



Ore-Cutts

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My tour around the world in 56 days

By Sir Paul Howard. KRO and Member, OMS

So much happened in those two months, it's hard to condense such a lot into a few words. Starting from Brisbane on July 1st, flew to Vienna, Austria, then through seven states of America, finishing with a seven night cruise with my wife around the Hawaiian Islands. Taking advantage of an anomaly in the airfare structure, it was cheaper to fly first class right around the world than it was to fly direct to U.S.A. It also allowed more luggage weight and for a rock hound that meant I could take, or carry home more rocks. That was a real bonus. Lady Marie did not accompany me on the first part of the journey, but joined me at Honolulu on my way home.



Wes and Sir Paul at our August OMS Meeting

My first stop was in Vienna where my good rock hound friend and professor of music met me. He showed me around this beautiful old city, the capitol of music in Europe. We visited Opera houses, and museums, including the ones on music and minerals. Then I was driven about 800 kilometres around the countryside visiting private mineral collections and vineyards. I was

very impressed with the neatness of the villages and the farms, so different from Australian countryside.

I had been invited to present results of my research into quartz gemstones to the National Gem, Mineral and Fossil show in New York, equivalent to our Gemboree. Five Mineral Societies in America, and Mineralogists in Vienna also wanted to see it.

I studied new techniques of Sculpture Wirecraft to compliment my Wire Wrapped jewelry hobby at the William Holland School of Lapidary Arts in Georgia. My tour was very successful and most enjoyable.

During my travels I attended two Federation Gem and Mineral shows, one in New York and one in North Carolina. I was also a guest speaker at the Rainbow of Gems show in California. These were huge shows compared with Australian shows.

In Atlanta I visited Stone Mountain, about half the size of Ayres Rock as well as the famous Cartersville Mineral Museum.

Then over to California where I was a guest speaker at the Rainbow of Gems show. There I was provided with a darkened schoolroom to present my 200-slide program on "Inclusions and Formations in Agate" every day of the show at 2 p.m.

I belong to two clubs in America, one being the Old Timers Mineral Society. The editor from this club drove over 200 miles to visit this show to see my presentation. The other American club is Orcutt Mineral Society in California. My host, with the local Sheriff, arranged a fossicking trip to the hills of Nipomo for a small group of

rock hounds to search for the famous Sagenite Agate. We all found nice specimens.

The cruise from Honolulu to five ports on the four big islands of the Hawaiian group was blessed with fine weather. The highlight of the cruise was a helicopter flight over the erupting volcano on the big island of Hawaii. Despite a shower of rain during the flight that spoilt our photographic opportunities we flew over the volcano and looked down its throat to see the molten lava and the new lava flowing down the mountainside. We saw the result of previous lava flows that wiped out villages and new subdivisions. At one spot we could see the roof of what was left of a school bus. That night as the ship cruised past the island in the dark on its way to Honolulu we could see the molten lava moving down the mountainside. It looked like a big bushfire from a distance. In Waikiki we completed the end of our travels.

North to Alaska! (Continued)

By Sharon Duncan, Board Member, OMS

We have now left the beautiful ship to start our land journey.

Our first stop was Portage Glacier. Before Portage and Burns Glaciers began their retreats, early traders, miners, and indigenous peoples traveled across these glaciers using them as a 'portage' between Prince William Sound and the Cook Inlet. Today, people use the tunnel.

Rocks embedded along the sides and bottom of the glacier create the same erosive qualities as a large piece of sandpaper, scouring the mountainside. This, along with silt and gravel deposited by the glacier, create steep-walled, flat-bottomed (or U-shaped) valleys like Portage.

The unique milky blue coloration of Portage Lake and Portage Creek is due to the silt or rock flour that stays suspended in the water. As glaciers move over the landscape, the rocks they pick up along the way grind against the mountainside, creating the fine dust-like particles.

Once we left Mt. McKinley lodge we took the coach to the train station where we traveled on the Midnight Sun Express. Our view was wonderful even if I was seeing where we had been

instead of where we were going. A few wild animals were spotted: an eagle flying high in the sky, a yearling moose running close to the train, and a bear. The landscape took on a golden hue from the trees that were turning color, and the rivers were that beautiful light turquoise blue from the glaciers. It is hard to imagine fish in those rivers, but we saw them from the train.

