

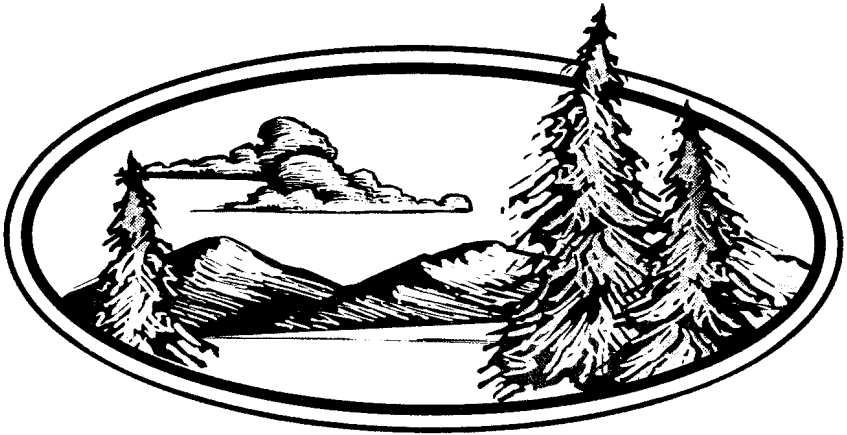
WHITTIER



ROCKHOUNDING

GEM & MINERAL
SOCIETY

PROGRAM FOR MARCH:
"DICK" FLAHARTY'S TRAVELS IN THE
"S.E. CORNER OF OREGON"



Mountain Scene From The Timberland Reserve

MARCH 1998

ROCKHOUNDER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was a dark and stormy night on the twenty-first of February, as a ragtag band of strategists from the Whittier Gem and Mineral Society assembled to set forth the plans for the 49th c p p w c n " Y I O U " i g o " u j q y 0 " " c p f " K " j c x g p ø v " w u g f " v j c v " f c t m " c p f " u v c for a high school English composition. It was stormy when the 1998 WGMS u j q y " e q o o k v v g g " o g v " h q t " v j g " **Grady** e m " q **Bradshaw** in Whittier, California. As promised, coffee and cookies were provided by yours truly with the able assistance of my lovely wife **Kathleen Marcia Grady**, our 1998 show chairman, conducted a very effective meeting, assigning responsibilities and organizing subcommittees. If the kickoff meeting is any indication, the 49th annual WGMS gem and jewelry show will go like clockwork. I would like to add my thanks to all those who attended the meeting. We had an excellent turnout in spite of the bad weather.

K " c o " s w k v g " g z e k v g f " c d q w v " v j g " y c { " v j possible that we are already into March. The donation awards program at the general meetings appears to be very successful due to the innovations of **Vern Cliffe** 0 " " C n v j q w i j " K " f q p ø v " y c p v " v q " v . adage about counting your eggs before they are hatched, I see this program as being a critical focal point in attracting the interest of guests to become members of our organization. Our meetings are the first things that guests have by which to judge us as a group. They should be both interesting, and fun, and a good drawing for prizes goes a long way toward this end.

I am sorry to say that we lost a couple at the February meeting. They signed in as guests, but left before the meeting started. Please make it a point to engage guests in conversation, and make them feel welcome. Introduce them c t q w p f . " c p f " c u u w t g " v j c v " v j g { " f q " p q v y j g g n ö 0

This month a questionnaire flooded in. Unfortunately it was mine. I have to c f o k v " v j c v " K ø o " c " d k v " e q p h w u g f 0 " " V j g attachment to the November 1997 bulletin, in response to a request by **Michelle Sebresos** for some input from the rank and file members regarding v j g " e q p v g p v " q h " v j g " e q o k p i " { g c t ø u " r bothered to return the questionnaire, and of these six, all were returned by the

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this meeting a record turnout. See you all there!

