep. She was trying to wiggle her heavy end between scallop blocks. I turned around and helped move a few large chunks. Sue, still in a daze said, “What the “beep”, the “beeping” rocks!! She was waking up. Not good. “Hey! where are we? Where’d you guys go?” “We were at the County Jail,” Frenchie said in a stern voice. “Did you guys

get arrested or what?" "No, we bailed". "Oh that's good" and she leaned back, out like a light.

As we passed under a freeway light, there was Sue curled up on the seat next to the big fossil, as beautiful as anything I'd ever seen. What a heartthrob. That big scallop specimen was drop dead gorgeous. I turned and gave Frenchie a high-5. Mission accomplished. We had liberated the scallops from certain destruction in the pre-dawn raid in the finest tradition of the US Marines. And lived to tell the tale. Oh, if we could have only foreseen the advance of Paleo-cultural awareness, the moral sensitivity that the future would bring. We simply did what we knew must be done without realizing that our actions and advanced state of moral superiority would set trends for the future.

I haven't asked Bob Bullock (our clubs resident County Sheriff) about the statute of limitations but suffice it to say we were engaged in an honorable attempt to test the jails' ability to detect anyone breaking in to the maximum detention facility at 2:00 in the morning. Our blue ribbon report will be withheld to protect the guilty. The "Big" beautiful fossil scallop that Sue did not sit on will be displayed at our next general meeting.



Figure 1—*Pecten caurinus* (Weathervane Scallop). This is the specimen that Sue did not sit on at 2:15 a.m. while we idled next to the SWAT van. A dinner plate is shown for size comparison.

President's Message

By Bob Bullock

Howdy fellow rockhounds and rock puppies, I have to start off by saying that I was really satisfied at our last meeting's turn out. Boy, what a crowd, and the new folks that showed up, yes! Ralph, you're the man for getting Rex to come in and do his talk and

presentation. I just want you all to remember; you too, might have someone out there that can give a talk. Think about it and ask the folks, or just get past the sweaty arm pits and dry throat and we'll make *you* a star for the night. For the kids, remember if you get up and can do a presentation, your teachers will hear good things about you.

Anyway, hopefully this wet stuff is going bye, bye. The flowers still aren't in their full Technicolor bloom yet, just checked that out on 4/23/06, between Santa Margarita and Parkfield on a motorcycle ride on the back roads. No ground shaking at Parkfield except when the burgers hit the table for lunch.

As a reminder to one and all, our next field trip is up behind San Miguel on the 13th of May, on the Big Sandy, care of Salty and Kelly Tapper. It can be very dry, and has usually been so, but be ready and be safe. Also, rattlesnakes are present, so heads up. Food and water to drink are a must, and anything thing else that makes you comfy. A lawn chair or two, a cot, sunscreen, hats, gloves, back packs, etc. Hopefully the rain will go away, Salty said it should be interesting as the rains did mix things up in the picking areas.

Well bye for now, see you all at the upcoming meeting. Bob

Raffle Thanks

Wayne Mills, Raffle Chairperson

Thanks are due to Ralph Bishop for his continuing and generous donations of dinosaur bone and other materials for our raffle.

Field Trip to Figueroa Mountain

By Sharon Duncan

The day dawned with only a few clouds and a slight chance of rain. This field trip had a more promising future without rain than the previous months' had been. Bob Bullock, our Field Trip Chairman, was going to be out of town when the field trip was scheduled, and had some how convinced me that I should head up the Field Trip. "You must be kidding," was my response! Finally after several days of prodding, I finally agreed I would do it. I had no clue as to where to search for rock, being somewhat unfamiliar with the region, I suggested to Bob that he might want to take his motorcycle and scope out some places that we could stop and rock hunt.

I called Dee Dee Magri and told her I was going to be field trip chairman for Bob, on our trip to Figueroa and I knew she would just love to come along. We

had discussed the possibility of going to Avila Beach instead, but after I received a call from our newest members to be, Don and Gloria Dana, I decided it would be just fine to go to Figueroa Mountain after all, since we had “Day” passes from the Forestry Department.

So, off the four of us went, Don and Gloria in their truck and Dee Dee and I in my Blazer. The hills were alive with the “Sound of Music” and green.

Unfortunately the wild flowers were not blooming except for a few poppies and lupine, but nothing like what it had been in prior years when we had gone.

