



Lake City Rockhound News

NORTH IDAHO MINERAL CLUB

JUNE 2010

P.O. Box 1643 Hayden, ID 83835

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

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

See the NFMS web site at www.amfed.org/nfms

See the web site for the club at www.northidahomineralclub.com

North Idaho Mineral Club Meeting notes for May 20" 2010

The May meeting of the North Idaho Mineral club was called to order at 6:40 PM by James Finckbone. President, Warren Price was unable to attend the meeting. A motion was made by Everett Headrick to accept the April meeting notes. The motion was seconded by Bill Johnson. The minutes of the last meeting were approved. Treasurer, Bill Johnson provided the treasurer's report, indicating adequate funds to pay show bills. There was also discussion about whether we submitted the IRS form necessary to keep our non-profit status. Bev Bockman stated that this form had been submitted and nothing further needed to be done. George Rekow checked for us..

Mineral Council: No report. (We are currently without representation at the WSMC. ed.)

Federation Director Everett Headrick reported that next year the Federation will have its convention and business meetings in conjunction with the Portland Regional Show at the fairgrounds in Hillsboro. OR. on September 17-19 and competition cases will be allowed space in their display area. No club stepped up to host this years Federation show. Chuck Conner stated that the 2011 Federation show will be held at the Lewis County Fairgrounds in OR. and the 2012 event probably held in Kennewick, WA. (Mr Conner is hoping to restart the club in Lewis Co.)

Gem and Mineral Show update:

James mentioned that volunteers were needed and there were sign-up sheets for members to sign tonight. Maria McDonald reported that the potluck for dealers and members was organized and that fried and baked chicken would be provided.

Warren and Bob will be providing the daytime security. Security volunteers will need to cover for dealers while they take breaks and go to lunch. The silent auction still needs volunteers for Sunday.

Diane Rose reported that she had put together 230 grab bags and 219 pirate treasure bags. She stated that she needed more tumbled rock to make more bags. Both James F. and Bill J. offered to provide more rocks. Joan Gundlach stated that she had pyrite beads to donate.

Field trips: Bill Johnson reported that there would be a trip to Emerald Creek on Saturday. He stated that it would take 2 hours to drive up there and anyone wanting to go could meet at the Rose's house at 7 AM in order to caravan up there. In the event of rain the trip might be cancelled.

ALAA: Everett reported that the BLM and National Parks and wildlife refuge areas would have free admission on June 5,6; June 14,15, June 25th and Nov. 11.

July picnic: Possible locations, date and time were discussed. The consensus was that a good date would be July 15 at Dalton Park. The picnic would start at 4 PM. Bob and Bev will go over early to try and acquire the picnic shelter for us.

Thank-you to Everett and Erna Headrick, for providing tonight's refreshments. Next month, refreshments will be provided by James F. and Bev. B.

The meeting was adjourned, followed by a video on a Mammoth dig site in North Dakota (provided by Diane Rose) a silent auction and refreshments.

Respectfully submitted, Maria McDonald, Secretary.

The following is reprinted from the April Northwest Newsletter. Andy Johnson is Public Lands Chairman for the Northwest Federation

National Monuments--Less Rockhounding

Recently a short list (below) describing the Obama Administration's potential new national monuments was leaked to the media in late February of this year.

The areas under consideration for new national monument status subject to public support and other considerations include the following lands, Owyhee Canyons, Montana Plains, Otero Mesa, San Rafael Swell, Northern Sonoran Desert, Cascades Siskiyou, Vermillion Basin, Lesser Prairie Chicken, Berryessa-Snow Mountain, Heart of the Great Basin, Bodie Hills, Modoc Plateau, Cedar Mesa, and San Juan Islands.

Approximately 13 million acres of land (possibly more) are at risk for potential designation.

The Proposed National Monuments:

Otero Mesa in New Mexico: A 1.2 million acre grasslands inhabited by prairie dogs, pronghorn, and other wildlife.

San Rafael Swell, Utah: A wild 40 x 75 mile mix of canyons, gorges, arches, and buttes that includes 5 wilderness study areas.

Owyhee Canyon lands in Oregon and Nevada: The adjacent Idaho portions of this canyon complex was given some partial protection by legislation last year, but Nevada and Oregon sections of this area remain unprotected.

