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## ***PRESIDENT'S ATTER***

I wanted to take this opportunity to wish all of you a joyous holiday season and a very happy, prosperous New Year. I hope to see many of you at our Club's Holiday party on December 7th. I know there are some of our members who either don't like to, or can't, drive at night.

If you need a ride to our party or meetings, please call one of your Club friends, or me. Also, if you do drive at night and know a member who doesn't, please give them a call and offer them a ride. I know we'd all like to see more of our fellow members at our meetings and parties (the picnic and the Holiday party).

Again, happy holidays to all!

Jerry Lohmann, President

## ***MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING***

The November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Convair Rockhounds was called to order by President Jerry Lohmann at 6:35pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meetings were approved as written by Secretary Lynda Lohmann and printed in the Tektite.

**Hospitality:** Emmeline Ellis was not present, but called in her hospitality report. Her husband Al is fine, and they had just returned from an 11-day train trip.

Al Thompson spent 4 days in the hospital with a stomach ailment, but is now home.

Ralph Davis is in the hospital with liver infection.

**Membership:** Phyllis Mahoney reported there were 17 members in attendance. Toward the end of the meeting [Only 15

minutes late] the Schneiders arrived making it 19 members.

**CFMS:** There was no CFMS report, but Jerry had a newsletter for all that wanted to read it. There is information for Zyzxx and Wiley' s Well.

**New Business:** Jerry also had a flyer from the YMCA showing what would be happening with Missile Park.

Discussed was the entertainment for the Christmas Party ... the person Jerry had contacted wanted \$350 for a half-hour. Was decided that we would "Sing Along with Mitch Miller".

**Show and Tell** items were brought by Jim Claypool. He had specimens from Searles Lake and Franklin Wade had pieces of labrodorite etc.

**Doorprizes were won by:** Lynda Lohmann, Jim Claypool, Jerry Lohmann, Basie Garcia, Ed Keller, Franklin Wade, Bob Bulick, Bobbie Plunkett, Phyllis Mahoney, Jean Kreutzer, Bob Kreutzer and Mary Jane Dunn.

**Raffle Prizes were won by:** Basie Garcia (twice), Jim Claypool (twice), Phyllis Bulick, Lynda Lohmann, Jean Kreutzer (twice), and June Wade

Lynda Lohmann, Secretary

## **MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING**

President Jerry Lohmann called the Board meeting for the Convair Rockhounds to order at 7pm on November 9th.

Those in attendance were Jim Claypool, Bob and Lynne Cadman, and Jerry and Lynda Lohmann.

**Minutes** of the previous meeting were approved as written by Secretary, Lynda Lohmann and printed in the Tektite.

**Treasurer,** Jim Claypool gave his report. The balance in the bank for September

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was \$685.81 and the new balance for October is \$534.25. We still have 2 CD's making the total worth of the Club about \$9400.00.

**Field Trip:** Jim Claypool has a tape on a field trip to Searles Lake, which might be used as an upcoming program.

**Program:** Next month is the Holiday party. Lynne Cadman and Linda Clark have made the decorations. Lynne will be bringing two hams (sliced and heated) along with some small buns if anyone wants to make sandwiches etc. The plates, napkins and all eating utensils will be provided. Jerry will bring the punch and the Thompsons will do the coffee. Betty Schneider will specify who (A-Z) brings what items to share in the potluck. For January the program will be Bob Plunkett and for February it is Dirty Bingo.

**CFMS:** Jim Claypool has the certificate of insurance from the CFMS and any forms should they be needed.

**New Business:** Discussion was held regarding the books Ann Ludlam had bought to teach rocks and minerals to children. Lynda Lohmann works at Bird Rock Elementary and showed the books to a few of the teachers there who said the grades 1 through 3 have a whole section on rocks and minerals. Jim Claypool made the motion, seconded by Lynne Cadman that we give Bird Rock enough of the booklets for each child. Motion Carried.

Nothing has been heard from Ann's daughters regarding any of the rocks the Ludlams' had.

Discussion was held regarding the tumbled rocks for the fair. Jerry will check into a place in Escondido (from Rock and Gem) and see what they would cost there, otherwise maybe we will get some from Quartzsite again.

Meeting ended at 7:40.

