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The Prez Sez:

Here it is! March! Every year when this month rolls around, I feel that somehow I have been short changed. It seems like the mortgage and car payments were just made, and ones are already again due for March. Yes I know that the paycheck for those of us that are salaried was the same, with fewer days worked, but still!

One of the highlights of February was **Wire Wrapping Class at the Whittier Senior Center**. Very well organized, with preassembled instructional kits, then well presented. By the time you receive this copy of *The Rockhounder*, the second of the three **WGMS-SPONSORED** classes will have occurred, but you still have notice to show up on March 20 for the last class. There you will have an opportunity to learn how to work with dichroic glass. I find myself mesmerized by this stuff every time I encounter it. Usually, as expensive art works in upscale glass or gift shops.

Another location where I hope I will see many of you is sometime during the weekend of March 15-16, 2003 at the **Stoddard Wells Tailgate**. homegrown version of Quartzite.

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**March Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 27 at 7:30 PM
SHOW & TELL!!!**

The audience can participate. All rockhounds have a few objects, rocks, photographs, or otherwise, which are treasured because of the way they were acquired. We just know that you have been waiting for the opportunity to tell your story and we certainly are looking forward to hearing those tales.

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rock that almost got away, that incredible find at Quartzsite, collecting in China, field trip disasters, or whatever.

See you there!

James LaBorde

WGMS News Bits

W regular meeting. We watched two short videos brought in by **Bill and Izzy Burns** and were amazed at the size and sound that the jumbo system provided.

The **WGMS SHOW COMMITTEE** is still trying to get the **City of Whittier** to quote us a price to rent the **Whittier Community Center** for our upcoming **2003 Gem Show** in October. Whittier, like so many other cities right now, is experiencing a serious budget crunch and so they are examining all possible sources of revenue, including events like ours, very closely.

Unfortunately for us, we cannot go forward with our Show plans until they agree to let us have the Gem Show at the Community Center, or turn us down. If we cannot use this location, then we are back to square one and the search for a Show Place will begin again.

The following letter was received from **Joan Abramson** and she says that **Walt** is continuing to improve.

JValle

A Note From Joan

February 10, 2003

Dear Jay,

I am enclosing our dues for the present year. I'm happy to report that Walt is showing progress every day. The skilled care center has been very good for him.

We appreciate all the good thoughts and cards that have come our way.

Sincerely,
Joan (Abramson)

Rockhound of the Year 62002

Last year, we selected **Vern Cliffe** to receive the **ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR** award because of his very fine work on the 2002 Gem Show. The certificate and pin arrived but, due to medical reasons, we had not been able to present them to him. The February General Meeting gave us the opportunity to honor him and so we did. Congratulations, Vern, and thanks.

Field Trip Schedule for 2003

The following is the field trip schedule for the rest of 2003. The dates have not yet been firmed up but we will keep you informed.

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| March 15-16 | Stoddard Wells tailgate |
| April | Castle Butte |
| May | Opal Mountain |
| September | San Bernadino Mountains |
| October | WGMS Honey Onyx Claim |
| November | Wiley Wells |

As always, first hand field trip information will be available at the monthly meetings and in this bulletin.

Joe Goetz

Lavic Siding Field Trip

February 23, 2003

Y q w " m p q y " v j g " u c { k p i . " ð V j g " h c u v g t " the feeling in getting ready for the fieldtrip. However, we did finally get away at 2:30 p.m. Friday. **Marcia and I** got to Barstow at about 4:30 p.m. and stopped at the BLM office to pick up a fire permit. After getting gas we got back on the road and made it out to Lavic at 5:30 p.m. and setup camp (i.e. the trailer).

After dinner it got dark very quickly. We read and played cribbage until it got late (8:30 p.m.) Then went to bed, snuggled and before it could be even possible we woke at 6:00 a.m. Coffee when camping always seems to taste almost better than Starbucks. After breakfast and watching the sun peak over the hills, it got to be 7:30 a.m.

