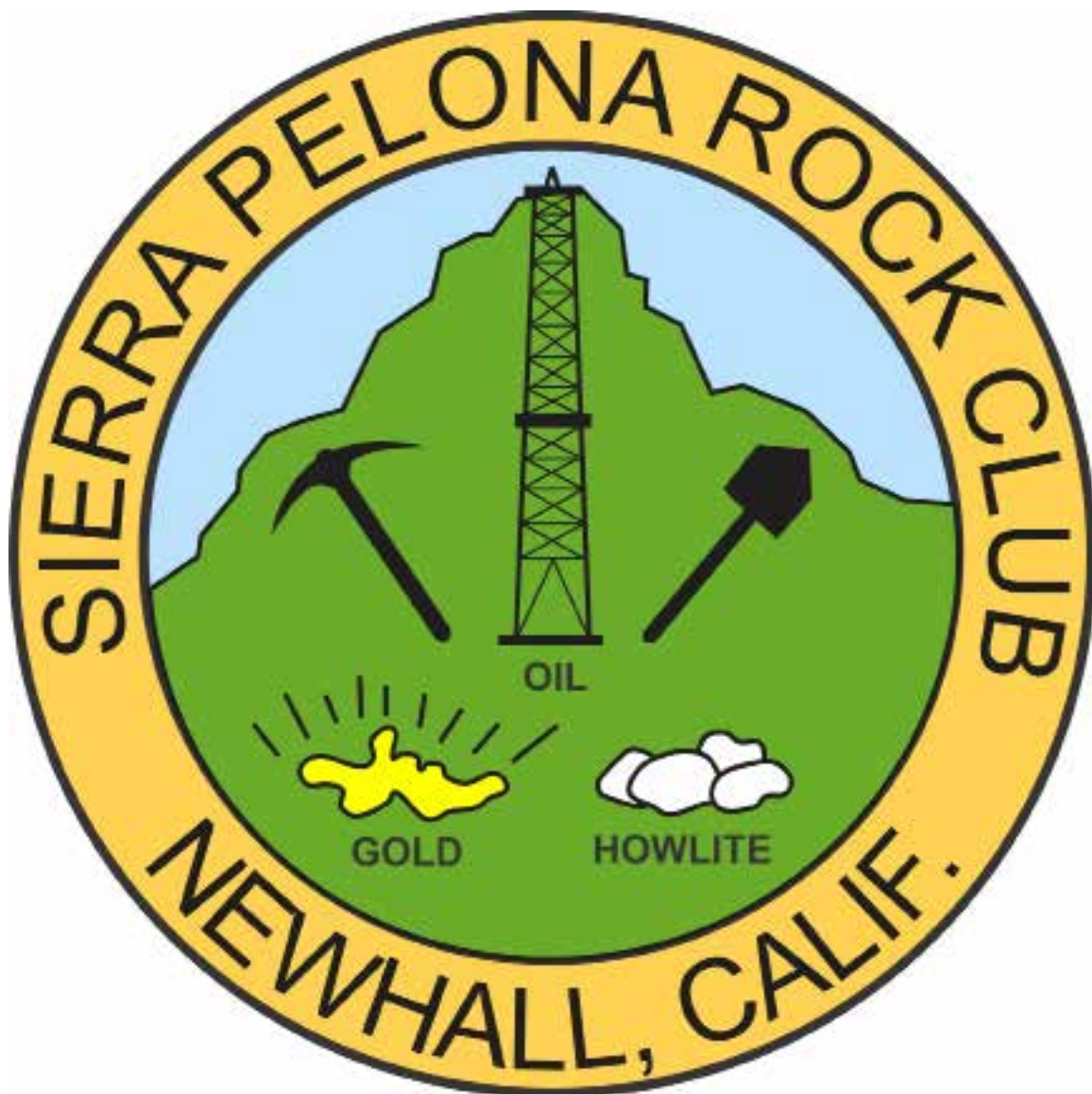


The Sierra Pelona



June-July-August 2015

... Member of the California Federation of Mineralogical Society Inc. ...

The Sierra Pelona Rock Club is a non-profit organization founded in 1959 with the objective to sponsor activities and promote interest and education in: mineralogy, lapidary, geology, paleontology and related subjects.

