

THE ROCK LICKER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE-

I have really enjoyed the rich variety of programs that we've had this year! It was great to see so many of you last month at Bruce Bennett's presentation on Wyoming fossil fish. You will get to see Bruce again this month - at the Gem and Mineral Show. Be sure to drop by and thank him again for his interesting talk!

Speaking of the show, I hope that you all can attend and help out in some way! We will be setting up on Friday, September 11, at the Fairgrounds. The show will be held on September 12-13. Look for more show details inside this issue of The Rock Licker.

Be sure to mark your calendars for our Rock and Mineral Contest on Tuesday, September 8. Any specimen that you found during the last year and/or did lapidary work on is eligible for entry. Our guest judge will be Rick Newby, new mayor of College Place. As in years past, each winning entry will be on public display during the annual show!

I'm looking forward to seeing you in a few days!

Tim Tiffin-President

Bruneau field trip—September 25-27

We will have at least one more field trip this year. Our field trip schedule calls for a trip to Bruneau, ID on September 25-27. I am still planning on this trip and will talk about it more at the meeting. We will be digging for lots of petrified wood limbs. Camping and motels are both available close to the area. Right now the plan is to go on Friday morning and dig Friday afternoon and all day Saturday. Sunday on the way home we will stop at Shell Hill for shells and Poison Creek for black limbs. Sound like fun? Sign up at the meeting.

Warren Rood
Trip Coordinator

Remember to save stamps for cancer research

COMING EVENTS

*Rock and Mineral
competition at the
September 8 meeting*

*Club's Rock Show
September 12-13.*

*Bruneau, ID Field Trip
September 25-27*

September

Refreshments

If your last name
begins with N-Z
bring

Cookies or Cheese
and crackers

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Are you ready for the SHOW?

I am the new Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society Club trailer and I AM READY FOR MY MAIDEN SHOW.

Frank Vasconcelles came out for my interior work a week or two ago. Then on Sunday, August 23, a fine crew came out to my home at Stonecipher's and filled my vacant interior with all sorts of essential equipment used to put on the Annual Rock Show at the Walla Walla Fairgrounds. Storing all of vital equipment makes me feel useful and important. I still have more room for additions and corrections as they may become necessary. I will do my best to keep it dry and clean. Oh what fun.

I am anxiously awaiting the addition of the new show case liners made this past year by Suzanne Young and the Mine Dig equipment refurbished at the Young's house since the last show. Thanks a bunch for your work to make the show better.

In addition, Jim Brain donated several medium and large plastic boxes to use for storing the lights and light equipment and other supplies as replacements for the several very old cardboard boxes in which they had been stored for several years. Jim saw a need and got it filled for us. They kept the newspaper packing, some as old as 1995, just for memories as to how life use to be.

The stalwart crew that showed up at Stonecipher's to move the items from my grandfather (the old trailer) to me included Jack Edwards, Suzanne Young, Rudi Domazlicky, Jim Brain, Keith Bacus, Sandy Kinsfather and Linda and Bill Stonecipher.

As I am the symbol of the hard work and diligence of many members who make the SHOW possible, I want to thank each and every one of those who came to prepare me for my new job.

Thank you all very much.

(signed) Your Rock Club Trailer — Alias Bill Stonecipher

Say Goodby to the Old Trailer

On August 23, a small group of club members gathered at Bill and Linda Stonecipher's to sort through and transfer the useable club supplies and equipment from the old "trailer", if you want to call it that, to our new one. For items of questionable utility Bill and Linda or Jack Edwards were asked if either could remember when the item was last used. If neither could remember ever using the item, it went in the "to be disposed of later" pile. Needless to say we retained most of the items but to everyone's surprise, everything fit in the new trailer with room to spare. Of course we didn't touch items in the older old trailer which I am sure contains a lot of things that had been placed in the "TBDOL" pile sometime in the past. Sorting out that is a task for another day.

The club would like to thank Bill and Linda, Jack, Keith Bacus, Sandy Kinsfather, Suzanne Young, Rudi Domazlicky, and Jim Brain for taking the time to move the material and to organize things in a manner that things can be found. It is going to make setting up for the upcoming show much easier as it is much easier to load and unload and find things than it was with the old trailer.

