

The Sierra Pelona Rock Club



April 2017

... 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.



Hi Everybody!

So, this last month was a bust for our field trip and due to the much needed large amounts of rain and snow that we have had we will need to adjust some of our scheduled trips in the next few months. We were able to get a lot of the scheduling done, including some of the other activities that we want to do this year, I hope to send out an email with everything calendared as soon as a few details are ironed out. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting Tuesday the 18th.

Ron R

Notice:

There won't be a May Pelonagram as I will be out of town most of the month. The Board Meeting and the General Meeting for May will be published in the June issue.

*Heidi Webber
Editor/Publisher*

Support Your Club

May 13 is the date of our main fund-raiser of the year. It is the Open House event at Placerita Canyon Nature Center from 9am-2pm. We will need help at the club table, so please come on out to assist and check out the other doings at the park.

Birthdays

April	
Anne Glavin	April 3
Norma Holt	April 8
Sarita Hyde	April 9
Greg Mazourek	April 12
Yolanda Resnik	April 12
Michael Shane	April 5
Ron Strathmann	April 11



May	
Kathleen Edwards	May 13
Mike Serino	May 26

Officers:

President – Ron Rackliffe
Vice-President – Trina Aeen
Secretary: Dianne Wohlleben
Treasurer –Kay Denson
Federation Director (CFMS/AFMS) --Evelyn Velie

Chairpersons:

Claim--Mike Serino
Donation Rock Table--Ron and Akiko Strathmann
Equipment--Bill Webber
Field Trips – Julie Tinoco
Historian -Open
Hospitality – Tina White
Membership – Heidi Webber
On-Line Presence (website)-- Trina Aeen
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Sunshine--Brigitte Mazourek

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:

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Talc

Talc is a common mineral easily distinguishable by its extreme softness. Crystals are rare; talc is most commonly found in foliated, fibrous, or massive aggregates. It can be white, colorless, pale to dark green, and yellowish to brown, and is often found mixed with other minerals such as serpentine and calcite. Dense, high-purity talc is called steatite. Talc is a metamorphic mineral found in veins and in magnesium-rich rocks. Talc is widespread and found in most areas of the world where low-grade metamorphism occurs. Talc is used in lubricants and leather dressings, as well as in ceramics such as toilets, paint, paper, roofing materials, plastic and rubber.

Talc is known for being the softest mineral on earth. It is number 1 on the Mohs hardness scale, and can be easily scratched by a fingernail. Talc is not commonly seen in collections, as it is usually uninteresting and fairly common, although a few deeply colored and crystallized examples are known and well sought after.

Also very popular are the Talc pseudomorphs. Talc forms some very interesting pseudomorphs after many different minerals, and certain localities are known for the specific minerals replaced by Talc.

Health concerns including a rare respiratory disease are known to be associated with Talc in its powder form. Although solid forms of Talc are assumed to be safe, and most concerns are only after prolonged exposure, it is advisable to wash hands after handling Talc.



SPRC Board Meeting

April 4th, 2017

Greenbriar Estates Clubhouse

We need to order new SPRC Club T shirts.

We will take the color choices to members so they may decide.

We have a new 24 inch 6K\$ saw given to the club. Our large saw at Ron L. is getting old. We talked about selling it, but consensus was to keep for a while. Johnson Bros has food-grade mineral oil for the saw. The question arose about where to keep the saw. Ron and Julie volunteered.

Club Field trips:

Rose Quartz Field trip for April is canceled due to snow and bad roads. Possible Bishop on 22nd. To be discussed at April meeting .

May will be trip to the Clubs Claim and Gem Hill and Castle Butte for Travertine and more.

Remember there are NO meetings during the summer so we have: June is our Summer picnic.

July on 22nd at Rattlers is our Summer Dinner .

August will be San Simeon Beach but not necessarily a club organized Field trip.

Sept 19th : Pizza and Bingo will be in the club house along with a Rock Show and Tell.

Sept. 23rd: Clear Creek, Plasma Agate

October 21st: Strawberry Onyx--if we find out who owns the claim.

December 2nd: Trona

Next workshop dates: May 27th at the Webbers and May31st Wire Wrapping at the clubhouse.

Motion to adjourn: Dianne 2nd by Trina . Meeting Adjourned at 8:20pm.

March Membership Meeting of the SPRC

Greenbriar Estates Clubhouse

7:42 Meeting was called to order. Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

Old business

Evelyn DAC:

Evelyn invited Ruth to talk about National Conservation Lands being protected. Motion was made by Louis and 2nd by Frank Denson to agree to sign letter to NCL. The motion passed.

Av Rock show is on April 29th and 30th at Lancaster High School.

Wiley's Well group to meet at 5am car pool (canceled)

President Ron will call ranger station and claim owner regarding road conditions for Rose Quartz trip.

Demonstration presented by our member Robin, an advanced silversmith. She showed how to rivet a stone to make a pendant.

Demonstration was thorough and very educational, all safety measures were explained and demonstrated.

We are invited to Robin's Studio. Please call her in advance to set an appointment. Do not wear long hair untethered. No loose clothing as these could get caught in machinery (especially buffing wheels). Robin brought in all the tools and equipment needed for the demonstration. Every person attending the meeting was "RIVETED" by the demonstration. Thank you Robin.