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“It’s in our name . . . It’s what do we do . . . We collect rocks!!!!”

The **CENTRAL OREGON ROCK COLLECTORS** (CORC) is an informal group dedicated to sharing the rock hound hobby. We meet for field trips, collecting rocks, monthly programs, and related activities. You do not have to be a member to attend. However, if you are interested in joining, yearly memberships are only \$20 for individuals, or \$25 for families. At the end of this newsletter is a form for joining the CORC.

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Welcome: Rockhounding is best when it is shared. We welcome visitors to our meetings, anytime. If anyone has any interesting adventures or unusual materials that they would like to share, we would love to hear about them.

The Club meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month, March through October, the November meeting is a potluck holiday get-together on a Sunday. No winter meetings.

Regular meetings are held at the Redmond Senior Center, 325 NE Dogwood Avenue, Redmond, starting at 7:00 pm until 8:30 or 9:00.

July Meeting:

We met at Tom and Debbi Klug's house in Redmond for a picnic, silent auction, a short business meeting and a lot of general socializing. There was abundant potluck food as well as club provided cold drinks, BBQ'd hamburgers, sausage dogs, and chicken patties. About 30 members were in attendance, several offered lapidary items for sale. We all had a good time. A very hearty thank you to the Klugs is in order.

Field Trips:

12 people attended the July 17th field trip to the Ochoco tube agate beds led by Don Ross. Most of us got a sampling of agate, a lot of which was clear seam agate, some with tubes. That afternoon Don took us to a site with abundant banded and varigated jasper. It was a productive day.



Guest Ken Denett of the Santa Rosa Mineral and Gem Society with a nice find



About a ton of banded jasper – one piece in place

Coming Field Trips:

Aug 3-6 NFMS Field Trip Committee field trips originating from Prineville. August 7th will be a swap meet and live auction instead of a field trip. More details to come.

Aug 28 Delintment Lake area, ammonites. Our next Club field trip will Sunday, August 28, to Delintment Lake for fossil shells. Because of the distance (approx. 80 miles from Prineville), we will depart the Ray's parking lot in Prineville at 8 AM Sunday. Jules & Jan Wetzel will be the guides to the turnoff to FS Rd 41, where we will rendezvous with Elizabeth. She is leaving Thurs. to camp at Delintment Lake Campground, explore the area and find the best places to dig. If you want to overnight camp, the campground charges \$10 a night for drinking water, pit toilets and boat ramp (no hookups). Elizabeth will be in a blue Chevy Silverado pickup with a "pop-up" style tent trailer. Bring your campfire ghost stories and your fishing pole! The guidebooks also suggest bringing boxes and wrapping material as the fossils are fragile. The ammonites are in layered shale rock, so bring a chisel to split the layers and find the goodies.

Oct 8 - 9 Warm Springs Reservoir/Beulah Lake (overnight). Details to follow.

Contact: Elizabeth Prindle, Field Trip Chairperson at pointingatthemoon@bendcable.com

Programs:

August 17 meeting: Elizabeth Prindle will present her collecting experiences.

September 21 meeting: Rock and Stone painting

Contact: Sue Liebetrau, Program Chairperson at liebetrauam@msn.com

June 15, 2016 Draft Meeting Minutes: Suzie Meeker, Secretary

After lunch, Deb conducted a short business meeting after the successful auction of treasures donated by club members. The Albany "Treasures of the Northwest" show was discussed, and

Clara Walker planned to send out additional information as it became available. The show is on 7/29-7/31 at the Linn County Expo Center. The August field trips will be the field trips offered by the Albany Show. They will originate from Prineville the week following the show.

Deb recommended that club members visit the Redmond Library to see the display of rocks that Al and Sue Liebetrau and Don Ross assembled. The annual Powell Butte show was mentioned that takes place around the third weekend in September. If you are interested in selling arts and crafts items, please contact Al or Sue Liebetrau.

Name tags with the club logo were distributed at the picnic by Clara Walker. Please remember to wear them to the next club meeting which is on August 17, 2016. We are contacting rock shops in the area to see if discounts can be offered to club members.

Madras PowWow Field Trip Adventures

by David Morris -

Last month I was fortunate enough to take time off of work and spend 3 days at the Madras Pow-Wow field trips.

Day One: Richardson Ranch: I was a little disappointed to learn that the first field trip was going to be Richardson's. Then I realized that I might be able to see the Opal bed that I had missed on the club's field trip this spring.

Although there were more than 20 vehicles lined up that day only 2 of us started out at the Opal bed. What a drive, the Opal bed is by far the most scenic drive at Richardson's. It winds through a narrow canyon and quickly goes up to the base of a tall butte. As soon as you get out you can see chips of blue opal lying about. With a little more looking it was easy to find numerous small thundereggs just here and there on the surface. I collected a hefty amount in no time. There were also some boulders that had small pockets of Opal and some agate in them. Keep in mind this is common Opal and many pieces have cracks, but they have a lot of charm when cut and polished.

