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JUNE - DAN DEBOER

JULY - RALPH NOLLNER

AUGUST - CLUB PICNIC

SEPTEMBER - ROBERT LAMBERT

OCTOBER - MIKE TANAKA

NOVEMBER - THE HOLMQUISTS

DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS PARTY

BUY...SELL...TRADE

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 \$8425.76 We have 20 tables and lots of rock.*

LACEY FUN FAIR RESULTS: Thanks to Bob and MJ for their work at the annual Lacey Fun Fair. They grossed \$693—a year ago they pulled in \$710. Considering it rained all day Saturday, the Dynamic Duo were very pleased with the take. A special thanks to the Lacey Fun Fair hosts who placed our booth smack dab in the middle of all the traffic. Bills paid: Entrance fee to the Fun Fair, annual PO Box fee, amethyst, various supplies, \$200 for the Tenino school, and newsletter printings.

OTHER THANKS DEPT: Our two oldest members, Eleanor Miller and Keith Greetham donated rock to the club. Their donations will pop up at club meetings as door prizes and free rock, while most will be sold at the Tenino show. Not in the same age range, Greg, Kara, and Zoe likewise donated rock—especially large coprolytes, always a “welcome sight”. Thanks for your generosity.

Spoiler Alert—Purists Stay Home! The June program will be the alchemy involved in what has been termed: Gooping rocks. MJ Huetter will show members how dabbing rocks with a mixture of resin and epoxy can give a rock a polished look without the use of saws, wheels, grits, preparations and a host of other costs and time. Some have compared it to a cross between putting lipstick on pigs and Frankenstein. The weak of heart may wish to stay home.

FREE!

Now that I've got your attention. At the June meeting, there will be three buckets of obsidian (half mahogany, half regular, maybe some sheen) and two buckets of agate and jasper. As noted above, free for the taking. BYOB¹ and **bring gloves for the obsidian!!!**

TWO FIELD TRIPS THIS JUNE!

06/12/2016. Park and ride on Martin Way. Meet at 11:30 leave at Noon. Once again, amethyst. Bring **CASH**. Jim Pruske, 360-459-3655, is once again leading the trip. Call to sign up or confirm on list. Or talk to him at the June meeting.

06/25/2016. Charley's house, 333 McKenzie Road SW, Olympia WA 98512 360-259-3063. Club outing to club collection. \$1 a pound. BYOB¹.

WHEW!!

¹ Bring your own buckets.

LOCAL FIELD TRIPS (PUB. WSMC)

CMS, WMSC = Cascade Mineral Society. Brian Williams (206) 290-2312 email bwaters2011@gmail.com

Ed L = Ed Lehman (425) 334-6282 wsmced@hotmail.com

WSMC = Washington State Mineral Council, use Ed above.

BC Wagon masters: Clair Belzer 604-946-8656

Kit = Kitsap Rock club: Tony Schackmann 360-372-2777

LkSd = Lakeside Gem & Mineral club. Andy Johnson 509-546-1950

Dar = Darrington Rock Club. Ed Lehman (see above)

Maple = Maplewood club: Don Furey 425-348-4827

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 Kickett, 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.

Bellv = Bellevue, Bruce Himko, 425-957-1284

Skagit = Skagit Rock Club: Vi Jones 360-424-8340

Pebb = Whidbey Pebble Pushers: Dick Edwards 360-579-2807

Pow Wow club = Larry Vess - vessel3@comcast.net 253-473-3908, Cliff Matteson (253) 475-8433

cliff.conniematteson@gmail.com

Longview = Longview club Emmett Johnson 360-636-3491

Ashwood Oregon Darrell Friend 541-489-3252, web page www.ashwoodrockstock.com

Eking = East King Norma Kickett, kev1123@hotmail.com

WAC - Washington Agate Club

Yak = Yakima Rock Club Jerry Wichstrom 509-653-2787

jewtmew@aol.com

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BELL = Bellingham Rock Club Brian Hughes 360-671-7330

EVR = Everett Rock Club Brad Johnson 206-403-3073

NID = North Idaho Diane Rose 208-667-8591

Elb = Ellensburg Rock Steve Townsend srtrocks@aol.com 509-244-8542

NWOS - Northwest Opal Society. Tony Johnson - 253-863-9238

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 for updates or contact Ed Lehman at 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.

6/10-14 Spk Succor Creek & McD. Call host for info. Thundereggs and Agate. Dig & Hard rock.

