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ROCK ROLLER MEETING

Tuesday, September 27, 2011, 6:00pm  
9517 E 4<sup>th</sup> Ave  
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Juniors 6:00pm, Tuesday, September 27

BOARD MEETING

Saturday, September 24, 10:00am  
9517 E 4<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Spokane, WA 99206  
News to editor by October 10

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**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES – August 20, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Rapp at 10:00 AM.

**Scholarship:** The next scholarship drawing will be held at the September meeting.

**Treasurer:** Treasures report given by Bev Bockman.

An audit of the financial books was completed by Glynis Hull, Teri Pratt and Dave Rapp; everything is in order.

A voucher is needed for a cash pay out/reimbursement, forms are available upon request.

**Bulletin:** submissions for next issue are due by Sept 6.

**Mineral council:** will meet Sept 24<sup>th</sup> in Ellensburg, watch for a report at next months general meeting.

**Field Trips:** see bulletin board for up coming trips, including Jim Creek and Red Top.

**Shop report:** We are replacing some Genie wheels, they have gotten a lot of use with our high turn out of club members.

**Old business:** continue to collect stamps for our combined efforts with the NMFS to fight cancer.

**Operating procedures:** committee is working on updates.

**ALAA:** update to be given at the general meeting.

**Show Board:** it was decided to have three dealers not return. Three new dealers were selected to replace and fill the existing openings for the 2012 show.

Sept 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM will be the next Board meeting.

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – August 23, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by President David Rapp at 6:00 PM.

Next scholarship drawing will be held at the general meeting in September. Mildred Scheel's name was drawn for a preliminary scholarship drawing for a bag of polished garnets donated by David Rapp.

The meeting was temporarily adjourned for our program: a video "Those Fabulous Thundereggs."

**Attendees:** Thirty-three members and three guests in attendance, no juniors.

**Door Prize:** won by Sandra Phoenix.

**Business meeting:**

No prior minutes to approve since last meeting was the picnic.

**Treasurers report:** Bev Bockman - we continue to be in good financial standing.

**Correspondence:** Cari Thrapp - A thank you card was read from Jim Barter.

Bulletin submissions need to be given to Becky Gillespie no later than Sept 12.

**Committee Reports**

**NFMS:** meeting was attended by Dennis Hicks, report to follow.

**Mineral council:** Mike Shaw - no report until after the meeting in September.

**Show chair report:** Mike Shaw - continuing to work towards the 2012 show. Plan for a show board meeting in September

**Field trips:** see the bulletin board for a list of trips.

**ALAA:** Bev Bockman - Utah has started an organization called "Take back Utah" to open lands back up for rockhounding. Montana is also starting a similar organization. The ALAA also reminds people that a Recreational Permit is needed to rock hound in Montana, at a fee of \$100 for a group over 20. Doug

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**REFRESHMENTS – Kathleen Govett**

Thank you to the following:

For providing the August's meeting refreshments: Donna Cave and Jim McDaniel (Who were unable to attend the meeting but dropped off chips and dip, and veggies and dip), Jim Barter for his delicious homemade cookies, Lois Tucker's scrumptious brownies, Perry and Sue Gulsvig for sharing his great Birthday Cake, and Kathleen Govett for her Lime Freezes.

For signing up to bring refreshments to our Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> meeting: Ron Gronkowski, Becky Gillespie, Ellen Krehbiel (& the guy who keeps following her around), Jeff Wasson, Dean McGill, and Sue Gulsvig.

How about some of you who have only eaten the snacks bringing something into one of these meetings?

**HOSPITALITY – Cyndie Doppler** member ill, etc.,?? Call Cyndie Doppler 216-5473.

**NORTHWEST FEDERATION ANNUAL MEETING – Dennis Hicks**

Federation report from the NFMS 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting in Chehalis.

Several by-laws changes were proposed and changed, these were mostly operational.

One point of interest is the creation of a committee within the NMFS to establish the NW Rockhound Retreat as a permanent committee.

Committee reports were completed. Some of the reports included:

Financial report: The NFMS is secure financially with a strong endowment fund. Donations and trusts from members contribute to the fund

Circulation: The NFMS is working on electronic download of the newsletter

Directory: It was overwhelmingly favored to keep the member directory. It is each person's responsibility to keep a current address with their club and the club will submit your information annually for the directory.

Field trips: Permits are required for use of public lands, this includes BLM and USFS.

Historian: The NFMS welcomes information for the society and encourages each club to get a local historian for their club.

Juniors: Federation is looking for a new Junior's director.

Rock Hound of the Year: Each club should nominate a person or persons for this every year.

Stamps: Continue to collect stamps to raise money for cancer programs. The NFMS may start being their own used stamp dealer: Stay tuned.

