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REFRESHMENT LIST:

JULY - THE HANSSONS

AUGUST 6 - CLUB PICNIC (Starts at 6. Potluck.)

SEPTEMBER - GREG TOLBERT

OCTOBER - MIKE TANAKA

NOVEMBER - THE HOLMQUISTS

DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS PARTY

TREASURY REPORT:

The checking stands at \$5244.91, plus we own 20 tables. We paid \$200 to the school and \$50 to Tenino Chamber for summer show.

BUY...SELL...TRADE

This column is offered free to WAMS members to buy, sell or trade equipment or material related to rocks or minerals.

OUR JULY TENINO SHOW

IS JULY 27-28, WITH SETUP ON FRIDAY THE 26TH. BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE DEALER POTLUCK ON FRIDAY THE 26TH—AND BRING A DISH! WE WILL NEED HELP OVER THE WEEKEND AND ESPECIALLY ON SUNDAY AT 5 TO TAKE EVERYTHING DOWN. WE CAN ALWAYS FIND SOMETHING FOR YOU TO DO, AND MOST OF THE TIME ITS FUN. THANKS.

CENTRAL OREGON COLLECTING LOCATIONS by Keene Clay, Mt Hood Rock Club.

The following is a brief summary of sites available around Prineville, Oregon. Maps showing these sites and others are available at the BLM on the East end of Prineville on Highway 26.

Pink Limb: Follow the Post/Paulina highway southeast out of Prineville to milepost 51. At MP 51, there is a gravel road that goes south for about 4 miles and ends up at a camping area on the South Fork of the Crooked River. The collecting area is in an area about one mile surrounding the camp and extending for a considerable distance further to the south and west. You can also get to the collecting area by

going south on Camp Creek for about 8 miles and taking the dirt road to the east just past the rock quarry.

Pink limb material is an agate cast of wood limbs and pieces. It is classically pink in color but also will be clear, blue, green and gray. Some still has the wood grain showing and some will have beautiful quartz crystal interiors. Pieces can still be found in sizes ranging from finger size to tree trunk sizes. This location is available spring through fall. It is incredibly hot in mid summer. It is best in spring after heavy rains. The best collecting often requires some significant hiking over rough terrain. Some people have been successful digging in banks near the river and creeks in the area.

WHITE FIR SPRINGS JASPER EGGS: Take Highway 26 east out of Prineville to MP 41 and turn left on Wildcat Mountain Road. This site and others are well marked on maps available at the Prineville Forest Service or BLM offices. Follow this road for about 4 miles and watch for the forest service sign on the right side of the road. Turn up this little spur road for about 200 yards and you'll see distinct diggings on both sides of the roadway. The first big dig on the left has always been productive for rock hounds that are willing to put in hard work. The trick is to clean out the hole to about 5 feet deep. The top 4 feet will have very little material. Once you get to the 5 foot depth you will find a variety of tan lumpy potato shaped rocks. Some of them are still in the original matrix of welded ash. Do not overlook the large clumps of welded ash because they contain some of the best and largest eggs. The prize material is the tri-color or four color eggs that blend white, yellow, brown and purple in beautiful pastels. If one egg has good color, the others in the hole will usually have the same colors. There are many holes in the area and all have been productive, but the best multicolored eggs have been in the area close to the road.

TAKE CARE OF THE MOTOR in your slab saw. If you have a slab saw that really works and has a separate feed motor other than your main motor and its mounted on the front of your saw, try this tip. Try raising the front of the saw by putting a piece of 2 0/00 x 4 0/00 under the front legs. This reduces the side pull pressure on your feed motor. For example, my slab saw has a front feed motor and over time I have had to replace my feed motor about six times. What happens is the gears in the motor will not hold up to the side pull pressure of your saw raising the front of your saw, but this will allow your rock saw vise to move towards your blade much easier. This also works on table saw mounts. If you try this, you will discover that your saw requires less cutting fluid.
The Rockcollector 5/07

LOCAL FIELD TRIPS (PUB. WSMC)