Jerry Turner

Program for March:

Mr. T. Richard "Dick" Flaharty will share slides and lecture on his travels in the "S.E. Corner of Oregon". We will see the **John Day Fossil Beds**, the **Succor Creek** area, **Leslie Gulch**, **Malheur Wildlife Refuge**, **Glass Butte** and more. Included will be a display of materials collected on the trip.

Michelle Sebresos

February 26th Meeting Notes

The February meeting was attended by 25 members and 3 guests (2 of whom escaped before the meeting started). **Bill Burns** talked about the upcoming CFMS Show being held in Monterey and the April CFMS Field Trip Seminar to be held at the WGMS Club Claim. **Isabelle Burns** informed us that due to an oversight, we had forfeited our club claim and needed to either appeal the forfeiture, refile as a placer mine, or refile as a regular mining claim. She presented the pros and cons of each option, then a motion was made and seconded to refile as a placer mine. **Isabelle** also offered to pay the additional refiling costs but an amendment was offered and seconded to have the WGMS pay the fee. Lastly, she said we need to visit the claim soon to repair and install new corner markers before we can refile. **Joe Goetz** told about the February field trip and the upcoming Stoddard Wells trip (see articles in bulletin). By the way, **Joe** is looking for suggestions on where members would like to go for Memorial Day Weekend (May 23, 24 & 25). **Joe** presented an award to **Angie Harwood** in appreciation for coming out on a club field trip for the first time in a while (we were very happy to see her). **Jim Akin** invited everyone to attend **Rockgabbers** on Sunday, March 8 at 2:00 PM at the **Boys & Girls Club of Whittier** * f q p o v " h q t i g v something for the potluck afterwards). **Jerry Turner** presented the **Past President's Plaque** to **Les Roy**, club president for the past 5 years. **Sylvia Cliffe** brought cake so everyone present to share in her birthday celebration

(HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SYLVIA!!). The program was a video entitled
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Displays:

Sylvia Cliffe showed some of her Rim Rock Jasper Carvings.

Sandie Fender displayed a faceted amethyst necklace (very nice).

Jay Valle brought enlarged photos of petroglyphs found and photographed recently north of Ludlow.

Jay Valle

February's Door Prize Winners

MAIN PRIZE - Beautiful Slab of Nevada Wood - **Jim Akin**

OTHER PRIZES - Electrical Circuit Tester - (Can't remember!)
Plastic Tarp - **Bea Roy**
Soil Moisture Tester - (Can't remember!)
Clear Scan Goggles - **Jerry Turner**

In the future, I'll try to write down door prize winners as they are collected - better yet, maybe someone will volunteer to assist me with handing out tickets, collecting money, and recording the prize winners, as things do get hectic at times.

There has been a terrific response to requests for donations of prizes - **George Cyrog** has donated an Estwing Rock "Pickerupper", better known as a Snake Killer/Husband Beater, and it will be the Main Prize in March. **Mike Maneth** donated two rock slabs and **Walt Maurer** is donating a heavy duty rock-collecting bag (he may have mentioned one other item. My hearing, I think, is going!).

I want to thank everyone for the great support for the "revised" door prize rules - it looks like everyone, and the club, will benefit.

Vern Cliffe

Special Bulletin Inserts

1. The 1998 Membership roster.

2. Membership Cards.

3 . E n t r y f o r m f o r S n y d e r ' s P o w W o w C
Bulletin Editor

February Field Trip -- Paul Bunyan Agate Area

Friday came very early in the morning, as every morning does. Marcia and I got ready to leave on the field trip. The drive out there was uneventful. As we drove through Barstow, we heard Vern's voice emanate from the CB radio. We made a quick call back but they were on the hill and dale, we called again on the CB and this time we got Sylvia, then Vern to respond. They were in the process of putting out the signs to show the way to camp. After setting up the trailer, we went with Vern and Sylvia to town for dinner. Upon our return, we all saw that Tony and Sandie had arrived. After some chit chat, it was time for La-La-Land.

