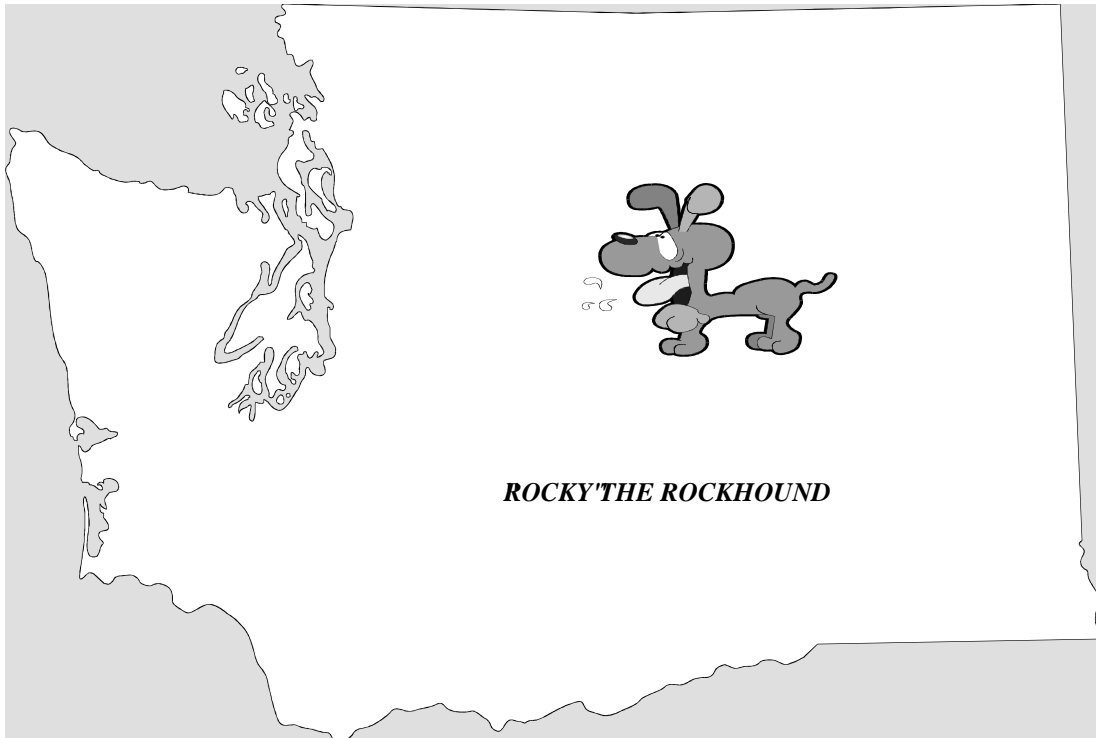

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The West Side Board meets the third Tuesday of each month between Quarterly meetings, unless a meeting is specially called. Usually no meeting in July and December dependent on Board action.

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Westside Board Meeting Minutes 10/20/15

VP Vesta Bettinger opened the meeting at 7:40pm.

Kathy gave the treasurer's report.

Bob Pattie went over a draft of the presentation describing the positive impact our hobby has on the state. There are two versions of the presentation; one focuses on the educational and social aspects of the hobby while the other focuses a bit more on the financial impact of our hobby. He and Stu plan to present them to the DNR sometime in the future.

The WSMC received an update on the Davis Creek obsidian collecting site in Northern California. Jim Keffer of the Puget Sound Knappers has been forwarding information on the Forest Service's actions. The following is an excerpt of a recent e-mail:

"The recent decision by USFS District Ranger Timothy Davis to lower the free recreational obsidian collection limit from a mere 500 lbs. to only 100 lbs. will have the effect of eliminating recreational rock collecting - it is way too expensive to make a trip to remote Davis Creek for only 100 lbs. In the past approximately 1,500 rock hounds and flint knappers have visited Davis Creek annually to collect rock and use for teaching, demonstration and art. Even that number accounts for only 15% - 20%. The rest is collected by a few 'commercial licensees' and much of it is shipped to China (this is a fact). The change was made without notifying any of the people who in the past had obtained recreational collection permits. "

The Forest Service has said it may be possible to create a permit for collecting more than 100 pounds of obsidian per year. However, action on this has not been finalized.

