

NEW YEAR'S DAY FIELD TRIP



Opal colors ranged from really dark to some bluish & some greenish.



Section of old, old, rock wall



Bob pondering...



Trip Leaders watched over us like mother hens making sure we found opal...sharing what they found with us...offering helpful advice...teaching us what to look for in the dirty pieces...and to "Never judge a Rock by its Dirt Coating!"

It was so much fun!
THANK YOU!



Candy found some really pretty blue pieces in a dump pile! Meanwhile, Robin...weeded???

AFMS FIELD TRIP ~ Code of Ethics

A large measure of the enjoyment of our hobby consists of collecting in the field. For that reason, the members are proud to endorse the Code of Ethics below. It is suggested that field trip Chairs present a copy of this code to landowners when asking permission to enter private property.

- I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without the owner's permission.**
- I will keep informed on all laws, regulations, or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.**
- I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.**
- I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.**
- I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind -- fences, signs, buildings, etc.**
- I will leave all gates as found.**
- I will build fires in designated or safe places only and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.**
- I will discard no burning material -- matches, cigarettes, etc.**
- I will fill all excavation holes, which may be dangerous to livestock.**
- I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.**
- I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.**
- I will support the rock hound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter, Please) and will leave All collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.**
- I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.**
- I will cooperate with field-trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.**
- I will report to my club or federation officers, Bureau of Land Management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.**
- I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.**
- I will observe the "Golden Rule," will use "Good Outdoor Manners," and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and public "image" of rock hounds everywhere.**

JANUARY 24th ~ PREP DAY for GEM SHOW

**What a great turnout of helpers! Check out the driving distances for these guys!
And, they were at the Clubhouse to work at 9 a.m.!!!**

Romy & Harold
Jim Waterman
Anna Christiansen
Phyllis & Piper
Marilyn & Murray
Brad & Lynn

Modesto
Manteca
Oakdale
Lodi
Groveland
Twain Harte

Tom Harrington
Jim Vicars
Sharon Smith,
Joan Sutton
Bob Young
Robin

Sonora
Sonora (Welcome Back, Jim!)
☺ Sonora (drove just to pay her dues!)
Jamestown
Murphys
Murphys



The SHOW trailer had to be emptied first.
Ahhh, that feeling of satisfaction!



Ahhh, that feeling of dread! Most of this
hasn't seen the light of day in eons.



Harold, goin' in for more...Say! Anybody
know where that sign came from??



Table tops getting ready for glue and new
screws. Thank goodness there's only...13 !!

The Goals for the Day...to clean out the SHOW trailers...examine all the Display Case Tables for strength... fix those that had loose screws... inspect all the Display Cases & Glass Fronts...tighten up the joints and rub Old English finish on the fronts...check all equipment and arrange for repairs, paint jobs, and the new signs needed. And then...rearrange everything in an orderly fashion to go back into the trailers. Whew!

MORE on JANUARY 24th ~ PREP DAY for GEM SHOW

While the guys were busy with the tables, Romy was inside getting her delicious home-made Minestrone soup ready along with her delectable hot French bread and Lynn's yummy home-made pasta salad and Robin's bagged salad straight from Save Mart ...YUMMY??

Yes! Yummy. Everyone brought something yummy...

The dining table was heaping with donuts, fresh salad, cinnamon bread, fruit, chocolates, deli wraps, candy...WELL, it's important to feed the troops to keep them working, you know.



Romy in background with Jim Vicars, Bob Young, & Brad Becker



Jim Waterman, Tom Harrington, & Harold Mueller.



Murray Smith, Joan Sutton, & Lynn Becker



Phyllis Kyle & Granddaughter Piper, Romy Mueller, & Anna Christiansen

We also went through the SHOW container and took inventory of the Kid's Prizes...
...We'll get our raw materials organized and then schedule some days to make more

● Sand Mines, ● Spinning Wheel Prizes, and ● Clay Fossil Cookies.

The Monday Ladies Group has graciously volunteered to make

● Memory Wire Bracelets and ● Brainstorm additional Prize ideas.

We will repaint the ● Spinning Wheel and repair the ● Mine Shaft this Saturday,
January 26th...from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Many Hands Make Light Work!