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# SMOKE SIGNALS

“Great Spirit grant that I may not criticize my neighbor until I have walked a mile in his moccasins.”

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## **PUFFS FROM THE CHIEF**

*A message from our President*

Marshall Havner

September started with a Gemboree Meeting at Margaret Buchmann's on the 4th. Thanks to Pepper Okada for serving ice cream and brownies after the meeting. This month's meeting was at Tony Hart's place in Lindsay at 6pm.

Tony's BBQ Tri-Tip and Chicken along with members side dishes. We ate lots and had plenty of food and good times. Cathy Hart recently joined the club. We are thankful for a new club member and their hospitality. I want to thank Woodlake Police Chief Zapalac for coming to our monthly meeting and talking about "Camp Zap". TGMS supports his efforts in helping community youth to become better citizens. Thanks again for all your support of youth in our community. The club recently purchased silver smithing equipment and will be starting classes at the club shop in the near future. Check our web site:[www.tule.org](http://www.tule.org) for dates of classes the shop is offering and sign up for a lapidary class. We set dates at the BBQ for working on the old trailer and on equipment used at the Gemboree: September 17, 9am at Don and Adrienne Vieira's. No field trips are

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## **Join us on our fall trip.....**

### **TRONA/PANAMINT VALLEY**

The Trona Pinnacles are some of the most unique geological features in the California Desert conservation Area. The unusual landscape consists of more than 500 tufa spires. Some as high as 140 feet, rising from the bed of the Searles Dry Lake basin.



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The pinnacles vary in size and shape from short and squat to tall and thin, and are composed primarily of calcium carbonate (tufa). The Trona Pinnacles have been featured in many commercials, films, and still-photos. These tufa spires, were formed underwater 10,000 to 100,000 years ago when Searles Lake formed a link in an interconnected chain of Pleistocene lakes stretching from Mono Lake to Death Valley. There is a 1/2 mile hiking trail leading into the heart of the Pinnacles for a close up view. Be sure to take plenty of water and sturdy shoes.

### **PANAMINT CITY**

Located on the west side of the Panamint Mountains, Panamint city sits on the edge of Death Valley. Panamint City started out with a dubious foundation. The area was used by outlaws to stage raids on wagon traffic headed up Panamint Valley. Located at the upper end of Surprise Canyon, outlaws found the wagons to be easy pickens.

scheduled for September as the heat continues. Check the CFMS website for upcoming trips and events at cfmsinc.org . The Trona Gem-O-Rama is October 11 & 12th. This is always a fun show and the club enjoys staying in Panamint Valley. Mark your calendars and be ready to have a great weekend. I'll see you there.

Marshall Havner  
TGMS Chief

### **Tule Gem and Mineral Society September 8, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by President Havner at 7 P.M. at the residence of Tony and Kathy Harts in Lindsay, following a very good bar-b-que/potluck dinner. There were 28 members and 2 guests present.

A treasury report was made by treasurer, Pat Harrison, followed by a brief report by Sherry Honnold on CFS news.

President Havner thanked Margaret and Pepper for hosting a show committee meeting at their residence in Visalia. He also thanked Retta and Hiley for doing such good jobs on the Smoke Signal News letter and the Tule Gem web site.

Laura Riggs has been appointed the TGMS Membership Chairman to replace Gary Robertson who retired from that position. Thank you Gary for the many hours and work you have put in as the TGMS Membership Chairman over the years.

There will be a work day held on Thursday, September 17th at 9 A.M. at the Don Vieira residence in Visalia to work on the show trailers.

Gary Robertson reported at the show meeting that the grab bags will be filled some time in December. He will set the time and date later.

It was announced that Robert Goddard has raffle tickets available for TGMS members to sell between now and the 2009 show, also, Don Vieira has the show cards ready for distribution to advertise the show.

Carol and Robert Goddard were the only TGMS club members that were able to attend Paradise Camp where they learned many new techniques in jewelry crafting. Sherry Honnold has applications for the next Paradise Camp to be held in 2009 for any person wishing to attend.

President Havner announced that the Trona Gem-o-Rama/Panamint Valley trip will be on the weekend of October 11&12, 2008. For more information call him at 562-4133.

Sunshine Girl, Debbie Havner, reported that cards were sent to Donald Sheldrick, Ruth Wilcox, Joan Livesay and Linda & Cliff Coffee, who have all been ill.

Judy Link has set up another bus trip for TGMS club members who wish to attend the Turlock Gem show on March 14, 2009. Tickets will be \$20.00 per person, round trip.