Our first stop was at Serpentine Hill, or that is what I call it, and picked up some nice pieces. Gloria, on the other hand managed to chip off some of the Serpentine finding some small scorpions. She loves little critters and somehow manages to attract them, like Bob Bullock attracts snakes.

On the backside of the mountains we drove through some snow. I stopped to take pictures and Gloria hopped out of the truck and started playing in the snow. I took a couple of cute picture of her having fun throwing the snow up in the air, then just sitting in it.

We finally found a spot at the creek where we could stop and look for rock. The water was flowing fairly fast as it had rained earlier in the week bring up the water level. It was more difficult to find rock at that point but we did see some color so we knew there was good rock there.

We stopped later on at Santa Agueda Creek between Santa Ynez and Los Olivos. Don, Gloria and Dee Dee found some really nice jaspers, so the trip was not a complete waste.

We ended the day at a cute little Deli/Grocery Store along Hwy 54, where we and had a nice lunch and a fun visit.

APRIL 22nd OMS BREAKFAST

By Wes Lingerfelt

It was a dry morning when Jeannie, Marty and I headed south down Thompson Ave for Francisco’s Country Kitchen. We arrived at the restaurant at 8:05 AM to find Al Wilcox waiting in his car for someone else to show up. He handed me a huge stash of Campbell’s soup labels (The Sun Valley Indian School really appreciates that, AL!). We went inside to the reserved table way in the back and sat down to peruse the menu. The senior specials are always a good choice. After a time member Don Nasholm arrived and immediately sparked some funny and entertaining dialog with the group. We asked about

Sylvia but Don said she wasn’t going to make it today. It must be a drag to have to work for a living! As the food arrived we were all in good spirits and enjoying each other’s company. About 8:30 AM my cell phone rang and on the line was President Bob Bullock who apparently had missed the alarm clock sounding off. He rushed down to the gathering and caught the tail end of the festivities. We had a few more laughs and it was time to go and accomplish something in the workshop. It is always fun to have people of common interests join together and enjoy our time with one another. I surely hope more members figure that out someday.

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

Members celebrating another year of rockhounding this month are: Helen Dobler, Stan Ferguson, Kelly Tapper, Christine Clason, Kay Vollmer, and Ken Kreh. Many happy returns of the day to you all! Celebrating wedding anniversaries this month are: Wes & Jeannie Lingerfelt and Kathy Collison and her husband. May you all celebrate many more!



Erica Erskine and Keith McKay

Interview by Wayne Mills, your man on the Street

Among our newer members are Erica Erskine and Keith McKay. They have been friends for the last 10 years, and after a disappointing few meetings with

the Santa Barbara Mineral Society, they looked northward, and happily, found OMS two years ago. They have been members since 2005.

Erica was born in Gdansk, Poland, on the shores of the Baltic Sea (can you say Baltic Amber?) Unfortunately, Erica’s interest in minerals had not kicked in when she and her mother left Poland about 30 years ago. They moved to Chicago, and then about 20 years ago to California. Erica has become interested in faceted stones that she buys over the Internet, and crystals that she has acquired from different sources. She currently lives with her dog “Skipper”, a Schipperke-Chihuahua cross, off Refugio Road in Solvang. Erica is a retired nurse who passes her days walking her dog, feeding horses, doing yoga, and making jewelry. She took a gold jewelry class some years ago, and has also had experience making stained glass. She enjoys creating. Her favorite field trip is one she took with the Santa Barbara club and with Eric to Trona. She

remembers grubbing in the mud for crystals while Eric watched saying "I'm not going to get in that mud!" Another of Erica's favorite trips was to Jade cove where she found a large jade cobble wedged between a couple of other rocks. She knew she had experienced beginners luck when a couple of locals said "nice rock!"

Erica and Keith met in a local pub, the Creekside Café in Santa Barbara about 10 years ago. Keith was born in Motown (Detroit, Michigan) in 1958, and moved to California three years later. He lives in Santa Barbara, and works as a courier for Santa Barbara Bank and Trust. He looks forward to the weekends when he and Erica occasionally take field trips, or when he can ride his motorcycles. He enjoys both rallying and dirt biking.

Keith has a 15-year old daughter who lives in Colorado. He learned to appreciate rocks through his friendship with Claudia, and plays no favorites- he likes them all! His favorite trip was one they took under Dick Shields guidance to the Vandenberg Beaches. But he must have enjoyed the Searles Lake trip as well, because (according to Erica) he has a mud-caked mass of crystals from the Trona trip that his mother keeps trying to get him to throw out. And he is holding on to them because they are "cool".

