

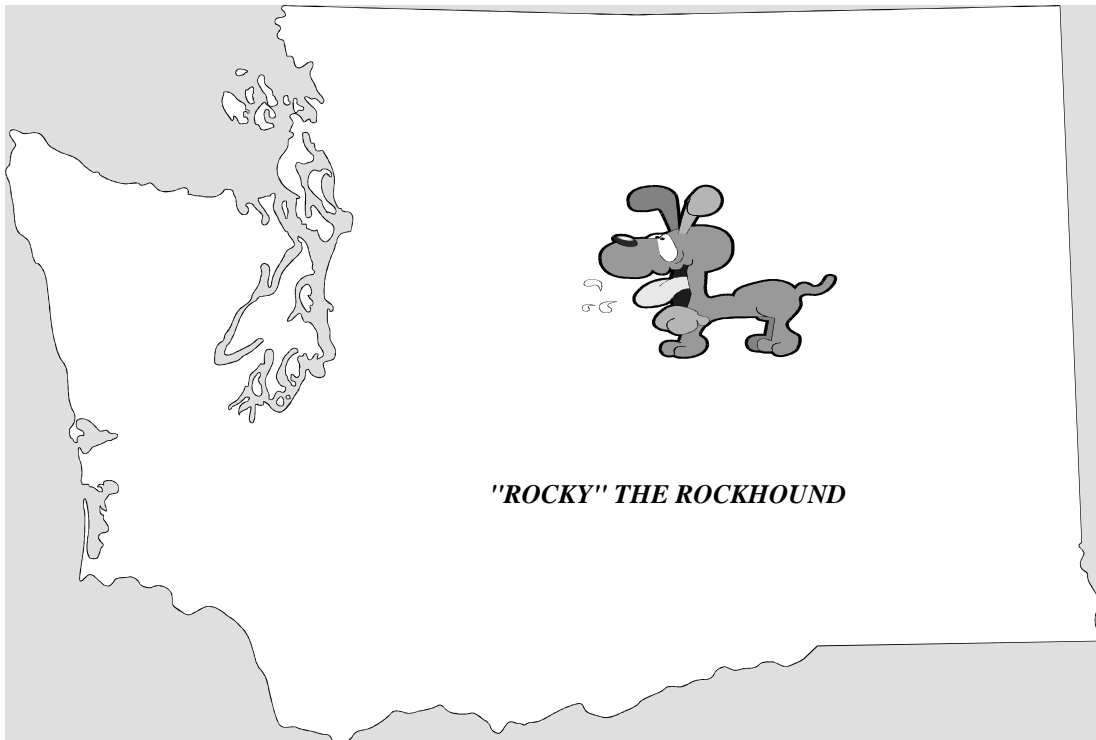


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The West Side Board meets the third Tuesday of each month between Quarterly meetings, unless a meeting is specially called. Usually no meeting in July and December dependent on Board action.

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Westside board meeting minutes 06/15/10

Washington State Mineral Council
Meeting Tuesday June 15th, 2010

Meeting called to order at 7:37 pm by President Brian Waters.

Treasurer's report

Submitted by email. There were more expenses than income this month, including payment for the Walker Valley lease, map printing costs, and newsletter costs.

Wagonmasters:

Mt Higgin's field trip was acknowledged as having had considerable problems due to last minute garbled communications between field trip leaders as well as an overwhelming attendance by club members. Apologies to all who attended the trip for the unusual difficulties.

Wenatchee Garnet trip July 17th:

If you know that your club will be attending in large numbers, please contact the East King Co rep to let them know. Also be aware that there are officially two "Ranger Buildings" in the Wenatchee area, but only one is the Ranger Station, which is the second official "Forest Service Building" they will come to further down the road after it forks to the left. Please warn your members who are new to the area.

By-laws Revision:

No input has been received as of today. The revisions will be submitted for adoption at the next quarterly meeting on September 25, 2010, with the final vote take place at the last quarterly meeting of the year, on November 6, 2010.

Adna/Ceres Hill:

Brian Waters had received a letter from a rockhound over the winter stating that he had contacted the landowner Green Diamond regarding the posted No Trespassing signs. Green Diamond had indicated to him at the time that it was due to possible drug activities on the land and they hoped it would be temporary. Christina Morrissey had contacted the same company in April 2010 regarding possible field trips and was told summarily that no collecting was allowed per DNR regulations. Nothing about drug activities was mentioned.

