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Livermore Valley Lithophiles
Livermore, California

Next General Meeting:
 Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011
 Livermore Library Community Room
 7:30 PM

Program: Bob Trimmingham will complete his series on the Minerals, Fossils, Rocks and Geology & Mining History of the Livermore area.

Next Board Meeting:
 Thursday, Oct. 27, 2011
 7:30 at 'The Shop'
 Members are welcome to attend!

Meeting Location: Livermore Library Community Room

Refreshments:

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Presidents Message:

Listen up, Lithophiles,

Hello everyone. The Oct. 13 meeting again will be at the Community Room at the Civic Center Livermore Library. I will complete my suite of three slide programs on local Collecting by covering the Livermore Valley and immediate surroundings. Minerals, fossils, petrified wood, geology and mining history will be covered. Material collected over the last 50 years has been photographed, and some of it will be brought to the meeting. A few pieces fluoresce very well.

The theme for this meeting is GET INVOLVED. You will feel good about yourself while helping a society that is shorthanded. Enter a case at our show (four slots are still open). Don't decline an opportunity to be an officer (president, V. P., or treasurer) for 2012. All you need is enthusiasm.

I sincerely hope to see you at the meeting

Bob Trimmingham - President

NOTES FROM THE NATURAL HISTORY WORLD:

- Apollo Program - NASA Photos



Apollo 8 Photo Of Earth with Moon in Foreground

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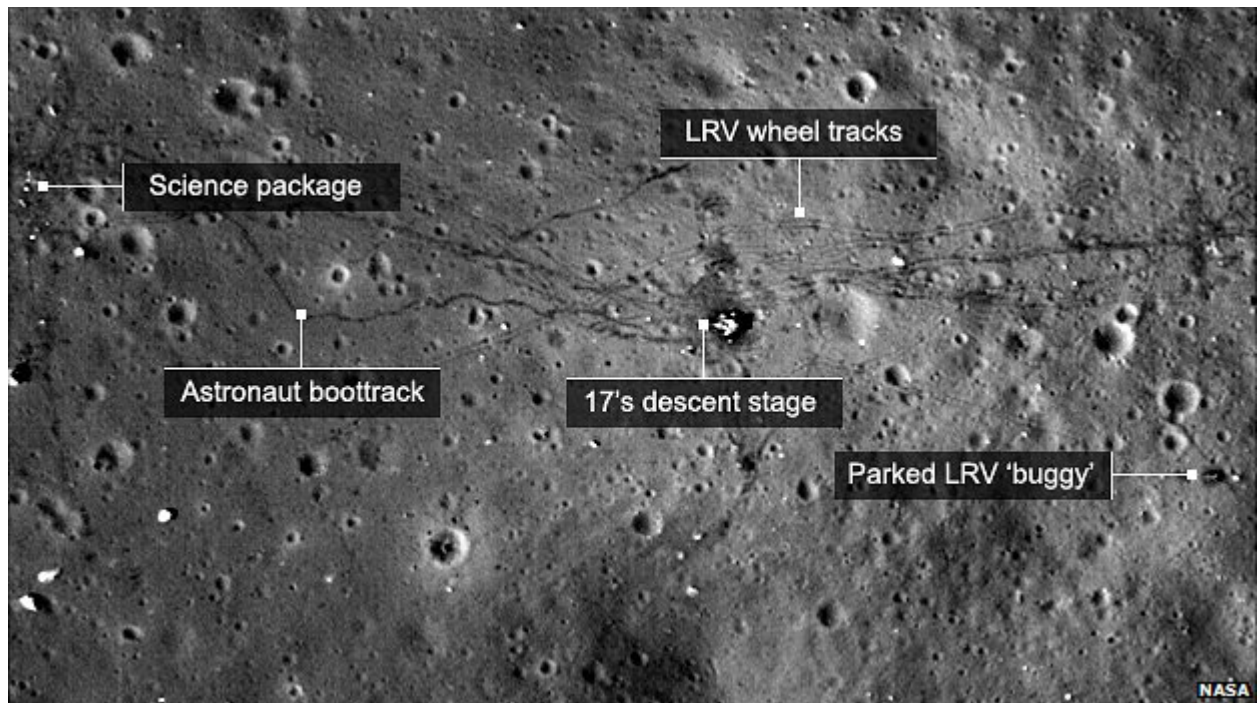
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Apollo 11 Customs Declaration Moon Rocks - Honolulu 7-24-69



New High Resolution Photo Of Apollo 17 Landing Site Taken In 2011 Showing Material Left On Moon: Including Descent Stage, Lunar Rover & Science Package. The Black Lines Are The Wheel Marks Left By The Lunar Rover and Astronaut Boot Tracks.

