

# The Sierra Pelonaagram



March 2010

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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.

# Welcome

Welcome to new member  
Charles Ferguson.

Say "Happy Birthday" to our March Babies:

Ruth Hidalgo  
George Lawrence  
Evelyn Velie  
Bill Webber



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DAY

### **Officers:**

President – Ron Lawrence  
Vice-President – George Lawrence  
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The Sierra Pelona Rock Club, is a member of the California and American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. (CFMS/AFMS). The general club meetings (Open to the public) are at 7:30 PM, on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at:

**The Clubhouse of the Greenbrier  
Mobile Estates EAST  
21301 Soledad Canyon Rd  
Canyon Country, CA 91351**

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Visit the SPRC website designed by Earl Kangas  
<http://www.sierrapelona.com/>



### **A Message from the President**

It is hard to believe March is already here (and half gone as I am writing this). Our club continues to grow and it is such a great thing to see families joining together in their new venture.

We have a couple of great field trips lined up, which you can read about elsewhere in this issue. We will also be looking forward to having a table at the Lancaster Gem and Mineral Show in April. Please feel free to come and help out at the table. This is an important fundraiser for the SPRC, one of two we do each year.

I look forward to seeing you at the General Meeting next week.

Bill Webber, President  
Sierra Pelona Rock Club

### **Aquamarine**



The two birthstones for March are aquamarine and bloodstone.

The name *aquamarine* is derived from the Latin word *aqua*, meaning water, and *marina*, meaning *the sea*. This gemstone was believed to protect sailors, as well as to guarantee a safe voyage. The serene color of aquamarine is said to cool the temper, allowing the wearer to remain calm and levelheaded. Its pale, cool color beautifully complements spring and summer wardrobes. Aquamarine is most often light in tone and ranges from greenish blue to blue-green; the color usually is more intense in larger stones. This gemstone is mined mainly in Brazil, but also is found in Nigeria, Madagascar, Zambia, Pakistan, and Mozambique.

The second birthstone for March is *bloodstone*, a dark-green jasper flecked with vivid red spots of iron oxide. This ancient stone was used by the Babylonians to make seals and amulets and was believed to have healing powers — especially for blood disorders. It is sometimes called the *martyr's stone* as legend tells that it was created when drops of Christ's blood stained some jasper at the foot of the cross. Generally found embedded in rocks or in riverbeds as pebbles, primary sources for this stone are India, Brazil, and Australia.

SIERRA PELONA ROCKHOUND CLUB  
BUSINESS MEETING  
3/02/2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

In attendance were Bill & Heidi Webber, Ron and Akiko Strathmann, Nancy Hilliard, Greg Mazourek, Al Brown, Ron Lawrence, Mike Serino, Diane Southwell, Mike Marino, & Earl Kangas.

New designs for T-shirts were discussed and pended for more information.

Topic for the upcoming General Meeting was discussed. We will have a discussion on Rock identification where we can bring our rocks that we are curious about and have them identified. You are also invited to bring your ideas for other General meeting topics!

Federation report was not given as Shep was absent. Sunshine report was not given as Evelyn was absent.

Treasurer's report was given by Greg M. and the club is in good standing.

The new President, Bill Webber and the outgoing President, Ron Lawrence still need to set a time to go to the bank to effect the change of financial responsibility.

New Members- Charles Ferguson was voted in.

Upcoming Events/ Trips – Stoddard Wells is 3/12 – 3/13/2010. The club will not have a booth at this event but members will possibly carpool as it can be a very nice tailgate/ swap meet type of event for rockhounds with a field trip also offered.

Indian Wells and Rainbow Ledge are also coming up soon, stay tuned for exact dates.

Since the trip for Green Ash hills was rained out, we will retry on 3/20/2010. The club will not have a booth at the Bakersfield show as we did not do well last year and the weather is very unpredictable.

The Lancaster show is coming up in April and the club may try and have a booth at that show.

Colleen donated a Genie Wheel to the club and the wheel wore out. It was first replaced with an inexpensive wheel which didn't last, and Ron Lawrence has donated a swell new \$100 wheel to the club. Yeah!! Kudos Ron!! Thanks!