Insurance:

Bob Pattie wanted information on the insurance company that the Council uses: Liberty Northwest.

Bureau of Land Management Public Meeting in Ellensburg, Saturday, June 12, 2010, 12-3 PM:

In addition to the seven BLM staff members including Scott

September 21, 2010 Westside Board Meeting AGENDA

Opening of Meeting
 ◇ Stu Earnst/Brian Waters
 Treasurer's Report
 ◇ Kathy Earnst
 Committee Reports
 ◇ Wagonmaster -Ed Lehman
 Old Business
 New Business
 Open Comments

Meeting Calendar for 2010

West side board meetings:
1/19, 2/16, 4/20, 6/15, 9/21, 10/19

At 7:30PM at the
Maplewood Clubhouse
8802 196th St SW, Edmonds

General meetings (tentative):
3/27, 5/1, 9/25, 11/6

All general meetings will be held at:

Palace Café
4th & Main
Ellensburg
Meeting @ 9:30 AM

Pavey, the Planning & Environmental Coordinator, head man in the process for the district, there were six members of the public: five rockhounds and a rancher from the Yakima Canyon. The five rockhounds represented the Boeing and Marysville Rock & Gem Clubs.

The Spokane District Office covers all of the BLM land in the State of Washington and is just one of nine district offices governed out of the Portland, Oregon Division. The other eight offices are all in the state of Oregon, which is an indication of how much BLM land there is in Washington versus Oregon.

The public meeting in Ellensburg was the last of six that was being held in the beginning process of the new Resource Management Plan which will determine how the BLM lands in Washington are to be managed over the next 25 years. The last Management plan was devised in 1984. There have been considerable changes since then including the acquisition of over 100 thousand acres through land exchanges to consolidate land areas; a number of species of wildlife and plants have become rare or endangered; and energy alternatives like wind and solar

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have become important and policy decisions regarding the same will impact the land under BLM management.

Decisions to be made in the planning process are driven by the Federal Land Management Act.

Resources under the Bureau's control that are to be considered are the following:

- ◆ Will there be grazing in certain areas or not;
- ◆ Will there be energy development in certain areas or not;
- ◆ Will there be access to motorized vehicles in certain areas or not;
- ◆ What will the mineral uses be in certain areas or not?
- ◆ And finally as there is no current plan in the San Juan Islands, the BLM will be including consideration in this area as well because there is considerable recreational activity going on in that area as well.

The decision process has been outlined in the BLM newsletter which is on their website www.blm.gov/or/districts/spokane/plans/ewsjrmp/. You can also sign up to have a copy of the newsletter emailed to you as it comes out at the same site.

Deadline for your comments on this initial process is JUNE 25, 2010!

The Mineral Council strongly urges all rockhounds and members of the public, interested in having continued access to public lands unimpeded by locked gates and fences, to get your comments in NOW!

The rockhound hobby has never really put forth their presence in any visible way. Let your voice be heard! The BLM has always been a very cooperative governmental organization usually sympathetic to our concerns. However, that doesn't mean that they don't need our **VISIBLE SUPPORT AND VOICE**.

So send an email! Here is a sample you can copy and paste if necessary and send to the following addresses ASAP!

OR_Spokane_RMP@BLM.gov

or if that doesn't work send it to:

Scott_Pavey@blm.gov

Mr. Scott Pavey

BLM

Spokane Office

Dear Sir,

I am a rockhound and member of the Marysville Rock and Gem Club. Rockhounding brings me great pleasure. It gets me outdoors where I can get lots of exercise and enjoy the

wonders of nature. It stimulates my brain as I study the geology of the various types of rocks and minerals and the locations in which I find them. It affords me great peace of mind, as the hobby takes me away from my daily stresses and brings me together with people who share a similar interest.

Your new planning process is of interest and concern to me because I would hope that collecting locations like Saddle Mountain near Mattawa, WA as well as abandoned mines in Ferry and Stevens counties will continue to be accessible to me and my rockhound friends in the future. We use our cars and trucks to get to these spots as most of us are a bit older and need a bit of help getting up those hills these days. Those few of us still young enough to walk the distance still need cars to transport kids to these locations along with all their stuff.

