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President's Message

Congratulations to our newly elected Board members; Willa Renken, Ed Moser, and Jim Clinton! Also congratulations to our new 2011 Idaho Gem Club President, Brent Stewart! I encourage all to offer their congratulations and full support for the upcoming year.

As a reminder, our December's program will be an auction for finished items. This is a good opportunity to support the club by donating material for the auction. The money made from the auctions goes towards offsetting the cost of the annual banquet in January.

Tickets for the January banquet will be available to purchase at the December meeting or at Stewart's Gem Shop for \$10.00. The banquet will be at Louise's Italian Restaurant in Meridian.

December is the month for the Project of the Year election. This year there will be two categories, one for the adults and the other for the juniors. The media can be anything as long as the project is related to lapidary and/or earth science.

The December Christmas Party workshop will be the 18th and 19th from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. If you plan on attending please bring some finger food to share and please help to clean up. This is a fun time to make cabs, wire wrap, to share knowledge, and to socialize.

Thank you to the members and all the help and support that I have received through the year to make this a fantastic club to be a part of! I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to serve, support, and help the members of the club as the president for the 2010 year. I wish everyone Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas!

Jason Madsen
President

**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB
BOARD MEETING ♦
DECEMBER 7, 2010**

Meeting called to order at 7:34 pm

Board members present: Jason Madsen, Deana Ashton, Willa Renken, Ed Moser, Brent Stewart, Rick Corbett, Chuck McCreath, Dan Phillips, Twila Gallagher.

Motion was made by Willa Renken to accept the minutes as printed in The Grindings, motion was seconded by Rick Corbett and motion was carried.

Secretary's report- Newsletters, mail reviewed. Nothing else to report.

Treasurer's report - Kathy Griffith did a recap of the disbursements and balances, a few changes needed to be made as pointed out by Willa Renken, otherwise they are acceptable.

Federation Report - Chuck McCreath reports nothing new- no questions.

Ed Moser notes that in Washington State, a Dept of Fish and Game proposal is being introduced that will prohibit rock collecting on State owned land, which would take place in 2012. There will be more on this at a later date.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Field Trip: Rick Corbett reports- no reports/trips until March of 2011.

Program: Brent Stewart reports- Auction was planned for the general meeting and Marge Conley was providing some beautiful wire wrap jewelry to auction, Marian Philips donated two gorgeous opals- one for auction and one for scholarship fund raffle. Stewart's Gem Shop has some great items to offer, and hopefully the members will bring some Christmas spending money and get a few gifts marked off Christmas Lists that night!

Juniors report: Ed notes that Coyote has requested that youth/juniors bring their workbooks with them to the meetings!! Approval for purchase of magnifying glasses was given to Ed for the juniors to use in class, and there are special things planned for them

at meeting.

Building Fund: T-shirts are in! A color-blind Dan Phillips was surprised (and cured) when he opened the new t-shirt box! Kathy Griffith picked out the shirt colors, and they are BRIGHT!!! Be ready to purchase at meeting!

License Plate Committee: Unfortunately, Charles Osgood has asked to step down from his position as Chairperson for the License Plate Committee. Charles introduced this license plate concept and design, and provided the work it took to get the plate introduced to Idaho Legislature and available to the public. He is helping thousands of K-6 schoolchildren learn about Earth Sciences and Lapidary Arts with the proceeds of this license plate. It was a huge undertaking for Charles, and he needs to devote time to his family needs at this time. This task of assigning the right people to the committee is imperative for the sake of the plate's future and the future of the school program it provides funding for. We strongly encourage club members to 'step up to the plate' and get involved with the implementation of the License Plate program. We have to get these plates marketed, and then direct the funds properly in schools to make it work. Please, consider lending a hand or submitting ideas and if you are so inclined, nominate yourself for the committee. We need to find people who can submit the plate concept to schools, and need volunteers to work as a group to give ideas on how to disperse funds. Please, if you are interested, or know of someone who could fill Charles' shoes, let the Board members know. Thank you, Charles for your hard work and dedication to this Gem State Plate program and for the efforts you have taken to make this a success. We hope to carry forth your visions.

Gem Show: Twila encourages members to consider ideas to use for show display cases in the spring- the IGC Show is just around the corner. Applications will be in the newsletter.

Scholarship winners will be presenting short programs at our upcoming meetings! We are excited to meet them and have them share ideas and knowledge with our group! The non- profit report for 2010 has been submitted for this year.