No Old business

New business:

The nominating committee will begin selecting candidates at the meeting in Ellensburg on 10/31.

Meeting adjourned,
Submitted by Glenn Morita
Secretary Pro-Tem

January 19, 2016 Westside Board Meeting AGENDA

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

Meeting Calendar for 2016

West side board meetings:
1/19, 2/16, 6/21, 8/16, 10/18

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

General meetings :
3/19, 5/21, 9/24, 11/05

All general meetings will be held at:

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

GPS Co-ordinates Needed

The WSMC needs the GPS co-ordinates of any and all of the collecting sites in the state. In an effort to make the map booklets as accurate as possible the Mineral Council is asking for everyone to record GPS readings while on field trips. The data can also be used to help in our fight to keep our collecting areas open.

The Washington State Mineral Council web site has MOVED.

Please update your web browsers to the new URL
<https://mineralcouncil.wordpress.com/>

The move allows the website to use Wordpress without having to upgrade our web hosting account.

The old URL www.mineralcouncil.org will continue to re-direct you to the new location.

WSMC FIELDTRIPS 2015 (Will be updated—see mineralcouncil.org)

Date	Host	Site	Meeting place and time	Material	Tools
01/10	Msvl	Beaver Valley	10:30 @ info Center BeaverValley Rd	Chert & Zeolites	Hard rock tools
01/31	Msvl	Walker Valley	9 @ Big Lake Store	Geodes, Agate nodules	Hard rock tools
02/21	Msvl	Cedar Ponds	9:00 @ 2nd Monroe Jack n Box	Jasper	Dig & Lt hard rock tools
03/07	Msvl	Cherry Creek	9:00 @ Duvall Safeway	Jasper	Dig, Lt hard rock, wading
04/18-19	POW	Saddle Mt Mattawa, WA	8:00 @ Mattawa boat launch	Petrified wood	Dues required \$7.50/each \$15/family
004/25	Msvl	Racehorse Creek	9:00 @ IGA @ Nugents Corner	Fossils	Dig & Lt hard rock tools
05/23	Elb	Saddle Mt	9:00 @ Mattawa Leprechaun Market	Petrified wood	Dig, Lt hard rock
06/15	Spk	Emerald Creek	9:00 @ Emerald Creek Star Garnet Area, Idaho	Star garnet	Tweezers
06/21-24	Spk	McDermitt, NV	Call	Picture jasper, petrified wood, agate, thunder eggs	Lt hard rock
06/25-28	POW	Madras, OR	8:00 @ Fairgrounds see dues above	Petrified wood, agate, jasper, T-Eggs -\$1 #	
07/10-13	HC	Clarkia, Idaho	One day travel each way from Western Washington	Large garnets, quartz crystals	Dig & Lt hard rock tools
07/18	Dar	Darrington	11am @ show, Darrington Grange	Travertine	Lt hard rock tools
08/15-16	NWOS	Greenwater	9:00 @ Enumclaw Ranger Station	Agate, Jasper	Dig, Lt hard rock
09/12-13	POW	Red Top	8:00 @ camp (W fork M fork jct) Dues, see above	Agate, geodes, jade, jasper	
09/26	NWOS	Little Naches	9:00 @ Enumclaw Ranger Station	Thunder-Eggs	Dig, Lt hard rock
10/17	Msvl	Money Creek	9:00 @ Money Creek Camp	Ore, picture Jasper	Lt hard rock, light
11/14	MtBkr	Blanchard Mt	9:00 @ I-5 240 exit gas Station	Stilpnomelane & Chert	Hard rock tool

The Washington State Mineral Council plans guided fieldtrips to collecting sites. Open to member clubs, and the general public. Most trips are free. Included will be Pow Wow trips (must join to go on trips). Host clubs and contact persons will be set up as I gather info. For now, go to mineralcouncil.org for updates, or contact Ed Lehman @ wsmced@hotmail.com , or home (425) 334-6282 cell (425) 760-2786.

