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President's Message



We spent the last 2 and half weeks of May rockhounding and sightseeing our way across Nevada, Utah, and Colorado on our way to Roswell, NM. We collected some very nice petrified wood near Blanding, UT and toured several National Parks and Monuments and several outstanding museums. We had a fun and busy week at the AFMS/RMFMS Show and Convention. Much of the business at the AFMS meeting were the routine reports from the officers, directors (me and Izzy Burns setting in for Bural LaRue), and committee Chairs. Under new business President Elect Shirley Leeson proposed two new ad hoc committees. The first committee is to study declining participation in the various recognition awards, contests and competitions and make recommendations for improvement. The second committee was an Inter-Regional Field Trip Coordinator to promote relations between Federations and to conduct Inter Regional field trips and I was appointed the first chairman.

CFMS was well represented in Roswell with 23 officers, committee people, competitor, and attendees. Our group entered 8 cases in AFMS competition and brought home 7 of the 19 trophies that were awarded. I attended the Editors' Breakfast and picked up 19 certificates and 6 trophies from the Bulletin Contest that I brought back for presentation at the CFMS Editors' Breakfast. The highlight for the CFMS contingent was to see Shirley Leeson installed as the 2008 AFMS President. Bob and Jean Stultz flew in special to conduct the installation of AFMS Officers.

As shows go this was a small one. It was held in the downtown convention center, which was very nice. Only 10 dealers but the were big ones. But they excelled in exhibit cases; forty competitive entrees and over 100 non-competitive cases.

Outstanding! When the show closed on Sunday we quickly tore down our cases and hit the road for the nearly 1000-mile trip to Lancaster. We got in Wednesday morning, setup "camp" and rested to be ready for all of the convention and show activities to come. It was a full and busy 4 days of meetings and show activities. I am not going to try to give even a synopsis of all that happened except that we were able to conclude the Saturday Directors' Meeting by 11:17 AM. A record I do believe.

Most of all I want to thank John and Suzy Martin and congratulate them and the Palmdale G&MC for putting on an outstanding Show and Convention for the Federation. The weather was great; outstanding facilities; good camping and friendly people! I appreciated their can do/will do attitude in handling all of the special requests that seemed to always be popping up. Thank you for hosting this years show and convention and congratulation on the Palmdale G&MC's 50th Anniversary.

Dick Pankey

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CFMS CALENDAR

Officers and Committees: Send me event dates and due dates to include in this section.

(The following report was given at the AFMS Annual Meeting in Roswell, NM. RDP)

Report of the CFMS President to the AFMS

June 2007

By Richard Pankey, President

Declining membership continues to challenge the CFMS as a Federation as it is a challenge for our member societies. Our roster now stands at 120 societies. This past year one club disbanded, 2 clubs withdrew, and 4 delinquent clubs were removed from the roster. But there is also good news; we had 3 societies join and 1 club is rejoining the Federation. Continued on next page

To address this important issue of membership we formed an ad hoc Membership Committee to bring focus to membership issues, share ideas and successes, how they were accomplished, what works, what doesn't and to help where we can. Currently we have 9 clubs with less than 20 members, but there are 27 clubs with over 100 members. But these numbers do not tell the whole story. Our societies are strong, active and involved. Our strength lies with our many mid-size clubs. While the number of clubs trend line may be declining most of our societies are stable and growing. We plan (hope) for better numbers next year. The indicators are promising.

Twenty-one years ago Isabella and Bill Burns started our Earth Science Studies at the Desert Studies Center on Zzyzx Rd. near Baker, CA, better known simply as Zzyzx. The program has expanded to Camp Paradise in northern California and we now offer 3 one-week sessions. We feature the teaching of disciplines such as, lapidary (cabochons), bead making and stringing, wire art, silver smiting, silver and gold casting, wax art, soft and hard stone carving, gem tree art, glass fusing, copper enameling, and faceting. Planning has now started on developing a junior program.

Our Scholarship fund is strong and growing due to the generosity of our societies. This year we will be presenting two \$2000 scholarships. Our scholarships Honorees are Bonjou Paphatsarang and George A. Wheeldon. They will each select a school and help with the selection of the student. We have also selected an AFMS Scholarship Honoree who will be announced later and honored at our Awards Banquet this June along with the CFMS scholarship Honorees and students.