CMS, WMSM = Cascade Mineral Society. Brian Williams (206) 290-2312 email bwaters2011@gmail.com
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WSMC = Washington State Mineral Council, use Ed above.
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LkSd = Lakeside Gem & Mineral club. Andy Johnson 509-546-1950
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Msvl = Marysville club: Ed Lehman 425-334-6282
Mt. Baker club: Kris Menger 360-927-0994 kmenter@comcast.net
East King = East King Co, Norma Kikkert, 206-612-3113
N.W.R. = NW Rockies & MT Baker clubs: Kathy Earnst 360-856-0588 or Ed Lehman 425-334-6282
Pvgm = Puyallup Rock Club Mark Bauman 253-756-8636
Bellv = Bellevue, Bruce Himko, 425-957-1284
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Swms = SWest WA Mineral Society Dave Roth 360-295-3567
W Sea = West Seattle Rock Club Brian Waters 206-290-2312
Always call the club rep to confirm all trip data. Some trips have fees to non club members, so they can be a day member and be covered under club insurance. The usual fee is \$.50 a day. Pow Wow requires membership \$3 each a year. WSMC 6100 Road trip rider fee is \$8 to help offset the \$65 vehicle access permit we must purchase. Some trips have no charge.

UPCOMING SHOWS: 2013

OUR SHOW JULY 27-28. BE THERE OR BE SQUARE!!!

AUG 9-11: BUTTE MINERAL CLUB. NFMS 75TH ANNIVERSARY SHOW. BUTTE CIVIC CENTER. 1340 HARRISON AVE BUTTE MT

AUG 9-11: PORT TOWNSEND ROCK CLUB. JEFFERSON CO FAIRGROUNDS. 4907 LANDERS STREET PT TOWNSEND WA 98368

AUG 10-11: MAPLEWOOD ROCK AND GEM CLUB. MAPLEWOOD CLUBHOUSE. 8802 196TH STREET SW, EDMONDS WA 98026

SEPT 21-22. S WA MINERAL SOCIETY. CASTLE ROCK FAIRGROUNDS. 120 FIRLANE ROAD, CASTLE ROCK WA

OCT 12-13: MARYSVILLE ROCK AND GEM CLUB. TOTEM MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA, 7TH STREET AND STATE AVE, MARYSVILLE WA

FIELD TRIPS: Mineral Council.

Msvl 7/20 Darrington 10 am Rock Show behind IGA store. Travertine & Spelunking. Hard rock dig, dress for water.

Msvl 7/27 Lake Wenatchee 9 am Coles Corner Gas station. Garnets, actinolite, talc. Screen, wood saw, dig tools.

Msvl 8/17 Greenwater 9 am Enumclaw Ranger station. Agate, jasper. Dig & light hard rock.

Powwow 9/7-8 Red Top 8 am W Fork Teanaway Camp. Geodes, agate, jade. Dig & light hard rock.

Msvl 9/14 Little Nachese 9 am 410& FR 19. Thunder eggs, rhyolite. Dig & light hard rock.

Msvl 10/19 Money Creek 9 am Hwy 2, Money Creek campground. Picture jasper. Rock hammer and container.

Msvl 11/16 Blanchard Hill 9 am I-5 exit 240, gas mart. Stilpnomelane in quartz. Hard rock tools.

INTERNET ROCK SITES

1. www.orerockon.com - Pacific NW field trips, equip buy/sell, misc.
2. www.wrightsrockshop.com Has everything.
3. www.agateswithinclusions.com. The name sums it up.
4. www.geocities.com/Yosemite/Forest/2031/ . Terry's Oregon Rock Page has info on Oregon collecting.
5. Information on collecting in Eastern Oregon during the Madras Pow Wow: Write Eula Dillard, 145 E. 179th, Spanaway WA 98387 or call 253-847-2755.
6. www.wyodonor.org and www.thermopywy.net/bhbf for dinosaur excavation trips.
7. <http://mineral.galleries.com/minerals/byname.htm>
Part of Amethyst Galleries, Inc.'s web site, this is a listing of all the minerals in that company's (extremely extensive) database. More than a mere list, however, each entry is linked to its own page, giving info. such as the mineral's chemical composition, history, physical characteristics, and so on.
8. <http://www.goodearth.com/virtcave.html> The virtual cave site offers a directory of all caves in the US that are open to the public.
9. <http://www.luckystrikemine.com> Info from Prineville, OR rock dig site.
10. <http://www.the.gemshop.com>. The Gem Shop in Cedarburg, Wisconsin hold claims to central Oregon rock sites.
11. www.rockhounds.com This is a great site! Every aspect of rockhounding is addressed or it gives you a link.
12. www.stonetrails.com/ORlocs/ORlocs.htm Oregon rock sites Replace OR with WA...you'll get Washington sites.
13. <http://www.kinglseynorth.com>. **Buy grit in bulk.**
14. www.fs.fed.us/ - Fees and required permits for access to Federal lands.
15. General interest sites: www.rockhounds.com, www.fireagate.com, www.awesomegems.com
16. Be sure to go to our website (See top of Page 1). There are numerous links to other sites.
17. WEBSITES FOR DINO LOVERS
<http://dsc.discovery.com> Look for games and videos
<http://www.paleoportal.org>
<http://www.msnbc.msn.com> Look for technology and science.
<http://www.geo.ucalgary.ca>
<http://www.scienceschoolhouse.com>
18. <http://www.jescoproducts.com> **Buy grit in bulk**

