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Sandstone Columns near Wikieup, Arizona

ROCKHOUNDER

THE PREZ SEZ:

2004 is here! It hardly seems as though another year has past. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and is ready to get down to a great new year of rock hounding. You'll have to forgive me as this is my first president's message and I am not really sure of what it is I am supposed to say here.

This year will be a year of change for all of us. You obviously have a rookie president to follow in the footsteps of **Art Ragazzi** who has served the club magnificently for the past two years. We also have a brand new secretary in **Anne Marie** who I am quite sure will be more than up to the task. We will also have a new Show Chair this year as **Jay Valle** steps down after guiding us through not only three successful shows but a venue change as well. Someone will have one heck of a big pair of shoes to fill. **Speaking of venue changes, we also have a new meeting location. Our meetings will be held at the community center,** a location much more conducive to a good meeting than the old Sorenson location.

We also have a new **First Vice President, Izzie Burns**. I can't think of a better person to fill this role and think we will have a full year of first-rate presenters for the coming year. With our new location and outstanding speakers coming this year I would like to give this year a theme as well. This may be overstepping my bounds but I want to give the year a **Theme of Sharing**. With **Izzie** providing us wonderful speakers such as **Connie Grundke** who spoke about diamonds at a meeting last year and kept everyone enthralled, I would like to take the opportunity to share these tales with others. I would like to ask everyone to bring a guest to at least one meeting this year. Share the hobby you love with someone. We haven't had a guest outside of the presenters and possibly their spouse in a long time and I would like to change that. I'd also love to see some old faces come back and visit us at the community center if they get a chance.

Happy New Year everyone! See you at the meeting.

James

**WGMS General Meeting
January 22 at 7:30 PM**

**NEW LOCATION!!!
Whittier Community Center
7630 Washington Ave. Whittier
(see map on page 15)**

PROGRAM:

Conrad Grundke Presents:

"INTARSIA - Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow"

Conrad Grundke will be our guest Lecture for our next meeting. His topic will be "INTARSIA - Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow." The object of this lecture is to initiate listeners about the art form called Intarsia, it's history and its beginning through it zenith in the late 1500s, giving an understanding of where and how the form changed over time. This program is presented so that those in attendance can leave with an understanding of what it is and what areas of skill, talents and equipment are needed for this type of art form. The conclusion will be some predictions of what the future will be for this art form.

Conrad is one of the few artist in the United States who produce this type of art. He is very knowledgeable about this type of art, teaches classes on how to do it, and has studied its history. I have heard him speak several times, but always learn something new.

Please invite your friends an acquaintances, who have an interest in art, to attend this lecture at the **Whittier Community Center, 7630 Washington Ave. Whittier, CA. at 7:30 PM, Thursday, January 22, 2004.**

Izzie B., 1st VP.

DUES ARE DUE

It is DUES time again and the WGMS needs you. Your continued support allows us to produce this newsletter and helps provide the meeting location.

The membership breakdown has not changed and is as follows:

Single adult	\$15.00
Married Couple	\$25.00
Junior Member	\$5.00

Please send your dues to the Treasurer, Jay Valle at:

Jay Valle
 1421 Latchford Avenue
 Hacienda Heights, CA 91734

Regular Meeting Schedule for 2004

Regular meeting are held on the 4th Thursday of each month, except for November and December when we meet on the 3rd Thursday because of the Holidays. No meetings are held in July and August. The June and December meetings are potlucks and start an hour early.

January 22.....	7:30 to 9:30 PM
February 26.....	7:30 to 9:30 PM
March 25.....	7:30 to 9:30 PM
April 22.....	7:30 to 9:30 PM
May 27.....	7:30 to 9:30 PM
June 24 (Potluck – early start)	6:30 to 8:30 PM
July	NO MEETING
August.....	NO MEETING
September 23	7:30 to 9:30 PM
October 28	7:30 to 9:30 PM
November 18	7:30 to 9:30 PM
December 16 (Potluck – early start)	6:30 to 8:30 PM

