

MONROVIA ROCKHOUNDS

JULY 2016 NEWSLETTER

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A WORD FROM THE PREZ

For those of you who missed our last meeting, we were entertained by Tony & Sandy Fender who spoke on 50 Weird Things Found in the Mojave Desert. They took the book by Bill Man (with same title) and followed his directions & GPS coordinates to locate these sites. They also told us of a difference of opinion between Bill Mann and Denise Casebier regarding publicizing the locations. Dennis thought that if the sites were publicized, then they might be vandalized. Bill Mann thought differently and wrote the book. Several of the sites have been vandalized-- which is a great shame.

On Saturday we had a picnic at Victor Castellanos next to the little market on the corner of Colorado and Alta Vista in Monrovia. We had a good time eating and talking and eating some more and talking some more.

On Sunday I went with Thomas Witt & Colleen Chestnut to the Meteorite Museum at UCLA. We visited the museum and stayed for the talk on Oriented Meteorites. An Oriented Meteorite is one that comes straight in like a badminton birdie rather than tumbling, thus the Continued. . . .

Mission Statement : Our Purpose is to promote popular interest and education in the earth sciences, including geology, mineralogy, paleontology, the lapidary arts, and related subjects; to sponsor and provide means of coordinating the work and efforts of persons and groups with similar interests; and by and through such means to strive toward greater community and international good will and fellow-ship. We also support promoting and ensuring the right of amateur hobby collecting, recreational rock hunting and the use of public and private lands for educational and recreational purposes related to the earth sciences. We are a registered 501 C 3 education non profit organization.

Affiliations & Accreditations: The Monrovia Rockhounds is affiliated with the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. (CFMS), the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS), and the American Lands Access Association (ALAA).

Membership: Dues are \$20.00 per member per year due by April 1st and \$10.00 per each additional member at the same address. Initiation Fee is \$10.00 per name per new member and includes membership packet and MOROK name badge.

Meetings: Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month. at 7:00 pm, in the basement of the United Methodist Church of Monrovia, located at 140 E. Palm Ave. Monrovia CA 91016. The building is on the corner of Ivy & Palm Ave. We use the door where there is handicapped access in the alley on the west side of the building. Do not try to enter from the front of the building. Guests are al-ways welcome at our General Meetings. Please come and share our love of rocks.

Information: Monrovia Rock Hounds Inc. was founded August 28th, 1957. The club colors are green & white. The club is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing knowledge of the lapidary arts, geology, mineral logy, and other related fields. Members enjoy slide shows, lectures, demonstrations, displays, lapidary classes, as well as field trips for exploration, study and collecting specimens.

Newsletter: We reserve the right to edit all material submitted for publication. If you have any submissions for this newsletter or need to contact the editor Judi Romine (626) 941-6455.

President's Message Continued. . .

downward sides of the meteorite has evidence of melting while the back side is relatively smooth, A member of the South Coast Gem & Mineral Club found an excellent example in a wash near Baker. That meteorite is not on loan to the UCLA Meteorite Museum.

I did indeed has a busy week, but it was lots of fun. I am thinking I would like to go to other museums to see what they have to offer. Museums are normally air conditioned which should be wonderful this summer.

Jo Anna Ritchey, President



September 16 - 18: PLACERVILLE, CA

77th CFMS Show & Convention

Hosted by El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society

El Dorado County Fairgrounds - 100 Placerville Drive

Hours: Fri - Sun 10 - 5 daily

Contact: Barbara Terrill - 530 676-2375 - Email: info@rockandgemshow.org

Website: CFMS Show Web Site Coming Soon

JUNE 7, 2016 BOARD MEETING

OFFICERS PRESENT: Jo Anna Ritchey, President, Jim Lloyd, Treasurer, Colleen Chestnut, Secretary. Victor Castellano, Representative were present. Thomas Witt, VP was not present.

MEETING PROGRAMS:

June 16th. Tony and Sandi Fender program on 50 Weird Things the Mohave (follows Bill Mann's book)

July 21st. Victor Castellano's topic will be Where is Water Going?