Workshop report: Willa needs a lot of help to make our long weekend of Dec 18- 19, 2010 successful!

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The workshop will be available from 10am-5pm, both Saturday and Sunday. This is the time to come with items you wish to finish up for Christmas gifts, and have assistance in making cabs and wirewraps. Due to the fact the big 30 inch saw takes 5 minutes to cut one inch of these big rocks, please don't use up the time with extremely oversized rocks. If you have large ones to cut, give them to Doug to do in his spare time. Willa needs help running the saw and overseeing members using the equipment. Please come and help out if you can! Come have some chili and hot dogs and have some fun!

New memberships were approved for David Douglas, Tara Hilgert and Cole and Luca Sganzini. Welcome to our club!

IGC received a letter from Ron Coolbaugh concerning recordkeeping with the club. Please accept our apology for not submitting your name in the newsletter for becoming a new club member recently. If you know of any Idaho Gem Club members eligible for the Lifetime Membership, please let the board members know.

2011 IGC President News: Deana Ashton made a motion to nominate Brent Stewart for the position of President for the 2011-2012 term. Motion was seconded by Twila Gallagher. All were in favor and the motion was approved and motion /vote was carried. Congratulations, Brent! He will become the 3rd Generation Stewart to hold this position as IGC President. (Dudley and Eugene previously) Brent will begin his term in February, 2011. Thank you Jason for your hard work this year and we wish you luck in your future endeavors.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deana Ashton

Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB
GENERAL MEETING ♦
NOVEMBER 16, 2010**

Meeting called to order by Jason Madsen at 7:31pm

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rick Corbett

Guests tonight were Mr. and Mrs. Don Clarke, Rick Bigwell, , Al Stewart, David Douglas.

Door Prizes were won by Clarence Beursmeyer, Twila

Gallagher, Roy Bethel, Loren Frances, Lois McDonald and Elsie Shriners.

Juniors prizes were won by Mya, Louis, Jaden Jackson, Sara H.

Building Prize Fund Door Prize was won by Phil Neuhoff.

Secretary's report- Just noted a few new newsletters were in from area clubs. Deana is going to begin a project that will feature the Senior Rockhounds who have been with our club for years and years and have mini-biography segments in the newsletters. Hope to see this start in January.

Treasurer's report - Kathy went over checks and balances and accounting. Memberships are due- so plan on seeing Kathy soon or mailing in your annual fee. Federation Report: Chuck McCreath noted that Boulder Creek Hike people need to get a permit for car window display if they enter that area.

ROLE Report: Ron Bailey was happy to announce that our member Don Neafus has completed his cabochon for the ROLE program successfully! Good job Don!

Field Trip report: Rick Corbett went over the findings at Three Fingers Butte. Petrified wood collection was great! No trips until March due to weather. Next year we look forward to visiting some new areas and are welcome to any suggestions you have. See Rick Corbett or Ed Moser.

Annual Banquet location has been chosen at Louie's Italian Restaurant in Meridian. Thank you Jim De Silva for your research and effort finding this location. The menu will be varied and not just Italian. Please purchase tickets at Stewarts Gem Shop for \$10.00.

Members are encouraged to contribute some rock specimens for our auctions. These funds go to offset costs at our banquet. \$12.00 per person is contributed by the club to keep your meal costs low. It is a great opportunity to show off some of your unique rocks and share with club members.

Meeting was adjourned and followed by an auction.

Respectfully submitted,

Deana Ashton

Secretary

Project of the Year

Please give serious thought to entering a project this year. It would be great to have so many projects that every line on the ballot sheet could be checked! We all tend to forget how much fun it is to look at the projects and wonder which we should vote for.

If you think you don't have anything that is "worthy" of entry, think again. How much time have you spent looking over the projects and wondered which to vote for? Let's really make it a big year for this event so give it your best thought!

Grab Bag Work Party

Hopefully your tumblers are still turning or you already have some tumbled stones ready to be put into bags. We will be filling the grab bags on January 15th 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the church in the gymnasium. This is where the club meetings are held. So we need as many tumbled rocks as possible. The more people who show up to help with the stuffing the faster the process goes. There will also be postcards to put stamps on as well. Mike Jones and Laura Lindsey will be in charge again this year.

Doug Renken

Green Genie slab & rock sale #2

January 21st, 22nd, & 23rd
9:00 am - 6:00 pm each day
8345 Stetson Dr.

