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Come join us on September 8 2009, at 7:00 pm at the Elwin Mussell Senior Center, 510 E. Park, Santa Maria, for a program from the CFMS titled "Those Fabulous Thunder Eggs." The pictures alone should be worth coming for.

The display this month will be **Fossils or Fake Fossils**, such as biconoids, stones that look organic in origin but are not.

Deserts will be **pies** brought to us by Kim P. Noyes, Jeannie Lingerfelt, Sylvia Nasholm, & Jan Ferguson.

Monthly Program Review

By **Debbie Hood**

The August Meeting program was about 150 slides of our 2009 Gem Show taken by Bill Hood (and that unforgettable last shot of Margaret Hensen taken by Sylvia Nasholm,) and put into a great program by Wes Lingerfelt. If you missed it, it will be on our website at omsinc.org.

Breaking News

The Orcutt Mineral Society walked away with four awards at this years AFMS Bulletin Editor's Contest. The Ore-Cutts won second place nationally for Small Bulletins and, Debbie Hood got an honorable mention for her article "How Not To Go On A Field Trip," Wayne Mills placed 10th in Adult poetry; and Ralph Bishop won an Honorable Mention for his article "Venus de Refugio!"

Prez Box

By **Debbie Hood**

Thank you to everybody who contributed to our 2009 Gem Show's great success! You are great! Without everybody's help, it couldn't be done!

This year our show made roughly what it did last year, a great feat considering the state of the economy at the present. This means that we will be able to fund a good scholarship again this year, and still remain in the black.

Special thanks this year go out to Don Dana for all the wonderful radio advertising; I am positive it helped to keep attendance up and contributed to the overall success of the show this year.

Much of our success is due to the Snack Bar, and it's success this year was squarely on the shoulders of Joe Martinez, his wife, Marion, and his son and his son's girlfriend. They stepped right up to the plate and made it happen! Sylvia Nasholm didn't get left out as she organized the Thursday night dinner which the dealers appreciate soooooo much! And we can't forget thanks to those members who helped in the kitchen and to those who made pies, and "adults only" Rum cakes!

Thanks to Bill Hood's idea last year, and to Sharon Duncan's persistence in getting Wes to sit down with her and work out the exact details we solved the problem of the serving process taking so long at our BBQ last year. This year we had everybody served in 22 minutes start to finish. Great work! Thanks also to the extra serving volunteers that made 2 lines possible, and to Christine Clason's loan of the extra serving dishes.

Wes got lots of help this year with marking the spaces out, and with the show set up, tear-down and clean up. Thank you, Wes, for all you do! Without your organizational skills and endless energy, we'd all have to work a lot harder to get everything done! Special thanks also to the Henson's grandsons for all their help; it was much appreciated!

Special "thank you's go to John Von Achen for mowing the grass area for us, and to Laura Kasteal for being the bathroom monitor (if you are ever bored, just buy Laura a beer and get ready to laugh as she details her adventures in this area!)

We still had some problems with thefts again this year, but at least we were able to protect the inside dealers during the Thursday dinner by having OMS Sheriff Bill Hood prowling and closing most of the doors. I hope by next year everybody will have a Red club vest to wear, or a club shirt, so we can stand out. We probably need to see about getting some really bright yellow Security Vests and have a few folks walking around from time to time wearing them to discourage losses as well.

I want to thank DeeDee Magri for coming back to collect prizes for the Treasure Chest again this year...I don't know anyone who is better at shaking the tree than she is! Sharon Duncan set up an attractive display and sold the heck out of all the club shirts, hats, and especially those *tote bags* – that was inspired! And thanks to Wayne Mills for organizing the Treasure Chest and speeding the drawing of prizes...we finished in good time this year.

Sunshine

E-mail from Paul Berthelot advised us that Sandy is fighting a battle with pneumonia. Debbie Hood is recovering from knee surgery at her Mom's house in Santa Maria.



Birthdays & Anniversaries



September Birthday greetings go out to Bud Burgess, Dyana Cridelich, Peter Dettelis, Karen Dry, Sharon Duncan, Molly Kerlick, Joseph Martinez, and Marshall Reeves.

(Whew! I hope I have everybody!)

Celebrating Anniversaries in September are DeeDee & Aldo Magri and Dick & Bess Shields. We all wish you many more!



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**ROCKHOUDING IN CALIF. STATE PARKS
By John Martin, AFMS Conservation & Legislation Committee**

During the last several months there have been several incidences where rockhounds have had an encounter with an authority figure over collecting in a California State Park or on a California State Beach. After lengthy searches on the Internet, hours of reading regulations and several trips to the local State Senator's office, there is light at the end of the tunnel, and it is not the headlight of the approaching train.