We don't ask for much. Just let us continue to collect where we do now, keep the existing roads open and that will suit us just fine.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment and would appreciate the heads up if there are any changes in collecting rules.

Sincerely,

Christina Morrissey

Address

Phone number

Email address

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Members attending:

Brian Waters: President (Boeing Club)

Ed Lehman: Wagonmasters, ret'd (Marysville)

Glenn Morita: Editor

Lisa Bishop (Boeing)

Bob Pattie (Boeing)

Mrs. Pattie (Boeing)

Gordon Lyon (Marysville Rock & Gem)

Christina Morrissey: Sec'y (Marysville, Everett)

Submitted by,

Christina Morrissey, Secretary

Jade Buddha coming to Aldergrove, BC

Harley Waterson of the BC Wagonmasters forwarded this message that maybe be of interest.

Hi all,

In case you have not heard the iconic Jade Buddha for Universal Peace is coming to Aldergrove.

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PROPOSED FIELD TRIPS FOR 2010

The WSMC sponsors field trips through the Wagonmasters. These trips offer the rockhound the opportunity to collect a wide variety of materials from agate and jasper to crystals and fossils. Experienced guides familiar with the sites are on hand to help the novice collector find good quality material. Check with the local clubs in your area for further information.

Check out the trip info, and tool listing at mineralcouncil.org.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Host</i>	<i>Site</i>	<i>Meet</i>	<i>Material</i>	<i>Tools</i>
1/30	Msvl	Cedar Ponds	9:00 @ Monroe Jack'n Box	Red & Yellow Jasper	Dig & Light hard rock
2/20	E King	Cherry Ck	9:00 @ Safeway So Duvall	Jasper	Wading Ck Rock hammer & container Crack hammer & container
3/20	Evt	Miller Rvr	9:00 @ Hwy 2 Skykomish	Picture Jasper	Crack hammer & container
4/10	MtBk	Racehorse Ck	9:00 @ Nugent's Corner IGA	Fossils– Morel mushrooms	Light hard rock & split
4/17-18	Pow	Saddle Mt & Diat	8:00 @ Boat launch So Matawa	Petrified Wood, Opal	Light hard rock & dig
5/23	Wams	Mt Higgins	9:00 @ Oso gas store (open)	Rhodonite	Hard rock – Tough tires
6/12-13	Elb	First Ck	9:00 @ W Fk Teanaway River	T-eggs, Agate, Geodes	Dig & hard rock
6/19-27	Msvl	Prineville Or	T B A Camping	T-eggs, Agate, Jasper	Dig, light & hard rock
6/30-7/4	Pow	Madras Or	8:00 @ Jefferson Co Fair	Agate, Jasper, Wood, T-eggs	Dig & light hard rock
7/17	E King	Lk Wenatchee	9:00 @ Ranger Station	Garnet, Actinolite & Talc	1/4" screen, bucket wood saw, shovel
8/7		So W Carnelian	CANCELLED	Agate, Jasper, Wood	Dig tools
8/21-22	Pvgm	Greenwater	9:00 @ Enumclaw Ranger Sta	Agate, Jasper	Dig & light hard rock
8/25 ?	Ed & Bob	Whitehorse	CANCELLED	Jade mine (fee required)	Strenuous hike light hard rock
9/11-12	Pow	1st Ck– Red Top	8:00 @ W Fk Teanaway Riv	Agate, Jasper, Geodes, T-eggs, Jade	Dig, light hardrock
9/18	Pvgm	Little Naches	9:00 @ Kaner Flats Camp ?	Thunder Eggs	Dig & light hard rock
10/2-3	W Sea	Saddle Mt	9:00 @ Matawa Lepricon	Petrified Wood, Opal	Dig & light hard rock
11/13	MtBk	Blanchard Hill	9:00 @ 1-5 exit 240 gas mart	Stilpnomelane in Quartz, Chert	Hard rock

