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EDUCATIONAL MEETING  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

2<sup>ND</sup> TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, 7:00 PM  
4<sup>TH</sup> TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, 7:00 PM

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

BOARD MEETING LOCATION: ROSEVILLE FAIRGROUNDS,  
WORKSHOP TRAILER BEYOND GATE "C" PARKING LOT

*Changes and exceptions will be published in the bulletin.*

**GUESTS AND VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME**

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August 2006  
Ice Cream Social





### *From the President's Pen:*

I scream, you scream, we all scream for Ice Cream! It's the Ice Cream Social and I am considering the purchase of a new Ice Cream maker to meet Bob O's challenge to get back to home made ice cream. Not every body can do that with work and commute schedules, but some of us can and there are probably some who have never tasted home made!!!!

Duncan Canyon was well attended by GPAA members and some of the Rock Rollers. We'll do it again so those who could not make it, might be able to do so.

Reminder, the Rookie Rock Rollers meets for the first time at the shop at 5:30 on the same day as our educational meeting. If you know of young folks who might like to join, bring them and we'll work out the membership issues with them later. Currently, we invite them to attend the first meeting on us. If they like it and want to join, a parent (or a legal guardian) may make application for family membership and a name tag for them and the youth/youths at the second meeting where we can get the board to consider their membership.

We still need yard rocks for in front of the shop. If you have some, we can line up a truck and get some help to move them when you are ready. Let Jim Barton or me know!

*Jim Hutchings*

### *Vice President's Viewpoint:*

The July Educational meeting was the Roseville Rock Rollers' annual summer potluck. It was a lively, fun and casual event, which allowed our members, both old and new, to gather and socialize. There was plenty of food from tasty casseroles, pasta, chicken and barbequed ribs, to abundant salads, fresh vegetables and other side dishes. For dessert, there was entire table full of colorful and tempting cakes, pies, cookies, brownies and fruits. Many were home cooked. It was difficult not to want to sample it all!

We had a very successful silent auction with some interesting and unusual mineral specimens. We really appreciate the donations from some of our members. The evening ended with a slide show of photographs taken throughout the past year. They included pictures of the progress on the new lapidary shop, in addition to field trips, classes taken by members, our 2006 show and Roseville Rock Rollers' visits to other club's shows.

Our August meeting will be another enjoyable function: the ice cream social. We will also have another silent auction, materials from members' excursions, and books & videos from the library.

*Karla Shannon*

#### ***EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR AUGUST 8, 2005***

Again, it's that time of year for our **Annual Ice Cream Social**. As in the past, bring your own plates/bowls and utensils. The club will furnish the usual beverages.

**Members: please bring your favorite ice cream, or other dessert item, and/or toppings like sprinkles, syrup, fruit, whatever.**

And don't forget your ice cream scoops!

