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The President's Message



Hello Searchers,

Here comes April and we all know what that means... April showers bring May rocks! It's time to get ready for our show in May. Please talk to Robert Burson or any of our Show committee to find out which jobs still need to be filled and time slots that are still available.

Our meeting this month is on April 22. Since it's a one-of-a-kind meeting, we will have a rock swap instead of a speaker. Bring some cool rocks to trade. This will likely be a shortened meeting.

While attending the BLM's DAC (Desert Advisory Council) meeting last weekend I was asked by the new chairman of the Connecting People with the Desert subgroup to try to find a rockhound to join their committee. It will meet 4 times in the next year. They want to try to work up ideas to make the desert more attractive to people in general and kids in particular. Why was I asked? I was asked because I stood up at the microphone and objected to the proposed makeup of the committee. The proposed committee would have NO recreation reps, NO earth sciences reps and would consist of little but Conservation and Energy representatives who are more likely to restrict access to the desert rather than make it more accessible. Do YOU have what it takes to represent rockhounds? Can YOU influence people? We need YOU! Here is a link for more information:

http://www.blm.gov/pgdata/etc/medialib/blm/ca/pdf/cdd/upcoming_dac_meeting.Par.2304.File.dat/CPWD%20Subgroup%20Structure%20DRAFT.pdf

A typical bureaucratic mouthful...

In My Honest Opinion:

The Big Picture in rockhound news is that the DRECP (Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan) will be coming out soon. This will be a 1000 to 1500 page document that applies designations to every square inch of public land in our deserts as preferred for Alternative Energy, Conservation or Recreation. Essentially they want to streamline the approval process for alternative energy projects. It will take quite some time to digest, but one thing is clear, the government sees the desert as a wasteland that is useless for anything except alternative energy. For that reason this administration has decided to give huge chunks of the Mojave to renewable energy companies. The flatlands go to solar projects and the mountains go to wind power.

Go on a field trip while you still can.

Jay Erb

April's Meeting - Rock Swap

The Rock Swap is where members can bring in rocks and minerals to trade among other members. If you like something from someone else, see if you can make a deal with them to trade with something from your tradable selection. This also gives members a chance to mix and mingle. It's a fun, social gathering.

Membership:

If you have not gotten around to joining or re-joining please contact our membership person Sharon Burson.



Field Trips



DATE	LEADER	LOCATION	STATUS
4-2014	Steve Duncan	Agates and Jaspers & Thulilte South Cadys	4/5-6
5-2014		Opal Mountain	To be determined

The South Cadys (Sandy Wash) and Lavic Siding

April 5-6, 2014 Steve Duncan Trip leader

For field trip information contact:
Steve Duncan V.P.
Field Trips, Searchers Gem and Mineral Society,
 (714) 7247102 (cell) or
wsd@iteris.com

Agate, Jasper and Druzy in Sandy Wash, Jasper in Lavic Siding. Saturday we will collect at Sandy Wash in the Cadys, one of our favorite places. The collecting is agate and druzy in float (rock pick and spray bottle), there is also agate to be dug, and if you are motivated there are very nice agate seams which you will need to hard rock mine (small sledge, chisels, gads, etc). We will spend all day here, so you will want to bring your lunch, as well as a lot of water, sunscreen, hats etc. Saturday's trip starts at 0830, we will leave from the campsite on Lavic Siding Rd.

Sat night we will camp off of Lavic Siding Road, coincidentally there is good jasper collecting within walking distance the camp. I assume someone will be at the camp Friday for anyone who wants to come early. We will have our traditional Sat night potluck and bonfire.

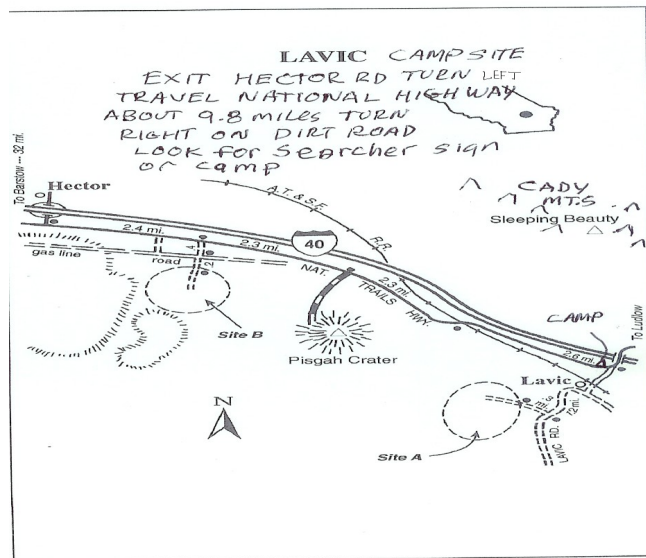
Directions to the Lavic Camp:

I15 north to Barstow, I40 east to hector road exit. Turn right at the bottom of the exit, and then left (east) on Nat'l Trails Hwy. Go about 9.8 miles to where Nat'l Trails Hwy makes a sharp left and crosses over the freeway. Do not cross over the freeway, instead turn right onto the dirt road (Lavic Siding Rd). Camp is maybe a mile down this road, follow the Searcher signs.

The campsite is a dry camp, with no facilities of any kind. There are supplies and gas available in Ludlow 7 miles east of Lavic Rd. There is also a funky motel there, there are many motels available back in Barstow if funky is not your style.

Sunday's trip will leave at 0830 from the camp. We will be collecting Lavic Siding on the south side of the tracks near the lake bed. This site has been heavily collected over the years, but still yields good red and yellow jasper, with the best having "blue chalcedony lightning bolts". Some of this material makes beautiful cabs. Saturday's trip will require high clearance vehicles, if you don't have one we will carpool you with someone. On Sunday's trip a high clearance vehicle is good, but it could probably be managed by a passenger car driven carefully.

If you have any questions contact me (Steve Duncan) at wsd@iteris.com, or 714 724 7102.



One of our sister clubs (the Whittier Gem and Mineral Society) has just listed an impressive field trip schedule for 2014. Members of their club often join us on our trips, and we are welcome to join them on their. You can never get too much rockhounding right? Anyhow, their schedule is below, if you plan to join them please do get in touch with Joe Goetz (their field trip leader) at (626) 622-9420. This way they will know you are planning on attending, and be able to update you if there are any changes to the plan.

2014 Field Trip Schedule

- Apr 26-27 TBA: Maybe the Stoddard Wells area.
 - May 17 Wrightwood: Actinolite and visits to sites along the San Andreas Fault
 - June (TBA) Cerro Gordo Mine: Historical Ghost Town and minerals associated with the mining of silver, lead, and zinc. Noted as a location to find Smithsonian.
 - July 12 Palos Verdes: Glaucoaphane, barite and agate minerals.
 - Aug 2 Nipomo Show/Los Olivos: to collect Serpentine, the California State Rock. Possibly collecting Cinnabar and a stop at Ta-jiguas Creek for fossilized whale bone.
- For up-to-date information on these field trips call Joe Goetz at (626)- 622-9420



Trip Report Castle Buttes

February's field trip to the Castle Butte area was surprisingly successful. The weather was cooperative to a tee. The food at the potluck was superb. The eighteen rockhounds did reasonably well crossing the back country to collect palm root, quality jasper and banded hornstone. Oh yeah! about three hundred pounds of travertine from the campsite mine claim (Sierra Peloma). Using an OHV to pull large chunks of rock out and up a six foot deep hole, Searchers' ingenuity. Sunday's trip to the visitors center turned out to be pleasant surprise, huge piles of minerals pre-cleaned and separated. Hundreds of piles for the taking. Boron welcomed us with open arms.



Long Range Field Trip

We are in the early planning stages for a long range trip this summer. It looks like it will be to Davis Creek for obsidian, and Mcdermitt, Nev . for petrified wood and agates, jaspers, etc. This trip will probably be around the 4th of July, and involve 3 days collecting at each site. If this sounds like something you would want to join please drop me an email so I can get a feel for how many folks are interested. More details will be forthcoming. Steve at wsd@iteris.com.