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Msvl	Marysville R & G Club	Ed Lehman— wsmced@hotmail.com (425) 334-6282 or (425) 760-2786
POW	All Rockhounds Pow Wow Club of America	Larry Vess -vessel3@comcast.net (253) 473-3908
Elb	Ellensburg Rock Club	Steve Townsend—srtrocks@aol.com (509) 933-2236
Spk	Spokane Rock Rollers	Mike Shaw— mikeshawmoose@yahoo.com— (509) 244-8542
NWOS	Northwest Opal Society	Tony Johnson— (253) 863-9238
HC	Hells Canyon Gem Club	Dan Cease—rockmangem@q.com (509) 254-1720

This is just a project in works. Participants please respond with corrections and updates.

Thanks, Ed

Combined Board Meeting Minutes 10/31/15

Meeting called to order by Perry Gulsvig at 9:40

Introductions were made at the start of the meeting:

Stu Earnst	Marysville Club
Ed Lehman	Marysville and Darrington Clubs
Diane Myers	Shelton Club
Vickie Foster	Shelton Club
Perry Gulsvig	Spokane Prospectors
Aaron Wigant	Rock Rollers
Carolyn Brunk	Ellensburg RockWolves
David Mastin	Ellensburg Club
Steve Townsend	Ellensburg Club
Vesta Bettinger	North Seattle Club
Cheston Perry	North Seattle Club
Diana Horsfall	CMS
Jackie Pattie	CMS
Bob Pattie	CMS

Treasurer Report:

Stu Earnst read Kathy's treasurer's report and again brought up that we need to raise our prices as the cost of permits, Insurance, etc. have all gone up since the last time prices were raised, this was tabled for later in the meeting.

Old Business:

Bob Pattie and Stu Earnst worked on making changes to the booklet that was discussed last meeting, and it was split to separate out the reason for the booklets and the benefits of the booklet. Bob discussed the pages added and what the difference's in the booklets. It was decided that the booklets are good to go and Bob and Stu should set up a meeting in Olympia to present the information. They will be taking backup information with them if it is needed at the meeting.

Rising of prices was brought up. With prices going up we are in need of more income to cover expenses. After reviewing expenses, we concluded we could not eliminate our current activities, such as (permits are set by the state, insurance is needed and can't be canceled, we need the newsletters so every one can stay updated on the issues we are working on – {the booklet Bob and Stu are working on for an example}) there for it was decided that our income will have to be raised.

A motion was made by Bob Pattie and seconded by Stu Earnst that was as follows:

It was decided that we will raise dues to \$1.00 per person, (up .25 cents from the .75 cents previously charged). Also the map books are going to go up by \$1.00 each. (The black and white copies are going from \$6.00 a copy to \$7.00 a copy. The

color copies are going from \$9.00 to \$10.00 a copy).

It was decided that this will be reviewed next year at this time to see if we raised to prices enough to cover costs. This was passed by voice vote by members attending.

Ed Lehman has volunteered to contact Brad Johnson so the boxes of display samples for the shows can be returned for storage.

Wagonmaster:

The 2016 Field Trip schedule has not been completed yet.

The Spokane club will sponsor there yearly field trip in June, this would be June 9th as a travel day to Oregon. June 10-11 will be at Succor Creek, with June 12-13 at McDermott.

It was asked if your club would like to sponsor a field trip the let Ed know as soon as possible so he can make the schedule for next year.

2016 Combined Meeting dates have been set they will be:

March 19th
May 21st
September 24th
November 5th

Board meetings for 2016 will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:35
Pro-tem Secretary: Diana Horsfall

BC Wagonmaster Report and 2015/16 Field Trips List

Wagonmaster Field trip report, October 2015

The following list of field trips are for the fall and winter season of 2015. All club members are invited to attend. Due to insurance reasons, we ask that all field trip attendees be paid-up club members.

