
SMOKE SIGNALS

“Great Spirit, grant that I may not criticize my neighbor until I have walked a mile in his moccasins.”

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Puffs from the Chief....

A big THANK YOU goes to Dave Scott for the \$1200. valued mineral painting he donated to the Club for the Ways & Means drawing at our 2010 Gemboree. His generosity is greatly appreciated. While I'm at it, our gratitude to Betty Hayward for her work in contacting a teacher for our Club members to secure a cooking certificate. This will certainly help us to stay within the county health guide lines in handling food during our Gemboree.

Pepper Okada, our Show Chairperson surprised us by appearing as the Wicked Witch of the West. Flowing into our meeting with her pointed witches hat and calderon of rock candy for our sweet tooth. She carried on a very good Show Committee meeting and set Work Shop dates to complete the needs of the 2010 Show. Thank you Pepper. Your enthusiasm is contagious!

Rob Milner had to change the Diamond Pacific day to be held at Tony Hart's home to Sunday, Oct. 18, 2009 due to scheduling conflicts. Time: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Bring a sack lunch and also a side dish to add to Tony's Barbeque. Thanks to Don Depew for donating the meat.

All members in attendance at our Oct. 5th meeting were engaging and full of fun adding to the enjoyment of both the Show and regular meeting. Leila Parkinson was the lucky winner of our Hospitality drawing. These drawings are so much fun!

Everyone enjoyed the goodies provided during visiting time after the meeting adjourned.

Chief, Don Vieira

*Puffs from the Chief
Panamint Valley Field Trip
Sunshine News
Next Meeting-Check the DATE!!!
CFMS Thanksgiving Field Trip*

*Editor Error lost the October Minutes.
Sorry!!!!*

Panamint Valley Trona Gem-O-Rama TGMS Field Trip

The weather for our weekend outing was perfect and so was the company. What a great time we all had! The only thing better would have been to have more TGMS members there. We dry camped at Ballarat and met George and Rocky, Ballarat's only year around residents. George is always ready to tell a big story while sitting on the front porch of Ballarat's Trading Post/Post Office and being his congenial self. TGMS members enjoyed the short walk from the campground to buy a cold drink and listen to George's stories. The Saturday dinner potluck was lots of fun with good food which we shared with Rocky and George. The day trips included a trip on Friday to a active gold mine south of Ballarat. Saturday a drive to Surprise Canyon, and Sunday on to the Trona Gem-O-Rama.



✓ On Friday's 9 mile drive we went to the J.C. Briggs gold mine and asked for a tour. A geologist talked to us and stated that they did not do tours although she did show us some maps which included the area being mined and talked about the geology of the area which included a fault line they were mining on. The area being mined was sinking and the area opposite the fault line was being pushed up. She was very informative and much appreciated.

During Saturday's drive on the alluvial fan at the base of Surprise Canyon we saw burros. We stopped and took pictures of them. Before we reached Chris Wicht's camp big horn sheep were also seen, and additional pictures were taken. The camp burned down three years ago and has been cleaned up by BLM volunteers. We took group pictures and had a

**REMEMBER.....
WHEN ROCKHOUDING DON'T
FORGET TO COLLECT SMALLER
SAMPLES TO BE INCLUDED IN 2010
GEMBOREE GRAB BAGS.
And turn in any leftover show cards.
TGMS recycles these as labels for
2010 grab bags.**



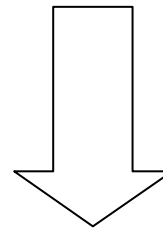
I am putting a couple of cards in the mail today. One is a Get Well card for Kathy Hart as she has been under the weather this past week. The second is a Thank You note to Elizabeth Zbinden, the geologist at the Briggs Corp. gold mine outside of Ballarat. She spent some time with our field trip group, answering questions this past weekend when we dropped in to ask for a tour. **Deb**

good time scouting around the area. This was a easy drive, approximately 7 miles from Ballarat.

Saturday evening we got together for a Potluck dinner which was enjoyed by all with lots of pictures. Later we had a large campfire and finished the evening sharing stories around the campfire. Each night we had a large campfire thanks to wood provided by Tony Hart

On Sunday we ate breakfast and broke up the camp with most of us going to the Trona Gem-O-Rama. This is always a fun show with lots of rockhound goodies. On the way home Debbie drove Lucky Lucy.

We enjoyed another successful TGMS Field Trip.
Marshall & Debbie Havner



**November 9 2009 - speaker Dick Pankey, CFMS
American Lands Access Chairman
"Note date change"**

December 7, 2009 **Christmas Party**



Don't Miss the Christmas Party December 7

Wiley Well Annual Thanksgiving Rockhound Round-up

by Adam Dean and Shep Koss
CFMS Field Trip South Co-Chairs - 2009, 2010

This trip is open to all CFMS Affiliated Society Members and their guests that agree to abide by the AFMS Code of Ethics, the directions of the field trip leader, and practice safe rockhounding. A Consent and Assumption of Risk Waiver of Liability form must be signed upon arriving at the campsite.

TRIP LOCATION: The Wiley Well District is 10 miles southwest of Blythe, CA and is one of the most popular collecting areas on the Colorado Desert.

WHEN: Thanksgiving Weekend, November 24-30, 2009. There will be folks camping all week.

SPONSORS: CFMS Field Trip South Co-Chairs, and OBMS.

LEADERS: Adam Dean and Shep Koss

Please notify us, if you plan on attending. Feel free to email or call us if you have any questions or need more information:

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DIRECTIONS TO CAMPSITE:: From the 10 Freeway, exit on Wiley Well Road and turn south from the freeway, 14 miles to camp. Around a mile or two down the road, the pavement will turn towards the right. Don't follow that road; stay straight onto the dirt road. Stay on this dirt road past Fire Agate Mine and the Coon Hollow Rd. You will see a sign for the Imperial County Line. The camp will be just past this sign on the right-hand side. I will have OBMS (Orange Belt Mineralogical Society) Field Trip signs along the way to the camp ground. If you get lost, call Adam at (909) 489-4899.

All those attending the collecting trips will be required to fill out a Liability Waiver form.

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2009 Meeting Schedule

January 5, 2009
February 2, 2009
March 2, 2009, Installation Dinner
April 6, 2009
May 4, 2009
June 1, 2009 Annual Picnic
July 6, 2009
August 3, 2009
September 14, 2009
(one week later due to Labor Day Holiday)
October 5, 2009
November 7, 2009
December 7, 2009 Christmas Party

Every Meeting and Every Member is important....Hope we see you soon!!