We arrived at our destination, and were blessed with light rain and snow. By the time we reached our lodge, the ground was covered with a layer of beautiful white snow. There were river rocks in abundance around the lodge for esthetics. However, my Brother-in-Law and I just had to spend some time looking for any rock that looked unusual. (Gee I wonder why my suitcase was so heavy coming home).

The next morning, due to the snowfall, most of the tours were cancelled. The sun was partially out, and the snow was beautiful and unblemished. I was glad I had my gloves, hat and boots since it was rather cold. We didn't see too much in the way of wildlife except for one bear, and two cubs. We did see a male hiker in the distance, and were concerned for his safety as I'm sure he was not aware of the bear.



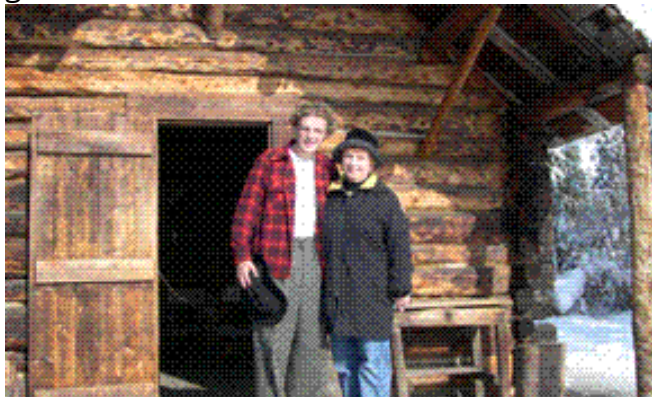
Successful (modern) gold panning requires patience!

The next portion of the trip took us to Fairbanks where we visited the El Dorado Gold Mine. Yukon Yolanda, demonstrated gold panning, and wore a rather large nugget around her neck. Each of us had the opportunity to pan some gold in 30 degree weather, however, the water in the troughs where we panned was heated (modern day technology!). I'm sure dur-

ing the harsh days of the “Gold Rush” that didn’t happen.

We actually traveled through a permafrost tunnel first, before we arrived at the panning site. The panning demonstration included talks on the kinds of mineral and rock formations which tend to prove most productive in placer gold recovery. In spite of the cold, the panning was fun. I managed to obtain a little gold, which I had put into a necklace so I wouldn’t lose it. We were served hot cider and fresh baked cookies (YUMMY!).

We spent two nights at the Kenai Princess Lodge, and since it rained while we were there, we just did some hiking down to the river. Of course, I manage to pick up a few little rocks. Due to the fact that it was spawning season for the salmon, there were a lot of decaying salmon on the shore which didn’t make it too exciting to gather rocks.



Sharon sharing the miner’s experience in Alaska
We traveled to Mt. McKinley the next day, stopping briefly in Anchorage for lunch, then continued on to the Lodge where we spent the night. We managed to pick up some quartz crystal rocks from a hiking trail in the woods, and fortunately, we missed the bear that was eating berries a short distance from the trail we were on. However, we did hear the rustling in the bushes!!!

The next morning we saw Mt. McKinley at sunrise. It was shrouded in clouds, but they lifted enough for us to enjoy the majestic beauty of the surrounding mountains.

The last part of our tour took us aboard the Riverboat Discovery, owned for four generations

by the Binkley Family. We traveled up the Chena River, to see Susan Butcher (the Iditarod champion, and Alaskan legend), her family, and her beloved dogs. She has a track behind her home for training the dogs in the summer, and then uses the frozen river in the winter.

We also visited and experienced the culture of the Athabascan Indians through a lady named Dixie Alexander. She is a renowned Athabascan beadwork artist. Recently she was commissioned by the Smithsonian to produce a Chief’s jacket, based on a traditional Athabascan Indian design, for the permanent collection at the Smithsonian History Museum.

All in all it was truly an enjoyable trip and I would recommend it to others.

In Memoriam

Ione Clara Griggs

Ione C. Griggs passed away peacefully October 4, 2004, in Santa Maria.

Born Clara Ione Briggs, August 13, 1920, in Woonsocket SD, Ione changed her name and for that her friends and relatives are grateful as Ione the name, like the individual, is so much more fun and interesting. Ione Briggs was married to Emmett Griggs in 1943 at the Fort Ord Chapel, but they decided not to hyphenate though, like her, it would have been a lot of fun.

