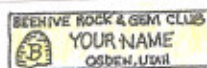


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The Beehive Rock & Gem Club began in April of 1970.

The purpose of our club is: To collect, cut and polish rocks, to gather fossils, mineral specimens, to discuss and impart our knowledge of the different phases of collecting, polishing and displaying-

To promote, organize and hold meetings, outings, trips, and similar events. To enjoy and protect our natural resources.

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**USUAL DATE FOR MEETING - FOURTH THURSDAY - 7 PM OGDEN-
 HINKLEY AIRPORT TERMINAL, 3900 S. & AIRPORT ROAD**

November, December have changes. Maybe others.
 Call any Board member for current information.



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 Calling Committee..Need Volunteers to call members before meetings.

FEDERATION REPRESENTATIVES

DUES

Rocky Mountain Federation Delegate.....President
 Utah Federation Delegate..... TBA
 Public Land Advisory Committee.....Jim Alexander

Due: October 1
 Single - \$11
 Couple or
 Family - \$16
 Junior - \$5
 Overdue: January 1

See back page for meeting time and place.

September 24th Club Meeting Program



Lapidary skills workshops/presentations:

>3 stations to learn how to make cabochons (cabs)

<1 station to learn how to do beading – necklaces, etc

>1 station to learn about a rapid, handheld grinder/polisher for petrified wood, uneven surfaces of larger pieces, etc.

This is your chance to learn new skills (even try yourself) to make beautiful items from rock, minerals or fossils.

***** Also note: If you would like to show something special from the *Floy Wash or Yellow Cat* areas (where we will have our October Field trip), please bring it to show others who have not been there. Thanks ***** "Rocky" Ray

COMING-



-EVENTS

SEPTEMBER CLUB MEETING - Sept. 24, 7 pm -
Ogden Airport Terminal, (New entrance,
new parking in progress) & Airport Road.

Turn right after the counter to the
meeting room. We may take the demonstra-
tions outdoors if it can be arranged.

OCTOBER BOARD MEETING - Oct. 1, 7 pm -
Airport Lobby or pavilion in back, if
weather is good.

OCTOBER 9-12 - FIELD TRIP - Floy Wash,
Salt Wash, Yellow Cat & ????!
See page 3 and map on page 11.

OCTOBER CLUB MEETING - Oct. 22 - 7 pm -
A program to bring you up to date on
the geothermal changes, etc. in Yellow-
stone National Park. A visual treat, even
if you have been there a number of times!

(October rock trips Show & Tell probable.)

BEEHIVE CLUB MEETING

JULY 23, 2009

[Aug. see Board Notes]

Announcements :

Kay Berry announced the Eureka field trip. Ray pointed out the table where the samples from the Grouse Creek field trip were and that there were sample from different places that Rocky Ray brought to give away.

Meeting:

Glade Gunther gave us a power point presentation about the 'history' of collecting. His extended family has found hundreds of new species of trilobite's, soft bodied animals and plants. Many new species are found by amateur collectors who then donate the finds to those in professional scientific fields. Most of the time people who work in agencies like the BLM do not have time to spend exploring out in the country side. The Gunther's went to a meeting with members of the BLM and Forest Service and invited them to go out and collect. New legislation has been passed that will effect the future of collecting. Specific rules will be made in the near future.

Val Gunther brought some of his best samples from the family museum in Brigham City. He answered questions about fossil preparation that can vary from being a simple process to something that experts should do. Everyone learned a lot!

We hope we will be able to go to their museum during a future meeting.

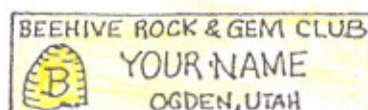
"Bonnie Kent"

"Our club is growing with new members. If you see a new face, make sure you stop and introduce yourself to them."



