

DUSTY ROCKS

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ROCK AND ARROWHEAD CLUB

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June 14th, 2010 Meeting Minutes by Linda Watson

July 2010

7:15 PM: Meeting called to order by President, Jeff Eastburn.

Pledge of Allegiance. Jeff read correspondence. Guests introduced themselves –Darleth & Johnny Rodgers, Sheila & Philip Fry– welcome! Rick Connelly from Utah also brought rocks to trade/sell/share.

Inside this issue:

Birthday contributions were made. Door prize winner – Charlie James (last month it was his wife – Sheila – as winner J). Door prize was provided by new member Rick Connelly.

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Minutes from last meeting: Barbara Massey moved that the minutes be accepted as written and Charlie Wycoff seconded it. Membership approved the motion and minutes were accepted as written.

Treasurer’s Report: \$6581.18 currently in the bank. Although she did have some advertising bills to pay.

Sunshine report: No report. Doris Newnham said Gene was doing very good. Chuck Newnham reported that his Dad was also doing very good. Librarian’s Report: No report – she’s in Disneyland. Historian’s Report: No report. However, Mr. Ford found a box of the club’s missing photo albums/etc in his garage and returned it to the club. So all of our missing items are now located. NWF Report: Kathi reported that the annual meeting will be held Sept 18/19 in conjunction with the Beaverton Rock Show.

Old Business: Chuck Newnham gave us his report on the trailer from Blue Willow. It is pretty clean with minimal damage, new tires. Marshall reported that to license/title it would cost \$175 for the first 2 years, as it is currently licensed with Arizona plates and that the minimum insurance would add \$150 to our current policy. Marshall will check into insurance for the contents. Lori Zumbrun will store the trailer at her house. Chuck Newnham made motion to purchase the trailer from Blue Willow for \$3000. Lori Zumbrun seconded the motion. Membership approved – the club will purchase the trailer. Blue Willow will clean it out and get it ready to go. Chuck will arrange to pick it up (located in Springfield).

Charlie Wycoff reported that he received an email from Jan & Kurt Smith and that they are settled in Montana now and doing good. John Long, Charity Chair, will bring new charity information next meeting so the membership can select additional charities for future donations. Charlie Wycoff gave a brief update/report on maps.

New Business: Jennifer Zimmerlee is checking into Logo Items for next year’s Rock Show – bags, hats, etc with the RAC logo on them.

Jenny Eastburn resigned as Club Secretary. Laura Limb volunteered to fill in. Kermit Warner made a motion to nominate Laura and Jennifer Zimmerlee seconded it. Membership voted and approved Laura Limb as new Club Secretary. Her term will last until the next regular elections. PO key and minutes book was passed on to Laura. There was discussion about getting a new recorder – Jennifer has one at home and will bring it next meeting. And/or the club will look into purchasing one.

Field Trips: Garwin Carlson reminded everyone of the upcoming sunstone trip June 26-27. Discussed different gathering options, directions and safety items. Doris Newnham gave a report on the upcoming Lassen Creek/Davis Creek (July 17-18) obsidian field trip John & Roseanne Long visited Acadia National Park in Maine and viewed their awesome granite deposits. Doris Newnham gave a report on the Hampton Butte field trip. A bit of rain, potluck and auction held, found lots of beautiful jasper and mystery rocks. Salem Club hosted breakfast one day. Chuck Newnham had made a couple of trips out to his claim and found a LARGE piece of petrified wood. Kermit Warner gave a report on the Hampton Butte field trip – had a nice time, but had a ‘water shortage’ and had to leave early. He brought in a ‘sling stone’ to share and gave a brief history/description. Linda Watson gave a brief report on the trip to the Sunstone area with Robert, Charlie, Doreen, LeRoy and Peggy. Found lots of nice stuff – even some Schiller pieces. A good time was had by all. Jennifer had sign-up sheets for the field trips on the display table. Members were to sign up on the trips they wanted, so we could get a head count. These trips will then be planned out by Marshall Curran and he’ll present dates/info next meeting.

