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Southern California Mining Section

NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2011

SME MEETING – TUESDAY, November 8, 2011

ANGELS ROADHOUSE

13685 JOHN GLENN ROAD, APPLE VALLEY, CA.

6:00 pm SOCIAL; 7:00 pm DINNER @ \$24(free to student members); 7:30 pm PROGRAM

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

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UPCOMING DINNER AND PRESENTATION NOTE CHANGE IN VENUE!

No more long drive excuses high desert dwellers!

The next regular SME Meeting will be on Tuesday evening, November 8, 2010 at 6:00 pm. at [Angels Roadhouse, 13685 John Glenn Road, Apple Valley, CA.](#)

The dinner is \$24 per person (free to student members of SME).

Speaker:

Brandon Griffiths, Hydrologist for Rio Tinto Minerals –Boron Operations.

Topic:

The presentation will include discussion of the geology and depositional history of the Kramer Deposit, the history of mining operations of the deposit, and current mining practices at the Boron Mine.

Speaker Bio:

Brandon started with Rio Tinto Minerals in Boron 6 years ago as a Surveyor, Geologist, and for the past five years as the Mine Hydrologist with the Geotech Department. His duties include management of the Mine Dewatering/Depressurization system, groundwater monitoring and modeling, and storm water management for the mine. Brandon graduated from the University of California at Santa Barbara in 2001 with a Bachelors Degree in Geological Sciences. From there he worked in the Environmental Consulting industry for 4 years prior to Rio Tinto.

Upcoming Field Trip:

Field Trip: Saturday January 28, 2012 @ 9:00 a.m.

Site: Current Boron Mine

Location: Borax visitor center, Boron, CA

<http://www.borax.com/visitorcenter-map.html>

Save the date:

Christmas Dinner

Tuesday December 13 @ 6:00 p.m.

Pomona Valley Mining Co Restaurant

1777 Gillette Road

Pomona, CA 91768

SPECIAL NOTES:

(1) The annual SME Local Section dues of \$15 for Professional & Registered Members for the current year 2011-2012 are due beginning in September. The dues can be paid at the meeting or by sending a check to our treasurer, Kristen Daly, whose address is listed on the following page.

(2) Space is available for business advertisers on the last page of our Newsletter at a cost of \$50 per column inch per year. Please contact Edward Harrison, Newsletter & Email Administrator, for details regarding insertion of your ad. The annual renewal cost for the business ads due beginning in September should be forwarded to our Treasurer, Pat Colville, whose address is listed on the following page.

(3) Beginning in September, student memberships in SME (which cost \$31 per year) will be offered **FREE** to any full-time college student (undergraduate or graduate) majoring in Geology or mining related curriculum by our Southern California Mining Section. In order to qualify, interested students must attend an upcoming SME meeting at the Pomona Valley Mining Co. Restaurant and demonstrate a continuing interest in joining SME. Students will be required to complete a SME Student Membership Application and will receive full benefits as a Student Member of SME. Students are always welcome at our monthly meetings and field trips. The student cost for dinner at our regular meetings is \$10.

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