

C.O.R.C.

Central Oregon Rock Collectors

June 2015, Newsletter

“It’s in our name... it’s what do we do... we collect rocks!!!!”

The **CENTRAL OREGON ROCK COLLECTORS** is an informal group dedicated to sharing the rock hound hobby. We meet for field trips, collecting rock, 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. At the end of this newsletter is a form for joining the C.O.R.C.

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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 they would like to share, we would love to hear about them. Our next meeting will be the third Wednesday of June (June 17th) at the Redmond Senior Center at 7:00 PM. We will be in the conference room at the east end of the center. Club officers meet at 6:00 pm.

Jewels of Knowledge:

- Your new Newsletter Editor is Jerry Brown, who will be backed up by Jules Wetzel when out of the country.
- The CORC website is now live: <http://corockcollectors.com> Check it out!
- Remember: 2015 club dues are now due.
- The Club is getting re-acquainted and up-to-date with our local rock and mineral related businesses...
 - **Wednesday, June 10, 10-12 (noon); The Cigar Box** in Bend. See where they refurbish classic old lapidary equipment to original factory spec's. Also, they keep on-hand a wide assortment of lapidary supplies and parts.

- **Saturday, September 19, 9-12(noon); Richardson's Ranch/agate beds/Museum**, north of Madras. Club members get their first 5 pounds from the 'goody pile' free. You pay for whatever other treasures you decide you can't live without.

Field trip information:

Next field trip: June 7. Whistler Springs and Ochoco Agate thunderegg beds. Meet at the Prineville Rays Foods parking lot at 8:00 AM. The drive is about 30 miles with the last few miles rough dirt. We will be digging; bring shovels, picks or mattocks and water. The Ochoco Agate beds are by permission from the Mt Hood club who require that pits be filled before leaving.

Our May field trip was changed so as to take advantage of member Paul Asman's liquidation sale. Paul had a huge variety of material for picking through at rock bottom prices. Everyone who came took home some nice rocks. Contact Paul if you missed out. He may have some still available.

The Wetzels, Liebetraus, Whitemans and some friends took a trip to Succor Creek in early May. They returned with a fine trove of thundereggs, jasper and leaf fossils. Check out photos from the trip below.

Our Upcoming Programs :

- June – Debbie Simon will give a program on Rockhounding in Nevada.
- July – Julian Gray, Director of the Rice Museum, will speak about the Museum.
- August – Picnic and silent auction.
- September – Don Ross will be continuing his series about making homebuilt lapidary equipment. This time he will be discussing the building of a vibrating tumbler. The tumbler used in the program will be raffled off at the meeting. A home-built cabbing unit will also be discussed, and raffled off.
- October – Bill Quant, son and co-pro prospector with Central Oregon legend, Shirts Quant, will informally discuss their rockhounding and prospecting adventures.
- November - The CORC end of the season banquet.

Our Upcoming Field trips :

- **June 7** - Whistler Springs and Ochoco Agate thunderegg beds
- **July 12** - Holleywood Ranch for petrified wood, and possible agate. Fee dig. Meet at the former Ray's in Redmond (now Logans) at 7:30 to caravan to the ranch. Join those who have stayed overnight in the area at the ranch at 10:00 AM.
- **August** - Pat Blue Heron has arranged with the BLM geologist to view the fossil collection tucked away in the BLM office in Prineville. The tour is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 12 at 10:00 AM. The BLM folks won't work a weekend, and mid-week was best for them, so that is the best we can do.
- **September** - Pole Creek to look for petrified wood, agate, jasper and stilbite
- **October** - Tentative trip to the Sunflower Flats area of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation for red, orange and green jasper

Minutes from the May meeting:

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Minutes of Executive Board Meeting, May 20, 2015

Sue Liebetrau, Secretary

Vice President Al Liebetrau called the meeting to order at 5:30. A quorum was present. The April minutes were approved as published in the newsletter. The treasurer's report was deferred.

1. Proposed Web Site. Visitor Alison Cole, who designed a Web site for the Mt. Hood club, presented her ideas for a simple CORC site. A unique domain name costs ~\$20 a year. Alison would use the web-building service WordPress. We discussed possible domain names, such as corocks or corockcollectors. We also discussed possible content, especially what should remain static (what/where/when) and what should change (events, alterations, etc.) For future upkeep, Alison has prepared a "how to" video for the Mt. Hood club. We briefly discussed the addition of a Facebook page, with a link from the web site. It was moved, seconded and passed that the board recommend to the club that Alison build a web site for CORC. Also, we agreed that a group be designated (later) to manage the site.

2. Prineville Show Activity. Walkers are willing to set up their display case in Prineville again, provided they get material in a timely manner (by June 12). Updated brochures will be provided. Al will decide whether to use the black (UV) light as part of the display.

3. CORC Picnic. The potluck picnic/silent auction will take place at Wetzels' on Sunday, August 23, starting at 11:00. Dale Simon has offered to cook the meat.

4. CORC Logo. Roger Whiteman is designing a new logo for use in brochures, on the Web site, and so on. Walkers have pins for badges when we get that far.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55.

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General Meeting, May 20, 2015

Sue Liebetrau, Secretary

President Debby Simon called the meeting to order at 7:00. Guests were introduced: Steve and Tonny Scott.

1. Web Site: Alison Cole, visiting from the Mt. Hood club, described the proposed CORC Web site. A motion was made, seconded and passed authorizing her to establish a site.

The meeting was then suspended for Roger Whiteman's excellent program about lost wax casting.

We resumed (after a break) at 8:00.

