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“It’s in our name . . . It’s what 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. A membership form is on our website.

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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.

- **Last meeting of 2017 will be Sunday, November 5, 2017.**

Field Trips:

There are no more field trips scheduled for this year.

Field Trip Report:

We had 11 members and guests attend the October field trip to Richardson's Ranch Sunday October 1. The weather cooperated so that we could get to the Thunderegg beds and those that wished could collect.

Upcoming Programs:

November 5: Annual club holiday pot-luck dinner/luncheon is set for Sunday, November 5, at Powell Butte Community Center, 8404 SW Reif Road, Powell Butte. Please see the flyer in a separate email for details. This is the last club meeting until we resume in March, 2018.

Erratic: a rock or boulder that differs from the surrounding rock and is believed to have been brought from a distance by glacial action. (Oxford Dictionary)

I have been fortunate to see several erratics in my surveying work along the Columbia River in Oregon, typically large white granite boulders resting atop the basalt rims and slopes. These are reputedly a result of rafting in from Montana on glacial ice during the Missoula Flood events. Having seen, wondered a bit at their origin (and having hammered a few chunks off of same) I found this article about a similar occurrence elsewhere interesting. -ed.

How Did This Get Here? by Murray Nicholson

Scattered on the plains in front of the Rocky Mountain Foothills are tens of thousands of large boulders, the extraordinary remains of the ice age in Alberta. These pinkish or purplish quartzite boulders are part of the Foothills Erratics Train, a narrow area extending 600 kilometers southeast from Jasper National Park to the international border. According to the current theory, the Foothills Erratics Train originated towards the end of the last ice age when a landslide similar to the Frank Slide dropped millions of tons of rock onto the surface of a glacier, near the town of Jasper. The glacier carried the rock out of the mountains into the foothills where it was deflected toward the southeast by the edge of the continental glacier. The boulders were deposited in their present pattern as movement ceased and the glacier eventually melted. One erratic, called Split Rock, can be found on the northern edge of Calgary, where Centre Street crosses Beddington Creek. The largest of the foothills erratics, called Big Rock, is located in the middle of a field, a few kilometers west of Okotoks. Above the ground, this rock measures about 45 x 20 x 10 meters and is estimated to weigh over 18,000 tons. The ice sheet which

carried it to this location would have been at least 60 meters thick and 180 meters wide. Today, these boulders are one of the interesting landscape features of Alberta.

Murray Nicholson is a Lifetime Member of the Calgary Rock & Lapidary Club, Calgary, Alberta, Canada From the March/April 2017 SCRIBE Bulletin

Minutes from October 18, 2017, CORC Board Meeting

There was a very short planning meeting held before the club meeting. Attending were Marty Betsch, Treasurer, Jules Wetzel, Newsletter Editor, and Suzie Meeker, Secretary.

Minutes for the CORC Meeting October 18, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Marty Betsch, club Treasurer, welcomed new members and guests. She asked new members and guests to introduce themselves. Everyone was reminded to sign in for door prizes and attendance. Approximately 25 members and guests were present. Marty introduced Bill Quant, who was the presenter for the meeting, which was the last official meeting of the club for 2017.

Program – Bill Quant is the owner of Quant Rock Shop, located at 120 NE Spruce Lane in Prineville. He is currently having a sale of rocks priced between 10 and 50 cents per pound. He is also selling items from his rock museum. Bill has been exploring the Ochocos most of his life. His father “Shirts” Quant was born in Mitchell and had staked at least 30 different agate and jasper sites at one time. Bill talked about a few sites in the Ochocos that have interesting rocks.

The tube agate site is located off of Forest Road 22, which is the road leading to Walton Lake. Shortly before you reach the lake, turn left on Forest Road 2210. Follow this road for about 1 ½ miles. Shortly after crossing a cattle guard, you will see on your left Forest Road 300, labeled on the Forest Service maps as Road 2210300. Turn left and follow the road for about 1 ½ miles. You will come to a meadow, and the tube agate site is located on the left. The club had a field trip to this site in 2016. You are no longer allowed to dig on the right side of the road as there is a protected plant growing there.

The green jasper site also called Skagg’s green jasper is also located off of Forest Road 300 (also known as Road 2210300). When you reach the top of the hill before the meadow where the tube agate is located, turn right and follow the road down about ½ mile. You will see diggings on the right near a fence.

The banded jasper site can also be reached by taking the Walton Lake turnoff. You will turn left on Forest Road 2610, which goes past the now closed Ochoco Ranger Station. Follow the road for 2 to 3 miles to a road on the left which is Road 250. On Forest Service maps it is labeled 2610250. If you cross a cattle guard, you have gone too far. This road may be gated, but you can go through the gate. Go less than ½ mile, and you will see a faint narrow logging road on the right. Take this road. The digging site is located on the hill below the power lines. If you follow Road 250 and the power lines cross the road, you have gone too far. Bill Quant’s father had a claim on this site at one time and dug out part of the hill using heavy equipment. Banded jasper can still be found here.

