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PUFFS FROM THE CHIEF

A message from our President
Marshall Havner

August is a busy month. Camp Paradise starts for all those who want to learn or improve your lapidary skills. Gary Robertson has retired as the Membership and Pins & Buttons chairperson. Thanks for all the hard work and dedication you gave to this TGMS Committee. He will be replaced by Laura Riggs, a new member, who gracefully accepted this position. Thanks Laura. Don and Adrienne Vieira were recognized by CFMS & TGMS as Honorary Members of the Year. They received a nice award from CFMS which was presented to them at our August monthly meeting. They both have been officers, Don has taught numerous lapidary classes at the TGMS Workshop, led field trips; have been involved in all aspects of the TGMS Gemboree Show and many, many other club activities. Don was also made an Honorary Life Member. The TGMS Website and our Newsletter look great. Thanks to Retta Niday for the newsletter and Neal & Hiley Wallis for the website. We received new club directories at our last club meeting thanks to Patrick Harrison's efforts. Our club is blessed with many dedicated members and a growing membership. Come and celebrate our good fortune with us at our ⇐⇒

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This months newsletter looks different due to a unfortunate computer problem. September will be back to normal. Sorry!!!!

Close to home.....

Lake Kaweah

If you drive up Highway 198 through Lemon Cove, you will drive right past Lake Kaweah. If you have driven by lately your view was much different than this picture taken in April.



With over 22 miles of shoreline, Lake Kaweah is a valuable recreational resource for Tulare County. Formed after the construction of the Terminus Dam in 1962, this reservoir is used for flood control, irrigation, and hydroelectric power. Lake Kaweah is managed by the US Army Corps of Engineers. Offering over 3 square miles of lake surface, this is a popular destination for boaters. There are 9 recreation areas, 17 picnic sites, 79 camping sites and 3 boat ramps.

Kaweah River was known as *Rio San Francisco* by early Spanish explorers, as *Rio San Gabriel* by later Spanish expeditions, and as *River Francis* by some of the early Americans in the region. “Kaweah” is of Indian origin and its meaning has not been clearly defined. It has been interpreted as, “crow cry”, or “happy land”. Yokut Indians pronounced the word “Ga-We-Hah”.

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September 8th meeting which will be held at Tony & Kathy Hart's place. Tony wills BBQ the meat and members will bring side dishes, paper products and plastic ware will be provided. See you there.

Marshall Havner



Tule Gem and Mineral Society Meeting Aug 4, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Havner at 7:30 P.M. followed by the flag salute led by Margaret Buchmann. There were 27 members and 2 guests present.

A motion was made and seconded that the club accept Shakir Shareef as a new member. Motion carried.

After a review of the minutes submitted for the July meeting a motion was made and seconded that they be accepted as read. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was given by Pat Harrison. A motion was made and seconded that the report be accepted as read. Motion carried. A motion was made and seconded that Patrick be reimbursed for expenses he incurred putting together the TGMS Club year book. Motion carried.

John Zapalac, the Chief of Police in Woodlake, gave a very interesting talk and slide show on the overnight "Camp Zap" that is held at the Zapalac ranch in the foothills near Lemon Cove 4 times a year for youngsters from the surrounding communities. There are always 3 or 4 speakers at each outing, Judges, ex gang members, law enforcement officers, etc, giving talks on their past experiences, either enforcing the law or breaking the law, which is designed to help the kids make decisions on how they want to live their lives in the future. Different crafts are available for the kids to do at the camp, if any of our club members are interested in sharing their craft or experiences with them please call Corinne Keys at 592-3943, Pat Harrison at 564-1943 or President Havner at 562-4133.

Sherry Honnold, Corresponding Secretary, provided a list of other Gem club shows being held in the future. If you are interested in going and did not get a list, contact President Havner. Judy Link will be planning a bus trip to the Turlock Show. There will be more information on the trip at a later date.

Retta Niday, Smoke Signals Bulletin Editor, needs more articles for our monthly bulletin, if a club member is planning to travel or been traveling, has a new addition to the family, etc. Please e-mail a note to her at retta_niday@sequoiahistory.org.

President Havner announced that Laura Riggs has been appointed as the new Membership Chairman. He also noted that he has a list of the many different programs and articles available from the CFMS library that may be checked out by any TGMS Club members.

It was announced that the Club has approximately 800 prizes ready for the Wheel of Fortune at the TGMS Show in January 2009. President Havner reported that the information on the 2009 show will be in the CFMS September news letter.

