



# ROCK ROLLERS SPOKANE



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ROCK ROLLER MEETING

JUNE 22, 2010 TUES. 6:00pm  
 9517 E. 4<sup>th</sup> AVE.  
 SPOKANE, WA. 99206

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BOARD MEETING

JUNE 19, 2010 10:00am, Club House  
 9517 E 4<sup>th</sup> AVE.  
 SPOKANE, WA. 99206

NEWS TO EDITOR .....JULY 9TH

**BOARD MEETING – May 22, 2010**

Meeting was called to order by Joe DeField at 11:00am. Individual reports were not given at this meeting. **2011 SHOW:** Dennis Hicks checked out prices for fold up tables at Staples. \$106.00 each or \$69 each if 300 were ordered. Due to change of show date for 2011 two dealers (Maple Tree and Custom Crafts) will not be able to attend. When we know for sure how many decline, we will work on filling the vacant spaces.

**FACETING:** The faceting room will be locked as soon as we receive new machines. Leon Agee said he would set the machines up and instruct as to their use. A qualified team is required to teach and to back up teachers so we always have someone available.

**CABBING:** A qualified team is required in this area like the faceting area. More instruction for teachers and students is required for use of machines, particularly the diamond wheels. They are very expensive and are not lasting like they should. Parameters and guidelines need to be set up and enforced.

**WORK SHOP:** Is it necessary to have the shop open two nights a week during the summer? The membership will be polled at the next meeting.

**AUDIT:** It is the Board's opinion that we should have a professional audit of the books once a year.

**LIBRARY:** We need to consider ways of more security for the library to eliminate "lost books". The library needs to be locked up.

**RULES & BYLAWS:** A committee has been selected to review and revise the Bylaws to bring them up-to-date. The committee will be Joe DeField, Leon Agee, Mary Jane & Tom Brown, Marian & Don Knack, Gerry Pfeiffer, Dave Rapp.

**ADJOURNED:** 12:00pm.

Secretary Pro-Tem Marian Knack

ROCK ROLLERS GENERAL MEETING - May 25, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, David Rapp.

The pledge of allegiance was given.

The program, Hiking Muir's High Sierra Trail was presented by Andy Buddington, geologist at Spokane Community College.

Break for refreshments

There were 2 guests, 32 members, 3 juniors.

Scholarship drawing: Cyndie Doppler, the blue topaz. Krissanne Gray won the lemon quartz.

Robert Tomala the Cedar Clock. The junior drawing winner was Carson Jones.

Marian Knack won the adult drawing.

May minutes were approved as read.

Treas. Report was given—Bev Bockman.

Scholarship Letter from EWU thanking the club for the donation to the Scholarship fund in memory of Helen Steel.

Mineral council report by Krissanne Gray. Nothing new to report— went to Ellensburg rock shop.

Leon Agee gave the Federation report.

Show Chairman Gerry Pfeiffer -said next show board meeting is scheduled for June 12<sup>th</sup> at 10 am

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Library – Marian Knack— book on Meteorites was purchased.

Missing Book-- Book on Agates. The cost of the book is \$140.00!!!

Old business: The locks are scheduled to be changed on the faceting room once the new machines are installed. The cleaners will need the key for that area.

Special thanks to Mike Shaw and Krissanne for their assistance on the field trip to Naches. Krissanne and Mike said they would be willing to be Field Trip Chairs for 2011.

The Web Site: www. Rockrollers.org. is up and running.

Equipment--: the motor on one saw went out and will cost approx.\$150.00 +tax to repair. Motion made to upgrade the 80 grit wheel to a 1 hp motor.(Trade-in if possible.)

The motion was seconded and passed.

Several mystery rocks were brought by Dale Jensen, Dave Rapp and Vic Cooper, for Identification.

Hospitality: ..Report on Jim Cotant: On May 20, Jim entered hospital and is on Life Support.

As of today, Tues. 25<sup>th</sup> we will be kept informed. Decision will be made.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Ortiz, Secretary.

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*WE SAID GOODBYE TO Jim Cotant on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy,  
A friendship shared , a laugh, a kiss,  
Ahh yes these things I too will miss.  
[from Messenger]*

*Sept. 4, 1925 --- May 25, 2010*

Jim was a Rock Roller for 36 years.

