

HILL and GULLY PAY DIRT

Palmdale Gem and Mineral Club, Inc.

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PGMC HAPPENINGS

GENERAL MEETINGS

November 23, 2009
Monday at the Chimbole
Cultural Center in Palmdale
7:00 PM
Elections to be held!

December 14, 2009
HOLIDAY PARTY
Monday at the Chimbole
Cultural Center in Palmdale
Setup at 3:00 PM
Eat at 5:00 PM
Bingo at 7:00PM

BOARD MEETINGS

December 8, 2009
Tuesday 6:00 PM
Post Show Meeting
Tuesday 7:00 PM
at the Chimbole Cultural
Center in Palmdale

January 12, 2010
Tuesday 7:00 PM
at the Chimbole Cultural
Center in Palmdale



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

PROGRAM

Silent Auction, bring your
stuff to sell and money to
buy from the other mem-
bers.

REFRESHMENTS

It's Our Club Birthday!

Club to provide Cake and
drinks

DISPLAYS

This month's displays will be
Citrine or Topaz (Blue or
Gold) Stones. Please have a
label to put with your display.

FIELD TRIP

Boron Dry lake

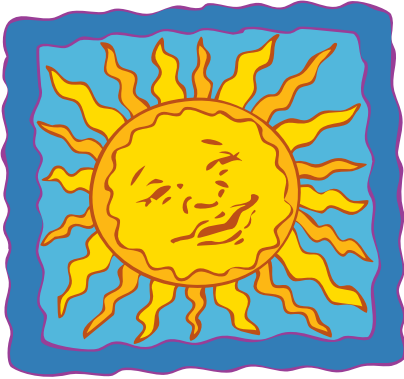
November 25-29, 2009
Ham Dinner on Saturday
around 12:00 PM or when
it is done.

See Map Page 7.

WORDS of WISDOM



**Rodney
Skillings
President**



SUNSHINE

From Vivian Sexton

My dad (Lloyd Kempton) is at 38648 Cortina Way in Palmdale between Eugene and 40th East.

He will be moved in Sat. Just to let you know where he is. If you get a chance go visit. The people working there seem really nice. Hopefully he will get the help he needs. I have to get him some clothes as they do not sit in their pajamas all day. Thankyou for your support, thoughts and prayers. Vlvian

For those of you who know Stan(Curt) and Clara Estill. They are there.

PGMC - TID BITS

MEMBERSHIP

Brad Murphy

November Birthdays are:

Jennifer Skillings	5 th
Brad Murphy	11 th
Don George	12 th
Cora McCrumb	16 th
Allison McClung	18 th
Bill Hopkins	23 rd
Lorna Lass	29 th

Your Birthstone is **Topaz** for Fidelity and your flower is **Chrysanthemum** (Mums) for Loveliness.

ANNIVERSARIES

Chris & Jennifer Martin 4th

Enjoy your day to the fullest and continue throughout the year with happiness and good health.

DUES are DUE

The PGMC Dues are coming due starting in October and payable to the Membership Committee Director at the October, November or December General Membership Meeting. They can be mailed to the club PO Box if you cannot attend one of the upcoming meetings.

Dues paid by December 31st are \$15.00 per year for singles, \$23.00 per year for couples and \$8.00 per year for each additional member. \$8.00 for Badges. Dues paid start-

ing January 1, 2010 will be \$16.00 for singles, \$25.00 for couples, and \$9.00 for each additional member. Make checks payable to "Palmdale Gem and Mineral Club"

2009 Christmas Party

The 2009 Christmas Party is **December 14, 2009**, at the Palmdale Cultural Center from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

Mark this date on your calendars so you won't miss this fun filled event.

(ROCK BINGO)

Bring Rocks and White Elephants!

Set-up 3:00 PM

Dinner 5:00 PM

Installation at 6:30 PM

Rock Bingo 7:00- 8:30 PM

Clean up 8:30 - 9:00 PM

**2009 Rock 'N' Gem
Roundup**

November 7 & 8, 2009

**Rod & I would like to
say THANK YOU!**

Thank You!

