

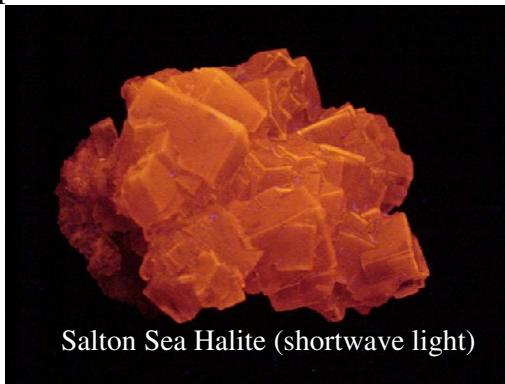
The Green Valley Rocker

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September Program

By Janice Torres

The program for the September 10 meeting will focus on fluorescence. The discussion will include a definition of fluorescence, a short discussion on the physics of ultraviolet light, discussion about fluorescent minerals, and a demonstration with mineral samples.



Salton Sea Halite (shortwave light)

photo from:

<http://www.fluorescentminerals.com/halite.html>

September Display Theme

By Aimee Fitch

Pink is the appointed color for September's display. With Quartz, Marble, Opals, Rhodonite, Tourmaline, Diamond, Pearls just some of the minerals and gems out there in pink, I hope to see some interesting pieces!

Out of all the precious stones
This lovely stone is the one I cherish.
It's like the beauty of a pink rose
The one that's too lovely to perish.
Diamonds are like wisdom in my hair
Pink diamonds are pure, precious and most rare.
Diamonds are a girl's best friend
But pink diamonds are my best friend 'til the very end.

Excerpt from Pink Diamond Princess poem on Poemhunter.com

President's Message

By Frank Fitch

The word this month is safety.

First, safety in the shop. Our shop folks work hard to keep your equipment in good repair. This is important because when machines with spinning parts break, folks can get hurt. It is your duty and responsibility to use our equipment properly, as instructed by the shop folks.

About field trips. There was a tragic news item recently. A woman took her son to Death Valley for an overnight camping trip. They had a case of water and enough food for their overnight trip. They became stranded when their Jeep Cherokee fell into an animal burrow and was buried to the axles. The road or trail they were on is rarely used. No one came by for days. After they were reported missing (several days later), a ranger saw their tracks, and followed them. Sadly, the boy had already died. As we venture into the desert this winter, we need to take these hard lessons to heart. Take lots of water. Some experts say you need a gallon of water a day in the desert.

Take several days worth of food, even for day trips and overnights. You may just get stuck.

Do not take remote, rarely used trails with a single vehicle. Take multiple vehicles or stay on commonly traveled roads. Ground that looks solid may not be. Scraps of carpeting under the wheels can get you moving in sand.

Make sure someone knows where you are going, in detail, and when you are to return. This person should know who to call if you do not return, and be willing to call them promptly.

Find a desert buddy with experience. I've found that most of the desert explorers I've met are happy to share their knowledge and experience. Rock clubs are great places to meet such people!

Venture forth and have fun! Just be prepared, and stay safe.



Metal Detector's Corner

by Phil Alford

Greetings, Treasure Hunters, Coin Shooters and Gold Prospectors.

Well here we are in the Dog Days of Summer, dreaming of adventure and treasure. The July meeting was well attended. It must have been the Ice Cream Sundaes and the great adventurous tales told by our own club members. Actually, I went out hunting this past month in what was supposed to be an old saloon from the 1800's. When I arrived I could tell this was once a busy area. I saw old broken purple glass a few square nails and shards of broken pottery. Well I tune and ground balance my trusty White's 5900 Di Pro and went to work starting from what I surmised would have been the front of the saloon. I worked for half an hour when I hit my first target 4 " deep. Then as I brought the coil back to confirm the target I hit two more in close proximity. I was now excited, as this site was fairly remote and didn't appear to have been disturbed. My digging tool carefully removed dirt to reveal a gold coin and before I lost the location I dug up two more. I quickly put the coins in my pocket looked around to see if anyone was watching then carefully as my hand shook with excitement brushed the dirt of one of the coins to reveal on one side of the coin a rodent eating a piece of pizza. Yep, I found three Chuck-E-Cheeze tokens, circa 2002. What a disappointment!