2. Show and Tell. Debby displayed opal and agate from the Madras field trip, and Jules and Jan Wetzel showed photos and thundereggs from the Succor Creek trip. Al Liebetrau showed a fossil that he collected on that trip. Paul Asman showed some lovely Carey plume agate.

3. Minutes. The minutes of the May meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

4. Treasurer's Report. In the absence of Treasurer Marty Betsch, Debby reported a month-end balance of \$1426.31.

5. Newsletter Editor. Debby announced that we need a newsletter editor. No one volunteered.

6. Prineville/Madras Shows. Clara and Del Walker will put up a CORC display at the Prineville show. We will include brochures (updated). Walkers need the specimens for the display by June 12. They can be contacted at 503-812-6540. The CORC display has been very popular in the past. In Madras, we will put out brochures. Paul Asman (Prineville) and the Whitemans (Madras) will include brochures at their booths. Whitemans will also mount the CORC banner if their booth colleagues agree.

7, CORC Picnic. The annual picnic and silent auction will be held on Sunday, August 23, at Wetzels' home, starting at 11:00. Dale Simon will cook the meat, but the picnic will be mostly potluck, so members should bring salads, sides, and desserts.

8. Reports.

Northwest Federation: Clara noted the Tri-Federation field trip to the Vale area. She also noted that a memorial service for Kim Leuthold, their daughter and a former CORC member, will be held on Saturday May 30, at Highland Baptist Church in Redmond. All CORC members are invited.

Field Trips: Sunday June 7, Ochoco thunderegg beds, meet at the end of the parking lot at Ray's supermarket in Prineville at 8:00. Shovels and geo picks will be useful; this is a digging trip. The July 12 trip, to Holleywood Ranch (Sweet Home), will begin at the former Ray's in Redmond (now Logans), meet at 7:30. For many, this will be at least an overnight trip. Also under consideration is a fall trip to McDermitt.

A visit to Quant's Rock shop is scheduled for Saturday, May 23, at 9:00. The first 10 pounds picked off the rock piles will be free for visitors.

Programs: Sue Liebetau announced that the June program will be led by the Simons, discussing their rockhunting experiences in Nevada. In July, Julian Gray, Executive Director of the Rice Museum, will talk about the Museum and its opportunities.

9. New Business/Announcements.

Roger Whiteman is working on a CORC logo.

The Walkers will be helping provide name tags (badges).

Elizabeth Prindle has offered to construct a CORC Facebook page. Her offer will be considered at a later date.

Paul Asman is selling a contour polisher for a friend. He had it with him.

New member A'Journe Spyker is developing a support group in Sisters. Anyone interested should contact A'Journe at ajourne.1111@gmail.com

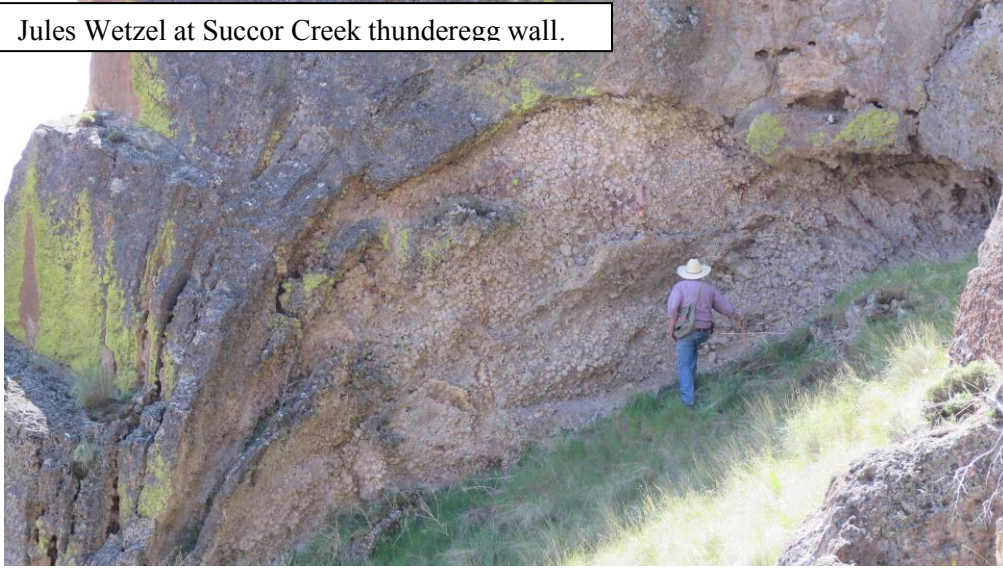
10. The meeting was then adjourned for door prize drawings.

Upcoming Shows and Events in this area:

June 12-14 Newport, Oregon: Oregon Coast Agate Club, 52nd Annual Show; National Guard Armory; 541 SW Coast HWY, HWY 101; Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4:30; contact George Mazeika PO Box 293, Newport, Oregon 97365; web www.coastagates.org

Photos from recent activities:

Jules Wetzel at Succor Creek thunderegg wall.



Group digging at the blue opal and agate bed.



Al Liebetrau mentoring a group of Idaho young folks.



CENTRAL OREGON ROCK COLLECTORS (CORC)
2015 MEMBERSHIP FORM

DATE: _____

NAME: _____

NAMES OF ADD'L FAMILY MEMBERS (+AGES IF
UNDER 18):

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Amount Paid: _____

How did you hear about CORC? (*new members only*)

NOTE: Annual dues are \$20/individuals and \$25/families. If you are paying by check:
Make your check out to **Central Oregon Rock Collectors** and mail it to:
Attn: **Marty Betsch, 61561 Eastlake Drive, Bend, OR 97702.**