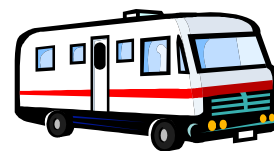
Lynda Lohmann, Secretary

**The schedule for the Board Meetings is as follows -- Sep 14 - Nov 9 - Jan 11 -**

**Mar 8 - May 10 - July 12 (picnic planning meeting)**

## FIELD TRIPS

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**CFMS                      Annual                      Thanksgiving**  
**Rockhounding Field Trip to Wiley's Well**  
**Area (CO-OP members can attend) by Bob**  
**Fitzpatrick CFMS Field Trip Chair - South,**  
**2003**

**TRIP LOCATION** - 10 miles south west of Blythe, California.

**WHEN** - Thanksgiving Weekend, November 24th - 28th, 2004.

**SPONSOR** - CFMS Field Trip, South.

**ORGANIZATION** - CFMS.

**MATERIAL TO COLLECT** - All types and colors of Agate & Jasper, Crystal filled Geodes, Botryoidal Psilomelane, Fire Agate, Chalcedony Roses, Zeolite Crystal filled Amygdules, Calcite Rhombs, Petrified Wood and much more (fresh air & blue sky).

**LEADER** - Bob Fitzpatrick.  
RUROCKY2@aol.com or call me at (951) 845-3051

**PROPOSED SCHEDULE** - Each day we will break up into smaller groups where each group will be going to a different collecting area. This way everyone can collect at all collecting sites. Thanksgiving Day we will have a potluck dinner early in afternoon.

**DIRECTIONS TO CAMPSITE** - Exit Interstate 10 at Wiley's Well Road approximately 10 miles west of Blythe and 31 miles east of Desert Center. Follow Wiley's Well Road south for 12.5 miles to the campsite on the West side of road at the Riverside and Imperial Co. lines. Watch for Club and CFMS signs to campsite.

**VEHICLE** - The Road from the Interstate 10 is dirt to the camping site, should be okay for two wheel drive cars, trailers & motor homes, from the campsite to collecting areas, four wheel drive and pickups only.

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**CAMP & FACILITIES** - This is a dry camping area, no water, no services, no hookups, no toilets.

**TOOLS** - Collecting bags and boxes, digging tools, rock hammer, eye gear, spray water bottle, etc. Be sure to bring your camp chair to sit in at night around the fire at night.

**SAFETY CONCERNS** - Do not lick the rocks, use sun screen, stay away from rattle snakes, use bug spray, be aware of flash floods, be extra careful and don't get lost.

**CLIMATE & WEATHER** - It can be hot during the day and cold at night, it could rain.

**CLOTHING** - Appropriate for this time of year.

**OTHER REMARKS** - All AFMS & CFMS club members and their guests are welcome to join us. Come for the day or camp out with us. Bring food, lots of water, cellphone, walkie-talkie, GPS, first aid kit, camera, flashlight, etc., and lots of firewood for the campfire at night. If you need a motel or supplies they are available in Blythe. Don't forget we will have a potluck on Thanksgiving Day, so bring a dish to share and your own place setting. The OBMS Club will furnish the turkey. Each night after dark we will have a campfire where we can all join together and have a good time roasting marshmallows, telling jokes or just talking about the good OLE times. I should be arriving at the campsite around 11 a.m. on Wed. the 24th. Each day we will be leaving camp approximately 8 a.m. and drive to the collecting areas.

You must observe the AFMS code of ethics and sign a consent and assumption of risk waiver of liability form. Hope to see you there. For additional information e-mail me at [RURocky2@aol.com](mailto:RURocky2@aol.com) or call me at (951) 845-3051

Bob Fitzpatrick CFMS Field Trip Leader South



## HOSPITALITY CORNER



Emmeline Ellis, Chairperson

**Al Thompson** is recovering from a slight stroke and some surgery. *Al please take care and we hope to see you at the Holiday Party.*

**Ralph Davis** was hospitalized for a few days with a kidney infection but is now doing well and will try to be at the Holiday Party. *Ralph we are looking forward to seeing both you and your lovely daughter Patsy in December.*

**Dorothy Cooper** is recovering from some eye problems. She will be here for the Holiday Party if **Emmeline Ellis** can get up the courage to drive. *We sure hope you can make it Dorothy as you would be missed.*

**Emmeline** seems to run a regular Taxi service for our members who have difficulty driving in the dark. She brings **Dorothy Cooper, Virginia Dzialowy, Louise Robson** and of course her husband **Al Ellis**.

## MEMBERSHIP

Phyllis Mahoney and Gary Draper, Chairpersons

If you have not paid your dues yet then this is the LAST Tektite you will be receiving. We will miss you.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR DECEMBER & JANUARY CELEBRANTS

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|---------------|-------|
| Sophie Rogers | 12-01 |
| Lynne Cadman  | 12-22 |
| Gary Draper   | 01-04 |
| Basie Garcia  | 01-09 |
| Lily Lintvedt | 01-18 |
| Reba Selby    | 01-18 |
| Jim Sugg      | 01-19 |

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| Claire Draper  | 01-19 |
| Jack Mahoney   | 01-20 |
| Louise Robson  | 01-25 |
| Bobby Plunkett | 01-28 |
| Bob Plunkett   | 01-28 |

The Club will be providing two hams, beverages and the tableware. We are asking that you, the membership, provide a Potluck dish, quantity sufficient for six persons.