The Stone Chipper 4/09

**Buy and wear your Club name badge,
it helps us remember each other's names!**



MEETING NOTES - Sept.3



ed to order by Pres.
iler.

reports from those at
icnic were very good.
e big crowd, a number
ests, some of whom
ed the Club, lots of
and a fun time for all.

short-notice trip to
dward's ranch was planned
that weekend. Jim Alex.
do e-mail notice and R.
ledge to call those
hout e-mail.

The same was to apply for
trip to Wendover/Silver
sland Mtns. the 19 -20th.

Rocky told what the Sept.
and Oct. meetings were to be.

Learning demonstrations for
Sept. - hopefully to be in
the pavilion behind the
terminal because of the drips
from Mark Acker's demo of the
hand polisher for large items
like some petrified wood.

Judy Brigham is scheduled
for beading and there will
be three machines for making
cabochons (shaping stones).

An assortment of materials
from the Floy Wash/Yellow Cat
areas will be at the meeting
to show what can be found on
the Oct. Floy Wash field trip

Oct. will be a program that
tells about the many kinds of
geothermal geysers and pools
and shows these sites and
sights. There have been some
changes in activity since
most of us have been there.

It will be interesting to
see this program.

We hope everyone will try
to get out for the meeting.

Good program, new friends
to meet, rocks to look at!

Alexander, Editor

2009 FIELD TRIPS

These are from Salt Lake's Wasatch Gem
Society, Sept. bulletin NEWS & VIEWS.

Geode Bed Field Trip September 26

On Saturday September 26 we'll have a trip to the geode beds. If you're interested please signup at the club meeting or give me a call. We'll be meeting at 8 a.m. just off of I-80 at exit 77 on the south side of the freeway. We will leave at 8:10 a.m. And head to the geode beds. Total time to the geode beds is about two hours. We will stop at Simpson Springs near 9 a.m. if you want to meet us there.

*Contact Wasatch Pres. Jeffery Huefner
Ph. 1-801-467-6850.

He said, "The more the merrier!"

Starr Springs October 1 to 7.

Jim & Blanche Record will be going to Starr Springs Octob
1 to 7. If you would like to attend please let them know.
Starr Springs is north of Bullfrog marina on the south side
of the Henry mountains. It is a great place to find some
very interesting material, petwood, coprolite, shells and
more.

Beehive usually goes here after Floy

Floy Wash Field Trip October 9, 10 and 11. The following information is
by the Berry's

Oct. 9-11 Floy Wash Rendezvous and Moab Gem Show. Go earlier if
wish to extend the trip. Hunt agates, jaspers, pet. wood, gastroliths,
coprolite, morganite (rock, not gem), barrites, selenite, flint, and
more. Go to the show one day, on your own. Pot luck on Sat. night. T
is our big trip of the year and people come from all over the U.S. for
it. Share rocks, stories, trips, maps, and make new friends. Bring ba
tools, shovels, containers, food, water, layered clothing, etc. Extra
tire might be handy, if you get a flat. Take I-70 from Green River,
Utah, towards Crescent Junction. Turn right on Ruby Ranch Exit 17:
approx. 4.5 miles (thru the dip and past the pole line road) to cam
the left side of road, in the clearing by the fence corral. Do not tu
off the main road before you get to camp. If you get to a "Y", you
gone about 2 miles to far. Watch for the blue Utah Rock Club sign:
camp. No RSVP is necessary, but would be nice for me to know if
planning on going. Stay in Motel in Green River if you don't want
camp. Trips leave at 8-9 a.m. each morning. Join later groups fro
if there are any, or hunt on your own if you come to camp later.

Contact Ray Law to see if he p
on down to Starr Springs/Henry

AMERICAN FEDERATION

Billings Montana Show and Field Trips - 7/30-8/2

Joe and I arrived in Bilings on Sun. morning and Joe went directly to the wood identification class which was very technical and micro. He did buy a book about wood identification that he thinks will be good. The show was great. There was lots of Montana rock and showcases. On Mon. Joe and I and about 200 other rockhounds went to Bear Canyon and searched for agate and jasper. There was a cook out and pot luck during the late afternoon. The Billings Club organizers were fantastic. We also dug coral from a hill near by. It was just 1-2 inches below the surface of a red colored hill.