Club Meeting Activity

DATE	PRESENTER	SUBJECT
4-2014	No Speaker meeting will be 4th Tuesday	Rock Swap
5-2014	Brandon Brown	Mammoth Volcano
6-2014	Jim Bowden	Rattlesnake Awareness

Upcoming 2014 CFMS Gem Shows

For a more complete listing of shows go to website:

www.cfmsinc.org

www.motberlodemineralociety.com/events.html

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April 7: CULVER CITY, CA Culver City Rock & Mineral Club Special Showing Veterans Memorial Auditorium 4117 Overland Blvd., Multi Purpose Room Hours: Mon 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Contact: Janice Metz, (310) 836-4611 Email: janicemtz@yahoo.com Website: www.culvercityrocks.org/meeting.htm
 April 11 - 13: RENO, NV Reno Gem & Mineral Society Craft Show Reno Town Hall Corner of Peckham & So. Virginia Street Hours: Fri 10 - 6; Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 3 Contact: Theresa Langhans, (775) 475-0842 Email: there-salanhans@yahoo.com Website: www.renorockhounds.com
 April 11 - 13: VISTA, CA Vista Gem & Mineral Society Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue Hours: 9 - 5 daily Contact: Ray Pearce, (760) 726-7579 Email: raysrocks@cox.net Website: www.vistarocks.org

April 12 - 13: PARADISE, CA Paradise Gem & Mineral Society Elks Lodge 6309 Clark Road Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4 Contact: Manuel Garcia, (530) 877-7324 Email: paradisegem-mineralclub@yahoo.com Website: www.paradisegem.org

April 12 - 13: SAN JOSE, CA Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society Santa Clara County Fairgrounds 334 Tully Road Hours: 10 - 5 daily Contact: Frank Mullaney, (408) 266-1791; (408) 691-2656 (cell) Email: info@scvgms.org Website: www.scvgms.org

April 19 - 20: MARIPOSA, CA Mariposa Gem & Mineral Society Mariposa County Fairgrounds Fairgrounds Drive (Hwy 49 South - 1.8 miles south of Mariposa) Hours: 10 - 6 daily Contact: Martin Foden, (209) 742-4036 Email: martin@safarigold.com Website: www.camineralmuseum.com

April 26 - 27: THOUSAND OAKS, CA Conejo Gem & Mineral Club Borchard Park Community Center 190 Reino Road (at Borchard Rd.) Hours: 10 - 5 daily Contact: Robert Sankovich, (805) 494-7734 Email: rmsorca@adelphia.net Website: www.cgamc.org

April 26 - 27: SANTA CRUZ, CA Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium Church Street & Center Street Hours: 10 - 5 daily Contact: Dean Welder, (408) 353-2675 Website: www.scmg.org

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May 2 - 4: BISHOP, CA Lone Pine Gem & Mineral Society Bishop Fairgrounds Sierra Street & Fair Drive Hours: Fri 5 - 10; Sat 9 - 7; Sun 10 - 3 Contact: Steve Mobley, (760) 793-6025 Email: steve@littlebearrocks.com

May 3 - 4: JACKSON, CA Amador County Gem & Mineral Society Kennedy Mine 12594 Kennedy Mine Rd (off Hwys 49/88) Hours: 10 - 4 daily Contact: Margaret Kolaczyk Email: blackwolf@volcano.net

May 3 - 4: ANAHEIM, CA Searchers Gem & Mineral Society Brookhurst Community Center 2271 W. Crescent Avenue Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4:30 Contact: Robert &

Sharon Burson, (562) 860-5938; cell (562) 706-2054 Email: bursonrocks@verizon.net Website: www.searchersrocks.org

May 3 - 4: PASO ROBLES, CA Santa Lucia Rockhounds Pioneer Park & Museum 2010 Riverside Avenue Hours: 9 - 5 daily Kim Noyes, (805) 610-0603 Email: kimnoyes@gmail.com Website: www.slockhounds.org

May 3 - 4: YUCAIPA, CA Yucaipa Valley Gem & Mineral Society Scherer Senior Center 12202 First Street Hours: Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 4 Contact: Lee Peterson, (909) 794-0731 Email: res09ayd@verizon.net Website: www.yvgms.org/wiki

May 10 - 11: LANCASTER, CA Antelope Gem & Mineral Society Lancaster High School 44701 - 32nd Street West Hours: 9 - 5 daily Contact: CJ Quitoriano, (661) 209-9092, Email: cj_q_62@yahoo.com Website: www.avgem.weebly.com

