

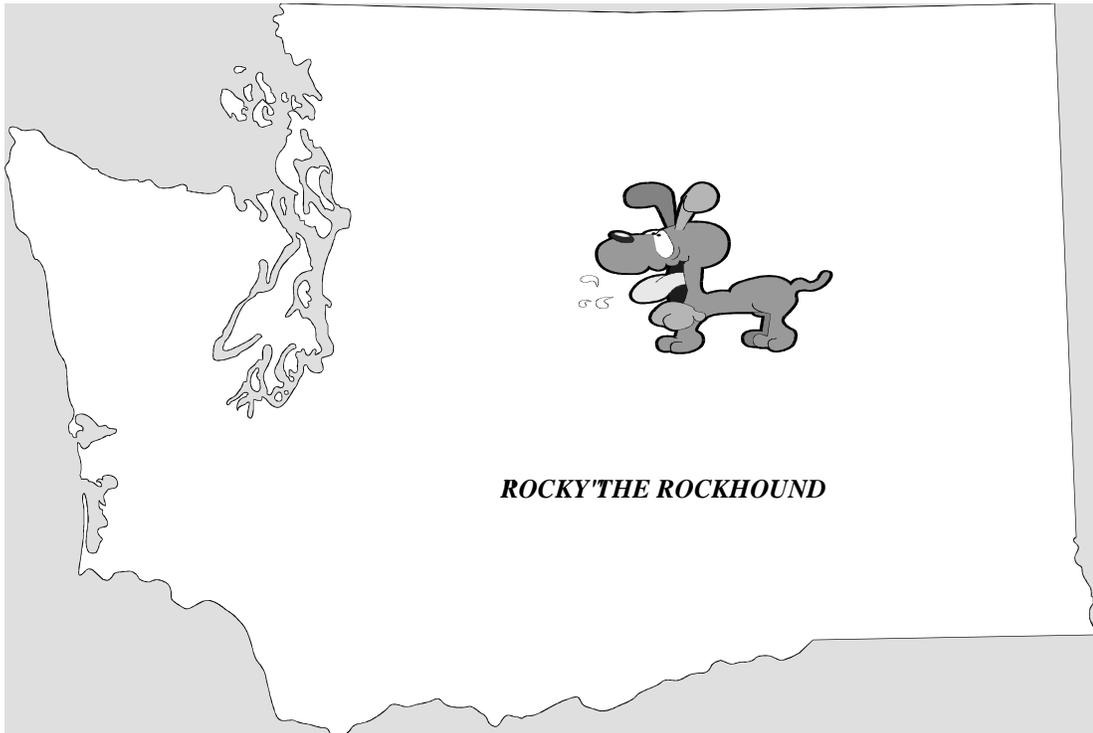


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The West Side Board meets the third Tuesday of each month between Quarterly meetings, unless a meeting is specially called. Usually no meeting in July and December dependent on Board action.

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Westside Board Meeting Minutes 10/19/10

Washington State Mineral Council Westside Board Meeting October 19, 2010

The meeting was brought to order by Brian Waters, President.

Treasurer's report

Kathy Earnst gave her usual competent report with no unusual details.

Wagonmaster report

The meeting then moved onto field trips. In October, a preliminary trip was arranged by Brian Waters and Ed Thomas to the China Hollow Picture Jasper site in the Biggs, Oregon area. China Hollow Jasper is from the "Biggs" formation of jasper deposits in N. Central Oregon, famous for its' beautiful colors and diverse uses. Originally owned by the Fred Dormaier family, the current owner purchased the property in 1999 and has recently reopened the mine.

The preliminary trip was very successful for both attending rockhounds and the mine owner. At this point the Council hopes to be able to offer two trips a year to the mine: one in the spring and one in the fall. Specific dates will be announced at the regional/field-trip-planning meeting to be held in Ellensburg, November 6, 2010. All member clubs are encouraged to have their field trip coordinators attend, as well as their council representatives.

China Hollow Jasper trips will have restrictions on the number of people collecting on the dig site (approximately 30-35) and the number of vehicles traveling to the property (about 10). The Council will also require a refundable deposit of \$25 per person to be received no later than 30 days before the date of the trip to cut down on no-shows or late cancellations. (Ed Lehman is to deal with the Council insurance issues at least 30 days before each of these trips.)

Details on when registration will begin for each trip will be determined at the November meeting. (Reservations will not be accepted before those dates.) Once registration begins, it will be a first-come, first-served situation until the list is full. There will be a waiting list thereafter. Goldendale, WA, will be the gathering spot. Dry camping and motels are available. See your field trip coordinator for further information.