June

Connie Flores-Reisbeck June 2
 Paul Hobbs June 11
 Akiko Strathmann June 25
 Heidi Webber June 10
 Janelle Williams June 3



Birthdays



July

Trina Aeen July 28
 DJ Gervais July 5
 Ron Rackliffe July 28

August

Jane Gates August 6
 Ralph Hyde August 3
 Karen Kubota August 19
 Ron Lawrence August 12



Goodbye

Bob Krug has accepted a promotion in his field and will be moving his family, Margie and William to the San Diego area in July. They haven't been with the club for that long but they have all been greatly enjoyed. Hopefully they will be able to join us occasionally when we have field trips a bit further south.

Keep in touch Bob and Margie. And have a great life in your new home.



A great big welcome to our newest member Alex Applegate. He is Trina and Omid's son-in-law and the father of our new adorable little pebble pup.

Officers:

President – Greg Langewisch
 Vice-President – Trina Aeen
 Secretary: Tina White
 Treasurer – Ron Rackliffe
 Federation Director (CFMS/AFMS) – Shep Koss

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 Equipment--Bill Webber
 Field Trips – Open
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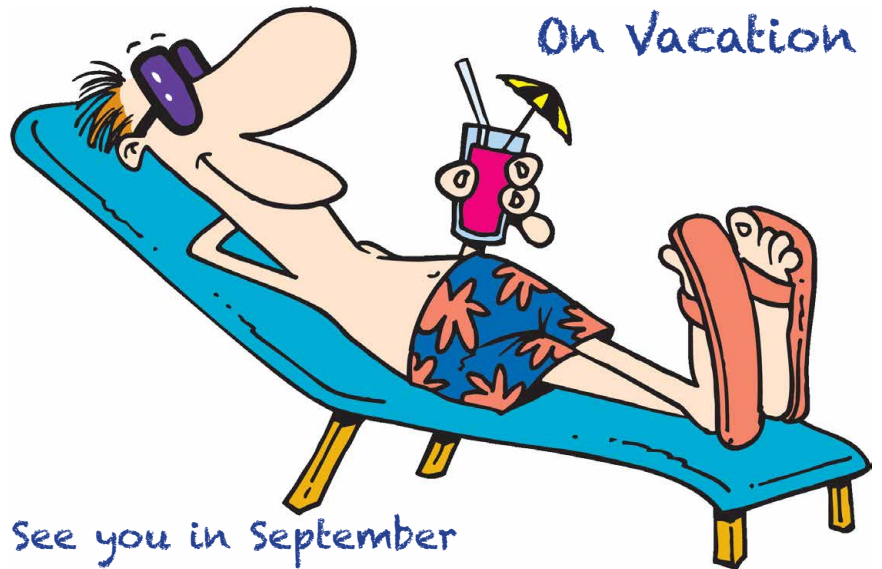
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The Pelonagram takes the summer off too. So this is it until the September edition. I know we have fun places to go and I hope you do too. Don't forget to take pictures and submit them to me, Heidi, and I can showcase them in the September "What I did on my Summer Vacation" Pelonagram!



End of Year Picnic

The club's annual potluck end-of-year picnic was held on June 13 at Meadows Park in Valencia. The table was full of goodies and the raffle table held some interesting items. After a short meeting where new member Alex Applegate was given his membership packet and introduced to the rest of the club.

After everyone did their duty and stuffed themselves with the bounty presented, the auction commenced. Greg Langewisch was auctioneer and lively bidding was launched. After the items were all auctioned off, Ron Lawrence took over as bingo caller. There were some great items won: club shirts, polished rock eggs, etc.

At around 3pm we started packing up and heading home for the summer. Although we are officially on summer break until September, the club often has a spontaneous field trip and a dinner. So watch your emails.



SPRC Business Meeting
June 2, 2015
Greenbriar Estates Clubhouse

The meeting was called to order at 7pm. In attendance were Greg Langewisch, Trina and Omid Aeen, Bill Webber and Ron Rackliffe.

The format of membership applications was discussed. The discussion was centered around on-line vs. a paper form to fill out. Trina suggested that a modified version of the paper form be put on the website to be downloaded, filled out and then either emailed, mailed or handed over to a board member. No decision was made.

Ron R said that the fees for the storage unit will be going up \$10 a month for a total of \$67. It was decided that it was no longer necessary to keep the unit. Trina suggested we have a Yard Sale and sell everything we don't need, keeping the items we use for shows plus some of the other supplies. She suggested that the large crystal can be sold on EBay. The rest will be moved to Ron's garage to be stored indefinitely. Any rocks suitable for tumble will go to Bill. It was decided to clear out the storage unit this coming weekend and be rebated fees already paid. Motion passed.

Ron also said that the PO Box fee is also increasing but he doesn't know how much at this time.