Known as “the copper lady”, Ione was a lifetime member of the Orcutt Mineral Society and traveled thousands of miles with Emmett and fellow members digging for rocks and minerals, camping, and displaying her beautiful copper minerals. Ione and Emmett’s adventures with OMS friends into the desert and mountains were among their most cherished memories.

Donations can be sent to Habitat for Humanity Partner Service Center, or the Orcutt Mineral Society.

PS. Dick and Bess Shields represented OMS at the memorial gathering held in Ione’s honor. The OMS Board voted unanimously to make a donation in Ione’s name to the CFMS Endowment Fund.

Campbell's Labels Project

We continue to save labels to purchase an additional 15-passenger van. Thanks to your efforts, we collected about 499,000 points last year towards the total goal of 1,800,000. The new balance remaining is approximately 700,000. It is not impossible to believe that we could reach that amount this year.

You can help all year long by letting your churches and families know about the program. If you need a list of eligible products, let us know and we will get one to you. Also, that information is online at <http://www.labelsforeducation.com>.

From Sun Valley Indian School's *Sun Valley Times*

Rock Talk Invitation

Did you know that Orcutt Mineral Society supplies Rock Talk speakers to schools, scout troops, and civic groups along the central coast? It only takes an hour or so of your time. Many of us who have been speakers for years have kept copies of our Rock Talks, and will share the information with you.

Wes Lingerfelt gave a talk in Mrs. Brockway's 2nd grade class at Nipomo Elementary last week. Dick and Bess Shields talked to Mrs. Cardinal's two Webelo troops, and held a field trip for three Scout troops recently.



Scouts learning how to use a loupe

If you want to see how it's done, just join us in the classroom (or scout meeting). See how easy it is to share our knowledge and love of rocks. If you have questions about this project, please contact Wes Lingerfelt, Marshall Reeves, Debbie Hood, Dick or Bess Shields.

The Wanderer

Clear (up the) Creek

Our October field trip to Clear Creek was exceptional. Twenty-one adventurous souls headed up to Clear Creek for a day of collecting in perfect 80 degree weather. We left Mussell Senior Center at oh-dark-thirty, and made numerous stops along the way to pick up other carpoolers. Members of OMS attending were: DeeDee Magri, Sharon Duncan, Rob Bullock, Bob and Gisela Schrum, Jan, Stan and Brenna Ferguson, Lucky Virgin, Ralph Bishop, Geary Sheffer, John VonAchen, John and Maddy Belzel, Josh Simonson, Dick and Bess Shields. Joining us from the Paso Robles Rockhounds Club were Joyce Baird, Kincy Scott, Dave Murray, and his brother.

Once the caravan arrived at Clear Creek/Oak Flats Campground, Dick handed out maps of the area he had downloaded from the internet. Next year we will get copies of the BLM map beforehand since we only had one copy from the 11/03 trip.



OMS at the Aurora Mine searching for plasma agate

Last year, part of our group was unable to visit the old Aurora Mine, so this time the entire group drove to the mine first. Ralph, Lucky, John V., Geary, and the two brothers from Paso did some "intense" digging for plasma agate. They managed to score sphereable chunks of mine run materials. The rest of us picked up druzy quartz, small chunks of mine material, and colorful pieces to wirewrap.

Once we made it back down to the streambed, we found plenty of turtle, botryoidal, and white jade, colorful jasper, chatoyant materials, cinnabar, serpentine, and milky quartz.

As we drove out of the park, the weather took a dramatic change. Driving back from the mine on those asbestos-laden slopes could have been tough if we'd lingered any longer at the mine. Heavy rain accompanied us on our drive through Paso Robles. Tall tales were exchanged over dinner, and plans were formulated for another trip next fall to Clear Creek. Care to join us next year?
Happy Hunting,
Love, Bess

Orcutt Mineral Society

Board Meeting
Mussell Senior Center, Santa Maria CA
5 October 2004

Call to order at 7:11 p.m. by President Debbie Hood. Members present were Sharon Duncan, Bill and Debbie Hood, Wes Lingerfelt, Wayne Mills, Marshall Reeves, Geary Sheffer, Bess Shields, and Lucky Virgin.

Treasurer's report was read by Wes Lingerfelt and accepted as read. Wes also submitted a bill of sale for the Highland Park 14" saw which will be filed with the minutes.

Minutes of the previous Board Meeting were approved as published. Minutes of the previous General Meeting were approved as published.

