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President's Message

Isn't the cooler weather nice? I'm hoping we can all fit in a few more trips this fall before the rains start.

Please extend your condolences to Marge Conley and her family for Pat Conley's passing. Ron Ridenour's grandson in-law also passed away recently. Our thoughts and prayers go out to them in this stressful time.

Unfortunately, even though we had two scholarship applicants, neither qualified for our scholarship. We will be exploring announcing its availability for the spring semester and a few other options. And, of course, we need your help in making sure students know of its availability and make an application. Therefore, in lieu of a presentation by a scholarship winner, Ilse has made arrangements to show a film about agates at our September meeting.

Also, please remember that our show is only six months away so keep on tumbling rocks and sewing bags and making items for the Wheel of Fortune. I turned in a grocery sack full of grab bags so we have a few more to fill for next year. They all sell out fast so we need your help in making sure we have a lot of tumbled rocks for the kids!

Are you working on your "Project of the Year?"

The field trip is to our Sunstones Claim but you will need to travel on your own down to the site. If you need a map and other directions, contact Tony. No workshop activity has been scheduled this month.

I have made arrangements for a Rock Sale at my house on September 20 for the remaining items from my neighbor (see directions, etc. inside) and I am offering this as an opportunity for club members to bring their rocks for sale also—with a 10% share for the Club. I will put in a Yard Sale announcement in the Idaho Press Tribune and the Idaho Statesman also.

Take care of yourself!

Catherine Parsons
President

**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB
GENERAL MEETING ♦
AUGUST 19, 2008**

President Cathy Parsons called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm. The prayer was led by Chris Blickfeldt.

Door prizes were won by Blayze Conley, the Francis sisters, Kylee, Heather Madsen, Tony Griffin, Chuck Marsh, Alexandria Hanson, Debbie Knudsen, Charles Osgood, and Barb Osgood.

Willa Renken moved and Ed Moser seconded that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as printed in the Grindings. The motion carried.

Mail included newsletters for neighboring clubs and they will be available in the Club library.

Tony Griffin provided the Treasurer's report as Kathy was still recuperating.

Willa Renken reported that the workshop is scheduled August 21.

Ed Moser reported on the junior's program and stated that he is working to obtain information and materials from the Federation. Coyote stated that she will start a new mineral identification class for the juniors.

Tony Griffin stated that they had a great field trip last month and will be going to the Silver City area again leaving on Saturday the 23rd at 8:00 am. The October field trip will be to Beacon Hill.

Charles Osgood reported that information has been sent to all Idaho gem clubs regarding our License plate efforts and a request for their support was included.

Cathy reported that the Bruce Markus yard sale is scheduled for August 30. The address and times are included in the Grindings.

Peggy Blickfeldt moved and Robert Turner seconded that Cathy Parsons continue to look into the costs and means of archiving our records. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Blickfeldt,
Acting Secretary*

**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB
BOARD MEETING ♦
SEPTEMBER 2, 2008**

Cathy Parsons, President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. The following Board members and officers were present: Cathy Parsons, President, Joe Nielsen, Ed Moser, Arlene Bailey, Twila Gallaher, Tony Griffin, and Terry Tomberlin. Board members Willa Renken and Ilse Schreiner were absent and excused. Guests present were Doug Renken and Ron Bailey.

Ed Moser moved and Joe Nielsen seconded that the minutes of the previous Board meetings be approved as printed in the Grindings. The motion carried.

There was no Secretary's report. Kathy Griffin gave the Treasurer's report.

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Terry Tomberlin reported on the Scholarship committee. Two applications have been received, but neither applicant had their major in Geology or a related field. Terry recommended that the scholarship not be given to either applicant. Ed moved to accept the recommendation of the scholarship committee. Tony Griffin seconded. The motion was approved.

Doug Renken reported that there would be no workshops this month. Ron Bailey reported that several individuals have expressed interest in the ROLE Program.

Tony Griffin gave the field trip report for the August field trip to the mine tailings on War Eagle Mountain near Silver City. Tony suffered an injury on Friday night prior to Saturday's field trip so Greg Voss of the Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society led the trip using maps supplied by Tony. Tony also reported on a flint knapping class that was held Friday, August 29th. The September field trip will be to the Club's sunstone claim near Plush, Oregon. This will be a non-caravan field trip.