The next club meeting well be held September 3rd, 6:00 p.m. at the Mousley Museum. Marv Talbert will relate his own disappointments and what we may expect in the future as it relates to our access to public lands for the purpose to recreational gold prospecting. We will also be starting to plan for a Fall Outing for Nugget Hunters. So Bring your calendars and maps.

Be sure to read this month's special article by Master Detectorist, Bob Dunham on what to due with those old coins and relects that you find.

We'll see you at the meeting, now go find something.



CAMP PARADISE RAFFLE TICKETS

By Henry Cobb

Raffle tickets for the 2010 Camp Paradise lapidary school are on sale at \$5 per ticket or five for \$20. If YVGMS sells \$250.00 worth of tickets, our Club Name will go into another drawing. We can do another drawing for our club or whatever we want to with our ticket if we win.

Contact Henry Cobb for tickets cell # 238-8143.



TO CLEAN OR NOT CLEAN

By Bob Dunham

There has been a long-time controversy on whether to clean the old coins that you find while treasure hunting. Those of you that are coin collectors know that it is taboo to clean an old coin as it decreases the value of the coin if not done properly.

So much for coin collectors, I am an avid coin collector but also an avid treasure hunter. I have found many rare coins that have been in the ground for years. Most of your silver or gold coins come out in very good condition, these can be washed with a small amount of baking soda and they are beautiful, no problem there but what about the ones that come out black and won't wash, and what about the nickels and pennies, these coins will have a certain amount of corrosion depending on the soil content.

I have been berated by some of my coin collector friends about cleaning these coins, but I would rather have a fairly presentable coin than one that is all crusty. Like I am going to ruin the patina by cleaning a coin that has been in the ground for 50 to 100 years.

I believe that this is a decision that the individuals will have to make for themselves. However there are proper and improper ways to clean a coin or artifact without completely ruining it.

First: The pennies, if, for instance, you have dug a 1904 Indian penny and it looks pretty good, just dirty, you might wash it with detergent and baking soda, after drying it still looks good then rub a light coating of olive oil on it. This serves two purposes, it brightens the coin also preserves it. If it has a crust on it then you have to be a little bit brutal. Out comes the tumbler. There is on the market an aigrette made special for tumbling hard to clean coins. Red for copper and blue for silver clad coins. Never tumble silver or gold. I bought mine many years ago and it lasts and lasts, bad news I don't know if it is still on the market. You might check with

a metal detector dealer. Anyway, mix a tablespoon of Cream of Tarter with water and if you have the aigrette throw that in. Tumble for a couple of hours. This will clean the coins to a bright shine but who wants a coin that looks like it has been tumbled. For pennies or other copper coins rub a mixture of flowers of sulphur and olive oil on it and it will darken the coin to where it looks like it came out of circulation with the exception of pits of course.

This is all well and good for that coin but what if you find a 1909 S vdb or a 1909s Indian or some other extremely rare coin. Then comes your own decision to clean or not clean. I personally wash them and leave them be.

I have found some old silver in areas where the soil leaves a crust of silver oxide on the coins. "Impossible to get off?" you say. Not at all.

