



# Ore-Cutts

Join us on February 13, 2007 at the Mussel Center for "Those Fabulous Thunder Eggs," another great CFMS slide show produced by the Heart of Wisconsin Gem & Mineral Society. Those who previewed it said this is a great one! The Display for this month is: Pink, and heart-shaped rocks (natural or cut.). The refreshments for this month are cakes.

### *Dues Are Due*

*Crafty old rockhound, Lou,  
He knew that his dues were due!*

*He didn't delay,*

*Wrote his check out today!*

*We hope you're as smart as Lou, too!*

**All dues are due by the March meeting if you are to be included in the 2007 Redbook, and continue to receive the Ore-Cutts.**

***Don't put it off!***

### **Quartzite Rocks, Man** Wayne Mills, Raffle Chair

This "rock man" symbolizes my recent visit to Quartzite (January 19-21.) So many rocks, such a variety, and so little time (and money.)



The skies wept on Friday, cold winds blew on Sunday, and humanity swarmed on Saturday, the nicest day of the weekend.

On Sunday, the wind *blew* to beat 60, I finished *blowing* the Raffle Budget, and many of the show prices were, um...**inflated** from what they were last year. My two days in Quartzite raced by like a hurricane, and I spent my time in the Big Q racing around like a **whirlwind**.

After leaving home at 7:15 a.m. on Friday, I made it into Quartzite at 1:45 p.m., as the rain that had been sprinkling on the desert began to intensify. Naturally, most of the dealers were closed, but a few hardy souls were

available to take my money.

I started at Main Event, north of Highway 10 at Exit 17. Bought a set of 30 mm Birthstone crystals (glass), and I plan to use the appropriate color for each month this year. Got some unakite and glass beads, and a couple of strands of Nevada "Crackle" turquoise beads. I am told they are new this year. Then I headed over to Desert Gardens, on the south side of the highway. Most of the dealers there were also closed, but I was lucky that **VicJon Enterprises**



from Peru was open. I fell into heavy *like* (shying away from the "L" word here) with their stone birds. Each one is elegantly crafted from several different

rock materials. Rhodonite and Jasper beaks, Serpentine and Sodalite or nacre tails, Chrysacolla or Jasper bodies-just elegant. They came in various sizes, but I felt I could only afford the small (\$5) ones. Thought I was getting a great deal when I asked the proprietor "Cinco por veinte?" And he

said “Si”. Turns out I could have gotten the next size up for the same price (10 for \$40)!

Friday night, I felt like a steak, so headed to Steak and Cakes as suggested by the proprietor of the motel, it is the most reasonably priced motel in Blythe, but not for the squeamish. Example 1: the bath towels were proportionately as thin as the toilet paper, and not much bigger. Example 2: I didn’t take a shower while I was there. At Steak and Cakes, the Lions Club were having their annual steak feed fund raiser—\$8.50 for steak, lettuce with dressing (no tomatoes, not a salad), baked potato, ice tea. Since they were crowded, I told the host that he could seat any single, attractive, unattached ladies at my table for 4, but instead, I got the administrator of the local college. We did have a nice conversation though, and he told me about the Bluegrass Festival that was going on at the Fairgrounds. So after dinner, I popped over, and listened to several groups jamming. Saw one new thing that I gotta’ try. They have these portable fireplaces made from the drums of dryers. Flange on the bottom for a riser and base, vent pipe with spark arrester on top. Hinged lid with a handle on top to feed the fire. Simple and elegant. I gotta’ be on the look out for a throwaway drier!

I left the fairgrounds about 10 after listening to a 14-year-old fiddler that was really “tearin’ it up”. Had me dancing all the way back to *Ole Silver* (my car).

Saturday morning dawned lovely, cold and clear. After a nice breakfast, I headed to Quartzite (about 20 miles east), to get there before things got busy.

*Dome Rock is a gathering point for many Quartzite campers.*



Boy was I wrong! By 9:00 a.m., streets were already crowded, and many dealers were open and dealing. I chose to start at Tyson’s Wells, because this was the first day of their second show. I found some jeweler’s tools before going to *Village Originals* where I went crazy! Final tab was \$240—it *is* kind of fun spending other people’s money! I am excited about one of my purchases. It will be a prize in November, so I get to enjoy it until then. It is an amethyst church. I think they call it that because it is much smaller than the amethyst cathedrals that get up to 6-feet tall, and go for half as much as my car cost! Anyhow, folks will be seeing a lot of purple in the raffle this year.