New CFMS Rock Club

The San Joaquin Valley Lapidary Society was formed by a group of rockhounds based in Bakersfield, and the surrounding areas, who enjoy all phases of lapidary and have a love for the out doors and going on field trips. As of June 11,2005 The San Joaquin Valley Lapidary Society became part of the California Federation Of Mineralogical Societies Inc. You do not have to be a member of San Joaquin Valley lapidary Society to be a member of ***Southern San Joaquin Valley Lapidary Society Yahoo Group***. Membership on this list is for discussions and is open to anyone. Participation on most of the field trips is also open to anyone with a signature on a release of liability. If you enjoy lapidary you will enjoy this group. To join our discussions go to:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SouthernSanJoaquinValleyLapidarySociety>. Once you've joined and established your own free Yahoo Identity, you will be able to access The FILES area and a searchable archive of messages previously posted to the list This is a very interesting group, drop in and give them a try.

April 4, 2006 Orcutt Mineral Society Board Meeting Mussell Sr. Center, Santa Maria, CA

President Bob Bullock called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Board members present were: Wayne Mills, Wes Lingerfelt, Bob Bullock, Debbie Hood, Jill Nelson, Sylvia Nasholm, Gary Sheffer, Dee Dee Magri, Bill Hood and Elaine Von Achen. Guest: Marshall Reeves.

Minutes of the previous Board Meeting were approved as published in the April 2006 newsletter.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted as read.

Committee Reports:

Sunshine: Debbie Hood reported that Stan Ferguson had shoulder surgery and is doing well.

Abused Children: Debbie Hood reported that we have \$377.10 in our abused children fund.

CFMS: Wes Lingerfelt reported that the CFMS is celebrating its 70th year on June 9th, 10th and 11th at the County Fairgrounds at Angel Camp.

Field Trip: This months scheduled trip on April 9 is to Figueroa Mountain. There is a good possibility that it will have to be cancelled due to rain.

Raffle: Wayne Mills said that our March raffle brought in quite a bit of money thanks to donations from Jan Ferguson and Ralph Bishop.

Correspondence:

Elaine Von Achen reported newsletters from the following: San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society, Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society and the Sun Valley Indian School. We also had a letter from Western Colorado Publishing Co. offering books for sale – Petrified Wood: The World of Fossilized Wood, Cones, Ferns and Cycads and Ancient Forests: A Closer Look at Fossil Wood.

Old Business: None

New Business:

A motion was made by Elaine Von Achen that the club purchase the book Ancient Forests: A Closer Look at Fossil Wood for \$89.95, seconded by Wayne Mills and motion passed.

Wayne had two flyers he wanted to share with group. The first was from Eastern Sierra Gem & Mineral Show hosted by the Lone Pine Gem & Mineral Society on May 6th & 7th in Bishop, Ca. The second was from Cerro Gordo regarding a field trip to a Historic Ghost town and silver mine on June 25, 2006 hosted by the Lone Pine Gem & Mineral Society. There will be a fee of \$5.00.

Wayne reported that an individual would like to donate some rock to our club and that he would like some kind of charitable donation acknowledgement so Wayne made up a form and passed it around for approval from the board.

Wayne also reported that he had donated two plummet (charm) stones to the Society for California Archaeology for a raffle and that they took in \$200.00 for those items. He also told us about an article he co-authored regarding an arrow point that was recently published in the Journal of California and Great Basin Anthropology

President Robert Bullock adjourned the meeting at 7:32.

Respectfully submitted:

Elaine Von Achen, Secretary, OMS

Orcutt Mineral Society General Meeting Mussell Sr. Center, Santa Maria, CA. April 11, 2006

President Bob Bullock called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Joseph Martinez led the flag salute.

Mike Henson gave the invocation.

We had 32 members and 6 guests present. Guests were Gloria, Don and Shelly Dana, Rex Saint' Ange, Maddy Belzel and Javier Paz.

Bob Bullock introduced our guest speaker for the evening, Rex Saint' Ange, and because of time constraints on the part of our guest we decided to have our program first and finish up the evening with our meeting. Rex Saint' Ange is a paleontologist and works with the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History. The evening's program was on Marine Mammals, Sharks, Rays and Fish. A film on Great White Sharks produced by Mr. Saint' Ange was shown followed by a question and answer period.