Then suddenly there was a cloud of dust. At the head of the dust was an explorer (the S.U.V.) and as it got closer a face and a smile became visible. The S.U.V. had no sooner stopped, then a figure jumped out and it was **Jay Valle**. And he was raring to go, though he did stop long enough to have a cup of coffee. Just as we were getting ready to go **Bob and Dorothy Brower** arrived. So hellos were said and some chatting done and when we were getting ready to get going, when **Dan and Diane Stevens** showed (you see a pattern forming here). More hellos and chit chat and almost got into the vehicles to go when **James LaBorde** came down the road. Next to arrive was **Dottie Jacobs** and **Ann Marie Nastasi**, and lastly but not least, **Ed Imlay**. So after a short while we decided to go across the freeway to the U q w v j g t p **black agate with red plums**.

I showed them where I had found it before. As it turns out, the black agate started at the top of the seam and as it goes down it get thicker and becomes red moss agate. I wonder what other colors it may become the deeper it goes?

Dan and Bob said that further up the canyon there was a real variety of materials. **Dotty and Ed** remained behind while the rest of us drove up the canyon, which turned out to be just around the next hill. So off we went, finding bits and pieces **Dan and Bob** were way the heck up the canyon by the time I got around the bend. After a bit most of us headed back to the vehicles. **Dan, Bob and Jay** were still up there somewhere. We sounded the horn and then drove **Ann Marie** back to **Dotty and Ed**. While we were gone, **Dotty** had found a portion of the seam that was at the end of the drive

through trench and some nice material came out from there. There were some members of the **Santa Ana club** and they had looked for the place for the black agate. We showed them where exactly to look. It was decided that pot-luck would be canceled as most who came had not planned to stay late enough for it.

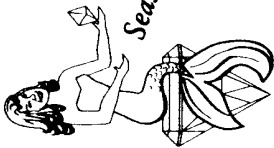
We also decided that **Marcia and I** would then go back to camp and fold up our tent trailer and would go home after we went to the amethyst area. We found **Art Chamberlain** at camp, we had just missed him by ten or fifteen minutes. We met everyone at the bridge after we were done. **Ed and James** decided they would go home, as the hour was getting late and it would take an hour to get to the amethyst. We turned off pavement near the Hector off ramp, **Marcia and I** found a place to drop the trailer. And we off like a herd of turtles, over hill over rocks turn here turned there. When we got to a steep-er hill, **Dottie and Ann Marie** decided they would go home as **F q v v b k g ø u " y c u " i k x k p i " j g t " u q o g " r t q d n g o u " c p f " u j** more of the jarring road. We went in circles twice but did finally find the right way and got there. The area is so much different since the last time I had been there. The knoll I remembered had disappeared, the whole face had been moved back eight to ten feet and there was a shelf some fifteen feet below where I stood. I believe that if we had some screens we could have recovered quite a few loose crystals both clear and purple!

Bob and Dorothy, Dan and Diane, Jay, Art, Marcia and I decided we would stop at the Flying J for dinner. **We, Jay** and unbeknownst to us **Art** drove back to the trailer to get it and get going to dinner. We got the trailer and headed for Lenwood and dinner. Along the way we had a flat tire on the trailer, good thing **Jay and Art** were there it made changing the tire much easier (thanks guys). After finally getting to the Flying J we were forgiven for being late for dinner and we enjoyed a good meal.

The trip home was uneventful, thankfully, and we were in bed by 10:00 after a busy day with visions of rocks dancing in our heads.

Somewhere in California
Joe

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Seaside Gemboree

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of reservations _____ Total Cost _____

Past Presidents & Officers Luncheon (Thursday 6/5 Noon - 1:30 pm) _____ @ \$12.00 \$ _____

Please designate: _____ turkey sandwich _____ beef dip sandwich _____ cobb salad

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Please designate: _____ chicken _____ beef tri-tip

Editors Breakfast (Sunday 6/8, 8 am - 10:30) _____ @ \$11.00 \$ _____

* special needs available upon request - please write on back _____ Event Cost Total \$ _____

Please make check for full amount payable to:

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Pre-Registration Deadline: May 15, 2003. Applications will be accepted as they are received.