On Tues. because someone was late, Joe and I got to go on a tour of the Stillwater Mine. We had five different geologists talk to us and we put on mine gear and went 3 miles deep into the mine. The company only does 10 tours a year with 20 people in a tour so even the members of the Billings club who were with us had never had the opportunity to see the mine. We got to pick up ore samples from underground (as much as we could carry). We went through the mill and the room where all the core samples were. At the end we went outside and there were 2 containers of core samples that were not needed so we could take what we wanted. Of course Joe put a limit on my amount.

On Wed. Joe and I and about 100 others went to sandbars on the Yellowstone River to find Montana agate. We only found little pieces but it was fun to look. Again →

the Billings Club did an excellent job of spreading us out and organizing us.

On Thurs. the club field trips went further east and we stayed by Miles City. There had been an article in the paper about an 80 year old man who hunted for agate and arrowheads, made cabs and was a silversmith. He takes his jewelry to the farmers market on Saturdays. I asked at a store and found out his address and we went to visit him. We spent a great couple of hours with him. Montana agate is getting harder and harder to find. Of course he had a pile in his yard!

Joe did a lot of driving but we had great experiences.

Bonnie Kent



THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE REPORT!!!

WANTED: More
 Newsletter articles
 written by club
 members.

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 and in some
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 AND HELP OUR CLUB
 SAVE SOME \$\$\$

Contact Alexanders
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Borrowed from GOLDEN SPIRE NEWS



SAFETY HINTS

By C. Lloyd Fireng, RMFMS Chrm.

No matter what time of year it is, always remember to take extra precautions on field trips.

- * Look carefully before you take the next step. (snakes, loose rocks, open space?)
- * Take one gallon of water per person.
- * Wear heavy duty shoes.
- * To avoid sunburn use a good blocker or wear long sleeved blouses or shirts, and a wide brimmed hat.
- * Be sure your vehicle has a full fuel tank.
- * Have your water pressure radiator cap tested as these sometimes weaken and allow too much water out.
- * NEVER go alone and always stay in sight of at least two other people.

FROM ROCKY MOUNTAIN FEDERATION NEWS 9/91



(Also, check for scorpions before putting hands under a rock.)

FROM ROCKY MTN FED. NEWSLETTER 9/09

Report on the AFMS Show & Convention, July 30th-August 2nd, 2009

By Richard Jaeger

Linda and I attended the AFMS Convention & Show in Billings, Montana recently. The AFMS Board Meeting and the AFMS Scholarship meetings were without any major controversy.

Our Federation was represented at the meeting by Bob Carlson and Jim Hurlbut, who sat in for RMFMS President Stan Nowak and V.P. Yonis Lone Eagle who were unable to attend. I attended as the AFMS 4th V.P. Judy Beck was elected as the RMFMS representative to serve next year, as the AFMS 3rd Vice President.

The show was large and very well attended. There were about 160 overall exhibits which I believe included 38 competitive exhibits. There were also a large number of dealers; however they were long on agates and jewelry - very little in the way of minerals and fossils. The Awards Banquet and Editors Breakfast were also well attended and several Rocky Mountain Federation Clubs and members received awards which may be mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter. Two of our members won prizes in the AFMS Foundation raffle; they were Daleene Caldwell of the Stillwater, OK club who won a citrine pendant and Russ Olinger of the Bismarck, ND (I forget what he won).

As usual the most enjoyable thing for me was getting to visit with people from across the United States (and Canada this time) that I only see once every year or two. We made some new friends in the Rocky Mountain Federation as well. One accomplishment was getting a new Utah State Director for the RMFMS. He is **Tom Burchard; 875 E. 4500 S., South Ogden, UT 84403-2931. His phone number is 801-479-4286 and his e-mail address is: Roxhund@aol.com.** We certainly welcome him and look forward to seeing him again in Roswell.