When I was a White's dealer some years ago I had many inquires on how to clean crusty silver. I contacted Jim Normandie, my supplier and asked him. He advised that he had just the thing and it was available for only \$5.00 a bottle. Great I had to try it. It worked like a charm, I cleaned quite a bit of silver until I ran out. By that time I was no longer a dealer and didn't have the connections to replace this marvelous cleaner. I went to see Dan, "The Coin Broker" in Redlands. He bought my business, I asked him if he would contact Jim and see if I could get some more cleaner. He called and handed me the phone. Jim laughed and said "You know what that is?" He then proceeded to give me the formula. Here it is for all of you.. Just mix a solution of 3 to 4 tsp of salt to ½ pint of white vinegar, add a few drops of peppermint oil to kill the smell. To clean the coin put it on the shiny side of a piece of Reynolds wrap cover it with the solution and place another piece of Reynolds wrap, shiny side down, cover it with a little more solution. Let it stand for about 20 minutes then rub with baking soda, rinse and dry. This takes the silver oxide off but will not

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To Clean or Not Clean (cont'd from page 3)
remove any silver. They come out looking good, If, however, the coin is pitted it will remain so.

As for nickels tumbling is about the only way to clean them. I would say if it is a rare one leave it alone. Nickels have a tendency to come out pink and corroded.

Now as for tumbling this is excellent for all of the new coins you find as it cleans them good enough to spend.

County of San Bernardino Museum Schedule for September 2009

9/2/09 Free museum admission and concert by the San Bernardino Symphony Trio.

9/12/09 Field trip, "Fall Bird Migration," with Museum Director Robert McKernan. By reservation.

9/20/09 Lecture, "The Great California ShakeOut," by Senior Curator Kathleen Springer.

9/25/09 Field trip, "Forest Falls Frolic," with Curator of History Michele Nielsen. By reservation.

9/26/09 Field trip, "San Andreas Fault: Redlands to Los Angeles County," with Senior Curator Kathleen Springer and Curator of Geology J. Chris Sagebiel. By reservation.

Want to see color photos in your copy of the newsletter? Sign up for electronic delivery of the newsletter, and enjoy an added bonus by saving the club postage cost. Simply contact Mike at mdreason@verizon.net.

UPCOMING YVGMS FIELD TRIPS

By Frank Fitch

Oct 10 (Saturday) Trona Show Car Pool

- Details TBD based on interest
- show flyer at shop

<http://www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub/FLYER.htm>

- 3-hour drive
- side trip for Ballarat Marble

Oct 9-11 (Fri-Sun) Jade Festival, Cambria

- Leader: Lee Peterson
- Lots of items for sale at Cambria
- Group camping sites at Plaskett Creek are booked
- Single sites (8 people/2 cars) are available on first-come first-served basis
- Maybe other campgrounds 20+ miles away

Oct 17 (Saturday) Kramer Junction

- Leader: Frank Fitch, possibly others
- agate, jasper, palm, bog
- great for kids and those with mobility challenges
- 1.5-hour drive

late Oct/early Nov (TBD) Cave Creek AZ

- north of Phoenix
- Very Nice Travertine/Onyx
- agates, jaspers, etc
- details TBD based on interest
- 6-hour drive

Nov 25-29 (Wed-Sun) CFMS Wiley Well Thanksgiving Potluck

- Geodes, agate, jasper, petrified wood, fire agate, etc
- large camp
- great for kids
- Tons of fun
- 2.5-hour drive



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

By Lee Peterson

1. Meeting was called to order by President Frank Fitch at 7:20, August 13, 2009.
2. The minutes were approved as written.
3. No guests were present.
4. Treasurers Report: Balance was \$19,837.50. Income for July was \$2,613.30 and expenses were \$2,903.57 for a net loss of \$290.20 for July.
5. Correspondence:
 - a. Flyer on a rock sale, September 17-23 (50 year collection) at Tahoma.
 - b. Letter on the Victorville show (Nov 14-15) with invitation to have a display.
 - c. Letter from the Department of Interior on Public Notice of meeting for the advisory council.
 - d. Flyer on the Trona Show, October 10-11 2009.
6. Directors Report: No report
7. Committee Reports
 - a. Membership: There are now have 218 members
 - b. Metal Detecting: A meeting was held last Thursday with about 15 persons in attendance.
 - c. Youth: Participation is growing. The shop time will be changed to 6-8 pm because of school.
 - d. Show: The deadline for issuing the prizes has passed. Any members that won or know of someone who has won should pick up the prize immediately. If you are not sure, please check with Bill Jochimson.
 - e. Workshop Classes: There are several classes. If interested in being an instructor, please let Aaron know.
 - f. Shop: The shop continues to be busy. With that much use, there are a lot of breakdowns, but the committee has been able to keep up with the repairs. There will be some new rules to help protect the equipment and ensure the safety of members. One of them is that before a person turns on the saw, he will need one of the shop committee staff inspect how secure the rock is in the vise. If someone notes that another person is abusing the equipment or