Mail to: Brad Tanas, 16352 Celtic St., Granada Hills, CA 91344 - 6803

Stoddard Wells Fieldtrip
March 15th and 16th , 2003

You snuggle down in your bed and just as you start to fall asleep, in the distance you hear something like whining. It gets louder and now you think you hear a growling. You wonder if you should get up and take a look into the starry night to see the strange creature making such a noise. But you sound seems to be slowing, then goes quite. Is the creature sneaking back, you are asleep and it is morning.

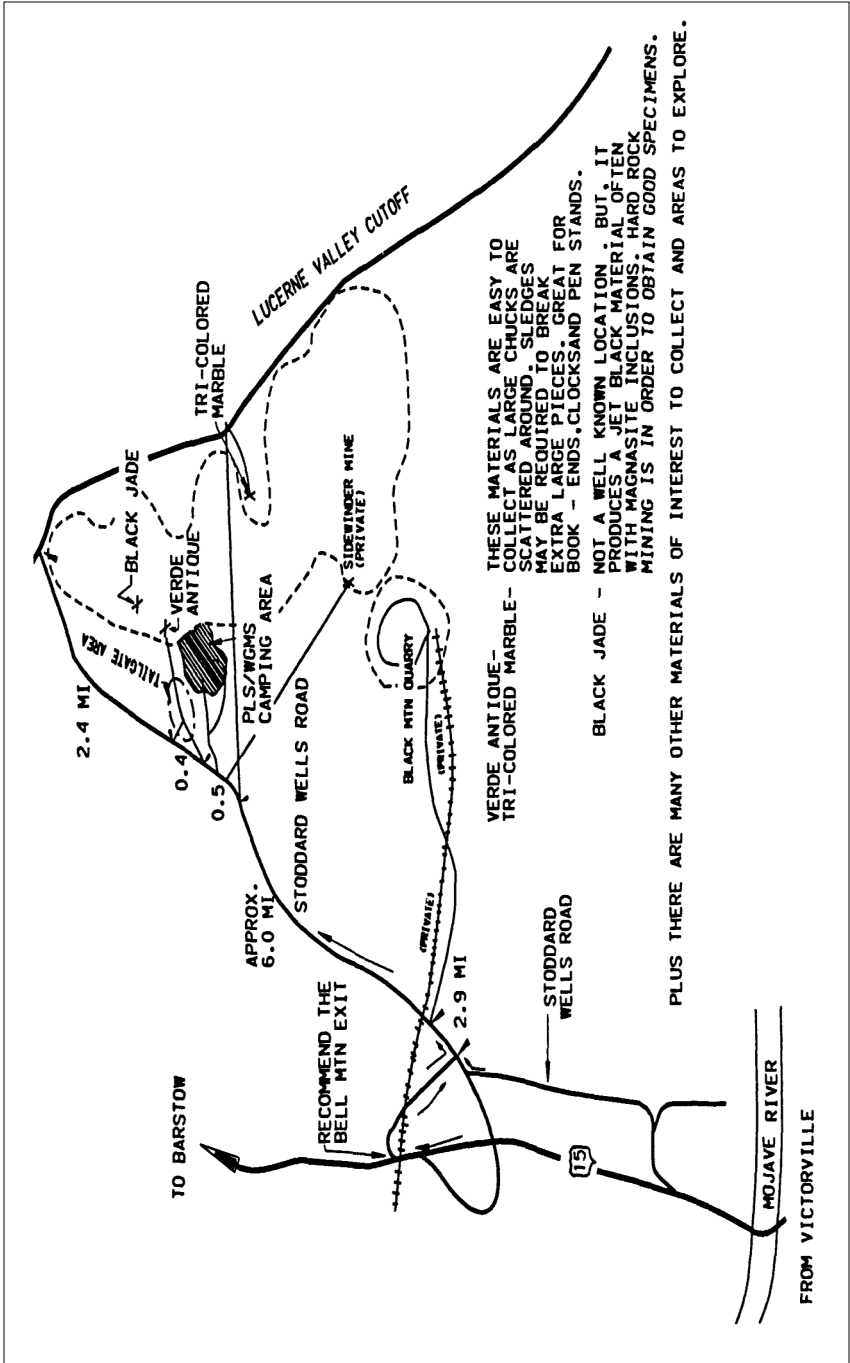
You get out of bed, get dressed, put on a coat and grab a cup of hot something. The morning greets you with a shivering cold (though I have never seen cold shiver, have you), then you sip the hot liquid. Someone has started a fire in the fire ring and there are a few people standing around it speak sleep out your eyes. Then you hear it, that sound from the night before. In the dimness of the morn you turn quickly only to see something, that something has big glowing eyes from which light shoots ahead of it. Can 1049 AD it is 2003! That dragon is a 4 x 4, no more spiked hot tea and fudge before I go to bed.

