April 2008

General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, April 1, 2008
7:00 p.m.
Golden Empire Grange
11363 Grange Ct., Grass Valley

April Meeting
“Rocks Used by the Ancient Native Americans”
Presented by:
Dr. Susan Gleason
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Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society Meetings

The Nevada County Gem and Mineral Society holds two meetings every month with certain exceptions. The membership is informed of exceptions during meetings and through Rock Writings. You are welcome to attend any meeting.

Executive Committee Meeting:
First Tuesday of the month, 6:00 p.m.
Golden Empire Grange Building
11363 Grange Ct., Grass Valley

General Membership Meeting:
First Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m.
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Membership Dues: Yearly membership dues for NCG&MS are $20.00 for singles and $25.00 for families. For more information or an application, contact Membership Chairman Charles Lindquist. *Deduct $5.00 if you receive your newsletter via email*

NCG&MS is a non-profit organization that has these objectives:
- to promote the study of mineralogy, geology and fossils.
- to encourage the collection of minerals and gems.
- to foster the study and practice of the lapidary arts.
- to provide field trips to mineral localities.
- to promote good fellowship, education and recreation.

NEVADA COUNTY GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY IS A PROUD MEMBER OF:
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Please send Exchange Newsletters & Newsletter Submissions to: Jeanne Boone, Editor.
Meeting called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Vice President, Terry Bartels.

Members present: Terry Bartels, Debbie Bartels, Kim Moore, Jon North, Cliff Swenson, Jeanne Boone, Charles Lindquist and Bill Budd.

Minutes of January Board Meeting: The Board Meeting minutes were approved with the correction of the spelling of Jim Brower’s name.

Treasurer’s Report: Charles Lindquist gave a Treasurer’s Report. All is good.

Correspondence:
We got show flyers again, and a bulletin. Jeanne Boone got the bulletins and announcements to put in the newsletter.

Committee Reports:
Membership: We had 3 new membership applications: Susan Gleason, Julie Anne and Alexander Lay along with Scott and Emma Lay, and Kelley Logan. All were accepted into the club. Welcome new members. There was discussion about adding a clause into the membership application that adds buying a badge mandatory for adults—an addition of $6.50, not to the membership, but as an add-on clause. It was motioned and carried to accept the change and to have someone modify our membership application to include this new clause. Jeanne Boone will take over membership from Charles Lindquist in the future.

Newsletter: Nothing to report.

Hospitality: Not here.

Federation: Jon North reminded us about the All American Club program that the Federation does. All the clubs are judged with other clubs who have submitted books about your club—field trips, activities, members, etc. Participants build it all throughout the year then submit it to the Federation. They have had very little participation lately and want to know if it’s time to let it go or if there is still interest. We need to think about whether we would like to do this—he’ll get back to us next month. He also talked about starting up a Junior program that might include a Junior round table. Once we got it going, maybe we could get into Future Rock Hounds of America. The Federation is still looking for speakers or presenters for their roster that is a resource for all the Co-op clubs.

He then told us that a lot of forest roads are scheduled to be closed and the ones closed will be on the Forestry website. We might think about writing to our Congressmen if we want to keep roads open.

Field Trips: Terry Bartels said that he went to the Co-op Field Trip Leaders’ meeting in Sun City Lincoln. They had a great rock auction and Jim Hutchins gave a great presentation on mineral identification for Field Trip Leaders. Terry said they also talked about all the upcoming field trips for the year. The March 8th field trip for Poppy Jasper to Morgan Hill was cancelled and not rescheduled. Fossils For Fun is going to Fossil Hill outside of Lovelock on April 5th for ammonites. April 12th there is a seminar about how to find out where you are going, and whether the land is okay to hunt on. There will also be a trip to Stoneyford in April and Terry is planning one possibly to Duck Flat for petrified wood and then in May he will lead a Co-op trip to Fairview outside of Fallon, NV.

Historian: No report.

Show Chairman: Kim Moore said it was early yet, but things were progressing. He said we did have a confirmation that we had the show reserved.

Programs: Cliff Swenson will do flint knapping for the program tonight and he has some things lined up for the future.

Old Business: The website Jon North created for us is up and running. He says it is increasing all the time with more pages and pictures, etc. He invited everyone to take a look. The address is www.ncgms.org.

New Business: No new business was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Bartels
Secretary, NCG&MS
Meeting was called to order by Vice President, Terry Bartels at 7:10 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: 32 members and 4 guests: Welcome and introduction of guests.