Following the Show and meetings in Roswell, the CFMS contingent of officers, committee members, exhibitors, competitors and attendees will hit the road for a quick return trip Lancaster, CA for the California Federation's Show and Convention. The Palmdale G&MC will host the event and celebrate their 60th anniversary on June 15 – 17.

Don't forget to display your Rockhound Stickers on your cars and trucks and use the *little* Rockhound Sticker when writing to your elected officials and government agencies.

President's Trophy

By Dick Pankey

Each year at the CFMS Convention and Show the President has the honor and privilege to select an exhibit case of his/her choosing to receive "The President's Trophy." The case is selected from all cases exhibited at the show that year, not just from cases in competition. The criterion for selection is "whatever the President likes." The criteria for selection are whatever appeals to my sensibilities, and judgment; whatever grabs me.

Selection of the case to receive the President's Trophy is not an easy task, but it is a fun and rewarding task. This year I had over 80 non-competitive entries and 19 competitive entries from which to choose. I walked the aisles of exhibits on Friday and Saturday afternoon, carefully evaluating each entry. I had a short list but I kept going back to one case in particular. Time was past due to get the name of my selection to Frank Mullaney for engraving the nameplate. I made my selection.

This year the President's Trophy was awarded to **Chris Ward** from the Del Air Rockhounds for his outstanding collection and display of Keokuk Geodes. His display was from several years of collecting at various sights in the Keokuk area. He had an extraordinary array of unusual specimen and with unique mineralization that was well labeled and well presented.

Congratulation, Chris.



JUNIORS ACTIVITIES:

Junior Activities Report
By Jim Brace-Thompson, Junior
Activities Chair
Future Rockhounds of America Youth
Poster Contest 2007

David Rich contacted me recently with a very neat idea! His club, the Summit Lapidary Club from the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical & Geological Societies, is sponsoring a poster contest, which they're opening up to any and all kids who belong to the Future Rockhounds of America program nationwide, regardless of which regional federation they're in. In



addition, they welcome entries from any school teachers who would like to do this as a class project. So if you're utilizing the FRA program within your club, I encourage you to work with your kids to design posters and send them to David. Here are the details:

THEME: "Gemstones of the World."

Prepare a poster illustrating one or more gemstones or minerals that interest you, from anywhere in the world.

ELIGIBILITY: 1st through 12th grade. Each grade will have a winner. Ribbons awarded for 1st through 4th place, with the 1st place winner also receiving a prize.

CONTEST RULES:

- All entries must be presented on paper 12 inches by 18 inches.
- Include name, address, age and school grade of participant on back of Entry.
- Artwork can be in pen, ink, crayons, magic marker, paint or any other artists' medium.
- No three-dimensional posters accepted.
- The title may be on the front or the back.
- List names of the gems and/or minerals and why you chose them.
- All entries become the property of the Summit Lapidary Club.

SCALE OF POINTS:

Originality & Art Work—30 points; Design—25 points; Title—25 points; Listing of Gems and/or Minerals & Reason Chosen—20 points.

DEADLINES & CONTACTS:

- Entries must be postmarked by October 1, 2007.
- Send to: David Rich, 1166 Broadview Road, Tallmadge, Ohio 44278
- Winners will be displayed and prizes and ribbons awarded at the Fall GemBoree on October 27, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.
- If you have any questions, please call the contest chairman, David Rich at (330) 630-9625, or email at DRICH@lapidaryclubofohio.org

I encourage every club with juniors who have been taking part in the AFMS/FRA program to jump in and send in entries from their pebble

pups and junior members. It sounds like David and the good folks of the Summit Lapidary Club have come up with a great way for kids to express their interest in their favorite gems and minerals while—as always—having fun!

From the Editor

CJ Quitariano

Wow, is it summer or what?

Later in this newsletter will be the obituary for Ray Meisenheimer, but I wanted to say a few words here.

Ray was one of the first of many rockhounds that Ray and I met over the last 11 years, and one of our favorite people to see at the shows.

Ray and my Ray played a little game with their names, and Ray M. would always tease my Ray about if he had his tuxedo for the banquets.

We had taken our kids to Ray and Florence's home a couple of times to buy rocks and they always treated the kids kindly, and Ray would always try to teach them a little about some of the rocks he had, especially the fossils, which Ray had a soft spot for, my Ray as well.

Ray and I are going to sorely miss Ray Meisenheimer, as I am sure everyone who ever knew him will.

Our thoughts go out to Florence and his family, and I know no words can ease the pain of their loss, but knowing that Ray was loved and will always be remembered may make it easier.

