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ROCK ROLLER MEETING MARCH 23, 2010 TUES. 6:00pm Juniors 6:15 PM
9517 E. 4th AVE SPOKANE, WA. 99206

BOARD MEETING MARCH 20. 2010 SAT. 1 0:00am

BOARD MEETING Minutes - Feb. 20, 2010

Discussed New Sign for Club House

Discussed Club Colors

MEETING OF THE ROCK ROLLERS CLUB ON FEB 23, 2010

Meeting was called to order by Joe De Fields. The Pledge of allegiance was recited. The minutes were approved from the last meeting.

For the Program tonight David Rapp Introduced a display case of cabochons, he asked, "What was wrong with the case?" Problems with the case included:

1. Liner dirty.
2. Tops of the stones not even
3. Stones of the flat areas were not balanced
4. Stones were not labeled, Labels need to be large print & Bold, Correct Spelling for Stones
5. Must not have finger Prints on the Stones
6. The glass was not Clean
7. Too many Stones
8. Use Stands to display Stones

David spoke about the Competition cases. Areas he addressed were as follows;
Nothing to fear/ Judges' score cards/ Competition points, Quality, Variety of Material, Showmanship, Workmanship, Rarity of Stones, Labeling, Originality of Design, Variety of Work.

The Club had two visitors, Mike Judy and Larissa Kerr

Drawings:

The 3 month Scholarship drawings were won by Cari Thrapp, Marilyn Reed & Bev Bockman. The Door Prize drawing was won by Jim Cotant. The Jr. Drawing was won by Spencer.

One change on the bulletin needed made, it was modified.

Correspondence was a thank you card from Jackie Westegaard,

Change of address for the Yakima Club, Material from the Yakima club, regarding their show in April
Request form the Salvation Army for a Donation, Various Leaflets and Brochures.

The Treasurer's Report was given.

Federation Directors report stated end of year meeting is on September 17-18-19 **at the time of the Portland Regional Show in Hillsboro. OR.**

Items for the Bulletin are due by March 5th•

Field Trip Report was given by June Seidel. There will be 9 trips, 4 overnight trips, & 5day trips.

Show board Report was given. The Show will be held at the Spokane County Fairgrounds March 11th, 13th, 14th. There will be a potluck dinner for the working club members and the vendors 5:30p.m.on Thurs. evening. Dishes will be needed. Trucks will be needed at the club house by 8:00a.m. on March 9th. Club members wear your work badges at all times at the show. Help is needed at the show. Marion Knack needs to train additional helpers. June Seidel and Jackie McGarvy volunteered.

A Motion was made to sell all of our old lapidary journals. It was 2nd discussed and passed. New Business the past Presidents plaques were presented and accepted. A Motion was made 2nd and discussed to make a new permanent sign for the front door of the club house. The color of the sign will be yellow letter on a black background. It will be a 2x3 sign. It was voted on and passed.

The next executive meeting will be Saturday March 20th at 10:00a.m. at the club house .

Submitted by Janet Ortiz, secretary

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Since I am writing this before the show I know we will have a very good show and when you read this you will know who worked hard. They will be the happy and tired ones. Normally approximately 35 people carried the weight of the show. Thanks to all who worked to have a great show!

I am asking all members to be more involved this year at monthly programs & business meeting, field trips and especially work and plan to share your collection in a display case for next years show.

Lets go the extra effort to involve our new member or visitors and especially include them in our circle of friends.

Joe DeField, President

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Rockhounds are the only people on earth who are happy, when they are down in the dumps.

Submitted by Joe DeField from Lap Journal

**PROGRAM -- David Rapp**

For the March program we'll have a potluck to celebrate our successful show. The club will furnish chicken [fried and baked], beverages, and paper products and utensils. Please bring a hot dish, salad or dessert to add to the entree. For those that signed up to bring snacks please bring them to the meeting in April.

We will have a report about the rock show as part of the program. Also bring a favorite rock to show and tell [bring and brag]. There will be another mystery rock on display to identify.

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HOSPITALITY -- Cindy Doppler ph 216-5473 If you know a member is ill etc. call Cindy so members can send cards if they wish.

We received word about Lifetime member Elaine Wilponen. She was living in Helena, Mt. And when her son Don passed away to cancer she moved to live with her son Keith and family in Clarkston, Wa. last September. Elaine also had cancer and ended treatments in Dec. Then injured her hip and had a hip replacement the first part of March. Get well!

Elaine Wilponen, 1583 Poplar St., Clarkston, Wa. 99403

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**MEMBERSHIP—Marian Knack** ph 926-6444

**SCHOLARSHIP—David Rapp**

110 - tickets were sold for our last 3 month scholarship drawing. Thank you so much for your support. The donation from our scholarship raffles really helps to enhance the Rock Rollers endowment at EWU for geology students.

The drawing in May will be for a beautiful cedar clock donated by Jim and Bonnie Cotant as well as a faceted lemon quartz [synthetic] gem stone donated by an anonymous donor. May will also be the time when the beautiful blue topaz is drawn for. This has been a 12 month prize and was generously donated by Leon and Bonnie Agee.

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LAPIDARY CLASS -- Jim Cotant ph 534-1746 Mon - Tues 6:00 pm

FACETING CLASS -- Joe De Field ph 328-2920 1st & 3rd Tues.— Ea. Mon. 6:00pm

From Show Board committee: A big THANKS to all those that tumbled stones and sewed grab bags and also those that helped fill the bags. Without all this help ?????