Rodents Not Endangered Species

Extensive studies conducted by researchers at the Denver Museum of Nature and History have shown that the Preble meadow jumping mouse is not a distinct species from other common mice and does not deserve protection under the Endangered Species Act. The scientists concluded, through painstaking DNA trials, that Prebel's (*Zapus hudsonius preblei*) is genetically indistinguishable from another mouse (*Zapus hudsonius campestris*) that infests wide areas of Wyoming, Montana, the Dakotas and Canada. Immediately upon news of the findings, Wyoming Governor Dave Freudenthal fired off a 110-page petition to the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) to have Preble's removed from the threatened and endangered list. The FWS, however, has refused to remove the mouse from the list, saying the "available science doesn't justify yanking federal protections." according to Ralph Morgenweck, director of the Service's regional office in Lakewood, CO. Governor Freudenthal said FWS should "direct its scarce resources to an animal that actually needs protection and recovery." In another development, Senate Minority Leader, Tom Daschle (D-SD), sent a letter to FWS director Steven A. Williams, urging the agency to drop consideration of prairie dogs for protection under the ESA. "The notion that the prairie dog is threatened defies logic," the Senator wrote. [A] multi-state study of prairie dog populations recently concluded that the species was biologically viable and therefore did not meet the definition of an endangered species" he continued.

EPA Will Not Relinquish Hold on Wetlands

The Environmental Protection Agency will not remove federal protection from millions of acres of the nation's wetlands, according to new EPA head Mike Leavitt. Leavitt indicated the agency would continue to review current data before rushing to relinquish its jurisdiction in wake of several federal court decisions that rejected similar arguments for withdrawal of protections. Jim Murphy of the National Wildlife Federation said; "It's a win for water resources and wildlife." Chandler Morse, policy analyst for the National Association of Home Builders, said the EPA decision would do nothing to clear up the confusing and contradictory interpretation of current wetlands regulations. "[T]he problems that we're facing, the issues that we'd like to see addressed, are the inconsistency and the unpredictability in the permitting process."

Sec. Norton Announces Grazing Rule Proposal

Interior Secretary Gale Norton gave federal lands ranchers an early Christmas present when she announced proposed changes to the current

grazing rules in early December. The new rules would overturn the Clinton-Babbitt decision that allowed the federal government to confiscate any out-of-pocket improvements ranchers made in the course of grazing federal lands; including stock tanks, fences and windmills. The proposed regulations would also limit comments from clueless, unqualified, urban environmental activists regarding grazing permits. That provision elicited howls of indignation from the left. John Horning of the Forest Guardians complained; "[T]he purpose here is to give cowboys and the livestock industry free rein over public lands," that will "eliminate safeguards on overgrazing and other environmental damage." "This proposed rule will help public lands ranchers stay on the land," Norton said. "We all know there are people out there who want to end public lands grazing. President Bush is not one of them."

Administration Opens Tongass to Logging

Alaskans cheered the decision of the Bush administration to open 300,000 acres of the Tongass National Forest to logging. "Merry Christmas.this couldn't have come at a better time," said Steve Seley, who just completed a \$1.4 million expansion of his Pacific Log and Lumber Company in Ketchikan, one of the few remaining sawmills in Alaska's panhandle. Governor Frank Murkowski said the decision "was a vital step in our plan to rebuild the Southeast timber industry." A decade ago the timber industry employed 5,000 people, but heavy-handed government regulations reduced that number to a mere 650 timber related jobs. The new rules will open only about three percent of the Tongass to logging, but environmental groups would have none of it trotting out their tired old arguments as they rushed to block six timber sales. "The Bush administration is just catering to its friends in the timber industry by adopting this rule today," said Tom Waldo, attorney with Earthjustice.

Florida Judge Blasts Agency for Extortion

Coy Koontz, a Florida landowner, sued the St. John's River Water Management District (SJRWMD) for denying him use of his property without paying compensation. A Circuit Court Judge ruled for Koontz and the water district appealed. The SJRWMD was unanimously refused a hearing by Florida's 5th District Court of Appeals and one Judge, Robert J. Pleus, wrote a scathing denunciation of the District's actions. Water district scientist, Elizabeth Johnson, had concluded Koontz's proposed development of three and seven-tenths acres would adversely affect fish and wildlife, even though none were observed on his fourteen acres. As a condition for allowing Koontz to "use" his property, he was required by SJRWMD to perform

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2004 Fieldtrip schedule

Hi to you. The fieldtrips for the year 2004 are:

- Jan. 31 - Feb. 1**..... Quartzsite - camp at Scaddan Wash, get off the freeway Exit 19.
- Feb. 14-16** Local day trips: to be announced.
- March 20-21**..... Lavic Siding
- March 22-26**..... Extended trip with Vern & Sylvia to Burro Creek
- March 27-28**..... The Cottonwood, Arizona Show
- April (to be announced)**. Local day trips
- May 29-31**..... Broadwell Dry Lake
- Jun through Aug.** No trips
- Sept. 25-26** Paul Bunyon
- Oct. 23-24** Whittier Club Claim
- Nov. 25-28** Death Valley area not in Death Valley.