This year, the only familiar faces I saw were those of Ron and his wife from Ron’s Rocks, and Don and Cheri George (*Beads By George*). I got a good deal on a fossil fish from Cheri, and had a brief chat with Don. Remind me to get some of his \$18 rock picks at our show this year.

Saturday went by quickly, and I definitely got my exercise in with about 4 trips back to my car at Tyson’s, and a couple of more back at Desert Gardens. At Desert Gardens, I found Garry Underwood of *Dry Creek Fossils*. I got a picture of



him and his stegosaurus last year, so to continue the tradition, here he is with the T-Rex jaw he was recently commissioned to do.

Later, I found a nice piece of malachite at *Art Africa & Minerals* for the raffle later in the year, and picked up 5 more pajaritos (little birds) from VicJon. Saturday night, I had a long wait at one of Blythe’s Mexican Restaurants, then thought I should visit the Horny Toad Saloon for a Margarita. What a letdown! They only serve beer and wine, the country music was blaring, and there were only about 6 folks in the whole place. Back to the motel, tidy my stuff up, and turn in.

Sunday it was back to Main Event then to Desert Gardens for a few more things. The sky was partly cloudy and totally windy. And cold. Winds were out of the northeast about 50-60 m.p.h.. Shortly before I left, I found *ROC 3000*, a lovely couple from France.



(Well, she was lovely, he was...just a guy). But they had some nice amethyst, and I felt compelled to get a couple more pieces. They had one of the most unusual (and lovely) pieces of amethyst I have seen, but it was waaay out of my price range. Note the fist sized red calcite crystal cluster.

Got a good deal too! About 1 p.m., I hit the road for the long drive home. The winds were bad all across the desert, and a lot of the wind generators between



Beaumont and Banning were turning pretty well when I passed. But many of them were immobile. Someone missed a great opportunity to add a lot of cheap electricity to the grid.

At 5 p.m., I reached the intersection of Routes 210 and I-5—I should have bought a lottery ticket, but I didn't. Made it home 7:50 p.m. (after 1 stop in Carpinteria for gas), and unpacked the car. What a lot of stuff! After doing the inventory on Monday, it looks like there is enough for 20 items a month through January 2008 (with a few nice surprises!), before donations. But those are always gratefully appreciated.

Whew! Time to wrap this up—I'm winded

## Scholarship

An anonymous donation was made to the Scholarship fund in the name of Frank Sausa

## Bits and Pieces

Wayne Mills, Ore-Cutts Staff

This is one in a series of responses currently on LA Rocks, an on-line news group, about the meaning of "cabbing (making a cabochon). I thought it showed a lot of creativity. The sender's name is appropriate as well!

"When you grind a stone into a domed shape, the final polishing step involves pressing the stone against a large rotating leather buff. If you're not careful (or even if you are), the leather will grab the stone and throw it across the room. Usually the stone will first strike a sheet-metal guard, then the floor where it breaks. This dual impact gives a dual sound that has given rise to the name used for the entire process... *"ca - BING"* "<Bozo5@aol.com>

Another contributor noted: "Those (cabochons) with highly domed faces are also known as *carbuncles*. Typical of this type are star ruby, jasper, agate, turquoise, most opal, etc." [lizziedrums@verizon.net](mailto:lizziedrums@verizon.net) I didn't know that!

## Sunshine

It has been pointed out to me that certain club members don't like this column; it's too gloomy to read about everybody who's sick or died. Well, sorry 'bout that! But the point is to inform all you sensitive souls about who is down and needs a card or phone call from you to put some sunshine into their day. It is a call to action, not a downer. So I want to see some attitude adjustment out there!

Dick Belzel has been ill after his recent move to Atascadero. Richard Dry (a member who lives with his wife, Karen, in Florida now) suffered another

bout of congestive heart failure and received a new, combination pacemaker/defibrillator and is doing much better again.