Minutes of the Genera Meeting

Sept. 8, 2011

No Minutes

Minutes of the Board Meeting

Sept. 22, 2011

The meeting was initiated at 7:32 pm by President, Bob Trimmingham.

Also present were Bill Beiriger, Deloris Colonna, Chris Hunt, Nancy Bankhead and Dick Friesen. With only one elected officer present there was no quorum. The following notes

Involve discussion but not official business.

Announcements: The California State Mineral Museum at Mariposa has been earmarked for closure due to lack of funds necessary to keep all state parks open.

Bill Beiriger read some notes from absent treasurer Diane Day.

LITHORAMA: It was suggested by Chris Crone that we donate money to several members of a youth group to help with teardown 4:30 to 6:30 pm Sunday, Nov. 20. Need to look up budget for the show. Chris will take care of post cards. Two dealers have yet to pay. Four slots are still open for cases.

Bob Trimmingham Secretary pre tem

Joan and Bill Beiriger's Caribbean Cruise - January 2011

As most of you know I collect sand, so before leaving on our trip I spent a lot of time on the internet primarily looking at Google Map and the beach information for all the beaches on most of the islands in the Caribbean Sea. I learned what color of sand comes from which beach on most of the islands, this included islands we would not get to on this trip, but may get to if we go again. This preliminary work made my sand collecting a lot easier.

Joan and I took an eleven-day cruise to the Caribbean Sea in January. We flew from Oakland to Fort Lauderdale, Florida. There we boarded the Holland American ship MS Maasdam on January 17.

We set sail for our first port of call, Half Moon Cay, Bahamas arriving on January 18. Almost all of the Holland America ships that operate in that part of the United States stop at Half Moon Cay. The reason is Holland America Lines owns Half Moon Cay. It is an all sand island. At one time the island was known as Little San Salvador. There is very little to do on the Cay but lie on the beach, swim, go hiking, lie on the beach and swim. If you want to spend extra money you can go Parasailing, Horseback Riding, Kayaking, Bicycling, Swimming with stingrays, or go to the Beach Bar. The most important for me was Sand Collecting. There is very little difference in the sand between the north side and the south side.

I did not find out until back on ship that the booking agent for Holland American told the Captain that I had just celebrated my 70th birthday the week before our trip, so there was a birthday card from the Captain and crew, then I was given a birthday cake at dinner.

Thursday found us at our next port of call Frederiksted, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands. We would be at sea for a day before arriving on the morning of January 20. There is a Botanical Garden outside of town but just the taxi fare was \$20 for each of us than \$7 each to go in. So instead we just walked the town. We went to Fort Frederik and another museum and saw much of the town. I collected one sand sample at the town beach.

Then it was time to sail onto our third stop Basseterre, St. Kitts arriving early on the 21st. We did not take any of the side trips offered by the cruise lines but did our own thing. We hired a taxi and headed off for some of the sites. Our taxi, mini van, driver gave us a very informative tour pointing out many of the everyday businesses that are important not only to St. Kitts but also many of the other islands in the Caribbean. The island is only 65 square miles in size, but has three medical schools: one for medical doctors, one for nursing and one for veterinary medicine. Many of the medical students are from the United States and Canada. We spent time at the historic Romney Manor where there is a Batik Factory with a very nice gift shop. St. Kitts is the site of the first Anglican Church in the West Indies. We then stopped at three beaches with black, dark brown and brown & white sand.

Our original plan was for a stop at St. Vincent, but about a week before the trip it was changed to Roseau, Dominica. Dominica has a large population that is very poor. Joan stayed on board ship to do laundry and some of her design work while I wandered the town with the couple that had their room next to ours. We went into some of the gardens, churches and a few shops and a couple of stores. I also got to one beach for sand.

