

DESERT DIGGINGS

JUNE 2010

MOJAVE DESERT GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

The Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Society (MDGMS) is a non-profit organization. The objectives of this society are:

To collect and study minerals and rocks

To disseminate a general knowledge of the science of mineralogy and allied subjects

To provide opportunity for the exhibition and exchange of specimens

● * * * * *

MDGMS OFFICERS 2010

President: Kent Berryman
Vice President: Jeanne Laymance
Secretary: Katie Boyd
Treasurer: Janet Wentz

Board members:

Dian Hare Wayne Mallon
Rob Stapp Vivian Watts
Danny Watts

* * * * *

Happy Birthday to: John Bird, Chuck Eastman, Michael Koski, Tricia Sheppard, and Rob Stapp!

* * * * *

Meetings and Workshops

Meetings – 1st Friday at 7:00 p.m.
Workshops – 3rd Friday at 6:30 p.m.
Location – 25647 W. Main Street
Lenwood, CA

* * * * *

Themes for the meetings during 2010:

July	Fossils
August	Spheres
September	Petrified wood
October	Opal
November	Gold

UPCOMING SHOWS/EVENTS

AFMS/CFMS show, hosted by the North Orange County Gem and Mineral Society will be held June 18-20 in Whittier. Please see the CFMS newsletter I post on the bulletin board, or go to their website www.cfmsinc.org for more information.

CFMS Field trip to the Oceanview and Himalaya Tourmaline Mines. June 26-27. Info Adam Dean (909) 489-4899 and Shep Koss (661) 248-0411.

Websites: Oceanview:
222.digforgems.com and Himalaya:
www.highdesertgemandminerals.com

There is a fee for these mines

Schedule of our field trips for 2010

June: N. Edwards sites.

July: Lucy Tunnell in Rosamond

August – Trish & Norm’s house to sort rocks for the show

I will put more details of the destinations as we get closer to going

* * * * *

I hope everybody reads the CFMS newsletter each month. Their web site is cfmsinc.org and has news of all us gem & mineralogical societies in California, as well as CFMS field trips, activities, and shows.

A hard copy of the newsletter will be posted on our bulletin board for those who don’t have internet.

* * * * *

FROM THE EDITOR

I wasn’t able to attend the last field trip, but Danny Watts sent the following:

We had 10 people on this trip: Scott Stevenson, Danny and Vivian Watts, Kent Berryman, Steve, Melita and Brody Crowell, Kendal Bradshaw and Joe Summers. Danny started the trip to a site to collect palm roots. Everyone got their share. They were scatters everywhere. Then we went to check out the pumicite mines and had lunch there. We then ventured on to the Burrell Schmidt Tunnel. Everyone but Vivian

went into the tunnel to check it out. We then headed to one more site where we picked up some jasper and beautiful agate. A few then deaded off to Lucy Tunnels for easy ‘pickins’. When we arrived, guess who we found there? Gene and Peggy Haines. Everyone had a wonderful and long day rock hounding.

● * * * * *

MINUTES OF MDGM MAY 2010

Meeting was called to order at 7 pm by President Kent Berryman

After the flag salute we introduced and welcomed 4 new members: Steve, Melita and Brody Crowell and Jacob Alvarez. There were no guests.

Birthdays were recognized.

The program was a video on agates in Australia’s out back country. The new sound system was greatly appreciated.

There was no treasurer’s report given

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as printed.

There was no old business

New business: We need to have a board meeting. Decided to meet 30 minutes early on the next workshop night

Trish asked about the BBQ next month for the June meeting. Everyone wanted to have one. A sign up sheet was quickly made up. The BBQ will be at 6 p.m. at the club house. We will also try to do an auction that night.

Wayne Mallon was absent, but he is putting in the speakers, a wider screen, etc. in the club house.

Field trip – changed from Calico to N. Edwards where we'll join The Searchers, another gem & mineral club. This will be an overnight camp if you want to attend.

Another trip – Bill Depue arranged this one for Walt Wright. It will be by Afton Canyon and anyone is welcome to tag along. Meet 8 a.m. Saturday, May 22nd, at Diamond Pacific. It is also a camp over, and 4WD is required.

Show and Tell:

Lavella Tomlinson, Brody Crowell, Rob Stapp, Danny Watts, Trish Sheppard, Gene Haines and Dian Hare participated with some beautiful specimens from (mostly) the Cady Mountains.

Cab of the month: Cassidy Schwartz entered several cabs and so did her mother and brothers, Nick and AJ. Also participating were Danny Watts, Leslie Walker and Brody Crowell.

Door prizes were donated by Joann Beall. Winners were Betty Stickly, Gene Haines, Brody Crowell, Vivian and Danny Watts, Gloria Moore, Leslie Walker's granddaughters Jules and Kayla, Nick, AJ and Cassidy Schwartz, Peggy Haines and Anastacio Elizalde

Jeanne Laymance would like to start a youth program. I understand several others are interested as well. What we need is a show of interest and resources and, of course, volunteers. Let's make it happen!

Remember the BBQ. Rob Stapp will be the chef and he is a wonderful BBQ'er as you all know from years past. We will all be bringing the side dishes and desserts. Remember your place settings.

Is there anyone who would like to receive this newsletter by e-mail? Please let me know. The club in Victorville is now all 'green'. I thought I'd forget to look up their newsletter each month, but they notify us by e-mail and attach the newsletter to it. I haven't missed a copy yet.

Desert Diggings



MOJAVE DESERT GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

P.O. BOX 138
BARSTOW, CA 92312
PHONE: 760-255-1030

MEMBERS OF:



Mojave Desert
Gem & Mineral Society
P.O. Box 138
Barstow CA 92312

First Class Mail

