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President's Message

August finally gave us a good picnic! I think this was the first time in many years that it wasn't too hot, too stormy, too buggy, and we had a very good turnout—lots of good food and lots of good conversation! Thank you all for making it such a success.

I was able to attend the combined AFMS and NFMS show in Billings, Montana, the end of July—first of August. There were a lot of dealers with a lot of rocks for sale, and many, many showcases with unusual carvings and other art work. And then we went rock hunting for three days after the show. We got some agates and fossils that will keep us busy all winter. We've already cut some of it and it was definitely worth the trip! I hope many of you were able to attend. We saw quite a few members there.

There will be NO workshop on September 17th (the Thursday after the meeting) because Doug and Willa will be out of town and so will I. But there WILL BE a workshop on September 24th so if you are interested you better get signed up with Jason Madsen at this next meeting. Also, we need helpers. We have a lot of new members who are interested in learning to make cabs and we need enough experienced helpers to go around.

It will be my pleasure to finish out the term of the presidency until the next elections. The rock club means a lot to me, as it did to Pat, and I will do my best to serve everyone and all of their various concerns. Please feel free to contact me whenever you feel a need.

Sincerely,

Marge Conley
President

**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB
GENERAL MEETING ♦
JULY 21, 2009**

The July meeting was the annual picnic at Ann Morrison park.

Willa Renken presided over the meeting as First Vice President.

Guest were Todd and Kyleigh Jackson, Joan Reese, Steve and Sharon Aklain, Megan Brian, and Donna Sharpen.

Senator Heinrich and his wife Brenda were introduced by Gene Stewart. Gene recognized the Senator's efforts to help with the Gem License Plate and presented the Senator with a star garnet and presented his wife with an opal pendant. Thanks was also given to the License Plate Committee and anyone else involved.

Door prizes were won by Heather Madsen, Robert Tuner, Susan Benda, Jason Madsen, Ed Moser, Sharon Allen, Kyleigh Jackson, Charles Osgood, Loren Francis, Twila Gallaher, Todd Jackson, Jim Clinton, Kathy Griffin, Marge Conley, Dan Conley, Robert Burns, and Tony Griffin. Kids prizes were won by Hailey Madsen, Ava Cryer, Kylee Madsen, Heather Glass, and Dekan Allen.

Motion to accept as printed in the "Grindings" was made by Bill Belknap. Chuck McCreath seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

John Montgomery was announced as a new member.

Secretary's report – Jason Madsen reported that the club had received several newsletters from other clubs, as well as the July and August issue of "Rock and Gem".

Treasure's report – Kathy Griffin reported on the club's balances and disbursements.

Federation Director – Chuck McCreath reported that the Federation had five proposals/resolutions to bring before the membership to vote on to accept or reject. The first four items passed and the fifth was rejected.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Field Trip report – Tony Griffin discussed the field trip for July. The club will be going to Jordan Craters

for "Chinese writing stone". Those attending the field trip will meet July 25 at the K-Mart in Nampa. The group will depart at 8:00 am.

Workshop – Willa Renken reported that there will be a workshop at 6:30 pm at the Renkens' on Thursday, July 23.

NEW BUSINESS

Willa Renken reminded everyone to be working on grab bags and rocks for the annual show. The August meeting will be a picnic at Ann Morrison park.

OLD BUSINESS

Joe Nielson reported that the t-shirt sales were going good, he still has several mediums left.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Following the meeting there was an auction.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jason Madsen
Secretary*

**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB
BOARD MEETING ♦
AUGUST 11, 2009**

Willa Renken called meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

Board members present were Kathy Griffin, Phil Neuhoff, Chuck McCreath, Ed Moser, Joe Nielson, Dan Philips, Terry Tomberlin, Twila Gallaher, Willa Renken, and Jason Madsen.

Guests that attended were Doug Renken, Shirley McCreath, Linda Philips, Heather Madsen, and Marge Conley.

Ed Moser made the motion to accept the minutes as printed in the "Grindings", Terry Tomberlin seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

Secretary's report – Jason Madsen reported that the club received several newsletters and a statement from the Dept. of Interior regarding a ten dollar increase for claim owners who have 10 claims or less.

Treasurer's report – Kathy Griffin reported on the clubs balances and disbursements.