Terry Tomberlin, Librarian, reported that club members have frequently requested the new books.

For the juniors, Ed reported that Doug Renken has been given the information needed for the Rocky Rattlers page of the IGC website. Ed has also received the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies program for juniors. In this program the juniors can earn merit badges on various areas of rocks and minerals. After earning 6 badges, they earn a patch. The workbooks for this will be ordered for each junior and his/her family that express a willingness to follow this program.

Arlene Bailey gave the Sunshine report. Sympathy cards were sent to the Ridenours and to Marge Conley and her family. Flowers were also sent for Pat Conley's funeral.

Cathy Parsons announced that she would be hosting a garage sale of Kelly Frederick's mineral collection on Saturday, September 20th.

The mineral displays that were once housed at the Capitol Building have been relocated to the Idaho Mining Museum and are reported to be in good shape.

After the motion at last month's general membership meeting, Cathy Parsons has done research on document preservation services and costs. As per the motion, the IGC records will now be scanned onto archival quality media.

Tony Griffin has added the interests, skills, and club interests as recorded on the membership application to the club roster and these are now sortable. If you are a committee chair and need help with your committee these interests and skills are now available. Contact Doug or Tony for a copy of this report.

The new members accepted into the IGC this month include Penny Dudley and the Daryl and Janine Habersetzer family.

Cathy Parsons appointed Ed Moser to head the nominating committee for this year. There are four positions that are up for election this year.

Tony moved for the meeting to be adjourned, Twila Gallaher seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Griffin
Acting Secretary*

In Remembrance



Patrick Conley

It is with great sadness we inform you of the loss of one of our great icons. Pat Conley passed away Monday, Aug. 26, 2008. Pat was born and raised in Minneapolis MN. As a young man he discovered the joys of rock hounding and was lucky enough to have a field full of Lake Superior agates to collect from, as we all know this makes the task of cleaning a field much more enjoyable. His sense of duty for his country drew him to join the Navy where he worked in radio and sonar on the Destroyer SSN T.E. Chandler until 1948. Pat's "best find" was in 1949 at the Raspberry Parade in Hopkins MN where he met Marge McGinty. He knew he had a keeper and convinced her to marry him in 1951. Together they shared many wonderful life experiences in raising their family and searching for their favorite rocks, petrified wood & agate.

In 1958 Pat & Marge discovered Idaho was a rock hound's paradise and made several trips until they could move here in 1963. They bought an old farm home on eight acres in Boise and he went to work for Western Conveyor & then Opal Harvester before starting his own business printing the manuals he designed for his customers throughout the Treasure Valley. Succor Creek was one of the first areas they explored after moving to the Treasure Valley. They would drive their car in as far as possible then hike in filling their packs as they went only to have to make the fated decision as to which beautiful specimen to leave until the next time. They became members of the Idaho Gem Club in 1964 after meeting up with the Coons who took them on many excursions.

In 1985 Pat built his dream home which is a beautiful earthen paradise. He designed it to be underground with a wonderful center skylight

which gives it a feeling of openness and affords some wonderful star gazing. As with all things Marge was right by his side in this endeavor and tells of driving the cat to move dirt onto the house after the concrete had cured enough to support the weight of the dirt. Pat loved to sail and in 1982 he and Marge took the first of 11 Windjammer Cruises in the Caribbean, the last one was in 2001 to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Despite his failing health Pat always approached life with a can do attitude and never let much keep him from enjoying the small pleasures he found in his art, be it carving or simply cutting a rock to see what was inside. We will miss our friend and share in the loss of one so dedicated to finding the beauty in the earth around us.

*In loving memory
Willa Renken*

Rock Washing Party

We will once again have a rock washing party for the silent auction rock. There was some rock in the storage unit that was not able to be washed and sorted last year. The date for the rock washing party is Saturday September 27th at 9:00 am. It will be held at 12843 S. Five Mile Rd. Kuna. This is the same place we washed the rocks last year. The club will provide hot dogs and hamburgers and something to drink for all who show up and work.

