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Minutes for March 17, 2009

By *Ginger Pitman*

Our meeting got going right after the final show meeting, and we had a full house and 9 visitors. Ginger and Johnie will bring refreshments next meeting.

The states of Oregon and Montana have some free gold panning areas if your family wants a summer field trip.

The treasure's report was given and if we don't have enough in the scholarship fund after the show we will use from the general fund. It was asked what our scholarship letter indicated for field of study and here is what we have in the cover letter. "The scholarship has been set up to provide supplementary financial assistance for one student who intends to pursue an academic program and a subsequent career related to the *Earth Science, Natural Resources Management, or Education* fields." So the club could if it sees a need, change the criteria.

Bill gave us a show report and everyone seems to be ready and willing to get going. Bill set up part of the fluorescent display he has built and discussed how he envisions it working. This is our experimental year and there may be some bugs to work out but it is a great start to what will be a great addition to the show. Rita will be our host for the display.

Work needs to be done on the case liners and that will be at Joyce Dawson's on Thursday. Vanita has done lots of work cutting out our new material.

Knowing we have a great need for some equipment and a place to work on our rocks with out having to invest in individual equipment for small projects, Mike asked if the club could do something. The problem comes down to insurance but with some time and work and if the interest is great it is something the club could look into.

Joe shared another exchange case he got from CA, and will put a case in the show for people to see some of the things he has from other clubs.

Our next raffle will be a small, (suitable for field work), blacklight with both wave lengths, the tickets will be \$1 and we will draw after we have sold \$150. Good Luck! Oh did I mention that Diane Lentz won the rock hammer at the last drawing. *Continued on page 2*



[Chuck Prentice demonstrates knapping at the show]

Rock Show a Success

From *President Johnie Pitman*

WOW !! What a good team effort!!! I think the show went very well, thanks to the efforts of everyone. Even though the high school wasn't there to help set up, everything got done on time and looked very good. I would like to thank Bill Allen for being show chairman, he did an excellent job. He also got the fluorescent display set up and it definitely was enjoyed by young and old alike. THANKS BILL !!!!

I'll not try to mention everyone that contributed to the success of the show because I know I would miss someone, so thanks to you all. Also, a big thanks to everyone that helped on the work day to repair and inspect the liners for the cases, and to Joyce Dawson for letting us use her garage. Through the efforts of everyone of you a big job got done without overloading anyone except Bill.

Several new members signed up at the show, welcome to you all, and I am looking forward to getting to knowing you. Together we can build a better club and enjoy the hobby of rock hounding more, as well as sharing information with others.

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The club received a request for a program and some donated rocks from a teacher at the Springdale School and Steve Fox said he would take that assignment. Thanks Steve.

After a break we had a “show and tell” on what was brought to the table. Also we had two members who did a good deed for the Spokane show on short notice. The person doing the gold panning demo for the show couldn’t make it at the last minute; so Dave Paquette and his trusty helper Mike Latapie set up and filled in on Fri. Good job you two.

Johnie did a short talk about common words used by rock hounders that beginners may not be familiar with and ones even old timers don’t always agree on.

Rock Field Trips for Coming Up:

This month I am trying something new. Johnie sent a couple of Field Trip Schedules from other clubs in the Northwest. There is not enough room to print all of the schedules in one newsletter, so I will work them into each issue and cover the trips coming up in the next month or so. For those of you into long-range planning – and some of these will take some planning- I will post the other schedules in Adobe PDF format on the Rock club Website:

www.mapmet.com/rocks.htm.

Rex Barrans, our field trip coordinator has developed a set of symbols for vehicles and tools needed. (+) – cars with good clearance, (++) 4wd Drive only, (>) Hard rock tools, (<) Loose Rock tools, (<>) Both loose and hard. (#) Digging Tools, (&) Long Day Expected bring extra water and food.

Notify the leader a week in advance if you are going.

<i>When</i>	<i>Where</i>	<i>Material</i>	<i>Misc. Info</i>	<i>Contact</i>
April 11	Addy Gifford Rd, ¼ Mile West of Addy	Trilobites	(<>) Meet 10 AM	Rex Barrans rbarrans@centurytel.net
April 12	Racehorse Creek / NWR	Leaf Fossils	9am Nuggets IGA (#,<>)	Ed Lehman wsmced@hotmail.com
April 18	Pink Plume Claim	Pink Agate	http://www.owyheerocks.com	Walt Barnett Idaho_rock_farmer@ msn.com
April 18-19	Saddle Mt, Mattawa, WA	Petrified wood, diatomite pit Jasper	Meet 8AM @ WDFW ramp Columbia River 2 mi S of Mattawa, WA, Hwy 243, Camp Permit	Rocky McCall 360 671-7330 Rm711@tgi.net
April 19	Jamieson OR/ OGMS	Petrified Bog Wood	Call coordinator for info	John Powell 208-454- 0550
April 20	Homedale ID/ IGC	Queenstone, precious opal	Call coordinator for info	Tony Griffin 208-863- 4248
April 25	Jim McGraff Quarry	Serpentine	Meet at Waitts Lake Resort, 10 AM (<> +)	Rex Barrans rbarrans@centurytel.net
April 25	Shell Hill Oreana, Idaho, IGC	Fossil Shells	info@idahogemclub.com	Tony Griffin 208-467- 9286
April 26	Clear Creek, OR /TVGC	Carnelian Agate	Forest Grove Senior Center – 8 AM	Roy Woo 503-459- 1903
May 5	Adams Mt/ PGMC	Quartz Chrstl, Epidote, etc.	Meet at Fruitland Store, 10AM (++) #)	Rex Barrans rbarrans@centurytel.net
May 8- 17	Blue Forest, Texas Springs, McDermitt	Petrified wood, agate, jasper, wonderstone	Looking for people to share gas and driving	Dick Williams 360- 225-8676
May 16- 17	Saddle Mt Mattawa/ NWR	Petrified wood, diatomite...	Meet 9:00 @ Mattawa Lepricon market	Ed Lehman, 425-334- 6282, (see April 12)
May 17- 18	Cave Junction OR/ CLACK	Rhodonite	Rogue Gem & Mineral club claim; \$10 fee	Marlin Davidson 503- 250-2030, davidson039 @ comcast.net
May 17- 18	Saddle Mt, Mattawa/ NID	Petrified wood, pit jasper...	Meet 9:00 Mattawa Lepricon Market : rockinroses@msn.com	Diane Rose, 208-667- 8591