Old business

Council members went on to discuss some recent emails from a rockhound who evidently not been aware of the closure last

November 6, 2010 Combined Board Meeting AGENDA

- Pres. Opening of Meeting
- ◇ Brian Waters
- Treasurer's Report
- ◇ Kathy Earnst
- Committee Reports
- ◇ Wagonmaster
- Old Business
- New Business
- Open Comments
- Adjourn

Meeting Calendar for 2010

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

year of the Lucas Creek area by Weyerhaeuser to rock collecting. It was suggested that the Council put a list of closed rockhound areas at the top of all future Annual Field Trip Lists including the one that is put on the Council website.

New business

Nominations for officers for the 2011 WSMC Board will be sought at the November 6th meeting.

Stu Earnst, Vice President, then mentioned that rockhounds should be cautioned that any areas where wind mills are currently being erected should not automatically be considered public property and therefore open to collectors. He stated that many windmills are being put on private land under contract with utility companies and are therefore not to be off-limits to everyone. Once again, "Check the ownership status of the area where you wish to collect or prospect if you are in any doubt, before going there!"

Ed Lehman gave a brief report on the Jade Symposium. It was held in Darrington at the home of Ken Agren (a Marysville

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Club member), Sept 17-18. Many well known and "noted" rock and mineral people attended the two day affair. He estimated that over one hundred people attended with at least ten booths/tables. The symposium presented information on jade and all its varieties as well as the many collecting localities, in particular, Washington State. Evidently, Washington state is only now beginning to be known for its quality jade. There were many samples of rough jade but not much finished jade until sometime on the second day, Sunday. Although originally expected to rotate among different areas, it will apparently be held once again in Darrington in 2011.

One of the Council members asked if Council field trips were open only to members of the Council rock clubs. The answer was that Council field trips are open to the general public in an effort to promote the hobby of rockhounding. No membership in any club is necessary to participate unless otherwise specified.

Open discussions

Kathy indicated that she has received in the mail several flyers from a faceting and jewelry company operating out of Bangkok, Thailand. The flyers are available to anyone interested. Their website is www.lambertgems.com.

Ed Lehman warned that when using overseas services for finishing opal rough, there has been some evidence that travel by air and the abrupt change in pressure and/or temperature of the opal later causes them to cloud and crack upon return to the United States. He recommends proceeding cautiously with any opal shipments.

Ed Lehman mentioned that he is currently getting many requests from a variety of elementary schools for his geology program and rock & mineral boards. He is in the process of getting 300 boards cut and ready for these programs. Students are charged \$1 per board with the minerals and nothing for the accompanying program.

Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Christina Morrisey, Secretary

New National Monuments and HR 5580

by John Martin, AFMS Conservation

In February of this year an internal draft proposing the creation of over 19 million acres of new or expanded National Monuments under the Antiquities Act of 1906 was leaked from the Department of the Interior. Under the Antiquities Act of 1906, the President of the United States can use his Executive Order Power and By-Pass all of Congress to create National Monuments. The leaking of this Internal Draft has lead to quit a stir among congressional representatives across the entire country.

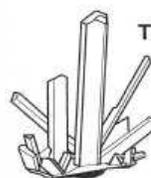
These new or expanded National Monuments are to be located in Utah, Montana, New Mexico, California, Nevada, Arizona, Oregon, Colorado, Washington, Alaska and Wyoming. The estimated cost to taxpayers for the acquisition of private land within the proposed National Monuments is approximately \$2,383,260,000.00 as reported in the Internal Draft.

Many of these nationally significant landscapes are worthy of inclusion in a National Monument system. However, the proposed method of creation of these National Monuments has come under fire by many members of congress and has outraged many citizens across the United States.

As far as Rockhounds go, many of our collecting area in these states would be included in these National Monuments and thereby closed to future collecting. In June of 2010 fourteen members of congress drafted and introduced a House of Representative bill, to amend the Antiquities Act of 1906. This new bill will require that congress and the public have an input in the creation of any National Monuments and to limit the power of the president's ability to create National Monuments without concurrence of the congress.

This bill H.R. 5580: National Monument Designation Transparency and Accountability Act of 2010, is only 9 pages long and deserves the support of all Rockhounds across our country.