**To all of the Show
Committee Chairman,
Demonstrators, Exhibi-
tors, Donors and Vol-
unteers!**

**You all did a wonderful
job!**

**You are what made the
Show a success!**

Pictures from our Show



Richard Wade, the Dinosaur Man



Kids digging in the Dinosaur fossil
tray after the presentation



I want to thank all of you for you truly great displays at our show. Without displays there would be no SHOW so to speak, as it displaying that SHOWS the public what we can do.

Thanks again.

Cheri



Cabinet Minerals on display

FEDERATION REPORT November 2009

Well, the show is over for another year and I will say right now that I am grateful to the CFMS Executive Board for changing the date of the Fall Business meeting for 2010 to the second weekend in November. It makes it very difficult for our members, who are committed to the CFMS when the meeting falls on the same weekend as our show. So I say a big THANK YOU to them.

The CFMS welcomed two new societies at the fall business meeting. The Bakersfield Mineral Mites, located in Bakersfield, California has 22 members and their advisor Ishmael Sanchez has been and continues to be a friend of the PGMC. The second new society is the Scott Valley Gem & Mineral Society, located in Fort Jones, California, with 63 members. Located at the northern end of Scott Valley, the city of Fort Jones (population 552) is surrounded by mountains and fertile farmland. The nearby Marble Mountains rise to over 7000' and the Scott Bar Mountains to over 6000', and Scott River meanders through town on its way to the Klamath River. Yreka is a near neighbor.

Welcome to both of our new member societies!

And again as I mentioned before, let's get those displays ready for the 2010 CFMS/AFMS Show in La Habra. Remember what I said, I don't intend to be quiet about this. We have many members who have some very fine work and/or collections that would fit the bill. Let's make a good showing at the CFMS/AFMS Show in La Habra next June. You will be reminded several times in the newsletter between now and the show in June 2010.

Don George
PGMC Federation Director

From the Finance & Audit Director

I am working on the budget for 2010. If anyone has a special request to be included in our budget please contact me. If it is a reasonable request and the Board of Directors approves it, I will include it in the budget. Items submitted in the past for our considerations were such things as: donation to Antelope Valley Indian Museum; ideas for bus trips; equipment purchase, etc.

Thank you,
Susy Martin

EDITOR'S NOTE!

Articles and reports for publication in the Hill and Gully Pay Dirt that are in an electronic format (Either Email or on a floppy disk, CD, or USB SanDisk) may be submitted to the newsletter committee by the Board Meeting of the month of publication. Any article or report not furnished in electronic format must be submitted to the newsletter committee no later than the Board Meeting one month prior to the month of publication. This schedule and deadline will maintain the quality of our newsletter, keep the publishing of the Hill and Gully seamless and the newsletter committee harmonious. Email Jennifer Martin at: martinmaill007-friends@yahoo.com

PALMDALE GEM & MINERAL CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, 26 October 2009

LARRY CHIMBOLE CULTURAL CENTER
38500 SIERRA HIGHWAY
PALMDALE, CALIFORNIA

Meeting of the Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club was called to order at 7 pm by Vice-President John Martin.

Flag salute was led by Rich Stanford.

MINUTES: ad appeared in the newsletter, motion to accept as written was made by Susan Martin, seconded by Bob High. Motion passed.

HOSPITALITY: There were 20 members, 1 guest (John Spargur), and 2 Pebble Pups present. The door prize drawings were won by Allison McClung, Claire Martin, Jennifer Martin and Susan Walblom won the \$10.

CORRESPONDENCE: Ginny presented the correspondence; she placed the AFMS Newsletter on the front table for members to review. Then she passed the rest of the mail out accordingly.