I would encourage everyone to make donations to the CFMS Endowment Fund in Ray's memory, Ray and I plan to, as soon as we know who to send the check to!

CJ





Safety:

Summer Safety

School's out and we are ready to hit the beaches, deserts, mountains and what have you to enjoy our rock-hounding experiences. But to enjoy it we MUST do it safely. So please use the following guide lines from the American Red Cross.

Heat-Related Illness—Do You Know What to Do?

Heat-related illnesses, such as heat exhaustion and heat stroke, can be problems for people enjoying outdoor activities in the hot summer months. Those most susceptible to heat related illnesses are children, the elderly, and people working or exercising in a hot environment. A heat-related illness occurs when the body is not able to regulate and control its temperature. As the air temperature rises, your body stays cool by letting heat escape through the skin and by evaporating sweat (perspiration). On hot, humid days, the evaporation of sweat is slowed by the increased moisture in the air. When the body isn't cooled properly, your body temperature rises, and you may become ill. If left untreated, a heat-related illness can lead to serious complications, even death. However, most heat-related illnesses can be prevented.

What are heat cramps?

Heat cramps are the least severe and often are the first signals that the body is having trouble with the heat. Heat cramps are painful muscle spasms that result from overheating. They usually occur in the legs and abdomen.

How do I give care for heat cramps?

To care for heat cramps, have the person rest in a cool place. Give them cool water or a commercial sports drink. Usually, rest and fluids are all the person will need to recover. Lightly stretch the muscle and gently massage the area. Do not give the person salt tablets or salt water. They can make the situation worse.

What is heat exhaustion?

Heat exhaustion is a heat-related illness that can develop after exposure to high temperatures and inadequate or unbalanced replacement of fluids. It typically occurs when people exercise heavily or work in a warm, humid place where body fluids are lost through heavy sweating and the sweat does not evaporate as it should.

Know the symptoms...

- Cool, moist, pale, ashen or flushed skin
- Headache
- Dizziness
- Nausea
- Weakness or exhaustion
- Heavy sweating

What should I do if I think I have heat exhaustion?

If you think you have heat exhaustion, get out of the heat quickly. Rest in a cool, shady place and drink small amounts of cool water or other replenishing fluids. Loosen or remove clothing and apply wet cloths. Have someone call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number if your condition does not improve, you are unable to drink water or you start vomiting. If heat exhaustion is not treated it can progress to a worse condition; heat stroke.

What is heat stroke?

Heat stroke is the least common, but most severe heat-related illness. It results from the total failure of the body's heat regulation system. This occurs when the body's temperature rises rapidly, the sweating system fails and the body cannot cool down. Heat stroke is a medical emergency. It can cause permanent disability or even death.

Know the symptoms...

Red skin that can either be dry or moist
Changes in consciousness
Rapid, weak pulse
Rapid, shallow breathing

What should I do if I think someone has heat stroke?

Heat stroke is a life-threatening condition. If you think someone might have heatstroke, have someone call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number right away. Move the person to a cool, shady place. Loosen or remove any unnecessary clothing and help cool him or her down. Apply wet cloths and fan the person. If the person is conscious, give them small amounts of cool water to drink (about 4 ounces every 15 minutes). Refusing water, vomiting and changes in consciousness mean that the person's condition is getting worse. Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number immediately, if you haven't already done so.

How can I prevent heat illness?

When the heat index is high (a measurement of how hot it feels when relative humidity is combined with the effects of the air temperature), stay indoors in air-conditioned areas whenever possible. If you must go outside, take the following precautions:

- Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothes.
- Protect yourself from the sun by wearing a hat or using an umbrella.
- Frequently apply sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 or more
- Drink plenty of water before starting an outdoor activity. Drink extra water all day. Avoid beverages that contain caffeine (such as tea, coffee and cola) or alcohol.
- Schedule vigorous outdoor activities for cooler times of the day--before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m.
- During an outdoor activity, take frequent breaks. Drink water or other fluids every 15 to 20 minutes, even if you don't feel thirsty.
- If you have a chronic medical problem, ask your doctor about how to deal with the heat, about drinking extra fluids and about your medicines.

What should I do after having heat exhaustion or heatstroke?

Do not resume activities the same day. Be especially careful not to exercise too hard, and

avoid going outside in hot weather if possible. Ask your doctor to tell you when it is safe to return to your normal activities.