Judging school: The AFMS judging school has moved to Reno, NV, to be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in May. Anybody can attend.

Please look on the NFMS website for more details on the above report. [www.amfed.org/nfms](http://www.amfed.org/nfms)

**FIELD TRIPS – Mike Shaw**

We've had a pretty good field trip season so far, and our collections are getting larger and larger. As I write this, we just returned from the trip to Jim Creek near Ione. We collected some beautiful specimens of Galena and Pyrite on quartz. Dean McGill, who used to work in a galena mine, said it was very high grade Galena ore. On the way up we stopped just outside Usk where Dean had found some fluorescent material in a cliffside. We also found some blue agate and white agate in seams. The fluorescent material glows an orange/pink hue under a black light.

*Galena Ore**Treasures from Redtop Mountain*

We're looking forward to our trip to Redtop Mountain for thundereggs on the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of September. We have some good driving and dig site directions from Karen Snyder (who gave our wire wrapping classes and is from that area). The Washington Mineral Council will be sponsoring this trip, so can expect more expertise from them, I'm sure. I have one Redtop thunderegg that I'll put on Facebook. It's the only one I've found and I think it's great, but the old-timers in the club look at it and console me, telling me there's really nice stuff up there.

The Little Naches thunderegg trip is coming up, too. The wonderful beauty of the area and wildlife make this a nice collecting trip. The thundereggs aren't as nice as some, but plentiful. The Washington State Mineral Council also sponsors this trip. They'll meet at the Enumclaw Ranger Station at 9 AM on September 16<sup>th</sup>. I'll post a photo on Facebook of one of these thundereggs, also.

### **UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS – Mike Shaw**

Our next field trip on October 1<sup>st</sup> will be a day trip to Red Marble Quarry for magnesite, and to Edna Mine for copper specimens of azurite and malachite (low quality but pretty), peacock ore and quartz with silver veins. Fun stuff!. We'll also stop at Keystone quarry for some serpentine with cubic pyrite inclusions. A busy day! We'll meet at the North Division Rosauers at 8 AM near the Goodwill Van.

There are some good ideas for future field trips coming in. Jackie and Spenser McGarvey just returned from the West side and found a great quartz crystal dig site near Snoqualmie Pass. Dean showed us the new area by Usk with agate and fluorescent Calcite. Mike Furner knows John Hinkle, featured in the DVD we saw at the August meeting, who guides people on Ochoco Thunderegg hunts near Prineville, Oregon. If we got down that far, there's a huge number of collecting sites.

I hope everyone that has a computer is at least looking at our Facebook site, as pictures and updates are going to be put there a lot. We'll put everything in the newsletter also, but space constraints and deadlines make pictures and late breaking updates impossible. It's not a replacement for the newsletter, just a supplement. And as always, feel free to call me with any questions or suggestions you may have. If MOM answers, hang up fast!

### **SENIOR CITIZEN LIMITED INCOME PASS**

Here is an alternative to the Discovery Pass that may be of some interest to our members. It is a pass for those 62 and over with an annual income of \$35,000 or less. It allows you to use any state land without a Discovery Pass, camp for half price, and launch boats free. It doesn't cover DNR or WDFW (Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife) lands. The online application is at:

<http://www.parks.wa.gov/publications/other/Senior%20citizen%20limited%20income%20pass%20application.pdf>

Information is available at: <http://www.parks.wa.gov/passes/>

**ALAA – WHO ARE WE AND WHAT IS OUR PURPOSE? – Bev Bockman**

The association is a 501(c)(4) (non-profit) organization which means that all moneys raised by the association can go toward lobbying activity. Donations and memberships to ALAA are not tax-deductible.

The purpose of the association is to promote the use of public and private lands for educational and recreational purposes; and to carry the voice of all amateur collectors and hobbyists to our elected officials, government regulators and public land managers.

ALAA has become an organization that is present wherever there are hobbyist and recreational users of our public lands whose interests and concerns are not being heard or are being jeopardized by proposed policy, regulation or legislation at the local, state and federal level.

The association has also formed working relationships with many other organizations fighting for multiple use of public lands including the Blue Ribbon Coalition as well as treasure hunters, metal detector operators, fishing and hunting enthusiasts, and mining and timber interests, and ranchers. With this network of contacts, the association reaches into many states and into Congressional Districts all over the country. This network provides a swift and effective response to issues brought to our attention.

On another level, many officers, directors and members of the association are developing ongoing working relationships with local, state and federal officials and legislators. This network provides us with immediate access to and an impact on many proposals for changing regulations, policy or legislation before they become set in the concrete of implementation. We are putting up our own Resource Advisory Committee nominees to be part of the BLM decision making process. And have been successful in several western states, with more proposed.

