



JUNE, 2017

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

The **CENTRAL OREGON ROCK COLLECTORS** (CORG) 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. A membership form is on our website.

Visit **OUR WEBSITE** at <http://www.corockcollectors.com>

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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.

- Next meeting will be Wednesday, June 21, 2017.

Field Trips:

Saturday, June 3 – Lucky Strike Mine for large, colorful thundereggs. This is a fee dig. See minutes for details.

July – no field trips are planned due to the two local rock shows that occur in mid to end of June:

Prineville Pow Wow on June 15-18, 2017, held at the Crook County Fairgrounds.

Madras Show on June 22-25, 2017.

Sisters also hosts a smaller rock show over the 4th of July weekend.

Sunday, August 6 – Gold Panning at the North Santiam River.

Saturday September 9 – Hampton Butte for petrified wood

Sunday, October 1 – Richardson's Rock Ranch outside of Madras for rock shop browsing and thunderegg beds.

May Field Trip Reports:

McDermitt: Twelve members attended all or part the week of May 15 – 19. The weather cooperated and we all found at least one new (to us) area to explore for wood, agate and jasper.



John, Suzie and Ken working a Gary Green pit

The McDermitt mineralized area is immense, quite varied and seemingly inexhaustable. It is worth the effort to visit.

Crystal Trip: About 25 members and guests attended the May 7 trip into the Ochocos hosted by

Bill Quant on his brother's ranch. The trip featured quartz crystals, agate and jasper, and everybody found at least some to take with them.

Upcoming Programs:

The Annual Summer Picnic is now scheduled for Sunday, August 13 at the Liebetrau residence. Save the date for good eats, socializing, a silent auction and a chance to sell your crafts.

Rock Shows and Miscellaneous:

Prineville PowWow is June 15 – 18 at the Crook County Fairgrounds

Madras PowWow Gem and Mineral Show is June 22 - 25 at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds.

Both shows feature field trips.

Minutes for the CORC Meeting May 17, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Deb Simon, club past President, welcomed new members and guests who were asked to introduce themselves. Everyone was reminded to sign in for door prizes and attendance. Over 25 members and guests were present. There was no board meeting this month as several members were out of town on either the McDermitt field trip or at the Federation Rock Show at Hamilton, Montana.

Presentation – Don Ross, club member, gave an informative and detailed presentation on lapidary equipment and techniques. Last year he was an instructor at the weeklong Northwest Rockhound Retreat held at Hancock Field Station, near Fossil, OR. Workshops are offered on wirewrapping, lapidary, silversmithing, and more. Additional information on this year's retreat can be found in the April, 2017, Federation newsletter (p.7) or you may call Lamar Tilgner at 503-666-2905. This retreat fills up quickly, so make your plans early.

Secretary/Treasurer - The April, 2016, meeting minutes were approved as published in the May newsletter. Deb Simon gave the Treasurer's Report with approximately \$2500 currently in the treasury.

Field Trips – The next club field will be on Saturday, June 3. The club will be going to the Lucky Strike Mine outside of Madras for a fee dig for colorful thundereggs. Plan to meet at Ray's Market on the east end of Prineville at 9 a.m. It will be approximately a one hour's drive from Prineville with part of the trip on a graded dirt road.

Last month's field trip to Quant's private land was very well attended with over 25 members and guests. Bill Quant guided club members to the site in the Ochocos where blue agate, colorful jasper and crystals were located. Everyone made it up the very steep hill to find gorgeous treasures. And everyone made it down again!

Approximately a dozen club members also made the trip during the third week of May to McDermitt on the Oregon/Nevada border to locate an abundance of rocks: agates, jasper and thundereggs as well as petrified wood to name just a few types scattered in the area, most lying on the ground. Some members stayed a night or two while others stayed for the entire week. Club members plan to return during the week of September 17-23.

Future plans for field trips in 2017: July – no field trips are planned due to the two local rock shows that occur in mid to end of June. The Prineville Pow Wow is June 15-18, 2017, held at the Crook County Fairgrounds, and the Madras Show is June 22-25, 2017. Sisters also hosts a smaller rock show over the 4th of July weekend.

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Programs - The program for the June 21 club meeting will be a program by Pat Blue Heron on Oregon Coast Fossils. Al announced that several club members donated money to the Rice Museum after the May presentation.

Submitted by Suzie Meeker, Secretary

Club News and information:

It has been a banner year for the ticks. Both field trips this year featured assorted eeks and icks as folks spotted the little rascals on clothes, in hair and crawling up legs and arms. Please be very aware of their presence, examine clothes when you get back in the vehicle and yourself at night. Elizabeth Prindle reminds us that if you actually have to remove one that's latched on, it's a good idea to save it and take it with you to the doctor's if you develop flu-like symptoms. They may host Rocky Mountain Spotted fever or Lyme Disease.

We have a number of different resources; magazines, books, and cds, available for members to borrow. Contact Jules Wetzel, email in the masthead, to check out what's available.

The club is always looking for members willing to help. Please offer to step in wherever you can volunteer.

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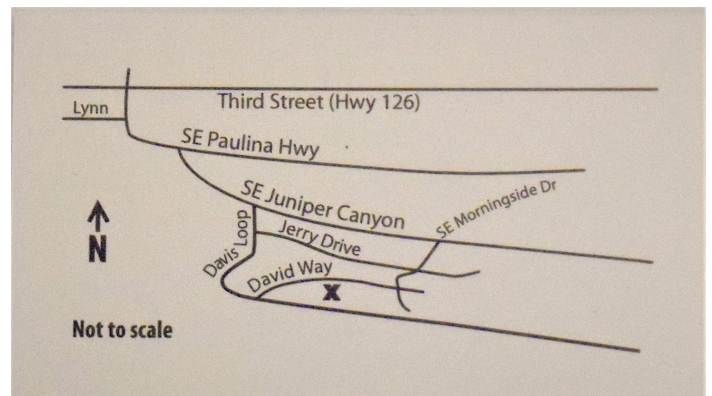
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