Chuck McKie, 2007 CFMS Safety Chairman



From Earth Science Studies

An up date on Camp Paradise is in order and looks very good. I have been in contact with the representative from the Melchazdick church and can say the contact has become easier and more productive all the time.

It is a positive now that a work week will be donated to the camp from August 27-August 31, 2007. Besides some clean up, we will be working on one of the showers. There will be carpentry, minor plumbing, minor electrical and tile setting on the list, R.V. Camping will be a must as the rooms will not be available to us during that week.

It was proposed by them that all paper service for meals was the new policy but that has been changed. They are lacking in coffee mugs, so anyone who has a spare mug or two around can donate them to the cause, please bring them with you.

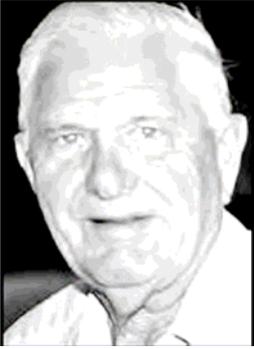
I am not sure at this time if curtains are going to be on all of the dorm windows yet but if you have something suitable and want to help, it would be appreciated by all.

I do not want to give the impression that the camp will be in class A condition in one year, but it is a goal of the group to get it to this status over a period of time. Improvements being seen each time we go, each time we go is the goal we are looking for.

Marion Roberts
E.S.S. Chair

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We've Lost an Original!

Ray Meisenheimer passed away at his home on July 1, 2007, at the age of 89. A veteran, he served in the Army during World War II and in Korea. He worked in the oil fields more than 20 years. Following retirement he devoted his time to volunteering for local charitable causes including being the first president of FOOD Share and as a volunteer for Project Understanding.

We know Ray best for his tireless service to the gem and mineral hobby. In addition to his long service to the CFMS, he was a member of the Ventura Gem & Mineral Society 40 years as well as a member of the Oxnard and Conejo clubs. He also volunteered at the Ventura County Fair more than 30 years.

My earliest recollection of Ray came from seeing him assisting the Executive Secretary/Treasurer at the registration table at the CFMS Directors meetings. When I became Executive Secretary/Treasurer in 2001, Ray was quick to volunteer to help hand out the packets and gather up the registration slips. His quick wit and smiling face made many a new Director feel at ease when they came to pick up their meeting materials.

Twenty plus years ago Ray became one of the persons to help push forward the idea of having Earth Science Studies. He co-chaired the Earth Science Committee for many years until he "retired" and become a consulting member of the committee. In recent years his favorite committee was the CFMS Endowment Fund which he co-chaired with Florence from 2000 to the present time. He was a tireless fund

raiser and would set up a table laden with donations of just about anything at the shows. The Fund always grew by a few hundred dollars every time he did this and folks walked away hardly aware they had just made a donation. He served many times on the Nominating Committee and the Golden Bear Committee. In recognition of their long service to CFMS he and Florence were awarded the Golden Bear in 1993.

Our condolences go to Florence, his son Eugene, daughter Barbara and grandson Joshua. Ray left a giant hole in their lives and his many friends already miss him greatly. We can only know that he is up there somewhere happily digging up a bunch of "heavenly rocks".

The family says donations in Ray's name can be made to the American Cancer Society, Ventura County Chapter, 250 W. Citrus Grove, Suite 200, Oxnard, CA 93036.

Submitted by Pat LaRue

FALL BUSINESS MEETING PLANS

The annual Fall business meeting and election of officers will be held November 9-11, 2007 at the Holiday Inn Plaza Park, off Hwy 198 on W. Airport Drive, Visalia, CA.

Room reservations at the Holiday Inn may be made by phone at (559) 651-5000. To receive the special rate of \$79 per night, you must tell them you are with CFMS. Cutoff date for the rate is 0/26/07. Add 10% room tax.

The caterer no longer allows us to pick and choose from a list of veggies, starches and desserts. To allow a choice between chicken and red meat, the following menu selections are offered. Please note that there is a difference in the price. All meals include rolls and butter as well as freshly brewed regular & decaf coffee and iced tea. Let me know if a vegetarian entree is required or you have special dietary needs so I can check with the caterer about availability.

