

C.O.R.C.

Central Oregon Rock Collectors

August 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 or unusual materials that they would like to share, we would love to hear about them. Our next regular meeting will be the third Wednesday of September (Sept 16th) 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. In August we will meet for our annual picnic on Aug 23 at the home of Jan and Jules Wetzel starting at 11:00 AM. Address: 64820 McGrath Rd, Bend (between Bend and Redmond just off Deschutes Market Road).

Nuggets of Knowledge:

Bring money and items to donate for the silent auction at the picnic. Please also bring lawn chairs and if you have them tables or awnings. Marty Betsch will call members to remind them of the picnic and coordinate what food will be brought (salad, side dish, or desert).

Field trip information:

Next field trip: August 12 - 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. The Prineville BLM office is located at the east end of town, adjacent to the Forest Service Office.

Bonus: Prineville resident and longtime thunder egg collector Steve Langer has several buckets of cut eggs that he will be selling for \$.50/lb. Steve has collected from all over, so this may be an opportunity to acquire material you might never have again. We will caravan from the BLM office to the Langer's home.

July field trip: About 10 members made it to Holleywood Ranch outside Sweet Home, Ore, for petrified wood and a visit to Joe Cota's Rock Castle Lapidary shop.

Our Upcoming Programs :

- August – Club Picnic scheduled for 11:00 am, Sunday, August 23 at the Wetzel's, 64820 McGrath Rd, Bend (between Bend and Redmond just off Deschutes Market Road). See map below. There will be a silent auction to benefit the club, so consider what to donate and bring bills - no coins.
- September – Jerry and Stephanie Brown will present Rockhounding Adventures in Utah.
- 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 holiday banquet.

Our Upcoming Field trips :

- **September** - Pole Creek to look for petrified wood, agate, jasper and stilbite
- **October** - TBD

Minutes from the July meeting:

CENTRAL OREGON ROCK COLLECTORS

Minutes of Board of Directors' Meeting, July 15, 2015

Sue Liebetrau, Secretary with THANKS to Del Walker

President Debby Simon called the meeting to order at ~5:50 PM. Also present were Treasurer Marty Betsch, Federation Directors Del and Clara Walker, Editor Jerry Brown, and Field Trip Chair Jules Wetzel. Vice President Al Liebetrau arrived during the meeting. Absent were Secretary Sue Liebetrau and Webmaster Karen Cameron.

The Minutes of the June meeting were approved as published in the Newsletter. The Treasurer reported a balance to date of \$1315.67.

The August picnic was discussed next. Marty will handle the silent auction. She will also call members to remind them of the picnic and coordinate what food will be brought (salad, side dish, or desert). On the picnic grounds (at Wetzels), there will be an area for private items to sell and also an area for silent auction items.

Internet connections were discussed next. The Board concluded that the Facebook page issue needs more investigation and discussion. Also, help will be needed with the website. Especially, someone is needed to deal with "everyday" items, assembling content and submitting it to the Webmaster for posting.

Field Trips were discussed next. Jerry announced that Steve Langer, who is selling from a large thunderegg collection, has invited CORC to visit his Prineville home after the BLM office trip on August 12. He will have sawed eggs for sale. CORC members should meet at the BLM office in Prineville at 10:00 to see the BLM fossil collection. The September 6 trip is scheduled for Pole Creek. Jules will provide directions. The September 19 trip to Richardsons has been canceled.

The issue regarding club procedures was the next item of business. After discussion regarding the Board's role in club leadership, we concluded that in addition to the ongoing discussions, activity should take place at a special meeting. A "retreat" of some sort will be scheduled before Jerry and Stephanie leave in the fall.

Elections will take place during the last regular meeting of the year (October). Scheduled for election are Secretary and Treasurer. Installation of the new officers will take place in November. Clara and Al noted that the Board of Directors' role is to discuss and vote on changes in activities and to Club procedures. People who hold office should be able to work together and be willing to change when challenged. The suggestion was made that the nominating committee consist of past CORC officers. However, we don't have any except Jerry. With this in mind, a nominating committee will be selected by the President and Vice President.

The meeting was adjourned at ~6:45.

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General Meeting, July 15, 2015

Sue Liebetrau, Secretary

President Debby Simon called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Thirty-one people were in attendance. While we waited for an extension cord, Jerry Brown told stories about collecting at MacDonald's Ranch during the Prineville Pow-Wow and then about "Rockhounding My Aunt's Garage," which was stocked with a 40-year accumulation. He displayed several lovely specimens. Al Liebetrau followed up with a

story about digging in Jerry's "hole" at MacDonald's after Jerry abandoned it. When the cord arrived and the projector was functional, Sue Liebetrau introduced the speaker, Julian Gray, the Executive Director of the Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals in Hillsboro. Following his excellent presentation about the Museum and the unique house that contains it, Debby announced a break for snacks and socializing.