**Setup at 6:30 PM**

*Bring a friend, because . . . Visitors are always welcome!*



### MINUTES FOR ROSEVILLE ROCK ROLLERS EDUCATIONAL MEETING JULY 11, 2006

1. **Call to Order** by President Jim Hutchings at 6:50 p.m.
2. **Flag Salute.**
3. **Present:** 42 members, 1 junior and 6 guests.
4. **Invocation** by Milton Houston.
5. **Potluck** – Beef, pork ribs, chicken, many side dishes and salads, as well as desserts were served.
6. **Drawing Winners** – adult John Wieting, junior Sarah Phillips, guest Jerry Randall.
7. **Sunshine** – Bob Oleachea reported that RRR member Dale Cameron had died.
8. **August Educational Meeting** - this meeting will be the annual Ice Cream Social. The original tradition was to bring homemade ice cream.
9. **Correspondence** – Terry Yoschak reported that RRR member Lorraine McCrummen would be sending a copy of a film featuring Myron Zents' contributions to the State Fair Exhibit in 1999. Members who wish to copy the tape could do so at a future date.
10. **Lapidary Shop Update** – A one-page summary about the shop was passed out to everyone at the meeting. It will also be published in the August Bulletin. Jim Hutchings said there would be a "Fast Track" class beginning July 23 from 8 a.m. until the afternoon, for those wanting to go through an entire course in one day. Jim also said we needed lots more "yard rocks" to place around the outside of the shop.
13. **Juniors Program** – Cathy Hutchings said the program will start August 8. It will be on the second Tuesday of each month, from 5:30 to 6:45, right before the regular Educational Meeting. There will be a "lesson" portion and an "arts & crafts" portion. Like Scouts, the juniors can earn patches, 9 different ones in all. Each junior must purchase a name badge, and at least one adult parent or guardian must be an RRR member.
14. **Field Trips** – Jim Hutchings summarized the upcoming trip to Duncan Canyon. Several club members said they were interested in attending.
15. **Slide Show** – Jim Hutchings showed a slide show of around 200 photos taken of our club's activities this year, including the RRR annual show, the lapidary shop, the CFMS-Calaveras Show, and various classes and programs which we sponsored throughout the first half of 2006. We are hoping that we can get enough photos to do a similar slide show at the December meeting, to cover the last half of 2006. Send photos to Terry Yoschak or Jim. We are especially lacking in field trip photos.
16. **Adjournment** – Educational Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Terry Yoschak, Acting Secretary

### MINUTES FOR ROSEVILLE ROCK ROLLERS BOARD MEETING JULY 11, 2006

There were not enough members available for a quorum, and thus there was no official meeting. Two new membership applications were turned in which need to be approved.



#### AFMS LAND USE POLICY

1. Adherence to the AFMS Code of Ethics assures compliance with most statutes and regulations governing collecting on public lands and encourages respect for private property rights and the environment. Clubs are urged to read the AFMS Code of Ethics in at least one meeting every year, to publish the Code frequently in the club newsletter, and to compel compliance on club field trips.
2. Individuals and clubs are urged to write their elected representatives and land use management agency supervisors regarding issues of rule making, legislation and enforcement affecting field collecting of minerals and fossils.
3. Individuals and clubs are urged to join and support activities of the American Lands Access Association (ALAA), a sister organization with responsibility for advancing the interests of earth science amateurs with legislatures and land use management agencies.
4. The AFMS will receive a report from ALAA at its annual meeting.
5. The AFMS endorses the principle of multiple use of public lands as a guarantee of continuing recreational opportunities.
6. Wilderness and monument designations are inconsistent with the principle of multiple use. In view of the vast amount of public land already designated as wilderness and monuments, future such designations should be minimal, taking into account the increased demand for recreational opportunities, including rockhounding, created by a growing population.
7. In furtherance of the principle of multiple use, the AFMS believes that laws, regulations and rules established by relevant governmental authorities should be designed to allow freest possible access to all public lands, coupled with minimal restrictions on the recreational collection of minerals, fossils, gemstone materials and other naturally occurring materials.
8. A right to collect minerals and fossils on public lands should be protected by statute.
9. The AFMS urges its members to work with any or all government authorities to achieve a good working relationship in order to improve the "Public Image" of recreational collectors.

From AFMS Website, [www.amfed.org](http://www.amfed.org)

# In Memoriam

Dale Cameron, who was a member of the Roseville Rock Rollers for 24 years, passed away on July 7 of cancer. He was 81. The following article is excerpted from the obituary notice in the *Sacramento Bee*.

As a child, Dale lived both in Oregon and California. Like his friends, he joined the Army, which for him became the Air Force. He traveled the world, enough to fill a book of his adventures. He married Elizabeth Florek Cameron while in Germany. Their children are Sheila Cameron Otto, Gretchen Cameron La Moreaux, Michelle Cameron Jimenez, Darrell Cameron, Sandy Cameron Charles and Roy Cameron.