Sunshine: Mary Tucker reported that Tony Rully fell off a ladder and broke his foot.

Birthdays: Happy Birthday to all the March birthdays.

Program: Terry introduced Cliff Swenson who talked about flint knapping and gave a demonstration. He was joined by our new member Susan Gleason and they knapped happily while having others join them. It was a fun night where anyone who wanted to got a chance to knap with them. Thank you Cliff and Susan. We really enjoyed it!

Committee Reports:

Membership: Charles Lindquist welcomed three new memberships to the club and asked the club to do so as well.

Bulletin: Jeanne Boone asked that if someone does not get their bulletin to please call or email her.

Field Trips: Terry Bartels went over upcoming field trips by the Co-Op. All the information on trips is on the Club table. He encouraged all to partake of the Co-op offerings as well as our own club’s trips. The Morgan Hill trip has been cancelled without rescheduling. April 5th Fossils for Fun will be going to Fossil Hill for ammonites and petrified wood and sometime in April Terry would like to lead the club to Duck Flat for petrified wood and agate. He brought in some samples of what could be found at Fossil Hill. In May, Terry will lead our Federation trip to Fairview. The next weekend will be a Tri-Federation trip to Texas Springs. Ida Waterhouse is going down to southern California and wanted to know if anyone has any contacts down there or knows where she could hunt in the southern regions.

Federation: Jon North spoke about the CMFS All American program. Participation is very low and the Federation is thinking about canceling this program. They are trying to find out if any clubs want to pursue it or drop it. Please give him your feedback. He also spoke about starting a Junior program for the rockhounds of the future. He says there has been some interest, but we need to get something started. The Federation is also always looking for Podium People—speakers or demonstrators for their resource list. If anyone is interested, please let him know.

Show: Cliff Swenson would like some demonstrators for the show. Everything is coming along. We got confirmation that we have the dates.

Treasurer’s Report: Charles Lindquist gave a brief treasurer’s report. All is well.

Historian: No report.

Old Business: The minutes were approved. We had the rock raffle and many lovely specimens were raffled off. Many thanks to Frank for taking on the rock raffle! Great job. Several t-shirts were sold and we only have Adult Medium and Adult Large left. They are $15 each. If there is enough interest, we can order some more in X-large and XX large. Cliff Swenson added that we should wear them to any other show or event to advertise our club. Jon North told everyone to check out the website as it keeps morphing and growing and has a lot of information now.

New Business: The Board voted to add a clause to the application that adults needed to buy a badge for $6.50 with the children’s being optional. If anyone wants one now, see Cliff and he can order them. Susan Gleason announced that her store, “Phoenix Obsidian Designs” Trading Post, would have some knapping supplies and a “knap-in” as well.

Meeting was adjourned: 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Bartels
Secretary, NCG&MS
President’s Message
By Vicki Black

Gary and I just got back from our trip to Texas. We had a great time and have brought some rocks back for the raffle table. Remember when you go on a rock hunting trip to collect a couple extra rocks for the raffle table or the show grab bags or silent auction table.

Another fun thing to do is bring a rock or two to the meeting and tell us about it. It’s fun to share your finds and the members all are interested in rocks. That’s why we belong to the club. We love to look at rocks, so don’t be shy. Let’s all try to bring in a new find and share information on where we found them and anything else of interest about them.

We have some very nice books that we are working on making available to the members. I do apologize that it has taken us so long to get the cabinet made and our library up and running again. We are going to need a couple of people to help go through our books and see which ones we want to keep and if some are old and need to be put on the raffle table or out for the show. We also will need a librarian, so let me know if you are interested.

Vicki

April Fool’s Day

Unlike most of the other nonfoolish holidays, the history of April Fool's Day, sometimes called All Fool’s Day, is not totally clear. There really wasn’t a “first April Fool's Day” that can be pinpointed on the calendar. Some believe it sort of evolved simultaneously in several cultures at the same time, from celebrations involving the first day of spring.

Practical jokes are a common practice on April Fool’s Day. Sometimes, elaborate practical jokes are played on friends or relatives that last the entire day. The news media even gets involved. For instance, a British short film once shown on April Fool's Day was a fairly detailed documentary about "spaghetti farmers" and how they harvest their crop from the spaghetti trees.

