



Pacific Northwest Chapter FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY

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28TH ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM AND MINERAL SHOW

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Symposium Update

Seems like yet another summer blew by and the FM Symposium has snuck up on us all again. Hopefully everyone has new specimens to show and great stories to tell. I've included a few reminders and updates below.

Registration and Hotel Reservations. Please try to have your registrations submitted to Jade Wieting by September 15th so we can provide an accurate head count to the Red Lion for meals. Also, as a reminder, the Red Lion may be reached at 360-636-4400 for room reservations. The Red Lion is located in Kelso, Washington at exit 39 from I-5, and is visible from the freeway to the southeast of the exit.

Main Floor Security. Again, security is a paramount concern for this year's Symposium. Access to the Main Floor will be restricted to dealers and exhibitors during set-up and take-down. Badges will be issued to dealers and exhibitors at the FM registration desk.

Also, we have had a room shuffling at the Red Lion and our dealers and exhibits will be spread out in two separate, facing rooms. As a result, John Cornish is actively searching for an additional volunteer, or volunteers, to sleep overnight on the Main Floor. Please contact John at 360-457-7630 or j&gcornish@tenforward.com if you are interested in volunteering.

Competitions. Our two competitions this year provide opportunities for collectors who want to test their mineral id abilities and those that want to show off their best inclusion specimen. Be prepared with your best included specimen or to challenge your mineral identification expertise (or both!).

Aaron Wieting, Symposium Chair

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The President's Message

I would call the July membership meeting a qualified success. The meeting was held at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. We had no scheduled program for the meeting since the AFMS and NFMS were jointly holding their annual meetings there also, complete with lots of display cases, dealers, and demonstrations about the hobby. We had about nine non-members attend our meeting. These included visitors from the Colorado Chapter and the Midwest Chapter of Friends of Mineralogy, and several Washington State NFMS members. The stated purpose of having the meeting at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds was fulfilled -- to get exposure for our chapter with other groups with related interests. All of the above is good! Why do I call it a qualified success? Well, I did not find one display case identified with a member of Friends of Mineralogy. The suggestion last fall was to set up several cases to draw additional attention to FM. Also, as recorded in the minutes of the meeting, we did not have a quorum at the July meeting. I did later see several members enjoying the show so much they forgot to attend the meeting. Lesson learned - the officers have to work harder at promoting functions to the membership.

Three short weeks after the July meeting was the Washington Pass Cleanup. Fourteen showed up for the short work session and the long social weekend. The Forest Service had us help cleanup the brush and dead wood in the Lone Fir campground this year. Weather was dry and warm into the evening. Thanks to Aaron and Jade Wieting for the breakfast Saturday and Sunday and hosting the potluck dinner Saturday evening. Saturday afternoon and Sunday everyone had opportunities to collect minerals in the area.

A draft of material for a Pacific Northwest Chapter - Friends of Mineralogy web page was shared with those at the Washington

Pass Cleanup. We will try to have a better developed draft to share at the Symposium.

Arrangements for the Pe Ell cleanup are underway. The tentative target is for the cleanup to be held about October 12 or October 19. More details will be available at the Symposium.

Remember to make your reservations at the Red Lion for the Symposium. Details were in the last newsletter and again in this newsletter.

The Symposium committee would like us to select a theme for the 2003 Symposium at our business meeting Sunday at the Symposium. Some suggestions of symposium topics include:

- Australia - Lots of famous specimen collecting sites to talk about.
- China - Many new specimens are coming from there at the current time. (Fluorites, Phosphates, cinnabar) Danny Trinchillo of DeTrin Minerals has done extensive travel and collecting in China and has been a speaker for other symposia.
- Northwest Territories or Northwest Localities II with a new set of speakers focusing on different localities than before.
- Brazil - One proposed speaker would be Tony Kampf (Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History). Tony has been leading collecting trips to Brazil in the recent years.

Do you have a topic you would like to suggest? Please do!!

