



Lake City Rockhound News

NORTH IDAHO MINERAL CLUB

September 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.....

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORTH IDAHO MINERAL CLUB, INC. AUGUST 21, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 by Bob Bockman. Secretary's report was accepted as printed in the newsletter. Treasurer's report as read and accepted after a membership vote. Details can be obtained from Mike R. Bank balance at this time \$6355.45.

New members were introduced: Rob Moser who joined at the show, Pete Pryor who joined at the picnic meeting, Diane Kay Lee and Steve Livingstone who joined us at this meeting. Welcome to all. Guests were Charlie Graham and Caroline Myberg--(and we neglected to get addresses for these people. Hope they find us again. Ed.) (Where were you when we needed you Bertha??)

New Business: Bev mentioned that we should be actively looking for the next show chairman. Mike Rose explained to the group what the job consists of, and says it takes a lot of planning and work. A dealer Chairman is needed to contact and make contracts through December and January. A budget must be established and good records kept. Obviously one person can't do it all, so help is needed.

It was brought up that the new Kroc Center will open next May, and that we should look into costs, etc. and have space for more vendors. Steve made the point from a vendors view point that more vendors are not needed because each is likely to have less income and that what we need is more people to come. James is of the opinion that TV ads are best, but need to get prepared ahead of time and it is expensive. (speaking from experience with Rock Rollers.) Jim Rauch would like to see more show cases, as would other members.

Bob has heard from a source in So. Idaho about a movement to get a license plate that depicts rock hounding much like the fishing and hunting ones that are out now. (Copy of letter about this follows on page 2)

Diane Lee says that she has and is pursuing education in communications and would like to help out in any way possible. Refreshment volunteers were obtained for the next three meetings, and will be reminded at the appropriate times. Thanks a lot! Susan told about her trip to Billings recently, and the hunt for Montana agates which instead turned out to be a mosquito rout. Her brother in law gave her a Montana agate lamp which she displayed, and some other stones. Steve Livingstone talked about his enterprise called the Rock Ranch in the Spokane Valley. It is a rock hunting adventure mostly for kids, but he is hosting a rock swap and tailgating experience for us big folks on Sept. 6 from 10-5. Meeting adjourned at 7:08 for refreshments and the program. Bill Johnson, Secretary

Fellow Idahoans:

This message is to inform you and ask for your support for a new Idaho special vehicle plate to honor Idaho's nickname as the "Gem State". Such a plate would not only highlight the hobby and profession but it would bring to prominence the uniqueness of Idaho's gemstone heritage in the United States and the world. More types of gemstones have been found within Idaho than in any other state in the nation. The state gemstone, the star garnet, is only found in Idaho and a few other places in the world. It is believed that the largest faceted gemstones ever cut were fashioned by a group, largely of Idahoans', on specialized equipment of their design and construction.

A group of five persons has formed a committee to begin the process of producing Idaho's first gem plate. We have obtained favorable responses from the Idaho and Owyhee Gem Clubs. In order, to achieve this goal we all need to pull together to get it accomplished. We know that we will not be successful unless all Clubs are fully behind it. Our intent is to present this new plate design as being sponsored by the combined "Gem Clubs of Idaho".

We need legislative support from all areas of the state for this bill to pass. Therefore, all clubs are equally important in this effort. In order for the Gem State special plate to be made available in Idaho the concept and design need to be drafted into a bill. It must be presented and passed by both the Idaho State House and Senate. The Governor signature is also required. If you personally know or can access an Idaho legislator (House or Senate) about supporting such a bill please let us know. Information about this project can be sent to them.

Please discuss the merits of this effort to highlight Idaho's gemstone heritage within your club. The State of Idaho requires that sponsors provide funding to prepare and produce the new plate. After your club has met and agreed that this is a worthwhile project the committee suggests that each club determines a pledge of money to fund this special plate. This funding is required after legislative approval and costs could range from \$3000-10,000. If all that has been presented is acceptable than please send pledges in support of this project to the committee chairman, Charles Osgood, by November 1,2008.

Our intent is to have all plate design and supporting documentation available for presentation during the 2009 legislative session.

If you would like additional information or have comments please contact us as below.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS--AUG. 2008

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PLEASE ADD TO YOUR MEMBERSHIP LIST

GEOLOGY ON BIKES, ROCK LAKE TRAIL, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2008

Dr. Gene Kiver will lead "Geology on Bikes" tour on the Rock Lake Trail.

Rock Lake, south of Cheney, WA. Is the deepest and most rugged of the Missoula Flood canyons in eastern Washington. The abandoned Milwaukee Railroad is mostly owned by Washington State Parks.

By special permit, we will explore the northern part of the rail grade for an 11-mile roundtrip on relatively easy trail. Along the trail are steep cliffs, rockslides, and a trestle requiring extreme caution.

Bring lunch, water, snacks, helmet and appropriate clothing.

The biking group will meet in Cheney and carpool to the trailhead. When you register, you will be informed as where to meet specifically.

CONTACT GENE KIVER (froghollow@sisna.com) and be prepared to say how many bikes can be carried on your vehicle. Parking is limited and so will limit the number of participants for the tour.

A FIVE DOLLAR DONATION IS SUGGESTED TO HELP FINANCE THE EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE CHENEY-SPOKANE CHAPTER OF THE ICE AGE FLOODS INSTITUTE.

For additional Information, contact Melanie Bell mbell4242@comcast.net or call 509 954 4242.

PROGRAM FOR SEPTEMBER 18, 2008

**REPORTS, PICTURES AND EXAMPLES OF WHAT THE RETREAT ATTENDEES
DID WHILE IN THE WILDS OF CENTRAL OREGON.**

**(WILL HAVE A SELECTION OF BACK-UP VIDEOS BUT I DON'T THINK YOU
WILL NEED ANY ADDITIONAL THINGS TO THINK ABOUT)**

**REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED BY SHARLYN MERKLEY AND DIANE
LEE**

**SHOW AND TELL AS ALWAYS--BRING YOUR "WHAT IS IT'S?" AND YOUR
TREASURES FOR US TO SEE.**

Sorry for this brief newsletter, but I am packing to go to Oregon on Monday and won't be back till the 14th--too late to send a newsletter! Put the meeting on your calendar, and I hope to see some of you that we have not seen all summer!! Enjoy this beautiful weather. See you soon, Bev...

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2008 Rock and Gem Shows in WA., OR., ID. & MT

Sept. 13-14 Marcus Whitman Club--WallaWalla, WA.*****

Sept. 19-20-21 Farwest Gem Club--Coos Bay, OR.

Sept. 20-21 Hellgate Club--Missoula, MT*****

Sept. 20-21 So WA. Min. Soc.--Castle Rock, WA

Sept. 26-28 Portland Regional Portland, OR*****

2009---JULY 29-30 AUG.1-2 BILLINGS MT. AFMS/NFMS SHOW

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND IN 2009

SUPPORT YOUR FELLOW ROCKHOUNDS AND ROCK CLUBS.

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