One thing to note. Bill says he is going to get rid of the old trailer but I have never known a farmer who ever threw anything away. I wouldn't be surprised if we find it out behind one of Bill's sheds; saved because "I may have a use for some part of it in the future". That's the farmer way of life.

August Program Featured Lecture on Preserving Fish Fossils

Bruce Bennett of Multi Fractured Gems of Pasco presented a very informative program on preserving fish fossils. He started with a little history and showed a map of Utah and Wyoming where fossil fish are found that included Fossil Lake, Lake Gosiute, and Lake Uinta. Over 25 million years ago, fish sank to the lake bottoms and become covered with calcium carbonate and salt. The fossils are found in these layers of limestone sediment.

After you collect the pieces of limestone that you expect to contain fossils, let them dry before trying to split them to view the fish fossils. On the average 1 in 10 are good fossils. He splits the limestone along seams with a piece of sharpened steel. Once you find the fossils you want to work with, the first step is to prepare the basic mount. Bruce showed how to use a template to put over the specimen, mark it out, and cut it with a handsaw. He cautioned us that you need a dust mask when you cut limestone.

Then the real work begins. Carefully scraping off the remaining amounts of limestone from the fossil. This is very delicate work. He use an Exacto knife with a curved blade. Once he is satisfied that he has removed as much of the limestone as possible he preserves the specimen by dipping the entire mount in a mixture of 4 oz. of Elmer's glue, in a gallon of water. To repair any damage and make the fossil show up better he uses concentrated instant coffee mixture to touch them up.

He said there have been 22 different species found in the lakes, especially Fossil Lake. The most common fish fossil was a fresh water herring, but paddle fish, catfish, insects, and leaves have also been found. Bruce let us know that to dig for fish fossils, there is a fee dig at Fossil Safari.

We want to thank Bruce for taking the time to share his techniques with us.

Yard Sale

Mark your calendar. September 6

Wally Mandigo is having another "yard sale".

It will feature a large quantity of bulk material
to be sold by the pound.

Hours: 9am-5 pm

Address: 126 SE 3rd, College Place

Phone: 509-529-9767

Kid's Corner—

The August Juniors activity was led by Beth Huntley. Thank you Beth!

In September, the Juniors will be doing a mosaic decoration with rocks on the lid of a small treasure box.

I would like to also extend my thanks to Sally Reed, who donated several items for the Kid's Corner and the Mine Dig at the show.

Kim French
Juniors Advisor

Local Gem and Mineral Shows

Check out the current NFMS "Northwest Newsletter" for a listing of the upcoming gem and mineral shows in the Pacific Northwest.

Let's show our support of the federation and neighboring clubs by attending one of these events.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES **SCHEDULE-2009**

FAMILY—\$25.00

SINGLE—\$12.00

JUNIOR—\$5.00*

***WITH ACCOMPANYING ADULT
MEMBERSHIP**

BLUE DIAMOND CLUB NAME

TAG

\$6.50

Improving on last years Gem and Mineral Show

I try to improve upon everything I do. That's not to say it was bad before, it just could be better. I feel that way about our show, it was a great show last year, but hoping for even a better one this year. Some of the things we are working on that will improve the show are listed below. If you think of other small things, please mention them to me.

- We will have a "hook" this year that we are using in our advertising. The theme is "Dinosaurs" and Mark Armstrong's T'rex skull replica is the center. We are using that in our advertising. Paul McCaskill and I are also going to have a display case full of polished "Dino" bones.
- We increased our promotional budget this year, which means a lot of radio advertising as well as TV and UB advertising. Dave Walk's TV ad is on our website, check it out and send the link to your friends. The posters are up and more will be available at the meeting.
- Having 14 dealers this year, 3 more than last year, will help. The new dealers that I have seen will have quality items.
- Bill Stonecipher is heading up a "Rock garden" which will have large rocks on display that people can touch.
- Suzanne Young made new liners for our display cases and did some very nice improvements on the mine dig. You will have to check it out.
- We will have some nice displays in our cases.
- The end case facing the front entrance will be turned so people can see it as they walk up to it. Frank V. is making glass side panels so the case will be seen from 3 sides. Probably put the "dino" bones in that case.
- The club info booth will be smaller with a person sitting there to talk to our guests about our club.
- Tom Stock is coming from the Lake View club to give gold panning demonstrations both days.
- We are working towards having a rock saw just outside the back door, so people can get rough rocks they buy from the silent auction cut for a small cost.
- The new trailer will make the unloading and loading process easier.
- New signs made that will hang above the "Silent Auction" "Kids Corner" and "demonstrations".
- We had a request to have a pot of coffee sitting out for dealers and club volunteers.
- And yes each booth or dealer will have a fly swatter, with fly strips hung around the building.