There you have it

The Magic of a Name

MOHAHVE, MOHAVE, MOJAVE, are all spinoff spellings of the true Indian word: "AHA MACAVA."

Throughout the years as man came to this part of the great American desert, he has recorded at least fifty ways to spell this one word.

In 1776, Padre Garces, the first known non-Indian to pass through the Mojave Desert, interpreted in writing the Indian name he heard as "Yamajabs." Kit Carson chose "Mohave" in his 1820 records; while in 1844, General Fremont preferred "Mohahve."

Additional early varied spellings are: Amajabas, A-mac-ha ves, and Hah-mah Kahvah. Having no written language or symbols, Amuchaba, Amacave, A-mochave, A muchaba, Hamok-avi, Hamucklihabi, Hamok-habi, Yamajabs, and more. The Indian spoken word was further confused in writing by both Spanish and English language differences.

Dr. Lorraine Sherer, noted authority on the Mojave clan system, reported in 1965 that two Mojaves, equally proficient in English, would spell the same Mojave word different because pronunciation sounded different to them. White men had the same problem spelling Mojave's spoken language.

From a decision made around 1900 by the United States Geographic Board, the Indian name applied to the desert and river in San Bernardino County, was spelled "Mohave," while the township in Kern County even then was officially known as "Mojave."

At the turn of this century, a San Bernardino map maker, confused by the various spellings, inquired from a Mexican girl working with him as to the correct way to put this name on his maps. Her choosing the "J" is understandable, for in Spanish the "J" is sounded as "H"; hence, "Mojave." Even the Tribal Council of Indians, once also known as "Amacavas" is now using "Mojave" in its tribe's spelling.

Historian James A. Barnes wrote in a 1966 publication of the San Bernardino County Museum Association (using the spelling Mohave): "The Mohave Indians were the last red men to bow to the will of the white men, outranking most tribes in their political, economical, social fitness, and stature." He further added, that these Indians' physical condition, stamina and mental abilities far outclassed the majority of the non-desert tribes of North America.

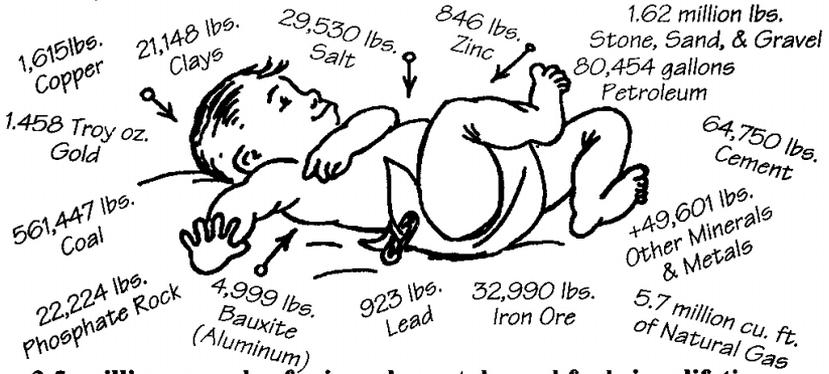
Comprising some 15,000 square miles and being 33 times larger than Los Angeles, today's Mojave Desert rises from near sea level to 4,000+ feet. It has more than 1,300 known native plants and some 3,500 different forms of wildlife which are at home in this arid region, as per Wayne Fowlie, Sr., noted Desert Lifeologist.

Today, California residents of this growing land of contrasts have thoroughly acknowledged Mojave as being the official name for the Indians who once ruled the land, and for the land and its river.

The name "Mojave," much like the best steel, has been heated and hammered and filed and from the furnace of usage and anvil of time, changed until it little resembles its old self; the end result being a splendid name for a vast area heavily blessed in California's true treasure -- its golden history!

