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**From within the Gem State comes news that Rocks!**

# Magic Valley Gem News

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## MVGC Objectives

The purpose of our club is to stimulate interest in the collection of rocks, minerals, gem materials and legal fossils. To discuss and impart our knowledge of the different phases of collecting, cutting, polishing and displaying them. Also to organize educational meetings, field trips and similar event while enjoying and protecting our natural resources.

For more information go to  
[www.magicvalleygemclub.org](http://www.magicvalleygemclub.org)



## President's Message

I am VERY HAPPY to announce that the MVGC now has a new place to hold monthly meetings. The new place is the American Legion Hall in Twin Falls. The American Legion Hall is located at 447 Seastrom Street. A map to this new location is provided elsewhere in the bulletin. This new location is slightly bigger and is better set up for our yearly needs as a rock club. I think it will take a couple of meetings to get the kinks worked out for optimal experience. The doors will open at 6:45 pm and close at 9:15 pm.

As I announced at last month's meeting, I am going to change the monthly meeting format. To start with, the regular rock club meeting will start at 7:00pm and try to end by 7:45pm. From 7:45pm to 8:30pm, I eventually plan to have presentations by different people with rock and gem related material. I will wait on the presentations till the meeting or two after this year show. I want to talk about show details for the February meeting. The one thing I want to also try is limit the talking in the club official meeting. Members can talk, by raising their hand and are asked by me to talk. Members who talk need to get to the point and make their speech as short as possible. I will provide sheets of paper for members to write down things they want to talk to me about, if their voice is not heard during a meeting. The plan is to get through the boring club meetings items and get to the interesting stuff. I know this aspect will take a while to get right, but I'm willing to try different methods to get it achieved.

The 2018 MVGC Rock and Gem Show is coming up real soon. Club members need to be thinking and getting an idea about how they can help, either by displaying their special rocks and gems or by helping at the many jobs at the show. The show can only happen with the help of everyone, so let's make it the best show yet.

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## January 18, 2018 Meeting Minutes

The Magic Valley Gem Club was convened on January 18, 2018 at 8pm. President Jon Cromer welcomed the members and visitors. There were 15 members and 4 visitors in attendance. Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Dick Morris made a motion to approve, seconded by Shirley Metts. The members approved. The Treasurer, Rocky Metts listed bills paid last month: the Postoffice, membership to Federation AAL, Trailer licenses, Grand prize for the March Show, Jon Cromer for expenses, and Trudy Hunt for Hospitality purchases. President Jon Cromer discussed new changes discussed by the Executive Board during their Jan meeting: 1) Change of meeting Place due to conflicts in scheduling. It had been suggested we move our monthly meetings to the American Legion Building. It will cost a monthly fee of \$25. Rebekah Yancey made a motion to that effect and it was seconded by Dick Morris. The membership approved. This building is located at 447 Seastrom, off of Eastland near the Pepsi Plant. A map will be generated to show the location. 2) The format of our meetings was discussed, to make them more productive. It was approved by the Executive Committee to keep our 2 hour meeting times, but to change the scheduling...the membership meeting will begin at 7pm and go for a duration of 30 minutes, followed by the featured activity/program for 45 minutes with refreshments following.

It was strongly suggested that we all refrain from visiting during the meeting and presentations unless invited by the president. 3) Distribute a survey to members for interests and presentations they might provide. 4) Distribute a membership list with phone numbers to members for personal use. (ie. unplanned trips to the hills) 5) The executive Board also approved the 2018 Board Officers list. (the list is in the executive board section) A motion was made by Jim Stanton and seconded by Julie Folks. The membership approved. In executive board it was suggested that the members consider and change from a 1 year term to a 2 year term of office.

The president ask for reports from the following: Trudy Hunt, asking for refreshments for the coming year, there will be a sign-up sheet. She also suggested it be only a treat (cookies) and a drink. She also asked for suggestions for the show day workers meal. Wilma reported having fliers for the upcoming show and sign-ups for the Display Cases. There are 40-41 cases available. Members were reminded that there will be a vote from the "attendies" denoting their favorites ..... make it spectacular....you might get a prize! Rocky Metts said he would have the Webb Site up and current before the show. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45  
Karen Quinton Sec.

*We are affiliated with the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies*

## Rockhounding in the US.....California

*California is abundant with geological forces where mineralogists and gemologists can rockhound for the largest variety of rocks and minerals.*

### Famous Gemstones: Pearl of Lao Tzu

This pearl -- the largest known pearl in the world -- was discovered by a Filipino diver; then acquired by American Wilburn Cobb in the Philippines in the 1930s. It was previously known as the Pearl of Allah, because of its resemblance to a turban. When Cobb died in 1979, Peter Hoffman and Victor Barbish bought the pearl, using some money borrowed from Joseph Bonicelli. Today, the gem is owned equally by heirs of these 3 men, and is not on public display.