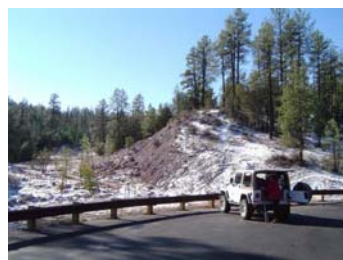
## Christmas Cruisin'

Wayne Mills, Ore-Cutts Staff

My (December 22) drive to Arizona was long, but mostly uneventful. Accompanied by Bonnie Raitt, Jimmy Buffett, and Windham Hill, the 590 or so miles to my sister's house in Mesa passed relatively quickly. But I was happy to pull in just after dark ending my 9.5-hour drive. That night, I called a lady I had e-mailed last year about a possible trip to the Payson area to look for fossils. This is one of the things that I love about the rockhound community. She said "sure, come on up tomorrow morning". So I did!

Following the directions I had been given, I turned on the street she mentioned, then turned down the lane where the road curved, and drove down the road next to the house with the wooden fence, and through an open gate (I had been given a combination for it.) So I drove in, parked, and walked around the large house with a small loader in the yard. When I knocked on the door, a lady in her pjs answered and said "Come on in. Sorry, I haven't dressed yet." So I said, "I'm sorry, I might be a little early." After meeting George, her husband, we chatted for about 10 minutes until I asked about her fossils and she said she didn't collect them. Then I asked, "Aren't you Lynne?" She said no and it soon came out that I was in the wrong house!! Well, they were very friendly and religious folks who almost tried to baptize me (again,) before I beat a hasty retreat and found another lane next to a solid wooden fence, and a gate that the code I was given actually worked on. Lynne and her blind dog were waiting on her porch when I drove in the now open gate. She showed me some of the fossils that she had found in the area we were going to, and suggested we take her Jeep. Good call! Several times she said "we are going to take this road", and I said "what road?"

We took off on the Service Loop Road behind her town of Payson, that sits in the shadow of the



Mogollian Rim in Northern Arizona, about 70 miles north of Phoenix. Payson is a mile above sea level, and the top of the rim is 2000 feet above that. The area is primarily

sedimentary rock, and fossils are common. The first place we stopped is actually a Paleontology reserve. Set aside by ADOT (Arizona Department of Transportation) as a truck rest area, and a place for enthusiasts to collect fossils. There was snow in the shadows, and a cold wind blowing, but we found several different types of Paleozoic aged fossils.

One of my discoveries even looked like an ammonite, but when I cleaned it, it was not. I think it is the biggest brachiopod I have ever seen—about 2.75 inches across! At other locations along the loop, we found red horn corals, “Arizona Brain Rocks” (chalcedony nodules with calcite centers), crinoids, and some ichnofossils (trace fossils). These were ancient clam burrows with red agate centers. You will have to come to our February meeting to see them! The predominant fossil we found was corals. These were all from the Permian-aged Redwall Limestone, about 335 million years old. I think I wound up with most of the types of brachiopods and corals that were shown on the sheet that Lynn provided me. One coral in particular, *Pachyphyllum woodmani* eluded me until our last stop, where I found a couple of nice specimens. The Jeep got us into places I would never venture in the Subaru, and



Lynn (being an avid off-roader), made it look easy, except for one place on a “shortcut” where I had to break a branch off a tree that had fallen across the road so she

could get her vehicle under it.

We had a full day of collecting—5 different sites, covering a full loop behind Payson, and then went back to Lynn’s to check out some of her other treasures. But I had to leave soon after we got back



so I could get to my sister’s for dinner. And yes, my sister is a great cook! I sailed back down 87 probably faster than the limit, but had to stop for another shot of Arizona’s famous Four Peaks—the

southeastern most of which is supposed to have lovely violet amethyst.

The problem of collecting there is that it is an 18-mile round-trip from the nearest vehicle access.

The next day, I headed east of Mesa with a friend of my sister (Susan’s) from work. We were headed for Orcutt Mineral Society

Winkleman, Arizona, south of Superior to look for minerals.

Lynn had given me a map to the Gray Horse Mine, but after I showed it to Mike, it disappeared. I thought



I could remember MOST of the directions, so we took off. Mike, who had lived in the area for all his 30 some odd years, had never been down this road (Arizona 177), so it was all new to him. Our first surprise was the old Ray Mine, now being operated by ASARCO. It was huge! The Ray mine is a big old copper mine, so we hunted on the tailing piles near the road, and found a few crumbs of blue green mineralization, but nothing to write home about. Later I saw a sphere of parrot-wing chryscolla on Marshall Reeves website that had come from the Ray. Now THAT would have been more like it. A check at the security office verified my suspicions. No dumps available to the public. But that gave me a brilliant idea. ***Every operating mine in the US should be required to make some of their tailings available to the public. The tailings would be placed on public land so the company had no liability for injury, but the public could collect neat specimens for free!*** Maybe the CFMS Public Lands Access Committee can add that to their agenda!