Federation report – Chuck McCreath reported that

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there in not a show chair person for 2010 for the NFMS. Chuck reported that the Federation passed the first four resolutions, but the fifth did not pass. At the recent show the Federation Endowment Committee discussed the the balances and disbursements of the Federation. The Gem License plate was well accepted by the Federation. All field trips were full, and overall it was an outstanding show. Chuck encouraged members to check with area BLM and Forest Service offices when collecting in the adjudicated boundaries.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Field Trip – Kathy Griffin reported that the August field trip will be to Wagontown.

Juniors – Ed Moser reported that there is a kids quiz in the August issue of “Rock and Gem” on pg 46-47. Contest winners will get a sample of gems. Deadline is August 31. There will be five winners. Ed said he had some samples for the juniors at the next meeting.

Editor – Doug Renken reported that he changed the membership application to ask new members if they would like the “Grindings” emailed to them.

Building Fund – Joe Nielson reported that t-shirt sales are going well. Out of 100 there are forty left.

Jason Madsen presented a bookcase design to the board. The bookcase doors will have sixteen 3 inch by 3 inch wooden tiles with a cab in the center. He stated that this is an opportunity for members to show off their talent in donating or making a cab. The member will also be able to sign the tile and the signature will be preserved under a clear coat finish. The tiles with the cabs will be permanently fixed to the doors of the bookcase.

Membership applications were received from Randy and Judy Lee, Roger Scharfen, Emily Chick, DanaScharfen, Steven and Sharon Allen, and Kyleigh and Todd Jackson. Willa motioned to accept the applications, Phil Neuhoff seconded, and the motion was carried.

Following by-law protocol, Willa Renken ask Marge Conley to join the board at the table. The board then voted Marge in as a board member to fill the vacancy. Willa motioned to accept Marge as President of the club, Twila Gallaher seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

Ed Moser motioned to adjourn the meeting, Twila Gallaher seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Jason Madsen
Secretary

MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB GENERAL MEETING ♦ AUGUST 18, 2009

The August meeting was the annual picnic at Ann Morrison park.

Marge Conley presided over the meeting as the newly appointed President.

New members that attended were Alea and Jim Conner and Samantha Ingle.

Door prizes were won by Chuck McCreath, Diane Conley, Ed Moser, Jan Drobny, Bill March, Twila Gallaher, Ron Harrison, Don Nafus, T.J. Johnson, Marge Conley, Ilse Schriener, Phil Neuhoff, Heather Madsen, Sharon Allen, Lynne Davis, Jim Ingle, Nancy Schlossmam, and Myrtle Trevithick. Youth prizes were won by Samantha Ingle, Hailey Madsen, Kylee Madsen, Tenaya Madsen, Zoey Friel, and Conner Ingle.

Secretary’s report – Jason Madsen reported that the club had received some newsletters.

Treasurer’s report – Kathy Griffin reported on the club’s balances and disbursements.

Field Trip report - Kathy Griffin reported on behalf of Tony Griffin that the August field trip will be to Wagontown on August 22. The group will meet at the K-Mart parking lot and leave at 7:30 am.

Federation report – Chuck McCreath reported that the Federation voted in the same manner on the proposals/resolutions as the club did the previous month. The first four proposals passed and the fifth was rejected. Chuck encouraged members to save their stamps with a half inch border around them. The Federation received \$700 worth of stamps. Chuck also reminded everyone to check with the Forest

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Service stations for rules and permits in areas that they may be collecting in. Regulations have recently change and fines can range from \$250 to \$1000 for each offense.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Workshop – Willa Renken reported that there will be a workshop on Thursday August 20 at 6:30 pm.

Jason Madsen presented a bookcase design to the membership. The bookcase doors will have sixteen 3 inch by 3 inch wooden tiles with a cab in the center. He stated that this is an opportunity for members to show off their talent in donating or making a cab. The member will also be able to sign the tile and the signature will be preserved under a clear coat finish. The tiles with the cabs will be permanently fixed to the doors of the bookcase. He asked anyone interested to please let him know.

Willa Renken make a motion to adjourn the meeting and Sharon Allen seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Following the meeting there was an auction.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jason Madsen
Secretary*

MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB BOARD MEETING ♦ SEPTEMBER 1, 2009

Marge Conley called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm.

