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EDUCATIONAL MEETING
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, 7:00 PM
4TH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, 7:00 PM

EDUCATIONAL MEETING LOCATION: ROSEVILLE FAIRGROUNDS,
GARDEN ROOM, 800 ALL AMERICA CITY BLVD., ROSEVILLE, CA

BOARD MEETING LOCATION: GRANITE BAY LIBRARY,
6475 DOUGLAS BLVD, GRANITE BAY, CA

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July 2005

Barbecue-Potluck
July 12 at the Fairgrounds!
Starts early at 6:30 PM





From the President's Pen:

It's July and we'll be meeting at our new site at the Placer County Fairgrounds in Roseville. The show is over and we are sorting through the heaps of equipment, boxes of odds and ends, and the bills. The "next big thing" is to put together a shop. We'll be looking over our options and opportunities, but please bring forward any ideas or locations that you may have become aware of recently.

If you haven't looked at a calendar, we are only 8 months out from our regular show in March. After the monster we just put on, the next regular show should look like a cake walk. While we have an interim show chair, please consider taking on the task of show chair, dealer chair, and other positions to get our show up and running. I know that Rob, Karla, Gloria, Betty, Bob and others are glad to assist anybody who would like to stretch out a little and gain some experience in event planning and management!

Thanks again to all who put their heart and soul into this show, it was a big success by all standards. Thanks to the "crew," the "regulars," the ones who are always there on breakdown evening, breaking cases, undoing saw horses, and hauling plywood. Without the breakdown crew, the rest of us would have been broken!!!!!! See you at the potluck in July!

Jim Hutchings

Vice President's Viewpoint:

Did we have a show! What a terrific production! We hope all RRR members participated and had at least a few minutes to enjoy the show. Special thanks goes to Gloria Marie (Tomczyk) for her vision of a CFMS/RRR Show and her tireless work on all aspects of the event. Thanks to Jim Hutchings for being one of the go-to persons on the show days, for creating an awesome entry to the banquet and for countless hours of organizing things in advance. A special thanks goes to Rob Blazina for his many hours on the show layout and publicity, for handling various problems and concerns during the show, and for reconciling the proceeds of the show. Also we appreciate Bob Oleachea for tirelessly managing set-up, take-down and all other aspects of the trailer, as well as being there all 3 days. As to Kid's Junction (my responsibility) a big thank you goes to Kathy Messersmith, Victoria Clark, Jinnie Pennelly and John Cartwright. Of course we appreciate everyone else who worked very hard and made the Blast a real success.

At the June Educational meeting, we enjoyed a fascinating video (purchased by Jim Hutchings) on Coober Pedy. This area, in the desert of South Australia, is known as the opal capital of the world, as up to 95% of the world's supply of commercial opal comes from this locale. Among other things, the movie showed various mining techniques, how visitors can "noodle" for opal missed by miners and living underground. Interestingly, Bob and Inez Berg are friends of one of the miners shown in the film. If you missed it, ask Jim to borrow it.

Karla Shannon

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR JULY 12, 2005

Again, it's that time of year for our ANNUAL POTLUCK DINNER. So as in the past, bring your own plates and utensils. The club will furnish the usual beverages. Members: please bring the suggested potluck items as determined by the first letter of your last name.

Last name beginning with the letters –

A through F: please bring a main dish/hot dish

G through O: please bring a salad or side dish

P through Z: please bring a dessert



And don't forget to claim your "Just Rewards" -- see Page 3!