A great week of field trips were planned for after the show but we were unable to attend those. They actually had over 300 people sign up for the Monday field trip. Linda & I did take in a lot while there though. We took in two Rookie League baseball games between Billings & Missoula; Judy Beck went with us to one of those. We visited Pompey's Pillar National Monument, a Lewis & Clark site, and Pictograph Cave State Park both near Billings. We also spent a day in Red Lodge, Montana which is an old coal mining town turned into a tourist area.

After the show we drove back through Red Lodge and over Beartooth Pass through Cooke City to Yellowstone National Park. If you ever get a chance to take this drive, do so - but not in a large RV. In Livingston, MT we went to the Railroad Museum in the old Depot and in Bozeman we went to the Dinosaur Museum on the Montana State University campus. Both museums were excellent and well worth the visit. In Bozeman we had dinner with our daughter-in-law's sister. The next morning it was time to head back to Billings to catch our flight back to Tulsa.

I was glad to see so many Rocky Mountain Federation members in attendance, but wish there could have been more. You missed a great show and experience.

DUES DUES DUES

Yes, it is that time, again. Dues from each club/society are due by December 15. December 15 is the magic date because we need to get your club report that accompanies the dues payment by that date in order to include your club information in the RMFMS 2009-10 Directory. If you are having officer elections in Jan., as some clubs do, please call or email me and we will see what we can do to get your new officer info in the directory.

Dues notices and forms will be sent to each club by email in mid-October where there is an email address available.



REPORT ON AMERICAN LANDS ACCESS ASSOCIATION MEETING

By EVAN DAY - UTAH DIRECTOR, AMERICAN LANDS ACCESS ASSOCIATION, BRIGHAM CITY, UTAH



Friends; Here is a report of an access meeting I attended yesterday in Tooele, Utah. Please feel free to publish it in your newsletters. I would be interested in your views on my perception of the event as one who had no previous knowledge of the specific issues involved.

The "Slobs" and "Rogues" did it again! I mean repeated vandalism, trash, cutting fences, deliberate bypassing of gates and berms, ruts and erosion in trails, destruction of signs and kiosks, "donuts" in meadows, etc, etc. This finally caused a 5-0 vote of the Tooele County Commission to permanently close several nice riding trails in the Oquirrh Mountains, Southeast of Salt Lake City, Utah on September 1, 2009.

I received a Blue Ribbon Coalition alert that this action was pending, and decided to attend to see what might be going on? For many years, our County Commissioners in Utah have been in the forefront of battling the BLM and USFS efforts to close existing trails, especially RS2477 roads. I asked myself "what has happened near Tooele to change this?" Turned out that years of frustration had led to months of Planning Commission hearings, with the BLM, Tooele County, Landowners, and the Tooele Trails Committee all participating; and this meeting was to formalize the resulting recommendation to close the worst problem trails. In fact, there is a superb network of trails left open atop the Oquirrh, most of it on private land. There are plenty of opportunities for recreation, including access for my hobby of rockhounding. The area has been settled for 150 years, with gold, silver, and copper mining, plus lots of ranching. Frankly, the rancher "stakeholders" that were asked their opinion of the ordinance made a lot of sense.

And here are some observations and lessons to be learned from this meeting.

- Those of us who ride and drive responsibly need to police the rest who don't; the Deputies can't be everywhere. The Commissioners repeatedly acknowledged that it was only a small percentage of riders that disregard common sense, but enough was enough! When we spot irresponsible behavior, if at all possible get names, license numbers, photos of the damage, and immediately call 911 for police action.
- We need to help to build and maintain the trails and roads; it is not solely up to the government and ranchers. One rancher commented that he personally had built one of the closed trails, and no one using it had ever lifted a finger to help maintain it. The Commissioners noted the great job of the 4-wheeler clubs are doing with trails, fences, signs and information kiosks in the Factory Butte open area near Hanksville, Utah.
- Public input, including ours, needs to get started at the very beginning; no public comment was allowed at this late stage. We each have to keep alert for articles in local newspapers regarding road and trail access issues, monitor county Planning and Commission agendas, and get our members to volunteer on committees. Maybe we can avoid things like the "threats" mentioned by the Commissioners, or such incidents as deliberate destruction of hunters' trail cameras.