DISPLAYS: We had several displays, Rhodonite Jewelry by Susan Walblom; Ethiopian opal, Fire opal, and a weird rock from David Walblom; Common opal, and

Fire opal from John martin; Blue forest petrified wood from John Spargur; and an unidentified rock from Robert Garner.

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Keeping our Desert open for all to use

General Meeting Minutes
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BREAK FOR REFRESHMENTS.

DRAWING: Talon & Melissa (3), David Walblom (3), Carol GeBauer (2), Robert Garner, Russ Lass, Scott Pelka all won prizes.

There was no program tonight.

Motion to adjourn was made by Bob High and seconded by Cora McCrumb. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm.

Dear Open Access Supporter and Rockhounds,

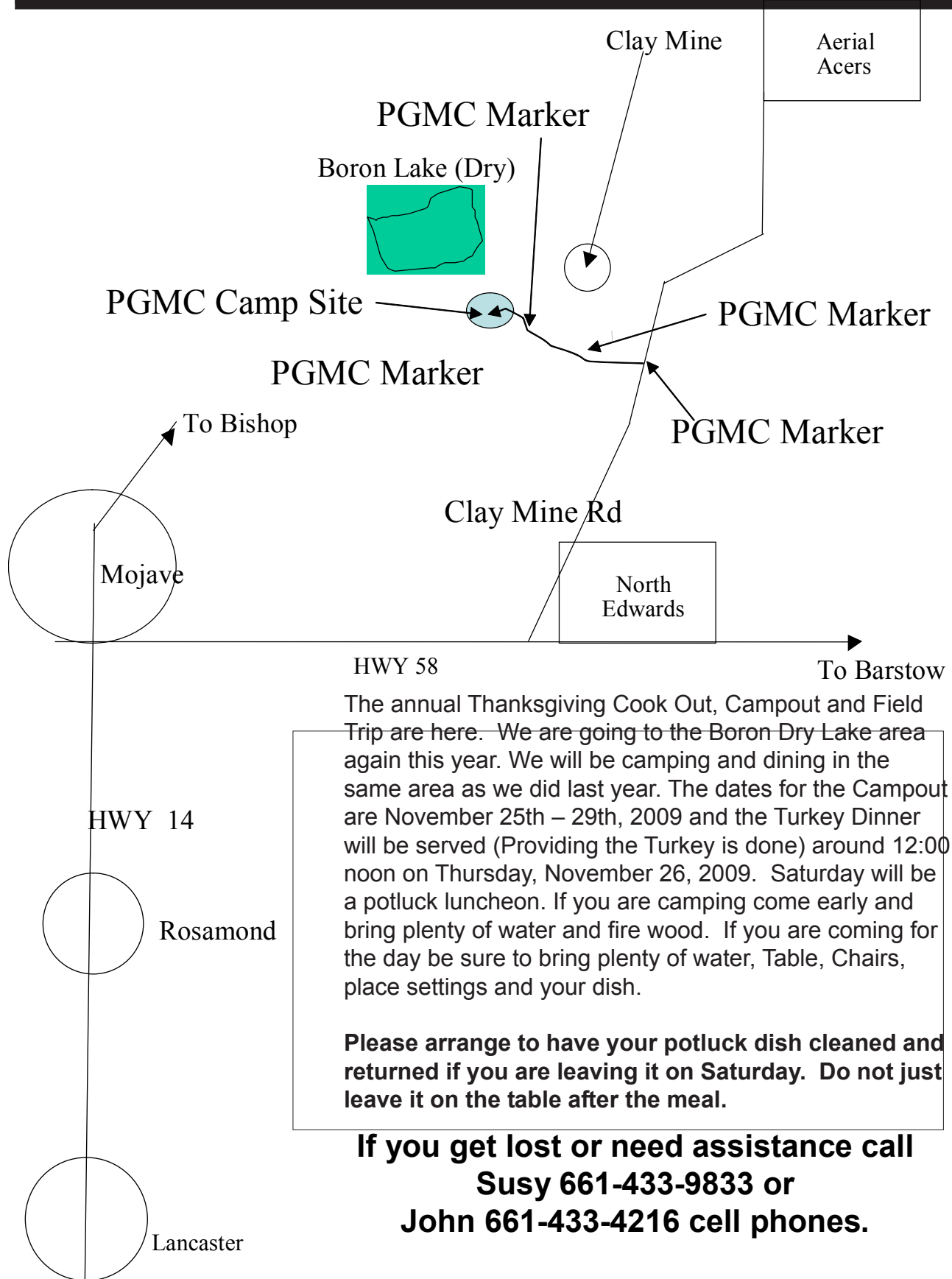
As you have heard over the last several months, there are many important desert wild lands and rivers that are being targeted for closure by the new legislation being proposed by Senator Feinstein. There are over 400,000 Acres in Southern California 's Deserts and Forests listed in the proposal that is scheduled for closure. Right now, we need your help to let other legislators know that these lands and rivers deserve to remain open and free to access by All Public Land users including responsible oncoming energy development.