- not following safety rules, that person should advise a shop committee member and the committee member will handle the situation. Please observe the starting times. The Shop Committee staff usually arrives early to clean and check out the equipment to ensure that everything is ready at the official opening time. If you arrive and start working on your projects, then you may get in the way of the committee staff.
- g. Field Trips: On August 22, there will be a night trip to the OMYA mine in Lucerne Valley. This is a calcite mine (quarry) and the material is fluorescent. There is a limit of 20 people. Meet at the shop at 5 pm and bring UV lights, bucket, gloves. There are no field trips planned for September at this time.
8. Old Business:
 - a. Yard Sale: Red and Brian Ragsdale have volunteered to be co-chairs for the sale. The Yard sale will be held September 19 at the Mousely Museum. We need donations and starting 1 September, bring them to the shop. If there are big items, please coordinate pick-up/delivery with chairpersons.
 - b. Showcase Committee: no report.
 9. New Business:
 - a. There will be a CFMS drawing to raise money for the Endowment Fund. The prize is a pass to Camp Paradise. Tickets are \$5 or 5 for \$20. If the club sells a certain amount, the club is entered into a drawing with other clubs for a free pass. See Hank Cobb.
 10. The Program for the evening is a presentation by Al on stalactites and stalagmites.
 11. Badge Drawing: Richard Crockett, who was not present.
 12. Shop project prize: Brian Ragsdale for Agate Sphere
 13. Display Drawing: Aaron for his Rutilated Quartz
 14. Meeting Adjourned by President Frank Fitch at 0930



Federation News

By Don Tracy, Federation Chair
Calendar of CFMS Activities

Oct 07 - Officers & Chairmen Reports due to Pat LaRue

Nov 07 - Fall Director's Meeting, Visalia, California

Nov 15-22 - Zzyzx Lapidary & Geology School

May 16-22 - Camp Paradise Lapidary & Geology School

May 23-29 - Camp Paradise Lapidary & Geology School

June 18-20 - AFMS/CFMS Federation Big Show, La Habra, So. Cal.

Insurance Question of the Month

By Bud McMillen & Patt Wilson McDaniel

Bud's question: This month's query comes again from Past-President Dick Pankey and has to do with Society members *insuring land claims a club might own*. I know at least 4 CFMS clubs with their own claims, and they now have them insured under their Premises Liability and/or Property Coverage policy. As I understand it, societies lacking a Premises or Property policy that are contemplating getting one of their own claims need to go onto the CFMS web site and print the Request for Premises Liability and/or Property Coverage form and the Land Questionnaire Form. Both forms can be found by going to the CFMS web site and clicking on the insurance tab on the left-hand side. If a club already has a Premises Liability and/or Property Coverage policy, they need to go online and print the Change Request for Premises Liability and/or Property Coverage form and the Land Questionnaire form and send it in. The premiums are on the forms, and clubs can determine what the premiums will be by themselves, remembering that if the total premium for Premises Liability and Property Coverage with the increase for the coverage for the claim exceeds \$1,250, they can FAX the

form to McDaniel Insurance Services and get a discounted premium. Looks like I might have just answered my question, but please take it from here and add anything you feel is important. Thanks again for your help!

