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Members:

In December we will have a mid-week field trip to search for minerals with the Shadow Mountain Gem & Mineral Society. Carolyn Duncan and Mark Nelson will be leading the PLS folks on this trip.

When: Tuesday, December 1, 2015

Where: Near Vidal Junction, CA

Material to find: Bacon Agate, Chalcedony Roses.

High clearance vehicles are recommended when we leave the pavement and, depending on sand and water erosion, may be required at some point. Of course, if you decide to drive your own low-clearance vehicle, we can always car pool with SUV and truck drivers once we get there and assess the need.

We can arrange for folks to get together in car pools from the meeting place in San Dimas. If you do arrange to join a car pool in San Dimas it is expected that you will share equally, per vehicle occupant, in the cost of gasoline. The cost of fuel, based upon 436 miles round trip, a car getting 18mpg and gas at \$3 would be \$72. Confirm this with your driver.

Trip Details:

4:30am Meet at Lowe's Hardware in San Dimas. Just east of the 57 / I-210 freeway at Arrow Highway - 633 W. Bonita Avenue, San Dimas, CA 91773  
6:30am Stop for food and restroom in Yucca Valley  
9:00am Meet at the Vidal Junction Mini-Mart to join the Shadow Mountain club. Gas, toilet and snacks should be available.

If you drive directly to the field trip please confirm that you are going with Mark Nelson. If you have already confirmed and are unable to do so at the last moment, please call and let us know - so that we are not waiting for you. Those who are driving directly to the field trip should plan on meeting the group at the Vidal Junction Mini-Mart, Gas Station and Convenience Store at 200 CA-62, Vidal, CA 92280. We won't be there any longer than is needed for a break. Gas will be more expensive here than in Yucca Valley or 29 Palms.

Bring: Lunch, water, collecting bags or buckets, walking stick, spade or garden tool to up-end finds, sun glasses, etc. For other suggested items, look at the "Suggested Packing List for a one day Field Trip" on the Calendar page of the web site. Look for the November, 2015, trip to Afton Canyon.

[http://www.pasadenalapidarysociety.org/files/Afton\\_Canyon\\_Field\\_Trip\\_Information3.pdf](http://www.pasadenalapidarysociety.org/files/Afton_Canyon_Field_Trip_Information3.pdf)

Carolyn and Mark attended a field trip with this club in the same general area a couple years ago and their report was that the chalcedony was the best they've ever seen. The rains should have uncovered some new material. Of course, no matter where we go, there are few guarantees in this effort. I guess this is why we call our outings "field trips" and not "collecting" or "finding" trips.

We will need to give the Shadow Mountain club a head-count by the Sunday before the trip - that's Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. If you are sure you are going to attend, call Mark Nelson at (909) 996-1784 or respond to this email. If you want to join a car pool, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can get the word out.

Carolyn Duncan & Mark Nelson