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**AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES**



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.



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE BEEHIVE ROCK & GEM CLUB FOR 2008**

President & Board Chairman...Dan Siler.....801-737-3013  
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 Editor of BUZZER..Leora Alexander..360 5th St. 84404..801-399-0785  
 Calling Committee..Need Volunteers to call members before meetings.

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**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.



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**Beehive Club Program ^^ November 23rd (\*\*MONDAY\*\*) 2009**  
 (Note change in date/day)




A "potpourri" program including:

- Some unique items crafted made from the Eureka "Opalized" claystones by Dave Offret and Bloyd Loveless (*State Fair -Best of the Show Winner*) (Also we may have others bring new special crafted items which are being worked , etc)
- A 10-12 minutes DVD projection segment on hunting meteorites from the "*Savage Planet*".
- Walk around viewing of any newer crafted **rock items** which members would like to show other club members. Prefer crafted or "display type" items not simply unworked rocks. (We still also have the show & tell table)

"Rocky" Ray

\*\*See you MONDAY -23<sup>rd</sup> (Monday of Thanksgiving week)\*\*

NOTE DATE CHANGES! - COMING--EVENTS

NOVEMBER CLUB MEETING - 4th **MONDAY** NOV. 23  
 -- DAY CHANGE FOR NOV. ONLY!

Be sure to mark your calendar, make notes all over the house, etcetera.

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER - MEMBERS ARE BUSY AND MEETING ROOM USUALLY BOOKED SOLID. Have a good Christmas and be ready for the WINTER POTLUCK in January!!

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**BEEHIVE ROCK & GEM MEETING**  
 OCTOBER 22, 2009



Called to order by President Dan Siler.

The November meeting will be on Monday the 23rd. This is the only open date for us to meet.

Dan thanked those who help run the Club and help support it in other ways. He reminded us our elections are coming and asked members to get active. Let Board members (p.1) know how you would like to help. He invited members to come to the Board meetings, especially if they have something they wanted to talk about. [Editor's note: we can't solve problems you don't tell us about.]

Kay Berry told about the good trip to the Floy Wash area. She asked those who have been collecting rocks for the Golden Spike Club's grab bags to get them to her or Rich Gabel soon. [Rich Gabel is a Beehive Charter member, he is also Golden Spike Rock Bag man.] It is recommended to break rocks to appx.1-1 1/2 inch size with hammer.

Field Trip Chair Ray Law said he would try to get in one more trip if the weather held. A trip to Paul Bunyan's Woodpile for several materials was possible - contact him for later information, ph # on p.1, e-mail in the directory.

The last of the Club directories were passed out. Contact Dave Law if you need one or wait for the first of the year for a newer revision. Info p.1.

Program Chair Rocky Rutledge introduced our member Al Jones. He has a Masters in geology and worked many years for oil companies.

He presented his program, "Geo-ecosystems of Yellowstone National Park."

This was very interesting and gave a lot of information how underground geothermal/volcanic activity affects a wide area of the West.

How is your personal ecosystem doing?

Leora Alexander for Sec. Bonnie Kent



Order Club cards from Alexanders.



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**If there are any of you who have an Email address and want your Newsletter sent via the Internet, send me your Email address!!! This too saves our Club \$\$\$.** Until next time..... ☺

Jim Alexander..

From STAUROLITE 12/08

**BOARD MEETING NOTES**  
November 5th, 2009



Lost my notes! Mini-Show dates! P.9.  
Most of our time was taken up by dis-  
cussing the Club elections.

Some people are willing to stay in their  
positions:

- Dave Law as Treasurer.
- Bonnie Kent as Secretary.
- Ray Rutledge as Program Chairman.
- Jim Alexander on Door Prizes.
- Leora Alexander as Editor.

Dan will not be President. He must  
concentrate on his work.

Ray Law will not be Field Trip Chair. He  
is willing to help plan trips and be co-  
leader on some trips, but is not able to  
do more at this time.

Veldora Law said she would be Hospital-  
ity Chair/Greeter/sign-in book, Judy was  
glad to let her take over.

Others would be contacted to see if they  
would like to help.

Main focus will be finding a President,  
a Vice-President and a Field Trip Chair.

The first two are great ways to get into  
the middle of the group and help the Club.  
You don't have to be a long time rock-  
hound or know a lot about rocks/minerals,  
you will learn as you go.