Senator Dianne Feinstein has boldly supported creating new national monuments, wilderness areas, national park additions and wild and scenic rivers in the California desert. These new designations would connect Joshua Tree National Park with the Mojave National Preserve, thereby removing from public access some of our prime recreational and collecting areas allowing only access to the special interest groups.

Fortunately, the Interior Department is currently considering allowing industrial-scale energy development on many of these lands which will help to keep our collecting areas accessible. While a rapid transition to renewable energy is essential to address our expanding energy needs, we have the technology to use the resources of this public land and protect endangered species habitat while keeping the Public Lands, managed by the Bureau of Land Management, open and accessible to all for development and recreational usages.

Please take a moment now to let Senator Feinstein know that you strongly disagree with her proposed monuments, wilderness areas, national park additions, and wild and scenic rivers in our Southern California deserts.

John Martin
ALAA Internet Committee
AFMS Conservation & Legislation Committee
CFMS PLAC South 2005-2008
Palmdale Gem and Mineral Club



The annual Thanksgiving Cook Out, Campout and Field Trip are here. We are going to the Boron Dry Lake area again this year. We will be camping and dining in the same area as we did last year. The dates for the Campout are November 25th – 29th, 2009 and the Turkey Dinner will be served (Providing the Turkey is done) around 12:00 noon on Thursday, November 26, 2009. Saturday will be a potluck luncheon. If you are camping come early and bring plenty of water and fire wood. If you are coming for the day be sure to bring plenty of water, Table, Chairs, place settings and your dish.

Please arrange to have your potluck dish cleaned and returned if you are leaving it on Saturday. Do not just leave it on the table after the meal.

**If you get lost or need assistance call
Susy 661-433-9833 or
John 661-433-4216 cell phones.**

Up and Coming Shows

November 21-22 2009, Oxnard, CA

Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society
Oxnard Performing Arts Center
800 Hobson Way
Hours: Sat. 9-5; Sun. 10-4
Norb Kinsler (805) 644-6450
Email: info@oxnardgem.com
Website: www.oxnardgem.com

February 12-21, 2010, Indio, CA

San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society
Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival
Gem & Mineral Building Bldg #1
46-350 Arabia Street
Hours: 10 am - 10 pm
Bert Grisham: (915) 849-1674
Email: bert67@verizon.net

December 5-6 2009, Barstow, CA

Mojave Gem & Mineral Society
Community Center
841 Barstow Road
Hours: 10-5 daily
Gene Haines (760) 256-0595
Email: janetwentz@earthlink.net
Website: www.mdgms.org

February 26-27 2010, Northridge, CA

Del Air Rockhounds Club
United Methodist Church
9650 Reseda Blvd. (at Superior St.)
Hours: Fri. 3 p.m. -9:30 p.m. - Sat. 10-5
Julie Marin (818) 886-7190
Website: <http://delairrockhounds.blogspot.com>

For a complete list of shows visit the CFMS website at www.cfmsinc.org

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