Boise, ID

For more information contact Joe Nielson
869-6325

DUES ARE NOW Past DUE.

Rates are as follows:

\$12.00 per person

\$15.00 per couple

\$17.50 per family

***Dues are due by October 31 each year .
Please pay at the next meeting or send
them to***

Kathy Griffin, Treasurer

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Community Service Project

A suggestion was brought up to the Board that we needed to revamp our Community Service project. For years we have saved teddy bears for the fire, police & community centers. This has been a very good program we just need to adjust it to meet a greater need. Some of the Missions and Shelters are in need of some support in providing small sundry items such as the trial size toiletries, lotions, gloves, hats, pens, puzzles, cards, and or any personal stuff. Basically all the things we sometimes take for granted there are others within our community who would be very grateful for that small token of kindness. At this time of year take some time to look around and see if there are a few items we could each spare to help out another person's life. There will be a bin at the hospitality table to take the various contributions to be distributed. Thank you for all your help.

Marge Conley

Jewelry Tips

PICKLE PROBLEMS

Dropping a hot item into the pickle after soldering causes a hiss that sends small droplets of the acid pickle into the air. This will rust your nearby tools and can't be all that good to breathe either. My solution is to use a coffee cup of water next to my solder block to quench the piece and then decide if I want to drop it in the pickle.

Also, a hot pickle pot gives off fumes that bother me in my home workshop. I get around that by using my pickle cold. I mix it a little stronger than with a hot pot so that it works just as quickly. I keep it in a large-mouth peanut butter bottle and cap it off whenever I'm done using it.

PROTECTING FINISHED SURFACES

I figure that any accidental scratch I make on a piece means about 15 minutes of extra sanding and polishing. So after finishing major surfaces, I typically cover them with some masking tape to avoid any scratches when doing final work like cleanups and setting of stones. The blue masking tape used by painters is best because it doesn't leave a sticky residue when removed.

More BenchTips by Brad Smith are at

groups.yahoo.com/group/BenchTips/

or

[facebook.com/BenchTips](https://www.facebook.com/BenchTips)

Editors note: Brad Smith contacted the club offering to provide tips to publish in the newsletter. Please make sure to access Brad's sites listed above if you find these tips helpful.

Yesteryear January 1964

The Board meeting's have always been at one of the members homes and the wives all tried to out do the others in making fancy desserts which were served after the meeting. It was decided to label the Club property and store it in Myron Myer's basement and the property to be managed by the board of directors.

Everett Coon was elected president. New members accepted were Pat and Marge Conley.

The January meeting was a pot luck dinner, they had a soloist and a talk by the Forest Service with color slides of Utah Canyon Lands. Afterwards an introduction of the club officers was made also the Board meetings were changed to the first Tuesday of the month.

It was reported the club could no longer use the kitchen at the Campus School, but could use the facilities that were on the stage.

The first field trip was in March to Oreana and the Fossil Hill south of it.

The Owyhee Gem club invited members of the Club to attend their rock show in April.

The field trip in April was led by Everett Coon to a nodule bed in the Squaw Creek area.

Patsy Bethel
Historian

Wanted

Two used or new hexagon tumbler barrels
12 lb or 15 lb capacity
call: Ronal Dingley at 377-2713
or my cell at 867-2912

Ron Dingley

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



DECEMBER

12/1 Joella Brown
 12/1 Bill Murphy
 12/3 Tom Duke
 12/4 Jack Trevithick
 12/4 Tenya Madsen
 12/7 Diana Cryer
 12/7 Pete Peterson
 12/8 Lillie Rogers
 12/9 John Sandmeyer
 12/10 Joan Alvey
 12/10 Cheryl Link
 12/11 Bill Jordan
 12/11 Michael George
 12/12 Easton Soule
 Anderson
 12/14 Harold Holloway
 12/15 Rochell Shearer
 12/16 Kerri Chipman
 12/16 Conner Ingle
 12/17 David Alderton
 12/18 Dan Phillips
 12/18 Michael Snyder
 12/19 Robert Burns
 12/19 Doug Renken
 12/19 ShirleyMurphy
 12/21 Dee Hanes
 12/23 Joe Nielson
 12/23 Christi Hogle
 12/25 Thomas Langford
 12/27 Fred Friel
 12/28 Nolan Crowe
 12/30 Tony Griffin