Minutes of the April 4, 2006 Board Meeting were read by Elaine Von Achen and approved as read with two corrections. First, Bill Hood was still a board member on April 4, and not a guest as listed and second Wayne was published in the Journal of California and Great Basin Anthropology not Great Basin Archaeology.

Treasurer's report was read by Wes Lingerfelt and accepted as read.

Correspondence:

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School as well as a letter from Western Colorado Publishing Co. offering books for sale – Petrified Wood: The World of Fossilized Wood, Cones, Ferns, and Cycads and Ancient Forests: A Closer Look at Fossil Wood.

Committee Reports:

Debbie Hood reported that tonight's raffle for the Abused Children's Fund would consist of two items, an amethyst crystal and a collection of 6 mineral specimens

Wayne Mills reported that the regular raffle for tonight would include a Chinese picture rock donated by Jan Ferguson and some Dinosaur bone donated by Ralph Bishop.

Dee Dee Magri reported 5 people brought cookies for tonight's refreshments. They included Don Nasholm, Margaret Henson, Ken Kreh, Debbie Hood and Erica Erskine.

Our display for this month was picture rocks. Quite a few people participated and it was a nice display.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Wes Lingerfelt announced that the club had purchased a book for our library, Ancient Forests: a closer look at fossil wood. Individuals can also purchase this book and if you are interested, Elaine Von Achen has order forms.

Wes also announced to the club that there would be two last field trips to Holbrook, Arizona to look for petrified wood. The dates were April 15th and April 22nd. There will be no backhoe available this time and in addition there will be a \$50.00 per person charge to look for wood. Wes has the information available if anyone is interested.

President Bob Bullock adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Elaine Von Achen, Secretary, OMS



A Show a Month 2006-2007

By Wayne Mills

Just for the heck of it, we put this list of shows together for local rockhounds who can't get enough of rocks, fossils, minerals, beads, etc. The list is **mostly** local gem and mineral shows, but also includes a couple of biggies (can't miss) shows and we had to go way out of state for a December show. Apologies to clubs whose shows this list does not include. Its' sole purpose is to show that one can rockhound year-round. For more shows, try <http://www.lapidaryjournal.com/call.cfm>, or www.cfmsinc.org/Shows/cfmsshow. **This list could serve as a handy reference for future years, since most shows are held about the same time each year. Remember to check the back pages of Ore-cutts for a more complete listing of local shows for the next 2-3 months.**

MONTH	DAYS	ORGANIZATION	LOCATION
January	1-29, 2007	Quartzite Gem Show	Desert Gardens, Tyson Wells, Main Event, Peddler's Fair Quartzite, Arizona
February	Jan 30-Feb. 4	Tucson	Marriott Starr Pass 3800 W. Starr Pass Blvd. Tucson, Arizona
March	22-25, 2007	San Joaquin Lapidary Society	Kern County Fairgrounds 1142 South P Street, Bakersfield, CA Lew Helfrich (661) 872-8230
April	22-23, 2006	Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Club	Antelope Valley Fairgrounds 2551 West Avenue H, Lancaster, CA Pamela Birge (661) 264-3502
May	6-7, 2006	Kern County Mineral Society	Kern County Fairgrounds 1142 South P Street, Bakersfield, CA Buster Ordiway (661) 563-8310
June	9-11, 2006	Calveras Gem & Mineral Society (67 th Annual CFMS Show)	Calveras Co. Fairgrounds Angels Camp, CA (209) 754-5644
July	7-9, 2006	International Bead Show	San Mateo County Expo Center 2495 S. Delaware, San Mateo, CA 94403
August	4-6, 2006	Orcutt Mineral Society	St. Joseph's Church, 298 S. Thompson Avenue, Nipomo, CA Wes Lingerfelt (805) 929-3788
September	15-17, 2006	Santa Lucia Rockhounds	Pioneer Park, Paso Robles, CA Barbara Bilyeu (805) 434-2708
October	6-8, 2006	Jade Festival	Pacific Valley, Monterey Co., CA surjade@hotmail.com Mailing Address: HC 67, Box 1772 / Big Sur, CA 93920 Phone: (805) 927-5574
November	18-19, 2006	Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society	Oxnard Performing Arts Center 800 Hobson Way, Oxnard, CA Norb Kinsler (805) 644-6450
December	8-10, 2006	GemStreet USA, Fine Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, Fossil & Bead Shows	Sharonville Convention Center, 11355 Chester Rd, Sharonville, OH Contact: Jane Strieter Smith, PO Box 770680; Lakewood, OH 44107, Phone and Fax 216-521-4367, spi@stratos.net



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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 1989, 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, scholarships, and other opportunities for families and individuals to pursue an interest in 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.

