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## REFRESHMENT LIST:

## REMEMBER: AUGUST IS OUR POTLUCK! BE THERE OR BE SQUARE!

*Be sure you go to the Rose Garden kitchen at Priest Point Park for our August meeting. (Off to the right as you enter the Park.)*

*We are meeting on 8/4. Dinner starts at 6 pm. Bring a dish (salad, main course, or desert). The club will supply plates, utensils and drinks.*

*Tailgate swap starts after dinner, unless, like usual, it starts sooner. The better material you bring to trade means better material you'll receive in return. Be ready to trade and have fun. No business will be conducted.*

**SEPT – KEITH GREETHAM**  
**OCTOBER - MIKE TANAKA**  
**NOVEMBER – THE HOLMQUISTS**  
**DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS PARTY**

### BUY...SELL...TRADE

Charley reports plenty of good material is left. Call him at 360-259-3063 and set up an appt. at \$1a pound. (Email is [cprice@pacifier.com](mailto:cprice@pacifier.com).)

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

**TREASURY REPORT:** The bank account stands at \$8507.73. We have 20 tables and still lots of rock.

### TENINO SHOW : #21 in the books.

We deposited \$2163 into our checking from the show. (See insert for detail.) Prior to the show, Dan and MJ spent \$1000 on another collection. Also, about \$350 was set aside for possible purchase from the Maple Tree Lapidary sale in Aug. Currently, the treasury stands at \$8507.73. We took in roughly \$600 more this year than last year.

The club wishes to thank all those involved, just like the cash receipts, volunteer participation was also up. A tip of the hat and a special thanks to Dan DeBoer for his time and effort. Without his leadership, it simply would not happen. This year our club members came through in spades. There were plenty of folks helping from loading up on Wednesday until unloading on Monday.

*Thanks again to Dan and Vicki DeBoer and his supporting cast: Bob & Kathleen Hansson, Chuck and Becky Holmquist, Keith Greetham, Dana Risch, Jim Thomas, Leann and Samantha Caranci, M J Huetter, Jim & Cherry Pedrick, Bob Lambert, Ralph Nollner, Charley Price, Jim Pruske, Greg, Kara, and Zoe(in spirit), (guest appearances by Albert Bachman, Eleanor Miller, Jessica Von Wendel, Ron Knackstedt, Nelda Cissell, Jeremy. If I missed you, I apologize.*

## LOCAL FIELD TRIPS (PUB. WSMC)

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WSMC = Washington State Mineral Council, use Ed above.

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WAMS = Wa Agate & Mineral Club.

Boe = Boeing Rock club.

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.

The Washington State Mineral Council plans guided fieldtrips to collecting sites. Open to member clubs and the general public.

Most trips are free. (Our club is a member of the Mineral Council.) Included will be PowWow trips. (Must joint to go on trips.) Host clubs and contact persons will be set up as I gather info. For now, go to [mineralcouncil.org](http://mineralcouncil.org) for updates or contact Ed Lehman at [wsmced@hotmail.com](mailto:wsmced@hotmail.com), home (425-334-6282) or cell (425-760-2786). 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.

## FIELD TRIPS: Mineral Council.

August 15-16: NWOS. Greenwater. 9:00 am @ Enumclaw Ranger Station. Agate, jasper. Dig, Lt hard rock.

## ROCK SALES:

Aug 15: Shelton Rock and Mineral Society. Tailgate Rock Sale and Swap. 9 – 5. Shelton Soccer Park Parking Lot, 2102 John's Prairie Road.

Aug 22: Maple Tree Lapidary. 1120 SW 16TH Street Bldg #7 Renton WA 98057. Lots of rock.

Sept 12-13: POW. Red Top. 8:00 am @ camp (W for M fork jct) (see dues above.) Agate, geodes, jade, jasper.

Sept 26: NWOS. Little Naches. 9:00 am Enumclaw Ranger Station. Thundereggs. Dig, Lit hard rock.

10/17: MSVL. Money Creek. 9 am @ Money Creek Camp. Ore, picture jasper. Lt hard rock, light.

11/14: MtBkr. Blanchard Mt. 9Am @ I-5 240 exit, gs station. Stilpnomelane & chert. Hard rock tool.

## UPCOMING SHOWS: 2015

Sept 9/19-9/20: Southern Washington Mineralogical Society. Castle Rock Fairgrounds. A Street & Cowlitz River, Castle Rock WA 98611

Oct 9-11: Portland Regional. Washington County Fair Complex. 873 NE 34<sup>th</sup> Ave Hillsboro OR 97124

Oct 10-11: Marysville Rock Club. Totem Middle School. 7<sup>th</sup> Street and State Ave, Marysville WA

Oct 17-18: Hatrockhounds. Hermiston Conference Center. Highway 395 South, Hermiston OR

Oct 24-25: Clackamette Mineral and Gem Club. Clackamas County Fairgrounds, 694 NE 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, Canby OR 97013

Oct 24-25: Bellevue Rock Club. Vasa Park, 3560 West Lake Sammamish Blvd SE, Bellevue Wa

Nov 7-8: Maplewood Rock Club. Maplewood R&G Clubhouse, 8802 196<sup>th</sup> St SW, Edmonds WA

## INTERNET ROCK SITES

1. [www.orerockon.com](http://www.orerockon.com) - Pacific NW field trips, equip buy/sell, misc.
2. [www.wrightsrockshop.com](http://www.wrightsrockshop.com) Has everything.
3. [www.agateswithinclusions.com](http://www.agateswithinclusions.com). The name sums it up.
4. [www.geocities.com/Yosemite/Forest/2031/](http://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.wyodinator.org](http://www.wyodinator.org) and [www.thermopywy.net/bhbf](http://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](http://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](http://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/](http://www.fs.fed.us/) - Fees and required permits for access to Federal lands.
15. General interest sites: [www.rockhounds.com](http://www.rockhounds.com), [www.fireagate.com](http://www.fireagate.com), [www.awesomegems.com](http://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.

**WASHINGTON AGATE & MINERAL SOCIETY**

**WAMS meets the first Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m., at the First Baptist Church of Lacey, 4702 22nd (corner of College St. and 22nd)**

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**Minutes for July 7, 2015**

**Box score:** Attendance 19 adults, 0 Junior, 3 guests (Al & Pat Wall.)

**Show and Tell:**

Dana – Pigeon Blood agate, Labradorite  
Keith – Blue rocks, Holly Blue, gem tree, bolos, belt buckles.  
Charley – From Prineville: limb casts and tube agate.  
MJ – asked club how to get white material off of petrified wood.  
Jim Pruske volunteered to experiment.  
Jytta – Has a faceting machine for sale. Brought it to club.  
Jeremy – Orb jasper and poppy jasper.  
Cherry – Texas oyster fossils, selenite gypsum  
Jim – material from Texas flea market  
Bob – Jasper  
Kathleen – Petrified wood.  
Bob – Jasper also  
Winners: Jim.

Treasury and minutes okayed as is.

Dan reviewed the upcoming show on July 24-26. He is trying to advertise through social media. Still needs demonstrators. Reminded club members of Wednesday table pick up, Thursday set up and dinner, Friday – Sunday need for volunteers, and finally tear down on Sunday night.

A great program was given by Jim Pruske, laying out the history of planet earth for last 2 billion years. His discourse, aided by a geological table showing parallel animal and plant development and extinction, went into overtime.

Respectfully submitted by Acting Secretary M.J. Huetter.

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