Committee Reports:

Bulletin: Bess Shields reported that part 2 of Sharon Duncan's Alaskan Adventures, and Sir Paul Howard's Around-the-World adventures will be published in the November Ore-Cutts.

CFMS: Director Wes Lingerfelt announced that Fred Ott is stepping aside, and clubs will now deal directly with McDaniel Insurance Services.

Library, Books, Videos: Bess Shields has received a copy of the video, Beautiful Opals: The Queen of Gems, from Brandon Marshall. Mr. Marshall teaches silversmithing and faceting at the OASIS Senior Center, and many of our members are active participants in his classes.

Show: Wes Lingerfelt has put the scholarship monies raised at our Gem Show into the proper fund.

Sunshine: Ione Griggs, President in 1975 and life member of OMS, has passed away. Memorial gathering will be held this Saturday. Debbie Hood will pass the information through the Telephone Tree for those who wish to attend. Debbie Hood reported that Kay Vollmer is healing, and feeling much better.

Correspondence:

- Mineral Messenger newsletter from San Luis Obispo Gem & Mineral Club.
- Sir Paul Howard's travel adventures letter.
- Change of address for Emily Hopwood.
- E-mail from Karen and Dick Dry in Florida.

Old/unfinished business:

1. Debbie Hood wants to establish a procedure to initiate formation of a new PAC committee. Wes Lingerfelt will work with the Board on this matter.
2. Sharon Duncan will set a date to work on the OMS historical information, and will announce the time at our General Meeting next week.
3. Debbie Hood has formed a new Telephone Tree. Copies will be handed out to the callers at next week's General Meeting.
4. Bill Hood announced the following slate of officers to be presented at our General Meeting:
 - President, Lucky Virgin
 - President elect, Sharon Duncan
 - Treasurer, Wes Lingerfelt
 - Secretary, Bess Shields
 - Board members: Robert Bullock, DeeDee Magri, Sylvia Nasholm, Marshall Reeves, and Geary Sheffer.

New business:

1. Several individuals were presented for membership consideration: Victoria Dezal, Connie Casio, Peggy Johnson. They were all accepted as our newest OMS members.
2. Sharon Duncan will assemble a list of names retrieved from the Treasure Chest tickets, and will send out a special 2005 Gem Show Invitation to these people.
3. A donation to the CFMS Endowment Fund will be sent in memory of Ione Griggs.

Our October program will be presented by Sharon Duncan on "My Summer Vacation in Alaska". Display will be "Rocks from OMS Field Trips". Dessert is pie.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. by President Hood.

Respectfully submitted,
Bess Shields, Secretary, OMS

Orcutt Mineral Society

General Meeting
Mussell Senior Center, Santa Maria CA
12 October, 2004

Call to Order at 7:10 p.m. by President Deborah Hood.

Invocation was given by Bess Shields on "A New Song".

Flag Salute was led by Bill Hood. Sharon Duncan reported that 28 members, and 3 guests were present. Peggy Johnson, Erv Sly, and Jill Wilson were our guests. Sheriff Bill Hood reported no violations tonight for missing nametags.

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

Minutes of the previous General Meeting and Board Meeting were approved as published.

Committee Reports:

Adopt-a-Highway: There will be a November 20th cleanup starting at 8 a.m. on Highways 166 and 101, followed by coffee, pastries, and raffle at Francisco's Country Kitchen, 1700 N. Broadway, Santa Maria.

Breakfasts: Ken Kreh invited us to breakfast at The Girl's Restaurant in Arroyo Grande on 23 October.

Bulletin: Bess Shields announced that Sir Paul Howard has submitted an article for the November *Ore-Cutts*, and Sharon Duncan's Alaskan Adventure, Part 2 will also appear.

CFMS: Wes Lingerfelt will attend the CFMS Business Meeting in Fresno on November 13th.

Education: Bess Shields asked for volunteers and encourages participation in this community project. She has two Webelo talks and one Girl Scout talk next week, plus a three-troop field trip on October 23rd. OMS members are invited to come on out and see how easy the talks are to deliver, and to answer the scout's rock questions during the field trip. Wes Lingerfelt also mentioned that the Sun Valley Indian School "boxtops for education" and "Campbell Soup labels" projects have resulted in yet another van for the school.