Board members that were present were Joe Nielson, Phil Neuhoff, Marge Conley, Willa Renken, Kathy Griffin, Jason Madsen, Ed Moser, and Terry Tomberlin. Chuck McCreath and Dan Phillips were excused. Doug Renken was present as a guest.

Secretary's Report – Jason Madsen reported that the club received a flyer from the Denver, Colorado Mineral and Fossil show that will be held on Sept 16 to 20. There will be over 200 dealers.

Treasure's Report – Kathy Griffin reported the club's balances and disbursements.

Committee Reports

Field Trip – Tony Griffin reported via email on the

field trip for August. Kathy Griffin also report in behalf of Tony that the trip went well and lots of good specimens were collected.

The September trip will be to Carey, Idaho for agate. For details please attend the September General meeting.

There will be a trip to Beacon Hill to collect thunder eggs on October 10. Again, for details please attend the September General meeting.

Program – Phil Neuhoff reported that Gene Stewart will do a presentation for the club in either September or October. Phil also reported that the club received a scholarship application, but the applicant did not meet the requirements of being geology or related major. Junior's Report - Ed Moser reported that he is working on some specimens for the juniors.

Editor – Doug Renken discussed how the club may reduce postage cost on the newsletters. If anyone is interested in receiving their newsletter via email then let Doug know. Friday is the last day for submissions for the August/September newsletters.

Building Fund – Joe Neilson discussed t-shirt sales as well as the possibility of ordering another batch of shirts.

Workshop – Willa Renken reported that there will be a workshop at 6:30 pm on September 24th. Willa will not be able to attend the September General meeting and she asked Jason Madsen to carry the sign up sheet for instructors and for those interested in participating.

New Business

Marge Conley asked Phil Neuhoff to be the Nominating Committee chair for next year's board members and for Jason Madsen to assist. There will be three, 3 year positions and one 1 year position to fill on the board. Terry Tomberlin, Ed Moser, and Joe Neilson's terms will expire.

Membership Applications

The club received an application from Frank & Jean Marham. The board unanimously accepted the Markhams as a members.

Doug Renken was acknowledged as a guest.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jason Madsen
Secretary*

July Field Trip Report Jordan Craters for Chinese Dendrite Jasper

This was a beautiful day for a field trip; it was a little cooler in the morning than on the previous two days. There were twenty one members and fifteen guests; eight youth and twenty eight adults. We started five minutes late and made an unscheduled stop at Ion Junction. The actual travel time was an hour longer than anticipated; it took us two and a half hours to make it to the collection area. Due to our large group our caravan was stretched out for about two miles, we traveled a little slower so no one was left behind.

When we arrived at the turnoff to Jordan Craters I turned the lead over to Dean Pritchard who has been at this Chinese Dendrite (Chinese Writing Stone) stop a few years ago. We stopped at the top of the rim to see if the descent lived up to it's bad reputation. Unfortunately the reputation is true; we had to leave two vehicles on top due to large rocks sticking up in the road for the first hundred or so feet. If you try this stop on your own be especially careful; you will need a high clearance vehicle and preferably four wheel drive. Randy and Judy Lee said when they were kids they would have to make a run up the hill so they would have enough speed to get over the rim. When you see this ascent/descent you will recognize the danger in trying to make this section of the road at any speed higher than dead slow.

Jordan Craters area is relatively flat with a few rolling hills and an occasional butte where lava flowed out to create flat basalt plateaus. The view from the top of the rim is one of absolute beauty. You can see for miles, the Owyhee River is at the bottom of what is referred to as "The Hole in the Ground"; a smaller Oregon version of the Grand Canyon. Morcum Road continues farther down into bottom of the valley. It was reported abundant pieces of petrified wood can be found, but not all of these pieces are of good quality. Just over the top of the rim and about a quarter of a mile we parked on the first saddle where we started collecting. There is abundant green rhyolite with some jasper that is glassy enough to produce a quality green cabochon.