See you at the Symposium!!

Jim Etzwiler

Upcoming Events

September 15th-- 2002 Symposium Early Registration Due
"Inclusions: The Inside Story".

September 27th - 29th -- 2002 Symposium
"Inclusions: The Inside Story".

October 12th or 19th -- Pe Ell Cleanup
Augite locality cleanup

New Fees Charged at Crystal Park, Montana

As of August 1, 2002 a \$5 fee per car is being charged at the Crystal Park, collecting locality, west of Dillon, Montana. The fee is intended as a way to pay for maintenance work at the popular site. There is a self-service pay station located at the parking lot. Collectors are limited to collecting five days per year at the site and a five-day pass is available from the Forest Service office in Dillon, Montana for \$20. The five-day pass may be used on any days throughout the year.

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Meeting Minutes: July 21, 2002

Port Townsend, Washington

The summer meeting of the Pacific Northwest Chapter of Friends of Mineralogy (PNWFM) was held in conjunction with the annual conventions and show presented by the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies and hosted by the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies. The event was held at the fairgrounds in Port Townsend, Washington, on Sunday, July 21st.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President Jim Etwiler. Jim welcomed all present and initiated self-introductions. At the opening of the meeting only 10 members were present and did not constitute a quorum.

It was announced that the Secretary has resigned for personal reasons and the vacancy will need to be filled. Sharleen Harvey volunteered to be acting secretary for the meeting. The minutes of the last general membership meeting were published.

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Bill Dameron submitted the treasurer's report. He reported that the chapter membership has been reconciled with the National FM's membership list. He also reported that he is still checking with the IRS to determine the correct Federal ID number assigned to the PNWFM Chapter. There was a brief discussion of the advantages/disadvantages of becoming a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. No decisions were made.

Symposium Report. Chair Aaron Wieting and Hotel Liaison Sharleen Harvey reported on changes in the rooms contracted with the Red Lion Hotel in Longview/Kelso. The main floor will be distributed between two rooms directly across the hall from each other with open double doors on each room. Registration will be in the hotel gallery just outside the entrance to our complex of rooms. Satellite dealers will begin in the north wing directly next to our main floor presentation. The banquet and benefit auction will be held Saturday night in the hotel's main dining room.

The 11th Annual Washington Pass Cleanup. John Cornish announced that the Klipchuck Campground camping area was reserved for August 9th - 11th and those interested should contact him.

National FM. Bill Dameron reported on national activities. A letter to mining

companies has been issued to encourage their help in preserving mineral specimens discovered during the mining process. Sharleen Harvey reported on the Werner Lieber Photo Contest and advised members that photos may be submitted in several different categories, including digital. Winners will appear in Rocks and Minerals. Members are also encouraged to enter educational exhibits in competition at the various shows. Jack and Kay Thompson (Denver FM Chapter) recipients of the education award for all three major shows and more, were present.

Jim Etwiler announced that the 48th Annual Seattle Regional Show will be held at the Puyallup Fairgrounds on November 1 - 3.

There was no unfinished business.

New Business. A new Secretary is needed. John Cornish requested that the organization plan more activities, trips, meetings, visitations, etc. Jim Etwiler reported that the Augite locality near Pe Ell needs clean-up. Discussion was held regarding undertaking the cleanup up, on DNR company property. It was suggested that October might be a good time to act on this. A date and permission from the property owner will be pursued.

Communications. Much discussion was held relative to a PNWFM website. Questions were expressed regarding maintenance, transitions, the need to be dynamic. The advantages of a website include getting word out quickly, a reflector website, utilizing email, etc. It was agreed that a communication route must remain open for all not yet using computers. The consensus suggested that the membership be queried as to interest and skills. Jim will check the Yahoo group sites.

The Noble Witt Award. Nominations were called for and Jim Etwiler suggested anyone with a choice for nominee submit the name to any of the members of the Board of Directors.