September Show and Tell

We will forgo the regular Show and Tell part of our September meeting agenda as it will be replaced with the annual club member Rock and Mineral competition. Bring your favorite piece that you collected or worked on this past year. The winning pieces will be featured at our Club's Rock and Mineral Show.

Exploring Wyoming and Utah—In mid-June Jack and Charlene Edwards, Bruce and Pat Bennett and Linda and Bill I traveled to Wyoming, Utah, and points both between and beyond. The first stop on our greatly anticipated trip to hunt fish fossils was at the Fossil Lake quarries near Kemmerer, Wyoming near the Fossil Butte National Monument. We learned about the formation from which the fish fossils and dinosaurs are found with striking examples at the Monument museum. We were sure we could find these wonderful fossils if other people had.

Fossil Lake is an ancient lake where fish and other fossils are found at the 7300 foot elevation. Fish are found in quarries where limestone slabs are dug that can be split open with a small chisel and rock hammer. If you are lucky you can find whole fish or parts that can be cleaned and treated which turn out nicely. The most common fossils are ancestors of herring and perch. They are about 50 million years old and some show the bones, gills, tails, and scales. They are very exciting to find.

Also near Kemmerer is the Blue Forest, which is actually another ancient high desert lake containing petrified wood around the lake shores. The area is pock-marked with thousands of holes where people have been digging for eons. Some wood is laying around, but if you dig holes you might find logs, limbs and pieces of blue agate. These trees were in a lake bed millions of years ago and as they became petrified the outer bark was displaced with blue agate. The pieces are very unique with the blue banding in the rock. However most pieces are covered with a petrified algae that was also in the lake that it is very hard to chip away or dissolve. What fun to find these things.

Pat and Bruce Bennett left us for Mt. Rushmore while the Edwards and us went on to Vernal, Utah via the Flaming Gorge scenic route. It was SCENIC, traveling thru millions of years of strata laid down, and named by geologists telling about the fossils that could be found there. It was easy to understand and spot the different formations from many eras of geology. We made a stop before we left Wyoming and picked up nice tumbling size agate and jasper.

Vernal is an interesting area with it's oil wells and coal mines. We were told of an area where we might find leaf fossils by the owner of a local rock shop. We traveled across the high desert to Bonanza, UT which is in the middle of no-where. From there we went even further into the desert beyond the middle of no-where if that is possible to Cowboy Canyon with the hope of finding leaf fossils. There we found an old quarry dig, pock- marked with holes. We found some good leaves but the rock was hard to split. Sure were glad we didn't have car trouble out there.

Outside Vernal we visited the Dinosaur National Monument but were disappointed as the main building and display area was closed because the cliffs had shifted and the building was deemed unsafe. We decided to take a short hike along a fossil trail but it started to rain on the way down so we all got a good cleaning. We did get to visit an exceptional display at the Dinosaur Museum in downtown Vernal. It was very informative and worthwhile.. We also stopped at a small rock shop just outside Dinosaur Monument. It was owned by an interesting 80 plus year old man. Bought a few Utah sectarian nodules from him which are very nice after being cut.

The Edwards then started for home but we went the scenic route through Grand Junction, CO. Near Grand Junction we took the drive through the Colorado National Monument. It is a collection of spectacular sandstone formations and canyons. Some of the cliffs are over 1000 feet high of sheer rock face. We HIGHLY recommend that you take this comfortable road with multiple turnouts to view the spectacular sights. The Monument headquarters is a stop everyone should make. The whole trip can be done in a couple of hours – but some may want to spend days in the area.