Debby called the meeting back to order at 8:10. The minutes of the June meeting were approved as published. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$1315.67 to date. The Walkers (Federation Delegates) reminded us of the American/Northwest Federation show to be held in Albany next year—this will be a BIG event! The Program Committee reported nothing new. Jules reminded us of the next field trip: August 12 (Wednesday) at 10:00 at the BLM Office in Prineville. We will have a chance to see the BLM fossil collection. Jerry announced that following this event, Steve Langer has invited CORC members to visit his home and shop for cut thundereggs. Steve is a long-time collector with massive piles of eggs.

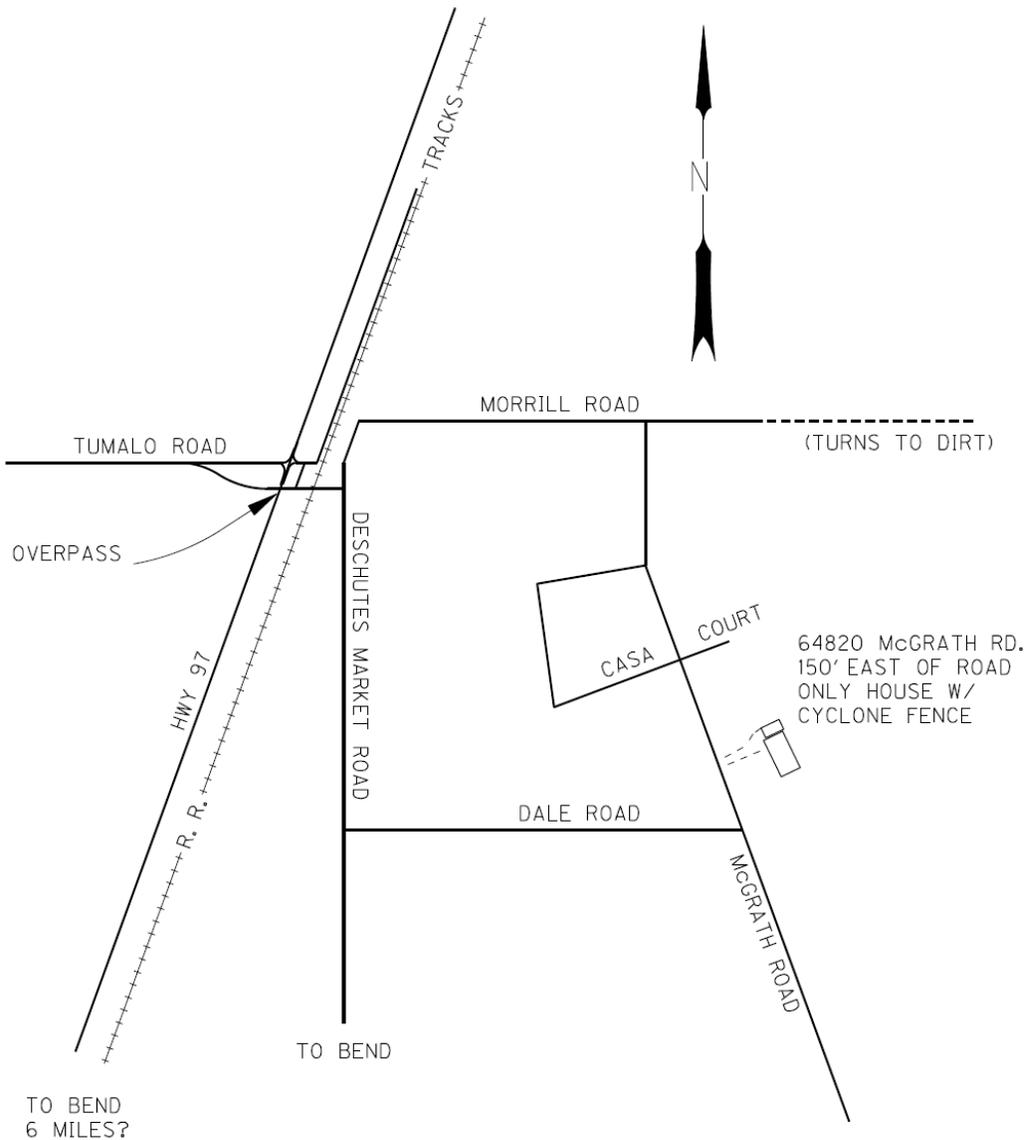
The CORC picnic will be held at Wetzels' home on August 23, starting at 11:00 A.M. Members are asked to bring chairs, tables, canopies, silent auction items, and sale items related to the hobby. Marty Betsch will be coordinating potluck food items. Chicken and hamburgers will be available. Debby encouraged members to contribute to the donation jar, which helps defray food costs.

The website trouble continues. Webmaster Karen Cameron was absent; however someone noted that search engines are slow to pick up new sites. Debby asked for committee members to assist with the site management.

The meeting ended with drawing of several door prizes, including an almost-drawing of speaker Julian Gray's mouse! The meeting was adjourned following that event.

Map to CORC Picnic at Wetzels

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Mile Betsch & Jules Wetzel checking out petrified wood at Holleywood



Jim Downes dug up a nice carnelian agate.



Al Liebetrau digging deep.



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.