Yes, Virginia, there really is rock collecting within the boundaries of California State Parks and California State Beaches. The collecting regulations are intermixed within several dozen California Code of Regulations documents, which give explicit collecting requirements and conditions. This does not mean that collecting is allowed at all parks and beaches nor does it exclude collecting from all parks and beaches. As it turns out, each unit within the California State Parks System, through its own regulatory processes, may, can and will regulate rockhounding within its own boundaries within the regulations established at the state level.

During the search of the regulations covering rockhounding, it was discovered that there is no actual reference to the collecting of paleontological resources, such as fossils, petrified bone or petrified wood, nor is there

any exclusion for these. So, during visits to California State Parks and Beaches for rockhounding activities, just keep in mind their definition of rockhounding as defined in the California Code of Regulations.

There are over 200 units within the California State Parks System, and therefore there could be over 200 different collecting regulations. After surfing several State Park and State Beach web sites, I discovered no consistency in published unit regulations. For example, Hearst San Simeon State Park allows rockhounding as published in the California Code of Regulations; Carpinteria, El Capitan and Gaviota State Beach web sites had no mention of rockhound opportunities.

Some of the State Park web sites included Providence Mountains, which includes Mitchell Caverns, Silverwood Lake, which borders the National Forrest, had no mention of rockhound collecting while Red Rock Canyon State Park states that "All plant, animal, natural and cultural features are protected. Collection is prohibited without a permit."

So to be on the safe side and to avoid any confrontation with that big guy with the gun, check at the entrance to the park for the bulletin board where there will be the "Posting of Notices" where special instructions pertaining to areas where activities are curtailed or restricted are to be found for the particular state park or beach.

If there is no posting of restrictions, check with park personnel before collecting to avoid losing the collected specimens or worse yet, receiving a citation from a park ranger where the fine could be between \$10 and \$1,000 or more.

Just remember to follow the California Code of Regulations for Rockhounding and you should be safe. "Check before you collect." Below is the California Code of Regulations pertaining to the California State Parks and Beaches to serve as a guide while rockhounding.

**CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS
TITLE 14. NATURAL RESOURCES
DIV. 3. DEPT. OF PARKS & RECREATION
CHAPTER 1. GENERAL**

§ 4307. Geological Features.

(a) No person shall destroy, disturb, mutilate, or remove earth, sand, gravel, oil, minerals, rocks, paleontological features, or features of caves.

(b) Rockhounding may be permitted as defined in Section 4301(v).

§ 4308. Archaeological Features.

No person shall remove, injure, disfigure, deface, or destroy any object of archaeological, or historical interest or value.

§ 4309. Special Permits.

The Department may grant a permit to remove, treat, disturb, or destroy plants or animals or geological, historical, archaeological or paleontological materials; and any person who has been properly granted such a permit shall to that extent not be liable for prosecution for violation

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of the foregoing.

CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS
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§ 4301. Definitions.

(i) Posting of Notices. The term “posted” as used herein, unless otherwise indicated, shall mean and require that the Department shall set aside at the district headquarters and at the unit affected and in a location convenient to the general public, a bulletin board or similar device upon which shall be posted all special instructions, orders, pertaining to units of the district including but not limited to special hours of operation, swimming and boating restrictions, hunting and camping restrictions, and special instructions pertaining to areas where activities are curtailed or restricted. Proof of posting shall be filed in the offices of the division chiefs or the Sacramento California Office of the Division of Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation.

(t) Unit. Unit means any named and classified unit under control of the Department of Parks and Recreation, as well as any Department projects, which have not yet been named or classified.

(v) Rockhounding is defined as being the recreational gathering of stones and minerals found occurring naturally on the undisturbed surface of the land, including panning for gold in the natural water-washed gravel of streams.

(w) Float Material is defined as materials only occurring naturally on the surface of the land.

TITLE 14. NATURAL RESOURCES
DIV. 3. DEPT. OF PARKS & RECREATION
CHAPTER 6. PROVISIONS LIMITED TO SPECIFIC UNITS

§ 4611. Rockhounding.

(a) Rockhounding is authorized by Section 5001.65 of the Public Resources Code.

(b) Units and portions thereof open for Rockhounding will be posted in accordance with Section 4301(i).

(c) Commercial Use. Rocks or mineral specimens gathered within a unit may not be sold or used commercially for the production of profit.

(d) Maximum Take. One person may gather, in one day in one unit, not more than 15 pounds of mineralogical material or not more than one specimen plus 15 pounds of mineralogical material.