Pranks performed on April Fool’s Day range from the simple, (such as saying, “Your shoe’s untied!”), to the elaborate. Whatever the prank, the trickster usually ends it by yelling to his victim, “April Fool!”

Source: http://wilstar.net/holidays/

April Birthday

Congratulations to our only April Birthday - Etta May Murdock!

Thanks to Cliff Swenson

Thank you Cliff for the interesting demonstration on “Flint Knapping” at our last meeting. One of our new members, Susan Gleason, also joined in along with Cliff.

Do you have information that our Sunshine Lady should know about? She sends out cards to members and their families and provides information for the Sunshine Corner. Call Mary Tucker.
Federation Show Exhibiting
by Dick and Betty Pankey

It is just over 2 months until the CFMS Show and Convention in Ventura. Will you be there? Now is the time to make your plans and send in your reservation. We are really hoping for big participation in exhibiting at our 2008 Show. We have arranged for ample space and display cases. Now we need you to bring your display and maybe your club display.

Exhibiting at the CFMS Show is open to all members of Federation clubs. Betty and I have set what we think is a very achievable goal of at least 100 non-competitive cases, at least 40 competitive cases and at least 40 club cases. We would just love to exceed these goals and we have the room to accommodate all who would like to participate. But to meet/exceed our goal, we need your case.

This is the Federation Show, hosted and put on by the Federation, and your club and your are the Federation. This is your show and every club should want to participate and be represented in the show. Your club case is a great way to highlight what is special about your club, to promote your club and to show off to the rest of the Federation. Yes, a chance to brag a little bit, just like we get to do with the All American Club books. Your case will say “look at us; this is who we are and what we do.” Your club case may be an inspiration and give new ideas to other clubs. Use your case to show off your activities, field trips, classes, community participation, or rocks, minerals and fossils from your area. And the rest of us may get some new ideas and learn more about other clubs around the Federation.

It is easy to sign up to exhibit your display. Just complete the Exhibit Form that is available on the CFMS web site, WWW.CFMSINC.ORG, or from your Federation Director, and mail it to us. The due date for entries is June 13th. But why wait; just do it now. All exhibitors will receive two 3-day Guest Passes.

This is your show; be part of this great event. Enter your non-competitive case and have your club enter a club case.

Source: CFMS Newsletter - April, 2008  http://www.cfmsinc.org/
As I write this article, I am sitting here on our hilltop wishing I could get up and do things that I really need to do. I am currently "chair-bound" because I did something extremely stupid. If we are going to publish articles telling you about all of the things that we should not do, then we must tell you about the things that we did and should not have.

We live on a fairly high hilltop in the Blue Ridge Mountains and my neighbors and I have been installing gates and barricades because we have burglars visiting our neighborhood. Ann and I were installing what is known up here as a Forest Service Gate which is a pipe barricade blocking access and we were lifting the pipe section which is a 4" diameter heavy steel pipe and is 16' long. You can see this coming can't you? Yes, I lifted with my back, not with my legs and suffered a muscle strain about two weeks ago and it is s-l-o-w-l-y improving. I know better but I was in a hurry and did not stop to think.

We all have been taught that we lift with our legs, not our back. But, the question is, do we always do what we know we should do? This is just one example of the type of injury that many of us suffer needlessly. Let's take a minute to think about other things that we do that are, at best, ill-conceived and, at worst, stupid.

Here not that far from the beginning of a new year, we should resolve that we will avoid those basic mistakes that we tend to make when we just do not stop to think.

Let me give you a short check list.

• Are you using the right tool for the job? A knife is not a pry bar or a chisel.
• Are your tools in good shape? Dull knives, chisels, saws and punches will only bring you grief. Hammers with loose handles or mushroomed heads are not reliable (read that as not safe).
• Some power tools are downright scary. All power saws will bite you. We all have horror stories involving folks that we know. We visited good friends in Scotland recently and could not find them. It seems that he was cutting a tree and when his wife walked up beside him and spoke, he swung around and slapped her in the head with his chain saw which was running. We can't find out what finally happened but we know it was really bad.
• Are you faithfully using eye protection? I feel confident that a majority of you are not using safety glasses when you know you should.

I could turn this list into a book but, would you read it? I know I am "preaching to the choir" and you all know all of the things that I am saying but the question is, are you willing to stop and think.