**MINUTES FOR ROSEVILLE ROCK ROLLERS
EDUCATIONAL MEETING JUNE 14, 2005**

1. **Call to order** at 7:05 by President Jim Hutchings.
2. **Flag Salute**
3. **Present:** 25+ members, 10 guests and 2 juniors.
4. **Introductions** of guests.
5. **Show** - information discussed, thanks given to participants, members with constructive complaints or concerns were asked to bring or send that information to the board meeting for discussion, preliminary income on some activities was reported. An issue was brought before the general membership for discussion and an advisory vote for the board and the next show committee. While the kitchen does generate some income, especially for this show, the toll on the club members is greater than the income and the question put forward was: should we continue to maintain a kitchen at our future shows, or offer it up to a concession? The vote was unanimous to concession out the kitchen and possibly maintain a pie, cake, donut and drink concession.
6. **Drawings:** Winners were: Rob Blazina, Member; Sonja Cartwright, Junior; and Larry McCoy, Guest.
7. **Field Trips** – no trip is scheduled for July.
8. **Recess for Refreshments**
9. **Program** - VP Karla Shannon gave a presentation on the region of the Coober Pedy opal fields as an introduction to the commercial film on the subject.
10. **Further Business** - due to the length of the film, no reports were given, no further new or old business was discussed. Bob Oleachea put forward a motion to reimburse various members of the show committee for expenditures of gasoline related to the show. The motion was seconded by Charlie Brown and the motion carried by a show of hands. The members involved, each declined to accept the offer and expressed a desire to see the money maintained in the club account towards a shop.
11. **Adjournment** - meeting was adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Hutchings, acting secretary

**MINUTES FOR ROSEVILLE ROCK ROLLERS
BOARD MEETING JUNE 28, 2005**

1. **Call to Order** at 7:12 P.M. by President Jim Hutchings.
2. **Present:** all officers except Frank Yoschak. Guests: Jim Barton, Bob and Margaret Oleachea and Al and Linda Woltman.
3. **Minutes** for Board Meeting on May 24, 2005 and Ed. Meeting on June 14, 2005. Motion to approve was passed.
4. **Bills** – Terry Yoschak said there were no bills since last meeting. The Garden Room rental is paid through December 2005.

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5. **Communications** – received passes for upcoming Gem Faire, the Vallejo Club is selling equipment and Terry Yoschak received a letter from Alan Hukill, a judge for the All American Award. The PA announcer for the show, Dale Rieth, sent us a thank you note for having him at the show.
6. **Membership** – applications were received from Jeanette Butler and Laurie Ann Hunter. A motion to approve both applications was made and approved.
7. **Treasurer's Report** – Terry reported there has been little activity.
8. **Programs** – Karla said July's meeting will be the potluck (Jim is bringing the meat). Hugh will be bringing some items from the silent auction material for members to take as a reward for a successful show. Start time is 6:30 P.M. August is the ice cream social and September will have an oral auction.
9. **Librarian** – Diane Killen will bring a list of possible purchases for decisions from the Board.
10. **Field Trip Director** – we still do not have a field trip leader. No trips for July. Suggestions were made for August. We will encourage RRR members to attend the CO-OP trip to the Virgin Valley in August.
11. **Directors** – John Moulder discussed a phone called he received from the vendor selling gold pans.
12. **CFMS Director** – no report from the Directors' meeting. (Inez Berg attended.) Gloria reported Marion Roberts, CFMS President, would like the Club to nominate Dr. John Parrish for membership into CFMS. A motion was made to nominate him to become a CFMS member, in the appropriate clarification, as defined by CFMS. Motion passed. Gloria will get the details. Gloria plans to attend the Directors' meeting in Fresno in November.
13. **New Business** – at Hugh's request, discussion regarding what to do with the materials/boxes stored in Bradys' garage and on Bradys' and Oleacheas' properties. More 2 ½ or 5 gal. containers are needed. It was decided to have a committee clean out the trailer so some space will be available for the boxes. Bob Oleachea mentioned the trailer should go on blocks and have the tires changed. Other suggestions, have a live auction or bulk sale of the materials.
14. **Show** – discussed what to do with the check received from Debbie Bunn; Gloria will contact her. The summary, which is being written, was discussed. Some expenses and incomes were shared. Jim will be meeting with the Fairgrounds management to go over the final accounting. Discussion occurred regarding the field trips to the 16-1 Mine. Gloria will look into the original agreement with them. Discussed costs and extensive advertising that was done. Gloria shared some of the ads in the newspapers. Final accounting is still being done. Discussed what to do with the remaining sapphires. Hugh discussed the gas money motion which was passed at the Educational Meeting and he joined the others in declining to accept the offer. Florence is still sending out thank you letters to other clubs. Our next show will be March 26 and 27, 2006.
15. **Adjournment** – meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Florence Brady, Secretary



Notes of Appreciation:



We attended the Show on Friday and really enjoyed it all. But I am mainly emailing to say that we went on the field trip to the Original 16 to 1 Mine and had a great time. Thank you so much for arranging it!! It was a very interesting tour and the whole day was just wonderful. Thank you.