The Board of Directors will help you  
with what you need to know about Club  
business.

We have some who have been on lots of  
trips for rocks and know where to go. We  
have some who know other places to go for  
rocks and could lead a trip. We are all  
supposed to be on the Field Trip Committee  
and help the Chairman plan and lead.

**PITCH IN AND HELP KEEP YOUR CLUB GOING!**



**2010 FIELD TRIPS**

What kind of rocks do you want to find?

Do you want to collect minerals,  
or rock you can shape into cabochons?

Cast metal items to hold the rock?

Do you want to pick up what fossils we  
are going to be allowed under the new  
rules?

Do you want to do wire wrapping, bead,  
carve, facet gems, knapp arrow heads or  
knives, or some of each of these?

We have members who are doing these in  
different levels of skill. Many of them  
are willing to help you get started on  
something.

Over `50s' will find helpers at some of  
the senior citizen centers.

Let us know what you want to look for so  
we can plan places to go to fit your  
interests.

Some of us don't need any more rocks and  
go along to visit, explore and camp out.

This is a good way to find out what you  
will like to do.

Somewhere you will find a "fit".

Bring a list and help us have a fun  
summer "rockhounding" together!

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**THE ROCK SHOP**

*By Louis Bemus*  
*From The WG&MS Newsletter 1/97*  
*Wickenburg, AZ*

ROCKHOUND GAZETTE 2/00

Agate here, agate there,  
Cloud like patterns as in air;  
Moss-like patterns or ferns by a stream  
Like an enchanted place or in a dream;  
Geode crystals, seldom blue,  
White or of an amethyst hue;  
Here a pattern like a tree,  
Or a bird so wild and free.  
Nature's masterpieces once hidden where  
Sun shines in soil, streams and desert air.

BEE. BUZZ. 10-11/00

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**Shops are wonderful places but --  
BETTER YET, GO FIND YOUR OWN!**



## BLUE FOREST in Wyoming

### The TRI-FEDERATION FIELDTRIP

for 2010 is scheduled for Memorial  
Day Weekend

The dates to remember are  
May 29,30,31

This is a well know collecting location with a large area to collect. Some great material is found here every year and lots of room to dig. We will plan to dry camp in the collecting area, indulge in a potluck one evening and follow that with a swap session.

As this plan develops more information will be posted. If you have some input or suggestions please e-mail Doug True/ NFMS Fieldtrip chairman at: [dtruefossils@yahoo.com](mailto:dtruefossils@yahoo.com)

A few notes of interest are the elevation in this area is between 6-7000 feet, the nights can get cold and the winds can BLOOOOW.

One of the best ways to find the petrified wood in this area is by probing with a steel rod. So if you do not have one, you have time to make one now. This process will save a lot of digging. I will be in contact with the BLM and will update all rules and restrictions in the next few months.

#### Make your plans now

Doug True NFMS – Fieldtrip chairman



We will hear who is our Rocky Mtn Federation leader later.



STRATA GEM ALL MONTHS

[www.utahrockhounds.com/tooelegem](http://www.utahrockhounds.com/tooelegem)  
[tooelegem@netscape.net](mailto:tooelegem@netscape.net)

### "Code of Ethics"

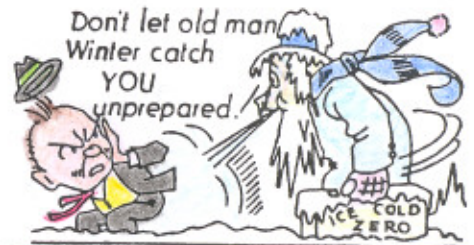
- I will** respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without permission from the owner.
- I will** keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.
- I will**, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.
- I will** use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.
- I will** cause no willful damage to property of any kind such as fences, signs, buildings, etc.
- I will** leave all gates as found.
- I will** build fires only in designated or safe places and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.
- I will** discard no burning material - matches, cigarettes, etc.
- I will** fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.
- I will** not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.
- I will** cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.
- I will** practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.
- I will** support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.
- I will** cooperate with field-trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.
- I will** report to my club or federation officers, Bureau of Land Management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.
- I will** appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.
- I will** observe the "Golden Rule", will use Good Outdoor Manners and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public Image of Rockhounds everywhere.