Jack Thompson announced the Colorado FM Chapter Symposium preceding the Denver show on September 7-10, 2002. It was also announced that Cleveland will host the Midwest Chapter FM Micromount Symposium November 1-3, 2002.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Washington Pass Cleanup a Success

John Cornish

The 13th annual Washington Pass, Friends of Mineralogy Clean-up was held during the weekend of August 9th - 11th.

As in the past, we based out of Klipchuck Campground and worked in the Lone Fir Campground for the first time this year. The Forest Service was so impressed with our brush cleaning efforts at Klipchuck in 2000 that they chose Lone Fir to be this year's Clean-up focus. We pulled brush from beside the road making piles along the way as we progressed further into the campground. A dump truck was used by F.S. representatives to haul the debris away. Once we had the main cleaning done, we'd have to wait for the dump truck to return, this left ample time to explore the small boulder pile of fresh slide rock that they'd brought into the campground to use as boundary markers along the road and surrounding campsites. This



Loading Brush into the Dump Truck



Collecting Saturday Afternoon



Dinner and Relaxation Saturday

rock yielded pockets with an array of crystallized minerals. Neat new locality, Lone Fir campground!

Most everything went very well, though there was unfortunately some miscommunication between both the Forest Service and Friends of Mineralogy members which rocked the boat a bit, but for the most part we all survived and had a good time. Jade and Aaron really out did themselves and proved to be wonderful hosts for our group. A terrific breakfast of fruits and meats was available Saturday and Sunday they went one better and offered pancakes. The potluck also went very well and everyone brought yummy goodies to share!

A big thank you to all of those who attended!

New Fees (continued from page 2)

Aaron Wieting

According to Dave Fallis, District Ranger for the Dillon Ranger District of the Beaverhead - Deerlodge National Forest, the fees will be used for such things as upkeep of the trails, campgrounds, and toilets. The Forest Service also intends to use some of the fees to eventually remove some of the overburden to expose fresh material to dig in. Removing overburden has become something of a safety issue since collectors must often remove significant amounts of overburden to reach fresh material.

There have also been some rumors that the Forest Service intends to adopt a policy of assigning digging areas for collectors at Crystal Park. According to Dave Fallis, there are no current plans to assign digging spots for collectors at this time. The Forest Service is evaluating how assigning diggings spots is working at a collecting locality near Helena, though this appears to be more of a fact-finding evaluation.

Additional information on Crystal Park, Montana can be found at: http://gorp.com/gorp/resource/us_national_forest/mt/see-beav.htm.

Cascade Siskiyou National Monument Public Comment Period Extended

Aaron Wieting

The public comment period for the Cascade Siskiyou National Monument draft Management Plan (the Plan) has been extended to December 19, 2002. The Monument is located in Southwest Oregon along the California border and includes part of the volcanic Western Cascades of Oregon and the older Klamath-Siskiyou Terrane. The Plan is a voluminous document and the comment period was extended to allow the public additional time to thoroughly review it.

The Plan indicates that rockhounding occurred historically in the Monument in an area called "Agate Flat". Claims were once held on this area by local rockhounding clubs. Unfortunately, the claims were allowed to lapse prior to Monument designation. The Plan also includes information regarding moderate gold and silver potential in the northern portion of the Monument; however, as a National Monument, the area has been withdrawn from mineral entry. I also found references in my research indicating a few small skarns at the western end of the Monument.

Though rockhounding has occurred in the Monument in the past, there does not appear to be a discussion of its potential impacts in the descriptions of anticipated recreational uses in the Plan. It also does not state that rockhounding or collecting activities are specifically prohibited. The Plan indicates that recreational uses are secondary to overall priorities as a National Monument; however, recreational uses would be maintained at existing levels as of enactment of the Monument.

The draft Management Plan can be reviewed online at <http://www.or.blm.gov/csnm/>, though viewing the Plan requires Adobe Acrobat Reader 5.05 and downloading will be slow using a modem. It should also be noted that a few of the webpages have not been updated to reflect the extended comment period deadline of December 19, 2002. A hardcopy of the Plan can be acquired by calling the BLM Medford District Office at 541-618-2200.