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The Northwest Opal Association
and
The Boeing Employees' Mineralogical Soc.
Present

**The 6th Annual
South Sound
Gem, Opal &
Mineral Show**

Friday Nov. 12
10 am-5 pm
Saturday Nov. 13
10 am-5 pm
Sunday Nov. 14
10 am-4 pm

**Expo Hall
Puyallup Fairgrounds
Meridian St S & 9th Ave SW**

- Gem, Jewelry, & Mineral Dealers
- Demonstrations, Exhibits
- Hands-on Activities & Crafts
- Silent Auction, Raffle, Door Prizes

**Wheelchair
Accessible**

**Food
Available**

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the Gold Lot**

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Students & Children - Free

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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
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	Pvgn	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	Pvgn	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
Pvgn	Puyallup Vly Gem & Mineral	Tony Johnson (253) 863-9238	
Elb	Ellensburg Rock Club	Steve Townsend	srtrcks@aol.com
Evt	Everett Rock & Gem Club	Bob Johnson (425) 408-0849	bobinevrt@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	bwaterss@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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Please write to your elected officials and ask them to support this legislation.

Help protect our recreational and collecting areas from arbitrary closures and special interest politics. A link to the bill and its current status are available on the ALAA Website <www.amlands.org> on the "Active Legislative Page". Your comments and thoughts on this bill or other areas of interest to Rockhounding may be added to the "Live Forum/Blog Page" also on the ALAA Website.

from AFMS Newsletter, 8-9/10

Field Trip Twelve Essentials

by Dean Norman

1. Matches & Lighter. Use "Strike-anywhere" matches. Whatever you do, don't use "Strike-on-box" matches. It is impossible to light "Strike-on-box" matches on anything other than the special striker strip on the box. Once you have the "Strikeanywhere" matches, place the matches in a waterproof case—small plastic waterproof match containers sold at sporting goods stores work fine—and include a striker. A piece of emery board makes a good striker. In very wet conditions, you'll want to have a dry striker along with your matches. When you need a fire, you don't want to mess around trying to light matches on wet rocks. Matches, which weigh nothing and easily fit in your pocket, are one of your most important survival tools. Not only does fire allow you to survive a cold, miserable night, but it is an important moral booster as well. Also, bring a Bic Lighter, it can double as a fire starter to light the matches if the lighter flame gets low.

2. Fire Starter Tinder. Always include fire starter with matches. Always. There are times when even the best woodsman, or woodswoman, will not be able to make a fire without it. Fire starter assures that you can get fire going quickly, no matter how bad the conditions. Place some fire starter in your pack, but also put a small chunk of fire starter along with your matches and a striker in a waterproof case. Toilet Paper (dry) can also be a good fire starter. Another good fire starter is cotton balls dipped in petroleum jelly, then placed in a zip lock bag, will light even when wet.

3. Map. Many people who have been rescued could have easily gotten themselves out of trouble by simply having a good map along.

4. Compass. Even if you carry a GPS device, you still need a compass. Although, GPS units provide a reasonably accurate fix of your location, they do not provide accurate bearings. If you know how to following a compass bearing, you can guide yourself out of thickly forested areas, featureless winter landscapes, foggy sagebrush areas, etc.

5. Flashlight, Extra Batteries and Bulb. A flashlight—or better yet, a headlight—is another one of those tools, like a map, that is simple and cheap insurance. Should night overtake you, it gives you the ability to find your way back to the trailhead. The Glow-Stick is another good light source. It is not good for finding trails in the dark, but is a useful light for overnights.

6. Extra Food & Water. Having extra food and water is critical in emergency situations. It helps ward off hypothermia in cold, wet weather, and it keeps you thinking clearly in a crisis. Bring along a granola bar, or energy bars, just a couple will help. A small water container can be refilled when crossing streams.

7. Extra Clothing. Even if it's a sunny day and you're on a short day hike, you should carry at least a rain poncho. It keeps you dry and also serves as wind protection. A good hat (wool or pile) stocking hat is also high on the list of extra clothing since a large amount of body heat is lost through the head and neck area. When deciding what to take, stay away from cotton which is worthless when wet.

8. First Aid Kit. Be prepared for emergencies. Carry basic first aid supplies such as sterile gauze and pads, band-aids, moleskin, etc.

9. Pocket Knife. With a pocket knife—a multi purpose Swiss Army knife is ideal—you can make field repairs, shave branches to make kindling, punch holes to repair a tarp, cut nylon cord, etc.