*From "Bits 'N Pieces of the Mohahve Desert's Weathered Past",
by John M. Swisher*

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(for all the money you have left)**

In the wake of the Exxon/Mobile deal and the AOL/Time Warner implosion, be aware of the next expected mergers so that you can get in on the ground floor and make some BIG bucks. Watch for these consolidations in 2004.

- Hale Business Systems, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Fuller Brush and W.R. Grace Co. will merge and become Hale, Mary, Fuller, Grace.
- Polygram Records, Warner Bros., and Zesta crackers join forces and become Poly, Warner Cracker.
- 3M will merge with Goodyear and issue forth as: MMMGood.
- Zippo Manufacturing, Audi Motors, Dofasco, and Dakota Mining will merge and become: ZipAudiDoDa.
- FedEx is expected to join its major competitor, UPS, and become FedUP.
- Fairchild Electronics and Honeywell Computers will become Fairwell Honeychild.
- Grey Poupon and Docker Pants are expected to become: Poupon Pants.
- Knotts Berry Farm and the National Organization of Women will become Knott NOW!

Submitted by Dottie Jacobs

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offsite mitigation for the unseen fish and wildlife five to six miles from his property, an "out-and-out" plan of extortion, according to Judge Pleus. The good judge's opinion exposed the flagrant misuse of power exercised by government agencies that cloak their extortionate actions under the blanket of "Sovereign Immunity."

*From Liberty Matters News Service
Submitted by Vern Cliffe*

Upcoming CFMS Gem Shows

- Jan 10-11 Exeter, CA.** Tule Mineral Society
"Gemboree 2004"
Veterans Memorial Bldg. Highway 65
Hours: 10 - 5 both days
- Jan 30-31 Redlands, CA.** 39th Annual Pacific Micromount Conference,
- Feb 1 Southern California Micro-Mineralogists
San Bernardino County Museum
2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands, CA
- Feb 13-22 Indio, CA.** San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society
"Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival"
Gem & Mineral Bldg. Fairgrounds; @ 46-350 Arabia St.
Hours: 10 - 10
- Mar 6-7 Arcadia, CA.** Monrovia Rockhounds
Los Angeles County Botanical Gardens
301 N. Baldwin Avenue
Hours: 9-4:30 both days
- Mar 6-7 Ventura, CA.** Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
Seaside Park - Ventura Co. Fairgrounds
10 W. Harbor Blvd.
Hours: Sat 10-5 Sun 10-4
- Mar 13-14 San Marino, CA.** Pasadena Lapidary Society
San Marino Masonic Center
3130 Huntington Dr.
Hours: Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10 - 5
- Apr 3-4 Torrance, CA.** South Bay Lap & Mineral Society
Torrance Recreational Center
3341 Torrance Blvd.
Hours: 10-5 both days
- May 1-2 Anaheim, CA.** Searchers Gem & Mineral Society
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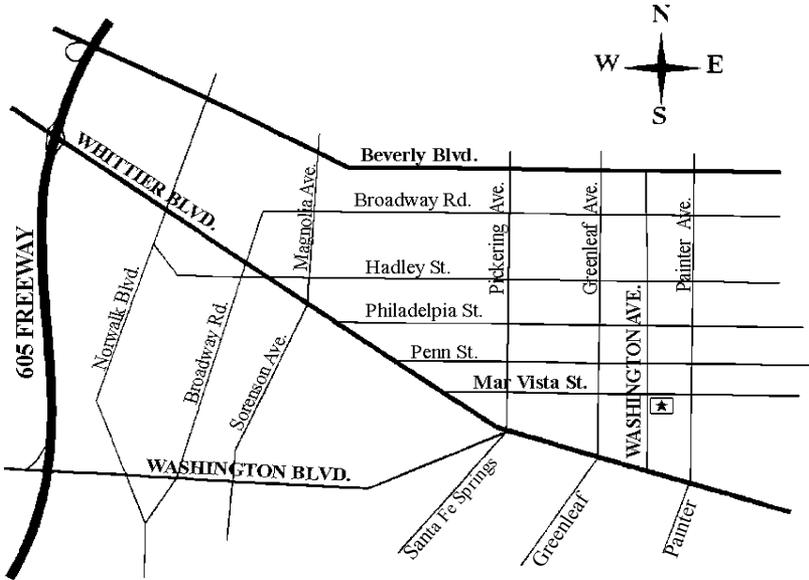
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