TREASURER: Jim Lloyd said we have 22 paid members. Due were due April 1 and delinquent July 1.

FIELD TRIP: June 18 – UCLA Meteorite Museum.

MAFA Show in October: Jo Anna will look into it and make an application.

BULLETIN: Jo Anna sent an updated roster to Judi Romine so she can send out the June bulletin.

NEW BUSINESS:

--Jo Anna reported on the June 1 scholarship ceremony. She said that \$41,000 in scholarships were given out by local clubs (mostly in \$500 and \$1,000 amounts). She said the ceremony was interesting and impressive. Juan Esparza thanked us.

ANNUAL PICNIC: Victor will purchase the items for the cheeseburgers and fixings.he will get plates, cups, napkins and plastic ware. We decided for 20 people and the Club will reimburse him. Jim will get the mayonnaise and mustard and some surprise door prizes from the garage. Jo Anna will brings drinks from the cupboard at the UMC and purchase a couple more. Members are requested to bring ships, salads and side dishes.

Colleen Chestnut, Secretary

June 16, 2016 General Meeting

Officers present: Jo Anna Ritchey, president, Thomas Witt, VP, Jim Lloyd, Treasurer, Colleen Chestnut, Secretary.

Programs: Thomas Witt, VP announced tonight's program is 50 Unusual Things Found in the Mohave Desert.

--July 21st Victor's Theory of Water

--August 18th. Dr Carter from PCC, hopefully

Field Trips: There will be a field trip to the UCLA Meteorite Museum this Sunday, June 19th per Thomas Witt. We will car pool and leave at 12:00 noon. The program is from 2:00 to 3:00PM.

Treasurer: Jim Lloyd reported 23 paid members

Fellowship: Linda Doran said we have 6 members and 4 guests present.

June birthdays: Linda Doran, Becky Fregoso and Michael Machlis.

Show Chairman: Jo Anna has reserved Ayres Hall for the March 2017 show.

Federation Director: Jo Anna said that Victor Castellano, representative, will attend the CFMS Show in Placerville from September 15-18, 2016.

Bulletin Editor: Judi Romine needs articles and pictures.

New Business:

Scholarship Winner: Jo Anna presented the \$500.00 scholarship to Juan Esparza on June 1st. She was impressed how many clubs and individuals gave out scholarships totalling \$41,000.00.

Picnic: The picnic is this Saturday June 18th at 2:00PM at Victor's on the corner of Colorado and Alta Vista. The club will take care of the hamburgers, drinks and paper goods. Members are requested to bring either a salad, side dish, desert or chips. Be prepared to tell your story of your favorite rock or use for your rocks. There will be a surprise door prize.

Refreshments: Provided by Colleen Chestnut and Thomas Witt. **Program:** Tony and Sandi's slides and talk about unusual things in the Mohave Desert was fascinating.

Colleen Chestnut, Secretary

WEST COAST GEM & MINERAL SHOW

NOV. 11 - 13, 2016

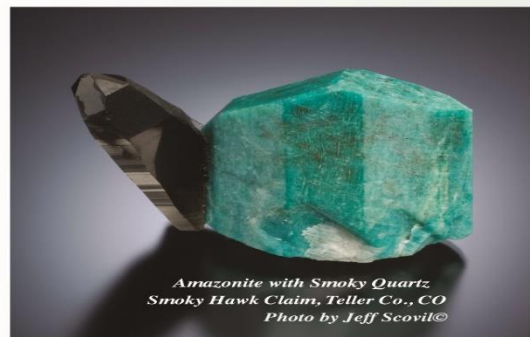
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July Birthdays
 Gail Parks – July 30
 Laura Lloyd – June 19



MESSAGE FROM THE V. PRES

Hello Moroks,

Well, here we are approaching the month of July and our weather is Hot, Hot, Hot! A word of caution: try to stay cool and hydrate! Drink water.