Tool oil is needed for the club wheels and saws. Various places and entities were discussed for places to obtain oil at a discount.

The new storage unit is across from Home depot on Reuther street. It is # 55.

Earl is ready to categorize the stuff in the storage shed near the end of the month. It was discussed that he should categorize and store the old handwritten Pelonograms, but convert to digitalization old bank records, etc. Old Magazines may be brought to club meetings for members to borrow and enjoy.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 pm.

### **Upcoming Field Trips**

Shep's trip to the Ocean View and Himalaya mines will be our April club field trip. There are more spots available than usually go on our field trips so no one wanting to go will be left out. But please, as Shep says, make your reservations early.

If you went last time you know how much fun it is and what you can find but if you didn't, just remember that is where Bonnie found the seventy-five carat green gem stone valued at seven hundred and fifty dollars right out of the ground and Shep found an amazing crystal. I have a few finds to remember the weekend but I remember most the fun and the excitement of the search.

Make the weekend more memorable by staying with the group at Lake Henshaw or in San Diego and taking in the night life and then drive up the hill in the morning.

The Barona casino isn't far either and they have great rooms.

We will still have a week day trip and probably have another Saturday outing maybe earlier in the month.

RON LAWRENCE  
CO FIELD TRIP CHAIR  
SIERRA PELONA ROCK CLUB

### **More on the Ocean View and Himalaya Mines Field Trip**

Please don't forget to register with the Ocean View Mine for your reservations early. Next to your name on the reservation write (SPRC) in parenthesis so we can keep track of how many attend and please let me know as well. The number of attendees affects our rate at the Himalaya mine Sunday. Please read the links for each mine carefully as to directions and method of payment.

OceanView: [www.digforgems.com](http://www.digforgems.com)  
Himalaya: [www.highdesertgemsandminerals.com](http://www.highdesertgemsandminerals.com)

Both owners have been contacted and are looking forward to our trip.

Shep

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### **Notes from our Co-Field Chair**

Well, last month's field trips fell through because of rain but that's the time of year it is. It's always good to check for updates on trips since plans can change right up to the last day.

Did you hear that Shep found six people waiting for him at Ant Hill on the 27th?

Field Rd. and Green Ash Hills are great collection area so we will try again. Same date the 20th but of March and same time at Mammoth, seven-thirty. With a quick stop in Rosamond for gas and snacks we will be out highway 15 to three spots or more of agate, jasper, and wood.

There are a few other things to do this month with Stoddard Wells on the 12th 13th and 14th.

We will not be selling but it's a good tailgate with many people selling and much to see. Bonnie and I plan to be there early on Saturday to take part of the field trip. I need more of the green antique marble. It's good looking stuff and takes a good polish.

I know Bakersfield is a ways to go for a show but Lew has taken over the show again and moved it to a new location. He has big plans for the show and I may run out there on Sunday to check it out.

There are a few members with obligations on weekends but most weekdays free. We went to the L.A. Natural History Museum a few weeks ago and want to plan other outings. Looking at the calendar I think either the 16th the day of our General Meeting or the 18 would be good days to hit the hills. I can think of a number of places with good material and not too hilly of a collecting area. If you're interested I will set up a trip for one of these areas like Lavic or even where we are going on the 20th, Field Rd.

Check out the Pelonagram for more events and as always keep an eye on emails for updates.

RON LAWRENCE  
CO FIELD TRIP CHAIR  
SIERRA PELONA ROCK CLUB

**March 12, 13-14 2010,  
Victorville, CA**

Victorville Valley Gem & Mineral Society

Stoddard Well Tailgate (Stoddard Wells)

Bell Mountain/Stoddard Well exit from I-15

Hours: 8-5 daily

Brett Ward (760) 954-4323

Club (760) 243-2330

Website: [www.vvvgmc.com](http://www.vvvgmc.com)

**March 13-14 2010, San Marino, CA**

Pasadena Lapidary Society

San Marino Masonic Center

3130 Huntington Drive

Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5

(626) 355-6964 or (626) 298-1534

Marcia Goetz [joenmar1@verizon.net](mailto:joenmar1@verizon.net)