So much for my pipedream. The second stop we made was about 6 miles south of the turnoff. My 1958 collecting book said there were chalcedony geodes that fluoresced in this area. So we looked. Found no evidence of any geodes, so decided to head south. But I said that first; I would like to check the creek under the bridge. About a hundred yards down the road leading to the creek, I came upon a 15-foot diameter pile of white geode-looking globular clusters of quartz. Bingo! The mystery persists though—WHY would someone collect all the geodes in the area and leave them in one place for future rockhounds to find. Kinda’ takes the fun out of it! These rocks and the “Arizona Brain Rocks” I collected near Payson look similar. See below

The rest of the day was a bust. Folks in Winkleman didn’t know of the Gray Horse. Maybe they didn’t know about it because the turnoff was several miles northwest of the town, out of Kearny. Yep, I found the map in the pocket of the jacket I had on that day after we got back to Mesa. Rats! But the trip through Globe was pretty cool. It is a neat old

mining town, and looks like it would be fun to explore. There were at least two rock shops on Route 60 through the town.

Both closed for Christmas Eve. So back to Mesa and another delicious meal. And the anticipation of Santa.



Tuesday morning, I left Mesa at oh dawn thirty (5:00 AM) to head to Overton, Nevada, about 70 miles east of Las Vegas. I had made arrangements to stay a couple of days with my friend Joan who is now writing Hiking and ATV Guides to the local area. She mentioned that she had a site for petrified wood, and I was all over that one!

About 14 miles north of Kingman, I detoured about 5 miles off the highway to see the old mining town of Chloride. It was kind of the town time forgot, except for some of the “modern” vehicles parked on the streets. Here’s a sample of what is there.

I pulled into Overton about 11 am, and after lunch, we headed out in “High ole Silver”(what cha been feeding that car, Wayne, Grass? -Ed.) south on Nevada 169 to the Colville Bay area of Lake Mead. Joan needed a couple of more GPS points there and wanted to check out the Las Vegas Gem and Mineral Society’s “Ore Cart Mine Gem Collecting Area”. The sign on site promised that there was: “Bacon Agate, Christmas Agate, Lavender Agate, Travertine and Petrified Algae” in the area. This did not include the fact that the Anniversary Mine that had been extracting colemanite for years was nearby. We had fun searching the area, and found pieces of everything that was mentioned, however, I think that the travertine and the algae are the same thing (See picture). We headed up the wash (on foot) to see what was left of the ole mine, and picked up pieces of colemanite and gypsum in the wash. We met one couple that was on their way out, but otherwise, it was very quiet. We reached one part of the mine where you could see shoring and talus, as the sun was starting to fade, and I

thought it would be a good idea to head back to the car, so we did. On Wednesday, we made a brief foray south of Highway 15 near Glendale, Nevada



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looking for a petrified wood location Joan had heard about. We found and explored an old gypsum mine on the way, but had not seen any evidence of petrified wood by the time I got as far as I wanted to take “Ole Silver”.

The next day would be our ATV adventure. We got away from Joan’s house about 10 a.m. on 2 all-terrain-vehicles (ATV’s). This was my second experience on them. I did fine in Overton Wash, but started white-knuckling it when we started to climb a foot trail up and down and up and down some (steep) hills to get to another wash. I couldn’t believe it when we came on a burned-out car when we left the hills (how did it get there?). Joan later admitted that the hills we traversed were for more advanced ATV’ers. Made me feel pretty good.

We drove through canyons and over slick-rock, and stopped at a couple of petroglyph sites before reaching our destination. The petroglyphs were in (Upper Triassic to Lower Jurassic aged) Aztec Sandstone, about 210 million years old.



This was the same formation that makes up the Valley of Fire State Park that we were near, and Red Rock Canyon north of Las Vegas. The Aztec Sandstone is spectacular with bright red colors and weathered and pitted faces. After a couple of hours of up, down and over, we arrived at the petrified wood site. It is an interesting location—the wood appears to occur in a coarse-grained, white sandy conglomerate with primarily small, shiny, rounded pebbles that appear to have weathered out of the more resistant red sandstone conglomerate that sticks out of the ground like a dike above the wood bearing formation.