December Birthstones
Faceted - Blue Zircon
Cabochon - Turquoise

JANUARY

1/3 Helen Dillion
 1/5 Becky Gibson
 1/7 Amy Brasley
 1/8 Ronald Ridenour
 1/8 Nikki Griffith
 1/10 Wayne Larsen
 1/11 Terry Tomberlin
 1/11 Ron Bailey
 1/11 Makensie Denton
 1/11 Meagan McNeel
 1/11 Shelley Shearer
 1/12 Deborah Shaffer
 1/12 Stephanie Potter
 1/12 Erin Snyder
 1/13 Don Drobny
 1/15 Arlene Bailey
 1/18 Kevin Kelly
 1/19 Alex Wilcox
 1/20 Chuck Goertzen
 1/20 Randy Lee
 1/20 Koraeve Koen
 1/22 Mary Ostrander
 1/24 Richard Renkamp
 1/26 Noah Loewen
 1/27 John Chaplik
 1/29 Marion Phillips
 1/30 Chris Halberstrabt

January Birthstones
Faceted - Garnet
Cabochon - Star Garnet

Editor Note: If your birthday was not listed last year then I do not have it on my list. I do appoligize but if you would like it listed give me your name and birthday and I will make sure it is listed.

DATES TO REMEMBER

GENERAL MEETING:
3rd. Tuesday of every month
 December 21, 2010
 Church of the Brethren
 2823 N. Cole Road, Boise, Idaho
 Meeting Starts at 7:30 pm.

BOARD MEETING:
1st. Tuesday of every month
 January 4, 2011
 Church of the Brethren
 2823 N. Cole Road, Boise, Idaho
 Meeting Starts at 7:30 pm.

December Refreshment Committee

Chair: Jan Drobny 322-6702
 Heather Madsen 378-4666
 Neal Milliron 353-3014

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.

January Refreshment Committee

Banquet commitee

Chair: Jim Pendergast

Display Case Application

**Idaho Gem Club Annual Gem & Mineral Show
February 26 & 27 2011
Display Application**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Club Affiliation: _____

Type of material and/or type or kind of display: _____

Number of cases: _____

Borrow a case _____ Will provide own case _____

Size of your case: _____

Inside Dimensions of club cases are 46.5" wide by 22.5" deep by 22.5" high

(Please note: Loaned cases do not have liners -- you need to bring your own.)

Show dates: Saturday, 26 February and Sunday, 27 February, 2011

Set-up: 3:00 P.M. Friday, 25 February, 2011

A maximum of 150 watts of lighting will be provided per case. Security is provided around the clock. However, no responsibility will be assumed by the Idaho Gem Club, Inc.

Application deadline is: Saturday, 19 February 2011

Mail application directly to: Twila Gallaher 208-853-6703 Or
8143 W. Prince Dr. tkgboise@cableone.net
Boise, ID 83714-2179

December Program

The program for December will be our traditional December auction. Although rocks are always welcome, the focus of the December auction will be "gift" items such as jewelry, finished stones, and other items that will help your fellow club members finish their holiday shopping.

Brent Stewart

Juniors Report

The Juniors are asked to bring their folders to the meeting when we meet at the Church. If you have not received your folder please let Coyote know.

Ed Moser
Cell 340-8060
Juniors Chair

My Summer Vacation to Montana, Day One
by Cheryl Link

I read Doug Renken's summary of our vacation trip to Montana and I thought maybe I should enhance on our trip.

Our original planned trip was to include other dear friends from the club, Tom & Lillie Rogers, Dan & Diane Stevens and Gene & Joann Alvey. Unfortunately Tom had to have cataract surgery during our planned time line and Diane ended up having knee surgery. Joann was not feeling well at the time so they opted out of the trip as well. Happily the surgeries turned out very well for our friends and Joann is feeling better.

Doug and Willa had agreed to leave Boise on Friday, September 10th, around 4:00pm. I had managed to get off from work around 1:00pm to get my usual last minute things done. I meet Doug and Willa at the Black's Creek east bound on ramp of I-84 promptly at 4:00. I know Tom is probably laughing right now because he knows I am always late to everything. Believe it or not I was there waiting before Doug arrived. One of the last minute items I stopped to pick up was at the local dollar store. While I was standing in line I spied hanging on the rack at the checkout counter a twin pack of tweezers. Those that know me very well, know that I am a magnate for ticks. So I grabbed two packages of the twin pack of tweezers as a precaution.