This year's Lombardi Ranch was discussed. Greg would like to pay for a double booth, which would cost an extra \$100. No decision was made. (note: after the meeting, it was announced that Lombardi was canceling their Pumpkin Patch event because of the drought.)

The End of Year picnic was discussed and Greg is sending out a spreadsheet for people to sign up for the potluck.

Alex Applegate was voted into the club.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm

Respectfully Submitted

Heidi S Webber for Tina White



SPRC General Meeting

June 13, 2015
Meadows Park

Club members gathered for the End of Year potluck picnic at Meadows Park in Valencia beginning around 11am. There were about 25 members present. At noon, Greg Langewisch conducted a short meeting and introduced Alex Applegate as the club's newest member. The meeting was basically adjourned about 12:15 when Greg said "Now let's eat!" and there was a mad rush to the table brimming with goodies. Afterward it was auction time and bingo. A lovely day and fun was had by all. Have a great and safe summer.

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Introducing Scouts to Gem Hill



SPRC hosted Cub Scout Pack 527 at Gem Hill so they could earn some geology related belt loops. It was a fantastic time with kids roaming the hill side picking up agates, opalites, rhyolite and whatever rocks caught their eyes. In the end, everyone left with a bucket of rocks and a appreciation for what the local deserts can offer. Thanks to the many SPRC members who showed up to help out with the event.

Unless otherwise noted, photos by Greg Langewisch



Most everyone was able to make it to the top of the hill for parking



Got to the collecting spot and Ron explained to the kids what they were looking for.



Old mining town on the way.

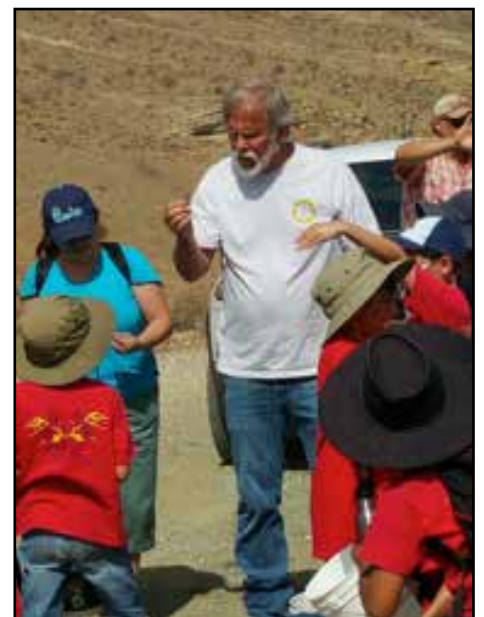


Ruth Yacovelli Hidalgo said: It was really fun to share our hobby and a little geology. Ron was awesome with the Scouts!!

Photo by Ruth



Now THIS is what you come to Gem Hill for!



Ron doing what he loves to do, introducing youngsters to the world of rock collecting.



Clear Creek Plume Agate Field Trip

Heidi Webber

Friday, May 22 was a beautiful day to head out to collect Clear Creek Agate near Coalinga. Some of us camped, others hoted it and others got up extra early to take the 4-hour drive to meet up with the rest of us. Trina and Omid and Bill and Heidi camped in a sweet little campground with only 6 spaces. The weather was perfect but the nights were really cold, which was good for snuggling. We sat around a campfire with Danny and Vivian Watts and their grandson Jonathan from the Antelope Valley club.

By 9am on Saturday, Greg Langewisch and a bunch of other club members hit the campground in a cloud of dust and a hearty Hi-ho! We finished gulping down our coffee and got ready for the 45-minute drive up the mountain heading for the agate. This area had been closed by the BLM for over 10 years and just opened up a year ago, so this was a big deal. On the winding road up, we met many collectors from other clubs and the Face Book page Cabs and Slabs. When we reached our destination, there were literally boulders of plasma agate to pick up off the road. Bill and I found beautiful specimens right in the road! We had to fill in with dirt the boulders we dug out, it was so plentiful. Everyone took as much as they felt they could haul because of the effort of getting to the site we didn't know if we would ever get back.

After about an hour, with our buckets loaded, most of us headed back downhill to a stream where we collected boulders of serpentine and jade. Again, it was plentiful and required not much more effort than to bend over and pick it up.

The next morning, we broke camp and we headed home, with our heads full of wonderful visions of a wonderful trip that I really hope can be repeated.

Photos by Greg Langewisch, Trina Aeen, Sandy White and Heidi Webber.