**March 13-14 2010, Spreckels, CA**

Salinas Valley Rock & Gem Club

Veteran's Memorial Hall

5th & Llano Streets

Hours: 10-5 daily

Ernie DeFever (831) 422-3422

Email: [minimad64@comcast.net](mailto:minimad64@comcast.net)

Website: [salinasrockandgem.com](http://salinasrockandgem.com)

**March 13-14 2010, Turlock, CA**

Mother Load Mineral Society

Stanislaus Co. Fairgrounds

900 N Broadway

Hours: Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-5

Bud & Terry McMillin (209) 524-3494

Email: [terry.mcmillin@yahoo.com](mailto:terry.mcmillin@yahoo.com)

Website: [www.turlockgemshow.com](http://www.turlockgemshow.com)

**March 19-21 2010, San Bernardino, CA**

Orange Belt Mineralogical Society

Western Regional Little League

Ball Park

6707 Little League Drive

Hours: 9 a.m. - Dusk daily

Shane Ripley (909)557-3605

Email: [OBMS\\_PR@yahoo.com](mailto:OBMS_PR@yahoo.com)

Website: <http://obmsrocks.yolasite.com>

**CMFS Calendar**

**March 20-21 2010, Escondido, CA**

Palomar Gem & Mineral Club

Army National Guard Armory

304 Park Avenue, Escondido, CA 92025

Hours: Sat. 9-5 Sun. 9-4

Van Lynch (760) 749-4164

Email: [michellandvan@hotmail.com](mailto:michellandvan@hotmail.com)

Website: [www.palomargem.org](http://www.palomargem.org)

**March 20-21 2010, Fallbrook, CA**

Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society

Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society

Meeting Hall

123 W. Alvarado Street

Hours: Sat. Symposium 9-3 Sun.

Field Trip 9 a.m.

Jennifer Rohl (714) 293-0156

Email: [rohl@earthlink.net](mailto:rohl@earthlink.net)

Website: <http://www.mineralsocal.org/scfm>

**March 20-21 2010, Vallejo, CA**

Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society

Vallejo elks Lodge

2850 Redwood Parkway

Hours: 10 - 5 daily

Phyllis Malacki (707) 745-3255

Email: [Vgms01@yahoo.com](mailto:Vgms01@yahoo.com)

Website: [www.iwired.org](http://www.iwired.org)

**March 27-28 2010, Angels Camp, CA**

Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society

Calaveras Co. Fairgrounds (Frog Town USA)

Hwy 49 in Angels Camp

Hours: Sat. 10 - Sun. 10-4

Tak Iwata (209) 928-5579

Email: [Tak2me@earthlink.net](mailto:Tak2me@earthlink.net)

Website: <http://www.calaverasgemandmineral.org>

**March 27-28 2010, Lemoore, CA**

Lemoore Gem & Mineral Club

Lemoore Trinity Hall

470 Champion Street, Lemoore CA

Hours: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Judy Pereira (559) 924-4052

Email: [lemooregemshow@yahoo.com](mailto:lemooregemshow@yahoo.com)

Website: [www.lemooregems.org](http://www.lemooregems.org)

**March 27-28 2010, Roseville, CA**

Roseville Rock Rollers

Roseville (Placer Co.) Fairgrounds  
800 All American City Blvd.

Hours: Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-4

Glori Marie (916) 216-1114

Email: [gloriarosevillerockrollers@gmail.com](mailto:gloriarosevillerockrollers@gmail.com)

Website: [www.rockrollers.com](http://www.rockrollers.com)

**March 27-28 2010, Torrance, CA**

South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society

Torrance Recreational Center

3341 Torrance Blvd.

Hours: Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-4

Larry Hoskinson & Leslie Neff

(310) 318-2170

Roger L. Mills

Email: [roger\\_mills@acm.org](mailto:roger_mills@acm.org)

Website: [palosverdes.com/sblap/](http://palosverdes.com/sblap/)