Dr. Michael A. Wise: Eastern 2002 AFMS Scholarship Honoree

Jim Etwiler

Remember Dr. Michael A. Wise, one of our speakers in 1997 about "Pegmatites"? Mike was recently recognized as Eastern's 2002 AFMS Scholarship Honoree. There is a nice article about Mike and his background on the web posted by the Southeast Chapter of Friends of Mineralogy as part of their June 2002 online newsletter at http://members.cox.net/fomse01/2002/june/mike_wise.html.

Also in the June 2002 online newsletter by the Southeast Chapter of Friends of Mineralogy is the "Web Site of the Month" - a link to <http://www.pegmatology.com>. The information was posted by Dr. Michael Wise and he describes the site:

"Pegmatites International is a site intended for those who have experienced the Wonderful World of "Pegmatology" (the study of pegmatites) and want to know more. It's designed for the non-pegmatite specialist, the professional geologist and the beginning and graduate student. It will offer a good starting point for both general and advanced information and provide a greater insight and understanding of these unusual rocks. For the researcher, this will be an excellent place to share information with your colleagues. Our goal at Pegmatites International is to serve as a broad primer for more general and specialized study; to serve as a forum for the exchange of information; to review the state of "pegmatology" and address the problems to be solved in the future."

If you have web access, visit the site.

MEMORIAL DAY FIELD TRIP

Emmitt Johnson

Where: Burns, Oregon
For What: Birch Limbs
Who: Emmitt, Vicki & family,
Wayne Brunson, Chet & Colleen
Courser, and Ray & Elsie
Sommer

Over Memorial Day weekend, nine of our members made the trek to the Oregon Desert for birch limbs. The area is 25 miles south of Burns. We had all driven over at different times so we contacted each other by cell phone. When we arrived at the area, we found the Coursers already there. Wasting very little time setting up camp, we rushed up the hill in search of prizes. We were not disappointed. We started finding material right off. The only trick seemed to be in finding an area that hadn't been dug before. With the cooperation of the weather, we had a pleasant weekend (a little sun, a few clouds, some sprinkles and not too hot).

The material is plentiful; everyone got what he/she wanted. Camille Johnson found the biggest 15 x 4 inches. Ray and Ellie Sommer, our newest members, did quite well.

Although this area has been dug extensively over the years, the material is still plentiful. It's lying there just under the surface begging to be dug up.

To all who went: The weekend was great.
To all who didn't: You missed a good one.

What you were not told . . .

First should be the required equipment. The area is close to a large body of water. Sometimes the mosquitoes obscure the sunlight. The question is whether a case of insect repellent will last for two days.

Last were the other critters. Snakes spent most of their time away from the rock hunters. But, not something else. Emmitt and his son started working an area looking for limbs. After spading a small area, they took a break. Looking back at the area they just worked, something was moving. A closer look revealed 1/2 to 1-inch scorpions. A rough count was made at one hundred.

Even with the above, I would make the trip.

Complete and Return

General Registration

Includes Saturday's banquet dinner.

BEFORE September 15th,

\$45 x _____ registrants = \$ _____

AFTER September 15th,

\$54 x _____ registrants = \$ _____

Meals (include tax and gratuity):

SATURDAY BANQUET:

Additional banquet meals for guests not attending symposium meetings:

\$22 x _____ attendees = \$ _____

SATURDAY DELI-LUNCH BUFFET:

Not included in General registration.

\$12.⁵⁰ x _____ attendees = \$ _____

Room Dealer

Yes, I will be a room dealer (please see section on Satellite Dealers).

Room Dealer Fee \$15 \$ _____

Payment of 2003 Dues

\$15 for 2003 dues \$ _____

The deadline for 2002 dues was June 1, 2002.

Total Enclosed \$ _____

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