POWER OUTAGES ALREADY HAVE HAPPENED! ARE YOU PREPARED TO BE ISOLATED FOR SEVERAL HOURS?

# 72 HOUR HOME EMERGENCY KIT

AMERICAN RED CROSS

BEE BUZZ. 11/98



Bottles of Hand Sanitizer!

### Immediately Available

- Battery powered radio
- Flashlight and extra batteries

### Emergency Needs

- Instruction manuals on emergency preparedness
- Water storage
- Sleeping bags & blankets

### Sanitation Kit

- Plastic bucket with tightly fitted lid
- Plastic bags and ties
- Toilet paper
- Disinfectant
- Improvised toilet seat
- Feminine hygienic needs
- Paper towels
- Soap
- Paper cups
- Paper plates
- Plastic utensils
- Can opener
- Utility knife

Bottles of Hand Sanitizer!

### Stress Factors

- Children
  - Coloring book
  - Crayons
- Adults
  - Books
  - Needle work

A Class ABC fire extinguisher is recommended for each home.

Some families may need a large container (such as a 32 gallon garbage can) to hold all items. Other families may be able to use the plastic bucket from the sanitation kit for this storage.

This 72 hour kit should meet the needs of your family. Use hobbies and entertainment your family likes to do, ready-to-eat foods your family will eat, and individual medication as required by your own family members.

### Food

- Ready-to-eat (canned)
  - Meats: tuna, sardines, spam, vienna sausages
  - Fruit cocktail
  - Peanut butter
  - Powdered milk
  - Infant care: canned milk & bottles
  - Canned juices
  - Dried fruit: (CAUTION—drink plenty of water)
    - raisins, prunes, fruit leather

### Crackers

- Sugar cookies
- Sweetened cereals
- Hard candy

### HOME

#### Standard First Aid Kit

- First aid manual
- Aromatic spirits of ammonia
- Water purification tablets
- Table salt
- Baking soda
- Eye drops
- Safety pins
- Matches
- Adhesive or paper tape
- Bandages
  - Telfa pads 4" x 4"
  - Triangle bandage 37" x 37" x 52"
- Roll of gauze
- Coban elastic bandage
- Splints
- Popsicle sticks
- Shingles or thin board
- 40 page newspaper
- Heavy string

#### Individual Medical Needs

### CAR

- Standard First Aid Kit
- Blanket
- Flashlight and batteries
- Reflectors and flares



The Mayflower landed 12/21/1620.



A Joyous Thanksgiving to One And All

The happiest people in the world Don't have the best of everything, They just make the best of everything.

## COMMENTS, THOUGHTS &amp; ANNOUNCEMENTS

## America's Red Rock Wilderness Act

### S. 799 & HR 1925

By John Martin

#### What are the chances of passing America's Red Rock Wilderness Act in the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress?

The American's Red Rock Wilderness Act of 2009 will designate as wilderness certain Federal portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Great Basin Deserts in the State of Utah. This bill, if enacted, would designate 9.4 million acres of land managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Utah as Wilderness.

According to a Congressional Research Service report, 5.7 million BLM acres is nearly 3 times the BLM wilderness recommendations and 75% more than the BLM's Wilderness study acreage. The 5.7 million acres amounted to 26% of all BLM lands in Utah, and 11% of the entire state.

October 1, 2009, the massive Utah Wilderness bill, known as the America's Red Rock Wilderness Act of 2009, HR 1925, will be heard in the U.S. House of Representatives Natural Resources Committee.

The core of America's Red Rock Wilderness Act remains the same. It still proposes to designate wilderness for BLM public lands in Utah. The areas considered for closure are:

- o Great Basin Areas ~ 2,240,827 acres
- o Zion/Mojave Desert Areas ~ 160,000 acres
- o Grand Staircase-Escalante Areas ~ 1,771,717
- o Moab-LaSal Canyons Areas ~ 256,815 acres
- o Henry Mountains Areas ~ 444,204 acres
- o Glen Canyon Areas ~ 906,446 acres
- o San Juan-Anasazi Areas ~ 520,606 acres
- o Canyonlands Basin Areas ~ 689,884 acres
- o San Rafael Swell Areas ~ 1,098,773 acres
- o Book Cliffs/Uinta Basin Areas ~ 1,015,821 acres

With the expanded Democratic majority in Congress, the chances are the best they've been in over a decade. Returning and new pro-wilderness Members of Congress are in position to move legislation that closes Utah's public lands. At the very least for the 111th Congress, the Utah wilderness champions have been discussing the possibility of Congressional hearings on this legislation in their Levant committees, and more Congressional support makes that important first step to a bill's movement even more likely.