Via THE GOLDEN SPIKE NEWS 9/09

ALAA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

AMERICAN LANDS ACCESS ASSOCIATION, INC"

Protecting the Public Lands for the Public Please enroll me as a member of ALAA!

Annual Membership Fee: Individual - \$25.00 / Club membership - \$50.00

Please Print _____ New _____ Renew _____ Date ___/___/___

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Remit Fees to the ALAA Treasurer,

NORMAN W. HANSCHU, 6607 STURBRIDGE LANE. CANTON, MI 48187-2638

ALAA is a 501(c)(4) organization. Its purpose is promoting and ensuring the right of amateur hobby collecting, recreational prospecting and mining, and the use of public and private lands for educational and recreational purposes; and to carry the voice of all amateur collectors and hobbyists to our elected officials, government regulators and public land managers. Contributions to ALAA are not deductible as charitable contributions for Federal Tax purposes.

ALAA NEWSLETTER



SHOW

Sept. 25-27 - Gem Faire Inc., South Towne Expo. Center/Exhibit Hall 5, 9575 S. State St., Salt Lake City, Utah. F. 12-7, St.10-6 \$5 weekend pass. Website: www.gemfaire.com

Oct. 9-11 - Moab Points & Pebbles Club, Old Spanish Trail Arena, 3641 S. Hwy 191, Moab, Utah. F & St 10-7, Sn 10-4. Free admission, dealers, field trips, etc. Jerry Hansen, 1-435-259-3393. E-m: moabrockclub@live.com Web: moabrockclub.net

CONGRATULATIONS TO OCTOBER

BIRTHSTONES - Opal for Hope - hydrous silica, often with some iron or aluminum, a non-crystalline form of quartz. Hardness on Moh's scale of 5-6. Opal's beauty has been enjoyed for centuries. Price depends mostly on color and location it is found. US sources - Idaho, Wyoming and -- ?

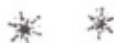
ANNIVERSARY - THE COWTOWN CUTTER 10/02 gave opal as 14th anniversary stone. [That makes 2, moss agate is the usual.]

Tourmaline - a complex silicate of boron and aluminum, whose composition varies widely because of substitutions. Hardness on Moh's scale of 7-7 1/2. The pink to red variety is called Rubellite. Main sources in US, Calif., Maine, & Conn.

Rose Zircon for Success - zirconium silicate. Hardness is 7 1/2. It comes in many colors and is prized for its brilliance, often a diamond substitute. Red shades are often called Hyacinth. Best North American sources are NY, NJ, NC, CO and Ontario, Canada.

ANNIVERSARY - Zircon is the gem for 19th.

FLOWER - Your choice - Calendula, Marigold or Amaryllis (there is a lovely pink one).



OCTOBER 1!!

Unless you joined
after July.

DATES

!!OCT. 2-4 - ROCKY MOUNTAIN FEDERATION SHOW & CONVENTION, ROSWELL CONVENTION CENTER, ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO. www.rmfmts.org

Tooele is not having a show this year.

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!Golden Spike -new dates and place.

Apr. 9-11 - Golden Spike G.& M. Soc. Golden Spike Events Center Ogden, Utah.

Apr. 23-25 -Wasatch Gem Soc., State Fair Park, Salt Lake City, Utah.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

From MAGIC VALLEY NEWS, TWIN FALLS, 10/04

BIRTHSTONE FOR OCTOBER IS OPAL - Opal has been called the Queen of Gems. It has been treasured for its unique properties and beauty since ancient times.

