

## From the President's Pen

With the show behind us, everyone seems to be headed out to pursue things on their own. I still marvel how we all come together to put on such a great show every year.

Last month we had quite a few new members as a result of our show. Some have already become involved in the cabochon class and are learning our hobby well. There are times when the lapidary shop is filled with members either learning to make a cab or using their lapidary skills to create something for themselves. Seeing so many members enjoying the shop makes it clear why we need to keep it open, available and in good condition.

The first actual field trip of the year, led by Field Trip Chairman Jim Hutchings, was to the American River in search of rocks and gold. Most everyone came away satisfied that the outing was worth their time. Shortly after the field trip, a ruling was declared by the "State Parks" halting all mining operations with the exception of "Pans" and "Hands," within the Auburn State Recreation Area (not because of us). It seems that they created the restrictions and implemented them without even conducting hearings or getting the public involved. They have opened a Pandora's Box. Numerous organizations and individuals have already begun voicing outrage and are demanding an explanation and a reversal of their actions. Land like this is for "the people," citizens of this great Country, like you and me, and should be available for our use and enjoyment. Jim Hutchings has taken a great interest in this and is deeply involved in the capacity as our club's Field Trip Chairman, and also as Chairman of the Sacramento Chapter of the GPAA. The Gold Hounds club has also gotten quite involved. Ask Jim where you can help by contacting the right parties involved. Our rights as rock-hounds and prospectors are being stepped upon and we need to do all we can to retain these rights. Get involved!

Don't forget that Snyder's Pow Wow is May 7th, 8th & 9th. Jim Barton is in charge of our club space and we will be handing out club literature and selling rocks. If you can help man the booth any time during the three days, please let Jim know when and for how long. Call (916) 773-0458. Come to the Pow Wow and enjoy, but help our club out too.

-- Jon North

## Vice President's Viewpoint

Thank you so much to Jim Hutchings for a very amusing presentation on the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show, 2010! For those of us who couldn't make it, it was definitely the next best thing!!

In the place of an educational speaker this month, we will be treated to the rhythmic sound of our club auctioneer, Hugh Brady! I hope not many people show up, so I'll have a better chance of taking home some of the awesome items that will be up for auction this year! Nah, just joking! As much as I like bargains, it will be really fun and exciting to get the bidding going - AND good for our club. I plan on bringing MY checkbook! I hope you all do too!

-- Lindy Summers-Bair

## Educational Program for May 11, 2010

**LIVE AUCTION**  
Auction for Juniors, too!

See details on Page 4.



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## MINUTES FOR ROSEVILLE ROCK ROLLERS EDUCATIONAL MEETING APRIL 13, 2010

**Call to Order** by President Jon North at 7:05 p.m.

### **Flag Salute**

**Present:** 75 members, 5 juniors and 16 guests.

**Sunshine** – Cyndy Burchard reported a “new baby” card was sent to Nick and Tia Hutchings and a get well card was sent to Sam Markley.

**Rookie Rock Rollers** – Cathy Hutchings reported the juniors learned about peridot and are growing crystals. Several guest juniors attended the meeting (several are applying for membership) and Cathy said she has several adults helping, including Carole Kowalik, but still needs someone to help her with record keeping.

**Treasurer** – Terry Yoschak reported the show financial report is not ready. The Club’s financial books need to be audited and Nanette Johnston and Jonathan McDonald volunteered to do this.

**Vice President** – Lindy Summers-Bair reported our annual oral auction will be held during the May Ed. Mtg.

**Field Trips** – Jim Hutchings reported on the gold panning field trip and said the annual trip to the Virgin Valley for opal will be held over Memorial Day Weekend. CO-OP field trips for May are listed in the bulletin.