From Grand Junction we journeyed to Moab, Utah. It is a spectacular area and every rockhound would love it. In the afternoon we decided to take a loop road to Castle Valley to see the monuments and pinnacles. The road kept climbing higher and higher to about 9,000 feet over the third pass, - well above the red rock formations. It was the narrow one way narrow road to a gold mine which attracted our attention. The road dropped off about 2,000 ft plus on the right side. No way could we turn around and Linda was dizzy looking down to see the specks on the valley floor. We crept along about 10 mph for several miles on a four hour trip. We broke our own rules of not telling anyone where we were going or leaving a note in the motel. We did have food and drinks. We were thankful to get back to Moab safely.

The next morning we spent a couple hours at the Moab Rock Shop then started home thru the wonderful scenery along I-70 to Salt Lake and on home. We were loaded with several hundred pounds of all kinds of rock.

After arriving home we washed clothes and serviced the rig and we are ready to go again!!

Bill and Linda Stonecipher

AFMS/NFMS SHOW AND CONVENTION 2009-HIGHLIGHTS

The convention hosted by the Billings Gem and Mineral club drew 5,000 rock collectors, 200 exhibits of artwork, agates, geodes, dinosaur bones, obsidian, crystals and more.

Highlights of the show included:

- The Universe According to Nasa (NASA Moon Rock)
- Cave Bear Exhibit (Showing a newly acquired fossil jaw of a wooly Mammoth)
- Rock Food Table (a table of meals "prepared" using rocks)
- Corundum, Rubies and Sapphires (presented by Will Heirman-visit his website at www.corunduminium.com)
- Petrified Wood Identification (presented by W. Walton Wright - Botanist, Ecologist and Palo-botanist)
- Book Signing (T. Harmon: Author of " The River Runs North: A Story of Montana Moss Agate")
- AFMS Faceted Stone Auction (The auction raised \$10,000 for scholarships)

Workshops

Gemstone Carving, Making a Gem Tree, Preparation of Fossil Fish ,Precious Metal Clay, Wire Wrapping, Creative Rock Design, Filigree and Beading

Fieldtrips

Bear Canyon, Stillwater Mine Tour, Geology of the Pryor Mountains, Montana Agate- Miles City, Geology and Sightseeing Tour, Agate, Fossil, Jasper- Glendive, Montana and Spencer Opal Mine

AFMS/NFMS Awards Banquet

Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society Winners

- Jim Brain - Mini-Bulletins - 10th Place -2009
- Ralph Trethewey -"Rock Outing to Saddle Mountain" -2009 - Honorable Mention
- Bill Stonecipher - "Installation of 2008 Officers" - 2009 - Adult Poetry 9th Place
- Jack Edwards - "Nevada Trip" -2009 Certificate of Award - 10th Place
- Bill Stonecipher - Poem 2008 The Rock Licker NFMS 1st Place
- Ralph Trethetwey - Article 2008 The Rock Licker NFMS 2nd Place

American Lands Access Association(ALAA) Protecting the Public Lands for the Public

Purpose: To protect and ensure the right of amateur collecting and recreational mining, and the use of public and private lands for educational purposes.

Featured Speaker: Greg Mumm of the Blue Ribbon Coalition, the National Organization who is fighting to keep roads open on Federal Lands.

The Omnibus Public Lands Bill passed the House and Senate, was signed by the President is now the law. However, the exact effect on the public, on rockhounds, on our rights to access our public lands is still not known. It will not be determined until each BLM (Bureau of Land Management) District/Office, each Forest Service District Office, and each of the other affected governmental agencies interprets these laws and incorporates them into their specific Management Plan. This where we still have a voice and have on the final implementation. How? By becoming involved in the process. By talking with the managers of our Public Lands; by participating in the meetings for public input; by providing our ideas and wishes with letters, e-mails and telephone calls. Be involved in the process. For more information check out the ALAA Website at <http://www.amlands.org/> Information about legislation can also be obtained at www.sharetrails.org

Submitted by

Norma Long- Federation Director longo@wwics.com

Our First National Federation Convention and Show

OH! MyGosh!

