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“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, July 19, 2017.**

Field Trips:

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.

Field Trip Reports:

John Moreau as told to Jules Wetzel:

The Prineville Powwow put on several field trips during their annual show, John went on the Powwow Tube Agate Claim and the Wenger Canyon limb cast trips.

Tube Agate trip: John estimated there were 30 to 40 people attending. Some tube agate and some Angel Wing was found by folks searching outside the main area, but there was primarily one very good area to dig. The agate seemed to be just above a clay layer approximately 3 feet deep. Snow had only recently gone off the site, and digging too deep would hit water. He didn't do very well in the morning, but around noon the people in one of the most productive pits decided they had enough and left, allowing John a chance to try his luck there. The agate was mixed among watermelon sized country rock that needed to be removed, but he was finding agate. He encountered a rock twice melon sized, and a young man volunteered to help remove it. Under that rock John found about 5 pounds of good agate.

The Field Trip Leader told John that the claim was open to members of the Powwow as long as their membership was active.

Wenger Canyon trip: John said the trip was not very productive. He saw a few people that had found a limb cast, mediocre wood or some jasper, but mainly it was a lot of surface searching and not much showing up.

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.

The July 19 meeting will feature Don Ross on his rock collecting travels here and abroad.

Minutes for the CORC Board Meeting June 21, 2017

The board meeting was called to order by Elizabeth Prindle, President, at 6:05 pm. Present were Roger Whiteman, Vice-President, Jan and Jules Wetzel, Newsletter Editors, Deb Simon, Past President, Clara and Del Walker, NFMS/AFMS representatives, Karen Cameron, Electronic Media, and Suzie Meeker, Secretary.

Suzie Meeker reported that Marty had emailed that the Club Treasury has approximately \$2500. The board discussed if making CORC an official nonprofit for the IRS would be beneficial. The members decided to wait for further consideration until Marty Betsch, Treasurer, was present.

The presenter for tonight's program is Pat Blue Heron. At the July 19 meeting, Don Ross will discuss his rockhounding adventures while serving in the military at several overseas locations. The Club picnic on August 13 will take the place of the August meeting.

The deadline for submitting articles to the newsletter is June 28. Karen Cameron reported that there are 86 members to the club's Facebook page, and 160 visitors to the club website in May, 2017. A fellow rockhounder from Arizona emailed Karen asking for help in locating Central Oregon rockhounding sites while visiting in August. Suzie Meeker volunteered to coordinate possible activities. Any informal field trips will be announced on Facebook.

Clara and Del Walker attended the annual NFMS meeting in May at Hamilton, Montana. They will report on the meeting to the whole club. They were elated that the club was recognized at the annual meeting. Deb Simon offered to investigate if the club should make a donation to the Rice Museum. She will report at a future meeting. Petersen's Rock Garden has reopened and is hosting a web page.

The board discussed possible liability forms for members to sign when attending field trips. Elizabeth Prindle presented several forms she found online that other rock hounding clubs use. One idea mentioned was having club members sign one form at the beginning of the year when paying dues or when joining the club.

Deb Simon reminded everyone that she has electronic copies of many different club-related forms.

Minutes for the CORC Meeting June 21, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Elizabeth Prindle, President, welcomed members and guests. Everyone was reminded to sign in for door prizes and attendance. Over 40 members and guests were present.

NFMS – Clara and Del Walker attended the annual meeting of the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies (NFMS) on May 19-21 in Hamilton, Montana. They were fortunate to attend the Blue Forest Petrified Wood dig. Elizabeth thanked them for organizing the club showcase at the Prineville Pow Wow the previous weekend.

Del Walker presented Karen Cameron with an award that was presented at the annual NFMS meeting. The website was honored as Second Place in the Northwest Federation. The club has had a website for just two years, and it was an honor for CORC to be recognized.

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

Newsletter – The deadline for submission of articles to the newsletter is June 28. Jules reminded members that the newsletter accepts classified ads.

Field Trips – There is no official field trip planned for July due to the three rock and mineral shows held in the area at the middle and end of June. Several visitors to Central Oregon in August asked to be shown some rockhounding sites. If any informal field trips are planned, they will be announced on the club Facebook page.

Last month's field trip was to the Lucky Strike Mine for huge colorful thundereggs. The Lucky Strike mine is owned by Leonard Kopcinski's family. They have a rock museum and rock shop in Mitchell. Elizabeth visited it recently and recommended it to the club. For more information, see <http://www.luckystrikemines.com/about.htm> . The Madras Gem and Mineral Show will be hosting multiple field trips, and destinations will be posted on Facebook. The annual shows usually host field trips to private ranches that are otherwise not open to the public.

Future plans for field trips in 2017: July - Sisters hosts a smaller rock show over the 4th of July weekend.

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

Sunday, August 13 – Club picnic at Al and Sue Liebetrau's home in Powell Butte. The club picnic replaces the usual meeting on the third Wednesday in August. The club purchases hamburgers and hot dogs, and the club members are asked to bring side dishes or desserts. There is a silent auction with many rock-related items for sale. Club members may also bring items to the picnic to sell.

Saturday, September 9 – Hampton Butte for petrified wood

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Programs – The program for the July 19, 2017 club meeting will be Don Ross discussing his rockhounding adventures while in the military. He was stationed at several locations around the world.

Sharing – Several club members shared special finds: Al Liebetrau showed examples of Polka Dot Agate thundereggs and Suzie Meeker showed a recent find of stilbite crystals from Pole Creek located off Camp Creek Road.

Presentation – Pat Blue Heron presented fossils from the Oregon coast. A fossil is a lifeform preserved in ancient rock. She recommended four of her favorite places to find fossils on the Oregon Coast: Moolack Beach north of Newport, Beverly Beach south of Newport, Ona Beach and Bullards Beach near Bandon. She recommended several books. A few of them are *Fossil Shells from Western Oregon: A Guide to Identification* by Ellen J. Moore, *Geology, the Story of Earth* in audiobooks by Dr. Kate Ziegler and *Oregon Geology*, 6th Edition (2012) by Elizabeth and William Orr, OSU Press. Pat also generously donated many fossils from her collection for door prizes.

Door prizes were distributed, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by Suzie Meeker, Secretary

Website garners a 2nd Place Award at the NWMS Annual Meeting

As noted in the minutes above – Our club Website, www.corockcollectors.com, was awarded 2nd place among small club websites at the annual NWMS meeting in Hamilton, Montana. Excellent job and congratulations to our webmaster, Karen Cameron.

Club News and information:

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.

Business Cards:

[We are more than happy to include members rock-related business cards in this section.]



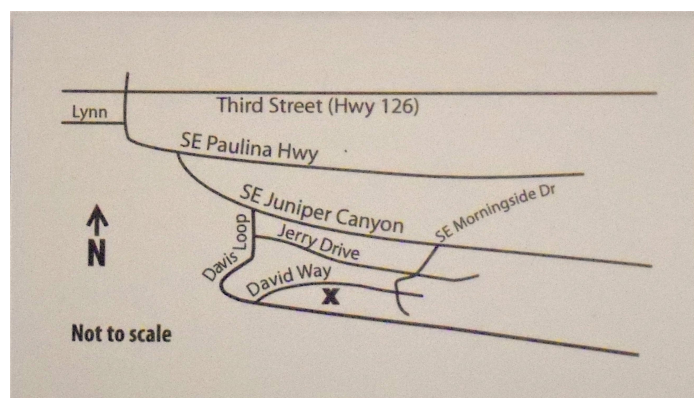
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