**Historian-Librarian** – Karla Shannon reported donated books should be given to her to “check in”.

**Refreshments** – Karla is taking signups for May and June.

**Show** – Jim Hutchings said we had a great show, he received thank you notes from 2 vendors. The show chairs thanked those members who worked for them during the show. Thanks were given to those members who helped with setup and take down. Drawings for the winners for the Workers’ Raffle were: 1<sup>st</sup> prize, amethyst tower, Jim Barton. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> prizes were for either a vest with large patch or family membership for 2011. Winners were: Rolf Zschoernig (family membership); Nola Haggerty (family membership) and Aaron Arjil (family membership).

**Lapidary Shop** – Don Evans reported several members are newly enrolled in the Lapidary Orientation class.

**Lapidary Classes** – Jon North reported there will be a wire wrap class and a class led by Jamie Cloud Eakin within a month.

**Old Business** – none

### **New Business**

**Nancy Hood, Greeter**, stated she will need help, an assistant, over the upcoming months.

**Snyders’ Pow Wow** – RRR has rented a space and Jon asked for volunteers who could coordinate what we will do with the space. Calyn McKnight volunteered to help with setting up the system for members to use who have items to sell. Jim Barton volunteered to help with organizing workers.

**Drawings** - winners were: Bernie Cullison, member; Robert Stewart, guest; and Nick Riebeck, junior.

**Program** - Lindy Summers-Bair introduced Jim Hutchings who gave an overview of the Tucson Show.

### **Recess for Refreshments**

**Website** – Terry reported photos of the show are on the RRR website.

**Adjournment** – meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

## MINUTES FOR ROSEVILLE ROCK ROLLERS BOARD MEETING APRIL 13, 2010

**Call to Order** by Jon North at 9:00 p.m.

**Present:** 8 officers

**Applications for Membership** – a motion was MSA to approve the following persons for RRR membership: Vicki Borges, Caroline & Tara (Jr.) Cormier, Ginny Deitrich, Robert Hillman, Carole Kowalik, Patricia Liva, Gary Logue, Gina Malcolm, Randy McBride, Tom & Michelle Southard, Kimberlee Stevens, Robert Stewart

**Adjournment** – meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Florence Brady, RRR Secretary

## MINUTES FOR ROSEVILLE ROCK ROLLERS BOARD MEETING APRIL 27, 2010

**Call to Order** by President Jon North at 7:03 p.m.

**Present:** 7 officers and 3 guests.

**Minutes** – a motion was MSA to approve the minutes as published for the Board Meeting on March 23, 2010, and for the Educational Meeting on April 13, 2010.

**Treasurer** – Terry Yoschak reported she received two bills, one from Jon North for the Lapidary Shop toilet (\$85.73) and one from Rocky Five for name badges (\$48.25). A detailed report on the Lapidary Shop revenue and expenses for the years 2006 through 2009 was presented to the Board.

**Membership** – no new membership applications received.

**Correspondence** – none.

**Vice President** – Lindy Summers-Bair said the May meeting will be our annual oral auction, and the speaker for the June meeting will be Betsy Julian from Sutter Buttes, who will speak on geological oddities.

**Librarian-Historian** – Karla Shannon had no report.

**Website/Bulletin**– Terry Yoschak said the Bulletin deadline is April 30.

**Field Trips** – Jim Barton reported that we were lucky to have been able to use sluice boxes for our April trip to the American River, since sluice boxes are now prohibited in that area.

**Federation Director** – Rolf Zschoernig is still not getting his CFMS newsletter, so we will look into that.

**Lapidary Classes** – Jon North reported that classes have not been scheduled yet.

**Show** – Show Chair was absent. The final check for refund on our deposit was received from the Fairgrounds for the 2010 show. The Board discussed raising the show admission price for 2011, but nothing will be decided until a show meeting is held.

**Shop** – Don Evans reported that there are four new students this month, and lots of enthusiasm from everyone in the classes. Don will be having a moving sale (will be advertised in the bulletin).

**Directors** – Lisa Giampietro reported that the kitchen will

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need to buy new cutting boards.