Olan and I, as 'newbies" to both rock hounding and the responsibilities of our titles Federation Director and Federation Delegate, were in for a grand surprise at Billings. All I can say is Oh! My Gosh!!!

In the previous report on the preceding page can see all the marvelous selections that kept us busy each day/evening. Doug True, Show Chairman and the Billings Gem and Mineral Club did a tremendous job of the program, arrangements and the FIELD TRIPS!! Rockhounds from most of the states and Canada attended. We found caring, wonderful, authentic people and made some new friends.

Bear Canyon Agate Field Trip

Bear Canyon agate seam and nodule specimens in the Pryor Mountains average 2 to 4 inches in size with each piece showing a new and exciting pattern and color.

A field trip like no other began on Monday, August 3. Cars began lining up at about 7AM. They kept lining up and lining up!! At 8:30 the huge caravan buzzed its way across the parking lot, on to Interstate 90, to Laurel, on to Highway 212, Highway 310, etc., to Bear Canyon Road (full directions are in the July, 2009 Rock and Gem Magazine). When the dust finally cleared, numerous cars unloaded and **240 field trip participants** descended/ascended upon and climbed to about 5,000 feet elevation in the Pryor mountains and found many Bear Canyon Agates. This has to be a record number of participations in any one field trip.

The agates are a joy to behold - from very tiny to larger ones. Nature is quite amazing. Indeed, safe to say this was rock finding heaven! There were many echoes up and down the mountain proclaiming the great finds. We can't wait to cut and polish our treasures.

If that wasn't enough - we were then treated to a barbecue at the site by the Billings Gem and Mineral Club. After the barbecue there was a tailgate exchange of rock and minerals. Again, what a fun time to share knowledge of rocks and minerals from across the United States and Canada.

Oh! Yes! There was a return trip before we returned to Walla Walla and guess what? We found a seam of the wonderful rock....bigger pieces....can't wait to cut these open!! And of course we will share directions and tips of how to find the agate. For you "fossil people" there are numerous locations in the area - sorry! time did not allow for us to explore - another day- another time.

Montana Agate Petrified Wood and Fossil Field Trip

Before Olan and I went on this trip we did research about the Montana Agate. The Nester family (father and sons) had a booth at the show displaying raw and finished agates. They have been "into agates" for over 40 years - so they are quite knowledgeable and readily shared their knowledge of how to find, cut, and polish the agates. Their show display of agates was amazing. Their booth, with finished jewelry pieces for sale, was quite beautiful and tempting.

I bought the book, "The River Runs North: A Story of Montana Moss Agate" by T. Harmon and read the book cover to cover. I then visited with T. Harmon and again his kindness and willingness to share about the prized agate was greatly appreciated. Olan and I felt like we kinda knew what we were looking for.

Wednesday August 5, Miles City Montana - again the cars kept lining up and lining up! This time there were 140 rock hounds in, around and on the gravel bars of the Yellowstone River. We sloshed in the water, washed rocks and looked carefully for the Montana agate. We found a few - but ,nature, a river that was quite full and rocks covered with dirt made finding the agate allusive.It is best to look after a "gully washer" and when the rocks are clean.

We did find a few agates and some beautiful wood.

We had fun watching adults and children hunting for the agates.

Again, this calls for a return trip.

Submitted by: Olan and Norma J. Long

Secretary's Report—August 11, 2009 Club Meeting Minutes –Sandy Kinsfather

President Tim Tiffin called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Welcome of Guests: We welcomed Rhonda Clark, a guest of Sandy Kinsfather.

General Meeting Minutes: Tim asked for a motion to approve the July General Meeting minutes. Sally Reed made a motion to approve them, it was seconded, we voted and it was carried.

Announcements: Tim asked if anyone is missing some silverware or utensils from the 2008 dinner or potluck. He has some that were left behind.

Jim Brain asked for a show of hands on how we liked the pictures in the Rock Licker. The club members showed approval or appreciation for them. Jim suggested that if anyone has pictures that they should give them to him for adding to the newsletter.

Fair exhibits: There are only 5 exhibits entered in the fair. Jim is looking for a Judge to judge the entries and he may call on one of the members.