Thank You

I want to thank you for the beautiful flowers at Pat's funeral and the condolences. Pat was a rockhound to the end; on Friday the 22nd he wanted to see the petrified wood Doug had cut for him.

Many Thanks, Marge and Family

September Program

The program for September will be a video on agates from the federation.

*Ilse Schreiner
Programs Chair*

August Field Trip Report – War Eagle Mountain near Silver City & Flint Knappers Class

There were nine participants on this field trip led by Greig & Marie Voss, Owyhee Gem Club members. Greig said they spent about a half-hour at the Oro Fino tailings then went on to other locations finding similar crystals at each location.

It was reported "Afterthought Mine" has earth moving equipment on their premises. Looks like they are getting ready or have already started mining again.

Marie Voss found quite a few partial crystals and one nice 1½ inch by ¾ inch well-formed crystal. Dennis Walker found the specimen piece for the day, a nice calcite. See his find as well as other crystals collected on Marie's Photo Bucket site: <http://s68.photobucket.com/albums/i40/snwdreams/Orofino%20Trip/>

There are numerous places to explore in and around Silver City. Mine tailings are abundant, as are adits (open pits to a mine) that can be a hazard. Be careful when exploring around any of these mines or adits.

Greig & Marie also hosted the Flint Knappers class at their home in Caldwell on Friday, August 29th. Cecil Coon, from Burns, Oregon, has been collecting and chipping obsidian since he was a young boy. His Dad would take Cecil along with him on trips where he could look for artifacts and learn how to chip arrowheads. This has been a life long obsession and hobby for Cecil and his son Emory.

Cecil taught seven of us from both OGMS & IGC how to spall a biface from chips knocked off larger pieces of obsidian. Spall means to reduce or remove small chips. Biface is a stone artifact flaked on both faces.

A biface is an artifact that Paleo-Indians would carry instead of a large heavy piece of obsidian, chert, agate, basanite, or more modern with glass, and johnny stone. They would chip off a piece of the biface when an arrowhead, scraper, spear point, or other sharp stone implement was needed.

All of Cecil's flintknapping tools are Paleo-tools, rock hammer stones; moose, deer, and elk antlers; sandstone for abrading the edge of obsidian. These are all ones that Indians would have used before white men came along with steel and copper implements.

After a couple hours of instruction and examples we were able to start making little rocks out of bigger rocks. Just think, we paid to learn how to do this, we could have learned for free at the State Pen. Cecil told stories and explained why and how things were done. Occasionally, he would debunk a prevalent archaeological theory about the size or use of an arrowhead or tell us his theories of Indian life. He is quite entertaining and very knowledgeable about Paleo-Indians and their artifacts.

We all discovered muscles are needed to correctly chip an arrowhead. It's easy to break a chip off the piece your making, but to get a nice long flake takes practice and perseverance. By lunchtime we had each produced something resembling an arrowhead. By the end of the day we were sore, educated, and had something nice to show for our efforts. See Marie's website for photos of our day: <http://s68.photobucket.com/albums/i40/snwdreams/Flintknapping%20Class/>

One interesting and sometimes painful occurrence happened, we had all these little red spots show up on our hands, wrists, face, and ankles. No one cut a vein or severed any tendons, but we all had little cuts from flakes either from our own chipping or the person next to us sending off a nice flake in our direction. It's a good thing we all had safety glasses, and leather pads or gloves.

Cecil is an excellent instructor, if any have the opportunity to take a class from him you will be well taught and entertained. Many thanks to Cecil and we hope for additional classes from him in the future.