**Old Business –**

**Snyder’s Pow Wow** – Jim Barton said he will take a truckload of bulk rock from our Silent Auction and sell it at our booth. Perhaps we can sell club pins, also. We will pass out printed club materials (shop flyers, etc). The “Slab & Cab” display would look nice in our booth, but concerns about weather and overnight security were raised. There was no information about whether any of the “Members’ Wonders” participants would be selling their items.

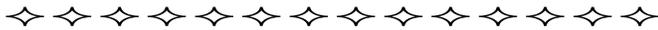
**New Business –**

**Lapidary Shop Cell Phone** – Our one-year service has expired, and it was decided not to renew it.

**Kitchen at Treasure Trove Show** – Rob Blazina said our club has been invited to run the kitchen at the upcoming “Treasure Trove of Gems” Show on August 21-22. Profits would be split between our club and the Treasure Trove Show. A motion was MSA to run the kitchen.

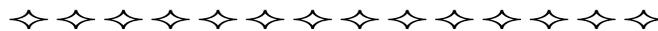
**Adjournment** – meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Terry Yoschak, RRR Acting Secretary



### May Board Meeting

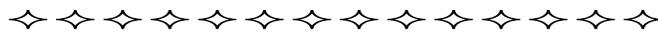
The meeting will be held Tuesday, May 25, 2010, at 7:00 pm, in the club Lapidary Shop at the fairgrounds.



### May Refreshments

Refreshments for the May 11th Educational meeting are to be provided by Erik & Debra Anspaugh, Kymberly Andrews, Rhonda Esgro, Cathy Little, Barbara Brown, and Jim and Bernadine Barton. Thank you all in advance!

**We would appreciate if each family would sign up and bring a refreshment once in 2010.**



### Sunshine

Dee Huth’s oldest son, Rip Rouse, was killed in a car accident in April. Our deepest sympathy goes out to her and husband Mel. Rip was the Vice President of Sales for Rogers Jewelers and was responsible for the operation of a good number of Rogers stores in California and Reno.

Betty Soper-Arnold had hip replacement surgery, and is scheduled to be released from a rehab facility soon.

When you know of any member who is ill or has been hospitalized, please contact our Sunshine Chair, Cyndy Burchard, at 530-346-9481, or cynded0523@yahoo.com.



## Welcome New Members

- Vicki Borges
- Caroline Cormier
- Ginny Deitrich
- Robert Hillman
- Carole Kowalik
- Patricia Liva
- Gary Logue
- Gina Malcolm
- Randy McBride
- Tom & Michelle Southard
- Kimberlee Stevens
- Robert Stewart

## Welcome New Junior Member

Tara Cormier

### Rookie Rock Roller News



Rookie Rock Rollers will meet at the Roseville Rock shop at 5:30 on Tuesday May 11. Our mineral of the month is Tiger Eye and will be presented by Michael Bacon. You know what that means -- all Rookies in attendance will get to add a piece of Tiger Eye to their mineral collections.

We will also be checking on the outcome of our crystal experiments and orienting new Rookies to the FRA patch program. Rookies who have been coming for awhile need to bring their books, so we can find out who has earned what patches and get those patches ordered! We now have a leader to do our Pebble Pups (ages 4-6) as well. Everyone will meet in the main room for Mineral of the Month and then the Pebble Pups will go to the library for their activity and update their mineral books while the older kids fill out their mineral organizer.

Children five or older have the option of attending with the older kids depending on their comfort level. Several people have stepped up to help with various parts of the Rookie program. Special thanks to Jonathan McDonald, Melissa McCormick, and Carole Kowalik.

*Cathy Hutchings 530-367-5108  
Ron Riebeck 916-771-8619*

## MAY ORAL AUCTION



The May meeting will be an oral auction so come prepared with your checkbook and your best competitive bidding voice. I plan to have a bidding list made up so you can review it against the items and decide which ones you would like to bid for. Some very nice items have been donated and other are available from the purchases made by our VP Lindy. You saw the beautiful belt buckles at the last meeting.

If there are some juniors present we will start with a short auction exclusively for them. They really got competitive the last 2 years and set the tone for the entire night.