Montana Northern Plains: This would protect the Bitter Creek WSA and other BLM lands which lies just south of the Canadian border and immediately adjacent to Grasslands National Park in Canada. Back in the 1980s.

Northwest Sonoran Desert, Arizona. The Sonoran Desert, dominated by its signature plant, the saguaro cactus, is the most diverse of all North American deserts. This proposal would encompass desert lands northwest of Phoenix.

Cascade Siskiyou National Monument expansion,

California/Oregon. In 2000 the Cascades Siskiyou National Monument was established in Oregon, but a portion of the area lies in California. There is also discussion of including an expanded boundary in Oregon-as well, to include the proposed Siskiyou Crest to the west of Ashland. The Siskiyou Crest includes portions of the PCT, the Red Buttes Wilderness, and the Kangaroo Road less areas, one of the largest road less areas in northern California.

The Vermillion Basin lies along the Colorado-Wyoming border and bisected by Vermillion Creek, a tributary of the Green River. Part of the area was studied by the BLM for wilderness designation. It is another lonely comer of the West with rugged canyons and sage covered slopes containing important sage grouse habitat.

Lesser Prairie Chicken, New Mexico: A 58,000 acre area that is home to bluestem grasslands.

Berrysessa-Snow Mountain, California: Thjs 500,000 acre area would include portions of California's northern Coast Ranges that are the headwaters of Cache Creek, a BLM wilderness area.

Heart of the" Great Basin, Nevada: This monument would include the Toiyabe, Monitor, and Toquima Ranges. All three ranges have some protected status granted by wilderness designation.

Bodie Hills, California. If you ever visited Bodie Ghosttown State Park north of Mono Lake, than you have been in the proposed Bodie Hills National.Monument. This is a land of sweeping sage covered hills

Modoc Plateau, California. The 3 million acre proposed Modoc Plateau National Monument is another one of those out of the way places in the West where few venture .

Cedar Mesa, Utah. The Cedar Mesa area extends from the San Juan River to Elk Ridge on the north, borders Grand Gulch on the west, and Comb Wash on the east. It includes some of the best canyons in Utah like Mule, Arch, Fish and others

San Juan Islands, WA. The 172 islands and islets that make up Washington's San Juan Islands lie in Puget sound north and west of Seattle.

Among areas on the short list which probably will not get national monument designation at this time are Wyoming's Red Desert, Bristol Bay region and Teshekpuk Lake on the North Slope, both in Alaska.

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LAND ACQUISITION AND CONSOLIDATION

Other parts of the leaked proposal discuss funding for land trades and targeted land acquisition from willing sellers in several important areas to consulate management. For instance, within the Missouri Breaks National Monument there are approximately 80,000 acres of private lands which the administration believes could be purchased for approximately \$24 million. Another area targeted for land acquisition is the Upper Green River Valley of Wyoming where almost 400,000 checker boarded state and private acres are located that could be purchased or exchanged. A third area for consolidation is the John Day River in Oregon and the south slope of the Pioneer Mountains in Idaho near Craters of the Moon National Monument.

There is developing in Congress at this moment resistance from some of our western congressional leadership to prevent the government's expansion of removing these lands from the public domain. You can read the drafted letter by following the link.

http://www.eenews.net/public/25/14600/features/documents/2010/02/26/document_gw_03.pdf

- I would encourage each one of you to inform your senators and congressional reps that we the people do not need any more National Monuments at this moment in time. We need sensible leadership to maintain and make available to us that which we already own.

Andy Johnson – Public Lands Chairman

MEETING ON JUNE 17, 2010

PROGRAM AT 6:30 WILL BE A DVD TITLED

STONES OF SEDUCTION

Post show feedback from members desired during the meeting.

Silent auction — Refreshments provided by James Finckbone and Bev Bockman

NORTH IDAHO MINERAL CLUB ROCK AND GEM SHOW 2010

THANK YOU is due to every member of our club that turned out to help at the show —whether you could stay only an hour-or put in three long days. I DON'T LIKE TO LIST INDIVIDUALS BECAUSE OF THE CHANCE OF MISSING SOMEONE, BUT WILL TRY. First of all, let's thank **Warren Price**. In spite of family obligations and work pressure he gave 110% for our club in the double role of president of the club and show chairman. Vendors, **Dennis Hicks** and **James Finckbone**, **Mike Rose**, and **Bill Johnson** were there for set-up, as well as **Jim Peterson** who came over from Colbert in spite of other things that demanded his time. **Joan Gundlach** put out signs on street corners with the help of **Bob Bockman** and picked them all up again with the help of **Bill Gundlach**. She also helped with the potluck. **Diane Rose**, with the help of **Susan Rekow** created lots of grab bags and bags of treasures for the Pirate "dig".