Thanks to Greig and Marie Voss for hosting this class, for helping to make this day a success, to the class members who have been educated and hopefully have a greater appreciation for the tools that Paleo-Indians made and used

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



SEPTEMBER

9/4 Roy Bethel
 9/5 Steve Hetherington
 9/7 Diane Friel
 9/12 Sue Witschen
 9/12 Myrtle Trevithick
 9/16 Dana Robinson
 9/16 Robin Solt
 9/17 Tom Smith
 9/18 John Stillinger
 9/19 Chuck Marsh
 9/20 Clarence Trebilcock
 9/20 Ray Harshman
 9/28 Robert Deonier
 9/30 Les Murray

September Birthstones
Faceted - Sapphire
Cabochon - Lapis Lazuli

OCTOBER

10/1 Kathy Menten
 10/6 Dick Reed
 10/7 Chris Cox
 10/9 Cindy Woolsey
 10/10 Dennis Cockerham
 10/12 Jacan Habersetzer
 10/13 Larry Tomberlin
 10/22 Jim Dillion
 10/22 Betty Trebilcock
 10/22 Bryce Dethlefs
 10/22 Michael Eastlick
 10/24 Leroy Castle
 10/26 Christopher Griffin
 10/28 Sue Clark
 10/28 Allan Young
 10/29 Sandy Johnson
 10/30 Larry Bybee
 10/30 Chuck Murphy

October Birthstones
Faceted — Tourmaline
Cabochon — Opal

Welcome New Members

Penny Dudley
P.O. Box 1974
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(208) 331-2646

Daryl & Janine Habersetzer Family
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DATES TO REMEMBER

GENERAL MEETING:
3rd. Tuesday of every month
 September 16, 2008
 Church of the Brethren
 2823 N. Cole Road, Boise, Idaho
 Meeting Starts at 7:30 pm.

BOARD MEETING:
1st. Tuesday of every month
 October 7, 2008
 Church of the Brethren
 2823 N. Cole Road, Boise, Idaho
 Meeting Starts at 7:30 pm.

September Refreshment Committee

Chair: Twila Gallaher 853-6703
 Jim Jenks 250-0287
 Nancy & Dick Reed 362-1102

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

Need approximately 15 dozen cookies. Wrapped door prizes are also needed. Arrive early enough to set up the chairs. The chairperson brings the coffee urn, coffee, punch, cream, sugar, cups and napkins. Afterward, put meeting tables & chairs away, clean kitchen and sweep the room. Gather and take all the trash with you. Don't forget it is the responsibility of the chair for the coming month to pick up the coffeepot, take it home and bring it the next meeting.

October Refreshment Committee

Chair: Richard & Sue Clark 336-6930
 Jim Storey 376-0044
 Jean Dingley 377-2713
 Jim & Belle Witt 362-6042

IDAHO GEM CLUB SEPTEMBER FIELD TRIP

Sunstone Claim Field Trip

What: We'll be collecting sunstones. Most specimens will be found in hard matrix, so expect to do some digging.

When: 20th and 21st September 2008

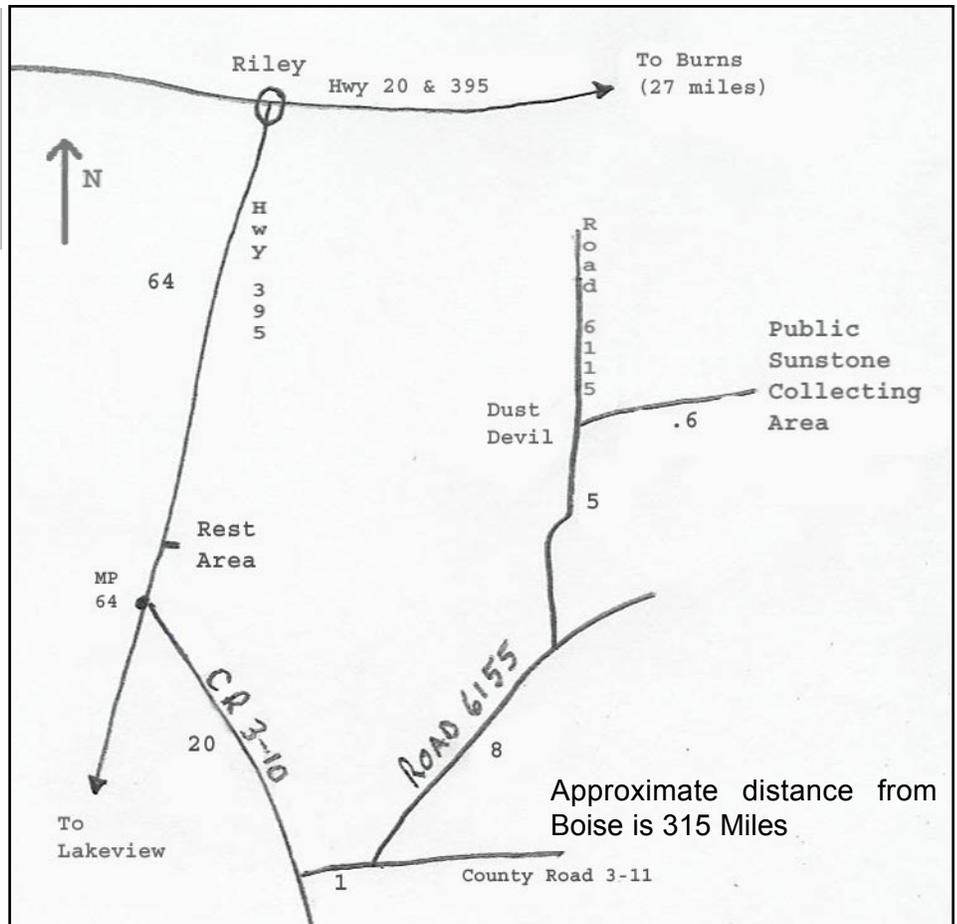
How To Get There:

We will NOT caravan on this trip. Travel West on Oregon Highway 20 through Burns to Riley, Oregon. Go South from Riley on Highway 395 to mile post 64. Turn left (south east) at County Road 3-10 (CR3-10) which goes towards Plush, Or., go about 20 miles to County Road 3-11 (CR3-11). On CR3-11 go east about 1 mile to Road 6155, turn north towards the Dust Devil Mine on Road 6115, travel about 5 miles where the Public Collecting area is located.

Equipment needed: shovel, pick, ¼ inch or 1/8 in screen, safety glasses, food for your meals, water, fuel, and any items you need for your personal use. There are numerous places to camp in the area, bring camping gear if you plan on staying overnight. It is primitive camping. If you would like more information, please come to our Gem Club Meeting on September 16th, 7:30 p.m. at the Mountain View Church of the Brethren 2833 N. Cole Rd. or Call our Field Trip Chairman

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OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY SEPTEMBER FIELD TRIP

Trip Location: Bigg Egg Claim

Date of Trip: Saturday, September 20th

Meeting Place: Marsing School parking lot

Leave Time: Meet 7:30 a.m. leave 8:00 a.m.

Comments: Shovel, Pick, Rock Hammer, bucket, Lunch, lots of water or soda. A high clearance vehicle is required to drive on top of the claim.

*Walter Barnett
(541) 889-3672*

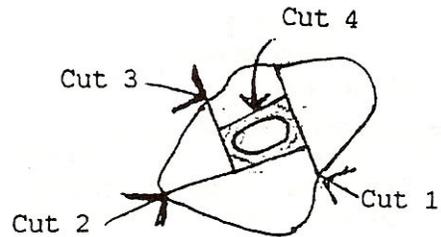
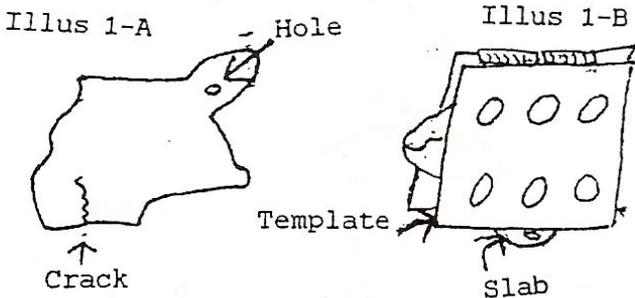
How to make a Cabochon

By: Jon Sams WAMS member

Via: Rockhound Rumbling June 1994

I do not claim to know all that there is to know about making a cabochon but the following are some tips that work well for me. Select good material free of visible cracks and defects as nothing is more discouraging than to get a stone ground and polished only to find crack or pit in it (this phenomenon seems to rear its ugly head often enough anyhow).