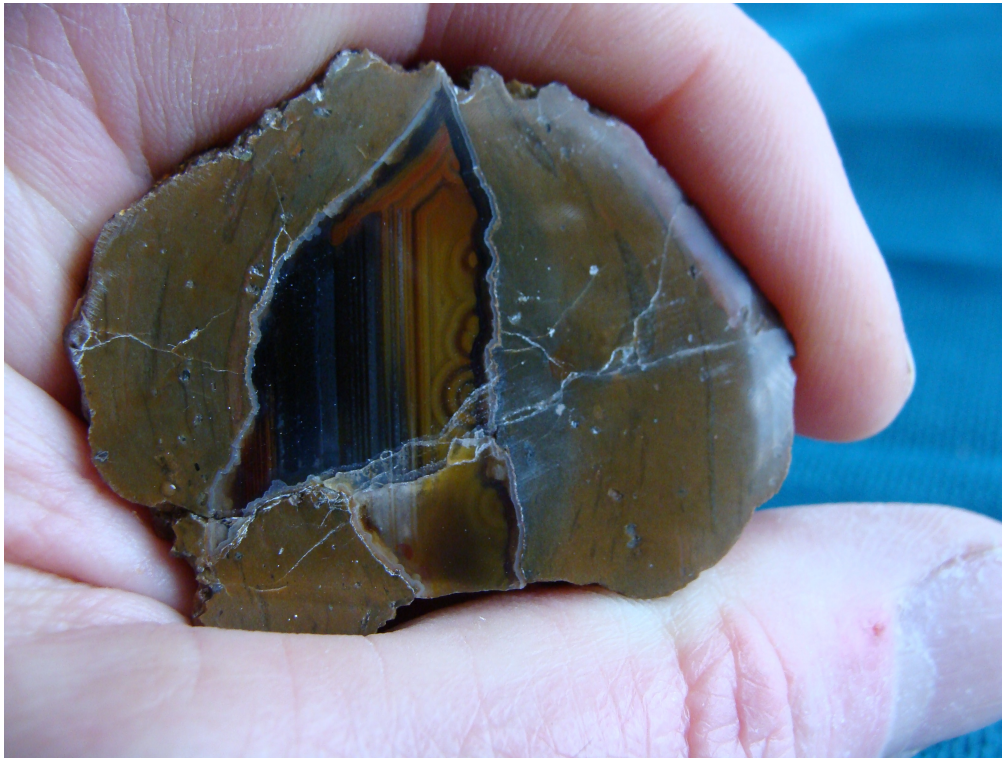
The other bed I visited was the Plume bed. It was very similar to other Richardson's beds and a fellow by the name of Ron was our guide. Here the normal looking eggs were mostly full of Opal, but the clumps of welded eggs had the Moss and if you are lucky the plume.

All in all a fun day. I was a little worried that I would have to wait a while to pay for my catch (a dollar a pound), but Richardson's had an extra crew to help out and it went quick.

Day Two Friends Ranch: This was in the Ashwood area and the Pow-Wow folk wanted no more than 20 cars a day every one else could go to McDonalds Ranch and switch the following day. The Ashwood drive is pretty scenic as well. The Friends Ranch wandered on up a hill to a large pit that had one working edge on it. Everyone lined up against this edge and dug down to the eggs. I had about 3' of shoulder room but was finding quite a few nice eggs without too much trouble. After about an hour or two I had about 35lbs. Very nice distinct eggs with a lot of dark colored centers. Also a dollar a pound.

Day Three McDonalds Ranch: There were three distinct things to collect here, Petrified wood at \$2.00 a pound, Angel wing agate at \$3.00 a pound, and some pretty large thundereggs at \$1.00 a pound. I skipped the wood this time as I had been here before. I went straight for the

Angel Wing which turned out to be difficult to locate in the trench that had scooped up the harder rock. After picking through the stuff I decided to wander around and look for float. There



Small Opal Egg

were several pieces showing the pattern and they came home with me. Also, lying there in plain view was a boulder of the stuff, maybe a 1000 lbs worth. Quite the museum piece! Then I went and dug a few cantaloupe sized thundereggs out of the wall. There was a lot of moist clay holding them in place so it was hard work. I also did the easy thing and walked up the tracks looking for where the heavy machinery had loosened some up. Very good hunting and used up the rest of my cash.

Editorial: We want to give a big thanks to Del and Clara Walker for creating the CORC case display at the Prineville PowWow. It was eye-catching as usual and a little publicity pays off in the long run. Thanks also to David Morris for the Madras article in this issue. All contributions from the membership are appreciated. **The club is always looking for members willing to help. Please offer to step in where-ever you can volunteer.**

Classified Ads:

If you have a rockhound related object you wish to sell, send the announcement to Jules Wetzel jjwetzel@bendbroadband.com and we'll post it. Remember – this newsletter goes on our website. If you don't want your address, phone number or email address posted, submit your ad with only the specific contact information you do want published.

CENTRAL OREGON ROCK COLLECTORS (CORC)
2016 MEMBERSHIP FORM

DATE: _____

NAME: _____

NAMES OF ADD'L FAMILY MEMBERS (+AGES IF UNDER 18):

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Amount Paid: _____

How did you hear about CORC? (*new members only*)

NOTE: Annual dues are \$20/individuals and \$25/families. If you are paying by check:
Make your check out to **Central Oregon Rock Collectors** and mail it to:
Attn: Marty Betsch, 61561 Eastlake Drive, Bend, OR 97702.