He was our friend, a worker, and if needed he was there. He served as President, and other chairs. Three times Chairman of the Gem and Mineral Show.

Jim traveled to the grade schools giving slide shows and talks about Gems and Minerals. Arrange for students to visit the Gem Show on Fridays each year. He taught classes each week at the club. Always ready to help.

Jim will be greatly missed.

In 1941 Jim entered the U.S. Marine Corp [age 15] and was recommended for a Good Conduct Medal. He belonged to the Moose Lodge for many years.

Our condolences to the family!

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The Program of the May meeting, Hiking Muirs High Sierra Trail, Presented by Andy Buddington,, was excellent. The John Muir Trail was completed in 1878, 211 miles. Beautiful Slides of the National Parks, Lakes, Mountains, Canyons, Valleys, the effect of the Glaciers.

[It was not feasible to write about all the above places on the Trail]



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**FIELD TRIP -- JULY -- July 10<sup>th</sup> Meet at Burlington Coat Factory. 7:30 am**  
**Contact June Robbins** for more information. Ph 599-6694

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#### **BOOK REVIEW FOR ROCKHOUNDS:**

**Rockhounding Idaho, A Falcon Guide, 2010 by Garret Romaine; Helena, MT: Falcon Guides, x+254pp, octavo, paperbound, numerous black and white illustrations and maps cover almost a hundred sites; ISBN 978-0-7627-4812-9. Ret.\$16.95**

Emerald Creek is certainly here, but lots more easily-accessible spots in the Gem State are detailed. GPS details are there for all spots, with advice on tools, accommodations in the neighborhood, suggestions on whether taking in pets is acceptable, etc. Appendixes detail clubs in state, rock shops, etc. though some of the latter is outdated. Most larger book stores should have this, and no doubt it can be ordered on-line.

\_\_\_\_\_ submitted by James Finckbone, RR & NIMC

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#### **HINTS**

**To Clean Fern Fossils --** do not use wax, shellac, varnish, lacquer or spray plastic. These cannot readily be removed and destroy forever the fine surface detail. Museums use yellow dextrin. Mix a tiny bit of the dextrin with water to the color of tea and paint it on the fern itself, not the matrix. Get yellow dextrin, not white. [from Petrograph 4/89/ Via Glacial Drifter 4/10]

**To Clean Pyritized Fossils --** don't soak, but just dip a toothbrush in #2 Sparer solution and scrub very carefully. Muriatic acid sometimes ruins this type of fossil.

[from Breccia 8/99 / via Moroks Newsletter 3/2 -- Via Glacier Drifter 4/10]

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**FYI -** Did you know that in Australia they are using **TREES to find GOLD?** Trees naturally break down the soil and absorb the minerals into their trunk, branches, bark, and leaves...including gold. A three year research project by the Curtin University is working on identifying areas to mine by looking at the trees. Deep rooted plants and trees like the eucalyptus, mulga and spiniflex grass is being studied. For more info., visit [www.sciencewa.net.au](http://www.sciencewa.net.au).

Submitted by Sharon Griswald [Pegmatite 1-10]]

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**BOUNCE FABRIC SOFTNER:** The fabric softener *Bounce* wipes up sawdust created during drilling or sandpapering. A used sheet of *Bounce* will collect sawdust like a Tack cloth. [from Rock Rattler 2/02, via Breccia 2/02 Via Carny Hound 3/10]

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#### **TURRITELLA SHELLS**

Twenty to thirty millions years ago, small turritella shells were laid down on an ancient seafloor at the foot of the Wind River Range in what us now Wyoming. These tiny spiral shells then solidified to form a compact mass pressed into very thin slabs. When sliced, the black jasper-like matrix highlights the unique beauty of these agatized fossils. If you want to hunt for Turritella agates, you'll have to hike the country roads and trails around Superior and Wamsutter, Wyoming, as the gems are found nowhere else in the world.

By ES Wengered-- via Gem Cutter News, 11/5, Via Breccia 11/8, Via Pegmatite 1/10]

FYI -- some naturalists believe that the turritella agate is really not from the genus turritella but from the very similar genus *Elimia tenera* of the family Pleuroceridae.

Hey, it's been twenty to thirty million years, what do you think? [Pegmatite

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