10. Whistle. Yelling doesn't go as far as a whistle. You can blow in a whistle all night long without getting tired, but if you yelled all night, you will most likely become horse and not able to answer anyone calling that's looking for you.

11. Hand Held Radio. A Talk-About, Midland or similar hand held radio, where everyone in the party is on the same channel and frequency code. People back at camp not going on the field trip should also have one and know the channel and check in times. Cell phones usually do not work well in the woods and do not always receive a tower.

12. Shelter. When all is considered, the best way of surviving wet or snowy nights is to have some type of roof over your head and a dry floor under you. One of the best shelter options is a combination of a lightweight nylon poncho, nylon cord and a lightweight space blanket. The poncho can be tied to trees or placed over a rudimentary snow shelter to keep out wind and weather—and in a pinch it doubles as a rain jacket. Use a nylon poncho or tarp. Avoid plastic ponchos and tarps. They rip easily and become brittle in cold weather. For a dry floor underneath you, a lightweight space blanket is a good choice. They are inexpensive, light, and aren't much larger than the size of a bar of soap. Since such lightweight space blankets, however, can tear easily, they are best used as a floor and not depended upon as a tarp over your head.

from The Hard Rock News, 7-8/10, via BEMS eTumbler 09/10

Dues are due.

Please send your dues by January 1, 2011 to Kathy Earnst, Treasurer

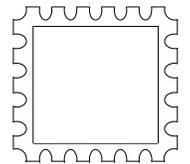
Local Area Shows for 2010/2011

DATE & TIME	CLUB	SHOW	LOCATION
November 6th 9am - 5pm 7th 9am - 4pm	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club	Annual Fall Show	Maplewood Clubhouse 8802 196th St SW Edmonds, WA
November 12th 10am - 5pm 13th 10am - 4pm 14th 10am—4pm	NW Opal Association and Boeing Employees' Mineralogical Society	6th Annual Show	Expo Hall Puyallup Fairgrounds Meridian St S & 9th Ave SW Puyallup
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
February 2011 12th 9am - 5pm 13th 9am - 4pm	Whidbey Island Gem Club And Pebble Pushers	46th Annual Sweetheart of Gems show	Oak Harbor Senior Center 51 SE. Jerome Street Oak Harbor, WA
February 2011 26th 10am - 6pm 27th 10am - 5pm	Everett Rock and Gem Club	58th Annual Gem and Jewelry Show	Washington National Guard Armory 2730 Oakes Ave. Everett, WA 98201
February 2011 26th 10am - 7pm 27th 10am - 5pm	Idaho Gem and Mineral Club	Annual Gem and Mineral show	Expo Idaho Fairgrounds 5610 Glenwood & Chinden Boise, Idaho
March 2011 8th 10am - 6pm 9th 10am - 6pm 10th 10am - 5pm	Rock Rollers of Spokane	52nd Annual Rock, Gem, Jewelry and Mineral Show	Spokane Fair & Expo Center N. 604 Broadway & Havana Spokane, WA
March 2011 12th 9am - 5pm 13th 10am - 4pm	Rock and Arrowhead Club	Annual Show "Petrified Wood"	Klamath County Fairgrounds 3531 S. 6th St. Klamath Fall, OR. 97603
March 2011 12th 9am - 6pm 13th 9am - 5pm	Magic Valley Gem Club	Magic Valley Gem Show	Twin Falls County Fairgrounds East of Filer, Idaho on US Hwy 30
March 2011 26th 10am - 6pm 27th 10am - 4pm	Sweet Home Rock and Mineral Society	62nd Annual Rock & Gem Show	Sweet Home High School Activity Gym 1641 Long St. Sweet Home, OR
April 2011 9th 10am - 6pm 10th 10am - 5pm	Mt. Baker Rock and Gem Club	"GOLDEN" Family Affair 50th Anniversary Show	Bloedel-Donovan Park Community Center 2214 Electric Ave. Bellingham, WA
April 2011 15th 9am - 6pm 16th 10am - 6pm 17th 10am - 4:30pm	Willamette Agate and Mineral Society	56th Annual	Polk County Fairgrounds 520 S Hwy 99 (Pacific Hy) - 10 miles west of Salem Rickreall, Oregon
April 2011 30th 10am - 5pm May 1st 10am - 5pm	West Seattle Rock Club	45th Annual 2011 Rock Show	Alki Masonic Temple 4736 40th Ave. SW. (W Seattle), WA

Combined Board Meeting
November 6, 2010
9:30 AM

Palace Café
4th & Main
Ellensburg

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