MENU

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Breast of Chicken Sonoma
Baby spinach salad with candied walnuts and
raspberry balsamic dressing
Breast of chicken stuffed with fire grilled tomatoes,
asparagus spears and blue cheese
Topped with a blush sherry cream sauce
Wild and brown rice pilaf and zucchini grantee
Fresh strawberries with a wine glaze

Herb & Garlic Encrusted Prime Rib
Field of greens salad and assorted dressings
slow roasted prime rib of beef served with creamy
horseradish and au-jus
Yukon gold baked potato and fresh broccoli with
cheddar sauce
Xangos cheese cake with carmel drizzle

The Breast of Chicken Sonoma is \$25. The Herb &
Garlic Encrusted Prime Rib is \$35.

Make banquet reservations by October 31. Mail
your check payable to CFMS and your entree
selection to:

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secretary, I will serve in the same capacity for
Bural. These persons all have many years of show
experience and can be counted on to carry out their
particular responsibility.

There will be lots of jobs to do particularly as the
show draws near. We will need volunteers to assist
with setup, staff the ticket window, do daytime
security duty, and staff special projects. If someone
asks you to help out, please say yes.

The planning for the show will be conducted long
distance using e-mail as the primary means of
communication. Cell phones are also great for this
purpose since most of us have oodles of minutes to
either use or lose.

The show committee met at the Lancaster show
last month and will meet again at the November
meeting in Visalia. Committee members who have
a form to include in the show promotion packet
should have it to me no later than 10/20 so it can be
duplicated.

Pat LaRue

Golden Bear Gem & Mineral Show
June 27-29, 2008
Ventura, CA

Plan to join us next June at the beach! Plans are
underway for the CFMS hosted Convention and
Show in Ventura. When no club stepped forward to
host the 2008 show, the decision was made to do it
as a Federation. This will be the third time that
CFMS has produced a no-host show. The first
one was in Anaheim in 1981 and the second was in
San Jose in 1991.

Bural LaRue volunteered to take on the
responsibility of serving as chairman. Dick & Betty
Pankey are wearing two hats as the Exhibit and
Demonstrator Chairmen. His goal is 100 exhibits
and 40 competitive entries. Don George will serve
as the Dealer Chairman, assisted by Cheri.
Don was the dealer chairman of the highly
successful 1996 show in Riverside and he's in
touch with a wide range of dealers. Dealer-
demonstrators will be the responsibility of C J
Quitoriano. Jim Brace-Thompson will handle
publicity for this event. Bill and Isabella Burns are
already on the lookout for program speakers. Frank
Mullaney promises to come up with a memento for
the display cases. What am I doing? Since I
already handle the CFMS money, it seems logical
to serve as treasurer and receive the
preregistrations. Yes, just as Cheri is Don's

Rules Committee

We had some great competitive entries this year at
Lancaster, with 17 case's and 2 Chote entries. They
generated 6 trophies, 4 supplemental trophies, and 3
plaques. Those winning these awards were:

Anna Christensen
Ed Clark
Ted Magee
Richard Pankey
Vivien Roberts
Jesus Ruiz
Robert Trimmingham
Chris Ward
Clay Williams

In addition, the CFMS did very well at the AFMS Show
In Roswell, NM. Six people took seven trophies!

Dick Friesen
Ted Magee
Marion Roberts
Vivien Roberts
Lyle Roessler

Each took one and Bill Beiriger took two.

I would like to encourage Show Exhibitor Chairman to

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consider setting aside an exhibit area at your next show for "Award Winning Cases" and to see how many winning cases from this year's list as well as previous winning exhibits you can get. Then advertise them, the public does take more notice of "Award Winning" cases.

I have noticed there is an increasing number of club shows that are encouraging exhibitors to have their cases reviewed by a Judge. I would like to add my support to this. A major part of competition is education and Judges are encouraged to help even noncompetitive displays. Even if you aren't interested in competition, having someone critique your case is an easy way to improve your display. If you need help getting a Judge to your show (try inviting one to exhibit) contact anyone on the Rules Committee, we will be happy to work with you to get someone there.

Now is a good time to start thinking about entering a competitive or noncompetitive case in next year's show in Ventura. We will have enough room at the show for more exhibitors and are hoping to see more of the great cases seen at the local shows.

Dick Friesen

February 16, 2007

Loretta Ogden
20904 Trigger Lane
Diamond Bar, CA 91765-3469

Dear Loretta,

It is my pleasure to present Norvie and Virginia Enns to be recognized by the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

Locally, Norvie and Virginia have been Reno Gem & Mineral Society members since 1984. Norvie was field trip director for at least 10 years, AFMS/CFMS Director for 19 years, Silver Fabrication Instructor for 15 years and Casting Instructor for 8. He has held the other positions of Board Member, Building Director and Shop Director. Norvie represents the gem and mineral point of view at local BLM meetings. He is a member of the Resource Advisory Council subgroup for the Blackrock/Highrock Wilderness with the management and planning of the BLM. Very recognizable in his suspenders and personal panache, new club members quickly learn his name and turn to him as a valuable resource for advice. Virginia has held the positions of Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Board Member off and on for many years and has taught Pearl Knotting and beading for years. Both are very valuable members of our club and should be recognized on our local level for their many years of service and character.