Joyce Black/Richard Engstrand
Reno Gem & Mineral Society

I just wanted to let you know what a great job you did in putting together the Roseville Gem show. My 2 sons and I attended the show on June 10th and we had a really fun time. The exhibits were excellent, the people friendly and helpful and the cost very reasonable. We spent about 5 hrs walking around and could not get enough. And they were learning all about rocks and minerals and fossils in a way that was fun! We plan on going again next year and to any other shows....thanks again for such a fun start to the summer.

Paula, Cole and Jake.

Our show's success could not have happened without teamwork! Everyone did an awesome job and didn't give up.

Our club and members have now achieved what very few clubs ever obtain, that is the highest level of respect within the organization. Our world has now changed, and each and every Roseville Rock Roller Club member can be very proud of this wonderful show. For MANY years to come, folks will be talking about how great this show was, our club, and our members.

It would never have been possible without everyone's contribution.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR MAKING ROSEVILLE ROCK ROLLERS LIVE ON IN HISTORY!

Gloria Tomczyk, RRR-CFMS Show Chair

Welcome New Members

Laurie Ann Hunter
Jeanette Butler

We hope to see you at all the meetings, and we hope you will take advantage of our Club's many perks and the opportunity to learn and grow with others who share this wonderful hobby!

JUST REWARDS

Congratulations everyone on a very successful show. We all worked hard and now it's time to relax a little. Come to the potluck, eat, visit and take home a token of appreciation. We had a good auction and sale but I know many of you were busy and did not get back to our auction area as often as you might have liked. We sold a lot, but had other items that did not sell or, often, never made it to the table. I have selected a variety of items to be given out at the potluck as **a reward to ourselves for a job well done**. We'll hold a drawing for these, so be sure to sign in on arrival. There should be enough for at least one prize for each person. If you cannot attend but want participate in the drawing, call me and we'll add your name to our drawing. We'll also have some old magazines, findings, craft items, etc. which will be free to anyone who can use them.

Hugh Brady
Silent Auction Chair

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Sunshine

Sympathy cards were sent to Florence Brady, whose mother died in June, and to the family of Joy Hutchins, who died recently. Joy was not a member of our club, but she was a popular exhibitor at our shows. When you have items for Sunshine, please contact Lois Reynolds.

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Board Meetings

There will be no Board meetings in July or August.

**CFMS Awards Won by RRR
and individual members
(presented at the 2005 CFMS Show)**

CFMS Show Host Award 2005 – Blue Plaque
Roseville Rock Rollers

CFMS All American Award – Silver Plaque
Roseville Rock Rollers

Diamond Pacific Tool Corporation award for Best
in Show Cabochons – Marble Plaque
Frank Yoschak

Bulletin Awards:
First Place, Advanced Technical Article
Terry Yoschak
Fourth Place, Adult Article
Gloria Tomczyk

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 7/3 Bill Usrey
- 7/15 Robert Willis
- 7/16 Gloria Tomczyk
- 7/21 Dennis Robnett
- 7/23 Sherry Sands
- 7/24 John Cartwright
- 7/29 Kelvin Clark
- 7/31 Inez Berg



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FYI: Turitella is composed of small gastropod sea shells fossilized into rock. The coiled shape of the sea shells can be seen scattered throughout the stone. The unique design, as well as the color, gives it the nickname "rattlesnake agate." Turitella is found only in Southern Wyoming.

via Golden Spikes News 6/02, via Rock Licker 7/02

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Safe Collecting

by Paul Hlava

Most of what I will be writing is common sense. A word to the wise should be sufficient - THINK. Normally, collecting is done out in the field, far from the cozy environment we are used to around our homes. Out there you have to think about where and how you walk, what you wear, the things that can damage you, the things you might damage, a different set of rules for courtesy, a different set of rules for showing respect, the fact that you are with a bunch of couch potatoes who are doing vigorous and dangerous activities that they are not ready for, and your own situation.

