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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, September 20, 2017.**

Field Trips:

Saturday September 9 – Hampton Butte for petrified wood. Meet at the Brothers Rest Stop at 9:00 am. Suzie Meeker leader. Additional trip information in the minutes (below).

Sept. 13 – Sept 20 – Some of the club will be at the McDermitt, Oregon RV park. Come for all week or only a few days. See also the July meeting minutes (below).

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

Field Trip Reports:

Gold Panning Trip to Quartzville Creek

Don Ross led eleven members looking for gold on August 6th on Quartzville Creek above Green Peter Reservoir. We had a beautiful sunny day, good companionship, and picturesque surroundings, but unfortunately, none of us struck it rich.

We also attempted to visit the dodecahedral pyrite crystal site, but fire season got in the way. When we arrived at the turn-off, a locked gate on the private timber road turned us around. Not much gold, if any, and no fool's gold either, but definitely a great way to spend a summer Sunday.

The cold watermelon Don provided was a great treat to cap the adventure.



Our determined Argonauts looking for the big nugget

Upcoming Programs:

Sept Program. "Discovery of Ocean Breeze Jasper" by Jim Jeffery. Samples will be shown

Oct Program: "Where and what in the Ochoco's " By Bill Quant

Minutes of Business Meeting at CORC Picnic August 13, 2017

The club picnic was held at the home of Al and Sue Liebetrau in Powell Butte. Many thanks to them for providing such a lovely setting for the picnic and for the tour of their basement treasures. Thanks also to the many club members who helped make the picnic a success. Club members enjoyed the annual auction which raised money for the club.

Field trips – The next field trip for petrified wood is planned for Saturday, Sept. 9 at Hampton Butte. Please plan to meet at the Brothers rest area at 9 a.m. Brothers is less than an hour away from Bend, going east on Highway 20. Bring shovels and digging tools. A spray bottle is also helpful. The petrified wood is usually found at a depth of about 8 to 12 inches in fairly loose soil. Plan to bring your own water and plenty of sunscreen. The site is located about 25 miles from the Brothers rest area via Van Lake Road and 12 Mile Road. If you are coming from Prineville, you may reach the Hampton Butte site via Camp Creek Road and Van Lake Road. Club members will meet at the entrance to the digging site at the parking area just past the cattle guard off 12 Mile Road.

An informal trip is planned to McDermitt on the Oregon/Nevada border from September 13 – September 20. There is one campground in the small town. You can come for the whole week or any number of days that you would like.

October 1 is the final field trip of the year, which will be to Richardson's Rock Ranch for thunderegg and exploration of their rock shop.

Programs – The program for the September 20, 2017 club meeting will be Jim Jeffries about the discovery of his Ocean Breeze jasper. The presenter for the October 18, 2017 club meeting will be Bill Quant, who will discuss what and where to find treasures in the Ochocos. The final club event of the year will be the Club Holiday party in November, date to be determined.

Door Prizes – Please do not bring any door prizes to the September 20th club meeting. Elizabeth has many rocks and fossils she received from Pat Blue Heron, and they will be given out at the meeting.

Submitted by Suzie Meeker, Secretary

Club News and information:

About 30 members attended the picnic and enjoyed a time to socialize.



Four members were selling their wares, the weather was pleasant, food was great, and the silent auction a success, raising \$345.00.

A hearty thanks to Lebetrau's for hosting the event and to Dale Simon for grilling the meat, and to all who attended.

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.

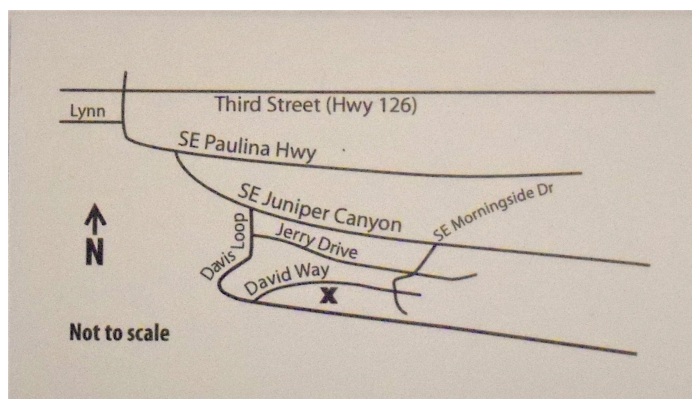
The club is always looking for members willing to help. Please offer to step in where-ever you can volunteer.

Business Cards:

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



Canutts Gems is offering a 5% discount to members showing a CORC membership card



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. 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.

Opportunity to sell your rock-related wares: The Liebetraus have reserved an area in the Powell Butte Fall Festival on September 16, for club members to display and sell. Contact Al or Sue at 541-504-4751.



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