Source: March, 2008 AFMS Newsletter
http://www.amfed.org/news

Rock Equipment for Sale
Very Reasonable 1/2 Prices

Diamond Saws: 6” with motor; 10” with motor; 18” with enclosure
Diamond Wheels on Arbors & Motors: 6” simple; 6” twin
Polisher Wheel & Motor

***Lots of Free Rocks***

Call: Kelley Logan 530-470-0723 or 530-559-1547 (cell)
Last October Dave Muster, our FT-N chairman, conducted this seminar, which was received with rave reviews. Unfortunately the attendance was low. By popular demand this seminar is scheduled again for April 12, 2008. It will be held in Pittsburg, CA and is hosted by the Contra Costa M&GS.

The purpose of knowing where you are is two fold. All field trip leaders and collectors need to know where they are, where they should not be and where they want to be. While we may collect on public land – BLM and Forest Service land – we cannot collect on private or claimed land without permission. It is the responsibility of the collector to know the status of the land on which they intend to collect. It is the responsibility of the field trip leader to know the status of the land and determine boundaries before people are led to an area with private land and/or claims.

This seminar addresses what you need to know about determining land status, choosing and reading maps, GPS and other tools. Three presenters are scheduled to speak:

Ø Dave Muster will talk about 1.) Types of Land; 2.) Using Visuals and Compasses; 3.) Finding Markers; and 4.) Finding Townships, Section and Range.

Ø Dennis Freiburger will talk about – Practical GPS and Digital Maps – A user-friendly approach to using the Global Positioning System.

Ø Dick Pankey will talk about Personal Responsibility on Field Trips.

This seminar addresses what you need to know about determining land status, choosing and reading maps, GPS and other tools. This seminar is for field trip leaders, and all rockhounds that enjoy collecting; all members and guests are welcome.

Please reserve your place at this seminar by notifying me at dickpankey@juno, no later than April 7th. Cost of the seminar is $5.00 and includes lunch.

The seminar will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2008 at the Community Presbyterian Church in Pittsburg CA. An announcement flier with details and directions is available from your Field Trip Leader. This seminar is for field trip leaders, and all rockhounds that enjoy collecting; all members and guests are welcome.
RATTLESNAKES in California

As springtime calls people and snakes alike to the outdoors, encounters with snakes become inevitable. California has a variety of snakes, most of which are benign. The exception is California’s only native venomous snake - the rattlesnake.

California rattlesnake species include the northern Pacific rattlesnake (in northern California), and the Western Diamondback, Sidewinder, Speckled rattlesnake, Red Diamond rattlesnake, Southern Pacific, Great Basin rattlesnake and the Mojave rattlesnake (all found in Southern California). Though rattlesnakes are dangerous if provoked, they also provide humans with a tremendous service - they eat rodents, other reptiles, and insects, and are in turn eaten by other predators. In California where rattlesnakes are found from sea level to the inland prairies and desert areas and to the mountains at elevations of more than 10,000 feet, enjoying the outdoors means learning how to avoid contact with rattlesnakes.

Generally not aggressive, rattlesnakes strike when threatened or deliberately provoked, but given room they will retreat. Most snake bites occur when a rattlesnake is handled or accidentally touched by someone walking or climbing. The majority of snakebites occur on the hands, feet and ankles.

Rattlesnakes can cause serious injury to humans on rare occasions. The California Poison Control Center notes that rattlesnakes account for more than 800 bites each year with one to two deaths. Most bites occur between the months of April and October when snakes and humans are most active outdoors. About 25 percent of the bites are “dry,” meaning no venom was injected, but the bites still require medical treatment.

The potential of running into a rattlesnake should not deter anyone from venturing outdoors, but there are several precautions that can be taken to lessen the chance of being bitten when out in snake country - which is just about anywhere in California.

The dos and don’ts in snake country:

First, know that rattlesnakes are not confined to rural areas. They have been found near urban areas, in river or lakeside parks, and at golf courses. Be aware that startled rattlesnakes may not rattle before striking defensively. There are several safety measures that can be taken to reduce the likelihood of startling a rattlesnake.