Pat's answer: You did answer much of the question, and in fact, 6 clubs now have the premises liability for their mining claims insured on the CFMS policy (one club has 3 mining claims). Premises and property coverage are added to the policy on a *per location* basis, therefore, *each claim site needs to have an application completed for it*. The rates per acre are very low so it is unlikely that the premium would reach the \$1,250 level. It is more common for the rate to calculate as less than the \$40 per location minimum cost and **CFMS Newsletter—August 2009** 5 half of the mining claims have the \$40 cost; the rest are all under \$150. I will also note that it's important to add this coverage because the Federation might be held additionally liable if there were to be a bodily injury claim made for an incident at a mining claim. The Federation requires that these risk exposures be insured either through the CFMS policy or through other insurance. (If insured elsewhere, a certificate evidencing coverage should be sent to McDaniel Insurance Services.) The Request for Premises Liability and/or Property Coverage and Land Questionnaire may be found at **cfmsinc.org** as described or at:

mcdanielinsuranceservices.com/CFMSI (CFMSI is case sensitive), **user name: CFMSI**; **password: rocks** (both also case sensitive). The Change Request for Premises Liability and/or Property Coverage can also be found at either of these sites and should be used to change coverage amounts at a location that is already scheduled on the policy. Always feel free to call with any questions regarding this or any other insurance matter at **800-400-7288** (800-400-PATT). Thanks, and have a great summer!

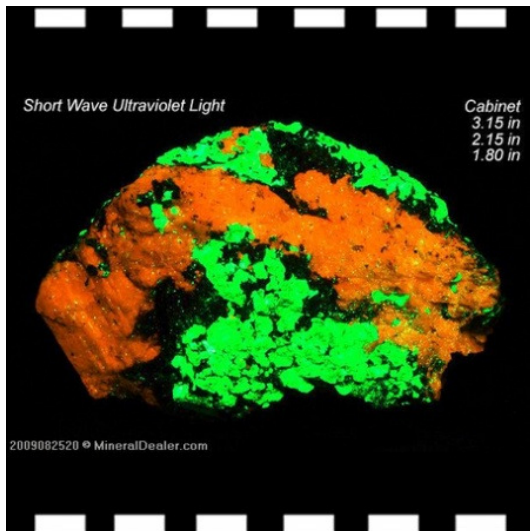
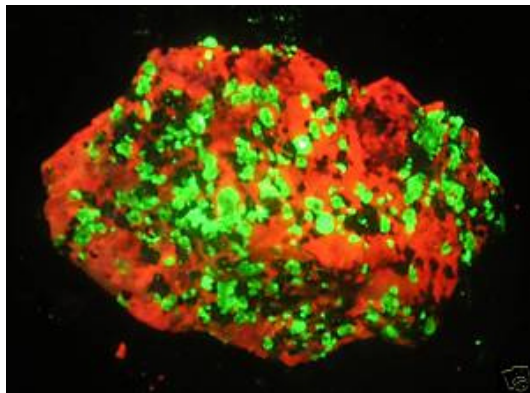
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Fluorescent rocks from Franklin, New Jersey, that were recently available for purchase on ebay.

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The club has started looking for volunteers to fill chair positions for 2010. With over 200 members, surely we can get some new volunteers! Contact Frank if you can spare some time and can help. No matter what your skills are, if you have the time and desire to help, we'll find a place for you!

Do you have pictures, articles, or announcements for the newsletter? Send them to mdreason@verizon.net.



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The specific purpose of the Yucaipa Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. is to promote the earth sciences, paleontology, and the lapidary arts within the community. The objectives are to have educational meetings, earth science field trips, and exhibitions with members and the community invited.



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REGULAR MEETINGS

Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Mousley Museum, on the corner of Bryant Street and Panorama between Date Street and Oak Glen Road.

BOARD MEETINGS

Board Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at the Workshop, 34861 Yucaipa Blvd, across from Del Taco, between Second and Third Streets.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

An applicant must file an application which can be obtained from the Membership Chairman. Annual dues are required: Individuals - \$15.00 Families - \$25.00

WORKSHOP

Workshop is located at 34861 Yucaipa Blvd, across from Del Taco, between 2nd and 3rd Streets.

