



Lake City Rockhound News

NORTH IDAHO MINERAL CLUB

July 2008

Club Mailing Address—P.O. Box 1643 Hayden, ID 83835

Meeting every third Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM

At Post Falls Senior Center, in the Dougall Room— 1215 E. 3rd. St. Post Falls, ID

Guests are Welcome!!!

Those with internet access- go to www.amfed.org/nfms

DOWN LOAD YOUR NORTHWEST NEWSLETTER.....

PLEASE ALL MEMBERS NOTE:

ON JULY 17. WE WILL BE MEETING FOR OUR ANNUAL POTLUCK PICNIC AT DALTON PARK ON 4TH AND HANLY AT 4 PM, OR AS SOON AS YOU CAN GET THERE. This lovely little park is directly behind the Dalton Gardens City Hall. There is a picnic shelter and restrooms are available. Following a brief business meeting we will have a silent auction of special treasures reserved for our club members from those obtained during the last year. We will be able to look over some show and tell specimens brought by club members, and enjoy our food, and the company of friends. Family and friends welcome. Questions? 773-5384

For the potluck: **Please** bring a salad or side dish or dessert . The meat entrée will be provided, courtesy of your club president. Bring extra lawn chairs if you wish, and beverages for your family. (Table ware provided by the club)

The 68th Annual NFMS SHOW in Ontario, Oregon. (courtesy of Johnie and Ginger Pitman!)

June 20-22-2008 was the 68th Annual NFMS Show at Ontario, OR. The show was held at the fair grounds where the Pitmans, Roses and Bockmans camped. The show was a bit spread out but some of the dealers we see at our local shows were there and it was a good event. I think they underestimated the interest in the field trips which were rather unorganized. We did though manage to go to 7 different sites some on our own and some with the leaders from the show.

Johnie and I are grateful to Mike and Diane Rose for letting us ride with them as lots of the sites needed 4 wheel drive. Mike said he is a beginner at 4 wheeling but he did very well and his passengers did a lot of work on their "buns of steel".

The first trip was the Succor Creek leaf fossil dig; we easily found some nice pieces and one 15 inch long whole reed. We left the group and took a ride through Leslie Gulch which is a very scenic drive to Lake Owyhee. Then into Succor Creek Canyon for geodes, back to a site Rex and Mabel had shown us a couple years ago and the road up and down hasn't gotten any better. The digging was fairly easy and one hole had thunder eggs that were 4-6 inches in diameter.

The next day we joined rockhounds Jim and Ramona Peterson from the North Idaho Club and we were off to find Owyhee Jasper. (see pic. Below). Ginger found a large chunk that was about 4 feet in diameter. We spent a couple of hours reducing it to a size that we could handle~ In the afternoon there was a leader who took us to what was close to the site called Hogg Canyon, northeast of Weiser, Id, and it was an example of what happens when permission is not obtained, as we were confronted with an angry rancher. When we explained he became civil but the visit of the next group is very much in doubt. Some geodes and pieces of agate were collected, the wind got very strong so we gave up and headed back, that's when the rancher had the road blocked.

Sunday was a long way around trip to find Graveyard Point agates; if you go be aware there is a new car bridge over the canal not on your older maps. Agate and jasper were plentiful if you did some walking away from the road.

Our last trip was to the McBride Ridge for geodes and a spot that had some blue opal, then down the road for black petrified wood.

We saw some wild life and a curlew but we also saw an infestation of Mormon crickets a quarter mile on the highway where they had been run over so thick the roadway was greasy. A sight to see! (Second pic. Is Mike in Succor Creek Canyon and third is one of the little critters)



CONTINUATION OF THE NFMS CONVENTION--MEETINGS COVERED BY YOUR REPRESENTATIVES, BOB AND BEV BOCKMAN:

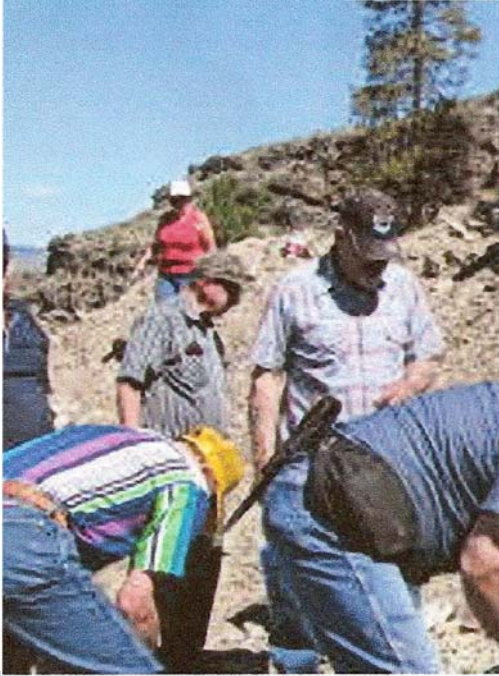
There were no resolutions to be voted upon at this meeting. The general meeting took place on Friday evening, with committee reports and concluded with installation of the NFMS officers for 2009. These will be written up in the next Northwest Newsletter in September. **There is a new circulation chairman!! He replaces Beverly Schroeder effective immediately. Tom Burchard, 875 E 4500 S, S. Ogden, Utah 84403. or Roxhund@aol.com. Let Tom know right away if you add a new member, delete a member, or change an address. (Let's keep up to date. Save time and money and trouble.)**

The editors breakfast was on Saturday morning and very well attended. More and more clubs are coming up with webmasters and putting all the club information on line for their members and people seeking information about rock activities. (I AM OF THE STRONG OPINION THAT WE SHOULD SEEK TO GET A WEB SITE ESTABLISHED THIS YEAR--INCLUDE THIS TYPE OF ADVERTISING FOR OUR SHOW IN JUNE.) Also discovered that the NFMS webmaster, Jack Eades has been seriously ill this spring but is now recovering and plans to keep doing his job for the federation. Awards for bulletins were distributed by Darlene Denton. IT WAS A GOOD MEETING.

The banquet was held on Saturday evening. Bob and I went especially to applaud for one of our junior members from the Rock Rollers. He is a great kid, and won a Junior Achievement Award, which includes many honors and monetary award as well. (The AFMS SCHOLARSHIP Awards each year help many earth science students in colleges and universities each year, and through the years have awarded many thousands of dollars to deserving applicants. It is worth everyone's while to subscribe to the AFMS newsletter. Three are sent to each club monthly, but the information is really for every club member of every club.) Music was provided by Steve Livingston of the Rock Ranch in Spokane Valley who was a new vendor at our show in June. He plays a mean accordion. Another feature of the banquet is to honor those who have served as president of NFMS &/or AFMS and who are present in the audience. It is remarkable to see these people who have devoted many years to serving our rock club members -- some now in very advanced years and still going strong. I, personally, treasure getting to know some of these people who are so talented and so approachable and count some of them as personal friends. My (small) involvement with NFMS has been a good experience. I highly recommend it. Any club member can go to these meetings. Go. See what happens.

The physical setting for this convention was rather "down to earth" and the weather was not too cooperative being hot and dry. We were camped in a field with friends nearby so that was nice. Donni Moen, Roses, Pitmans, Glynnis Hull and Leigh Klettke and family and Dee Schwendiman were there, and Petersons from our club. There were fewer vendors than expected, and most of them were in the open. The show chairman worked very hard to produce this event, and no one seemed out of sorts. How can you blame the sun and foxtails.

Next year the NFMS is combined with the AFMS convention in Billings Montana, and it should be one of the best shows ever!! Bob and I were at the NFMS show there about 8 years ago, and it was a super show. It will take place the first weekend in August--all indoors and air conditioned. Doug True is a master show presenter and he is the chairman. Plan it as your only trip next year if that is all you can do. BB

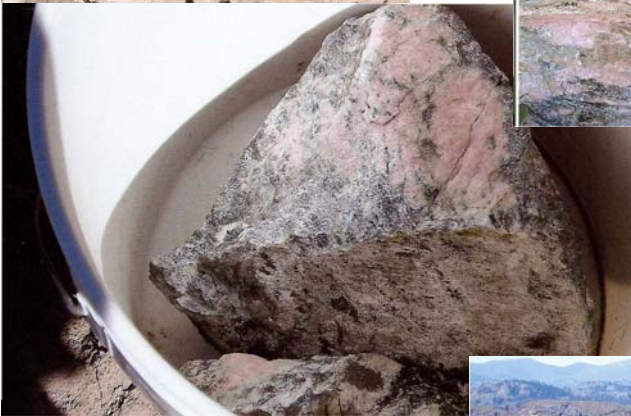


FieldTrip to Riverside on June 14.