- Never go barefoot or wear sandals when walking through wild areas. Wear hiking boots.
- When hiking, stick to well-used trails and wear over-the-ankle boots and loose-fitting long pants. Avoid tall grass, weeds and heavy underbrush where snakes may hide during the day.
- Do not step or put your hands where you cannot see, and avoid wandering around in the dark. Step ON logs and rocks, never over them, and be especially careful when climbing rocks or gathering firewood. Check out stumps or logs before sitting down, and shake out sleeping bags before use.
- Never grab “sticks” or “branches” while swimming in lakes and rivers. Rattlesnakes can swim.
- Be careful when stepping over the doorstep as well. Snakes like to crawl along the edge of buildings where they are protected on one side.
- Never hike alone. Always have someone with you who can assist in an emergency.
- Do not handle a freshly killed snake, it can still inject venom.
- Teach children early to respect snakes and to leave them alone. Children are naturally curious and will pick up snakes.

Is it a rattlesnake?

Many a useful and non-threatening snake has suffered a quick death from a frantic human who has mistakenly identified a gopher snake, garter, racer or other as a rattlesnake. This usually happens when a snake assumes an instinctual defensive position used to bluff adversaries. A gopher snake has the added unfortunate trait of imitating a rattlesnake by flattening its head and body, vibrating its tail, hissing and actually striking if approached too closely.

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A rattlesnake is a heavy-bodied, blunt-tailed snake with one or more rattles on the tail. It has a triangular-shaped head, much broader at the back than at the front, and a distinct “neck” region. The rattlesnake also has openings between the nostrils and eyes, which is a heat-sensing pit. The eyes are hooded with elliptical pupils. Additional identifying characteristics include a series of dark and light bands near the tail, just before the rattles which are different from the markings on the rest of the body. Also note that rattles may not always be present, as they are often lost through breakage and are not always developed on the young.

Keeping snakes out of the yard
The best protection against rattlesnakes in the yard is a “rattlesnake proof” fence. It can be expensive and requires maintenance, however. The fence should either be solid or with mesh no larger than one-quarter inch. It should be at least three feet high with the bottom buried a few inches in the ground. Slanting your snake fence outward about a 30-degree angle will help. Vegetation should be kept away from the fence since the snake could crawl to the top of an adjacent tree or shrub. Discourage snakes by removing piles of boards or rocks around the home. Use caution when removing those piles - there may already be a snake there. Encouraging and protecting natural competitors like gopher snakes, kingsnakes and racers will reduce the rattlesnake population in the immediate area. And, kingsnakes actually kill and eat rattlesnakes.

What to do in the event of a snake bite
Though uncommon, rattlesnake bites do occur, so have a plan in place for responding to any situation. Carry a portable phone, hike with a companion who can assist in an emergency, and make sure that family or friends know where you are going and when you will be checking in. The first thing to do if bitten is to stay calm. Generally, the most serious effect of a rattlesnake bite to an adult is local tissue damage which needs to be treated. Children, because they are smaller, are in more danger if they are bitten.

Get to a doctor as soon as possible, but stay calm. Frenetic, high-speed driving places the victim at greater risk of an accident and increased heart rate. If the doctor is more than 30 minutes away, keep the bite below the heart, and then try to get to the doctor as quickly as possible. The California Poison Control Center advises:

- Stay calm
- Wash the bite area gently with soap and water
- Remove watches, rings, etc, which may constrict swelling
- Immobilize the affected area
- Transport safely to the nearest medical facility

For more first aid information please visit the following Web sites:
- California Poison Control
- University of California at Davis
- American Academy of Family Physicians

Sources: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) & California Department of Fish and Game

Thanks to Terry & Bud McMillan of the Mother Lode Mineral Society & Florence Brady, Co-op Field Trip Coordinator, for forwarding this important information.

NCG&MS Club Member Only
Field Trip to Austin, Nevada
April 26 and 27, 2008
Collection Materials: fluorite, snakeskin and other agates & blue chalcedony

Terry Bartels will have fliers and a sign up sheet available at our April 1 meeting. Interested members can contact Terry.
April 4, 5 & 6 2008, Bakersfield, CA
San Joaquin Valley Lapidary Society
6th Annual Rock & Gem Rendezvous
Indoor Show/Outdoor Tail Gate
Kern County Fairgrounds
1142 South P Street
Hours: Fri. 9 - 8; Sat. & Sun. 9 - 5
Lewis Helfrich (661) 872-8230 or 323-2663
Email: lewsrocks@bak.rr.com

April 4, 5 & 6 2008, San Jose, CA
Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds
344 Tully Road, San Jose
Hours: Fri. 9 - 5; Sat. & Sun. 10 - 5
Frank Mullaney (408) 266-5364
Email: info@scvgms.org
Website: www.scvgms.org