Field Trips: Dick Shields invited members to join him for the Clear Creek trip on October 16th. We will meet promptly at 7:00 a.m. at Mussell Senior Center, then carpool to the collecting site. Members from the Paso Robles rock club will join us at Clear Creek. The November field trip will be to Avila Beach, and other local beaches (weather permitting). The December field trip is to Gaviota and Refugio Beaches.

Library: Bess Shields thanked Marshall Brandon of the Faceting and Silversmithing Class at OASIS Senior Center for his recent donation of a fine opal video. Ralph Bishop also donated numerous books to our OMS Library this month.

Raffle: Marshall Reeves has a selection of crystals, a torch, a Swiss Army knife, a diamond tool bit set, attache case, fossil oyster shell, and bottle of wine for tonight's raffle.

Refreshments: DeeDee Magri thanked Jeannie Lingerfelt, Margaret Henson, Jan Ferguson, Ken Kreh, Kathy Collison, and Wayne Mills for bringing refreshments to tonight's meeting. Show: Wes Lingerfelt announced the dates for our 2005 Gem Show as August 5-6-7 at the St. Joseph's Church location. Sunshine: Debbie Hood announced that Ione Griggs passed away. Dick and Bess Shields attended the memorial gathering.

Correspondence:

- *Rockonteur* from Santa Lucia Rockhounds Club.
- *Mineral Messenger* from San Luis Obispo Gem & Mineral Club.
- *Dinny's Doins* newsletter.
- Sun Valley Indian School newsletter.
- *Lapidarian* from Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Club.
- *Rocky Review* from Conejo Gem & Mineral Club.
- 2005 Rock & Gem magazine, club listing update request for publication.
- *Yellowstone Deposit* from Billings Gem & Mineral Club.
- Sir Paul Howard correspondence.
- Change of address for Emily Hopwood.
- E-mail from Dry's in Florida.

Old/unfinished business:

1. Debbie Hood announced that a new Political Action Committee is being formed. Ken Kreh volunteered to head the committee. Action on formation of this new committee will be taken at the next OMS Board Meeting.
2. Nominating Committee: Debbie hood read the nominations list submitted by the Committee, and asked for nominations from the floor. Elections will occur next month at the General Meeting.

President, Lucky Virgin
 President elect, Sharon Duncan
 Treasurer, Wes Lingerfelt
 Secretary, Bess Shields

Board members: Robert Bullock, DeeDee Magri, Sylvia Nasholm, Marshall Reeves, and Geary Sheffer.

Sharon Duncan will hold a Historical Scrapbook Assembly Day on a Sunday afternoon in November. She will call interested volunteers when the date is firm.

Debbie Hood has formed a new telephone tree for contacting OMS members in emergencies.

New business:

1. Maida Williams wants to spread wildflower seeds along our 2 mile stretch of highway clean-up area this spring. Debbie will present this to the Board on November 2nd for a decision.
2. Debbie reminded us that the November Board Meeting is at Sierra Vista Community Center (809 N. Fremont, Santa Maria).
3. Connie Casio, Victoria Dezal, and Peggy Johnson, our three newest members, introduced themselves, and told us about their rock-related interests.

Following the break for refreshments, Sharon Duncan presented a talk and slide show of "My Alaskan Adventures". Dick Shields then presented "Gem Show 2004" slides that were submitted by numerous OMS members. Dick concluded with a two minute "Digging in Lucy Tunnel's Swimming Pool" comedy clip featuring Wes Lingerfelt and Ralph Bishop (at the bottom of what became a 9 foot hole while searching for rhodonite).

The raffle was held after the program. Meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m. by President Hood.

Respectfully submitted,
 Bess Shields, Secretary, OMS

Check our OMS web site at <http://omsinc.org>
 or send email to info@omsinc.org.

Web Sites of Note:

November 2004

Tyrannosaurus feathered?

http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2004/10/1006_041006_feathery_dino.html

Helen's siblings: Washington volcanoes:

<http://vulcan.wr.usgs.gov/Volcanoes/Washington/framework.html>

BLM Rockhounding:

<http://www.ca.blm.gov/barstow/rock.html>

International Jewelry Designer's Guild:

<http://www.jewelrydesignersguild.com/articles/index.htm>

Canadian Mineral Species Index:

http://www.minerals.sk.ca/list_az.html

California Federation of Mineralogical Societies:

<http://www.cfmsinc.org/>

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies:

<http://www.amfed.org/>

Official Stuff

OMS Purpose

Founded in 1958, and is 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

1889, Orcutt discovered the fossil wealth of the La Brea Tar Pits, one of the most significant fossil finds in paleontological history. The Society is a non-profit club, dedicated to stimulating an interest in rocks and minerals. The club offers educational programs, field trips, youth activities, and other opportunities for families and individuals to pursue an interest in collecting and lapidary treatment of rocks, fossils, gems, minerals, and other facets of Earth Sciences. In addition, a 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 purposes. Affiliations: California Federation of Mineralogical Societies and American Federation of Mineralogical Societies.