Port-of-call five was Bridgetown, Barbados on the 23rd. Again we hired a taxi so I could collect sand and we could see some of the sites. We spent about 75 minutes going through a great Botanical Rain Forest that was worth the stop. It did live up to its name and rained for about 10 minutes. We stopped at three beaches and collected three different types and colors of sand. Barbados has a lot to see, except we arrived on a Sunday and they close most of the shops on Sundays. The exception were a few of the shops near where the ship docks. I think this was poor planning by Holland America Lines to arrive on a Sunday.

So back aboard ship we headed for our next port Castries, St. Lucia. Most of the buildings in town are very

badly weathered on the outside. This includes the Catholic Cathedral but when you get inside most of it has been very well taken care of. There is a lot of color used in painting the outside of some of the buildings. As with the other islands we had a nice tour of the island by taxi and I collected sand at four beaches which produced sands of tan, golden, white and grayish.

Our final stop was on the island of St. Maarten / Saint Martin. We docked at Philipsburg, St. Maarten which is on the Dutch side of the island. We walked around much of the area in the vicinity of Philipsburg and spent time on the beach getting some sun and walking in the water. We then went looking for a taxi. We found one and were asked if we would like to share it with another couple. I said, "I would if I could stop at several beaches for sand" and off the four of us went for a long and informative drive. The other couple was from Sheffield, England, and they were off another ship that was also in port. The first stop was at Moho Beach. Moho is where you can almost touch the landing gear of the large planes landing at the airport. They have a sign with the arrival times of all the planes that are due that day so you can take pictures as the planes fly just above your head. Some of the people like to hold onto the fence at the end of the runway and try and take the full force of the jet blast as the planes take off. If they let go they get blown across a small street and into the ocean.

The Dutch side of the island uses 115v power and has all their power lines under ground. Most of the people with big yachts and private planes come into the Dutch side. The Dutch side also has the large casinos and legal bordellos.

The other side of the island belongs to France. They have 220v power and their lines are all above ground, with many of them dangling very close to the ground. Many of the buildings look very shabby on the front and the areas that can be seen. If your house or business is kept in pristine condition the French Government taxes you at a higher rate so residents let the paint chip and boards fall off. The line between the Dutch & French sides is just like when you drive from North Shore to South Shore at Lake Tahoe; just a line in the road.

To place a phone call from the French to the Dutch or the Dutch to the French sides of the island must be made thru the International Long Distance Operator at a high price.

Many of the beaches on the French side of the island have areas that are for the people that use swim wear and areas for the people that like to go as nature made them. Joan and I did not go along the clothing optional end of the beach, but the other couple did and they said, "they looked up and down and all over", and also said, "the taxi driver was right; be happy with your spouse because most of what's out there is not that great".

This was a fun trip, but it would be better if we could spend two days in each of the ports. There is too much to see in one day and some of the other towns on the islands are too far away for a day trip. Going on a cruise is a good way to plan another trip and just chose one or two of the islands for a complete vacation.

There was than two days of sailing back to Fort Lauderdale.

The first time I went back aboard ship the officer on the ship asked, "what I had in my bag", and I told him, "sand". One time we went aboard to eat lunch and I didn't have any sand and he asked "where's the sand" so I told him, "I would get some later."

We were some of the last people off the ship in Fort Lauderdale because we did not have to catch our plane until the next day. So, by the time we got to the U.S. Customs Officer he was tired. He looked at our custom declaration and said, "Sand, Beach and how is it packed"? I said, "yes beach and it in zip-loc bags". So we had no trouble getting the sand through customs. We then continued on to our hotel. I distributed the sand between three of the suitcases with some of each beach in each suitcase just incase one of the suitcases was lost. I put a large 8 x 10 info sheet in each suitcase for the airport security people, all the samples made it home OK. Several of the bags had been opened but they resealed them and none of the sand was lost.

We were lucky we flew on Southwest Airlines, because we had two suitcases each and we were allowed 50 pounds per suitcase at no cost. We brought back some gifts to use for Christmas and birthdays. For all the sand I collected from the seven islands and the 17 beaches the total weight of the sand was 45 pounds. I have traded about half of it with my collecting friends.