I have a GPS location for this stop; Loren Francis used his instrument to locate the exact location for this coordinate. When Loren started bringing back some jasper that we were making this collecting trip for more of us followed him. We found quite a lot of half pound and larger pieces of the "Chinese Dendrites", a few pieces of other colored jasper, and some petrified wood. This is an area for collecting I would like to go back to as a regular trip, but earlier in the year when the temperature is cooler. We had a nice breeze until about 2 p.m. at which time we started to feel the heat.

On the way out, there was less dust from so many vehicles, and we were able to see more of the green grass and other plants that still had not gone dormant or dried out. Cheat grass next to the road was dried out, but forage grass is still green creating beautiful green fields intermixed with sage brush and rabbit brush.

August Field Trip Report Wagontown

This field trip is always pleasant; trees produce enough shade that you can keep cooler while you dig. There is an abundance of material to go through on the surface. We found numerous pieces of colorful agatized and opalized wood. Most of the opalized wood was desiccated due to being on the surface too long. To get decent opalized wood you have to dig to an area that it hasn't been exposed to the sun. Of course there are always those pseudomorphs, banded rhyolite that looks like petrified wood. We had twenty seven attendees; six guests, six youth, and fifteen members.

*Tony Griffin
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



SEPTEMBER

9/1 Jason Kowalski
 9/4 Roy Bethel
 9/5 Steve Hetherington
 9/7 Diane Friel
 9/11 Vicki Stark
 9/12 Sue Witschen
 9/12 Myrtle Trevithick
 9/15 Ronald Mummey
 9/15 Celeste Jackson
 9/16 Dana Robinson
 9/16 Robin Solt
 9/16 Steve Chennault
 9/18 John Stillinger
 9/19 Chuck Marsh
 9/20 Clarence Trebilcock
 9/20 Ray Harshman
 9/23 John Trembath
 9/25 Deklan Allen
 9/28 Robert Deonier
 9/30 Les Murray

September Birthstones
Faceted - Sapphire
Cabochon - Lapis
Lazuli

OCTOBER

10/4 Mike Ekert
 10/4 Gina Gartman
 10/4 Scott Benda
 10/6 Dick Reed
 10/8 Tod Jackson
 10/9 Cindy Woolsey
 10/12 Jacan Habersetzer
 10/12 Tess Cryer
 10/13 Larry Tomberlin
 10/14 Rebekah Jackson
 10/22 Jim Dillion
 10/22 Betty Trebilcock
 10/22 Bryce Dethlefs
 10/23 Samantha Ingle
 10/24 Leroy Castle
 10/25 Steve Bouffard
 10/26 Lois McDonald
 10/26 Christopher Griffin
 10/28 Sue Clark
 10/28 Allan Young
 10/28 Leslie Brown
 10/29 Sandy Johnson
 10/30 Larry Bybee
 10/30 Chuck Murphy

October Birthstones
Faceted — Tourmaline
Cabochon — Opal

ROCK SALE

Sept. 11th-13th
 9 am to 5 pm.
 3515 Kingsland Way
 Boise, Idaho

DATES TO REMEMBER

GENERAL MEETING:
3rd. Tuesday of every month
 September 15, 2009
 Church of the Brethren
 2823 N. Cole Road, Boise, Idaho
 Meeting Starts at 7:30 pm.

BOARD MEETING:
1st. Tuesday of every month
 October 6, 2009
 Church of the Brethren
 2823 N. Cole Road, Boise, Idaho
 Meeting Starts at 7:30 pm.

September Refreshment Committee

Chair: Jean Dingley 867-9892
 Debbie Knudsen 322-5527
 Nancy Schlossman 322-5527
 Randy Knudsen 939-8365

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: Open
 Bill Belknap 336-7110
 Deana Ashton 559-4520
 Leslie Brown 891-7273

IDAHO GEM CLUB SEPTEMBER FIELD TRIP

Carey, Idaho for Moss Agate.

When: Saturday Sept. 19th; meet between 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. We will leave promptly at 7:30 a.m.

Where to meet: McDonalds on S. Federal Way, Southeast Boise off Gowan Rd. Or you can meet us in Carey at about 10 a.m. on the Little Wood Reservoir Rd. at its intersection with Highway 20/26. This intersection is after Hwy 20/26 goes north just before Carey and just before Hwy 20/26 makes a 45 degree turn to the right after entering Carey.