(e) Use of Tools. Tools, except gold pans to be used in gold panning, may not be used in rockhounding within a unit.

(f) Areas for Swimming and Boating. In state recreation areas rockhounding may not be practiced in areas designated for swimming or for boat launching.

(g) Areas Limited for Collecting. In state recreation areas rockhounding is limited to beaches, which lie within the jurisdiction of the Department and within the wave action zone on lakes, bays, reservoirs, or on the ocean, and to the

beaches or gravel bars, which are subject to annual flooding on streams.

(h) Indian Artifacts. Rockhounding in a unit specifically does not include the gathering of Indian arrowheads, Indian stone tools, or other archeological specimens, even when such specimens may be found occurring naturally on the surface.

(i) Panning for Gold. Panning for gold is considered to be “rockhounding” as the term is applied in the Department. The gold pan is the only exception permitted to the exclusion of tools from rockhounding in a unit as provided in Section 4610.5. Muddy water from panning operations must not be visible more than 20 feet from the panning operation.

California State Beach Regulations General Regulations (14 Cal. Code of Regs.) 6) Geological Features. No person shall destroy, disturb, mutilate, or remove earth, sand, gravel, oil, minerals, rocks, paleontological features, or features of caves except rockhounding may be permitted as defined and delineated in Sections 4611 (a) through (i) (14 Cal. Code of Regs. 4307). 7) Archaeological Features. No person shall remove, injure, disfigure, deface, or destroy any object of archaeological or historical interest or value (14 Cal. Code of Regs. 4308).

BLM Announces Adjustments to Mining-Related Location & Annual Maintenance Fees

In June, the Bureau of Land Management published in the Federal Register a notice that it is adjusting for inflation its fees for the location (or “staking”) and maintenance of unpatented mining claims, mill sites, and tunnel sites. The location fee will increase from \$30 to \$34 and the maintenance fee will rise from \$125 to \$140 for such unpatented claims, in which no federal land has been transferred to the individual or company staking the claim.

The adjusted fees are due on or before September 1, 2009. Mining claimants must pay the new location fee for any mining claim or site located after the effective date of this final rule, which is today (June 29, 2009). Those who have already submitted maintenance fees for the 2010 maintenance year will be given an opportunity to pay the additional amount without penalty upon notice from the BLM.

Since Fiscal Year 1993, mining claimants staking new claims or sites have been required to pay a one-time location fee. Claimants must also pay an annual “maintenance” fee in lieu of performing annual assessment work and making annual filings.

In accordance with the Mining Law of 1872, as amended, and in light of recent related regulatory actions, the BLM is announcing today a new final rule that establishes a regular schedule for adjusting mining-related location and annual maintenance fees. Specifically, the new rule authorizes adjustments to these fees to reflect changes in the Consumer

Price Index every five years after August 10, 1993, or more frequently if the Secretary of the Interior determines an adjustment to be reasonable.

The BLM has not adjusted location and maintenance fees since 2004. The adjustments made in this final rule are based on the change in the Consumer Price Index from December 31, 2003, through December 31, 2008, as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The link to the final rule in the Federal Register is:

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-15248.pdf>

Road Trip to Northern California, Nevada and Utah Story & Photos By Mike & Margaret Hensen

Well it is April 23rd, 8:30 am, and we are ready to leave finally, our first road trip in quite some time. We are headed north hitting hwy 49. Our first stop will be Jamestown then on to Sonora to visit Mikes' sister Chris. We had a nice visit and got to meet her granddaughter Jackie, she is really a cutie. On Saturday Chris took us to one of our favorite rock shops in Angels Camp, Stories in Stone. They always have something special. This time it was Amethyst Cathedrals at a real bargain. So, of course, we had to buy one, it is really beautiful. We got to shop in their wholesale area and picked up several really special rocks.

On Sunday we met Chris for breakfast then took Hwy 88 east out of Jackson towards Lake Tahoe and Carson City. We had a very long but nice drive today. From the green oak tree and flower covered hills along Hwy 49 to the thick forests along Hwy 88 to the sparse tree covered mountains of the high Sierras covered with snow, down to the rolling volcanic hills of eastern Nevada along Hwy 50 covered with high desert brush. We arrived in Fallon, Nevada about 3:30pm and checked into our hotel. The next day we went to visit Fallon 's Rock Shops. The Gem and Rock Shop on Reno Hwy was closed so we decided to give them a call. The owner Sunny Ness said he would be happy to meet us. We spent some time there. Sunny gave us maps and directions local rock sites. Every rock we picked out in his shop came with a story. We picked out several nice local specimens, and Sunny wrapped them and labeled them carefully and we were on our way. The next day we went to Hwy 50-95 rock Shop also on Reno Hwy. The new owner had just purchased the shop. He really had a lot of inventory and was happy to give us a good discount on what we purchased.