Elizabeth passed in 1972 soon after Dale retired from the Air Force. He then married Judith Meyer Freeman and joined her two children, Deborah Freeman and William Freeman Jr. into his fold. Christy Cameron Cinder was the last to be born.

Dale worked for the Post Office and the State Teachers' Retirement System before a final retirement in 1987. He loved to drive, taking his family on many adventures. He loved fishing and rock hunting with the Roseville Rock Rollers.

He loved being a Grandpa and then a Great-Grandpa. His goal was to see all these children through their milestones. He would have loved living forever, continuing on with more and more new generations.

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## Sunshine

A sympathy card was sent to the family of Dale Cameron.

When you have items for Sunshine, please contact Lois Reynolds.

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## Board Meetings

There will be no board meetings in July and August.

## Welcome New Members

Kim Douglass  
Shanna Larson

Thanks for joining our club! We hope to see you at all the meetings, and we hope you will find many rewards and many friends among those who share this wonderful hobby!

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## Rally around the Rookie Rock Rollers



We are excited about our first Rookie Rock Rollers meeting to be held Tuesday August 8, 2006 from 5:30-6:45 at our Rock Shop located on the Placer County Fairgrounds

in Roseville. All youth aged 5 to 18 are welcome to attend.

At the first meeting we will be previewing the program, handing out the program handbooks, and doing a craft. Each month we will focus on one or two aspects of the program with several goals in mind.

**First**, the larger goal is to bring young people from our community into the exciting world of rocks, gems, and lapidary arts.

**Second**, we hope to bring new members into the Roseville Rock Rollers.

**Third**, we hope to help most of our members earn our official Rock Hound Patch by the end of our first year.

**Fourth**, we hope to have at least one display at our March show.

**Fifth**, we hope to share our newfound knowledge at the Roseville Rock Rollers education meetings.

**Sixth**, we hope to build mentorships between RRR members and the junior members.

**Seventh**, we would like to sponsor at least three fieldtrips.

If you know of young people who would like to participate or would like to know how you can help, please call Cathy Hutchings at 530-367-5108. Thanks!



August 26 2006, Lincoln, CA
Sun City Lincoln Hills Gem & Mineral Society
Kilaga Springs Lodge
Stag's Leap Lane at Del Webb Blvd
Hours: 10 - 3

http://my.starstream.net/df022745/

There will be displays and demonstrators only,
no dealers.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 8/4 John Mazurek
8/5 Eugene Perman
8/7 Margareta Oleachea
8/13 Paul Trotter
8/14 Henry Sacra
8/19 Henrietta Markley
8/19 Bob Oleachea
8/25 Micki Malone
8/28 Samuel Markley



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Howlite

by Charles Stratton

Howlite, a decorative stone for bookends, clock faces,
and bowls, is often dyed blue to substitute for turquoise,
but there are enough sight differences that no turquoise
buyer need be deceived. It need not be considered an
imitation as it is generally offered simply as dyed
howlite.

Named after Henry How, a Nova Scotia chemist,
geologist and mineralogist who found the material in
Nova Scotia, howlite is also found in California,
especially in Tick Canyon near Sagus in Los Angeles
County. The milk-white, black-veined material is a
calcium silica-borate with somewhat variable
composition. The mineral generally occurs as nodules of
very fine monoclinic crystals. Some of the nodular
masses may be of great size, weighing hundreds of
pounds.

Howlite is usually found in conjunction with two other
boron minerals, colemanite, a hydrous calcium borate,
and ulexite, a sodium calcium borate which is the
famous TV stone whose crystals have striking fiberoptic
properties.

Try your ultra-violet light on howlite, since some
Howlite fluoresces brownish-yellow with short wave
ultraviolet. Other California material does not respond to
short UV, but fluoresces deep orange in long wave UV.