If you have an item to donate, please let me know ahead of time so that I can include it on the bidding list!

We will review the bidding procedure before we begin. Be sure to arrive early to pick up your bidding number and look over the items.

All proceeds go into the club treasury to defray meeting and other expenses so .... bid high and often.

*Hugh Brady, 916-961-6868 fhbrady@jps.net*



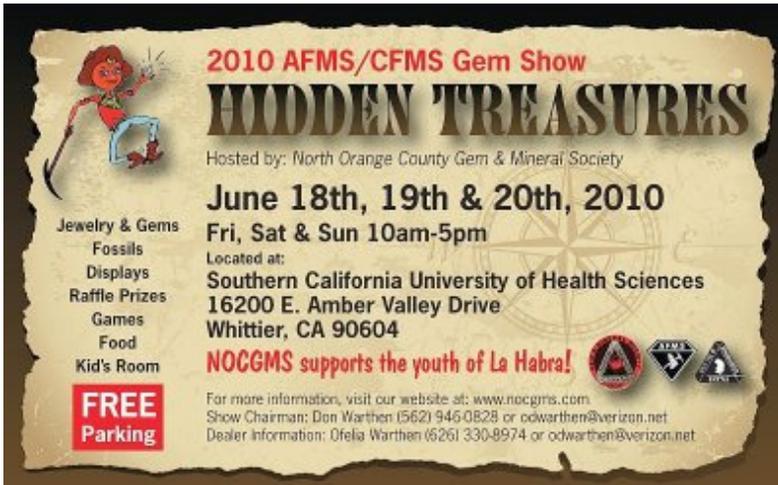


**Moving Sale!**

**Rocks & Everything included!**

**Call for details:**

**Don Evans, 916-781-2474**



**2010 AFMS/CFMS Gem Show**  
**HIDDEN TREASURES**  
 Hosted by: North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society  
**June 18th, 19th & 20th, 2010**  
 Fri, Sat & Sun 10am-5pm  
 Located at:  
**Southern California University of Health Sciences**  
 16200 E. Amber Valley Drive  
 Whittier, CA 90604  
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 Show Chairman: Don Warthen (562) 946-0828 or [odwarthen@verizon.net](mailto:odwarthen@verizon.net)  
 Dealer Information: Dfela Warthen (626) 330-8974 or [odwarthen@verizon.net](mailto:odwarthen@verizon.net)

## Scholarship Winner

Tricia Lee, a Biological Sciences major at Sierra College, is the winner of the 2010 Roseville Rock Rollers \$500 scholarship. Ms. Lee is planning to transfer to UC Davis in the fall of 2010. She has been working 20 hours a week at Raley's, in addition to going to school. Thus she hopes to just go to school in the fall with the help of our scholarship money. She is from Nevada City, and she has a 3.7 GPA. She wrote an interesting paper on Plate Tectonics of the California Coast.

*-- Karla Shannon*



## Field Trip Chair Report

Spring is sort of here, not! The weather is winter-like here in Foresthill with hail and snow up to an inch and a half as of last night (May 29th)! Check the Field Trip list in the newsletter for several trips this month. I am hoping I can make it out to the Majuba Hill part of the trip on the May 15th, 16th CO-OP trip! Otherwise, we hope to see you up at Virgin Valley on Memorial Day Weekend!

## Special Notice:

For those who are not aware, we had heard rumors of a policy change regarding mining on the Auburn State Recreation Area. While the Ranger did not contact us on our field trip on April 10th, a new policy prohibiting all mining activity except, literally, "hands and pans" is now in place. No tools of any sort are allowed. No sluice boxing, no power sluicing, no metal detecting except for recently lost items and no digging! This policy is being challenged by the Mother Lode Gold hounds, the GPAA, and myself representing the rock hounding community. We will let you know how this plays out.

