

# The Sierra Pelona Rock Club



February 2018

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

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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.



### February Birthdays

Brigitte Mazourek  
Tina White

### March Birthdays

Luis Busso  
Ruth Hidalgo  
Bruce Velie  
Bill Webber



### Hi Everybody,

We are still working out all the details for where we want to go this year and what to collect.

We are looking at going to a couple of pay to dig sites this year, which we have not done much of in the past several years. I hope that we are giving opportunities for all of our members to have a good time and have some new experiences. If there is something or someplace that you think would be a good idea for the club, please share your thoughts so they can be considered.

I hope to have the schedule for the year soon.

Thanks, Ron R

### Western Mining History Mammoth Smelter



*Foot Bridge Across River at the Mammoth Smelter - Kennett, California ca1910.*

An important mining town in northern California, United States until it was flooded by Shasta Lake. ... The two largest mines in the area were the Mammoth and Golinsky mines. They contained extremely pure copper ore, and brought great wealth to the small town.

*Wikipedia*

### Officers:

President – Ron Rackliffe  
Vice-President – Bill Webber  
Secretary: Shana Brunes-Ruiz  
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 – Evelyn Velie  
Membership – Heidi Webber  
On-Line Presence (website)-- Larry Holt  
Pelonagram Publisher, Editor – Heidi Webber  
Programs –Tina White  
Publicity –Bruce Velie  
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:

**The Clubhouse of the Greenbrier  
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## Board Meeting Minutes 02/06/2018

Attendees: President: Ron Rackliffe; Field Trip

Planner: Julie Tinoco; Treasurer: Kay Denson; Federation Director (CFMS/AFMS): Evelyn Velie; Secretary: Shana Ruiz; and Club Member: Ron Lawrence.

Our President: Ron Rackliffe called the meeting to order at 7:04pm and concluded the meeting at 8:35pm.

Agenda of Meeting:

New Members:

There are no new membership applications at this time. There a couple of potentials that haven't had a chance to fill out their applications yet. If there is any family or friends of the existing club members that may be interested in coming to a club meeting-invite them. We would love to have them.

Next Kay Denson our Treasurer went over the finances. We have Julie Tinoco taking over the Silent Auction table. Please be sure to stop by the table and check out the treasures. Put your bids in for your must haves. Remember our silent auctions and raffle table helps keep our club going.

We as a Board deciding to have members take turns in pitching in for snacks and refreshments at our club meetings. It helps our finances to provide replacement parts & equipment at our rock workshops to continue having them. If you have not signed up to bring a item to one of the meetings, please see Evelyn Velie. She has the sign-up sheet.

29 Club Members have not paid their dues for this year. Please see Kay Denson to pay your dues. Currently, there is a \$2.00 additional charge for paying late.

Our Treasurer Kay Denson proposed a Club Dues increase for the 2019 year. It was an unanimous agreement between Board Members. 2019 due increase as follows: Adults \$25, Juniors ages 7yrs. old up to 18yrs. \$5, and Pebble Pups age 7yrs. old and younger \$3.

Then Evelyn Velie our Federation Director went over the field trip we are doing Feb. 17th Sat. We are having our field trip the Saturday before our club meeting on Feb. 20th. We are joining/combining our field trip with the CFMS sponsored field trip to Lavic siding. We will be collecting/looking for agate and jasper. As a club we will be leaving at 5:30am from Mammoth Lane in Santa Clarita. Destination is Barstow area around the Cady Mountains. You will need a high clearance vehicle, not 4 wheel drive.

Programs: Tina White at the Feb. 20th Club meeting will be going over our next field trip coming up March 10th at the Victorville tailgate marble field trip. She will be going over tri-colored marble and other specimens to be found there.

Board members are still brainstorming to come up with the remaining field trips for the year. We still have September, October, November, and December open. Any members that may have suggestions or ideas please see Julie Tinoco our Field Trip Planner. We would love to hear them. Board members also discussed activities we want to continue. We all agreed to still have our annual picnic. When we come back on Sept. 18th from our Summer break, we will have bingo with an ice cream social and our show and tell.

During our Summer break if your are missing rock related activities-Tehachapi has their Gem Show in the 3rd week of August on the 18th combined with their Mountain Festival.