That afternoon we went to the Wonder stone area. You take Hwy 50 east to Grimes Point where you turn left and go about 5 miles. There are several sites depending on what color you are looking for. There are literally mountains of beautiful and interesting pieces. We filled two buckets in no time. There are also picnic tables and restrooms at this site near the highway.

The next morning we left Fallon heading east on Hwy 50 to Hwy 361 toward Gabbs and found some nice red and yellow jasper. Back to Hwy 361 and on to Tonopah. The high desert scenery was very pretty with the snow-capped mountains in the background. We arrived in Tonopah about 3:30 and checked into the Best Western Motel. There is a closed silver mine behind the hotel and the town is very small. The next morning we went out rock hounding. Mike is having trouble breathing; the altitude is kind of high. Found a few Apache tears but not much else. Went back to town to Otterson's World Famous Turquoise Store. They really have some beautiful stuff. The lady there gave us better directions to the Apache Tear spot, turns out we had not gone far enough. The next morning we went back and we could hardly believe our eyes, there were mountains of the little black stones and the road was really covered with them. We picked up quite a few also found lots of them still in their matrix of perlite. It was a good day, went back to the turquoise shop to thank the lady and bought a turquoise leaf to have wire wrapped. That afternoon we went to the agate location. Take Hwy 6 to Hwy 376 go left 1.3 miles to ruts on left side of road, go thru the fence and continue .7 miles to the collecting site. The road was very rough but we found lots of agate, small pieces to fist size.



The next day, May 2nd we left Tonopah heading north on Hwy 6 toward Ely looking for garnet hill. We found garnet hill about lunchtime, the view was beautiful but there was a cold wind blowing and no garnets to be easily found. It would take some hard rock splitting to find them. The air was thin and Mike was having trouble breathing so we decided we had better leave the garnets there for someone else. We had dinner in Ely and shared a piece of the most wonderful carrot cake. The next morning we set out for Majors place. We went south on Hwy 50/93 for 24 miles where there was supposed to be beautiful calcite in the road cuts along side the road but all we found was ugly gray slate looking stuff. We took a couple of pieces just because we collect leaverite and headed towards Painters Spring. Take Hwy 6/50 for 25 miles to a road that goes north then go 8.6 miles on a dirt road to the water tank at the tank turn right toward the mountains for 2 more miles then to painters spring. The last 2 miles the road was really rough. They weren't kidding about the four-wheeled drive vehicle. It was worth it, the view was beautiful





and we found some nice pink feldspar, and quartz with all kinds of sparklies in it. Turning around on the edge of the cliff was another problem and the ride down was, well we got several dings in the running board of the truck. That night we

stopped in Delta; nothing was open except Mc Donald's. It was Sunday and we were in Utah. Mike had a very bad night that night and tried to kill the lamp so we decided to take it easy the next day. We went to the West Desert Rock Art Shop on Main Street. The owner was very nice he also owns the U-Dig trilobite quarry west of Delta on Hwy 6/50. We purchased several nice specimens from him and he gave us the directions to several local sites.

The next morning we headed out again in search of that elusive special rock. We found some very interesting quartz rock that we later found fluoresced. One piece looks like a smiling pumpkin.

We were able to find the Dugway Geode beds finally; there had been lots of digging there. We were hoping to find some pieces lying around but we didn't. The next morning on our way out of town we saw a flock of geese in a field and "Mr. Jones" the Magpie, we had seen him the day before driving thru the grassland area and by the dairies on Jones Road.



13½ miles south of Delta where a road to the left goes over the train tracks we were able to pick up lots of pieces of labradorite crystals, very small, glistening in the sunlight.

Leaving Delta on hwy 257 heading for Milford we turned per instructions at the Geothermal Plant, Co road 1034 and went 1.2 miles to the railroad tracks and the 8.6 miles to the collecting site for obsidian. This area was so beautiful, green grass and all kinds of wild flowers everywhere. There were cows munching the nice green grass and the pretty flowers and watching us. We found some nice pieces of black obsidian and snowflake obsidian. We went on to Beaver, UT and had lunch at Arshels' recommended in the AAA book it was the best meal we had had for some time. We checked into the Best Western Butch Cassidy Motel in Beaver, very nice place we stayed two nights. We had 3 more rock sites along hwy 21 to explore. We found Old Frisco an abandoned mining town. Part of it was fenced off with a no trespassing sign but the other side was open. There were some huge old stone beehive shaped ovens and

the ruins of some buildings. We had fun just looking around. We found some black, very hard bubbly rock; don't know what it is, have to check the book. Saw a jackrabbit and 3 antelope from the car, and then back to Beaver for lunch at Arshels, again.