*-- Jim Hutchings*



## Thank You!

Thanks to the following members for their donations for the "prize tree" and the show silent auction:

Lindy Summers-Bair, Rich Gidcumb, Jim Balog, Kymberly Andrews, Rolf Zschoernig, Dave Crownover, and Lillian Kirtley

## A "RRR MEMBER" FIELD TRIP TO VIRGIN VALLEY, NV

**TRIP LOCATION:** Virgin Valley, Nevada.

**WHEN:** May 28, 29, 30, 31, 2010 (Friday – Monday, Memorial Day).

**MEMBERS' GUESTS:** This is a private mining claim open to the public. Anybody may join us at the mine camp site. There no organized outings scheduled for this trip. However, this is a great opportunity for those who have not experienced Virgin Valley, to work with those who have had some luck at this site.

**COLLECTION MATERIAL:** opals, preserved and petrified wood, some selenite, and opalite.

**LEADER & CONTACT INFO:** Jim Hutchings, 530-367-5108 or 916-995-7380

**PROPOSED SCHEDULE:** Fri. 28<sup>th</sup>, Arrive at the Royal Peacock mine, set up camp. Sat. 29<sup>th</sup>, dig in bank or tailings at the Royal Peacock, bucket load and tailings at the Rainbow Ridge Mine, or tailings at the Bonanza Mine. Sun. 30<sup>th</sup>, Same. Mon. 31<sup>th</sup>, Depart for home. Drive time from Roseville is approximately 8 hours.

**MEET:** Royal Peacock Opal Mine and campsite. Lines for the opal mines start at 7:00 – 7:30 Am. Start times for tail digging is anytime. Go on-line to Virgin Valley and Royal Peacock, Rainbow Ridge, or Bonanza Mine.

**DIRECTIONS TO SITE/CAMP:** From Hwy 80 at Winnemucca, go north on Hwy 95. From Hwy 95, go west-northwest on Hwy 140 towards Lakeview Oregon. Hwy 140 will make a sharp left west at Denio Junction. Just after topping out on the Dufferenia Grade, watch for the Opal Mine signs and turn left. Driving on the dirt road for several miles, you will pass the Fish and Wildlife station and arrive at the old CCC camp and ponds. Continue on the main road which bears right, take the right turn at the fork in the road and watch for the signs to Royal Peacock 13 miles. The roads are dirt and gravel but absolutely no challenge to 2 wheel drive and low clearance vehicles.

**CAMP/FACILITIES:** The Royal Peacock has been charging \$12 (2009) per night per person for dry camping, showers, and flush toilet. There are RV hook-ups available. Ice is available until about Sunday afternoon on busy weekends. There is a one way pay telephone to the outside world, bring lots of quarters. Do not guarantee that you will check in at home, as the phone has been known to fail. No cell service in the valley. There is an outhouse up at the mine site, bring extra toilet paper.

**TOOLS:** Small pick, garden rake, small shovel or trowel, screwdriver (or similar tool), 5 gallon plastic buckets (one for sitting on), gloves, water squirt/spray bottle, kneeling pad, rock hammer, chisel, sledge hammer, hat sunscreen, collecting bag. The Estwing gad bar makes an excellent chisel for working in this material. Digging at the bank at Peacock is \$185, tails at around \$70. Bucket loads at Rainbow Ridge are \$500 for two persons or three persons. \$40 for tails. If you have not already arranged for a bucket at the Rainbow Ridge mine, they are already booked full.

**SAFETY CONCERNS:** Protection from sun, rattlesnakes, wild burros. There are some mosquitoes who burrow into your hair, depending on wind and temperature. This is a kid friendly site, however, kids must not climb on the ledge above the digging wall as they may cave material onto bank diggers. As always, children should be well supervised. Those digging in the bank should pay close attention to instructions regarding undercutting. Those who do not cave their wall so as to avoid undercutting will be asked to leave the bank. The BLM and MSHA visit the site and will shut the digging down if the mine operators do not seriously enforce this safety procedure. Bank digging is difficult and requires a great deal of strength to keep the bank face vertical. You may want to tail dig the first day and determine if you are capable of bank digging. Glass pieces of opal from the bank should be placed immediately in water, wood should be left to dry. Bring a small pail or large Tupperware type container for keeping glass opal wet. An old towel in the pail will keep the water from sloshing around. Opal from the tails are usually already dried and should be left dry. Ask for advise on any pieces you may find. There are no guarantees, then again, beginners luck seems to work well here from time to time.