Most of the trips are going rain, or shine. If there is snow, stay home. Trips are typically 2-3 hours of collecting, and you are welcome to continue hunting.

For food, it would be good to bring some snacks such as granola bars, or some hot beverages on cold days. For clothing layer up and bring some rain wear just in case it starts to rain. Hiking boots with ankle support are recommended, do not wear street shoes, runners, and other soft shoes without ankle support or tread for walking on slippery rocks.

October 18, 9:00AM Sunday. Power Station quartz crystals. This location is just east of Bridal Falls. This trip includes a strenuous hike, so is intended for people in good physical condition to make it up the overgrown trail.

Tools required are small sledge, hammer, chisels, plus you can pick through rubble.

Meeting place is the "Ranchers" coffee shop in Bridal Falls, which is attached to the Shell gas station just off the highway. Be there prior to 9:00AM to meet the trip leader, Trevor Christie.

Contact info is: bcrockhunter@yahoo.ca 604-794-3668

November 8, 9:00AM Sunday, Gill Road bar, on the Fraser River near Chilliwack. This trip is to collect Fraser River materials such as jasper, agate, serpentine, and anything else we can find. This is an easy trip, we can drive cars close to the river bar, and is an easy walk to collect materials.

For tools bring a squirt bottle with water, and something to carry your treasures. This site has smaller cobbles versus other river bars upstream.

The meeting place is the Rosedale Traditional School, 50850 Yale Road Rosedale. (From highway #1, use Annis road exit, head north, turn right on Yale road...you will be close)

Trip leader is Trevor Christie
<http://www.mapquest.ca/#e847eab3c4b01ffe42e8e280>

December 6, 9:00AM Sunday: Jespersion Bar, on the Fraser River near Chilliwack. Similar to the above Gill Road bar, just a different location. Same materials, same tools, easy access.

Meeting spot is the Mt Cheam School, 9895 Banford Road in Chilliwack

<http://www.mapquest.ca/#a84dbe99d5dff0b51a79e7d>

January 3, Sunday, 9:00AM, Hamilton Bar, Fraser River near Agassiz. We will be looking for the same materials and tools as the above two field trips. This has a short walk from the spot where we park the vehicles.

Meeting spot is the Esso Station at 2406 Hot Springs Road. This is the intersection where Highway 7 meets the road to Harrison Hot Springs.

Leader is Trevor Christie
<http://www.mapquest.ca/#c4367cefbef09e17a516c603>

February 7, 9:00AM, Anderson Bar. This is Farther upstream, and therefore has larger cobbles than those downstream from Agassiz.

Anderson Bar is near Boston Bar, so the meeting place is the FasGas station in downtown Boston Bar.

Again, Fraser River materials, including a potential for Jade. Usual tools, layered clothing and footwear to keep warm.

You'll need to get up early to get to Boston Bar for 9:00AM. Trevor Christie is again leading this trip.

February 28, Sunday, 9:00AM, Yale Bar. This is a Fraser River gravel bar that is typically only accessible for a short time during low water in the winter. Larger cobbles. This is sometimes a tricky gravel bar to walk, so not recommended for those who have difficulty walking on rough slippery gravel bars. This is also farther upstream, and is approx. 20 minutes drive east of Hope. In case there is snow on this bar, we may change to another location.

Gathering spot is the Ranchers coffee shop in Bridal Falls.

Trip leader is Harley Waterson, harleyw@telus.net 778-979-0300

March 6, Sunday, 9:00AM Peg Leg bar in the Fraser River near Chilliwack. This is an easy access location, smaller sized cobbles. Again, Fraser River materials.

The gathering place for this trip is the IGA parking lot, 9700 Menzies Street in Chilliwack. (Use Vedder road exit from the freeway, go north)

<http://www.mapquest.ca/#d24d24d80b5f87c2442ab47c>

Leader is Trevor Christie.