(Perhaps the formations are overturned?) The wood is not spectacular, but is interesting, because there are still several trees weathering out, in place. The wood appears to be coniferous (no vesicles), but I’ll have to check with Walt Wright to be sure. { *Trunks in place west of Overton* }



After an exciting afternoon, I got on

the road about 3:15, and pointed Ole Silver in the

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direction of home. We pulled in about 7 and a-half hours later, tired, but full of a week's worth of rockin' adventures in the old west.

## OMS Breakfast 27 January 2007

By Wes Lingerfelt

Thanks to the effort of Gloria Dana the OMS breakfast was well attended on a day where most people would rather stay indoors. We had a total of 12 hardy souls brave the rain and cold to attend the event. Well-done Gloria! Missing was the better half of the Nasholms' (Sylvia) which meant Don was in his glory. The rest of the clan included Don, Gloria and Shelly Dana, Bob Bullock, Hans Borm, Lee Reyburn, Al Wilcox, Lucky Virgin, Wes, Jeannie and Marty Lingerfelt. It was really nice to spend an hour together catching up on the latest news and rockhound events. Tucson came up a couple of times and the time is ticking down to the big show there starting the 8<sup>th</sup> of February. ***Be sure to attend next months breakfast at the IHOP restaurant in Santa Maria next door to Howard Johnson's Motel. There should be lots of news from the adventure in Tucson.***

## Josh Simonson—Eager to Learn

One of our newer members is Josh Simonson, recent graduate of Arroyo Grande High School (2005), and current job seeker. Josh occupies his time practicing drawing caricatures, and pondering a career in art.

Josh was born in Sonora, Tuolumne County, California, and lived in Longbarn and cities in that county, until his family moved to this area about 10 years ago. His father, Paul, was also a hobby artist, while he worked as a landscaper, and a pressman in their various venues. Josh's mom, Deborah is a full time housekeeper. Josh says she is very tidy, unlike him.

Before moving to this area, the Simonson's lived in the South Lake Tahoe area. There, Josh noticed the micro-crystals of quartz that had weathered out of the Sierra Granites that surround the lake. This was the start of his interest in rocks, and particularly in minerals. Josh was present for one of Richard Lewis's remarkable presentations on minerals a few years ago, and decided that THAT is what he wanted, a world-class mineral collection. Hard to do when you don't have a job, but fun to dream about.

Josh has been on several field trips with the club, but his favorites are a tie between Lucy Tunnell's in Rosamond, and our recent trip to Clear Creek in San Benito County. We look forward to sharing more

field trips with Josh and aiding his quest for knowledge about the wonderful world of rocks and minerals

Right: Josh and Sharon D. at Lucy Tunnell's. Sharon is about 5'7 for comparison.



## Let it Be(ad)

Wayne Mills, Ore-Cutts "stringer"

The 1960's was the era of the Beatles, Hippies, Love-ins, and Love Beads, but beads as ornamentation or tribal designation have been around much longer than that. In fact, they were some of the first human ornamentation, perhaps 33-45,000 years ago. (Recent investigations suggest that perforated shells found in Israel may be 100,000-125,000 year old beads). Beads have been made from bone, stone, seeds, tree-sap (amber), clay, metal, shells, glass, wood, and plastic and even moose poop (are we missing any possible materials here?)

Because of the widespread interest in beads and beading, Ore-Cutts is going to try to feature a different bead type each month in 2007 (OK, we missed in January). ***Members are encouraged to submit ideas or pictures for this effort.***

## Warring States Beads

These beads were manufactured in China between 480 and 222 BC. These are made of glass or *faience*— earthenware or stone decorated with bright, opaque glazes made of crushed quartz or glass. Warring states beads are distinguished by their raised "dots" with one or more layers of different colored glass, resembling eyes. The really prominent dots are called "horns". At auction, original beads like these



might earn their owner \$255-\$876 each according to <http://www.bcgalleries.com.au>

Lower picture shows beads from: Beads from the Hunan Museum in Hubei, China. "horned eye" type. This bead type is still widely copied, and has inspired other bead



types (see Turkish Evil-eye beads, or raised dot beads)  
<http://www.greecetravel.com/archaeology/mitsopoulou/glass.htm>  
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### An Editor's Dilemma

by George "Chic" Cihacek  
Editor, Loup Scoop

It's time to go to press again  
But I'm not nearly ready.  
I've still a page or two to fill  
Though I've been working steady.