How to get there: travel East on I-84 to the Gowan Rd exit that is also Highway 21 exit to Idaho City. Go left on Hwy 21 to the light at S. Federal Way; go left again then right into the Albertsons/McDonalds parking lot. This is a 2 ½ hour drive according to Google Maps. To get to Carey we will travel on Highway 20 (exit 95 on I-84) from Mountain Home to Carey. After leaving Carey we will travel on the Little Wood Reservoir Rd. to the Little Wood River Reservoir parking/camp site; about twelve miles.

Equipment needed: rock hammer, chisel, shovel, safety glasses, appropriate clothing for the weather and location, food for the time you will be there, water, full tank of gas, and any items you need for your personal use. It is tick season, so bring tick spray or wipes! If you would like more information, please come to our Gem Club meeting. Sep. 15th 7:30 p.m.; **at the Mountain View Church of the Brethren 2823 N. Cole Rd. or Call our Field Trip Coordinator:**

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OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY SEPTEMBER FIELD TRIP

Trip Location: Big egg claim

Date of Trip: Saturday September 19th

Meeting Place: ION junction, west of Marsing Idaho were Highway 55 and 95 meet.

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

Comments: Bring shovel, rock hammer, pick, bucket and plenty of water.

Walter Barnett
(541) 889-3672

September Program

The September program will be a discussion of rock collecting access issues on Federal lands including BLM and Forest service lands. We will discuss the legal framework for federal land use decision, recent anecdotes about restrictions to collecting, and potential actions we may make to ensure continued access to collecting sites.

Phil Neuhoff



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.

SPECIAL OCTOBER FIELD TRIP

Beacon Hill Geode Claim.

What: We will be collecting geodes from our claim. These are especially nice, colorful, and hard specimens.

When: Saturday Oct 10th; between 8 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.

Where: We will meet at the Rest Area just over the Snake River in Oregon between 8:00 am and 8:30 am, leave promptly at 8:30 a.m. We will travel on I-84 to exit 374 (Hwy 201), the last Weiser exit off I-84. From there we will travel on Hwy 201 towards Weiser to the Junction of Hwy 201 & Hwy 95. Go right on Hwy 95 through Annex, Or.; just over the Snake River we will turn right, before going under the Rail Road bridge. Go left at the stop sign, travel until the pavement ends and goes right, this is Eaton Rd. Take this right and go to the next stop sign at Olds Ferry Rd. Take a left here and just past the curve in Olds Ferry Rd at the Snake River, a dirt road will go off to the right through a gate. This dirt road goes 5.3 miles into the hills where our claim is located. In some places the road is for high clearance vehicles only.

If you want to meet us on Olds Ferry Rd. where the turnoff to our claim leaves the main road that will be fine, too.

From the Garrity exit (Exit 38) to the top of our claim is 70.2 miles. Travel time is a little under two hours from this exit.

Equipment you will need: a shovel, pick, rock hammer. If you like small geodes bring a screen with a maximum 1/2 inch hole. Bring a lunch, water, good walking shoes/boots, sunscreen, sunhat, and any personal items you require. If you would like more information, please come

to our Gem Club meeting. Sep. 15th 7:30 p.m.; at the Mountain View Church of the Brethren 2823 N. Cole Rd. or call our Field Trip Coordinator:

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Yesteryear April 1956

The field trip for April was to the Whangdoodle Mine. It was decided to use plywood to set the cases on saw horses rather than renting the tables. Mr. Christoffersen offered to saw the lumber to size for the horses if the club members would assemble them. The horses cost .45 cents each and the lumber yard offered sheets of plywood free if it would be picked up and returned by the club. The next field trip is planned to the Mule Springs area for jasper. (South of Graveyard Point) The Hell's canyon Club in Lewiston asked for a copy of the by-laws so they would know how to set up theirs.

A trip to the Morrisonite claim to prove up on it will be a rough trip so there will also be a field trip to Succor Cr. for fossils. There were only four people who went on the Morrisonite trip as it was a rough road and they had to walk over a mile. Thirty dealers have requested space for the NWF Show in Sept. The next field trip is to Hay Stack Butte where they found some petrified wood. It was reported that an oil and mineral exploration company was working in the Bruneau area and may be on the clubs amethystine claim. No action was taken.