In addition, Norvie has been very active on the regional level. In 1989, Norvie first competed in jewelry and in 1993 attained both CFMS and AFMS trophies. His competition experiences encouraged him to become active on the Rules Committee for the past 9 years. He also started working with the CFMS Public Lands Advisory Committee working to keep rock-collecting areas open. For the past 5 years, Norvie has taught silver for two weeks each year at Camp Paradise for the CFMS.

Their contributions have made them noteworthy members and their contributions should be recognized as priceless.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Rhodes
CFMS/AFMS Director

PROGRAM AIDS **July 2007**

Great Scott!! It's July already, I am shocked. Where has the first half of 2007 gone? It is always a surprise to me how fast our time seems to fly when we get a little older.

I hope you've been having some really great speakers coming to your clubs. If you have one you thought was spectacular and believe they would make a good recommendation for our speakers list, please give me their information and I will contact them for the Podium People Brochure. I am always on the lookout for those special people who give a great program!

I have received two end-of-year reports from Program Chairpersons. My thanks to Bill Gissler (SCVGMS), whose end-of-year report was fabulous; and Lorna Lass (PGMC). I am still willing to accept end-of-year reports, even though it is six months after the fact. Who knows, there could be some really great reading in there. For those of you who don't know, Bill Gissler has some really great programs on Video that he would love to send to you for your clubs viewing. Give him a call or an email (www.cfmsinc.org).

Remember, the Podium People brochure is only one year old, and if your club does not have an issue dated May or June 2006, then you are out of date. We will be republishing a new brochure next year, but until then those in need of a copy can contact Pat Larue and she will endeavor to see that you receive a mostly current copy.

*Keep those cards and letters coming in folks!!
Cheri George CFMS Program Aids Chairman
2007 CFMS Bulletin Contest*

By Terry Yoschak, Bulletin Aids Chair

The Palmdale-CFMS show in Lancaster was great, with many exciting exhibits and vendors. Our Editors' Breakfast on June 17 was well attended, with over 40 people present. Terry Yoschak gave a presentation showing editors how to join online Rockhound Forums (discussion groups), and how to use the information in forum messages to glean rockhound tips and hints that can be published in our bulletins.

In addition to presenting the CFMS Bulletin Contest awards and trophies, we were proud to present the AFMS Contest awards and trophies also, since Dick Pankey had attended the AFMS Editors' Breakfast in Roswell, NM, and brought all those awards to Lancaster.

CFMS Awards were presented as follows, with AFMS Awards noted in parentheses. Only the top three entries in each CFMS category are permitted entry into the AFMS contest.

New Editors

- 1st THE CONGLOMERATE, Reno Gem & Mineral Society Jim Madison, Editor (2nd Place, AFMS)
- 2nd ORE-CUTTS, Orcutt Mineral Society Deborah Hood, Editor (9th Place, AFMS)
- 3rd GHOST SHEET, Mother Lode Mineral Society Chris Whittier, Editor (Honorable Mention, AFMS)
- 4th NAPA GEMS, Napa Valley Rock & Gem Club Jennifer Haley, Editor
- 5th LIVERMORE LITHOGRAM, Livermore Valley Lithophiles Beth & Ernie Myers, Editors

Small Bulletins

- 1st ROCK WRITINGS, Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society Jonathan North, Editor (7th Place, AFMS)
- 2nd ROCKY REVIEW, Conejo Gem & Mineral Club Diane Jorgensen, Editor (Honorable Mention, AFMS)
- 3rd ROCK CHIPPINGS, Woodland Hills Rock Chippers David Dills, Editor (10th Place, AFMS)
- 4th THE PICK AND SHOVEL, Long Beach Mineral & Gem Society Andrea Dougherty, Editor

Large Bulletins

- 1st ROCKHOUND RAMBLING, Ventura Gem & Mineral Society Shirley Layton, Editor (5th Place, AFMS)
- 2nd THE MATRIX, Sacramento Mineral Society Kris Jarusevicius, Editor (2nd Place, AFMS)