I'd hoped to have a story on  
Somebody's fine vacation,  
Or on a field trip someone took,  
Or a new hunting location.

But I guess I'll do with what I have  
And hope next month is better.  
If you've got something to fill some space,  
Won't you please write me a letter?

## Orcutt Mineral Society Board Meeting Mussell Senior Center, Santa Maria, Ca. January 2, 2007

President Debbie Hood called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Members present were: Wayne Mills, Sylvia Nasholm, Geary Sheffer, Dee Dee Magri, Mike Henson, Bob Bullock, Elaine Von Achen, Wes Lingerfelt and Debbie Hood. Bill Hood was our only guest. Wes Lingerfelt swore Geary Scheffer in as a board member.

**Minutes** of the previous board meeting were approved as published in the January 2007 newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report** was given by Wes Lingerfelt and accepted as read.

**Correspondence:** Elaine Von Achen reported newsletters received from South Bay Lapidary and Mineral Society, San Geronio Mineral & Gem Society and the Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society. A Letter from Gilbert Orozco was read requesting his address be forwarded to anyone with fluorescent minerals and collections for sale. An invitation was received from the Calif. State Mining & Mineral Museum Association inviting us to join as members.

#### Committees:

**Newsletter:** Debbie Hood reported that the newsletter would be on line January 2<sup>nd</sup> and that the snail mail would go out January 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Education:** None

**Highway Clean Up:** Wayne Mills reported the next clean up would be January 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Library:** None

**Scholarship:** Wayne Mills read a thank you/Christmas Card from Cuesta College.

**Gem Show:** Wes Lingerfelt asked Elaine Von Achen if she would pass out dealer contracts as well as show flyers when she was in Quartzite.

**Sunshine:** Sylvia Nasholm's mother is unwell.

**Abused Children:** Jan Ferguson has agreed to Chair the abused children fro 2007 with assistance from Debbie Hood.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Bill Hood said that reservations have been made fro December 8, 2007 at Maria Del Sol for the December business meeting and luncheon. There was some discussion as to possibly having something different in the way of entertainment this year.

Our program for the January general meeting will be given by Wayne Mills and is titled "Collecting on the Central Coast" and including San Luis Obispo, Monterrey, San Bonito and Santa Barbara Counties. Displays for January will be rocks from the central coast.

Wes Lingerfelt reported that we received notification that we are included in the Director and Officer's Insurance program under the CFMS.

There was discussion on ordering banners for the gem show to include one for the Country Store and one for the Treasure Chest so that guest would be able to find them easier.

Elaine Von Achen agreed to check with Anna Stephenson of the Creek Side Café in Nipomo about possibly holding some of our breakfasts there.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Elaine Von Achen, Secretary, OMS.

## Orcutt Mineral Society General Meeting Mussell Sr. Center, Santa Maria, Ca. January 9, 2007

President Debbie Hood called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Mike Hensen gave the invocation.

Joseph Martinez led the flag salute.

We had 29 members and 5 guests. Guests included: Hans Borm. Roger Lehman, Joe Martinez, Jane Kametani and Rita Porter.

**Minutes:** Elaine Von Achen read the minutes of the January 2, 2007 board meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

**Treasurer's Report:** was given by Wes Lingerfelt and accepted as read.

Debbie Hood asked Bill Hood, as Sheriff, if there were any members or guests without nametags. He reported that starting in February everyone should have a tag.

**Correspondence:** Elaine Von Achen reported nothing new other than what she had reported in the board meeting minutes.

## Committee Reports

**Gem Show:** Wes Lingerfelt said contracts would go out this month. Debbie Hood asked members to start collecting items for the Country Store and to start potting plants for sale. Members were also asked to start thinking about their donations for the treasure chest.

**Budget & Audit:** Don Nasholm will conduct an audit.

**Refreshments:** Dee Dee Magri reported that the evening's refreshment would be donuts provided by the club. She also said she was passing around a sign up sheet for the next year's refreshments.

**Abused Children's Fund:** Jan Ferguson said that we had an amethyst crystal from Brazil and a quartz crystal from Mt. Ida, Arkansas for tonight's raffle.

**CFMS:** None

**Sunshine:** It was reported that Mary Sumpter had passed away.

**Annual December Meeting:** Bill Hood reported the cost of a dinner would increase to \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and under.