(PS It was not a mistake in last months article that I said the board ask a letter to be written to a known person that was mining 2 of our claims "to decease") I looked it up again and that is what they told him. Roy got a good laugh out of it anyway.

Patsy Bethel
Historian

ROCK'N FUNNIES



NFMS Report

The proposal on shows for each year was amended to allow for the past presidents council to contact the clubs federation director by phone or email for final approval for a club to host the show. (Note –there has been no show sight assigned for the 2010 show.)

Items three and four passed without amendments. Item five placement of the term “where as and therefore in the Federation records did not pass. All of the above resolutions passed or failed as the Idaho Gem Club had voted.

When preparing postage stamps for the Federation the stamps need to have a ½ inch border around them if possible. No cancellation mark is necessary.

If you are planning a rock or mineral field trip into any of the National Forests within the United States you will need a permit before you go. Be certain to pickup the Permit and the rules pertaining to the area and material that you will be hunting for. If you do not do this you may be paying a fine ranging from \$250 to \$1000 per person, some of this seems to be at the Rangers’ discretion, so please make sure you know the rules as this is your best defense.

The Field trips were well attended, some having over 300 persons signed up to attend. I did not remain to see what the results were.

Charles McCreath
Federation Director

Editor's note: The ROCK'N FUNNIES cartoon strip is an original, drawn by one of our club members Heather Madsen. Good job Heather lets see more of these.

Electronic Grindings

Several of the July newsletters were returned for insufficient postage. It would appear that the current size exceeds 1 ounce and will require 2 stamps. The newsletter has been this size for the last seven years. I would encourage those of you who can receive your newsletters via email to do so. Currently it costs around \$1.70 per issue or \$20.40 per year to print and mail each newsletter.

If you would like to receive the Grindings newsletter through e-mail let me know. Please send an e-mail to WLR_DKR@msn.com and I will add you to our e-mail list. The Grindings will be sent in PDF format.

Juniors Report

The junior Rattlers will meet in there room at the start of the meeting. They will have a door prize drawing separate from the adult group. Thanks to Marge Conley and Bob Turner for the fossil shell donation for the juniors.

Ed Moser
Cell 340-8060
Juniors Chair

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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Frank & Jean Markham
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"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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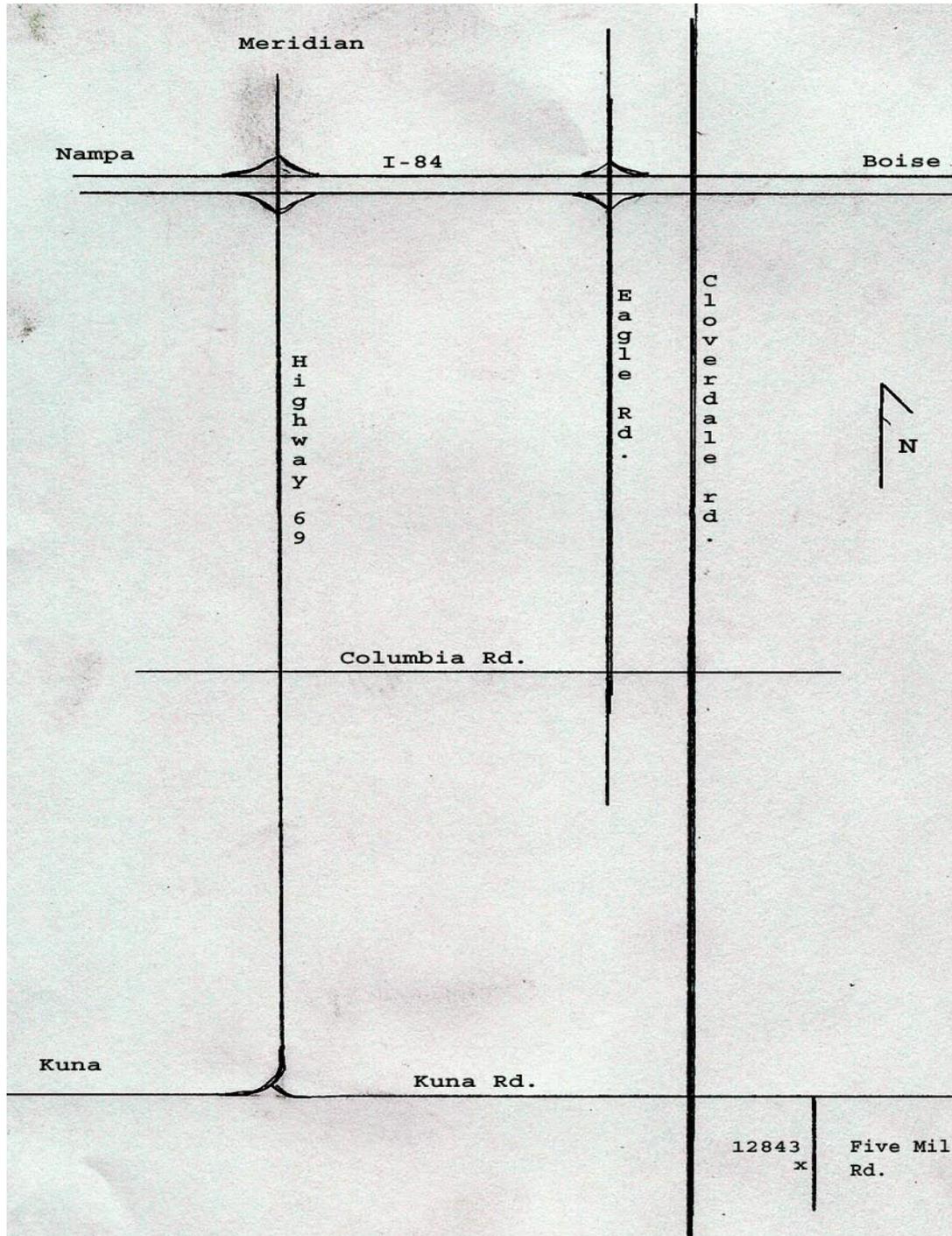