2- Next go to the trim saw and cut the slab to the shape of the cabochon allowing on all side. (Note: The order of cuts made, ie cut 1, etc.)

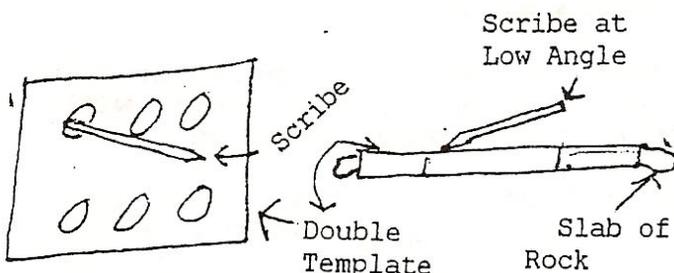


Illus 2

Always cut in straight lines leaving about 1/16" clearance oversize on all side. There are also cutters that resemble a glass cutter that may be used instead of a trim saw, materials.

1- Take your selected slab of rock and, using a double template, slip the slab between the two templates. Move it around to get the best picture, scene, or size that can be made of the slab and that best suits you. Turn the template and slab over to see that there is no defects or cracks showing. If none are evident, choose which side you want for the top. Turn it over and mark the back of the slab with a sharp aluminum or brass scribe being sure to mark as close to the template as possible.

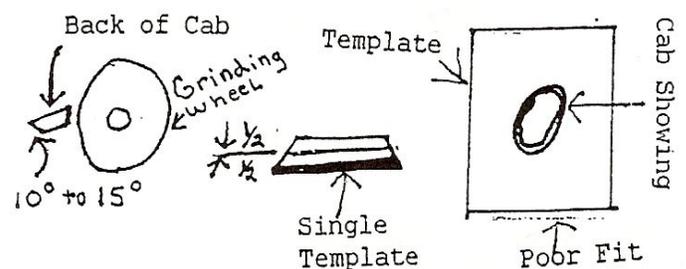
3- Going to the course grit (80-100) wheel on the grinder, grind the cab to the shape you have scribed. Grinding from the back and tapering smaller on the front at about 10 degrees, until you have a good fit on a single template 1/3 to 1/2 way down onto the cabochon.



Illus 1-C

Illus 1-D

A double template is not mandatory but will help locate cracks or imperfections that show up on the opposite side of your slab. This lets you locate your template to miss cracks on your cab.



Illus 3-A

Illus 3-B

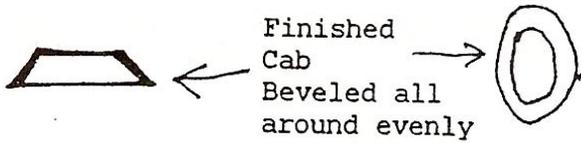
Illus 3-C

I grind from the back to the front, reasons:
A- It is not as easy to grind too small and is easier to control bevel.
B- If chipping on the edge occurs chances are it will ground off when top is domed. If cab is ground from front to back and chipping occurs it may chip bad enough so that it cannot be ground out and

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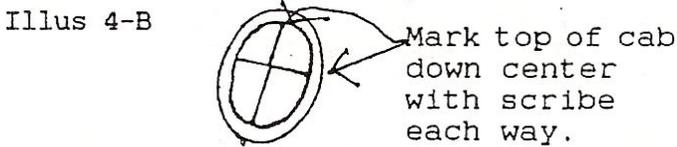
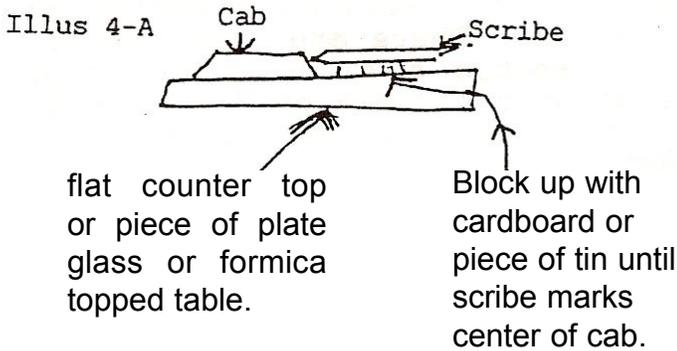
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still make the same size of cab. Also there is a natural tendency to back bevel which makes the cab nearly impossible to mount.