Overall we had a good cruise, but there were several problems. The ship lost one of the generators, which meant we could not cruise at full speed. That put us into St. Croix about 2 ½ hours late but they gave us an extra 2 ½ hours that evening. A secondary problem was a loss of air conditioning in our stateroom which made it a little uncomfortable with the high humidity. We did get a note with a bottle of wine. There was suppose to be a box of chocolates that we never saw. So, since Joan does not drink wine all she got was the note. I saved the wine for the last two nights of the trip and I shared it with the couple from the stateroom next door.



New Ramp for Lithorama made by Frank Gouveia

WHAT I OWE MY MOTHER:

Author, unknown

From an email.

1. My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE.
'If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning.'
 2. My mother taught me RELIGION.
'You better pray that this will come out of the carpet.'
 3. My mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL.
'If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!'
 4. My mother taught me LOGIC.
'Because I said so, that's why.'
 5. My mother taught me MORE LOGIC.
'If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me.'
 6. My mother taught me FORESIGHT.
'Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident.'
 7. My mother taught me IRONY.
'Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about.'
 8. My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS.
'Shut your mouth and eat your supper.'
 9. My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM.
'Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!'
 10. My mother taught me about STAMINA.
'You'll sit there until all that SOUP is gone.'
 11. My mother taught me about WEATHER.
'This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it.'
 12. My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY.
'If I told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!'
 13. My mother taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE.
'I brought you into this world, and I can take you out.'
 14. My mother taught me about BEHAVIOUR MODIFICATION.
'Stop acting like your father!'
 15. My mother taught me about ENVY.
'There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do..'
 16. My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION.
'Just wait until we get home.'
 17. My mother taught me about RECEIVING.
'You are going to get it when you get home!'
 18. My mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE.
'If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way.'
 19. My mother taught me ESP.
'Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?'
 20. My mother taught me HUMOR.
'When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me..'
 21. My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT.
'If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up.'
 22. My mother taught me GENETICS.
'You're just like your father.'
 23. My mother taught me about my ROOTS.
'Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a tent?'
 24. My mother taught me WISDOM.
'When you get to be my age, you'll understand.'
- And my favorite:
25. My mother taught me about JUSTICE.
'One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you'

California Shows And Events

2011

**October 8-9, 2011 GRASS VALLEY, CA
Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society**

Nevada County Fairgrounds 11228 McCourtney Road
Hours: 10-5 daily Kim Moore (530) 470-0388
Email: kmoore160@comcast.net Website: www.ncgms.org

October 8-9 - TRONA, CA, Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society,

13337 Main Street, Hours: Sat; 7:30-5; Sun. 7:30-4, Jim & Bonnie Fairchild (760) 372-5356,
Email: slgms@iwvisp.com,
Website: www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub

October 15-16, 2011 PLACERVILLE, CA

El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society

El Dorado County Fairgrounds 100 Placerville Drive
Hours: 10-5 daily Karen Newlin, (530) 676-2472
Email: info@rockandgemshow.org
Show Website: www.rockandgemshow.org

**October 15-16, 2011 SANTA ROSA, CA
Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society**

Veterans Memorial Auditorium 1351 Maple Ave
Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun 10-5 Debbie Granat (707) 542-1651
Email: santarosarockshow@hotmail.com
Web: www.srmgs.org

**October 22-23: LOS ALTOS, CA,
Peninsula Gem & Geology Society,**

Los Altos Youth Center, One N. San Antonio Road,
Hours: Sat.10-5; Sun 11-5, Steve Jobe (408) 279-2069,
Email: steve_job@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.pggs.org/

November 11-13: SACRAMENTO, CA, Sacramento Mineral Society,

Scottish Rite Temple, 6151 H Street,
Hours: Fri 10-6; Sat 10-5; Sun 10-4, Stanley Henneman (916) 363-5011,
Email: Lakota27@sbcglobal.net,
Website: www.sacramentomineralalsocty.org

November 19 & 20, 2011 Livermore LITHORAMA 2011 Show and Sale, Livermore Valley Lithophiles Gem & Mineral Society; The 'BARN' 3131 Pacific Ave. east of Livermore Ave.
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4. Visit us at our website www.lithophiles.org

Show information is available at the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies website: www.cfmsinc.org

Additional Resources:

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies website: www.amfed.org

American Lands Access Association website: www.amerlands.org

CO-OP website: www.coop.freeservers.com

The California Federation of Mineralogical Societies web page www.cfmsinc.org gives everyone access to the CFMS Newsletter.