We left Beaver early and arrived in Mesquite around 11am. The scenery was very beautiful the rocks were so colorful. After some looking we were able to find our timeshare where we had reservations for the next week. Our friends Bonnie and Darryl arrived about 6:30 and we went to the Eureka Casino for dinner. The next day we spent reading travel brochures and



Mr. Darrel BBQ'ed hamburgers for dinner. The next day we drove to "The Valley of Fire" state park between Mesquite and Las Vegas. Took lots of pictures and had a picnic, it was very pretty. The next day we went to "Zion National Park" our National pass got us in free. We took the shuttle bus all around; they discourage driving in the Park, took lots more pictures. We stopped at the "Silver Bear Rock and Gem" shop on the way from Zion. They had lots of nice stuff. Gave them some of our rock show fliers. The next day we went to the "Corral Pink Sand Dunes" state park. The sand was very fine and hard to walk on I had to crawl to the top to see what was on the other side, it was worth it, the color of the sand dunes was beautiful. The next day we spent packing. Friday it was time to leave. We drove as far as Mojave and got a hotel for the night. Had dinner at Lucky's favorite restaurant, "Mikes". We arrived home a little after noon our kitty Cinnamon was so happy to see us. Now what do we do with all these rocks????

Leaves in the Desert

Story & Photos By Wayne Mills

Over the 4th of July Holiday, I joined members of several clubs on a co-op field trip to the Nevada high desert area near Middlegate, Churchill Co., Nevada. The trip was sponsored by *Fossils For Fun* out of Sacramento (of which I am also a member). The object was fossil leaves of the Middle Miocene Period. These leaves fell into a large lake that existed at that time in a cooler, wetter climate. The leaves were preserved in diatomaceous shale at the Buffalo Canyon location, and in a more porcelainous shale at the Middlegate location.



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We camped in a little “oasis” called Middlegate, about 50 miles east of Fallon, Nevada on Route 50. It is a pretty amazing place, surviving amidst **Middlegate, Nevada**



the only stand of trees for miles around with well water and

generator power. And the generator goes out about 3 times a day. They have a nice restaurant/bar that manages to keep ice (\$2.50 per bag), well drinks and serves three meals per day to locals, near-by ranchers, and the occasional passer-by.

The town claims a population of 17 including chickens, and I counted six chickens in my camp area Sunday morning.

The evening of July Fourth, I heard one firecracker, but after a hot day quarrying leaves, I was more ready to have a margarita and a nice dinner. And boy did I. The bartender knew that a margarita needed tequila, and he put a lot of that in before adding the sweet and sour. I had to ask about the triple sec, because he thought that came in the sweet and sour. So after a generous pour of triple sec, I was ready to relax, and I was

really relaxed when dinner came- prime rib, beans, salad, bread, and berry cheesecake for dessert. It was a great way to celebrate our nation’s birthday. .



Clockwise from left: Acorn top, Alder cones, Spruce seed, Elm (?) leaf and (?) leaf, from Middlegate Formation

The next morning, I even got in a shower in the community bathroom/laundry room

The fossil hunting was pretty fun too. I decided to quarry at both locations, and feel that I got a nice sampling of the available material. One publication on the Buffalo Canyon Formation (that we collected on Saturday) notes that the main leaves present are birch and oak, but that other trees including elm, maple, madrone, ash, willow, toyon, spruce, pine and Oregon grape are also present. A professor from Cal Berkeley (Nan C Arens) brought her paleo-botany class to the site after 1995, and found channel ironwood at the location as well (A Field Trip Guidebook to The Buffalo Canyon Fossil Plant Locality 10 May 1997, Nevada Paleontological Association.) This formation has been radiocarbon dated at 15.6 million years ago.

The information on the Middlegate Formation suggests a similar fauna, but does not mention the fish that I found

indications of at both places. (For some reason, the specimens at both locations were headless—could there have been carnivorous water plants?) *Zelkova (elm relative-top), oak and willow leaf below from Buffalo Canyon Formation*

The Middlegate location is almost within sight of the “town” of the same name. About 64 species occur at this location, (for a complete listing, see

<http://inyo1.110mb.com/middlegate/middlegate.html>). By

far, the most abundant fossils are of the evergreen live oak, *Quercus pollardiana*, which is identical to the modern canyon live oak native to the western flanks of the Sierra Nevada and the coastal ranges of central California.