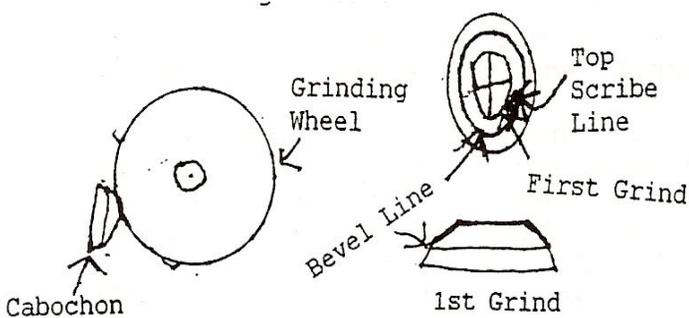
Illus 3-D

C- Lay the cabochon bottom down on a smooth flat surface such as a piece of glass or Formica topped table. Take your scribe and mark around the cab approximately half way up from the bottom. When beginning you may also want to scribe the cab on the top lengthwise and crosswise.



(This last is optional but is quite helpful when beginning cab making).

5- Grind the top to an oval, being sure not to grind the top center with the rough wheel.



Illus 5-A

Illus 5-B

Carefully grind from the center scribe line to top, evenly all the way around the cab. On larger cabs you may want to make 3 or 4 grinds to achieve a proper dome as you grind toward the center the top scribes should disappear evenly. Be careful to not grind the top with the rough grind. Next use a rocking motion to round off tapers to a smooth oval going evenly all the way around the cab starting at the halfway mark on the edge and working toward the center being careful not to go over the top.



2nd Grind

Illus 5-C

6- Grind the sides of the cab with the fine stone (220) to take out all the rough grinding marks and to fit the single template but not quite go thru. Now take the rough grinding marks off the dome and smooth up. Now is the time to take the sharp corner off the back of the cab (a light touch is sufficient).

7- Dop the cab on a suitable dop stick.

8- Proceed on successive sanding wheels (220-400-600) smoothing first edges then the dome until the cabochon is smooth using the same procedure as #5 and #6.

9- Take the cab to the polisher and polish with a leather buff with cerium or tin oxide compound.

SAVE STAMPS

Just a note to remind people to save their postage stamps to donate to the Federation. The stamps are sold and the proceeds are donated to cancer research. Cut at least 1/4 inch margin around the stamps. You can turn them into Chuck McCreath at our next meeting. THANK YOU!

FROM THE EDITOR

The deadline for articles is the board meeting, if it needs to be typed. If the article is sent via e-mail the deadline is the Saturday after the board meeting.

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Remember to collect and bring Teddy Bears to the meetings for our public service project. The bears and other stuffed animals are given to emergency personnel to give to the children at the scene of emergencies.

*Please give your animals to Debbie Knudsen or Skeeter Eversburg. **THANK YOU!***



Sunshine Lady

Arlene Bailey is the club sunshine lady. Her job is to send some cheer to members who are ill or just need some cheering up. But she needs your help in doing this job. If you know of someone who has been recently ill let her know so she can send them a card. Her phone number is 562-8030. Thank you in advance for your help.

Sunshine Report

A card was sent to Ron & Camille Ridenour for the loss of their Grand son-in-law.

Flowers were sent to the funeral of Pat Conley. A card was sent to Marge Conley and Family.

Arlene Bailey
Sunshine Lady

"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 or rules governing collecting on public 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 material in collecting areas.

I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind such as fences, signs, buildings, etc.

I will leave all gates as found.

I will build fires only in designated or safe places and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.

I will discard no burning material - 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 willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.

I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.

I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.

I will cooperate with field trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.

I will report to my club or federation officer, Bureau of Land Management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.

I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.

I will observe the "Golden Rule", I will use Good Outdoor Manners and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public Image of Rockhounds everywhere.