May 10 - 11: RENO, NV Reno Gem & Mineral Society Reno-Sparks Livestock Event Center 1350 N. Wells Avenue Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4 Contact: Steve Norman, (775) 358-7322, cell (775) 560-4782 Email: snorm11@hotmail.com Website: www.renorockhounds.com

2014 CFMS Show and Conference

May 30 - June 1 Fairplex, 1101 W. McKinley Ave POMONA, CA

to be hosted by the Pasadena Lapidary Society Show Website: www.cfms2014show.com

May 31 - June 1: ESCONDIDO, CA Palomar Gem & Mineral Club California Center for the Arts 1340 N. Escondido Blvd. Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4 Contact: Michael Bagstad, (760) 489-1897 Email: gemshow@palomargem.org Website: www.palomargem.org

April Birthstone - Diamond

April Birthstone poem

"She who from April dates her years,
 Diamonds shall wear, lest bitter tears
 For vain repentance flow."

April Birthstone - Properties of the Diamond

For those who were born in the month of April the birthstone. The April birthstone poem reflects some of the properties with which the Diamond is associated - enhancing relationships and increasing inner strength. The Traditional Metaphysical Properties for the April Birthstone Diamond are balance, clarity and abundance. The healing properties of the April birthstone are reputed to be effective for health problems relating to brain diseases, pituitary glands. The Diamond is also used to draw out toxins and therefore was used as a remedy for poison.



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Searchers Annual Show



The final show meeting is on Apr 5 at 10AM. All show committee members please plan to attend. As usual members who want to see what is going on with the show are welcome also. We still need volunteers to help with various things. If you are able to help we will certainly find a way to use you.

We need help in other ways also:

- We will need small boxes and grocery bags etc. for people to carry their silent auction purchases or wheel of fortune winnings etc. Please save some or us.
- We need nice small specimens for the wheel of fortune
- We will need some nice items from some of the artists among the Searchers for grab bag prizes and door prizes
- We need some high quality material for the silent auction. We are doing pretty well on quantity, but need some more quality. So if you have 2 or 3 pieces of NICE material you can spare please donate it to the silent auction. You can bring it to me at the next club meeting, or even bring it to the show.

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We will be having a **Searchers Members' sale table**. If you'd like to display up to six items at a time for sale, please contact Margaret at hogarth.m@gmail.com or 909-815-3045. You will also be required to help staff the table. We recommend having more than six items as we refresh the table throughout the show.

Thank you, Margaret

CLEAR CREEK REOPENING

By Kim Campbell Erb

After a “temporary closure” of 6 years, the Clear Creek Management Area reopened March 15 under a new management plan. Under this new plan, the Bureau of Land Management (“BLM”) is allowing limited day-use access to individuals in licensed vehicles on specified routes into the area most prized by rockhounds, which are within what is being called the “Serpentine Area of Critical Environmental Concern” (or “Serpentine ACEC”) for a total of 5 days per year. It could be 5 separate trips, 5 consecutive days, or some combination not exceeding 5 days per year. Each individual (including children) is required to obtain a permit in advance for entry into that area, but there is no fee involved. Currently, each person needs to complete and submit a permit application with the Hollister field office of the BLM, either in person or via email, at least 48 hours in advance, taking into consideration that the BLM office is only open to process applications during business hours Monday through Friday. More information and a link to the form can be found at: http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/hollister/recreation/clear_creek_recreation.html. That area will be for day-use only so camping would need to be outside of the ACEC, but they are enlarging their camping areas outside the ACEC to accommodate the additional visitors to the ACEC area. If you request an application to visit this area, please be sure to request clear instructions regarding entry and exit as routes within the ACEC area are limited use and may be blocked to those without permits. **No organized group events are allowed at this time, so don't plan a club trip yet!**

Something else you will need is Clear Creek Management Area Vehicle Access Pass, which will require payment of a \$5 vehicle fee. This pass is valid for one week and should be available on-site from "iron rangers" (cash or check only) or from the Hollister Field Office from 7:30am to 4:00pm Monday through Friday.