**Membership:** None

**Scholarship:** None

**Publicity:** None

**Field Trips:** Bob Bullock said there is no schedule as yet. Wayne Mills announced a "Jade Cruise" sponsored by the Monterey Park Gem Society January 19-22.

**Property:** It was discovered that magazines we had in storage and were thought to be Lapidary Journal and Gem & Mineral were actually Rock & Gem.

**Education:** None

**Adopt A Highway:** Wayne Mills presented Geary Sheffer with a raffle gift won by helping pick up trash on our Highway Clean up.

**Library:** Geary Sheffer said he was able to bring many more items since we now have more room as we have moved our meeting place to a larger room.

**Monthly Breakfast:** Don and Gloria Dana have agreed to chair this committee.

**Raffle:** Wayne Mills noted there were lots of items for tonight's raffle including: quartz crystal, Mary Ellen Jasper, polished stone and a post for stacking bead cases.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Linda Kolasinski said she appreciated the board profiles in the January newsletter.

There was discussion on getting together a new first aid kit for our fieldtrips, putting together grab bags for sale at the Gem Show, Redoing our signs for the Gem Show as well as getting banners made this year.

Refreshments were served

The evening's program was given by Wayne Mills, titled, "Collecting on the Central Coast."

The raffle was held.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Elaine Von Achen, Secretary, OMS



A saw cutting a piece of stone was selected when the first bulletin, ORE-CUTTS (namesake, William Orcutt) was first published in 1966. Member Helen Azevedo was the first editor.

Orcutt Mineral Society was founded in 1958, and was named after William Orcutt, a geologist and Civil engineer who worked in the Santa Maria Valley as a District manager for Union oil Company in 1888. In 1989, William Orcutt discovered the mineral and fossil wealth of the La Brea Tar Pits on the property of Captain Alan Hancock. The La Brea Tar Pits are one of the most significant fossil finds in paleontological history. The OMS is a non-profit club dedicated to stimulating an interest in the earth sciences. The club offers educational programs, field trips, scholarships, and other opportunities for families and individuals to pursue an interest in collecting and treatment of lapidary materials, fossils, gems, minerals, and other facets of the Earth Sciences. In addition, another goal of this Society is to promote good fellowship, and proper ethics in pursuit of the Society's endeavors. Operating Rules have been set forth to guide the Officers and members of the Society in accomplishing these aims. Affiliations of the OMS include American Federation of Mineral Societies, and California Federation of Mineral Societies

### February 2007 Calendar

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| Tuesday<br>February 6, 2007<br>7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. | OMS Board Meeting<br>Mussell Senior Center. All members are welcome at this business meeting.   |
| Tuesday<br>February 13, 2007<br>7:00 to 9:00 p.m.    | OMS General Meeting Elwin<br>Mussell Senior Center.<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program- CFMS Program on Thundereggs.</li> <li>• Display- Pink &amp; Heart Shaped Rocks</li> <li>• Refreshments Cake</li> </ul> |
| Saturday,<br>February 24, 2007<br>8:15 to 9:15 a.m.  | OMS Monthly Breakfast-at the<br>IHOP Resturant next to Howard<br>Johnson's, Santa Maria   |
|  | Field Trip To Be Announced  |

### March 2007 Calendar

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| Tuesday<br>March 6, 2007<br>7:00 to 8:30 p.m. | OMS Board Meeting-at a venue to<br>be announced All members are<br>welcome at this business meeting. |
| Saturday<br>8:00a.m. to ?? p.m..              | Field Trip To be announced   |
| Tuesday                                       | OMS General Meeting-Elwin  |



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| March 13, 2007<br>7:00 to 9:00 p.m.              | Mussell Senior Center.<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program- Sir Paul Howard will give his show "Agate Inclusions."</li> <li>• Display-Agates From Everywhere</li> <li>• Refreshments-Pie</li> </ul> |
| Saturday<br>March 17, 2007<br>8:00 to 10:00 a.m. | Roadside Clean up<br>After the cleanup, coffee and pastry at "Francisco's Country Kitchen" in Santa Maria.  |
| Saturday<br>March 24, 2007<br>8:15 to 9:15 a.m.  | OMS Monthly Breakfast- To be announced  |

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## 2007 Shows

### February 16 - 25, 2007, Indio, CA

San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society  
Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival  
Gem amp;& Mineral Building Bldg #1  
46-350 Arabia Street  
Hours: 10 am - 10 pm  
Bert Grisham: (915) 849-1674