**CLIMATE & WEATHER:** Variable, desert area. It may rain, snow, or be unbearably hot this early in the season. The desert winds can be strong, if you are tent camping, make sure you bring solid stakes and tie downs or your tent will end up in Wyoming! Bring firewood!!! Adult beverages are often consumed in the evening by campers and this is permitted at this site. While the group usually can help you with anything you may have forgotten, you should be self contained as there are no stores in the area. Fill up with gas in Winnemucca and top off again at Denio Junction if you or a group should plan to do any exploring in the desert around Virgin Valley.

## "CO-OP MEMBER" FIELD TRIPS

- This trip is 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.
- CO-OP website has information: [www.ourfieldtrips.org](http://www.ourfieldtrips.org) (Password is needed).
- A Consent and Assumption of Risk Waiver of Liability form must be signed upon arrival at meeting site.
- All non-CFMS members must provide proof of personal liability insurance (homeowners or renters).

### MAJUBA MINE & 56 COPPER MINE

**TRIP LOCATION** - Majuba Mine and 56 Copper Mine, Imlay, Nevada

#### TRIP DIFFICULTY RATING SCALE

Vehicle Access & Parking - #3, vehicle access and parking good for most vehicles and RV's, no specific handicap parking

Collection or View Site - #5, 2 wheel, vehicle parking on rough terrain or trail end

**WHEN** - May 15 & 16, 2010

**SPONSOR CLUB** - Nevada County Gem and Mineral Club

**MEMBER'S GUESTS** - Allowed

**COLLECTION MATERIAL** - Different copper related minerals

**LEADER & CONTACT INFO** - Vicki Black

### TALAPOOSA MT., SILVER SPRINGS, NV AREA

**TRIP LOCATION** - Talapoosa Mountain, NV (Silver Springs area)

Vehicle Access & Parking - #3 - 4 Vehicle access and parking good for most vehicles and RV's. This is a gravel road and weather can affect conditions. There is no specific handicap parking.

Collection Site - #5- ¼ to ½ mile trail to site with moderate difficulty, there is material in and around parking area.

**DATE** - May 22-23, 2010

**COLLECTION MATERIAL** - Agate cutting material (good sized float and seams)

**LEADER** - Please call by May 15, 2010. Ron Stone

CO-OP website has information: [www.ourfieldtrips.org](http://www.ourfieldtrips.org) (Password is needed).

## AUSTIN, NV AREA

WHERE: Austin, Nevada Area

### TRIP DIFFICULTY RATING SCALE

Vehicle Access & Parking: #4, vehicle access and parking good for most vehicles and RV's, no specific handicap parking.

Collection or View Site: #5, 2 wheel drive, vehicle parking on rough terrain or trail end.

WHEN: June 12-13, 2010 with June 11 as a travel day.

SPONSOR: California Federation of Mineralogical Societies

PARTICIPANTS: Open to all CFMS members and guests.

COLLECTION MATERIAL: green and purple fluorite, snakeskin agate, and blue chalcedony.

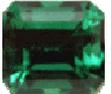
LEADER & CONTACT INFO: Jonathan North

CO-OP website has information:

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## May Calendar

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9 	10 Lapidary Shop 5:00-9:00 pm	11 Meetings: Rookies 5:30 pm Club 7:00 pm	12 Lapidary Shop 5:00-9:00 pm	13 Lapidary Shop 5:00-9:00 pm	14	15
16	17 Lapidary Shop 5:00-9:00 pm	18	19 Lapidary Shop 5:00-9:00 pm	20 Lapidary Shop 5:00-9:00 pm	21	22
23	24 Lapidary Shop 5:00-9:00 pm	25 Board Meeting: 7:00 pm	26 Lapidary Shop 5:00-9:00 pm	27 Lapidary Shop 5:00-9:00 pm	28 RRR Virgin Valley Trip (4 days) →	29
30 →	31 <b>NO</b> Classes → 				Birthstone: Emerald	

## Upcoming CO-OP Member and Other Field Trips

(Contact your club's field trip leader for further information and revisions. CO-OP website also has information: [www.ourfieldtrips.org](http://www.ourfieldtrips.org)). 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.