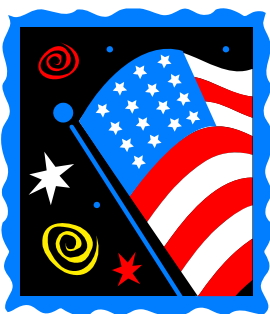
Program tonight – none. However, Charlie Wycoff fielded questions by a number of members on maps. Refreshments provided by the Zumbrun’s. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

NEXT MEETING:

- July 12th
 - Refreshments:
- The Overton Family

* Program: Bringing Sunstones to show off

Happy 4th of July





From The Editor

We have a diverse membership, with different interests and I'm trying in this newsletter to feature something to appeal to all. If I'm missing something that you want to read or see, please let me know. As always please write up a small piece if you go any where or do anything that you would like to share, it doesn't have to be totally rock related. Sharing can be fun! For those who do share, a **Great Big Thank You!** Next month I'm going to wrap up our summer tour of museums but I'm also going to feature rock field trip safety tips, so if you have experienced something that you need to relate to help make someone else safe please let me know. Remember we get new members all the time and they will appreciate learning from our mistakes! Also I'm working on putting some pricing together for some logo items for the next show and will put something in next month's club chat for the club to consider if we want to invest in hats, patches, bags or something else? Just remember the show is coming up only 7 months away. Enjoy the field trip to Davis Creek and remember to keep on rocking!

Jennifer Zimmerlee



Happy Birthday !

Dave Gerhardt - Bend, OR

Devlin Newnham - Klamath Falls

Jamie Hawkins - Klamath Falls

Matthew Limb - Klamath Falls

Sandy Mixell - Klamath Falls

Rod Riel - Springfield, OR

Kevin Thiel - Klamath Falls



July Birthstone Ruby

- * A variety of the mineral Corundum the second hardest mineral after the Diamond
- * Considered a Sapphire in any color but Red when designated as Ruby
- * Ancient tribes used them as bullets for blowguns
- * Said to be the symbol for everlasting love and to bring good fortune if worn on the left hand
- * Worn as a talisman against evil
- * In Asian countries Rubies were laid under the foundation of buildings to secure good fortune for the structure



Dates to Remember



July 12th Club Meeting

July 17th –18th Lassen Creek Field Trip

August 9th Club Meeting

September 13th Club Meeting

Optical Grade Polish

For club members \$5.00 a pound up to 60lbs. If not a club member please call for price.

Chuck Newnham 541-892-7486





Plush, an interview by Jessica & Rachel Limb

We went sunstoning in the desert, North of the tiny town Plush. Here are some peoples' comments: Briona Zaldez, nonmember, "I loved the whole trip! It was so much fun and I love what I found! This is my first time out here, and I get to share this experience with my grandparents, Cindi and Fred Pigott."

Garwin Carlson, member, "I was born in Iowa in the year 1933. I have been out here sun stoning anywhere from 85-100 times. I love the Klamath Falls club, and I enjoy talking with all of you. I would have to say that my favorite part of this trip was everyone having fun, so I am having fun as well. I'm extremely content with what I found this time. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone again next year!"

Mckenna Wallen, nonmember, "my favorite part was looking for rocks! I'm happy with what I found considering it's my first time."

Kathy Morrow, nonmember, "I am a member in a different rock club, but I love to come out here with my husband to see you all and visit with you. I honestly would love to find bigger ones, but hey! Beggars can't be choosers! I have been out here twice."

Holly Zumbrun, member, "I had a heck of a time mining the tiny stones. I'm proud of what I dug up these last few days. I have a two-inch pink sunstone that is approx. 1/2 an inch thick. I found it on the road! It makes no sense. Here we see people digging, when I found the best stone on the surface. ? Surprisingly, it is my first time out here in Plush."

Roger Rivines, nonmember, "I want to join the Klamath Falls rock club. My favorite part was coming out here to find a stone I had never seen. It has been a great adventure. I'm glad about what I found, and now I know what a sun stone looks like. P.S. I'm a firsty."

Don Perryman, member, "I love the area. The sunset, sunrise, moon, sagebrush, animals, all of it! This year is the best I have ever done! I have been out here 12-15 times. I'm not quite as old as Garwin, but I'm getting there!"

Lets Travel to a Show!