Opal is silicon oxide, containing variable amounts of water. Hardness rates 5.5 to 6.5, it is fragile and brittle and if dried out the stone will develop fine internal cracks known as crazing. To protect opal many are made into doublets, a backing material is cemented to the stone to give it thickness and strength or triplets, a backing material plus a quartz cabochon top. This adds thickness to the stone and protects the opal layer and magnifies the play of color.

As with most gemstones, opal has been synthesized in the laboratory and the difference is hard to detect.

Opal with a color play is called precious opal. The color play itself is called fire. Fire opals are simply reddish or orange opals & may not have any fire! Play of colors depends upon interference of light and is not dependent upon body color. -Helen Coed

October 2006 ROCK & GEM P.14 says an ancient Chinese document describes explorations in what is now the American west. The explorers described the Virgin Valley opal area and finding black opal there.

Mineral Myths and Meanings

from Dave Wester

From ROCKY TRAILS 9/09, N. SEATTLE LAP. & MIN. SOC.

Throughout the ages, man has held a deeper belief of gems and minerals, considering them to bring luck or associating them with health or life facts. When you think about it, there's probably a grain of truth to some of these myths because minerals, gems, and rocks are made up of the same compositions as the human body. If you've taken a chemistry class you'll know this to be true. This column will present a gem or mineral myth (or meaning) each month so that you can become better acquainted with some of the more diverse properties of those rocks we love to collect.

Opal

Opal has been a popular gem for many centuries and has a very interesting structure. Opal is considered a mineraloid because its structure is not truly crystalline. The chemistry of Opal is primarily SiO_2 and varying amounts of water. The amount of water varies from 5% to 10% and greater. This water can help geologists determine the temperature of the host rock at the time the opal formed.

Although there is no crystal structure, (meaning a regular arrangement of atoms), opal does possess a structure nonetheless. Random chains of silicon and oxygen are packed into extraordinarily tiny spheres. These spheres in most Opals are irregular in size and inconsistent in concentration. Yet in Precious Opal—the variety used most often in jewelry, there are many organized pockets of the spheres.



These pockets contain spheres of approximately equal size and have a regular concentration, or structure, of the spheres. This has the effect of diffracting light at various wavelengths, creating colors. Each pocket produces a different color and with a different intensity, depending on the angle from which a viewer sees it. The multicolored flashes of light that Opal emits gives it a truly beautiful and valuable look. This effect is called a "play of light," and not "opalescence." The latter term describes the milky nature of the translucence of opal, and is more properly compared to the appearance of water to which a few drops of milk have been added.



The opal is believed to promote hope. It's the October birthstone. It is said to promote growth spiritually and physically plus aligns physical and etheric bodies. The opal is said to be many things including the most powerful of healing stones, the stone of hope, the stone of great achievement and even the "stone of the Gods." It is said to be the stone of love, but only to faithful lovers. Opal is said to be a symbol of faithfulness and is believed to assist the wearer with finding true love. The opal will bring misfortune to an unfaithful lover. The name opal is thought to be derived from the Sanskrit 'upala', meaning 'precious stone.' In Greek mythology, Opal was believed to be formed from the joyous tears wept by Zeus after he defeated the Titans. It was also believed by the Greeks that the owner of Opal would obtain the power of giving foresight and the light of prophecy. In ancient Arabic times it was believed that opals fell from the heavens in lightning, the flashes giving the stone its fire and flare.

Career: Teaching / Education.





On August 29 Harold Driver lost his battle with a rare cancer of the blood. It is a real loss to all who knew him, as Evan Day said in his message, "He was a real gentleman."

Eve Cavalli lost her sister, Grace Janse on Sept 14. Our prayers are with you, Eve.

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FRAUD WARNING CONTINUES!