May 15-16	Majuba Mtn, NV for minerals. <i>Nevada Co. GMS</i> , Vicki Black
May 22-23	Talapoosa Mtn, NV for agate. <i>El Dorado MGS</i> , Ron Stone
May 28-31	Virgin Valley for opals, petrified wood, selenite, opalite. <i>Roseville Rock Rollers</i> . Jim Hutchings
May 29-31	Blue Forest, Wyoming for petrified wood. <i>AFMS Inter-Regional</i> , Doug True
June 12, 13	Austin, NV for Green and Purple fluorite, Snakeskin agate, and Blue chalcedony. CFMS Field Trips North, Jon North
June 13	Benitoite, Fee Dig, north of Coalinga, CA, <i>Santa Cruz and Santa Clara Valley Clubs</i> , Dean Welder
June 20	Spider Mine for rhodonite (fee dig). Barb Matz, <i>San Francisco G &amp; M Society</i>
July 3, 4, 5	Petersen Pk., Virginia City for quartz crystals. <i>Sutter Buttes</i> , Gerry Hill
Sep. 4, 5, 6	Austin, NV for fluorite, snakeskin agate, other minerals <i>El Dorado Co. Club</i> , Barbara Terrill
Oct. 2	Griffith Quarry, Penryn, CA for Quarry Tour. <i>Lincoln Hills GMS</i> , Ron Clawson
Oct. 9-10	Fernley, NV for various minerals. <i>Sutter Buttes</i> , Gerry Hill
Oct. 23-24	New York Canyon, NV for epidote, copper minerals, microcline. <i>Roseville Rock Rollers</i> , Jim Hutchings
Nov. 7	Black Butte Reservoir for jasper. <i>El Dorado MGS</i> , Ron Stone
Nov. 24-28	TBA. <i>Mother Lode MS</i> , Al Troglin

## Upcoming Northern California Shows

### May 8-9 2010, Reno, NV

Reno Gem and Mineral Society  
 Reno Livestock Events Center Exhibit Hall  
 1350 N. Wells Ave., Reno, NV  
 Hours: Sat. 10 - 5, Sun. 10-4  
 Ann Johnson (775)544-4937  
 Email: [ann.johnson@gmail.com](mailto:ann.johnson@gmail.com)  
 Website: [renorockhounds.com](http://renorockhounds.com)

### May 14, 15, & 16 2010, Anderson, CA

Superior-Cal Gem and Mineral Society  
 Shasta Fairgrounds  
 1890 Briggs St.  
 Hours: Fri. 10-5; Sat. 9 - 5; Sun. 10-4  
 Bob Davis (530) 824-6214  
 Email: [mcdavis@hughes.net](mailto:mcdavis@hughes.net)

### June 18-20 2010, Whittier, CA

AFMS/CFMS Show and Convention  
 Hosted by North Orange County Gem and Mineral Society  
 So. CA University of Health Sciences  
 Campus, 16200 E. Amber Valley Rd., Whittier CA  
 Hours: 10-5 daily  
 Don Warthen (626) 330-8974  
 Email: [odwarthen@verizon.net](mailto:odwarthen@verizon.net)  
 Website: [www.nocgms.com](http://www.nocgms.com)  
 Cost: Adult daily admission - \$6  
 Three day admission - \$15  
 Juniors 14 and under free when accompanied by adult.  
 Parking: Free