ALWAYS CALL TO CONFIRM TRIPS—SEE BELOW

Abrv	Host	Contact	E-mail
Pvgm	Puyallup Vly Gem & Mineral	Tony Johnson (253) 863-9238	
Elb	Ellensburg Rock Club	Steve Townsend	srtrocks@aol.com
Evt	Everett Rock & Gem Club	Bob Johnson (425) 408-0849	bobinevt@hotmail.com
Msvl	Marysville Rock Club	Christina Morrissey (425) 398-1300	cmvw@verizon.net
MtBk	Mt Baker Rock Club	Kris Menger (360) 366-0576	kmenger@peoplepc.com
Pow	Pow Wow Rockhounds Club	Cliff Matteson	
Wams	WA Agate & Mineral Club	Mike Messenger (360) 456-6930	wams1939@comcast.net
W Sea	West Seattle Rock Club	Brian Waters (206) 290-2312	bwaterssss@yahoo.com
Ed & Bob	Jade Minning Association	Ed Lehman (425) 334-6282	wsmced@hotmail.com

Trips are open to all. Most 2 day trips include Sat. potluck, horse shoes, tail-gating & swap. Sun. free breakfast. A small fee is required for Pow Wow and Madras trips. For more information contact Ed Lehman at wsmced@hotmail.com (425)334-6282 or mineralcouncil.org

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The four-tonne statue, valued at \$5 million, will be on display in Aldergrove from August 6 - 15 as part of the world tour that began last year in Vietnam and will end next year when it will be placed at the Great Stupa of Universal Compassion in Bendigo, Australia.

The Jade Buddha will be on display at the Hoa Nghiem Temple (formerly Aldergrove United Church) at 2623 - 272 Street, Aldergrove.

The Jade Buddha is 2.7 metres high and is carved from the largest single piece of translucent nephrite jade ever found, called "Polar Pride". It was discovered in northern B.C. in 2000.

http://www.bclocalnews.com/surrey_area/aldergrovestar/news/90972884.html

You may wish to let your respective clubs know in case some of the members would like to visit the Jade Buddha and support World Peace.

Perhaps this should be added to the BC Lapidary Society web page as a coming attraction.

Win

Field Trip Report of Saturday, May 15, 2010 to the Rediscovered Fly-By-Night Agate Claim at Walker Valley

Saturday morning at 9:00 am was a gloriously sunny and beautiful day to go rockhounding! Seventeen people other than me evidently agreed as we met in the parking lot of the little grocery store at the upper end of Big Lake. We condensed ourselves into six high-clearance vehicles (due to parking issues) and set off down Highway 9 for the brief trip to access the road in to the Fly-By-Night claim that I, Daina Sandhop, and Jeff Boylan had rediscovered the weekend before.

There are two means of access to the claim. After determining that the shorter way was unexpectedly gated this weekend, we headed for the longer way in and in a few minutes arrived at the claim. It is just steps from the parked vehicles, on one of the two last parcels of DNR land in this section of Walker Valley.

The old claim was originally leased around 1972, and Ed Molsee who attended the field trip Saturday, had himself not been to the site since 1974 or so. There were no trees in the area at that time, and the site had changed tremendously. This and the fact that one of the few known roads into the area, from Peter Burns Road, has been gated for some time, requiring a two-mile hike each way, may account for the location's being less than frequently visited in the past 35 years!

Everyone spread out once various spots were pointed out, and the sounds of hammer on rock were heard near and far. Around lunch time, several members headed down the road to the nearest intersection where I explained that there were decent leaf fossils to be found. They all came back with whole specimens despite a lack of appropriate chisels for the slate. (Butter knives work best for that kind of work...remember that if you ever go trilobite or fossil fish hunting!)

Around this same time, Bill Bono's brother-in-law, Orrin (who wants to join the club!) handed over his "glory hole" spot after filling up a couple of bags, and Joe Benfield, Rod von Thun and I got a chance at some really nice stuff. Ed Molsee earlier in the morning confirmed that this area was where he had last worked. (We also think we found his "potato bags" here!)

It's unusual stuff...not really vein-work; more like decomposed or deteriorated vein in situ mixed up with agate nodules and lots of nice loam. You just basically keep shoveling and looking closely at what you take out and pick out the nicest pieces. Much of the agate is banded, very blue, some plume and moss and we found marcasite inclusions once again! The best spots seemed to be in the middle of the location, although up high there are veins of agate and a jasper/rhyolite in place that did require chisel and sledgehammer and Bob Crouch and his grandson Drake were most ably handling this area.

Around 3:00 PM the energy level was sagging as were the bodies, buckets and bags. We gathered everyone for a community distribution of finds from whoever had to contribute including our "glory hole." Everyone seemed more than satisfied with what they found and it appeared as though several members planned trips back on their own in the near future.