Saturday morning saw Vern, Sylvia, Tony, Sandie and Sitka leave camp at 6:30 am to go and do a survey with the GPS of Vern's. If all goes right, we may get to have Owlhole reopened for collecting again. Thus, Marcia and I were in camp by ourselves. That however was short-lived as Hank had arrived with Dan minutes later. We all left camp at 8:20 AM (Bob and Dorothy, Joanne Richy and Jason Bagsley with two Monrovia rockhounds, Jay and his kids, Mark and Linda and daughter with guests(3) and Michelle and Angie): twenty people in the field to collect rock. Eight vehicles left camp with Dan leading the way. A short time later we arrived at the designated area

We were there for about a hour and a half. Most had returned to their vehicles to have an early lunch. What we found was red plume agate, yellow/orange/green moss agate, some that was similar to Wingate agate and some jasp-agate. Angie was excited about the piece she had found. It must have weighed about 5 to 7 lb. and very pretty. While Angie was showing off her rock and claiming bragging rights, Marcia had meandered up the wash a bit and found a crowbar. Jay grabbed his and was off ! A few moments later I went up the slope for a peek myself. What I found was this huge piece about the size of a large beachball and weighing about 125 - 150 lb. Michelle thought it might be possible to roll it down the slope. However, although it may have been the size of a beachball, it certainly was not the shape of a beachball. Jay figured it would be easier to drive his truck up there and load it, rather than to try to roll it. Michelle wondered if it might be leaverite, Dan replied that it depended if she was alone or not. Jay arrived, the stone was loaded and

driven down to her truck. It took 4 of us to transfer it from **Jay's** to her truck. It was dubbed with the name of **'little paper weight'**.

We all went back to camp and most all went up the mountain to do some digging at the Paul Bunyan site. However, it was noted that very nice pieces of both size and quality could be found by going through the tailings. **Marcia, Jay and his kids and I** went to do some exploring. We located some of the rock quarries and prospects for decorative rock, including large pink feldspar crystals. We went along the tower road and checked under them to see if we could find some material similar to the Harvard Road area. None was found so we kept on going. We did find the Travertine onyx. This onyx is yellow to orange in color and the unique thing is at some point in the dim past, it was fractured and the fractures are healed with bright red agate. From there we went along a pole road that ran perpendicular to the tower road. We found what was left of some sort of mineral mine with a light blue-green dolomite laying around. After doing some looking around and taking samples, we headed back.

When we returned to camp, most of the group had left because of high winds that had started to blow. Shortly, our intrepid explorers returned to camp and potluck time was set at 5:00 PM, we finally ate at 5:30 PM. It tasted great, even though it was a bit crowded in the **Cliffe's** RV. What we had done is set the food in the **Cliffe's** RV and it was served there. The food was served and about half of the group went to the **Fender** RV to dine. And the wind kept on ease off to a breeze. So, with that and the way we had parked the trailer, **Marcia and I** go home.

Sunday morning, the wind had died but it had begun to rain. **Jay and Tony Vern and Sylvia** were ready they all left for home together. As far as I know all got out and home safely. All in all, it was a very good close trip.

The next trip is to **STODDARD WELLS**, Victor Valley will be having their rockhound swapmeet that weekend (to the best of my knowledge). And that weekend is **March 21 & 22, 1998**. This is always a good trip, either for the day or the entire weekend. There are lots to collect and lots to explore.