Note from Suzie--You can obtain a Motor Vehicle Use Map for the Ochoco National Forest free from the Forest Service office in Prineville. You want Map 2 & 3 for the location of the sites above. The side with Map 2 is the map with the road numbers to help you find the sites. Road 2210 is near the section on the map labeled "Figure 5 Ahalt" and Road 2610 is near the Ochoco Ranger Station label.

Secretary/Treasurer - The September, 2017, meeting minutes were approved as published in the October newsletter. Marty Betsch gave the Treasurer's Report with almost \$3000 currently in the treasury. Club dues for 2018 can be paid at the Holiday Party or at the first meeting in March, 2018. There is a short liability waiver on the membership form that members are asked to sign.

Newsletter/Electronic Media – The deadline for submissions to the November newsletter is Wednesday, October 25. There were 109 visits to the Club website in September, and 144 people are signed up for the club Facebook page. Members of the club discussed helping people on Facebook who ask for help identifying rocks by posting pictures. One of the most important things to help with identification is the location where the rock was found. It is very difficult to tell certain rocks apart by looking at the picture. It was suggested that guidelines for rock identification be posted on the Facebook page.

Holiday Party – The annual holiday party will be held on Sunday, November 5, at the Powell Butte Community Center. The doors open at 12 noon and dinner will be served at 1 p.m. The club provides turkey, drinks and paper goods. Please bring a side dish or a dessert. For the gift exchange, please bring a special rock or rock-related item unwrapped. Club members have the opportunity to sell items at the party. There will be some items for sale donated by a former club member. For directions to the community center, please see the flyer. It's a fun occasion and hope all can attend.

Sharing – Jules Wetzel passed around two pieces of Blue Mtn. jasper that he collected at a site north of McDermitt. Al Liebetrau showed a colorful polished thunderegg that he collected when visiting McDermitt in the spring of 2016. Suzie shared a piece of Hampton petrified wood with agate that Paul Asman polished.

Volunteers needed – Chairs are needed for the Program and Field Trips committees for 2018. The position of Newsletter Editor is also open. Sue Liebetrau is a good resource for finding speakers for the programs, and different club members help lead the various field trips. Please consider volunteering to help the club. Suzie has offered to continue as Club Secretary, and Marty has volunteered to continue as Club Treasurer.

Door prizes were distributed, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by Suzie Meeker, Secretary

Club News and information:

*** Former club member Mike Ward donated some tumbler grit and some tools to the club. They will be displayed for sale at the November 5th dinner meeting. ***

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

When Was the Last Time You Gave a Kid a Rock?

by Kreigh Tomaszewski

When I was young and just getting started in the Rockhounding hobby I was encouraged from time to time by one of the adults. They would hand me a specimen and ask me if I could identify it. Most of the specimens were fairly common, but they were better than anything I had in my collection. I could identify many of them. When I couldn't, there was a teaching moment, and I learned about a new mineral. Sometimes the adult would tell me to keep the specimen when I tried to hand it back. I remember the stammered thanks, and the thrill as I found my Dad to tell him of my good fortune. I still have many of those specimens.

A couple years ago I had the opportunity to assist with a survey of Rockhounds. One of the key findings was that most Rockhounds started as kids, left the hobby as they went to college and started a family, and then came back to it.

Most of us are experienced Rockhounds with extensive collections. Our hobby has given us a lifetime of joy as we have learned about the resources that come out of the Earth; if it is not grown, it must be mined. Rockhounding is a key that unlocks the knowledge about the world we live in, and there is nothing more that kids want than to understand the world around them. Invest in the future. Take a specimen to your next Club meeting and find a kid to give it to. (Reprinted from S.C.R.I.B.E. Bulletin Oct.-Dec. 2008)

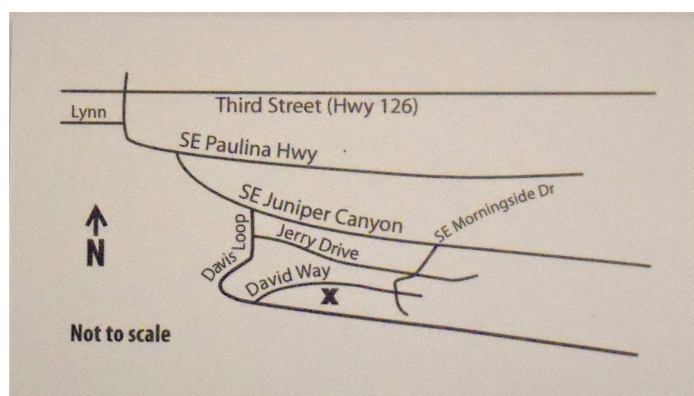
Old age is when you don't care where your spouse goes, as long as you don't have to go along.

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



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