We always travel with Motorola hand held radios whether traveling in our trucks or hiking on a rock trip just in case someone has a problem. Doug mentioned they had talked to Jan Smith the day before and were expecting a call back from her sometime tonight. While driving on the road some place between Arco and Dubois, Doug says they received the call from Jan. The Helena Club was meeting at the dock at 9:30am tomorrow. The club would provide the ride in the boat to the club claim. The only thing we needed was tweezers and a bucket. An odd combination I thought, but oh well. All the other tools would be provided at the club claim. Jan said if we decided to go, to meet at her house and they would show us how to get there. Doug handed the radio to Willa who said it was too bad we didn't have any tweezers with us. I started to laugh to myself. I told her not to worry that I could cover the tweezers. She asked what we would put the sapphires in if we found any. Again I started to laugh to myself. I said I could cover that as well. I had taken some of my old film containers out of my camera bag about a month ago and had put them in my rock toolbox. Doug said if we drive all night we could probably get there around 1:00am. They wanted to know if I wanted to give it a try. I told them it was a sign that we were destined to go. Let's drive as far as we can and see how long we last. Normally I drive last but I was in the lead. A good thing, if I slowed down Doug was there to push me along. We stopped in Butte, Montana for gas, something to keep us awake and a bathroom stop. We started to see deer along the road shortly out of Butte. This made me slow down just a bit. We got to Helena a little before 1:00am with only one turn around. A glitch in directions Doug had received. We arrived at the Marina at Canyon Ferry, where we were going to camp for the duration of the time we were going to spend in the Helena area. After calling the person in charge of the Marina and waking her up from a sound sleep, we just pulled off to the side out of the way to settle down for the night. I was so tired; I dropped my driver's seat back to recline, pulled my quilt over me and went to sleep.

We got up and grab ourselves something quick to eat (instant oatmeal). We waited for the lady in charge of the Marina to arrive so we could move our rigs into the correct camp sites. I grabbed my old back pack which had my gloves and an estwing rock hammer in it. I grab two bottles of Gatorade and a couple of power bars and threw them into the back pack. I gave two tweezers to Willa and put two in my blue jeans pocket. I grabbed three black & gray film canisters and gave them to Willa so she could cut an X in the cap top. The lady in charge of the marina finally arrived shortly after 8:00 and showed us where to move our rigs. Around 8:30 we headed for Jan and Kurt's house. Doug was not quit awake for he drove past the turn toward Jan's house but fortunately there was a second access road that leads toward her house along the lake. As we were getting close to her house, Jan & Kurt were coming down the road in their SUV. We pulled into their driveway, parked in the appropriate spots, hopped out of our trucks and threw everything we wanted to take into Jan's SUV. So there