THE GRINDINGS

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Discovery Center Demonstration

June 26, 11:20 AM.

Bill Belknap and myself jumped in to setting up for a day of promoting our hobby and our club. Put up the slide projector here, set up the screen over their, plug in, fill up the water trays, set up the drill, pile up the wood here, set out our clubs tri-folds and applications right next to the finished cabs and jewelry. Bill did an excellent demo on how to make very nice petrified wood ink pen holders for your desk. The kids watched, wide eyed as Bill would drill through the rock ,explaining all the while , the how's an whys , answering questions never missing a beat. His slide show was equally impressive, young and old watched intently, as the scenes unfolded on the screen, his narrative supplying the interesting facts on many critters, places and things. As I demonstrated the grinding and sanding, polishing of cabochons the kids would gather round, sit in as close as possible to see the diamond wheeled machine turn out a beautiful polished cab ready for jewelry. Tons of questions were constantly forthcoming. It was a very rewarding day.

Terry Tomberlin

Rock Sale

**September 20, 2008
9:00 am – 4:00 pm
7176 E Wiltshire Lane
Nampa, Idaho**

(Garrity Exit to Cherry Lane, then head left (west) to Sherwood Meadows Subdivision between 11th and 12th Avenues. Take the second street left (East) straight back to 7176 on left hand of street).

For Questions call Cathy Parsons at 465-1646.

And, if you would like to bring rocks to sell, that's fine. The Club will take a 10% fee.

Yesteryear December 1951

The December Annual Christmas party was a success with community singing, a program and exchange of gifts, and refreshments. At the Board meeting a check from a Lewiston man was returned as his application for membership was not sponsored.

The first Tektite found in this area was reported by George Fields. It was found in the Alkali Springs area.

In April a Field trip was planned for Green Moss Agate. Dudley Stewart was to lead the members to the Moss Beds at "Grassy Mtn". The May meeting was to be the annual Banquet at the Immanuel Methodist Church. It was voted to have the \$1.50 Chicken dinner with fruit cocktail. George Fields was nominated President at the May Board meeting. A vote of Thanks was given to the outgoing Board members.

A Field trip for May was to be to the Owyhee Dam in search of red and green moss agate. Lunch to be eaten at the Park.

In June the field trip was to Love Lake. (Never Heard of it) Mrs. Beckwith to lead it as far as the Oasis and Mr. Brookings would take over from there.

Work was done on the Morrisonite claim to cover more than the assessment requirement.

The next field trip was to be in the "Grassy Mtn" Canyon near Vale, Oregon.

The Annual Picnic was at the city park in Homedale. They invited clubs in the area to attend. The club would furnish ice cream and ice water.

*Patsy Bethel
Historian*

College Scholarship

Unfortunately again this year we have no qualified applicants as the entire board agreed and unanimously voted.

*Terry Tomberlin
Scholarship Chairman*

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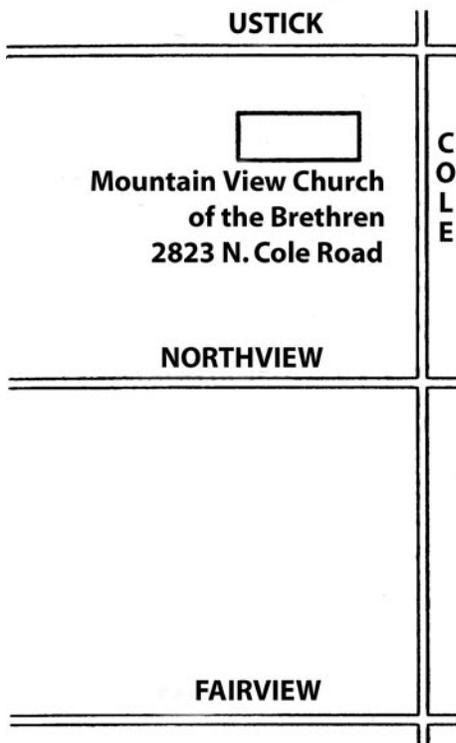
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3rd. Tuesday of each
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The Whangdoodle Bird
(Often seen on field trips)



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