

C.O.R.C.

Central Oregon Rock Collectors

Winter 2016, 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.

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.

March Meeting:

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 16 at the Redmond Senior Center at 7 pm. We need to discuss and approve the proposed field trip agenda. The program will be members show and tell, so please bring your recent prizes and projects for our enjoyment.

Of Interest to Club Members and Rockhounds in general:

There are currently at least two proposals for setting aside Forest Service and BLM-administered public lands in Eastern Oregon. An Organization called Oregon Wild has proposed that a large portion of the Ochoco National Forest be designated a National Recreation Area, with restrictions to be named later. The area is roughly SE of the Mill Creek Wilderness, North of the Crooked River and East of the Ochoco divide, which includes many of the popular Ochoco thunder egg beds as well as many other lesser known collecting sites. You can read the proposal and find the map at:

<http://www.oregonwild.org/wilderness/ochoco-mountains-national-recreation-area>

There is also an effort to have approximately 2.5 million acres of BLM public lands set aside as either a National Monument or a wilderness. This is larger than Yellowstone N. P. I had a difficult time finding a legible map of the proposal, the best I did find was here:

<http://wildowyhee.org/why-protect-it/ConservationProposal>

This map apparently indicates that the area around the Succor Creek State Park would become either National Monument or designated wilderness. I researched the thunder egg bed locations on the west rim of the State Park. Some of the beds are on State Land. All of the motorized access crosses the proposed Monument/wilderness lands. Additional egg beds, petrified wood and jasper sites to the east of the Owyhee reservoir are wholly within the proposal. I am not positive, but I believe the proposal area also includes the Grassy Mountain/Haystack Butte area west of the reservoir.

Al Liebetau attended a public meeting in Prineville presented by Oregon Wild. He took it upon himself to represent the Rockhound community. He spoke with the Oregon Wild representative after the meeting and it became apparent to him that our interests had never been considered.

Del and Clara Walker sent an email, used here in part by permission:

“Del and I attended another of the meetings presented by Oregon Wild addressing their proposal to make 312,000 acres of the Ochoco National Forest into a national recreational area, which includes over 25,000+ acres to be designated as wilderness. Al attended a meeting last week, which we were unable to attend, so we thought we would follow up by going to this one. It is important to our rock hounding hobby that these lands not be closed. Once Oregon Wild gets their foot in the door, these lands could be totally shut down to our hobby. Oregon Wild is NOT a good environmental organization. When they don't have success in achieving their goals through legislation, they litigate. ... Wilderness areas have strict regulations such as no use of motorized vehicles or tools and no removal of resources such as rocks and trees, just to name a few.”

“As rockhounds, we need to make our voices heard against shutting down public lands. The public land should be there for everyone to use and enjoy. I think our Forest Service and BLM are trying to work hard to be guardians of our land. We do not need any more government restrictions than we already have.”

If you enjoy collecting as a part of the rockhounding hobby, you might want to educate yourself concerning these and additional efforts to restrict access and use of our public lands. Consider calling, e-mailing or writing our elected representatives and expressing your concerns.

Field Trips:

The Committee met in January and brain-stormed this tentative list, subject to change. The committee hasn't yet been able to confirm the viability of every trip. This will be an agenda item during the March meeting.

March 26 Glass Buttes Knapp-In (and hopefully Don & Nadine Carey's fire obsidian claim)

April 10 Delintment Lake ammonite fossils

May 22 Congleton Hollow limb casts (we hope to enlist Bill Quant as a guide to the honey holes)

June SHOWS Prineville 16- 19

Madras 23 -26

July 17 Sunflower Flats jasper or Ashwood area

(club picnic in July, TBD)

July 29 - 31 NFMS/AFMS show Albany

Aug 1st week NFMS field trips originating at Prineville

Sept 11 Richardson's BLUE OPAL bed

Oct 9 Warm Springs Reservoir plume/moss agate, wood, apache tears. This area is 30-40+ miles east of Burns, so is best approached as an overnight/weekend trip.

Contact: Elizabeth Prindle Field Trip Chairperson at pointingatthemoon@bendcable.com

Programs:

The CORC Program Committee has met and are planning a list of excellent programs for next year. Here are just a few:

- Displaying your rocks and minerals at a show (think AFMS show in Albany in July)
- Flint-Knapping
- A virtual tour of CORC collections
- Recognizing crystals by their shapes

MARCH PROGRAM

The program on March 16 will be "Show and Tell." Please bring your favorite acquisition from the past year. It doesn't matter if you found it, bought it, or traded for it; show us and tell us about it.

Contact: Sue Liebetau Program Chairperson at liebetauam@msn.com

A Note from our President:

In looking back on my first year as the President of the Central Oregon Rock Collectors (CORC), the first thing that struck me was how quickly the year had passed. Upon further reflection, I realized how far the club came in 2015. The club now has a website, work has progressed on an official logo and the club has explored a mutually advantageous relationship with the Prineville Chamber of Commerce.

In looking back, I also had a chance to think about all the great programs and field trips that CORC members were able to participate in and enjoy. Among my personal favorites were the presentation by Julian Gray, the Executive Director of the Rice Museum, and the very well attended meeting at the BLM office in Prineville. Field trips included such highlights as the Holleywood Ranch in Sweet Home and the Pole Creek area near Post. Congratulations and thanks to the Program and Field Trip Committees for the great work. There was also the opportunity to participate in two outstanding social events, the CORC picnic and our holiday potluck.

Also, thanks to all the members of the club for participating in and attending meetings and field trips because without you the club would not exist. In 2015 our membership continued to grow, and I would like to welcome all new members here in case I have not had a chance to welcome you personally. Last but not least, I would like to thank all the hard working members of the Executive Committee for their support and assistance in carrying out the numerous activities that kept the club humming so smoothly. I hope all of you join me in looking forward to another great year in 2016.

Debby Simon

From the Editors:

The Club was invited and plans to have a presence at the Prineville Chamber of Commerce Easter Egg hunt Saturday March 26 from 10 to 12 am. Debbie and Dale Simon will be there as well as any of us that are willing to participate. Debbie requests that members who have tumbled rocks to donate bring them to the March meeting; they will be give-aways at the egg hunt to the kids.

Members are reminded that the new year is time to renew their dues. Membership forms are included below. Please use them so we can ensure our contact info is up to date.

As Del Walker has often said, clubs thrive with volunteers and die from the lack of same. Please consider where you can volunteer.

Classified Ads:

If you have a rockhound related object you wish to sell, send the announcement to Jules Wetzel jjwetzel@bendbroadband.com and we'll post it. Remember – this newsletter goes on our website. If you don't want your address, phone number or email address posted, submit your ad with only the specific contact information you do want published.

CENTRAL OREGON ROCK COLLECTORS (CORC)
2016 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.