For more information, including maps, please contact:

Bureau of Land Management, Hollister Field Office
20 Hamilton Court
Hollister, CA 95023
Phone: (831) 630-5000



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Special Recreation Subgroup Meeting:

Wednesday, April 23, 2014, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.,

at the

BLM California Desert District Office
22835 Calle San Juan de Los Lagos
Moreno Valley , CA 92553

Kid's Corner

We will be starting a section for kids. The information will be coming from a newsletter for kids called *Mini Miners Monthly* by Diamond Dan Publications . He is kind enough to allow us to use parts of his newsletter. Because of space, the minerals listed below have been extracted so some numbers are missing. I choose most of the common ones.

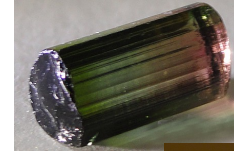
What's In a Name?

Below are a number of minerals names and three choices for the origin or meaning of the name. Do you know where these mineral names came from?

1. **Diamond** is named after
 - a. Diamondas, an island near Australia where large diamonds are found.
 - b. The Greek word adamas which means invincible.
 - c. Sir William Neil Diamond, a famous mineralogist from England.
2. **Labradorite** is named after
 - a. one of "Man's Best Friends", the Labrador Retriever.
 - b. the Latin word labororium which means shines with colors.
 - c. Labrador, Canada where large masses of this variety of feldspar are found.
3. **Gypsum** is named after
 - a. the Greek word gypsos which means plaster.
 - b. the Gypsum mountain range in eastern Texas.
 - c. the name given to a group of European people who traveled from one place to another. They are known as Gypsies.
6. **Dolomite** was named after
 - a. the Dolomite mountains in Austria.
 - b. the French geologist named Dieudonne Guy Sylvain Tancrede Gratett de Dolomieu.
 - c. the American geologist and mineral collector, Stanley Dolomy.
7. **Copper** was named after
 - a. the Greek word for the Island of Cyprus where copper was once found.
 - b. the buttons used on police uniforms (which is also the origin of the slang word for police, "copper" as in, "You can't catch me, copper!")
 - c. the Native American word koprum which means red or red-brown.
10. **Silver** was named after
 - a. an ancient word that means coins or money.
 - b. the Old English word seolfer.
 - c. the similar word sliver since wire silver can look like slivers of metal.
12. **Fluorite** was named after
 - a. the Latin word fluere which means flow.
 - b. the Greek word floros which means flower.
 - c. the Spanish word floritos which means flour.
13. **Garnet** was named after
 - a. the Garnet Valley of northern Ireland.
 - b. granite, the igneous rock in which some varieties of garnet are found.
 - c. the Latin word granatum which means a pomegranate because pomegranate seeds look like bunches of small garnet crystals (or, bunches of small garnet crystals look like pomegranate seeds).



16. **Pyrite** was named after
 a. the Italian geologist Pyrito Benito Celentano.
 b. the Mexican volcano Pyricutin.
 c. the Greek word for fire, pyr.
17. **Galena** was named after
 a. galena, the German word for lead ore.
 b. galena, the Greek word for lead ore.
 c. galena, the Latin word of lead ore.
18. **Tourmaline** was named after
 a. the Portuguese word for gemstones.
 b. the Sinhalese word toramallie used to describe gemstones found in Sri Lanka.
 c. the Russian word for green gemstones.
19. **Topaz** was named after
 a. Topaz Hill, a famous mineral locality in western Utah.
 b. Joaquin Topaz, the mineralogist who first studied and described topaz.
 c. Topazos, an island in the Red Sea. Today it is called Zabargad. Topazos means to seek.
20. **Feldspar** is the name of a group of minerals. This name came from
 a. the longer word fieldspar because early collectors often found specimens in fields.
 b. the Italian geologist, Antonio Feldsparini (1780-1837).
 c. an ancient name used for glassy minerals.
21. **Elbaite** was named after
 a. the mountain called Elba in Italy.
 b. the island called Elba in Italy.
 c. the river called Elba in Italy.
22. **Cavansite** was named after
 a. its chemical composition. It contains calcium, vanadium and silicon.
 b. the fact that it was first discovered in a small cave in India.
 c. the English mineralogist, William James Cavendish.



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WHAT'S IN A NAME

1. b; 2. c; 3. a; 4. c; 5. a; 6. b; 7. a; 8. b; 9. a; 10. b; 11. c; 12. a; 13. c; 14. b; 15.a; 16. c; 17. c; 18. b; 19. c; 20. a; 21. b; 22. a.

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