### August 7 & 8 2010, San Francisco, CA

San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society  
 San Francisco Co. Fair Bldg. (Hall of Flowers)  
 9th Ave. & Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park  
 Hours: Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5  
 Carleen Mont-Eton (415)564-4230  
 Email: [publicity@show.sfgms.org](mailto:publicity@show.sfgms.org)  
 Website: [www.sfgms.org](http://www.sfgms.org)

### August 21 & 22 2010, Orangevale, CA

Treasure Trove of Gems  
 Orangevale Community Center  
 6826 Hazel Ave.  
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In honor of our club's 50th anniversary, we are reprinting articles which appeared in very early issues of *The Rollin' Rock*. They are reprinted exactly as they first appeared, with only typos corrected. Some articles have been condensed because of space considerations. **Keep in mind that information in these articles may be outdated.** -- Editor

### The Golden Spike

appeared in April 1969

*This article was written by the Golden Spike Centennial Celebration Commission. I thought that it was very interesting, and since Roseville is a railroad town with probably the most important terminal on this very same line, I felt it was well worth printing. This is also why the theme for the Fair this year will revolve around this Celebration.*

-- Virginia Madden, RRR Editor

The Golden Spike used in ceremonies marking completion of the Pacific Railway in 1869 was fashioned from \$400.00 worth of gold by San Francisco jewelers whose bill, including the cost of engraving 381 letters, was \$25.24.

The original spike is now on display at the Stanford University Museum at Palo Alto, Calif. On one side is the inscription: "May God continue the unity of our Country as this Railroad unites the two great oceans of the world."

Whereabouts of a silver spike, also used in the Promontory ceremonies, is not known. The last tie -- of highly polished Calif. Laurel -- was displayed in the Central Pacific Railroad's San Francisco Office until both the office and the tie were destroyed in the 1906 earthquake and fire.

Attached to the original Golden Spike was a bulbous nugget which was broken off before the ceremonies and was made into golden watch fobs and rings for President Grant, Secretary of State William H. Seward and a few other major dignitaries.

"The last rail is laid. The last spike is driven. The Pacific Railroad is completed." Those were the words that crackled along telegraph lines to an anxiously waiting nation from Promontory, Utah on May 10, 1869 -- the day they drove the Golden Spike marking completion of the nation's first transcontinental railway system.

Every telegraph office in the country was tuned in for the event and crowds were on hand to hear the details in the form of a running account by the telegraph operator at Promontory. Special wires were installed so that contact between hammer and spike sent the "sound" out over the wires. Thus the Golden

Spike Ceremony became the first event in history to be "broadcast" from coast to coast.

When word came that the railroad was completed, it touched off one of the wildest celebrations in the nation's history up to that point. President Grant made the official announcement in Washington. Fire alarm bells and church bells rang throughout the land. Philadelphia rang the Liberty Bell. There were 100-gun salutes in New York's Central Park, San Francisco and elsewhere. Festivities continued into the night with fireworks displays and speeches by all sorts of dignitaries.

Newspapers heralded completion of the railway as one of the most significant events in the nation's history. It tied the East and West together, paving the way for development of the vast wilderness west of the Mississippi River.

*The Railroad Journal* in its issue of May 15, 1869, said: "All things considered, this enterprise may justly be regarded as the great accomplishment of the age—magnificent in its conception, wonderful in its rapid progress, and destined in its beneficent influences to be one of the great civilizing and commercial levers of the world."

As trains from the East and from the West stood a scant two rail-lengths apart, the last tie was laid and the last rails put into place, a Golden spike and another of Silver were driven into a tie of polished Calif. Laurel by various dignitaries prominently identified with the project. The trains then inched toward each other, touching "noses," and a bottle of wine was poured over the last rail as a libation.

This landmark event in American history is to be commemorated throughout 1969 by a year-long observance program arranged by the Golden Spike Centennial Celebration Commission, Appointed by Pres. Lyndon B. Johnson with the authorization of Congress. In endorsing proposed legislation to establish the Centennial Commission, Sect. of the Interior Stewart Udall said: "Perhaps no single event contributed so much to the development of the West as the completion of the first transcontinental railroad across the United States."

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