Cosponsors (See below) are important if Utah wilderness faces attack in Congress and with your help we can foster that attack. Should

legislation be introduced that proposed a different Utah wilderness or would otherwise threaten these lands, America's Red Rock Wilderness Act stands as the benchmark for Utah public lands closure legislation that other proposals must help to cancel.

Co-sponsors (See below) reaffirms the national importance of America's Red Rock Wilderness, they are providing support for actions by the Obama administration to develop stronger management policy: By gaining support from Members of Congress from throughout the country, they demonstrate that closing public lands in wild Utah is indeed a national issue that is getting national attention. If we do not take action soon the supporters will work to urge the Obama administration's Interior Department to change the policies, regulations, and guidelines that prevented our public lands from closing under President Bush. We need to proactively pursue a unified effort that keeps Public Lands open for all public use. This is an important compliment to our legislative goals.

Senator Bennett is a new Member of the Public Lands Subcommittee in the Energy and Natural Resources Committee and a contact website is listed below.  
<http://www.govtrack.us/congress/person.xpd?id=300007>

We need you to write to Senator Bennett asking him not to support S 799 and that we are in support of his effort in keeping Utah's Public Lands open to all Public Users and not the Special Interest Groups who want to close 9 million Acres for their own usage.

Utah's political representatives need to know that the majority of Utahans and concerned people from all across the United States oppose this bill, and they need to hear it from you. Today please.

Rep. Rob Bishop: 202-225-0453  
Rep. Jim Matheson: 202-225-3011  
Rep. Jason Chaffetz: 202-225-7751

**Be polite.** None of Utah's Representatives or Senators supports this madness. If you call now, you can make this bill look like **toxic waste**, so that none of Utah's representatives will ever come near it. Ever. Contact your own state's House Representative and asks them NOT to support S 799, the American's Red Rock Wilderness Act of 2009

The Senate is much more willing than the House to abide by the wishes of home state representatives, so Bennett's new appointment may have a negative impact in Durbin's ability to hold a hearing on the Red Rock bill this Congress. This can work in our favor and give us some time to act.

These are the sponsors of the bill at this time; writing to them is not advised as they are going to be pushing this legislation through the senate. Feel free to contact any of the 80 senators not listed and offer your comments and opinions.

Senate Sponsor [Richard Durbin \[D-IL\]](#)  
House Sponsor [Rep. Maurice Hinchey \[D-NY22\]](#)  
Senate Co Sponsors [Barbara Boxer \[D-CA\]](#) [Roland Burris \[D-IL\]](#) [Maria Cantwell \[D-WA\]](#) [Benjamin Cardin \[D-MD\]](#) [Russell Feingold \[D-WI\]](#) [Kirsten Gillibrand \[D-NY\]](#) [Thomas Harkin \[D-IA\]](#) [Edward Kautman \[D-DE\]](#) [John Kerry \[D-MA\]](#) [Frank Lautenberg \[D-NJ\]](#) [Patrick Leahy \[D-VT\]](#) [Joseph Lieberman \[I-CT\]](#) [Robert Menéndez \[D-NJ\]](#) [Jeff Merkley \[D-OR\]](#)  
House Co Sponsors (132) To many to list here.  
[John Reed \[D-RI\]](#) [Bernard Sanders \[I-VT\]](#) [Charles Schumer \[D-NY\]](#) [Debbie Ann Stabenow \[D-MI\]](#) [Mark Udall \[D-CO\]](#) [Sheldon Whitehouse \[D-RI\]](#)

### Additional Comments

by Evan Day,  
Utah Director, American Lands Access Assn.

I downloaded S.799 and H.R.1925, and gave them a quick read. The most worrisome feature is the lack of a map showing exactly what is to be set as wilderness areas. The administrative portion of S.799, Sec. 201, references a map from the 111th congress with the Bill number deleted so we can't guess what is proposed. Then goes on to say that AFTER the bill is enacted: THEN the secretary will prepare a map and tell us what the boundaries of each wilderness area will be. Blank Check? Pig-in-a poke?