Bockmans, Bill Johnson. Petersons, Lu and Jim Rauch and Everett Headrick met Jim Watson and members of the Chief Joseph Rock Club in Riverside for our long anticipated trip for thulite. We all came home with some nice pieces, which were obtained at the site viewed in these pictures. We were treated to an additional visit to a serpentine quarry where we were able to get some different colors of this material, and then were led to another area where we got some really nice aventurine. The most amazing place was the five or six foot high vein of thulite illustrated in the pictures below. It is about impossible to access because of the dangerous overhang of rock and cliff above it. The weather was gorgeous and we had a great place in a little park in Riverside to have lunch between trips. The terrain was steep but all of us managed to get where we were supposed to be and I think pleased with what we brought home. It is beautiful country in the Okanagan valley. We sort of took the long way home, but it was a nice ride--though dusty.

BB

THANK YOU, Jim and Ramona for this pleasant experience!



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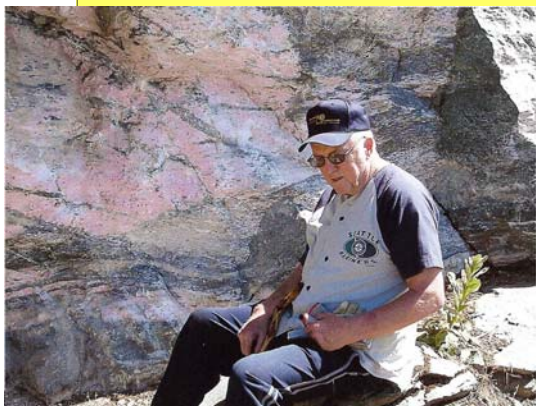
Public Lands Access Committee Representative Kelly Hanson

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE NORTH IDAHO MINERAL CLUB

I want to give sincere thanks to all club members who worked so hard to make the June 2008 show a success! It really was a club effort this year, and I want to give special appreciation to Mike and Diane Rose, treasurer/budget and dealer chairman, Bill Johnson, Johnie and Bev who did a really good job at the silent auction, Johnie and Ginger Pitmqn from the Panorama Club who helped all three days from set-up to tear down, Val and Kelly Hanson demonstrating and doing kid’s corner, Bertha and Tiffany at the grab bags, Everett and Erna for non-stop ticket selling and wonderful pot-luck organization and keeping the coffee pots going, Maria McDonald for actually going “door to door” and selling the grand prize tickets along with Michael Burton, Donni Moen, Jim and Ramona Peterson, Lu and Jim Rauch, Susan Rekow, James Finckbone for helping so much with set-up, the McGregors and Joan Gundlach. If I have overlooked someone I am very sorry--but it was a great effort and a good show. Thank you all!!! It has not been one of my better years, and your help was very necessary. Special thanks to Everett and Erna who hosted many of the planning meetings and provided much support in decisions of all kinds.....Bob Bockman

We need help again----RATHDRUM DAYS, JULY 18 AND 19 (FRI. 12-7 PM & SAT. 10-7 PM)

Bob and Bev have volunteered to man a booth for the North Idaho Mineral Club at the Lakeside High School in Rathdrum to earn money for the club. We plan to do the Treasure Hunt that was featured at our show and have been loaned the popular Ring Toss from the Panorama Club in Colville. WE SURE COULD USE A FEW MORE HANDS TO MANAGE THIS. There is a lot going on in Rathdrum on this weekend. Please see us at the North Idaho Picnic on June 17th, or call 773-5384 if you can give us a couple of hours of help with this. We are not being charged for the space--we are furnishing our own 10 x 10 foot gazebo, and tables-- and plan to advertise for our club as much as we can. HELP!!!!



A COMPLETE SHOW BUDGET REPORT WILL BE MADE OR PRESENTED BY PAPER COPY TO MEMBERS BY Mike or Donni at the picnic

BUTTE MINERAL AND GEM CLUB 3RD ANNUAL RENDEZVOUS (ROCK COLLECTING FIELD TRIP) AUGUST 17-22, PRIVATE LAND NEXT TO SWEET WATER-DRY CAMPING \$25.00 for five days (to cover cost of rental of toilets) **CONTACT TIM HOFF - 1016 WAUKESHA, BUTTE MT. 59701 406-782-4326. tttinker9742@bigskyhsd.com (I think Diane has map information)**

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