Original Adult Articles

- 1st "From Henhouse to Paul's Hall," by Harold Mueller, Mother Lode Mineral Society (7th Place, AFMS)
- 2nd "Virtual Field Trips," by Lowell Foster, Ventura Gem & Mineral Society (10th Place, AFMS)
- 3rd "Rock Class at Shell Beach Elementary School," by Wes Lingerfelt, Orcutt Mineral Society (Honorable Mention, AFMS)
- 4th "OMS Bar-B-Q," by Deborah Hood, Orcutt Mineral Society
- 5th "The CFMS Show 2006," by Romy Mueller, Mother Lode Mineral Society
- 6th "The Joy of Bead Making," by Jeannie Lingerfelt, Orcutt Mineral Society
- 7th "Field Trip to Figueroa Mountain," by Sharon Duncan, Orcutt Mineral Society

Original Adult Articles, Advanced

- 1st "Fossil Turtles - The Original Survivors," by Wayne Mills, Orcutt Mineral Society (8th Place, AFMS)
- 2nd "Breaker, Breaker 1-9, We're at Stonewall, Over," by Ralph Bishop, Orcutt Mineral Society (Honorable Mention, AFMS)
- 3rd "Report on Three New Zealand Gem Shows," by Sir Paul Howard, Orcutt Mineral Society (Honorable Mention, AFMS)

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Editors, please start preparing for the 2008 Bulletin Contest, which will include all bulletins and articles published in the calendar year 2007. I have read many of

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your bulletins, and I know there are those of you who could win awards if you entered your bulletins in the CFMS contest! And don't forget to encourage your club members to submit articles for bulletin publication. Many of these articles would be eligible for the contest, and writers are always thrilled when their efforts are recognized by the CFMS. It is up to the editors to submit all bulletins and articles, so be prepared when the new rules for submitting your entries are published in upcoming issues of the CFMS Newsletter.

and east of the Angeles, San Bernardino and Cleveland National Forests.

All BLM-managed lands within Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside and San Diego counties, designated as "State Responsibility Areas" (SRA) shall be in Stage II fire restriction. These areas are the more urbanized regions south and west of the national forests. Stage II level prohibits campfire and barbecues outside developed recreation sites. Controlled flame devices such as portable stoves are allowed by permit.

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News Release

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BLM Implements Stage I Fire Restrictions for the California Desert District

Rising temperatures combined with dry vegetation warrant the issuance of permits for campfires and barbecues throughout the California desert region. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) today implemented Stage I fire restrictions on all BLM-managed public lands within the California Desert District (CDD).

The 2007 seasonal fire assessment from the National Interagency Fire Center states the following prediction for the California desert region: earlier than normal start to the southern California fire season; abnormally dry fuels in the southern California due to less than 50% normal rainfall; high probability that fire activity could increase rapidly with any sudden drying and windy events, particularly in grass or brush fuel types; and fuel moistures are already at or near critical levels. Within the last two months, the desert region has already experienced several wild fires caused by dry lightning that burned significant acres. Human-caused fires are on the rise also along major highways across the California desert.

Effective May 15, Stage I restrictions require that all campfires and barbecues are allowed with a permit that can be obtained at all BLM field offices, fire or ranger stations and patrol personnel. Stage I general area of influence includes BLM lands north

Any person convicted of knowingly or willfully violating a fire prevention order can be fined up to \$1,000, receive up to 12 months in jail, or both. That person also is liable for the cost of damages and suppression of the wildfire.

"We are asking the public's help to prevent potentially disastrous wildfires throughout southern California," stated Steven Borchard, BLM CDD district manager. "BLM will be making a strong effort to get the word out about fire prevention and public safety - we must work together."

For more information or to obtain a permit contact the BLM's California Desert District Office at (951) 697-5200 or local field offices in Barstow (760) 252-6000, El Centro (760) 337-4400, Needles (760) 326-7000, Palm Springs-South Coast (760) 251-4800 or Ridgecrest (760) 384-5400.

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John Martin - P.L.A.C South

Hi Hounders,

Ok, here's my report on May 19th's CFMS/Co-Op field trip to Field Siding and the Green Ash Hills. I counted 23 attendees plus a few pebble pups representing about a half dozen clubs including the Sierra Pelona, Del Aires, Searchers, Santa Ana Rock & Mineral Club, the Southern San Joaquin Lapidary Society (hope I didn't miss anyone) and all were anxious with some people already collecting at the meet area who were camping out the night before. By 9:30am most everyone had arrived but without knowing who else was planning on coming we waited about 20 minutes more then decided to head to the search site before the heat of the day began setting in. This is a wide-spread area along the northern Cady's with the best collecting south of the RR tracks. Driving the short distance to the old siding ruins we parked and hiked from that point.