April 12-13 2008, Mariposa, CA
Mariposa Gem & Mineral Club
Mariposa County Fairgrounds
Hours: 10 - 5 both days
Peggy Ronning (209) 742-7625
Email: mineralmuseum@sti.net

April 12-13 2008, Paradise, CA
Paradise Gem & Mineral Club
Elk's Lodge Note (new location)
6309 Clark Road, Paradise CA
Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4
Shirley Thompson (530) 872-1846
Email: shirley1846@comcast.net
Website: www.goldnuggetwebsites.com/PGMC/

April 4, 5 & 6 2008, San Jose, CA
Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds
334 Tully Road
Hours: Fri. 9-5, Sat. & Sun. 10 - 5 both days
Email: info@scvgms.org
Website: www.scvgms.org

April 26-27 2008, Lancaster, CA
The Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Lancaster High School
44701 32nd St. W.
Hours: 9 - 5 both days
Jules Ficke (661) 943-5157
Email: av_gem@yahoo.com
Website: www.geocities.com.av.gem

April 26-27 2008, Santa Cruz, CA
Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society
Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium
at Corner of Center & Church Streets
Hours: 10 - 5 both days
Eleanor & Hubert Drake (831-8086)
Email: hmdrake@pacbell.net

May 2, 3 & 4 2008, Bishop, CA
Lone Pine Gem & Mineral Society
Tri County Fairgrounds
Sierra Street & Fair Drive
Hours: Fri. 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.,
Sat. 9:30 - 4; Sun. 10 - 4:30
Jeff Lines (760) 937-4498

May 3-4 2008, Bakersfield, CA
Kern County Mineral Society
Ming Ave and P Street
Kern County Fairgrounds
Hours: 10-5 both days
Ismael Sanchez (661) 301-4609

May 3 - 4 2008, Anaheim, CA
Searchers Gem & Mineral Society
2271 W. Crescent Avenue
Hours: 10 - 4:30 both days
Betty Nelson (714) 530-1365
Email betty@azteche.com
Website: www.searchersrocks.org

May 10-11 2008, Reno, NV
Reno Gem & Mineral Society
Reno Livestock Events Center
1350 N. Wells Ave.
Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4
John Peterson (775) 356-8820
Website: www.renorockclub.com

May 17-18 2008, Yucaipa, CA
Yucaipa Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Yucaipa Community Center
34900 Oak Glen Road
Hours: Sat. 9 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4
Bill Jochimsen (909) 790-1475
Email: bjim2285@aol.com
Website: www.mysite.verizon.net/YucaipaGem/103.html

Source: CFMS Website:
http://www.cfmsinc.org/
Contact your club’s field trip leader for further information and revisions. CO-OP website also has information: www.ourfieldtrips.org (Password is needed.)

- All non-CFMS members must have proof of personal liability insurance (renters or homeowners policy). These trips are open to all rockhounds who agree to abide by the AFMS Code of Ethics, the directions of the field trip leader and practice safe rockhounding.
- Call the field trip leader beforehand to sign up and for further information.
- Remember to wear your name badge and sign in with the field trip leader.
- A Consent and Assumption of Risk Waiver of Liability form must be signed upon arrival at meeting site.

**SCHEDULE FOR TRIPS:**

April 5    Lovelock, NV for fossils & petrified wood. Fossils for Fun Society, Contact Carole Lockhart.

April 12   CFMS Field Trips North Seminar, 3 presenters. Contact your club field trip leader.

April 19   Stonyford, CA for solid orbicular jasper. Sutter Buttes G & M Society, Contact Gerry Hill. (rain date: May 17, 2008)

April 26   Pulga, CA (N. of Oroville) for Idocrase (“Pulga Jade”). Paradise Gem & Mineral Society, Contact Mike Eggleston.


May 4      CO-OP Quarterly Meeting, at Snyder’s Pow Wow, El Dorado to set up tent.


May 21 – 26 Texas Springs, NV for pink agate limb casts, agate, petrified wood. Tri Federation, Contact Dick Pankey.

May 24, 25, 26 TBA Memorial Weekend TBA


(June 16 - 19 Virgin Valley for Opal, Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Society, Contact Jim Dunlap.

Source: Field Trip Chairmen’s Association

http://www.ourfieldtrips.org

INFORMATION NOT TO BE REPRINTERD

Field Trip Information to be kept confidential