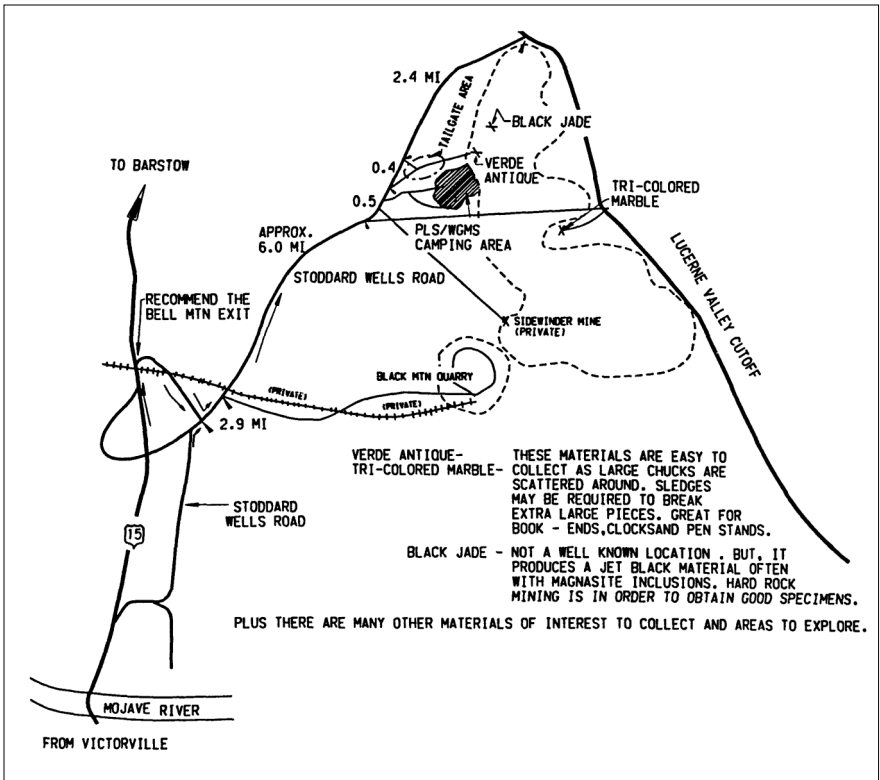
February Field Trip (Continued)

The April trip will be to the **Club Claim for a Federation Fieldtrip Seminar**

the next bulletin. The date is APRIL 25 & 26, 1998.

The trip for the MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND is to announced. Some of the possibilities of destinations are Lavic Siding, Opal Mountain, Gaviota
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**YOUR CONFUSED FIELD TRIP CHAIRMAN
WRONG WAY JOE**



Stoddard Wells Field Trip - March 21 & 22, 1998

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of rocks for sale which are not common to the area, and may be not common
to the US. Perhaps, the material is from other states, possibly Mexico,
Canada or even somewhere in Africa. Typically the prices are reasonably
good or down-right just pocket change for some really great material. Rough
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bread), finished jewelry, virtually all kinds of hand-cut stones, as well as
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some quality material in order to clean out their garage. Even if they are the
same dealers who might be found at a regular club show, their prices can beat
any store in the mall. You never know exactly what else you may find, like,
maybe, fresh honey or fresh baked bread, or even an antique plane. It just
might surprise you!

Then, of course, if you are more adventurous, you may want to try to find the
local material yourself. A standard truck or other high clearance vehicle is
recommended. Also, there are always people on these trips just waiting for an
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“**Typical desert camping**” means bringing all of your own needs to camp
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campfire. I believe the **Victor Valley Club** will have rent-a-cans available,
but at 3:00 AM it could seem like a mile from where we will be camping to
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have a potluck dinner on these trips, and believe me, the spreads are
magnificent in variety and quantity. We will have dinner at 4:30 PM on this
trip so we can eat while the sun is shining and also have a view of the sunset
(sunsets out there can be spectacular).

Joe Goetz

Quartzsite Field Trip, February 8 & 9, 1998

This trip was a wet one for those who made it out to **Quartzsite** this year.
Vern & Sylvia Cliffe arrived Thursday the 6th and staked out a
camping area in the Scaddan Wash. **Jason Badgley** (Pasadena club) made it
to camp Friday afternoon, **Tony & Sandie Fender** at 8:00 PM, and **Jay,**
Jason & Erin Valle . " c n q p i " y k v l a v e l a , c s h o m y u t h i e r e c a f e r v j g t
Mark and Heather Abrams, and Linda Stone-Abrams (Pasadena club)
arrived Saturday morning.