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we were the five of us flying down the road toward the spot where everyone from the Helena Club was to meet. Did I mention that Doug, Willa and I had joined the Helena Club the month before? We arrived at the lake a tad before 9:30 thanks to Jan's perfect driving. We unloaded our items and headed toward the dock where two boats were waiting. The one boat on the right was already full of people and about to depart the dock. The boat at the end of the dock had two ladies and one fellow already in it. The lady in the second boat yelled we need two more people to hop in so we can head out. I was standing next to Jan so the two of us headed for the boat. I got to the end of the dock first so I stepped into the boat first. Now it's important to understand that I am not a water person and the few times I've been on a lake it's been in something slightly larger than the aluminum boat I found myself sitting in. We were provided life preservers' to wear. I sat my backpack on the bottom of the boat next to my feet with the buckets sitting behind us in the front of the boat where one of the ladies was sitting. Jan sat next to me in the middle of the boat with the two of us facing the back toward the fellow who was controlling the boat. We left the dock heading toward the middle of the lake that takes a bend toward the right. The speed from which we were moving was a very safe trolling speed. After a short distance there was a sign saying this was a no wake zone. We didn't have to worry about that. We had been moving for some time when one of the ladies sitting behind us said there is a whole in the boat up here and we are taking on water. I looked at Jan and she at me. I looked at my feet and noticed there was water pooling up at our feet. I picked up my backpack and sat it on my lap. I glanced at the shoreline trying to determine my options. Mentally I am calculating if I could make it to shore and if the back pack would be too much weight. It's my old pack so that would be no loss since I had taken everything out and had transferred it to my new pack I planned to use the next day at the Sally Ann Claim. I just didn't want to lose my rock hammer and gloves. I put my finger in the water to determine how cold it was. Oh my, it was cold. We trolled on making the bend in the lake with me still calculating all the time. I was looking down into the water. I could see the rocks moving closer to the surface of the water. I looked back toward the fellow driving the boat and he seemed unconcerned about the rocks near the surface. At this point the shore was very close so I was confident I could dog paddle to shore at this distance. After what seemed quite awhile we made toward the far dock which belongs to the club. We pulled up in amongst a heavy moss growing in the water on the left side of the dock. The fellow said to stay on the left side of the dock and to be careful were we walked. He didn't need to tell me twice, I hurried to shore. Jan handed me my bucket and said we needed to fill it with water from the lake and we had to haul it up to the claim about half a mile from the shoreline. There were tubs waiting for us to screen the sapphire material in but it needed water and there was no water source up where the claim area was located. The hike up the hill was not far but I have to admit I am far from being in shape. I stopped several times. We were almost there when a lady many years my senior came up from behind me carrying two buckets nearly full of water to shame me for my bucket was only a little over half full and smaller than what she was toting. When we got to the top where the claims start Wayne was there waiting for us. He emptied part of the water into a black tub. He then moved on toward the left with the remainder of the water with us following him like his new found puppies. He explained how he needed us to dig and where he wanted the over burden placed. He showed us what level in the gravel the sapphires where found. It made perfect sense to me so off we started to dig the top over burden off and our hunt for those beautiful blue, blue green, to green colored stones started. Wayne spent the whole morning showing us how to wash and screen the gravel. After what seemed a long time, Willa, Doug and Kurt finally show up. I asked them what boat ferried them to the dock. They said one of the boats was not being used so it was taking longer for everyone to get to the claim area. I nodded my head and smiled. We dug, sifted and washed our gravel for several hours. I have several small sized stones. I believe everyone around us found something.

The Montana club members were so friendly and a delight to spend the morning and afternoon with. We left the Miss Beverly around 2:30 and headed back to Jan & Kurt's house. We snacked on sandwiches and drank our favorite micro brews. We talked about all the fun we had had Saturday and discussed the plans for Sunday's trip to the Sally Ann for quartz crystals. I was so tired by the time we got back to the marina and to bed that I spent the night again in the front seat of my truck too tired to setup my bed in the back of my truck.

If you ever get an invite from Doug and Willa to go on vacation with them, take them up on it. It is never a boring trip, believe me.

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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Electronic Grindings

Thanks to those who signed up for the electronic Grindings. Not only does this save the club money it helps save me time putting on labels and postage. 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.

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!