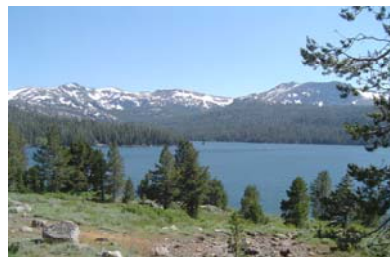
The Middlegate location is separated from the Buffalo Canyon by about 25 miles, but represents a flora that apparently grew along the margins of the same lake, as the ages of both formations, and much of the faunal lists are approximately the

same. The presence of lotus and willow show that 16 million years ago, the area was a lot wetter than it is now

Quarry location near the top of the hill at the Middlegate site



One of the field trip attendees, a member of both Fossils for Fun and the El Dorado Gem Club (I think), gave me a great tip for my return trip to Arroyo Grande. I feared that returning via I-80 might be grueling, since traffic had been backed up a looong way in the westbound direction when I crossed the great divide (at least the one between California and Nevada) on Friday. So I went home via Nevada and



California Routes 88 (the Carson Pass), and it was lovely!! Here is a sample photo of the route taken at Caples Lake near Carson Pass (8573 feet).

Caples Lake, Alpine Co., CA
The amazing part was that the return trip took

within three minutes of my time for the trip to Middlegate on Friday. My prize—lotus seeds and pod? Buffalo Canyon Formation

Orcutt Mineral Society Board Meeting Elwin Mussell Sr. Center, Santa Maria, Ca. 93454, August 4, 2009

President Debbie Hood called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

Members present were Wes Lingerfelt, Debbie Hood, Gloria Dana, Jan Ferguson, Sylvia Nasholm, Wayne Mills, Elaine Von Achen, Sharon Duncan and Sandy Berthelot. Guests included Joseph Martinez, Bill Hood, and Paul Berthelot.

Minutes: Minutes from the July Board Meeting were printed in the August 2009 bulletin. Wayne Mills noted that he had presented a small dendritic Opalite sphere from Valley Springs, Ca. to Sandy Berthelot, as she was the winner for the July word game that appears in the Bulletin. With that one correction the minutes were approved as amended.

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

Correspondence: None.

Committee Reports:

Annual Gem Show: Review of up-coming show. It was agreed that the barbeque tickets would be sold at the hospitality booth this year rather than in the kitchen. It was further agreed that we would pre-sell dessert tickets so that we would not have to take money at the barbeque itself. Wes has ordered 350 ears of corn. He was able to get a good price break at that amount. We will have crock-pots of butter for dipping corn, this year, rather than the large pans we have used in the past. We will be having two lines this year with the hope that it will speed things up.



Sharon Duncan said that we would have some show specials on tee shirts and hats/visors, as we would like to liquidate our supply of old tee shirts in order to bring in some more up-dated versions.

Wes Lingerfelt noted that the signs were up out on the Freeway. He said that the church had someone out in the field with a weed whacker and that it left something to be desired so John Von Achen is going to mow on Wednesday morning. He also noted that he has 62 dealers signed up for 2009. It was mentioned that we might have a shortage of parking space this year, as the show is bigger than ever.

John Von Achen has arranged for security and Wes has already spoken with the person. We will have someone there Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

Laura Kasteal has agreed to be the restroom monitor this year keeping the rooms supplied with toilet paper and towels.

Wayne Mills has 28 items to date for the treasure chest. Elaine said she would give him three more items in the morning.

Ore-cutts- Newsletter of the Orcutt Mineral Society

Elaine showed Bill Hood a thank you she had received from the Paso Robles club for having a showcase in their show two years ago. They had a picture of her case. She said she would like to do something like that this year for our exhibitors. Bill has agreed to try to get shots of each showcase.

Breakfast: None.

Bulletin: The bulletin is out on the web and mailed bulletins have gone out.

CFMS: None.

Education: None.

Field Trip: August's field trip will be on Sunday the 16th at 10:00 a.m. at Jan and Stan Ferguson's. Jan calls it the "I'm not dead yet" sale and will have copious amounts of material for sale.

Highway Clean-up: The next clean-up will be held September 12. Members will meet at highway 101 and 166 at 8:00 a.m.

Membership: Elaine Von Achen read an application from Mary "Pat" McKay. Sylvia Nasholm made a motion that we accept Pat for membership. Sandy Berthelot seconded the motion. Motion passed

Scholarships: None.

Sunshine: Debbie Hood will be having knee surgery soon.

Old Business:

Elaine Von Achen reported that the club vests would not be ready in time for the show.

Another topic under discussion is the club's desire to have a lapidary workshop. Wes is working with St. Joseph's church in Nipomo as to the possibility of having something on their property.