Jay's Adventure: Friday afternoon, I packed up the tent trailer (in the rain), picked up the kids at school (in the rain), and left for **Quartzsite** about 3:00 PM (in the rain). Due to some precipitation in the area (rain) it took more than 2 hours just to get from our home to Banning (normally a 1 hour drive, max.). The storm stayed with us all the way to **Blythe** where it let up long enough for us to gas up the car. Onward we went, then finally arriving in **Quartzsite**. I was under the misconception that **Quartzsite** was actually a couple of hours beyond **Blythe**, so it came as a pleasant surprise when the 309k"n g u " v q slgfi was spotted ~~night~~ after we crossed into Arizona. We entered the outskirts of town at about 8:00 PM and immediately called for **Vern Cliffe** on the CB (Chan. 14). **Vern** came right back, directed us to the correct exit, and guided us to the campsite. The tent trailer was quickly set up and we had just started to socialize around the campfire when the skies opened up and the rain caught up with us. So, the campfire was abandoned h q t " v j g " p k i j v " c p f " g x g t { q p g " c f l q w t evening habit is to play card games such as **UNO** and **HEARTS**, etc. On this night, **Jason Badgley** joined us.

Saturday morning, **Jason B. and I** went off early in search of the **SCRIBES Bulletin Editors** meeting. The weather was excellent, clear skies and very y c t o 0 " Y g " f t q x g " c n n " q x g t " v q y p " * c p f " luck. Finally, we checked with **Bill & Isabelle Burns** at their booth at the **QIA Show** and they gave us directions which worked. We arrived at the meeting an hour late but were greeted cordially, anyway. The **SCRIBES** function broke up at about 11:00 AM, so **Jason & I** went over to **McCloud's** where we met up with the rest of our party. Everyone went back to camp for lunch, then headed on over to **QIA**, "**The MAIN EVENT**". We roamed the aisles looking for good deals on whatever we were interested in. I saw **Sandie & Sylvia** checking out a large assortment of jewelry settings and beads. **Jason Badgley** was only interested in agate: specifically, Sagenite. **Jason & Erin Valle** were mostly into the various grab bags available v j t q w i j q w v " v j g " u j q y " c t g c 0 " K " f k f p ø v material as I had hoped, but did find a couple of nice slabs (and a **QIA** tee-shirt). On our return to camp, we found that **Mark, Linda & Heather** had arrived that morning. They had made it to camp by 9:00 AM after everyone had left and spent the day at **QIA**. The sunshine had sort of disappeared by mid-afternoon and it was starting to get a little chilly. We enjoyed the potluck and sunset, then spent some quality time around the campfire. Later that night it started to rain again.

Sunday morning greeted us with pouring rain. We waited until 9:00 AM, j q r k p i " v j c v " k v " y q w n f " n g v " w r " d w v " k v " U q w v j g t p " E c n k h q t p k c 0 " Y g " o c f g " q p n { "

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Compliments of Michelle Sebresos

**THE LATEST (FAST) METHOD OF STEALING CARS --
HOW YOU CAN REDUCE THE CHANCES OF YOUR
CAR BEING STOLEN.**

A recent featured TV program demonstrated how car thieves can steal almost any car (even alarmed with sophisticated devices) in less than three or four minutes. The car thieves use a tow truck to pick up the front or back of a car and simply drive away! Cars with police-activated search methods have been stolen -- and the search for such a car can only begin when the car owner realizes the car has been stolen, which may be hours later. The TV program producers failed to pass along a simple parking technique to their viewers, which would deter, or prevent tow truck car operators from stealing any car they choose.