Workshop Hours:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 6pm to 9pm
Saturday 9am to 1pm & Sunday 1pm to 5pm.
Workshop committee meetings are at the workshop on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 2:00 p.m.

METAL DETECTOR GROUP

Meetings are held at 6:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Mousley Museum, on the corner of Bryant Street and Panorama, between Date Street and Oak Glen Road.

BULLETIN

Your contributions to the Green Valley Rocker are appreciated. Please submit your items *by the 20th of each month* to be included in the next month's issue.

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September 2009

Aug 30 SHOP: 1PM-5PM	Aug 31 SHOP: 6 - 9PM	1 Board Mtg 6:30 - shop	2 SHOP: 6 - 9PM Dee Kennedy	3 Youth Night SHOP: 6 - 8PM Metal Dtctg Mtg 6:00	4 SHOP: 6 - 9PM Tom Mogensen Margaret Carollo	5 SHOP: 9AM-1PM
6 SHOP: 1PM-5PM	7 SHOP: 6 - 9PM Labor Day Janna St. Clair Lorraine Young	8	9 SHOP: 6 - 9PM	10 GEN MTG 6:30PM	11 SHOP: 6 - 9PM	12 SHOP: 9AM-1PM Mr & Mrs Robert Markoff
13 SHOP: 1PM-5PM	14 SHOP: 6 - 9PM	15 Frank Kaser	16 SHOP: 6 - 9PM Barbara McGlasson	17 Youth Night SHOP: 6 - 8PM	18 SHOP: 6 - 9PM	19 SHOP: 9AM-1PM
20 SHOP: 1PM-5PM	21 SHOP: 6 - 9PM Margaret Thielemann	22	23 SHOP: 6 - 9PM Jay Pinz	24 Youth Night SHOP: 6 - 8PM Dennis White Robert & Stacie Cruz	25 SHOP: 6 - 9PM Jim Rogers	26 SHOP: 9AM-1PM
27 SHOP: 1PM-5PM Robert Lopez Genna Lynn	28 SHOP: 6 - 9PM	29 Thomas Ziech Michele Bottenberg	30 SHOP: 6 - 9PM Bruce & Lisa Coonrod	Oct 1 Youth Night SHOP: 6 - 8PM Metal Dtctg Mtg 6:00	Oct 2 SHOP: 6 - 9PM	Oct 3 SHOP: 9AM-1PM

YVGMS Events, Holidays, Birthdays, and Anniversaries

Workshop News

By Shop Committee

Attendance continues to be good, although perhaps a little down for a couple hot nights in late August. Brian has finished working on the swamp cooler for the classroom area, which will make it much more comfortable on that side of the shop.

As a reminder to everyone: the holidays are right around the corner; now is the time to start working on projects for your friends and family!



Upcoming Shows and Events

September 12-13 2009, Vista, CA, Vista Gem & Mineral Society, Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum, 2040 N. Sante Fe Ave., Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4, Fred Wilson (760) 433-8464; Cherie Wilson (760) 941-7073; Lois Harr (560) 724-0395

September 26-27 2009, Downey, CA, Delvers Gem & Mineral Society, Womens Club of Downey 9813 Paramount Blvd., Hours: Sat.10 - 6; Sun. 10-4, Nancy Bird (562) 697-0636
E-mail: nancybird@verison.net

September 26-27 2009, Monterey, CA, Carmel Valley Gem and Mineral Society, Monterey Fairgrounds, 2004 Fairgrounds Road, Sky Paxton (831) 262-2492, E-mail: sky@familystones.net Janis Rovetti (831) 657-1933, E-mail: Janis12@sbcglobal.net, Website: www.cvgms.org

October 3-4 2009, Fallbrook, CA, Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society, Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Museum, 123 W. Alvarado Street, Hours: 10 - 4 both days, Mary Fong-Walker (760) 728-1130
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