As always, members from the US clubs are welcome to join the BC Field Trips, and we are also able to join up with the Washington State Mineral Council trips as well. Check out their trips at: <http://mineralcouncil.wordpress.com/>

Dues are due

Download the PDF or Word version from the WSMC website in the Misc. Resources menu

Kathy Earnst will be in town all spring so send in dues as soon as possible.

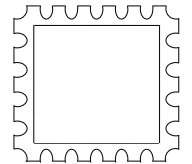
Local Area Shows for 2015 and 2016

November 2015 7th 9am - 5pm 8th 10am - 5pm	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club	Annual Fall Show	Maplewood Rock and Gem Clubhouse 8802 196th ST SW Edmonds WA
December 2015 5th 9am - 6pm 6th 10am - 5pm	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club	Annual Winter Bazaar	Maplewood Rock and Gem Clubhouse 8802 196th ST SW Edmonds WA
February 2016 13th 9am—5pm 14th 9am—4pm	Whidbey Island Gem Club	51st Annual Sweetheart of Gems Show	Oak Harbor Senior Center 51 SE. Jerome Street Oak Harbor, WA
February 2016 12th 9:30am – 5:30pm 13th 9:30am – 5:30pm 14th 9:30am – 5:30 pm	Oregon Agate and Mineral Society	OAMS Gem and Mineral Show	OMSI 1945 SE Water Avenue Portland OR 97214
February 2016 27th 10am—6pm 28th 10am—5pm	Idaho Gem Club	Annual show \$4.00, under 12 free w/adult	Expo Idaho 5610 Glenwood Boise ID 83714
March 2016 4th 8:30am - 6pm 5th 9am - 5pm	Panorama Gem and Mineral Club	Annual show	NE Washington Fair Grounds, Ag Trade Center 317 West Astor Colville WA
March 2016 5th 10am - 6pm 6th 10am - 5pm	East KingCo Club	Annual Rock and Gem Show	Pickering Barn 1730 10th Ave NW Issaquah, WA
March 2016 12th 9am - 5pm 13th 9am - 5pm	Magic Valley Gem Club	65th Annual Show	Twin Falls County Fairgrounds 215 Fair Ave. east of Filer on US Hwy. 30
March 2016 19th 9am - 6pm 20th 10am - 5pm	Hellgate Mineral Society	Gems Of Montana 22 nd Annual Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show \$2, under 14 free w/adult	Hilton Garden Inn 2730 North Reserve St. Missoula MT
March 2016 25th 10am – 6pm 26th 10am – 6pm 27th 10am – 4pm	Rock Rollers Club of Spokane	57th Annual Gem, Jewelry and Mineral Show	Spokane County Fair & Expo Center N.604 Havana Spokane WA
March 2016 26th 10am - 6pm 27th 10am - 5pm	Mt. Baker Rock & Gem Club	54th Annual Rock and Gem Show	Bloedel-Donovan Park 2214 Electric Ave. Bellingham WA
March 2016 26th 10am - 6pm 27th 10am - 5pm	Sweet Home Rock & Mineral Society	68th Annual Rock & Mineral Show	Sweet Home High School Activity Gym 1641 Long St. Sweet Home, OR
April 2016 9th 10am - 6pm 10th 10am - 5pm	Idaho Falls Gem & Mineral Society	52nd Annual Show	Idaho Falls Recreation Center B Street Idaho Falls, ID
April 2016 16th 10am - 5pm 17th 10am - 4pm	Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club	Annual Rock & Mineral Show	Benton Franklin County Fairgrounds 1500 S. Oak Kennewick, WA
April 2016 22nd 10am - 5pm 23rd 10am - 5pm 24th 10am - 4pm	Mt. Hood Rock Club	59th Annual Rock and Gem Show	W.P. Jackson Armory 6255 NE Cornfoot Road Portland OR 97218

Westside Board Meeting
January 19, 2016
7:30 PM

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