New Business:

Our program for August's general meeting will be a recap of our show with slides from said show.

The display for August will be "Show Treasures".

Refreshments will be cookies and coffee/tea.

The meeting was adjourned by President, Debbie Hood at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Elaine Von Achen, Secretary, OMS

Orcutt Mineral Society General Meeting Elwin Mussell Sr. Center, Santa Maria, Ca. August 12, 2009

President Debbie Hood called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mike Henson gave the invocation.

Joseph Martinez led the flag salute.

Sheriff, Bill Hood, said everyone had badges.

Minutes: Elaine Von Achen read the minutes of the August 4, 2009 board meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

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

Correspondence:

Elaine Von Achen reported a newsletter from Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society. She also read a flier for a “50 year Collection Sale” of rocks, gems and Machinery. We received a Metal, Stone & Glass magazine from Australia for our library.

Committee Reports:

Abused Children: Jan Ferguson reported the evening’s prizes for the August drawing are a quartz crystal from Arkansas collected by Sylvia & Don Nasholm and cleaned and donated by Steve Riegel as well as two fish fossils.

Annual Gem Show: Debbie Hood thanked everyone who worked to make the show what it was. Wes said we could thank Sharon Duncan for suggesting we have two lines for the Barbeque this year, and then following through on it. The same can be said for the tote bags with the OMS logo. Sharon was the one who got those ordered and ready for sale as well. Christine Clason donated chaffing dishes to be used in the snack bar. Thank you Christine. Wes said it is looking like our revenue from the show is close to last year. We had one mishap with a dealer having an item for sale that included a bear claw. A customer noticed the Bear claw and called the Department of Fish and Game. The dealer was sited and will have to appear in court as well as paying a possible fine. It was noted that there was a large crowd all three days.

Breakfast: Our next breakfast will be held at Francisco’s Country Kitchen, in Santa Maria, on August 22 at 9:00 a.m.

Budget & Audit: None

Bulletin: Debbie Hood needs information for the September bulletin to be turned in early as she is having surgery and wants to wrap up the bulletin before hand.

CFMS: None

Door Prize: Bob Bullock reported a bag of tailings from the Blue Mine donated by Wes Lingerfelt, a piece of Peridot, a Brazilian amethyst crystal, a glass “diamond” and much, much more as door prizes for August.

Education: None

Historian: None

Hospitality: Sharon Duncan reported 36 members and 8 guests. Guests were Neil and Claire Collison, Sandy Schneider, Owen Baynham, Jeanne & Bill Brown, Amber Heath and Vernon Deck. Guests were greeted and thanked.

Field Trip: August’s field trip will be held on the 16th at Jan and Stan Ferguson’s place. They have rock, crystal and more, collected by Jan’s parents over the last 50 years, and have decided to share with members of OMS. Jan calls it the “I’m not dead yet sale”. Members will meet at St. Joseph Church in Nipomo at 10:00 a.m. and will caravan to the Ferguson’s.

Highway Clean-up: Our next clean-up will be September 12. Members will meet at Highways 101 and 166 at 8:00 a.m.

Library: None

Locker Clean up: None

Membership: Elaine Von Achen welcomed Mary “Pat” McKay as our newest member. Pat’s application was read and voted on at the August board meeting.

Political Action Committee: None

Property: None

Refreshments: Sylvia Nasholm thanked Debbie Hood, Truman Burgess, Lucky Virgin and Christine Clason for bringing cookies. She also thanked Jeannie Lingerfelt for bringing a birthday cake to celebrate Lucky Virgin and Debbie Hood’s birthdays.

Scholarships: None

Sunshine: Debbie Hood said she had talked with Kay Volmer and that she is doing quite well.

Old Business:

Wes Lingerfelt is still working on the possibility of OMS having a lapidary workshop on the grounds of the Saint Joseph Church. He said they are very receptive to the idea but we will need to submit a proposal outlining what we want and how we are going to do it. Wes noted that we can get insurance through the Federation. He noted that we would form a committee to get a start on the proposal. Elaine Von Achen talked with the seamstress who will be making the vests and she promised to have samples before our next general meeting.

New Business:

Wes noted that he had received a letter from a 10 year old who is interested in rock and looks forward to a career as a geologist when he grows up. He would like to know if anyone in our group would be interested in sending him rock, local or otherwise. We will put together some specimens for him.

The program for this evening is a slide show with pictures from our annual “Rainbow of Gems” show. Wes Lingerfelt will host.

Displays for August are “Show Treasures”, anything you picked up at the show and would like to share.