- A to F brings Hot Veggies
- G to L brings Salads
- M to O brings Desserts
- P to Z brings Appetizers or Rolls with spreads (butter, margarine, etc.)

**There will be a \$5.00 per person charge for all non-members at the Holiday party.**

We will not be collecting canned food for the food drive this year nor will be exchanging gifts.

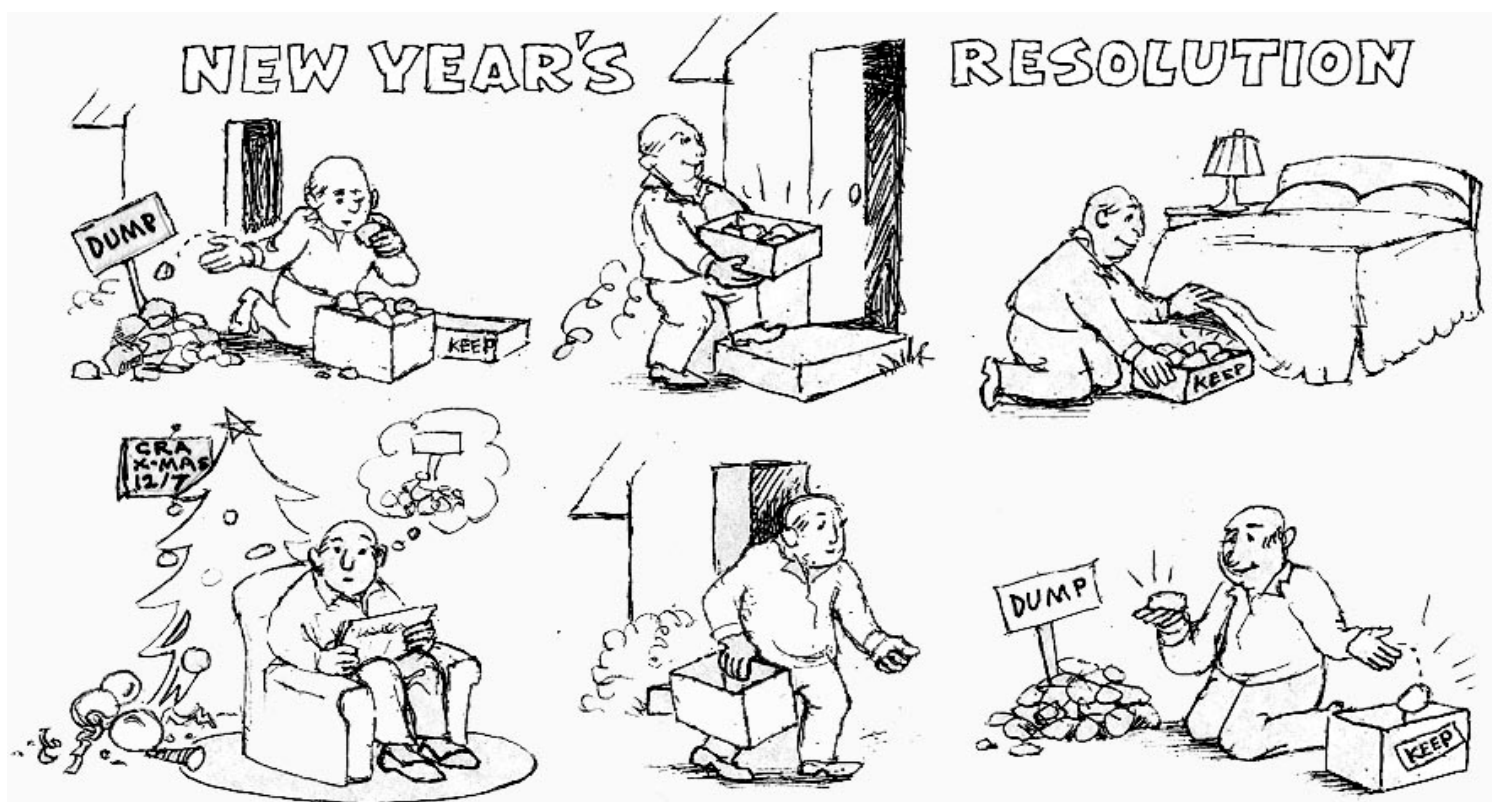
Hope to see all of you there with your appetites.

## PROGRAM

Bob Cadman, Chairperson

The program for December is our Annual Holiday Party. We will be setting up at 6:00 PM and the eating will commence promptly at 6:30 PM if everyone is there at 6:00 PM to help setup the room.

Dinner will be followed by the raffle, door prizes and whatever else we may want to do.



*Happy Hi-Grading~2005!*

Dolores, if we were to "Hi-Grade" our members, you would be at the top of the "keep" pile.