

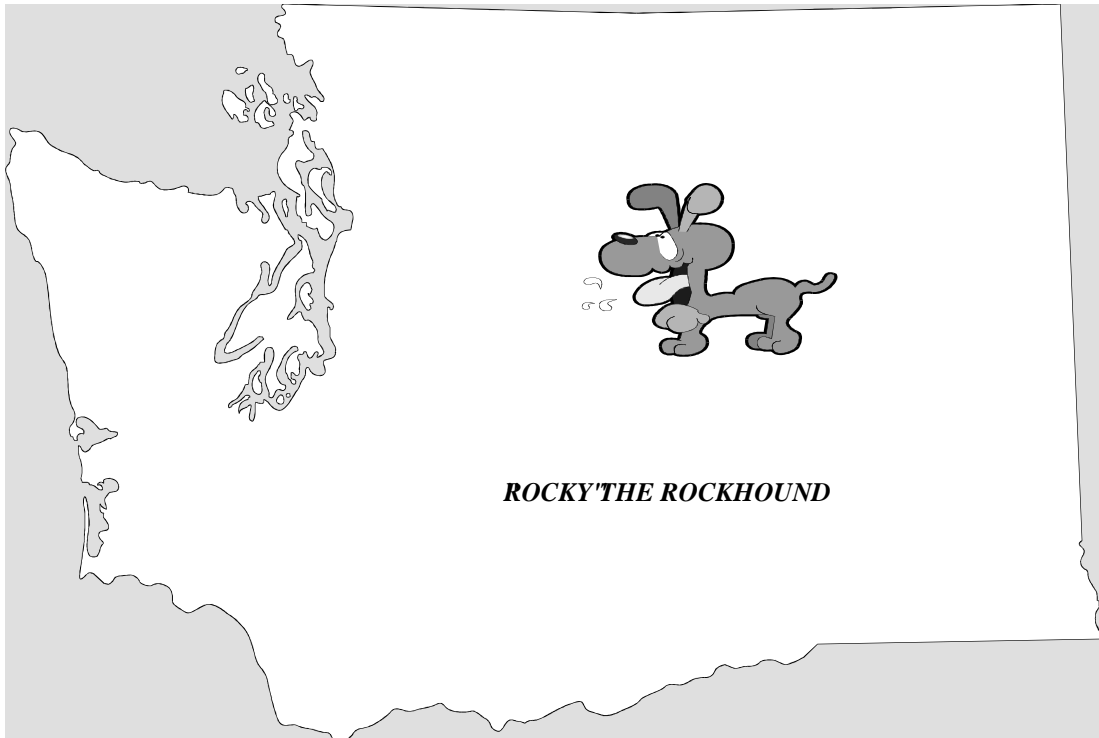


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The West Side Board meets the third Tuesday of each month between Quarterly meetings, unless a meeting is specially called. Usually no meeting in July and December dependent on Board action.

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Combined Meeting Minutes 11/01/2014

There were 19 members from 8 different clubs in attendance. Bob Pattie called the meeting to order.

There was no treasurer's report as she is on vacation

Ed Lehman went over the preliminary Field Trip schedule for 2015. We are losing some of our collecting sites as logging companies are closing their lands or charging exorbitant fees for access.

Ed Lehman had 150 new copies of the map book printed and they are now available. He said the trip to Money Creek was a good one.

There was no report from the nominating committee. We will elect new officers at the March meeting.

Vesta said she will do some research on Hansen Creek.

Bob Pattie had a list of web sites for filing mineral claims and discussed how filing has changed in cost and meaning. Filing a claim now means "Commercial Venture". Since the Mineral Council is non-commercial we need to find wording that allows us to collect at a site. We should say that we are prospecting for a possible "exploratory site for educational purposes."

He also said that there are over 15 million acres of federal and state land in Washington. We need to get maps showing public lands available to find old abandoned claims and new locations to search for minerals and rocks. There is also the US Department of the Interior Mining Act that says we can look for free minerals.

The purpose of filing a claim is to make a profit, if it is a lease, you need to state that it is for educational purposes. Keep in mind that taxes must be paid on any minerals extracted.

The WSMC is a non-profit organization, we can spend up to \$10,000/year for education, we are also non-political. A discussion followed on keeping our non-profit status.

When filing claims, Ed said not to use the Township and Range or GPS co-ordinates. The Willamette Meridian should be used.

Meeting adjourned,
Respectfully submitted,
Diane Myers, Secretary.