Please go out to show our Members DJ Gervais and Janelle Williams our support at their store. The Stone Femme Studio, 2418 Honolulu Avenue, Suite C, Montrose, Ca 91020. It is in the Glendale and La Crescenta area. Opened: Thurs.-Sun 1pm to 7pm or by appt. Phone: (818)745-5111. You can also check out their Facebook page.

If anyone would be interested in being a Vendor at the VFW Post 9657, 20th West, Rosamond, CA 93560. Phone: (661)256-3061. They have Vendors Days every 1st Saturday of the month. Starts at 8:30am and runs throughout the day. Tables are \$10 with 2 chairs. Breakfast is available for \$6 a plate with free coffee. Please keep in mind there is a bar inside. Crafts, rocks, jewelry, baked goods are all welcomed. Please call in advance to confirm if you have questions about your goods you want to sell.

Hope to see you all at our Lavic siding field trip. Happy Rockhounding!

Sincerely Your Club Secretary,

Shana Ruiz

## 1st Club Meeting of the year

January 16th, 2018

Happy New Year and Welcome back Everyone. 22 Members & 3 Guests Present

Meeting began at 7:38pm Ended: 8:30pm with our President: Ron Rackliffe

We opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Followed by introducing 3 new members to the club with them receiving their Welcome packets & Club Rock.

Next order of business: Dues. Anyone that has not paid their annual dues at our meeting tonight- will have a late charge of \$2 at the February Club Meeting. In order for us to keep our dues as low as they are, we pride ourselves in being a self-sufficient Club by doing our own fund-raising within the Club. The donation raffle table is run by Ron & Akiko Strathmann & the silent auction table organized by Omid & Trina. When the members participate in these activities you help keep our Club going, not to mention getting to collect some wonderful specimens, rocks, minerals, & some gems that have been donated.

As for snacks during our meetings, we all like goodies and refreshments. If we all volunteer to contribute, it makes the meetings so much more enjoyable. If you have not signed up to bring something throughout the months, please see Evelyn Velie our (CFMS/AFMS) & Hospitality Chairperson. She has the sign-up sheet.

Next: Evelyn Velie spoke about the CA Safety Guide. She touched on the importance of venturing out on field trips. Safety 1st. Things to bring when your out rockhounding: goggles/protective eyewear, good pair of hiking boots, & work gloves. She is also seeking volunteers to help her with some pod casting videos for safety demonstrations to submit. Please see her if you would be interested.

Next: Tina White went over the annual Quartzsite, Arizona Pow-Wow. The Club will not have an official field trip this month due to many members have already planned to go to this event. Basically, the Quartzsite, AZ show is holding it's 52nd year of the oldest Gem & Mineral Show in Arizona, featuring over 520 booth spaces. Vendors bring Gems & Minerals from all over the world, which in many cases, they have personally collected. If you have not yet planned to go you can always get a head start on planning for next year.

President: Ron Rackliffe concluded our 1st Club Meeting of the Year by going over the exciting fieldtrips we will be doing in the upcoming months. We will be collecting agate, jasper, tri-colored marble, shark teeth fossils, tourmaline, purple lepidolite, quartz, rough gem, cleavelandite, moonstones, & other specimens. We hope, you all can make them. Let's make it a Great Club Year.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Shana Ruiz

*Sometimes I struggle with finding a rock-related subject of the month for the Pelonagram. I love it when I am sent an article or idea to use. This one is a bit off the beaten path and kind of fun. Thanks Martin Schreiber for putting this month's article out there for me.*

### Seeing Faces in Rocks



In Chichibu, Japan, two hours northwest of Tokyo, there's an odd museum; perhaps the only one of its kind. It's called the Chinsekikan (which means hall of curious rocks) and the museum houses all kinds of jinmenseki, or rock with a human face.

According to the Sankei, the museum is currently run by Yoshiko Hayama, the wife of the original owner who passed away in 2010. But it was his rock collection that started it all. An avid collector, the late Shozo Hayama spent 50 years collecting rocks that looked like faces. His only requirement was that nature be the only artist.



There are currently so many rocks on display that some don't even have names. So the owner occasionally invites visitors to name the rocks.

The Chichibu Chinsekikan (Gmap) is a 10-min walk from Kagemori Station. However, it's recommended that you call ahead if you plan to visit because the museum is known to unexpectedly close for personal reasons.

Reference: Bored Panda, [Thisiscolossal.com](http://Thisiscolossal.com)