First you should consider yourself and your physical condition. Are you really in god enough shape to hike steep trails at 14,000 feet and swing a 20 pound sledge to get to the good stuff? Well, can you handle a two mile walk at moderate altitude in the hot summer sun carrying 50 pounds of rock? Can you make it from your air-conditioned car to the road-cut without getting out-of-breath? Know your limitations and behave accordingly. You don't want to be carried out of the field like a sack of potatoes (or worse).

Even on the gentle field trips there tends to be a lot of walking and moderate climbing. BE prepared for irregular footing, steep hillsides, loose and unstable rock on the ground, and sharp rocks all over (and use the right foot-wear). Running and horseplay are definite NO-NO'S. And, as a point of field trip courtesy, watch where you walk in regard to others in the area. When on a steep slope avoid walking above others as you may dislodge a piece of rock and injure them. (Corollary - watch out for careless people above you on a steep slope.) If the space is tight and you have to work above others you should warn them about any errant missiles - yell ROCK! when appropriate.

Use tools properly. Wedging a geopick (rock hammer with one pick end) into a crevice and hitting it with another hammer is inviting trouble. I personally know three one-eyed geologists who got that way by using their hammers as chisels. Chisels are soft steel, hammers are hardened steel. When you hit soft steel with hardened steel the soft steel deforms. When you hit two pieces of hardened steel together, one or both tend to form razor sharp chips that fly off at high speed and cause trouble. Chisels are cheap. Buy a set and use them. If you need to use a sledge hammer to bust up a big boulder, use one that is the right size for you. Make sure you have enough room to swing without hitting others with the hammer or rock chips. (Corollary - people should not crowd in on a hammer swinging collector even if he's working on the best piece of material around). And rest before you lose the control needed to hit the rock just where you want.

From News Nuggets, 4/94

Scenes from a Show

by Terry Yoschak, Bulletin Editor

My impressions of just a few first-hand scenes which I witnessed at the show:

De Rain, Boss, De Rain!

Everyone knows it never rains in June in Roseville. So it seemed like a bad scene from *Fantasy Island* on Wednesday morning when we began to set up for the Show. It was actively raining all day – same thing on Thursday until late afternoon. But for the show dates of Friday, Saturday and Sunday, all the TV weather forecasters were relentlessly predicting sunny temps of 85-86-90. Indeed, they were exactly right (and what are the chances of that?) The average weather for Roseville in June is 86, and we were SO glad to be average!

On the Front Lines

The ticket booths, the raffle booth, and the Hospitality table were all swarming with people as soon as the show began. While working at the Advance Registration table near the front, I had a taste of dealing with all the exhibitors and vendors who needed to know where to go and what to do. I felt I was in a battle without a general, since our Show Exhibits Chair, Florence Brady, had to bow out of the show, due to the sadly sudden death of her mother. Although we eventually “muddled through,” with a great deal of help from the volunteers in the other CFMS clubs, it would have been much smoother with Florence there!

Getting the Shaft

We were all looking forward to Saturday night's banquet as a time to get together and SIT DOWN for a while, which it seemed we hadn't done for a few days. The banquet site at the Woodcreek Golf Club was, I had heard, a nice new place in the section of Roseville where all sorts of new buildings are going up. But I had never seen it until that evening.

When we walked up to the banquet room entrance in our nice suits and dresses, I was astounded to see rickety wooden pilings and black plastic around the door. My first thought was, “Oh, no! We picked a place that was still under construction?!”

Well, no, it was the imagination of our club, which had continued the show's “Blast” theme by turning the banquet room door into the entrance to a mine shaft, complete with a costumed miner played by Al Woltman. All the guests wanted their photo taken alongside “Miner Al,” and the banquet was a great success.