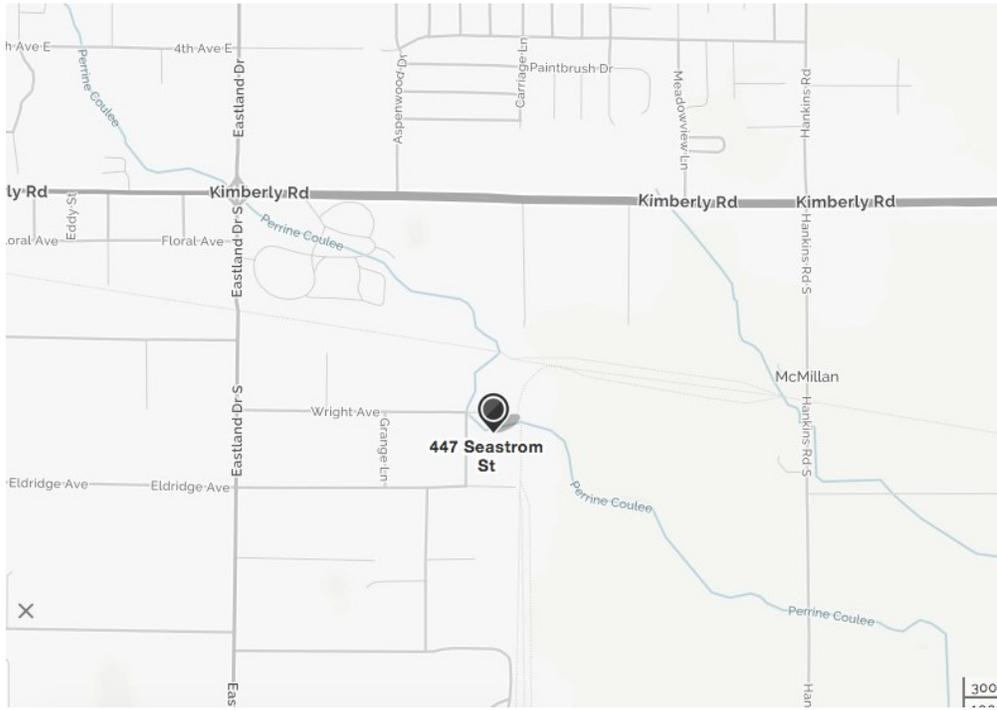


The rock and mineral wealth of California has made California the most interesting and one of the oft visited places for rockhounders.

### Desert of California Visited by Various Rockhounders

The place is visited by all types of rockhounders like rockhounders hunting for rare and precious minerals which are used for commercial purposes as well as rockhounders who rockhound as a hobby and for hunting beautiful rocks and minerals. In earlier days that are before 1930 the desert of California was visited for rockhounding for commercial interests. However, after 1930 the interest for rockhounding increased among people that resulted in the formation of rockhounding groups and rockhounders began to make group visits to the desert of California even for recreational purposes.

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We'll now be meeting at 447 Seastrom St, in Twin Falls. This is the American Legion Hall.

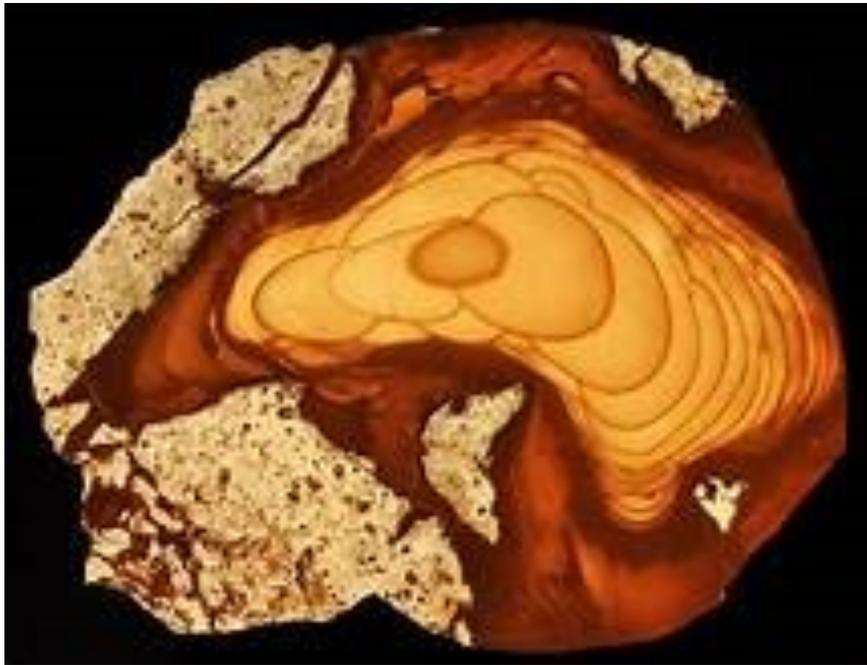
# ***We are meeting in a new place!***

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## **CAR CRASH**

Not every meteorite falls in a near-empty desert. The Peekskill meteorite crashed into this unlucky car in New York in 1992. The meteorite itself was unremarkable, but more than a dozen people caught its entry into the atmosphere on video, providing scientists with a plethora of data on the meteorite's behavior before it hit the ground.

The car has found fame, too. It's now owned by R.A. Langheinrich Meteorites, and has been put on display around the world. .



# finalthoughts...

Next MVGC meeting: February 15, 7:00—9:00 pm  
American Legion Hall  
447 Seastrom St., Twin Falls, ID 83301  
(Take Eastland Drive South, take a left on Wright Ave, then  
a right onto Seastrom)



## Membership Dues

Due October 1

Adult Membership \$10

Junior Membership \$5

For more information or an application,  
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The club participates in the NFMS stamp program, saving large commemoratives, airmail, pre-canceled foreign and “ordinary” stamps of all values. Proceeds from stamp sales will be used to benefit any charity deemed worthy by the NFMS Endowment Fund.

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*Magic Valley Gem Club  
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*March 10 & 11, 2018*

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