As field trip chairman, I would like to remind everyone to **take care of** this excellent spot; be respectful of the property, the roads, and of others. Don't be stupid!! Please let's try to keep this spot open to rockhounds for as long as we possibly can. It's up to each and every one of us!

From Stone Age News 06/10

Shop Hint—Pitting

Working with dark-colored Moss Agate like the black Montana variety, small pits may sometimes appear on the finished, polished surface. The light colored polishing powders, such as tin oxide or cerium oxide, often pack into these small pits, making removal difficult and white spots surely distract from the stone's appearance. Try rubbing a small bit of black India ink into the spotted area, and then try to rub off the ink. The white spots will disappear.

via Petroglyphs 02/10, via The Tumbler, 1/10; via GCLFS Newsletter, 1/10; via Pick & Pack, 12/09; via The Rockcollector, 12/09; via Quarry Quips, 8/09; from Rockhound Rambling, 9/08

Local Area Shows for 2010

DATE & TIME	CLUB	SHOW	LOCATION
June 19th 10am - 5pm 20th 10am - 5pm	Butte Mineral and Gem Club	Mineral & Gem Show	Civic Center Annex 1340 Harrison Ave. (exit 127 North) Butte, Montana
July 24th 9am - 6pm 25th 9am - 5pm	Washington Agate & Mineral Society with the Tenino Rock Cruisers	16th Annual Rock & Gem Rendezvous	Parkside elementary School on Stage St South (take I5 exit 88) Tenino, WA
July 30-31st 10am - 5pm August 1-2nd 10am - 5pm	Hosted by Billings Gem & Mineral Club	NFMS/AFMS Combined show	Holiday Inn Grand Montana 5500 Midland Rd. Billings MT
August 13th 10am - 9pm 14th 10am - 9pm 15th 10am - 6pm	Port Townsend Rock Club	Annual Rock & Gem Show during the Fair	Jefferson County Fair Grounds 49th Street Port Townsend, WA
August 21st 10am - 6pm 22nd 10am - 4pm	Nisqually Valley Rockhound Society	Annual Show	Yelm Middle School Highway 510 Yelm, WA
September 11th - 10am - 5pm 12th - 10am - 5pm	Marcus Whitman Gem & Mineral Society	40th Annual Gem and Mineral Show	Walla Walla Co. Fairgrounds Community Center 9th St. Orchard Walla Walla, WA
September 18th 10am - 6pm 19th 10am - 4pm	Southern Washington Mineralogical Society	45th Annual Rock & Gem Show	Castle Rock Fairgrounds A St. & Cowlitz River Castle Rock, WA.
September 17th - 10am - 6pm 18th - 10am - 6pm 19th - 10am - 5pm	Portland Regional Gem and Mineral Show	30th Annual Show "A Rock Revival"	Hillsboro Fair Complex (across from Hillsboro Airport) Hillsboro, OR
October 9th 10am - 5pm 10th 10am - 5pm	Marysville Gem & Mineral Club	36th Annual show	Totem Middle School cafeteria 7th & State Ave. Maysville, WA 98270
October 16th 10am - 6pm 17th 10am - 5pm	Hells Canyon Gem Club	44th Annual Show "Gifts from the Earth"	Nez Perce Co., Fair Grounds 1229 Burrell Ave. Lewiston, ID 83501
October 23rd 9am - 6pm 24th 10am - 5pm	Clackamette Mineral and Gem Club	"Harvest of Gems in 2010" 46th Annual Gem & Min- eral Show	Clackamas County Fairgrounds Pavilion 694 NE. 4th Ave Canby, OR 97013
October 23rd 10am - 5pm 24th 10am - 5pm	Bellevue Rock Club	Octoberfest of Gems	Vasa Park 3560 West Lake Sammamish Blvd. SE Bellevue, Washington 98009 (I-90 Exit 13)
November 6th 9am - 5pm 7th 9am - 4pm	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club	Annual Fall Show	Maplewood Clubhouse 8802 196th St SW Edmonds, WA
November 20th 10am—5pm 21st 10am—5pm	Kitsap Mineral and Gem Society	Fall Festival of Gems	The Presidents Hall, Kitsap County Fairgrounds 1200 NW Fairgrounds Rd Bremerton, WA

Westside Board Meeting
September 21, 2010
7:30 PM

Maplewood Clubhouse
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Edmonds

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