January 20, 2015 Westside Board Meeting AGENDA

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

Tentative Meeting Calendar for 2015

West side board meetings:
1/20, 2/17, 4/14, 6/16, 10/20

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

General meetings :
4/04, 5/02, 9/19, 11/01

All general meetings will be held at:

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

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL THE NATIONAL PARKS & FEDERAL RECREATIONAL LANDS PASSES

Many of our federally administered national parks, wildlife refuges, forests and other lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Reclamation require an entrance fee for you to use them. If you're a frequent user, consider purchasing an annual (or lifetime) pass to help mitigate your costs. Here's what's available (fees subject to change for 2015)

Annual Pass

- \$80 per year (12 months from date of purchase)
- Available to everyone
- Can be obtained in person at any federal recreation site, online (store.usgs.gov/pass) or by calling 1-888-275-8747.
- Non-transferable

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Free Annual Pass for U.S. Military

- Available to U.S. military members and dependents in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard. Also available for Reserve and National Guard members.
- Must be obtained in person at a Federal recreation site showing a Common Access Card (CAC) or Military ID (Form 1173).

Senior Pass

- \$10 Lifetime pass
- For U.S. citizens or permanent residents age 62 or older.
- May be obtained in person at a Federal recreation site or through the mail using the application form found at (www.nps.gov/findapark/passes.htm). The cost of obtaining an Access Pass through the mail is \$20. Applicants must provide documentation of age and residency or citizenship.
- May provide a 50% discount on some amenity fees charged for facilities and services such as camping, swimming, boat launch, and specialized interpretative services.
- Generally does not cover or reduce special recreation permit fees or fees charged by concessionaires.

Access Pass

- For U.S. citizens or permanent residents with permanent disabilities.
- May be obtained in person at a federal recreation site or through the mail using this application form. The cost of obtaining an Access Pass through the mail is ten dollars (\$10) for processing the application (the Pass is free). Applicants must provide documentation of permanent disability and residency or citizenship.
- May provide a 50 percent discount on some amenity fees charged for facilities and services such as camping, swimming, boat launching, and specialized interpretive services.
- Generally does NOT cover or reduce special recreation permit fees or fees charged by concessionaires

Volunteer Pass

- Free
- For volunteers with 250 service hours with federal agencies that participate in the Interagency Pass Program.
- Contact your local federal recreation site for more information about volunteer opportunities or visit Volunteer.gov.

NOTE:

Golden Access and Golden Age Passports are no longer sold. However, these passes will continue to be honored according to the provisions of the pass.

The five agencies that participate in the Interagency Pass Program are:

- National Park Service
- U.S. Forest Service
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Bureau of Land Management

• Bureau of Reclamation

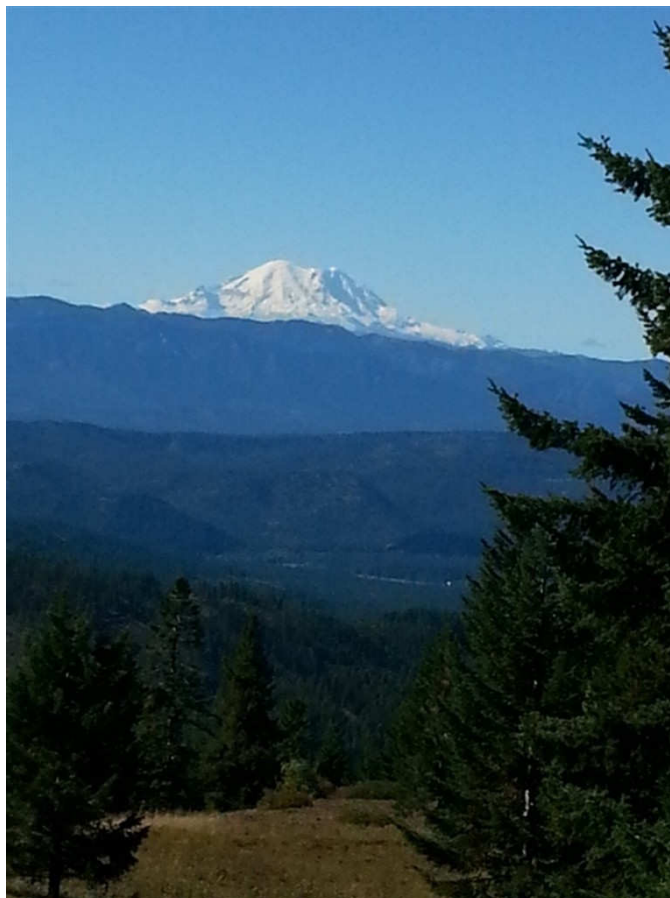
You can find answers to frequently asked questions about a specific type of pass at www.nps.gov/findapark/passes.htm

Via Stone Age News 12/14

**Scenes from the September 27
Red Top Field trip,**
courtesy of Perry Kimple

23 people joined the fun in the biggest field trip of the year, and everyone had a good “find.

via The Petrified Digest 11/14





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.