- July 9th - 11th Puget Sound Bead Festival; Tacoma, WA
- July 16th - 18th Lower Umpqua Gem Show; Reedsport, OR
- July 24th - 25th Washington Agate & Mineral Society; Tenino, WA
- August 6th - 8th Far West Lapidary & Gem Society; North Bend, OR





July 2010

Field Trips



Lassen Creek/Davis Creek Trip

July 17th & 18th

Obsidian

Come join us at Davis Creek CA (about 40 miles south of Lakeview, OR) for a fun weekend of camping and rock digging. Our goal is obsidian, Gold Sheen, Pink, Needles & Rainbow being the most common. On occasion you can find other cool stuff in the area too! The club usually meets and camps at the Lassen Creek Campground, about 11 miles north of Davis Creek Store. Some members go up Friday and enjoy the Davis Creek Store's awesome BBQ on Friday July 16th, lots of food at a cheap price. No matter what make sure you stop at the Davis Creek Store to pick up your obsidian permits if you plan on leaving with any rock, people have been stopped before! Our club will be doing a benefit silent auction (proceeds to help Kathi with travel money for the NW Federation trip coming in September) . We will also have a pot luck Saturday night, so please bring something to share. It is in the mountains so there is shade and creeks, but it still can get hot. Tires are often an issue as obsidian is very sharp and cut a tire easily so be prepared by checking your spare and bring the right tools. Also obsidian can be sharp on hands, feet, legs, arms and pet paws, make sure you have a good first aid kit. On your way you can stop at Surprise Valley and enjoy the view, we have a map attached and look forward to seeing you there!

Sunstone Field Trip



Our annual trip to the Sunstone claim was a rousing success according to wagon master Garwin Carlson. We had about 30 people and 8 dogs attend with several being guests from the Klamath Prospectors Club. Everyone did real well and enjoyed both the hard digging and easy pick-



ings. There were a lot of new diggers so Garwin got to teach the sunstone technique many times, something that was appreciated by several people including Fred Piggott who's wife and two grand children had a ball. With thunderstorms on Friday, cool nights and hot days, the weather kept you guessing for those who stayed both nights. Most left early Sunday and all looked forward to next year's trip, while several said they couldn't wait and would be going back up some time on their own.

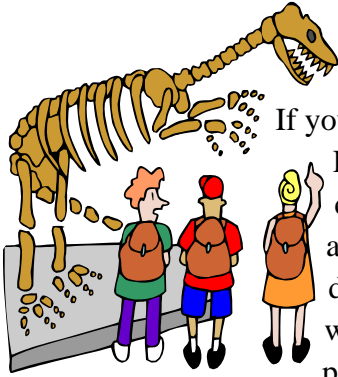


Hampton Butte Field Trip

Doris Newnham reported at the meeting that the Hampton Butte Field trip was a lot of fun but very wet. We didn't have the biggest turn out from our club but there still were a lot there when you add in the Salem Club. The Salem Club put on a breakfast that for \$5.00 was a feast with pancakes, eggs, ham and juice. Doris and Gene took up their saw and generator and cut what was found, adding a fun dimension, not having to wait till you get home. Doris found a piece of Jasper that looks just like a ham that might be a great addition to our club's diner table. A lot of nice pieces were found and we hope to have a bigger turn out next year.



Please note, if you took photos at any field trip, please submit them for our website, historian, newsletter, etc.

**Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals, Hillsboro, Oregon**

If you get up to Portland, try to stop in at the Rice Museum. Founded by Richard and Helen Rice in 1996 to pass on the pleasure and knowledge of the beautiful wonders of nature, it now houses one of the most extensive collection of rocks, minerals and reference materials in the United States. The museum itself was the residence of the Rice's and is on the National Historic Registry, with extraordinary woodwork of native Oregon Wood and unique architectural makes for a beautiful place to visit. Add to that an "Alma Rose" Rhodochrosite from the Sweet Home Mine in Colorado, a large meteorite collection, dinosaur fossils, gold and the largest opal-filled thunderegg in the world.

Rice Museum also has classes, annual sales, group tours and is available for rental for your special event. A large collection like this can also bring some trouble, recently the janitor helped him self to several pieces of large gold and was in the process of shipping it to a store in NY when his friends turned him in. Jeffrey Harvey, the grandson of Bill and Sharleen Harvey who donated a large portion of the gold to the museum, was arrested and the gold, one piece a 42 ounce nugget worth \$50,000, was returned. So take a trip to visit the Rice Museum, just don't steal the gold!