We received a notice to pay Rock & Gem magazine dues. Huh? Checked, and didn't owe yet. The real Rock & Gem address is P.O. Box 469113, Escondido, CA 92046-9524.

Subscribe on line
www.rockngem.com

Do not answer mail from anywhere else claiming to be R&G, you will lose your money. Ours was from 'Publishers Billing Association' out of Las Vegas. Watch for this e-mail/delete mdsinc@charter.net.

We have not called R&G to notify them yet. The number to ask questions and let them know about this fraud, scam, etc. is 1-760-291-1549. Don't get cheated!

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Speaking of the Rock & Gem magazine - the September issue has a story about the Dinosaur Museum and bone quarries in Fruita, CO. If you are in the Grand Junction area, go see these and before you leave the state walk the "Trail Through Time" just off exit #2.

Bones, petrified wood, other fossils line this trail with markers to identify most. If you can't do the whole walk, take a look at the signs and the skeleton in the rock close by.

Better yet spend the weekend at least in the area. The trees are changing and the views on and from the Colorado National Monument and Grand Mesa will be fabulous! [Usually "Color Sunday" 2nd-3rd week Oct.]

RV Ranch campground is online, gets full in the fall with hunters, make reservations early! It is the only one right in Grand Jct./Clifton near Jim's cousins. Fruita has one too.

Our members get busier all the time! In March at the Spike show I told Tom Buchard that since he has a post in the California Fed. and another in the N.west, we needed to find something for him to do in the Rocky Mtn Fed. As you read on page 6 he was at the Am. Fed. show and they found a job for him, Utah Director! He will be making reports on UT activities at the conventions. Clubs keep in touch!

Joan Day is now Treasurer for the Northwest Federation (was Secretary) on top of the judging of competition cases she and Evan do. Evan is Assistant Pastor in Brigham City and has taken on the job of Utah State Director for the American Lands Access Association (Protecting our access)

Jim as Rocky Mt. Fed. Utah chair for the Public Lands Access Advisory Committee and Evan will both keep watch for us on land issues. They need your help - when you hear or read anything concerning land access, road closures, etc., contact both of them immediately! Quick action is key to saving our collecting areas.

Dean Loftus, Dinosaur Park fossil worker, is just finishing up as Golden Spike President and Kay Berry, co-owner of a metal fabrication shop is on the nomination list to succeed him.

I know many of you have lots of irons in the fire and put your brand on all your interests.

Go on a rock trip and relax a bit!

I finally hit the right key and "escaped". We had a great time!



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- NEW MEMBERS - Eric & Stephanie Ambrose
Laura Ambrose (diff. add.)
Nancy Fraser & Nancy Zega
Dave & Brandee Harris
Jon & Lonamae Thomas

Welcome to our Club. Introduce yourselves, find common interests, go to meetings & on rock hunting trips.

FLOY WASH FIELD TRIP AND MOAB SHOW OCTOBER 9-11/12, 2009

Call Ray Law [Ph.# p.1] to see when he is leaving.

PREPARE FOR THE POTLUCK SATURDAY NIGHT!

Take I-15 to US 6 in Spanish Fork, head for Price and points southeast. Gas has been a bit cheaper at Conoco in Wellington than anywhere in Price in past years.

I-70 connects to US 6 west of Green River, go into town and gas up. Back to I-70, 12 mi. east of town, take Exit 175.

It is 5.7 or 6 mi. to camp from here.

Appx. 1/2 - 2 mi. in is Grand Wash.

This drops off a hill into the Wash.

Slow down & watch if there is water in the bottom. It has been cemented so it is firm.

Be sure to go right on the road to Ruby Ranch at the powerline.

Camp on the higher ground away from the fence. Can get stuck lower down if it rains, roads dry quickly most places though.

Campfires on calm nights, so bring some wood if you can.

Please drive slowly thru camp so you don't "dust" other rigs.

Find the group going where you want to go, confirm "out" time.

Someone will give you a ride if your rig can't make the drive.