Janice Robertson reported that the CFMS State wide meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn in Visalia on November 8, 2008, at 2 P.M. She has heard from the lady, C.J., who sets up the CFMS cabochon show case and is willing to set it up at our 2009 show. C.J. makes glass beads for jewelry and will do demonstrations during the TGMS show.

Adrienne Vieira reported that she received a letter from the BLM agency listing the new areas being closed to the public. Visit the TGMS club website at tulegem.org for more information.

It was announced that Charles and Mary Reed have been granted Life Membership in the TGMS Club.

Don and Adrienne were very surprised when President Havner presented them with a certificate honoring them as the CFMS Members of the Year Award. Congratulations to the both of you and thank you for all the time and effort you have put forth for the TGMS Club over the years.

Rob Milner will be giving classes in silversmithing and sculpturing in the near future, more information on these classes will follow at a later date.

The Annual Potluck held every year at the September meeting will be held at the Tony and Kathy Hart home in Lindsay. The meat will be supplied by the TGMS Club, members with last names starting with A to M bring desserts, starting from N to Z bring a side dish. Due to the Labor Day holiday the date has been changed to the second Monday, September 8, at 5 P.M.

Corene Keys reported that \$37.25 was donated towards the AFMS/CFMS Scholarship fund. Thanks to all of you. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M. respectfully submitted by

Corene Keys, Secretary

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Members Meanderings.....

Robert Goddard – visited with daughter Alisha in Iowa for a week.

Laura Riggs – took a clay bead class from Laura Heberling and had a great time.

Leila Parkinson – celebrated Mom’s 100th birthday In Idaho.

Betty Hayward - welcomed a new great granddaughter, Alyee Grace On 06/09/08.

Steven Hayward and Family – spent a relaxing week at the coast.

Don and Adrienne Vieira – welcomed another great Grandson, Mason Tate on 7/15/08.

August Birthdays

TGMS wishes all of our members celebrating August birthdays another glorious year of rock hunting, rock tumbling.....and CAKE!!!!

Fereleen Schultz

Robert Rangel

Pepper Okada

Catherine Mills



Lake Kaweah, con't

The drainage basin of the Kaweah River is composed of mostly granite. During earth moving operations during the construction of the Terminus Dam some interesting fossils were discovered. Ice Age Mammoth tusk estimated to be 15,000-45,000 years old was discovered several years ago in the area.

This area is a great place to view wildflowers. In the spring the hills are alive with the brilliance of the California poppy. You can also see larkspur, fiddle neck, white daisies, sunshine flowers, cream cups and royal lupine. As wildflower blooms disappear, wild grasses cover the hillsides.

US Army Corp of Engineers host the National Public Lands Day in late September. This is a great event that offers a morning of volunteer opportunities for every age. Get there early and sign up for any one of the wide variety of activities. Last year, my son and I got to the lake around 7 am and signed in. We signed up to work on fish hatcheries at various locations around the lake. Some of the other activities available were: building bat houses, repairing fire rings, trail maintenance, trash collection, non-native vegetation removal, picnic table rehabilitation, fish hatchery rehabilitation. Each activity has a ranger assigned to lead the group and round up the supplies needed. About 10 of us rode out with the rangers to the valley floor and worked on the fish hatcheries. We worked all morning making cement and putting “holey” pipe into 5 gallon buckets. When the lake covers these contraptions, little baby fish live there until they are big enough to swim out into the big lake. Our Ranger, Leah, came back around at 11 am and drove us back to Horse creek campground for a BBQ’d steak lunch. My son and I got a t-shirt, a great lunch and a 1 day pass into any public land good for 1 year. All for FREE....all it cost us was a little sweat and time. Over 450 people volunteer at Lake Kaweah on National Public Lands Day. I hope I see you there this year.

NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY
SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2008
HORSE CREEK CAMPGROUND
SIGNUP BEGINS AROUND 7:30 AM

SMOKE SIGNALS.....

**AUGUST
2008**

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September 8, 2008

TGMS ANNUAL POTLUCK

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2008
(One week later due to the Labor Day
holiday)

BBQ POTLUCK AT TONY HART'S HOME

TGMS WILL SUPPLY THE BBQ AND THE
PAPER PRODUCTS, MEMBERS WILL BRING
EVERYTHING ELSE

LAST NAME A-M: DESSERTS
LAST NAME N-Z: SIDE DISH

SEE YOU THERE!!!!!!

**There will be a Gemboree Committee
meeting on September 4 at 7:00 p.m.
We will meet at Margaret Buchman's
house:
5215 W. Nicholas, Visalia.**