**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.

"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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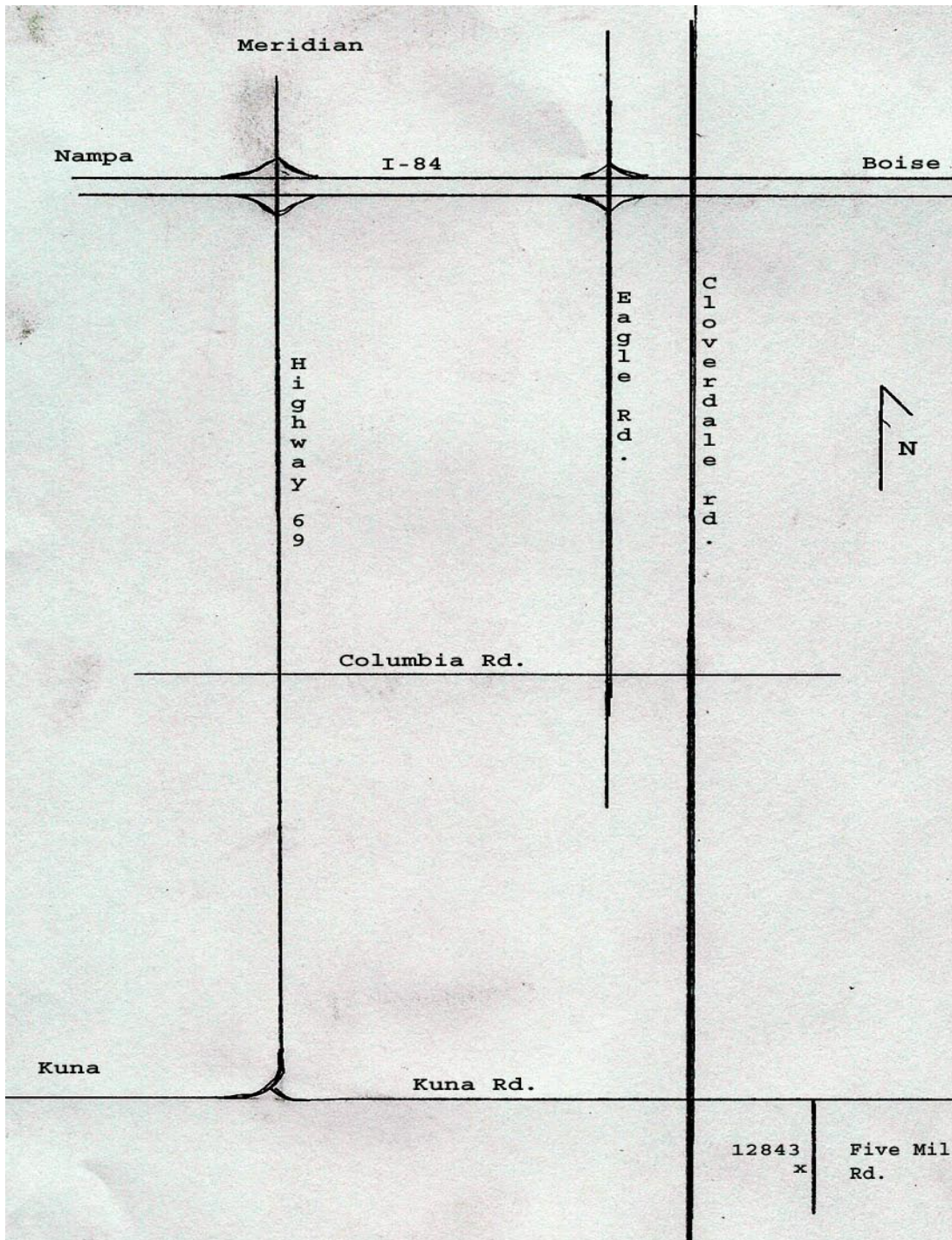


Workshop Report

This month's workshop is our Annual Christmas two day event. It will start on the 18th and 19th at 10 a.m. and run until 5 p.m. both days. This workshop is always a lot of fun as we open it up to all and invite the other clubs to join in with us. The club will provide chili and drinks. If you would like to bring finger foods or a special dish please do as there are lots of folks who would love to enjoy it. Since Doug will be up at Bogus I will need all the help I can get so please come prepared to help your fellow club members if needed. Marge will be here to help those who want to wire wrap a project and the charge is \$5.00

per project. Remember that the machines will need cleaned each evening so please hang out and help. Thanks again for a great year and all your help.

Willa Renken
Workshop Chairman



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Dues:

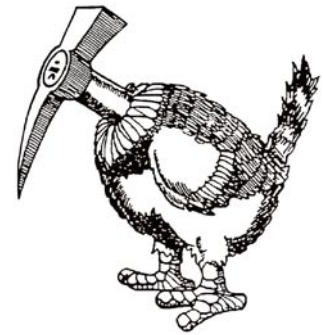
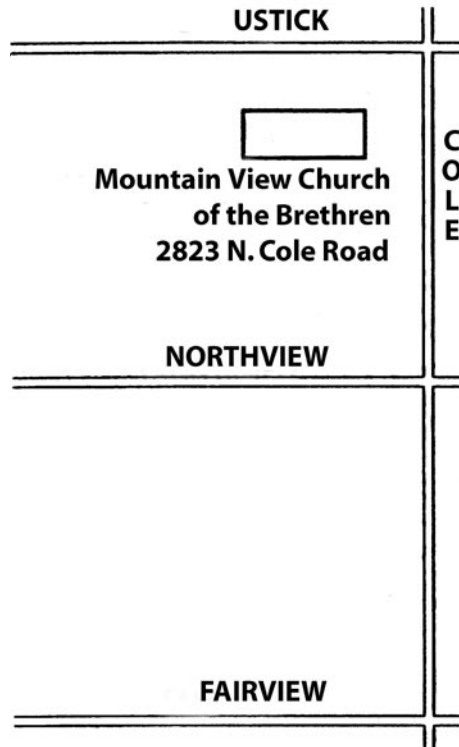
\$12.00 per person
\$15.00 per couple
\$17.50 per family

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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