OFFICIAL BLM REGULATIONS REGARDING COLLECTING:

You can collect a reasonable amount of rocks and minerals from BLM lands, but a permit or fee may be needed if you exceed certain amounts as described below. Note that the collecting limits for petrified wood are slightly different.

A REASONABLE DAILY COLLECTING AMOUNT

No BLM permit or fee required.

- fits in a car trunk or is a partial pickup truck load and,
- weighs less than 250 pounds

- and the material is not for commercial use.

(For petrified wood see below)

MORE THAN A REASONABLE DAILY AMOUNT

Requires a permit and fee from BLM.

- is a full pickup truck load or,
- involves more than one trip (or partial load) and,
- weighs more than 250 pounds
- or the material is for commercial use,
- or explosives or power equipment is used.

PETRIFIED WOOD:

Collecting petrified wood is free up to 25 pounds per day, plus one piece, but no more than 250 pounds per year. Pooling of quotas among two or more people to obtain pieces over 250 pounds is prohibited. A permit is needed for amounts over these limits.

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES

CODE OF ETHICS

I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without permission from the owner.

I will keep informed on all laws, regulations and rules governing collection on private lands and will observe them.

I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.

I will use no firearms or blasting materials in collection areas.

I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind, such as fences, signs, building, etc.

I will leave all gates as found.

I will build fires only in designated or safe places. I make sure they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.

I will discard no burning materials--matches, cigarettes, etc.

I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.

I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.

I will cause no damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.

I will support the Rockhound Project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless or how found.

I will cooperate with Field Trip Leaders and those in designated authority in all collection areas.

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MINUTES JUNE 4, 2013

Box score: 20 adults, 4 junior

Guests: Ron & Judy Woodard (signed up as members).

Show and Tell:

Charley: Central Oregon. Jaspers and agates.

Nora: From last month rock trip to Tumwater ranch, crystals and agates.

Lisa: same locale, dark purple and radiating crystal star material.

Kathleen: fossils.

Bob: limb casts from Puyallup show.

Keith: crystals from Bob Jackson Spruce claim visa Puyallup club, fluorite, desert rose, pyrite, smoky crystal, garnets, tourmaline, herkimer diamond.

Chuck: found material in loads of rock dropped off for making a "stream bed" in his yard.

Becky: a big chunk of Oregon Glass Butte obsidian.

Evan: leaf fossils from old Bluett Pass, palm fronds, and fossilized dragon fly wings.

Jaeden: showed goldstone, tourmaline, and malachite from Everett Rock and Gem show.

Celeste: presented a birthday cake for Jaeden, shaped in a dome, loaded with sweets—as if the insides of a cut open geode.

Winners: Adult – Bob

Junior – apropos, the birthday boy Jaeden.

Treasury report from newsletter. Same.

Old Business: Dan DeBoer gave a show report. Flyers were passed out to members to be posted. Dates: 25th pick up tables and stuff at M.J.'s office. 26th, set up and potluck. Need workers for former and food for latter. 27-28th, volunteers need throughout the two days, especially on the 28th at 5 pm for tear down. Members were encouraged to put up display cases.

Program: First members celebrated Jaeden birthday, gorging down decadent cake calories. Once sated, Charley gave a brief program describing using cameras to take pictures of rocks.

Submitted by Secretary M J Huetter.

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