**April 9, 10 & 11 2010, Vista, CA**

San Diego County Council

Antique Gas & Steam

Engine Museum

2040 N. Santa Fe Avenue

Hours: 9-5 daily

Ray Pearce (769) 726-7570

Cathy Davis (858) 278-

9987

**April 10-11, 2010, Lancaster, CA**

Antelope Gem & Mineral Society

Lancaster High School

44701 - 32nd Street West

Hours: 9-5 daily

Vivian Watts (760) 373-1309

Email: [Vivea22@yahoo.com](mailto:Vivea22@yahoo.com)

Email: [av\\_gem@yahoo.com](mailto:av_gem@yahoo.com)

**April 10-11, 2010, Mariposa, CA**

Mariposa Gem & Mineral Society

Mariposa Co. Fairgrounds

Hwy #49, 1.8 miles South of

Mariposa

Hours: 10-4 daily

Mineral Museum (209) 742-7625

Email: [mineralmuseum@sti.net](mailto:mineralmuseum@sti.net)

Website: [www.sti.net](http://www.sti.net)

Luck o' the Irish  
Heidi Webber

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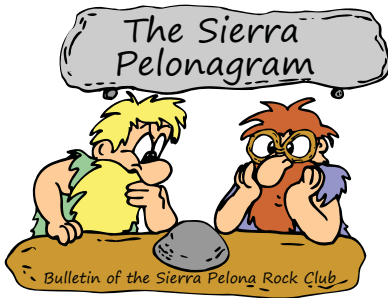
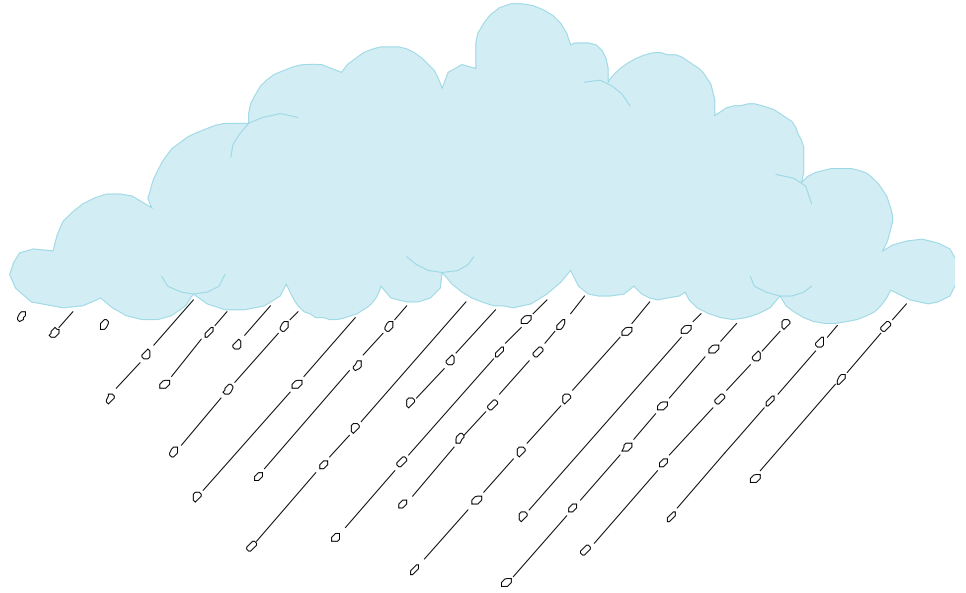
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## Stoddard Wells/Victor Valley Tailgate Event

The 34th annual tailgate will be held March 12 through March 14 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and it is free to vendors and visitors. It is a great outdoor adventure for the entire family. Attend the family field trip from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday for various marble materials. Shop for “rough” rocks, fossils, gems, finished jewelry, equipment and more. A snack bar will be provided. The tailgate takes place along Stoddard Wells Road (graded road), seven miles east of the Dale Evans Pkwy intersection. Green “Tailgate” signs will be posted along the route. Call 760.243.2330 or go to [www.vvgmc.org](http://www.vvgmc.org) for maps and more information.

## The Ant Hill Field Trip A Pictorial Visit



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