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

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.

| Date | Host | Site | Meeting place and time | Material | Tools |
|----------|-------|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 01/10 | Msvl | Beaver Valley | 10:30 @ info Center Beaver Valley 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 |
| 06/13 | Spk | Emerald Creek | 9:00 @ Emerald Creek Star Garnet Area, Idaho | Star garnet | Tweezers |
| 06/21-23 | Spk | | 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 | Somewhere in Idaho | One day travel each way from Western Washington | Large garnets, quartz crystals | Dig & 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 |

| Host | Club | Contact info |
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| 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

Local Area Shows for 2015

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| February 2015 7th 9am—5pm 8th 9am—4pm | Whidbey Island Gem Club | 50th Annual Sweetheart of Gems Show | Oak Harbor Senior Center 51 SE. Jerome Street Oak Harbor, WA |
| February 2015 21st 10am—6pm 22nd 10am—5pm | Idaho Gem Club | Annual show Adults \$3.00 Children 12 & under free | Expo Idaho 5610 Glenwood Boise ID 83714 |
| February/March 2015 28th 10am - 6pm 1st 10am - 5pm | East KingCo Club | Annual Rock and Gem Show | Pickering Barn 1730 10th Ave NW Issaquah, WA |
| March 2015 7th 10am - 6pm 8th 10am - 5pm | Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society | 61st Annual Rock and Gem Show | O'Conner Field House 2200 Blaine Caldwell, ID |
| March 2015 13th 9am - 5pm 14th 9am - 5pm 15th 10am - 5pm | Tualatin Valley Gem Club | Annual Show | Washington County FairPlex 873 NE 34th Ave. Hillsboro, OR. |
| March 2015 14th 9am - 5pm 15th 9am - 5pm | Magic Valley Gem Club | 64th Annual Show | Twin Falls County Fairgrounds 215 Fair Ave. east of Filer on US Hwy. 30 |
| March 2015 14th 10am - 5pm 15th 10am - 4pm | Northwest Montana Rock Chucks | 8th Annual Rock and Mineral Show \$1, kids free | Flathead County Fairgrounds Grandstand Bldg. 265 N. Meridian Rd Kalispell, MT |
| March 2015 21st 9am - 6pm 22nd 10am - 5pm | Hellgate Mineral Society | Gems Of Montana 21 st Annual Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show \$2, kids under 14 free | Hilton Garden Inn 2730 North Reserve St. Missoula MT |
| March 2015 27th 10am – 6pm 28th 10am – 6pm 29th 10am – 4pm | Rock Rollers Club of Spokane | 56th Annual Gem, Jewelry and Min- eral Show | Spokane County Fair & Expo Center N.604 Havana Spokane WA |
| March 2015 28th 10am - 6pm 29th 10am - 5pm | Mt. Baker Rock & Gem Club | 54th Annual Rock and Gem Show | Bloedel-Donovan Park 2214 Electric Ave. Bellingham WA |
| March 2015 28th 10am - 6pm 29th 10am - 5pm | Sweet Home Rock & Mineral Society | 67th Annual Rock & Mineral Show | Sweet Home High School Activity Gym 1641 Long St. Sweet Home, OR |
| April 2015 11th 10am - 6pm 12th 10am - 4pm | Yakima Rock & Mineral Club | Annual Parade of Gems Adults \$3.50, Students \$2.00 Under12 free w/adult | Central Washington State Fair Ground Modern Living Building 1301 South Fair Avenue Yakima WA 98901 |
| April 2015 17th 9am - 6pm 18th 10am - 6pm 19th 10am - 4:30pm | Willamette Agate & Mineral Society | Annual River of Gems Show | Polk County Fairgrounds 520 S. Pacific Hwy Rickreall, OR |
| April 2015 18th 10am - 5pm 19th 10am - 4pm | Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club | Annual Rock & Mineral Show | Benton Franklin County Fairgrounds 1500 S. Oak Kennewick, WA |
| April 2015 24th 10am - 5pm 25th 10am - 5pm 26th 10am - 4pm | Mt. Hood Rock Club | 58th Annual Rock and Gem Show | Kliever Memorial NG Armory On 10000 NE 33 rd Dr., Portland OR (just west of the PDX airport in between NE Marine Dr. & NE Columbia Blvd.) |

Westside Board Meeting
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7:30 PM

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