2004 OMS Elected Officers

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OMS Membership dues are \$15 per year. Junior Membership is \$7.50. New membership dues are pro-rated from January 1st of the first year.

OMS General Election

If you would like to be an active member of the Board of Directors, please contact Bill Hood, Marshall Reeves, Lucky Virgin, or Wayne Mills. Nominations were taken at the October 12th General Meeting and can be introduced prior to the elections, which will be held at the November 9th General Meeting. Installation of Officers will occur at the Annual Christmas Banquet on December 11th.

November 2004 Calendar

Tuesday November 2, 2004 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	OMS Board Meeting -- Sierra Vista Community Center, 809 North Fremont (take Donovan east to Fremont, turn right, go ¾ mile to the Center). All members are welcome at this business meeting.
Tuesday November 9, 2004 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	OMS General Meeting -- Mussell Senior Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Election of Officers • Program: "World Class Minerals" by Richard Lewis • Display: Rocks and Petrified Wood • Refreshment: Cookies
Saturday November 13, 2004 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Field Trip to Avila, Cayucos, and Morro Bay -- Meet at Mussell Senior Center Parking Lot. Observational trip to a classic location. Bring a lunch and bottled water. Some hiking required.
Saturday November 20, 2004 8:00 - 10:00 AM	OMS Highway Cleanup -- Intersection of Highway 101 and 166 After the cleanup we have coffee and pastry at the "Francisco's Country Kitchen" in Santa Maria. Contact Marshall Reeves at 733-2775 for details.
Saturday November 27, 2004 8:15 AM - 9:15 AM	OMS Monthly Breakfast - "Francisco's Country Kitchen" in Santa Maria. Call Ken Kreh at 343-7749 for details.

December 2004 Calendar	
Tuesday December 7, 2004 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	OMS Board Meeting -- Mussell Senior Center. All members are welcome at this business meeting.
Saturday December 11, 2004 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM	OMS Annual Meeting -- Maria Del Sol, 1405 East Main Street, Santa Maria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buffet Luncheon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members \$7.25 • Guests \$14.50 • President's Annual Report • Awards • Installation of Officers • "Sweet Adelines" Christmas Performance Bring canned goods for Goodwill and donations for the Abused Children Fund Call Bill and Debbie Hood at 481-6860 for details
	
Saturday December 18, 2004 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Field Trip to Refugio and Gaviota -- Meet at Mussell Senior Center Parking Lot Entrance fee required for an all-day pass covering both parks. Bring a lunch - the beach concessions only operate in the summer.
Saturday December 25, 2004 None Scheduled	OMS Monthly Breakfast -- None scheduled. Call Ken Kreh at 343-7749 for details.

January 2005 Calendar	
Tuesday January 4, 2005 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	OMS Board Meeting -- Mussell Senior Center. All members are welcome at this business meeting.
Saturday January 8, 2005 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Field Trip to Jalama Beach -- Meet at Mussell Senior Center Parking Lot. We will depart at 0900. Entrance fee for each vehicle at Jalama. Walk over beach sand and rock to a travertine outcropping. There is oil on the beach so bring old shoes for the walk. Bring a lunch or eat in the Jalama Café on the beach.
Tuesday January 11, 2005 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	OMS General Meeting -- Mussell Senior Center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program: TBD • Display: TBD • Refreshment: Donuts from the Board.
Saturday January 15, 2005 8:00 - 10:00 AM	OMS Highway Cleanup -- Intersection of Highway 101 and 166 After the cleanup we have coffee and pastry at the "Francisco's Country Kitchen" in Santa Maria. Contact Marshall Reeves at 733-2775 for details.
Saturday January 22, 2005 8:15 AM - 9:15 AM	OMS Monthly Breakfast -- "Francisco's Country Kitchen" in Santa Maria. Call Ken Kreh at 343-7749 for details.

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