The main idea behind preventing car thefts is to present a problem that makes stealing any car difficult, or more difficult than usual. When parking your car, choose a parking spot such as a wall, planter or bushes, where a tow truck can not pick up the front of your car. As you stop the car, and before you turn off the engine, turn the steering wheel one full turn right or left, then turn off the engine and lock the car.

The chances of a tow truck car thief deciding to choose your car under these circumstances will only present problems, as he would be forced to find a way to disable the steering wheel to straighten the front wheels so the vehicle would track correctly after picking up the rear end of the car.

These two simple steps when parking a car could make a difference on whether your car, or someone else's, is stolen. It's too bad that, as informative as some TV programs are, this simple parking procedure was overlooked!

Compiled from several news sources by Vern Cliffe

SAFETY NOTE - DON'T STOP ON EMPTY!**Dorothy & Glenn Lee**

That's a lesson we learned in our travel trailer on our way home from the Jackson Show. We stopped Friday afternoon in a trailer court along Highway 50 out of Lamar, CO. Rain began during the night and soon turned to snow and, by morning, a blizzard was raging and drifts were several feet deep. The blizzard continued all day Saturday with snow blowing into the trailer through the windows and door and, by evening, the electricity and phones were out and the court's water supply frozen. The wind blew even harder Saturday night but died down Sunday morning. However, drifts completely blocked the highway so that no traffic could get through. The court had no propane so we were completely dependent upon the propane, water and batteries in our trailer as the temperature dropped to 13 F. Fortunately, we had not stopped on empty (except for our holding tanks). After three very uncomfortable (but survivable) nights, the highway was plowed and by Monday afternoon we could continue on our way home, but we hate to think of how it would have been had we not had propane, water, good batteries and gas in the truck.

The Dason company in North Carolina is famous for its home mixing machines. They have a slogan in their advertising which reads like this: "When in the South, y'all, be sure to come to see the famous Dason Mixin' Line

*Feb. 1998 AFMS Newsletter, submitted by WGMS Federation
Director Bill Burns*

THE CODE AND THE GENERATION GAP**Mel Albright**

I write this editorial at the request of an anonymous member. The member noted a LARGE generation gap in the attitudes of some members about field collecting.

What upset the member was the willingness and even eagerness of some younger members to break the heck out of BLM rules for field collecting for their own convenience. The details don't matter. The attitude may matter a great deal. Breaking BLM rules about vehicles or tools or whatever can ONLY result in even harsher rules OR TOTAL PROHIBITION of field collecting.

The AFMS Code of Ethics, if followed, would easily prevent such attitudes. What I wonder is "Did those younger members ever even HEAR of the

Code?" Had any of their club officers ever emphasized the importance of the code to ALL the members, but especially, NEW members.

So - how about YOUR club? Have you read those rules out in a meeting lately? Have you given copies to all the members? Have you talked about their importance? If not, it is time.

THE AMERICAN FEDERATION "Code of Ethics"

- I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without the owner's permission.
- I will keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.
- I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.
- I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.
- I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind - fences, signs, buildings, etc.
- I will leave all gates as found.
- I will build fires in designated or safe places only and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.
- I will discard no burning material - matches, cigarettes, etc.
- I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.
- I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.
- I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.
- I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.
- I will cooperate with field-trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.
- I will report to my club or federation officers, Bureau of Land Management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.
- I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.
- I will observe the "Golden Rule," will use "Good Outdoor Manners," and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and public "image" of rockhounds everywhere.

***EDITORIAL from February 1998 AFMS Newsletter, submitted by
Bill Burns, WGMS Federation Director***

CENTRAL COAST
C.F.M.S. Mineral & Gem Show
July 3, 4, 5, 1998 at the Monterey Fair Grounds

Hi, fellow Rockhounds:

I want to entice you to attend the 59th annual Show of the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies this coming July. It is to be held at the Fairgrounds in Monterey for the first time, with four clubs involved to make this a great show.