### February 24 - 25, 2007, Antioch, CA

Antioch Lapidary Club  
Contra Costa County Fairgrounds  
Flower Building at West 10th & L t's  
Hours: 10 - 5 both days  
Ellen Bauer (925) 458-2539  
Email: [ebaur\\_lapidary@yahoo.com](mailto:ebaur_lapidary@yahoo.com)  
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### March 2-4 2007, Hayward, CA

Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley  
Centennial Hall 22292 Foothill Blvd.  
Hours: Fri. & Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 10 - 5  
Larry Ham (510) 887-9007  
Email: [info@mgscv.org](mailto:info@mgscv.org)

### March 2-11 2007, Imperial, CA

Imperial Valley Gem & Mineral Society  
"60th Annual Gem & Mineral Show"  
California Mid-Winter Fairgrounds  
Hours: Fri, Sat, Sun. Noon - 10 p.m.  
Mon. Thru Fri. 4 - 10 p.m.  
Paul Steward (760) 355-1888

### March 3-4 2007, Arcadia, CA

Monrovia Rockhounds  
Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanical Garden  
301 N. Baldwin Ave.  
Hours: 9 - 4:30 both days  
Jo Anna Ritchey  
Email: [j.ritchey@verizon.net](mailto:j.ritchey@verizon.net)  
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### March 3-4 2007, Ventura, CA

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society  
The Ventura Gem Show: Gems; Minerals, Lapidary Arts, & Fossils  
Seaside Park- Ventura County Fairgrounds, 10 W. Harbor Blvd.  
Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4  
Ed Clark (805) 983-0028  
Email: [clarkoe@adelphia.net](mailto:clarkoe@adelphia.net)

### March 10-11 2007, Spreckles, CA

Salinas Valley R & Gem  
Veteran's Memorial Hall  
5th and Llano Streets  
Jim Bassett (831) 758-5830  
Email: [jbmssc@sbccglobal.net](mailto:jbmssc@sbccglobal.net)

### March 10-11 2007, Turlock, CA

Mother Lode Mineral Society  
Stanislaus County Fairgrounds  
Hours: 10 - 5  
Bud & Terry McMillin (209) 524-3494  
Email: [terry.mcmillin@yahoo.com](mailto:terry.mcmillin@yahoo.com)  
Website: [www.motherlodemineralsociety.com](http://www.motherlodemineralsociety.com)

### March 10-11 2007, Vallejo, CA

Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society  
Solano County Fairgrounds  
(junction Interstate 80 & Hwy 37) in the County Bldg.  
Hours: 10 - 5 both days  
Phyllis Malicki (707) 745-3255

### March 16, 17, 18 2007, San Bernardino, CA

Orange Belt Mineralogical Society  
Western Regional League Ballpark  
6707 Little League Drive  
Hours: Fri, Sat. 9 a.m. to dusk; Sun. 9 - 4  
Al Carrell (951) 961-5988; Emma Rose (951) 288-6182;  
Lyle (Pappy) (909) 887-3394

**March 23, 24, & 25 2007, Bakersfield, CA**  
San Joaquin Valley Lapidary Society  
5th Annual Rock & Mineral Rendezvous  
Indoor Show/Outdoor Tail Gate  
Kern County Fairgrounds  
Hours: Fri. 9 - 8; Sat. & Sun. 9 - 5  
Lewis Helfrich (661) 872-8230 or 323-2663

**March 24-25 2007, Angles Camp, CA**  
Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society  
Jump for the Gold Gem & Jewelry Show  
Hwy 49  
Hours: Sat. 10 - 5, Sun. 10 - 4  
Tom Reeves (209) 754-4863  
Email: [star@volcano.net](mailto:star@volcano.net)

**March 24 - 25 2007, Roseville, CA**  
Roseville Rock Rollers  
Placer County Fairgrounds  
800 All America City Blvd.  
Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4  
Jim Hutchings (530) 367-5108  
Email: [rockrollers@hotmail.com](mailto:rockrollers@hotmail.com)  
Website: [www.rockrollers.com](http://www.rockrollers.com)

**March 31 - April 1 2007, Torrance, CA**  
South Bay Lapidary Mineral Society  
Ken Miller Recreation Center  
3341 Torrance Blvd.  
Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4  
(310) 318-2170  
Email: [lesneff@aol.com](mailto:lesneff@aol.com)



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