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May 2006 Calendar

Tuesday, May 2, 2006 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting- Mussell Senior Center. All members are welcome at this business meeting
Tuesday, May 9, 2006 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	OMS General Meeting- Elwin Mussell Senior Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flintknapper Brian Schull Display-Flower rocks Refreshments Cakes-
Saturday, May 13 2006 8:00 a.m. to?? p.m.	OMS Field Trip to Big Sandy meets at Mussell Senior Center Parking Lot Bring a lunch and bottled water.
Saturday May 20, 2006 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	Roadside Clean up After the cleanup we have coffee and pastry at "Francisco's Country Kitchen" in Santa Maria.
Saturday May 27, 2006 8:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.	OMS Monthly Breakfast-Francisco's Country Kitchen in Santa Maria. For details, call Ken Kreh at 343-7749.

June 2006 Calendar

Tuesday June 6, 2006 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting Mussell Senior Center. All members are welcome at this business meeting.
Saturday, June 10, 2006 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	OMS Annual Bar-B-Q-Potluck at Pioneer Park 1000 W. Foster Road, Santa Maria
Saturday, June 17 2006 9a.m. 11 a.m.	OMS Locker Cleanup
Saturday, June 24, 2006 8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	OMS Monthly Breakfast-Francisco's Country Kitchen in Santa Maria. For details, call Ken Kreh at 343-7749.

July 2006 Calendar

Tuesday July 4, 2006 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Rescheduled due to holiday	OMS Board Meeting-Elwin Mussell Senior Center. All members are welcome at this business meeting.
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Saturday July 8, 2006 8:00 a.m. to?? p.m..	Field Trip To be announced
Tuesday July 11, 2006 6:00-p.m. to 7:00p.m. 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting OMS General Meeting-Elwin Mussell Senior Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program-Richard Sittinger, Mineral Dealer • Display-Local Rocks • Refreshments-Pies
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May Show Calendar

May 6-7 Brumbaugh (831) 336-5662 2006, Anaheim, CA
Searchers Gem & Mineral Society 2271 W. Crescent Avenue Hours: 10 - 4:30 both days Beth Pelfrey - Email beth714sc-rocks@yahoo.com
Website: www.searchersrocks.org

May 6-7 2006, Bakersfield, CA
Kern County Mineral Society
Art in Stone
Kern County Fairgrounds
1142 South P Street
Hours: 10 - 5 both days
Buster Ordiway (661) 563-8310
Email CaOrdPTA@aol.com

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May 6-7 2006, Bishop, CA
Lone Pine Gem & Mineral Society
Eastern Sierra Gem & Mineral Show
Hours: Sat. 9 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4
Francis Pedneau (760) 876-4319 or
Jeff Lines (760) 872-6597
Email franceem@qnet.com

May 13-14 2006, Reno, NV
Reno Gem & Mineral Society
"Jackpot of Gems"
Reno Livestock Events Center
Exhibit Hall 1350 N. wells Ave.
Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4
John Peterson
Email j+p@powernet.net

May 19, 20, 21 2006, Anderson, CA
Superior CA Gem & Mineral Association
Shasta County Fairgrounds
Hours: Fri/Sat. 9 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4
Steve Puderbaugh (530) 365-4000

May 20-21 2006, Newbury Park, CA
Conejo Gem & Mineral Club
Borchard Park Community Center 190 Reino Rd.
Hours: Sat. 9-5 Sun. 10-4:30
Sal Scarpato (818) 707-9972
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May 20-21 2006, Yucaipa, CA
Yucaipa Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Yucaipa Community Center
34900 Oak Glen Road
Hours: Sat. 9 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4
William Jochimsen (909) 790-1475
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May 27-29 2006, Weaverville, CA
Trinity Gem & Mineral Society
Annual Bigfoot GemBoree
Hours: Sat/Sun. 10 - 5; Mon. 10 - 4
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