Workshop Report

Our next workshop will be on Thursday September 24th. This is a week after the club meeting. Jason Madsen will have the sign up sheet at the meeting. Thank You Jason and all others who help at the workshops. Bring a slab to cab and come have some fun. We will start at 6:30p.m. and go until 9:30p.m. This is your opportunity to learn about the art of lapidary and get some experience within this field. We will also have wire wrapping so you can learn how and maybe make a gift or a piece of jewelry for yourself. There is a small charge for the wire for each project. All we ask is that you help clean up the

machines at the end of the evening. We welcome one and all to 12843 S Five Mile Rd off of Kuna Rd. If you are interested there will be a sign up sheet at the next meeting or you can give me a call. We hope you will come and enjoy the fellowship.

*Willa Renken
Workshop
Chairmen*



Workshop address:
12843 S. Five Mile Rd.
Phone 362-3941

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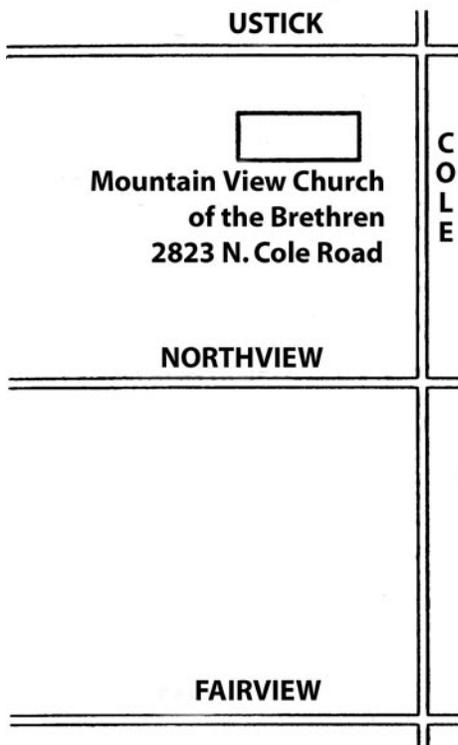
\$12.00 per person
 \$15.00 per couple
 \$17.50 per family

Subscription:

\$10.00 per year

General Meeting:

3rd. Tuesday of each
 Month at 7:30 p.m.



The Whangdoodle Bird
 (Often seen on field trips)



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