Our Fairgrounds are grassy with big old shade trees, a lovely setting, and the cool Bay breezes make it most pleasant (you from the hot interior valleys will revel in our climate). Because we have limited space for dealers, we are being most selective so we will have the "Cream of the Crop" for you to see. And we are hoping for the finest displays of exhibit cases for you to admire and perhaps get inspiration from.

As we are too far from local rockhounding areas for a day's trip, we will offer a booklet with a list of collecting areas and directions that you may use for your own excursions. There will also be a variety of informative programs offered throughout the three days.

We will have a terrific display of large pieces of jade from the coast south of us. Our Museum Chairman has contacted several museums and has promise of some exciting exhibits.

There will be a Kid's Corner with activities and learning possibilities so that children who have had exposure to geology will have an opportunity to learn much more and even have hands-on experience with some of the equipment that Rockhounds use (under supervision).

Members from all four clubs are offering their finest self-made treasures for a "your choice" raffle.

There is lots of space for RV campers right on the grounds and we have managed to obtain the Old Del Monte Hotel (of historic interest) for our business meeting and banquet.

As this will be a holiday weekend, visitors will have an additional day to enjoy our area and there is so much to enjoy around Monterey. We even have a discount ticket for those visiting the "World's Finest Aquarium" in Monterey. We do hope you will come and enjoy the results of our efforts to

make this a terrific show.

An important suggestion: make your plans early -- get your reservations well in advance. You realize, this will be held on the 4th of July weekend and Monterey is THE destination for many visitors. And another warning: accommodations can be pricy.

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outstanding event for you.

Please make your plans NOW to attend the CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES ANNUAL SHOW next July 3, 4, and 5, 1998.

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Kay Carter, Chairman


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CENTRAL COAST

Chairperson: Kay Carter - sez "U Otter C the Show" 422 Wilson St. Salinas, CA 9390 (408) 422-0530	Admission: \$4.50 \$.50 off with flyer Children 12 & under free with adult
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UPDATE ON THE CAPITOL SCENE

The U.N. Global Warming Conference held in Kyoto, Japan, was approved, but Senate ratification seems doubtful, due in part to the general theme that the U.S. should greatly reduce pollution, Europe should reduce pollution only a little, while the underdeveloped countries would not be restricted..

The membership is down somewhat in environmental groups, however the entrenched, well funded activists are continuing their aggressive tactics. Not a time to let down efforts to counteract their insatiable desires for those who oppose their "no-quarter" stand.

Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt has announced completion of "Model Legislation for RS-2477 Reform". Critics of Babbitt continue to argue that *legislating* is the job of Congress, not the Interior Secretary. (Or ally other power-hungry bureaucrat in government service! Writer's comment!).

H.R. 901 (American Land Sovereignty Protection Act) passed the House on a vote of 236-191 after a spirited debate. This legislation would cancel each of the existing United Nations Biosphere Reserve, World Heritage Sites and similar designations by the year 2001 unless specifically reauthorized by Congress. The Senate will consider this legislation sometime during this year.

Whether you oppose or support the information listed above, write and let your representatives know your views.

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Jacquin's Postulate on Democratic Government
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The Stones of March

The **National Association of Jewelers** met in Kansas City in August 1912 to agree upon a list of birthstones to standardize this popular category of jewelry. March's stone was initially **BLOODSTONE** with **AQUAMARINE** as an alternate. Although the more costly **AQUAMARINE** is presently offered with greater frequency, the **BLOODSTONE** selection traces back to the 15th century.

BLOODSTONE is a cryptocrystalline variety of quartz called chalcedony. When viewed under water in sunlight it may cast a red reflection which gave rise to its alternate name "**heliotrope**" (Greek for "sun-turning".)

Prized in ancient times for cameos and intaglios, it was believed to stop hemorrhages. India supplies **BLOODSTONE** and it has been found in California. The deep green with red inclusions has a decidedly masculine appeal well displayed in rings, belt buckles and bola ties.