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Most took my advice and walked the flatlands a mile or so from the tracks to the richer, more diverse float and all found varied material of varying sizes including moss agates, moss jaspers, plasma agates of multiple colors, many many solid agates and jaspers of varying colors with everyone quickly filling their buckets and bags.

Hiking back to the park area early with everyone satisfied we broke for lunch early comparing and washing our finds then drove the fifteen minutes to the Green Ash area. Thankfully, so far, no incidents of run-ins with squirrels with attitudes.

We stopped at the ice cream shop on the way to the Early Man turnoff only to find it was now open only on Sundays due to new ownership but all marvelled at the pond with giant Koi (I think they're on steroids personally). Having ice cream from the service station across the road we continued on the road to the Early Man Site before turning off to the collecting area and parking.

From there we spread in all directions picking various ravines to search. The heat got hotter (funny how heat has a tendency to do that!). Shortly we resembled the Lost Battalion wandering the deserts of Libya and began our march to exhaustion with many leaving after collecting samples of more agate, jaspers, chalcedonies (which fluoresce), opals and petrified wood. Ruth and Paul , on their ATVs (they cheated! hehehe) found the largest agates and a watermelon sized chunk of multi-colored petrified wood. They were the winners! By late afternoon most had left for their drives back home. Good collecting by everyone....and no incidents with squirrels with attitudes. Until the next trip, Happy Hunting, Shep

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BLM Releases Sierra Proposed Resource Management Plan

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has released its Sierra Proposed Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/EIS). The plan provides direction and guidance for more than 230,000 acres of public land located primarily in nine central California counties including Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Mariposa, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Tuolumne and Yuba counties.

"This plan helps define the role of BLM land in meeting the public's need for open space; safety from wildfire; clean, abundant water for domestic, recreational and agricultural uses; economic opportunities on public lands; protection and interpretation of the area's rich historical heritage; and diverse, resilient habitats for enjoyment and ecosystem health," said Bill Haigh, BLM Folsom Field Office manager.

The Sierra Proposed RMP/FEIS covers a wide geographic area, from the Yuba River area near Marysville, to the American River in the Sierra foothills, to the Merced River in Mariposa County, to the Cosumnes River Preserve in the Sacramento Valley. The plan includes a finding that both the South Fork American River and the North Fork/Mainstem Mokelumne River are suitable for inclusion in the federal Wild and Scenic river system.

In addition, public comments over the past few months resulted in corrections, clarifying text and a new proposal to designate 1,129-acres of public lands along the North Fork Cosumnes River as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC).

A 30-day public protest period begins June 8 and ends July 9, Haigh said. Because the North Fork Cosumnes River ACEC is a new proposal developed in response to

CFMS FIELD TRIP NORTH REPORT

There will be a Field Trip Seminar on October 6th, 2007 from 9:00am to 12:00 noon in the Garden House at Shoup Park, 400 University Ave, Los Altos, CA.

Topics include Boundaries, Quarter corners, Township, Section and Range Lines, and using the BLM to check land status.

Crumpier at 9:am with sandwich lunch provided.

Hosted by Peninsula Gem & Geology Society.

Dave Muster

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suggestions made by the public last fall, the BLM will accept additional comments on the ACEC until August 7, 2007. Procedures on how to file a formal protest are contained in the document available online at http://www.blm.gov/ca/pdfs/folsom_pdfs/Proposed_RMP_Final_EIS/0a_cover.pdf.

Scoping for the Sierra RMP began in late 2004 and included numerous meetings with the public and other agencies and groups. The Sierra Draft RMP/EIS was available for comment from September 15 to December 13, 2006 and included four public meetings, as well as many other meetings with agencies and groups. The approximately 2,000 comments received were analyzed and are responded to in the RMP/EIS.

Printed copies of the document are also available at the Folsom Field Office, 63 Natoma St. , Folsom, CA 95630. For more information, contact Sandra McGinnis, environmental planner at BLM's Folsom Field Office, at (916) 985-4474.

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Fall Festival of Gems
FGMS Museum @ 123 W. Alvarado
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