From the Gem City Rock News 7/05, via T-Town Rockhound
9/05

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Rock Roller Vests Available

Pre-1999 vests. These vests have no pockets.
Cost to members \$15.00
Available: 3 Medium & 2 Large

Pre-2005 vests. These vests have pockets.
Cost to members \$17.00
Available: 1 Medium, 1 Large, 1 X-Large

New 2006 vests. These vests have pockets.
Cost to members \$19.00
Available: 4 Small, 4 Medium, 4 Large,
4 X-Large, 8 2X-Large

Thanks to Bob Oleachea

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Tumbling Tip - Add a couple of pouches of Knox
gelatin during each grit change when tumbling. This
keeps grit in suspension and works better in the cutting
process. In the final polish, the gelatin acts as a cushion
and prevents scratches on the delicate stones.

From Rockhound Chips 5/04, via T-Town Rockhound 9/05

## ***The Roseville Rock Rollers Gem & Mineral Society Lapidary Shop***



As of July 1st, the shop is open for business. While there are some details to work out, we are ready to cut and polish rocks. We are purchasing a 24" slab saw and building a shed to set it up in. We have a smaller saw and an offer of a large flat lap to install in the shed also. We have additional equipment that we will be installing over the next few months to allow for a fairly large group of folks to work lapidary at the same time. Once the saw is installed, you will have opportunities to leave a chunk-o-rock behind for a qualified saw smith to use the large saws to cut your piece. Cuts are \$1.00 per slab, (not counting the end pieces) for a rock up to 5 inches in diameter, after that its 25 Cents an inch across for each slab.

As has been discussed in the past, the subscription fee is, at this time, \$20.00 per month paid in 6-month installments to keep our bookkeeping chore to a minimum. Now, there are folks who may have a hard time coming up with that amount of money up front, and we don't want to discourage them from accessing the shop. Give me a call and we will work something out to make sure you can get in and get started right away. Juniors will have access to the shop through the "Rookie Rock Rollers" program for no additional cost.

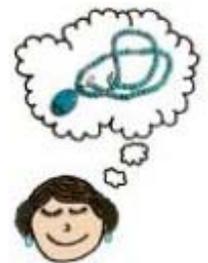
In addition we would like to schedule the one night a week classes for 2 hours for five weeks. We feel that that is the best environment for learning the art. However, we are aware that there are some folks, like myself, who want to "git it done"! The board discussed the matter and, I for one, am willing to give accelerated classes to those who desire to get the training and get on with a shop subscription. We will offer these classes for the same \$45.00 fee, but will try to accomplish the training in a single day. This would include the shop orientation for safety and procedures. The goal is to get you the basics of cab making, equipment operation, and subscribing and supporting the shop as soon as possible.

For those who have not done a cab in a while, or feel that they could use a refresher, please call me. We have several folks willing to take you through the procedures and equipment operation for free in conjunction with subscribing to the shop.

The shop will be closed on the fourth Tuesday of each month in which Board Meetings are held, from 7P M to 10 PM. We would also ask that subscribers consider leaving the shop open for the "Rookie Rock Rollers" program from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM on the second Tuesday of each month.

As was stated in our plan for putting a shop together, we are offering this as an open shop to all members in good standing of CFMS affiliated societies. We will be asking other societies without shops to have us make a presentation at their meetings to familiarize their societies with the opportunities that our shop will provide for their clubs to grow. We insist that members of other societies remain with their clubs, but join us at the shop to grow the art!

Please, call me anytime for additional information regarding the shop. I can be reached at 530-367-5108. Thanks again to all the Roseville Rock Rollers who had the dream, and worked hard over the years to build a bank account to fund this project. Let's get Rock Rolling!



*Jim Hutchings, President, Roseville Rock Rollers*



### **LOCATION**

The shop trailer is located on the grounds of the Roseville (Placer County) Fairgrounds. Drive past the Gate "C" parking lot and continue until you see the trailer, then turn right into the gate at the trailer site. Park just beyond the trailer.