Harder than quartz at Mohs 7.5 to 8, the dichroic beryl variety known as **AQUAMARINE** forms hexagonal crystals which may attain considerable size (a 243 lb. crystal being retrieved in Brazil in 1910). Brazil, and the Russian Ural mountains produce good gems. India was the ancients source, while the U.S.A has yielded crystals from New England, Colorado and Pala, California.

K t q p " e q n q t u " C S W C O C T K P G "green shades which u g c \$ give this lovely gem its name.

Michelle Sebresos

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A complete **FRANTOM** dual unit with two electric motors on a metal stand 46" long. A 10" **diamond blade** is on the left with a **13" X 18" table** and a **visé & feed mechanism**. On the right is a **hood and pan unit** with the driven shaft on which there are **two grinding wheels and an end sanding drum with water piping and flow control system**. An **ash cabinet** is below. The unit was used very little, price \$225.00.

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- Max. 14 - Mar. 15 **Turlock** - Mother Lode Mineral Society, Stanislaus Co. Fairgrounds. Hours: Sat. 10-6, Sun: 10-5
- Mar. 14 - Mar. 15 **Salinas** - Monterey Bay Mineral Society of Salinas, Spreckels Veterans Building. Hours: Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10 - 5
- Mar. 14 - Mar. 15 **Hawthorne** - Northrup Grumman Gem & Mineral Club, Clubhouse, Gate 16. Hours: Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10 - 5
- Mar. 28 - Mar. 29 **Vallejo** - Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society, Solano County Fairgrounds. 10 - 5 both days
- Mar. 28 - Mar. 29 **San Diego** - San Diego Gem & Mineral Society, Al Bahr Shrine Temple, Kearny Mesa Road. Hours: Sat. 10 - 6, Sun. 10 - 5
- Mar. 28 - Mar. 29 **Torrance** - South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society, Torrance Recreation Center, 3341 Torrance Blvd. Hours: Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5
- Mar. 28 - Mar. 29 **Roseville** - Roseville Rock Rollers, Placer Co. Fairgrounds. Hours: Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 5.
- Mar. 28 - Mar. 29 **La Habra** - North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society, La Habra Clubhouse, 2100 W. Greenwood. Hrs: Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5
- Apr. 4 - Apr. 5 **Boron** - Mojave Mineralogical Society, Boron High School Multi-purpose Room. Hours: Sat 9 - 7, Sun 9 - 4.
- Apr. 4 - Apr. 5 **Angels Camp** - Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society, Angeles Camp Fairgrounds. Hours: 10-5 Both days.

Vern Cliffe

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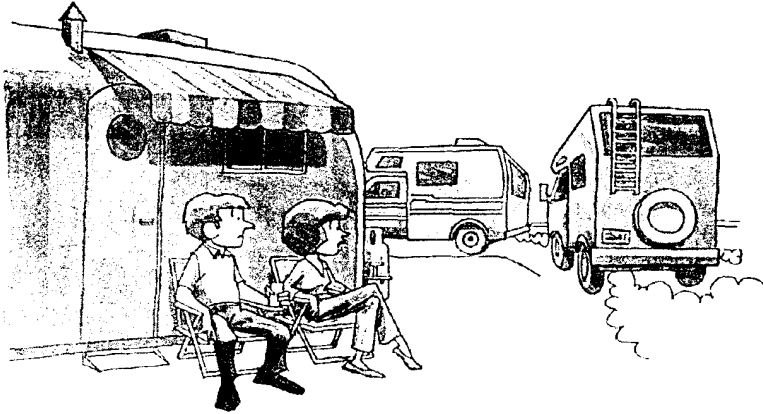
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cartoon in the February 15, 1998 PARADE MAGAZINE, in the L.A. Times.

JValle



"Well, there goes the neighborhood."

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