ALAA is also there when there are proposals made for expanding federal closures of land through Wilderness and National Monument legislation.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO CONTINUE OUR STRUGGLE TO PROTECT PUBLIC LANDS FOR THE PUBLIC TO WHOM THEY BELONG! ADD YOU VOICE TO OURS!

See more at <http://www.amlands.org/> and <http://www.amfed.org/ALAA.htm>

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**2012 EWU SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

Here are two letters of thanks from this years recipients of the Rock Rollers Endowed Scholarship, first from Dan Albrecht:

Dear Donors of the Rock Roller Scholarship,

My name is Dan Albrecht and I would like to thank you for the scholarship that you have set up here at Eastern Washington University. I have received this scholarship and it helped me pay for my Field Camp experience, which was a great and invaluable experience.

I am an Environmental Science and Geology double major here at EWU and I will be graduating with honors after fall quarter. I am not certain what I want to do after college although my Field Camp experience has me excited about finding a job in the geology field.

I would like to find a job around the Spokane area, as I really do like it her, although I know that I will have to go where I can work. That is one of the reasons that make this scholarship so important to me because it is local people helping local students, which I would like to do sometime in my life. It also helped me immensely as I lost my loans after my freshman year of college and had to work my way through the last four years. It was tough to afford Field Camp’s fees but this scholarship was a nice reprieve from worrying about finances.

I cannot thank you enough,

Dan Albrecht

And the letter from David Decker:

To the Donors of the Rock Rollers Scholarship:

Thank you for the field camp scholarship, and for your continued support for the EWU geology program. Field camp was an enlightening experience for me, and I am eager to begin my career in geology. Now that I am done with this camp, I have taken all the classes I needed for my degree; I am double-majoring in environmental science and geology.

I decided to major in geology based on hand samples: the sensation of holding pieces of the earth and knowing how they formed captivated me at first. However, as I continued in my studies, I realized that geology is a summation of all the physical sciences: chemistry, biology and physics all having their part in it. It also includes my lifelong interests in environmental issues and geography, bringing them into a new context.

From here, I plan to seek a career involving either hard-rock geology, such as in mining, or geochemistry. Minerals fascinate me and continue to be my favorite part of geology, so I hope I can continue to work with them as I seek after career opportunities.

Once again, thank you for what you have given me and for how you have helped many others like me over the years. Field camp was quite a challenge, but now that I have finished it, I can say that I truly enjoyed it, and I hope that more people will be able to have the same opportunity as I had in the future.

Sincerely,

David Decker

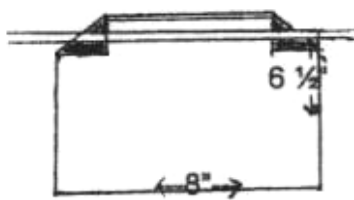
### **GRAB BAGS FOR SHOW**

Please start sewing grab bags and tumbling rocks to fill them for the 2012 Show. We need at least 2000 filled bags!

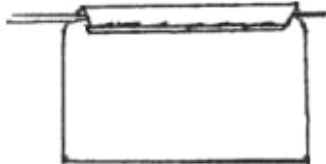
There are handouts of these instructions at the clubhouse:

Cut out material 8" wide X 6 ½" Long  
Cut a cord about 16" long of yarn

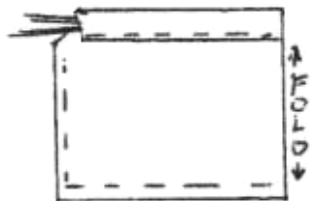
### GRAB BAGS HOW TO



Fold corners 1 ½" by 1 ½", then FOLD top ¼", place cord at top




Fold top over cord about ¼" and stitch, being careful not to stitch cord.



Fold in half and stitch bottom and side, careful not to stitch cord into seam

Then turn right side out

Knot ends of cord to avoid raveling



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Oct 7-9 Clallam Co Gem & Mineral Assoc  
Oct 8-9 Marysville Rock & Gem Club  
Oct 8-9 Billings Gem & Mineral Club  
Oct 15 Eureka Rock & Gem Club  
Oct 15-16 Hells Canyon Gem Club  
Oct 22-23 Clackamette Mineral & Gem  
Oct 22-23 Bellevue Rock Club

Boys & Girls Club, Sequim, WA  
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Billings Hotel & Convention Center, Billings, MT  
Senior Citizen Center, Mountain Home, ID  
Nez Perce Co Fairgrounds, Lewiston, ID  
Clackamas Co Fairgrounds, Canby, OR  
Vasa Park, Bellevue, WA

(for more information see NFMS Newsletter <http://www.amfed.org/nfms/nwnews/nw091.pdf>)



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