**Fort Cook Museum by Barbara Roufs-Massey**

Bob and I visited the Fort Crook Museum in Fall River Mills, California on June 12, 2010. It was an incredible experience. The Museum is located on Highway 299 & Ft. Crook Avenue. Very distinguishable by a huge Round Barn that has been restructured from an old one from Little Valley,

near Pittville, California. There are eight buildings including the main Bldg, Log Cabin, Pony Barn, Pittville Schoolhouse, Farm Equipment Bldg., James Showcase, Machinery Bldg. and Blacksmith Shop, and Fall River Mills Jail. They are all done in great taste and care and the exhibits are very interesting, especially the history of the Northern California area. There is no charge for viewing and rest rooms. Only 2 and one half hours from Klamath Falls it is well worth the trip. It is quite interesting about the Pit Indians Heritage and the artifacts. We recommend a visit wholeheartedly!



Crater Rock Museum Central Point, Oregon

I went to middle school at Scenic Middle School across the street from the rock museum, a small cinder block building that was dark and slightly smelly. I would volunteer for an hour a week for extra credit for my science class and enjoyed the trickle of visitors who enjoyed the museum for free. That was 1990 and everything changes, especially the Crater Rock Museum. I was amazed by the large building, the expansive gift



shop and impressive displays, being just the start of the changes.



Founded in 1954 by Frieda and Delmar Smith the museum was entrusted to the Roxy Ann Gem & Mineral Club and it was the passing of a member that left the funds and collection to build the new building that will not be finished until later this year when they will have a grand re-opening to celebrate the completion of the museum.

The gift shop is well or-

ganized and features items made by members as well as tourist items. The main exhibit space is extremely well lit, organized and marked. It features rotational exhibits and permanent displays with finished and rough rock and artisan works. From there you go into some smaller spaces with Indian artifacts, fossils and a dinosaur exhibit any kid would love. Also in



the museum is a large library, a meeting room and a media room which can be

rented out and where they hold their monthly meetings. Finally if you are a member you can use their well equipped work shop, where several members were working on projects on the day of my visit. Here you



can even rent a locker space to store you rock and supplies for your projects, and they offer classes for both members and non members. It is well worth the trip to see the space and drool at the exhibits and you might consider a membership to Roxy Ann if you are not a member currently for access to their shop and library. Visit them on the web at www.craterrock.com.





The Rock Pile

Devlin Newnham, son of Chuck, took home his first case award this year at our show, and it looks like he just keeps winning. Devlin took home Winners Dog, Best of Winners, and Best of Breed awards at the Cascade Cluster Dog Show with his Australian cattle dog 6PK Mellow Yellow. Way to go Devlin!



Chris Chance recently help bring the Oregon State Federation of Garden Club Convention to Klamath Falls last month. As a member of one of the three Klamath District Club she set up a beautiful display of local rocks and had newsletter and sign up brochure to entice some of the attendees. She also took Best of Show



with her Peonie bloom.

Summer Rockhound By Cindy Lind

The 'Skeeter and the Rockhound both,
Went out to hunt one day.
The Rockhound wanted specimens,
The 'Skeeter wanted prey!
The Rockhound found a likely spot,
and settled with his gear.
He'd dug a short time when he heard,
A buzzing in his ear.
The Rockhound swatted at the noise,
And stood to look around.
He missed the Skeeter, but he saw,
A great stone on the ground!
The Rockhound bent to lift the stone,
His backside in the air.
The 'Skeeter took advantage then,
And bit the Rockhound there.
The Rockhound jumped and squashed the
bug,
His bottom to defend.
The Rockhound and the Skeeter had,
Both got it in THE END!

(Submitted by La Von Logan, and published in ROCK-A -TEER, bulletin of Puvallup Vol-



Thank you Jennie for all that you did as secretary!

Davis Creek Ca. ~ Lassen Creek Campground ~ Obsidian Digs



Klamath Rock Club July 23-24-25 2010 Annual Rock Swap and Field Trip