NAME BADGES -

If anyone wants to order a plastic name badge, please do so at the March meeting. They are \$8.15 and must be paid in advance. See Marian Knack - -- ph 926-6444

NORTHWEST NEWSLETTER Feb 2010

NFMS MID-YEAR MEETING - Apr. 17,2010, Kennewick, Wa. [see pg 3]

TRI-FED. FIELD TRIP -- Memorial Day Weekend, May 29-31, 2010 - Blue Forest, Wyoming

NORTHWEST ROCKHOUND RETREAT, Sept. 6-12, 2010, Hancock Field Station, Fossil, OR.

NFMS Convention and Annual Meeting, Sept.. 17-19,2010

Washington Co. Fairgrounds in Hillsboro, Oregon [More information on Pages 4,6, & 11]

NORTHWEST SHOWS

Apr. 10-11 Seigms Gem & Min., Bannock Co. Fairgrounds, Pocatello, Id.

Apr. 10-11 Mt. Baker Rock & Gem, Bloedel-Donovan Park, Bellingham, Wa.

Apr.17-18 Lakeside Gem & Min. Benton Co. Fairgrounds, Kennewick, Wa.

Apr.17-18 Yakima Rock & Min., Central Wa. State Fairgrounds, Yakima, Wa.

Apr. 17-18 Idaho Falls Gem & Min. Soc., Idaho Falls Recreation Center, Idaho Falls, Id.

Apr.24-25 Grays Harbor Gem & Geology Soc., Gray's Harbor Co. Fairgrounds, Elma, Wa.

May 1-2 West Seattle Rock Club, Alki Masonic Temple, Seattle, Wa.

[for more information consult your Northwest Newsletter, or access through

www.amfed.org/nfms

WASHINGTON MINERAL COUNCIL -- THE COUNCIL REPORTER Feb. 10, 2010

Page 4,6, 7. -- WSMC BY-LAWS -- There will be a copy on the Bulletin Board at the club.

Daffynition - - LAPIDARY -- Someone who grinds their fingernails, sands their knuckles and polishes their vocabulary while doing the same thing to a piece of stone.

[Submitted by June Seidel]

FACTS ABOUT DIAMONDS - Flawless emeralds are very rare and are about twice as costly as diamonds of the same size. Rough diamonds found in river beds have a peculiar greasy appearance and are recognized only by experts. Diamonds will burn readily in oxygen gas, giving a brilliant light. Green diamonds, or diamonds with green lights are very rare and costly. Antwerp, Belgium has found that ordinary yellow diamonds when exposed to radium emanation can be converted into "green" diamonds. A point as referred to in gem weight is a one hundredth part of a carat. A carat is divided into 100 parts; a stone exactly one half carat therefore, would be said to 50 points. This point weight is used because few stones are exactly carat weight after cutting. [Source - The HY Grader - Via The Gemrock, 4/2008]

DID YOU KNOW ? - The fossilized trees that make up the Arizona Petrified Forest originally grew in a location about 100 miles away. They were part of an ancient forest of primitive Araucaria Pine. The trees were washed by floods into lower lying swamp land and were buried in the mud and silt so fast that trees from 6-8 feet in diameter were fossilized.

(The Trilobite—via the Gemrock 4/10)

Rock Rollers 2010 Field Trip-Schedule

Date	Location	Material to Collect
April 10 th or 11 th ?	Jim McGraff Quarry	Serpentine (cancelled)
April 11 th "	Stone rose—Republic	Fossils
May 15 th & 16 th	Naches	Thunder Eggs & Geodes
June 19 th	Kettle Falls	Agate & Aventurine
July 10 th & 11 th	First Creek— Ellensburg	Blue Agates & Geodes
August 14 th	Solo Creek—Priest River	Quartz Crystals
September 11 th	Evans Quarry	Fossils
September 25 th & 27 th	Rhodes Creek! Orofino, ID	Rose Red & Brown Garnets
October 9 th	Red Marble Quarry	Red Crystalline Magnesite
October 23 rd & 24 th	Chelan Lake	Garnets

Notes: Naches, First Creek, Rhodes Creek & Chelan Lake trips are all overnights with pot lucks on Saturday evening.

Field Trip to Solo Creek

September 12th was another beautiful day. Can you imagine any other kind when Rock Rollers have a field trip planned. I can't. It can't rain on rock hounds, can it?

We met the attendees of the trip to Solo Creek in the north east corner of the parking lot at Burlington Coat factory. Everyone who was driving that morning was there by 7:30 and we got on the road.

Our first stop was for gas and drinks on N. Division in Spokane. We didn't stop again until we reached Newport, where some of us got breakfast and others used the rest room. There was a very narrow door beside the woman's rest room and Krisanne decided that it was the rest room for our really thin friends and boy were we in trouble because none of us could fit through that door. After some joking about that, and waiting for every one to catch up, we got under way again.

The road was good and we had no trouble finding our way thanks to the map that I copied from the Panorama club's news letter (thanks Rex!). With maps in our hands we found the dig sites (after driving up and-down again) about 11:00am, where we met Mike Shaw and Kathleen Govett, who had driven to the area the previous evening. It was good to see them as we hadn't been able to contact Mike at all that morning. There are no cell phone towers in that area.

We all found something. Some were small. Some were bigger. The find of the day goes to Shirley Gossette's sister Brenda. Her piece was shaped like an X. It was really nice.

We also spotted some mushrooms. Some of us took some of those home that day also. Every one had a good time and a good trip.

Members attending this trip included; Tom and Debbie Klug, Janet Ortiz, June Seidel, Dean Mc Gill, Cari Thrapp, Mike Shaw, Kathleen Govett, Cindie Doppler, Krisanne Gray, Donna Herman, Shirley Gossette, her sister Brenda and Brenda's son Owen.