The fog has lifted and the cobwebs are gone, you remember you are at Stoddard Wells and there is going to be a tailgate this weekend! The camp goodies you can find. Then you hear a strange growling, then you breakfast being cooked and you head back to your camper for more coffee and breakfast.

The tailgate is much like a small Quartzite, even though it has grown over the years. There is a lot to see. Will the tool guy be here this year or the bead dealers? There are plenty of rough materials as well as finished pieces. There

I hope to see you all out there, come and camp or come for the day. But plan to stay for potluck, there is always plenty to eat. Potluck will be around 4:30 pm and a campfire after that weather permitting.

Wrong way Joe



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Pre-registration required. Limited number of
seats.

**Contact Isabella Burns for Tickets and Information
at (626) 288-2896**

Upcoming Gem Shows

- Mar. 8-9** **San Marino, CA.** Pasadena Lapidary Society
San Marino Masonic Center, 3130 Huntington Drive
Hours: Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10 - 5
- Mar. 8-9** **Turlock, CA.** Mother Lode Mineral Society
Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, 900 N. Broadway
Hours: 9-5 both days
- Mar. 14-16** **Stoddard Well, CA.** Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club
Tailgate and Sat. field trip 9 am
Hours: unscheduled all days
- Mar. 15-16** **Hawthorne, CA.** Northrop Grumman Gem & Mineral Club
12303 Crenshaw; Entrance 16
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- Mar. 22-23** **Torrance, CA.** South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society
Torrance Recreation Center, 3341 Torrance Blvd.
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- Mar. 29-30** **San Diego, CA.** San Diego Mineral & Gem Society
Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road
Hours: Sat. 9:30 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4
- Apr. 5-6** **Hacienda Heights, CA.** Puente Hills Gem & Mineral Club
Steinmetz County Park, 1545 S. Stimson Ave. (between Gale
Ave. and Halliburton Road.)
Hours: 10 - 6:5 both days
- Apr. 12-13** **Boron, CA.** Mojave Mineralogical Society
Boron High School, 26831 Prospect
Hours: Sat. 9 - 6:30 Sun. 9 - 6:4
- May 3-4** **Anaheim, CA.** Searchers Gem & Mineral Society
Brookhurst Community Center, 2271 West Crescent Ave.
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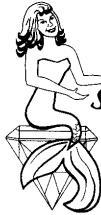
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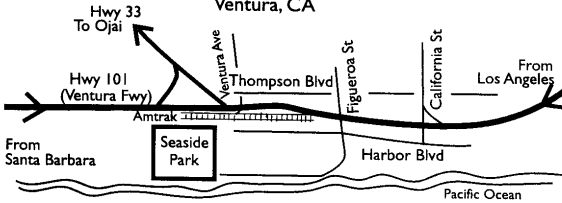
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