The meeting was adjourned by President, Debbie Hood at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Elaine Von Achen, Secretary, OMS

September 2009 Calendar

Tuesday Sept. 1, 2009 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting-Elwin Mussell Senior Center. All members are welcome at this business meeting.
Tuesday Sept. 8, 2009 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.	OMS General Meeting-Elwin Mussell Senior Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program: “Those Fabulous Thunder Eggs” • Display: Fossils & “Fake Fossils” • Refreshments-Pies

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Saturday, Sept. 12, 2009 8:00 am till ?	Field Trip to be announced. For information, call Bob Bullock at 928-6372
Saturday Sept. 19, 2009 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.	Roadside Clean up After the cleanup, coffee and pastry at "Francisco's Country Kitchen" in Santa Maria.
Saturday Sept. 26, 2009 8:15 to 9:15 a.m.	OMS Monthly Breakfast- Sunset Grill 1424 Fairway Dr. Santa Maria. For information, call Gloria Dana at 929-6429.
October 2009 Calendar	
Tuesday Oct. 6, 2009 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.	OMS Board Meeting-Elwin Mussell Senior Center. All members are welcome at this business meeting.
Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2009 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.	OMS General Meeting-Elwin Mussell Senior Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program – The Story of Opal • Display- Anything Opal • Refreshments- Cakes
Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009 8:00 a.m. to ?	Field Trip to be announced For information, call Bob Bullock at 928-6372.
Saturday Oct. 24 2009 8:15 to 9:15 a.m.	OMS Monthly Breakfast-- For information, call Gloria Dana at 929-6429.

CFMS Show Schedule 2009

September 4-7 2009, Fort Bragg, CA

Mendocino Coast Gem & Mineral Society
Town Hall
Cr. of Main & Laurel
Hours: Fri. to Sun. 10-6, Mon. 10-4
Don McDonnell / (707) 964-3116

September 12-13 2009, Vista, CA

Vista Gem & Mineral Society
Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum
2040 N. Santa Fe Ave.
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4
Fred Wilson (760) 433-8464
Cherie Wilson (760) 941-7073
Lois Harr (560) 724-0395

September 19-20 2009, Redwood City, CA

Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society
Redwood City Community Activities Bldg.
1400 Roosevelt Ave.
Hours: 10-5 daily
Carol Corden (650) 248-7155
Email: coorden@comcast.net
Website: www.sgms.driftmine.com/home.htm
Show Flyer: [click here.](#)

September 19-20 2009, Paso Robles, CA

**Santa Lucia Rockhounds
Pioneer Park & Museum
2010 Riverside Ave.**

Hours: 10 - 5 both days
Richard Smith (805) 467-2966
E-mail: jonme2@wildblue.net
Show Flyer: [click here.](#)

September 19-20 2009, Stockton, CA

Stockton Lapidary and Mineral Club
Scottish Rite Masonic Center
33 West Alpine Ave.
Hours: 10 - 5 both days
(209) 946-0113
E-mail: footsey1@yahoo.com
Website: www.stocktonlapidary.com

September 26-27 2009, Carmel, CA

Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Monterey Fairgrounds
Hours: Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10-5
E-mail:
Website: www.cvgms.org
Show Flyer [click here.](#)

September 26-27 2009, Downey, CA

Delvers Gem & Mineral Society
Women's Club of Downey
9813 Paramount Blvd.
Hours: Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10-4
Nancy Bird (562) 697-0636
E-mail: nancyjbird@verison.net

September 26-27 2009, Monterey, CA

Carmel Valley Gem and Mineral Society
Monterey Fairgrounds
2004 Fairgrounds Road
Sky Paxton (831) 262-2492
E-mail: sky@familystones.net
Janis Rovetti (831) 657-1933
E-mail: Janis12@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.cvgms.org

October 3-4 2009, Fallbrook, CA

Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society
Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Museum
123 W. Alvarado Street
Hours: 10 - 4 both days
Mary Fong-Walker (760) 728-1130
Email: ikonmiming@gmail.com

October 3-4 2009, Oroville, CA

Feather river Lapidary & Mineral Club
Oroville Municipal Auditorium
1200 Myers St.
Hours: 10 - 5 both days
Connie Rossetto (530) 59-1840
Email: crossetto@aol.com
Website: www.orovillerocks.com
Show Flyer: [click here.](#)

October 10-11 2009, Grass Valley, CA

Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society
"Earth's Treasurers"
Nevada County Fairgrounds
11228 McCourtney Road
Hours: 10-5 both days

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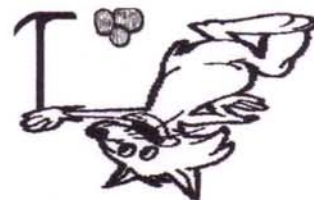
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