Field Trips

October 21st –23rd, Fernley, NV for various minerals.

October 7th, 8th, & 9th, 2011
20th Annual Big Sur Jade Festival

October 8-9, 2011, Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society
TRONA, CALIFORNIA
See Flyer on next page

70th ANNUAL GEM-O-RAMA

Sponsored by the Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society

October 8-9, 2011 Saturday 7:30AM to 5PM - Sunday 7:30AM to 4PM

SLG&MS Lapidary and Show Building - 13337 Main St. (corner of Main & Trona Rd.)

TRONA, CALIFORNIA

OUTSTANDING SHOW - FREE ADMISSION

FIELD TRIPS

SEARLES DRY LAKE - (2 1/2 hour trips on Saturday, 4 1/2 hours on Sunday)

Registration: 7:30-9:00 am and 1:30-2:30 pm - you must register during these times to go on field trips

Mud Trip- Saturday Only - Departure 9AM- Cluster & barrel hanksite, trona, borax - \$10 per car

Blow Hole - Saturday Only - Departure 2:30PM- Hanksite, halite, borax, sulfohalite - dry surface- \$10 per car

Pink Halite - Sunday Only - Departure 9AM- In brine, beneath hard salt - \$15 per car

Pinnacles National Natural Landmark - Self guided, info at show - FREE

Searles Valley Minerals' Plants - Saturday only: 11:00,11:40, 12:20, 1:00 and 1:40 - in bus - FREE

SEARLES LAKE PINK HALITE

FROM THE SOURCE - WHOLESALE PRICES

All Pink Halite collected with permission of Searles Valley Minerals

OTHER SHOW ACTIVITIES

20+ Dealers - 50 exhibits - Geode cutting and sales - Demonstrations - Games - Gem dig - Free parking

Snacks & drinks - Grand Prize Drawing - Hourly door prizes

Good Food in Catered Cafeteria in Show Building

LUNCH: Sat. and Sun. - 10AM to 4PM DINNER: Fri. (\$9.00) and Sat. (\$9.00)- 5PM to 7PM

COMMUNITY EVENTS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST- TRONA COMMUNITY CHURCH (2 blocks north of show)

Sat. 6 to 10AM, Sun. 6 to 9AM - Adults \$5.00, children under 7 \$3.00

Large groups - make advanced reservations for prompt service - call Gini Schwartz (760)372-5720

HISTORY HOUSE & OLD GUEST HOUSE MUSEUM - Sat. 10AM to 4PM, Sun. 10AM to 2PM

TRONA ELKS LODGE DINNER - Sat. starts at 3PM, \$10.00, Deep pit BBQ, beef & pork

ACCOMMODATIONS

VALLEY WELLS RECREATION AREA - 5.3 miles north of show, \$5/vehicle (dry camp, no resv.)

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit our web page at www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub/ or call Jim or Bonnie Fairchild (760)372-5356

Note: above times and prices for show may change - check here for updates - last updated on 12/2/2010

THANKS FOR COMING -- HAVE A SAFE TRIP

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Membership: The Livermore Valley Lithophiles invites to its membership anyone genuinely interested in minerals, gems, lapidary, geology or any of the other earth sciences, and who desires association with others of like interests. Membership in our club consists of three classes: Senior, anyone eighteen years or older; Junior, anyone under eighteen; and Honorary. Dues are for the calendar year and are as prescribed in the by-laws, Article III. \$25.00 per family, \$20.00 per individual and \$10.00 for Juniors (twelve and older.)

Meetings: General Meeting – Second Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. (**Locations change goto Lithophiles WEB-SITE**). Board Meeting – Fourth Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Club Shop or to be announced in the *Lithogram*. Any special meetings or places will be published in the *Lithogram*.

Club Shop: The shop at the Barn is open to club members 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.. on Tuesday nights. If no one arrives by 7:30 p.m.. or if the Shop Foreman has not been informed a member will arrive late, then the shop will close at 7:30 p.m. Shop Foreman, OPEN.

Field Trips: Location and date will be published in the Lithogram.

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Shop open every Tuesday at 7:00 PM

General Meeting Oct. 13th at 6:00 PM
Board Meeting Oct. 27th 7:30 PM -The Shop