Sunshine: Doug Anderson, a lifetime member of our club, is ill and he is at Regency. Our prayers are with him.

Trailer Update: Frank Vasconcelles did the work for the revisions on the trailer. Thank you, Frank! On Sunday, August 23 at 10:00 a.m., there will be a transfer or work party at Bill and Linda Stonecipher's place. For directions, call them. Bring a sack lunch.

Gem Show: The show is Sept. 12 and 13. Warren has the sign up sheets and applications for display cases. We need 12-18 people to unload the trailer on Friday. In the afternoon we fill the display

cases. We need a night watch person for Friday and Saturday night. We need about 12 volunteers each day for ½ days or full days. We have 14 dealers attending and Mark Armstrong will have a T-Rex head and a Saber Tooth tiger replica.

Promotion: David Walk has been working on the TV and radio advertising for the show. We will use the same banner for advertising, but only have the date changed. We are getting a new banner for the trailer. Warren is working on the posters to put around town. David said that starting on Sept. 8 there will be a commercial on TV, K-Wheat, and KUMA (free). There is an ad on our web site also. Click on the share button and send to friends.

On Saturday, Sept 12, there will be the Wheelin Weekend of Walla Walla. Our clubs will be helping each other. Warren will give a personal invitation to their club at their dinner Saturday night. The UB will have our ads in the paper for 4-5 days. Warren is asking the UB to take photos of the assembling of the T-Rex head on Friday.

For Sale: Sally Reed announced that she still has the magical rock saw available to be auctioned off. It has a 12 or 14-inch blade. Call Sally at 938-7048 for directions if you are interested. If she does not sell it, it will be sold for scrap iron.

Club Officer vacancies: President Tim Tiffin, Treasurer Randy Pierce, and Secretary Sandy Kinsfather will not be running for reelection next year. Bill Stonecipher and Jack Edwards will head the nominating committee for club officers. If interested in filling one of these positions, please let either one of them know.

Sept. Meeting: Our annual "Rock of the Year Contest" will take place. Members are encouraged to their best rock and gem finds for the year. First place winners and club favorites for adults and juniors will be displayed at the show in a showcase.

Show & Tell: Keith Bacus led out in the show n' tell. The letter of this month was "U". Linda Stonecipher showed limb casts with blue agate and thunder eggs. Keith showed an "unusually" shaped rock. Bud Rupe showed serpentine from Ukiah, petrified wood, and an "ugly" rock. Ralph Trethewey showed an "unexpected rock". They were yolks of thunder eggs. Larry Bennett showed seashell in rock, ulatite(?). Beth Huntley, Ashton, and Brenna showed "underground crystal's". Sally Reed showed uranium found in watch dials, and a little dollhouse lamp with uranium. She said that workers died of radiation poisoning from working with it.

Field Trips: Crystal Trip: Randy Pierce said the trip to Clarkia for the crystal dig is cancelled due to the fact that there is no one from the Idaho club who can lead the group to the crystal claim.

Raffle: Bill Stonecipher held the raffle with the help of many junior members. Some of the raffled items were ammonite, goggles and obsidian.

Program: Bruce Bennett, from Pasco, shared his knowledge of fossil fish by giving a nice demonstrative presentation. (See related article on Page 3 of this Rock Licker.)

We ended the meeting around 8:30 p.m.

Sandy Kinsfather

Secretary

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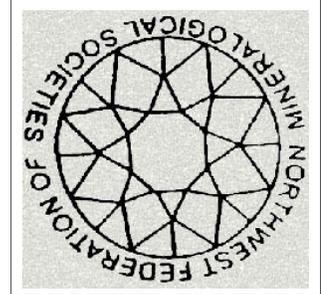
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The objective of the Society is to encourage the study of earth science through suitable programs, field trips, exhibits and other educational activities. People of all ages are welcome to join us. There are junior club activities for youth under the age of 17.

Regular club meetings are held the second Tues- day of each month (except July and December) at the Lions Club Field House on the corner of SE 8th St and SE Larch Ave. in College Place, WA. Both the Juniors club activities and general club meeting start at 6:30 pm.

Note: July is reserved for a club picnic and December is reserved for the Christmas party and potluck.