

# The Sierra Pelona nagram



September 2016

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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.

## Desert Clean Up

On a recent trip to our claim, a few of us noticed the area is in desperate need of a clean up. That being said, we are proud to announce SPRC will be organizing and hosting a "Desert Clean Up" event on January 17th, 2017.

We will need a committee of volunteers to help organize and take on certain responsibilities to make this event a success.

This event will be open to all rock hounds, rock clubs, and anyone else who would like to participate making our public lands (a small portion of it anyway) beautiful again.

The goal is to have many rock clubs get involved with this event to not only clean up the desert, but show the legislatures that we do care and respect our public lands. With the threat of losing a multitude of acres to National Monuments, hopefully this will prove that we love, respect and care for our public lands. More details to follow soon.



## Good Morning Everyone,

I know all of you have been really looking forward to this field trip, so it is with great disappointment that I have to tell you we have to cancel it. The roads are still currently closed due to the Cedar fire burning in the area and we really don't want to wait until the last minute to see if they re-open them.

However, we will still be heading out on a field trip this Saturday. We will be going to Field Road instead. Field Rd is a location in the Gem Trails book. It's located off the 15 outside of Yermo. Field Rd has plenty of float collecting material, Agate, Jasper and petrified palm. 4WD is not necessary.

We will depart at Mammoth Lane at 7:30am Saturday Morning.

Here is a map of directions from Mammoth to Field Rd. It's a little over a 2 hour drive.

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## September

Teresa Edwards Sept 5  
Sandy White Sept 18  
Rick Ane Sept 26  
Julie Tinoco Sept 29

## October

William Edwards Oct 2  
Omid Aeen Oct 4  
Jane Sheppard Oct 6  
Olive Edwards Oct 20



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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:

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**Hi Everybody,**

I hope that you have all had a good summer. I would like to welcome you all back to our club meetings. I look forward to seeing you all again. Our first meeting back (Tuesday September 20th) will be our annual show and tell. So please bring in some of the rocks that you have collected in this last year, they can be rough-unchanged or something that you have shaped and polished or even wrapped in wire to highlight the beauty. Bring as much as you would like to show. It is always nice to see the treasures that our club is able to find.

This month if all goes well with the fire being put out we will be going to the rose quartz claim in the Green Horn Mountains. above Lake Isabella. We plan on going on the 17th. The roads up into the hills where the claim is are currently closed and we will be checking with the Rangers later this week to see if it will be opened. If it does not open by the 17th we will go collecting at

Field Road. We will let everyone know with an e-mail. Hope to see you all soon.  
Ron R



September 20 will be our first meeting of the new season. As always, it's our show and tell meeting. Please bring something to share with the club. It would be great if it's something you collected during the summer break but it can be anything you want to share. Something you've had in the family for years or something you bought and it would be nice to see something you made.



So what did YOU do on your summer break? The SPRC usually has a sort of unofficial collecting trip to much cooler climes, like the beach.

This year the trip was to Isla Vista, Rincon and Refugio Beaches on August 21 to collect fossils. Very few were found, but it was a great day for photos, some collecting and a wall of shells containing some fossils. It was a beautiful and sometimes overcast day.

So if you missed it this year, never fear, look for announcements next summer.



Photos by Larry Patrich, Trina Aeen and Sandy White





**SPRC Board Meeting  
September 6, 2016  
Greenbrier Estates Clubhouse**

In attendance were Ron Rackliffe, Trina Aeen, Sandy White, Evelyn Velie, Heidi Webber, Ron Lawrence, and Tina White

The meeting began at 7:07 p.m. with a review of Article 8 of the SPRC Bylaws. Specifically noted were the requirement of an audit of the Club's financial records before the January General Membership meeting and the quorum requirements for Board and General Membership meetings.

The legal requirement for maintenance of meeting minutes was discussed; the Secretary (Tina) had been unaware of this requirement, and will comply and review some materials shared by Heidi on this topic.

Our online application form was the next topic; as of this date, Heidi received them all, and tells prospective members they must attend a meeting and 2 field trips before their application will be voted upon. After various options were discussed, it was agreed that prospective members will in the future need to print out a hard copy of a .pdf version of the form, and bring it with them to a General Meeting. That will be coordinated by Trina and Heidi.

A desert cleanup event was the next topic. The final plan is for an event on January 14th, 2017; all will meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Clay Mine Road exit off Hwy. 58. We will solicit participation from other clubs, inviting them to our claim to join us for some social time after the cleanup (i.e. use of the BBQ, rock pile access). Planning for this event will begin as soon as possible; utilizing contact lists Sandy has, the LARocks group, and any other sources of which we become aware.

The 2016-17 Club Program (Meetings and Field Trips) was reviewed and modified; with this result:

MONTH	MEETING TOPIC	FIELD TRIP DESTINATION
September	Show & Tell	9/17: Rose Quartz; w/AV Club*
October	Borates	3rd Sat.: Howlite in Tick Canyon
November	tbd	3rd Sat: Calico
December	tbd	12/17: Holiday Party

Other events now scheduled are:

- October 1: Workshop at the Webber's
- October 5: Wire Wrapping at Greenbrier Clubhouse
- October 8 – 9: Trona Gem-O-Rama (unofficial event)

Sandy shared that our financial situation is healthy.

Evelyn will check with Bruce to see what is going on re: Club publicity.

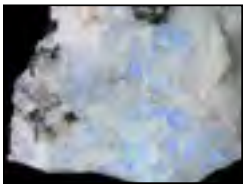
Sand will check the regulations to ensure we are doing all that is necessary to retain our tax-exempt status.

Regarding the Club's claim, some things need attention: the posts need painting, there are no papers in the box, etc. It is believed that Mike S. did submit the required paperwork this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

### Feldspars

Among the most important silicate groups is the feldspars. A group of aluminosilicate minerals that contain calcium, sodium or potassium, they are the most common minerals in the earth's crust. Feldspars are the major component of most igneous rocks, and are found not only on Earth but also on the moon and in meteorites. There are two groups of feldspars: the alkali feldspars and the plagioclase feldspars. The following information references alkali feldspar.



### Anorthoclase

This member of the feldspar group takes its name from the Greek for "not straight fracture" (orthoclase means "straight fracture") referring to its oblique cleavage. It is one of several feldspars that is known as moonstone. It is colorless, white, cream, pink, pale yellow, gray and green. It is found with augite, apatite and ilmenite. Noteworthy specimens come from Scotland, Kenya, New Zealand, Australia, Sicily, Norway and Antarctica.



In California, a nice area to collect moonstone is Rincon Beach, SPRC's summer break destination. Before collecting ANYTHING off a California beach, make sure it is legal as many beaches, especially in Southern California, as most collecting is illegal, even a rock!