In any event, I'm familiar with many of the names of the proposed Utah wilderness areas from reading and commenting on the BLM & USFS's Resource Management Plans, particularly the Richfield, UT Field Office plan. It appears ALL of the areas SUWA is proposing in the Richfield Office district are those rejected out of hand by the BLM in their plan. Undoubtedly the same is true throughout the State. There is no question that our access to Rockhounding sites would be severely curtailed,

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(Additional Comments, continued from page 6)

if not totally destroyed, by SUWA's bills. My wife and I are of an age where we need motorized access to collecting sites. Besides, Sec.209 withdraws entry and disposition of minerals, so we can't pick up anything anyway.

In Sec. 204, the Dept of the Interior will grab all the water rights in the wilderness areas, regardless of existing downstream prior rights. This is a crucial issue in a desert state with ranching, farming, industry and homesteads dependent on seasonal water.

Thank God, our Utah Senators and Representatives are reasonable people, willing to fight for their constituents. I didn't find that ANY of the co-sponsors of the two bills are from the Rocky Mountains or Desert Southwest. SUWA has only a handful of members from Utah, regardless of the name.



Keep writing about keeping your public lands open for the public, not certain groups. Following reprinted from BEEHIVE BUZZER 10-11 1999:

Read your papers, watch TV news, listen to radio news-for information on bills and rules pending that affect land issues, and WRITE YOUR LETTERS!!

What will you say if your descendents ask, "What did you do to try to save our hunting, fishing, camping & rockhounding places from being closed?" DO YOUR PART! If you fight to keep your hunting guns, you will need a place to hunt; if you fight for reasonable off-road regulations, you will need a place to ride; if you want to hunt for rocks, you will need a place to hunt for them and reasonable mining, etc. laws to allow rocks, minerals and fossils to be collected on public lands. Not government lands - they are our public lands. Government is supposed to be of, by and for the people, the public, isn't it?

Editor



QUARRY QUIPS 11/09



# RMFMS Convention

By Gene Maggard

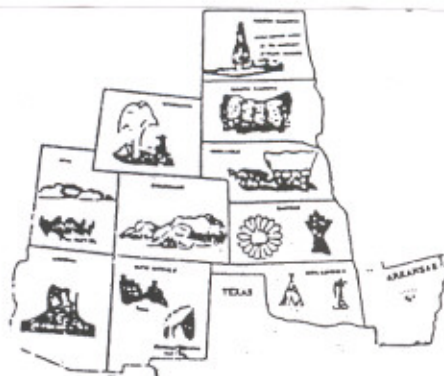
WGMS is hosting the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies convention 2010, at our April Gem and Mineral Show. Did you know that you are an RMFMS member? Do you know what RMFMS is? It is a federation of most of the gem and mineral clubs and societies in the Rocky Mountain region of Arizona, Utah, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, West Texas, Oklahoma and NW Arkansas, Kansas, and Western Nebraska, South Dakota and North Dakota. The convention is held annually, the most recent one being held in Roswell, NM the first weekend of October. You are a member of RMFMS because you are a member of WGMS which is a member society of RMFMS.

The convention will attract a lot of out of town folks from other societies. It will be a great opportunity for you to meet and get to know fellow rockhounds from around the region. Who knows, you might get invited on some great field trips!

Stay tuned for more news about the convention.

WICHITA GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

Beehive R&G is part of Rocky Mtn Fed. too.



THIS IS YOUR ROCKY MOUNTAIN FEDERATION!





### The ALAA Meeting at Billings

by Dick Pankey, President, American Lands Access Assoc.

For the Pankeys, this was an "interesting" summer. In case you didn't hear, our trailer was totaled about 110 miles from home and 2 and a half hours into our 5 week trip to Yellowstone NP and the AFMS Show/Meeting in Billings, MT. Our trip was cancelled!! Nobody was hurt nor even shaken up, and nobody else was involved in our event, but we ended up with a totaled trailer and a smashed up truck.

I was very disappointed that I missed all the events at Billings, especially the ALAA meeting. A **big thank you** goes to VP Shirley Leeson for stepping up to run the meeting and get the many items on the agenda accomplished. The approval of the revised Bylaws and implementing the new OP's are significant accomplishments for ALAA's structure and workings. Dee and Shirley did an excellent job on the Bylaws and Operating Procedures.