6/1 Dar FR 17 & 18. 9 am Darrington IGA. Jade, Serpentine, Hematite. Dig tools.

6/23-26 NWOS Madras Oregon. 8 am County Fair grounds. Agate, Petrified wood, Thundereggs. Dig and Hard rock.

7/16 POW Sweetwater. 10 am Darrington show grange. Travertine. Dig and Hard rock

8/20-21 NWOS Greenwater 9 am Enumclaw Ranger Station. Agate and jasper. Dig and Hard rock.

9/10-11 POW Teanaway. 8 am Teanaway camp. Geodes, agate, jade. Dig and Hard rock.

9/24 NWOS Little Naches. 9 am Enumclaw Ranger Station. Thundereggs and Lilypad Jade. Dig and Hard rock.

10/15 Msvl Money Creek. 9 am Money Creek camp ground. Oregon and Picture Jasper. Dig and Hard rock.

11/19 Mt Baker club. Blanchard Hill. 9 am I5 exit 240 gas station. Dalmation Stone. Hard rock.

From Mineral Council newsletter:

The Pow Wow is having trouble sustaining the club. Like most clubs, all of the older members are dying off and there are no new members to keep the club going. If you have a chance, please support them by attending one of more of their field trips. If this club folds, many of our contacts/relationships in the Prineville area will go with it.

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.wyodinator.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.luckystrickemine.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.

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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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UPCOMING SHOWS: 2016

July 24-26: WAMS. Once again into the fray...

July 29-31: Willamette Agate and Mineral Society (AFMS and NFMS Meetings) Linn County Expo Center Albany Oregon.

August 13-14: Maplewood Rock and Gem Club. 8802 196th Street SW, Edmonds WA

August 20: Shelton Rock and Mineral Society. 7th Annual Tailgate Rock Sale & Swap. 9am – 5pm. Mason County Recreation Area East 2100 John's Prairie Road Shelton WA 98584 Questions: Susan 360-275-9432

September 17-18: The Southern WA Mineralogical Society. Castle Rock Fairgrounds 120 Fair Lane, SW Corner of Highway 411 and Cowlitz River Castle Rock WA

October 1-2: Marysville Rock Club. Totem Middle School Gym 7th Street and State Ave, Marysville WA

October 22-23: Clackamette Mineral and Gem Club Clackamas County Fairgrounds 694 NE 4th Ave Canby OR 97013

October 22-23: Bellevue Rock Club. Vasa Park, 3560 West Lake Sammamish Parkway SE, Bellevue WA

November 12-13: Skagit Rock Club. Sedro Woolley Comm Center, 703 Pacific Street Sedro Woolley WA
November 12-13: Maplewood Rock and Gem Club 8802 196th Street SW, Edmonds WA

December 10-11: Maplewood Rock and Gem Club. 8802 196th Street SW, Edmonds WA

MINUTES FOR MAY 3, 2016

Box score: Members 21, Juniors 2

Show and Tell:

Brendan – Malachite, pyrite, sandstone, pumice, geode, petrified wood, jasper, thunderegg, flourite. Quite a performance/collection for a junior.

Arlyn – Thunderegg.

Keith – Agate, limb cast, snakeskin, Montana, moss agates, Graveyard point.

Dana – Smooth rocks, beach rock, pigeon blood agate.

Jackie – “Chocolate” coprolytes.

Dick – Assorted geodes, Moroccan geodes.

Rainy – Happy mothers day: opal from her mom.

Sue – Jasper quartz from Smith River.

Jim S. – Fire opal.

Rachel – Beach rock. “Rock Licker” shirt.

Jim P. – Photographs of fossils. Scrapbook.

Bryan – (from Shelton club) Coquina fossil. Big megladon tooth (is there any other size?) Crinoid from Morocco. Malachite and tourmaline.

Steve & Michelle – Agate/petrified wood from Salmon Creek.

Bob – Ellensburg blue. Agate, common opalized wood Saddle Mt.

Neil – Mica, quartz. Report on Crazy Horse Mt South Dakota.

Treasury report: per newsletter.

Federation report: None.

Mineral Council report: None.

Show report: Dan has 24 contracts from dealers. Normal. May be conflict with school remodel for use of Multi Purpose Room.

Old business: Jim P. has scheduled amethyst trip for 6/12. MJ invited members to work at Lacey Fun Fair.

New business: Discussion of group trip to Oregon.

Respectively submitted by MJ Huetter, Secretary.