Don Vieira has graciously offered to open the TGMS club work shop from 8 P.M. to 10 P.M. for those who need to use it at night. He also announced that he has set up two show cases in the arts and crafts building at the Tulare County Fair.

Judy Link reported that a representative from the Fresno Gem Club contacted her about having TGMS club members setting up show cases at the Fresno County fair. There will be more information on the show at a later date.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,  
Corene Keys  
Secretary



**Register for 2009 Gemboree**

**Send in your registration form early**

**Copy the flyer and hand out to your friends and family**

**TGMS CLUB WORKDAYS.....**  
**Contact Marshall to find out how you can Help.....**

October 15 and 16, 2008 Tule Show equipment work Session

Vieira Home  
214 N. Linwood  
Visalia, Ca  
732-7739



In 1873, while waiting for their next victims, they discovered that they were sitting on a rich silver load. Since silver mining requires large outlays of capital, the outlaws found that they were faced with a dilemma. How could they borrow the money needed without being arrested?



The answer came in the form of Senator John P Jones. Jones along with a partner, Senator William Stewart, another mining investor from Nevada bought up many of the better mines in the area for \$350,000. With this investment, the town was born and serious mining began.

When local hoodlums tried to rob outgoing shipments of silver, they found that the mine owners had cast the silver into ingots weighting 450 to 400 pounds. Since no one could carry such a heavy load, the silver shipments were left alone. In 1874, there were approximately 50 structures in town. Pack animals were used for transportation as the town had only one wagon which pulled triple duty as the meat market, hearse and parade platform. On July 24, 1876, a flash flood swept down the canyon and carried most of the town with it. This flood along with the discovery of rich silver ore in the Coso Mountains to the west, doomed the town.

TGMS will be making a trip to the Panamint/Trona area and invite you to come along. October 11 and 12 are the dates, call Marshall Havner @ 562-4133 and get more information.

# TULE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

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## EXHIBITOR CASE REGISTRATION 53<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL GEMBOREE 2009

January 17 & 18, 2009

Saturday 10-5 Sunday 10-4

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL BUILDING, 324 N. KAWEAH, EXETER, CA. 93221

Set up Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup> 4-8 PM

Breakdown Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> 4-8 PM

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I need to use a club case. Please reserve one for me

I will display using my own case.

### My case is:

New Upright

Old Slant

Homemade

Width: \_\_\_\_\_ Depth: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_

If homemade, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

What type of material will you show? \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any donations you may have for the show drawings: \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you plan to attend the Friday night's dinner?  Yes  No

How many in your party? \_\_\_\_\_ Friday's dinner will be served beginning at 6 PM

Will you need reservations for RV parking for this weekend?  Yes  No

Size/Length of RV: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this completed from as soon as possible, and definitely no later than November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Club cases are reserved on a first come first serve basis. If charges occur where you later learn you will be unable to display or attend this years Gemboree, please contact the Member Case Chairperson:

Mary Reed  
430 Colby Place,  
Porterville, CA 93257  
Phone: 559.784.6394

***Please have the courtesy to not sell items from your case during the show.***

# **TULE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY**

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# **53<sup>rd</sup>**

# **Annual Gemboree**

## **Gem & Mineral Show**

### **January 17 & 18, 2009**

**Exeter Veterans Memorial Building**

324 N. Kaweah Avenue

Exeter, CA, 93221

Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM

Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM

- **Vendors with a large variety of gems, jewelry, minerals, books and lapidary supplies.**
- **A great snack bar with lots of goodies and home made pies.**
- **Treasure Hunt for the entire family.**
- **Wheel of Fortune**
- **Drawing every half hour.**
- **Demonstrations, Grab Bags, Silent Auction**
- **Outstanding Displays.**

**Bring your family for a day of fun and  
education**

For more information

Visit our web site at [www.tulegem.org](http://www.tulegem.org) or call Margaret 559.739.0401

## 2008 Meeting Schedule

January 7, 2008

February 4, 2008

March 3, 2008, Installation Dinner

April 7, 2008

May 5, 2008

June 2, 2008 Annual Picnic

July 7, 2008

August 4, 2008

September 8, 2008

**October 6, 2008**

**November 3, 2008**

**December 1, 2008 Christmas Party**

October 11 & 12, 2008 Trona/Panamint  
Valley.

Call Marshall Havner for details 562-4133

Hope to see you at the next meeting!!