(Hate to be glad that their house did not sell yet, but it is wonderful to have Susan back for awhile.)

Diane, with **Karl Mrazek** spent hours at the silent auction. **Mike McDonald** with his friend Tim helped at the silent auction, as did Bev. **Pam Hicks** did all the show badges.

(show continued) Banners were placed for the dealers and signs hung up for the ring toss, treasure dig and grab bags, and since these were in one location a rotating crew staffed the area.—**Susan, Donni, Bev, Diane, and Sherla Francis and Jim Rauch.**

Ruth Brooks came to the show with her family. She has a hard time staying away from a show. **Bertha McPherson** came to the potluck with her daughter and came back the next afternoon with her vest and all her badges on it. On a cane, but determined to enjoy the show. She has had a super bad luck year but is doing better now.

Mike Burton and **Maria McDonald** held down the front table with the door prizes and the grand prizes, membership and information. Mike got to take a few pictures which will be on the web site soon. **Erna and Everett Headrick** did the ticket duty again and it was **cold** at the door. **Cheryl Ellicott** came from Sagle for the tear down and her help was much appreciated. Members **Donald McKenzie and Kathy Kopp** came from Phillipsburg and **Sharlyn and Boyd Merkley** were there as vendors as was **Gale Diener and Catherine**. Gale put in a stunning display of azurite and malachite and stibnite. **Johnie Pitman and Ginger Pitman** helped set up the show and tear down, as well as working in various places. Fortunately Johnie has a head for heights—he plugs the cords in on the ceiling for the center rows of vendors, from a very tall ladder.

When the grand prizes were awarded on Sunday, **Joanna Petridou** took possession of the star garnet for her neighbor Pete Wyman. They live in Spokane, and Joanna has been a club member for years. The beautiful Chinese marble vase was won by a member of the Jim Sullivan family (he was a new vendor at our show.)

We don't know yet how we did at the show but it seemed to us that there were more people than last year—here's hoping. A last word of thanks for the fellows who covered security until our "hired gun" came in and after he left in the morning... **Warren and Bob B.** I can't identify the men who got our stuff from storage and returned it—I think it was Diane's son-in law. And then the final thing for those still standing—sweeping the cleaning the entire building so we can get out housekeeping deposit back.

Do we want to do this again next year? We'll see.





Renewing members for 2010:

Donald McKenzie and Kathy Kopp, Joanna Petridou and Cheryl Ellicott.

**New members: Joshua Holte, 2007 E. Coeur d' Alene Ave., CdA, 83815
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**Carol Branson 443 Peach Tree Dr., Hayden Lake, ID. 83835-9740
208-762-3267**

Please add the above to your current address list. Thank you. And welcome to the new members!!! BB

Lapidary Hints: If you are looking for information or other help with tumbling rock material, check out the following web link: <http://www.erocktumbling.com>. Select "tumbling instructions" for helpful information (via Rock Licker, Jan 2010)

Tip for Moss agate: In working with dark moss agate, small pits may appear on the finished, polished surface. The light colored polishing powders (tin oxide or cerium oxide) often pack into these pits and removal is difficult. The white spots detract from the appearance of the stone. A small drop of India ink touched on the white pit and rubbed over the stone with a cloth works wonders. (via Petrified Digest 9/09)

OFFICERS FOR 2010

- Warren Price—President
- James Finckbone—Vice Pres.
- Secretary - Maria McDonald
- Treasurer — Bill Johnson
- Federation director—Everett Headrick
- Federation Delegate—Beverly Bockman
- WSMC Delegate—Open

Committees for 2010

- Hospitality – Sherla Francis
- Field Trips—Bill Johnson
- Membership- Bill Johnson
- **Show Chairman-2010 Warren Price**
- Newsletter Editor—Bev Bockman ARTICLES WELCOME
- Program Chairman-Bev Bockman AND CLUB MEMBERS PLEASE !!!!!!!~
- Webmaster—Michael Burton

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