It has been a busy few days this past week with the club meeting and our guest speakers, Sandie and Tony Fender. They provided us with an informative program with photos of trips into the Mojave following part of the old Mojave Trail thru Afton Canyon and some of their places they enjoy the most.

On Saturday we enjoyed the club's picnic at Victor Castellanos. Thank you Victor for your hospitality. It was a very hot day and shade was at a premium. We enjoyed some tasty food and snacks together.

On Sunday we (Jo Anna Ritchey, Colleen Chestnut and I) took a field trip to UCLA to check out the Meteorite Gallery where we met Professor John Watson. He introduced us to some of the gallery's wonderful specimens including UCLA's own 380 lb. meteorite. They also had two on loan from a private party with one tipping the scale at almost 600 lbs. A hands on experience! They also had display cases containing slices and small specimens.

We then moved into the lecture hall to listen to a speaker from Duke University, Professor Nick Gessler on "Oriented Meteorites: Sculptured by Fire". Meaning what happens to this space rock as it enters the Earth's atmosphere is that it starts to melt upon entry. A super high pressure turns to Plasma and the front side of the Meteorite starts to melt and leaves all sorts of striations and patterns on the face.

For July, Victor Castellanos will be delivering a report on Water. We are all aware of our need for water and the short supply of it of late.

Hope to see more of you at the meeting.

Thomas Witt, VP



Photos from our field trip to UCLA Meteorite Museum

MULTI-CLUB FIELD TRIP TO WRIGHTWOOD

SATURDAY, JULY 9TH, 2016 7am — 4:30pm

Lead by: Don Ogden (North Orange County) and Mark Nelson (Pasadena)

Activity: This trip is both a collecting and an educational activity. California is highly affected by the movement of our Earth's tectonic plates. On this field trip we will see dramatic evidence of where the North American and Pacific plates collide with each other. We will visit several locations along the San Andreas Fault. We will have the opportunity to collect Actinolite specimens.

Transportation: This trip is suitable for all types of cars. Due to limited parking at some of the collecting areas, car-pooling and sharing gas expenses is recommended.

Physical Requirements: We will start at an elevation of 860' in San Dimas and reach 5935' at Wrightwood. Collecting the mineral specimens of Actinolite, Blue Schist and Dolomite require walking over uneven stream bottoms. There will be toilet facilities at Lost Lake (pit toilet) and at our stop at the Grizzly Café in Wrightwood.

Bring: Water, lunch, camera, layered clothing, hat, sunblock and a collecting bag or bucket. Sandwiches may also be purchased at the Grizzly Café.

RSVP: With the fire activity this summer wilderness closures are a possibility. Confirm you are coming and give us a cell or home phone number to call in case there is a schedule change!! Contact Mark Nelson at pasadenalapidary@aol.com or 909-996-1784.

Schedule:

- 7:30am Meet in the parking lot of Lowes Hardware next to the McDonald's at 633 W. Bonita Ave, San Dimas, CA 91773. Here you will sign a liability waiver and have an opportunity to get food or beverages from McDonald's.
- 8:00 am Depart for San Andreas Fault sites along Old Route 66 in the Cajon Pass.
- 9:00 am Visit Lost Lake, a seismic fault sag pond. Pit toilet available.
- 10:00 am Collecting Actinolite in areas east of Wrightwood along Lone Pine Canyon Road. Time permitting, we will stop at an old Dolomite mine.
- 12:00 pm Stop at Grizzly Café 1455 State Highway 2 in Wrightwood. Restroom and to-go sandwiches are available here.
- 1:00 pm Arrive at Highway 2 Actinolite collecting area for lunch and collecting.
- 3:00 pm Depart for our return drive to San Dimas or home.
- 4:00pm Back at meeting place in San Dimas.



UPCOMING MEETINGS:

BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2016

2:00 pm at the Ritchey's

224 Oaks Ave

Monrovia, CA 91016

All members welcome

GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2016

7:00 pm United Methodist Church Basement



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