Unusual Requests

A very pregnant lady was in front of me in the Rock Puppy Café line, and she had ordered a hot dog. Me, too. But they ran out of hot dogs! (This was late on Sunday). “But I'm pregnant!” she cried, “and I want a hot dog!” Diane Killen rushed up, and said, “Here! Have this piece of cake! On the house!”

A vendor ran up to several of us green-vested Rock Rollers in Jones Hall, asking if there was Internet access anywhere on the Fairgrounds, since he needed to receive an Internet phone call from China regarding his business and had to “plug in” somewhere. Too high-tech for me to know the answer! But our Show announcer, Dale Rieth, came over and said, “Hey, you can hook up right here!”

I don't know if everything worked out OK for the lady or for the vendor, but the incidents were both examples of those in-a-pinch situations where everyone did their best to accommodate all our visitors and vendors.

In the Pink

I was in Lauppe Hall, snapping photos of the gorgeous exhibits there, when I saw a young mother with two little kids, a boy and girl, holding them up to look into the display cases. The little girl, about 5, was wearing a pink hat, pink t-shirt, and pink shoes. She suddenly exclaimed: “Look, Mommy! Those rocks are PINK !!” If you had heard the excitement in her voice, you could easily believe that another rockhound was born that day.

Earth Science Seminars - Camp Paradise

Camp Paradise is a weeklong seminar sponsored by the CFMS. You can meet new and old friends in our hobby to study lapidary arts in stonecutting, carving, silversmithing and fabrication, wax and silver and gold casting, stone setting, wire wrap art, silver clay, copper enameling, glass bead making, glass fusion and others. Some supplies are available from the instructors at a nominal fee.

The different instructors plus the various talents from other students give you a chance to learn new and different ways and techniques to do more things better for more enjoyment in our hobby.

It still amazes me the number of people who have never heard of "Camp Paradise" or "Zzyzx." This is such a great program which CFMS has sponsored, I sometimes wonder if those who have been are not telling anyone so they are sure to get in next year. Please, everyone spread the word to your fellow hobbyist what a great time you've had. Let them also enjoy the fun and experience too.

This is a church camp which we are able to use in their off season. So, No Pets, No firearms, No alcohol. The camp is located about 42 miles northeast of Marysville, in a beautiful pine and cedar tree setting. It truly is "Camp Paradise." By the way, it is not to be confused to be in the city of Paradise, California. It is rustic with small dormitory rooms with the bath down the hall; there are also a limited number of RV spaces available if that is your preference. The elevation is about 3800 feet.

Yes, there is still time to register, but hurry .Get your application from your club CFMS Director or download it from www.cfmsinc.org, just click on forms, scroll down and print. You'll be glad you did.

First week -September 11-17, 2005
Second week September 18-24,2005

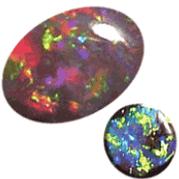
Jack Williams,
Camp Paradise Coordinator

**Camp Paradise photo
by Bural La Rue, 2000**



First Annual Virgin Valley Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Show

To the Roseville Rock Rollers:



An invitation is extended to your club to attend the 1st annual Virgin Valley gem, mineral, fossil and jewelry show over the Labor Day weekend. To be held at the Opal Negra Mine millsite.

There is no fee to buyers or sellers. There is plenty of space to set up a booth or to tailgate.

Free camping is available at the nearby CCC campground. Or, if needed, there are full hookups at the Royal Peacock's RV Park, reservations are recommended.

If you have ever wanted to dig at one of the world famous opal fee digs, here's another reason to go!

More information is available on the Opal Negra Mine website, including maps, driving directions and links; at this address: <http://thegemdealer.com/gemshow/virginvalleygemshow.htm>

For questions not answered at the web site contact Scott Ryals at: gemshow@thegemdealer.com or call 1-800-803-7601

Hope to see you there!

Scott Ryals
Opal Negra Mining