We held our first election in 2 years. Congratulations to our Officers and Directors and thank you for accepting your positions and committing

yourself to the goals and mission of ALAA. Thank you also for having faith in me and electing me your President. I look forward to serving and to working with all of you.

Be ready for action. The challenges and the needs are great. The opportunities for us, for ALAA, to make a difference are there for us to seize. We are a national organization and our Officers, Directors, and members, are from throughout the US. All of our Officers and Directors and members need to be involved and need to be active. We want your ideas. We need your support and participation.

To meet our goals and mission, we are focusing on membership. Not only numbers, but with involvement. I encourage potential members to join now rather than wait until December to join for 2010; we revised the dues structure to allow for new member dues paid after July 15th to be considered as paid in full for the following calendar year. If you know of individuals or societies who are waiting to join ALAA tell them that there is no reason to wait. Join NOW and become part of the team.

When it comes to legislation affecting our public lands things seem to move slowly, slowly with no apparent activity for a long time and then, when we tend to become complacent, the legislation is put onto the fast track. Monitoring and communicating status and needed action are very difficult.

At this time the ALAA newsletter is only published every three months. If we wait for the newsletter it will probably be too late to respond and take action. E-mail is a great way for rapid and inexpensive communication. ALAA is setting up an "e-mail tree" so that we can quickly and effectively get the word out about pending legislation or regulatory activity that require the response of our members. If you have an e-mail address make sure that you provide it to our treasurer so that you may be included in the "e-mail tree."

Another great source of timely information is the ALAA web site - <[www.amlands.org](http://www.amlands.org)>. It is full of a lot of great, up-to-date information and is a major communication source

between newsletters. I would recommend that all members check it out at least once a week for the latest news and information. It is also a great source of information about ALAA and includes the last few issues of our newsletters. If you know of someone interested or that should be interested in ALAA refer them to our web site. (From AFMS newsletter, Nov., 2009)

### Membership Drive (American Lands Access Association)

We need each of you to talk up ALAA and have your club members and members of clubs surrounding you to join. We're a member of the Blue Ribbon Coalition—a group working to keep the roads to our collecting sites open to us.

We have a real deal for you. For those new members that join now, their membership will be paid through December 31, 2010. The dues are: \$25 for single or couples and only \$50 for your whole club.

We are focusing on working with those people who are "managers of the land" we want to collect on.

In the west it will be Forestry, Bureau of Land Management and State parks. We need to know the person in charge, his/her address, phone and email. What we want to do is have a working relationship with each person and his/her crew who manage the land we collect on and the roads we travel to get there.

In the east, it's property owners and quarry owners as well as Forestry, BLM and State parks. If they allow collecting by a club, we would like to know that. However, this information will be on a database and not released to the public or other clubs. If a club is interested in a particular quarry, we can search our database and, if listed, we can refer the interested club to the club who works with the quarry owner. If the quarry is not open to collecting under any circumstances, then we'd like to know that as well. We want to be good rock hounds and have a reputation of working with the proper authorities.

In this time of short budgets for those entities, we may be able to help them. If they need help with road management, we may be able to help as well. With this stated, we need your help to make our organization grow and be recognized.

Here's what each of you can do. Bring in at least one new member/couple. Get your clubs and those surrounding you to join us. In addition to your membership we are looking for clubs and people who are also willing to be active in our endeavor, especially those who enjoy field trips. In order to keep everyone informed of what's going on, we need to have an e-mail contact for everyone.

We are searching for those people willing to work with the bureaucracy of each state or federal entity within each state. In addition we need someone who will be willing to coordinate the clubs in that state. Please go to our website, <[amlands.org](http://amlands.org)> and see the states we already have covered.

I encourage you to join us in preserving our collecting sites and the roads to them.

Shirley Leeson, 1st Vice-President, Membership  
<[beauholland@centurytel.net](mailto:beauholland@centurytel.net)>

**A.L.A.A Membership Application**

**AMERICAN LANDS ACCESS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

*Protecting the Public Lands for the Public*

*Please enroll me as a member of the ALAA! Annual membership fee is \$25.00*

*Annual membership fee for clubs is \$50.00*

\_\_\_ New \_\_\_ Renewal Date \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

**PLEASE PRINT**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Club Affiliations \_\_\_\_\_

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Hobby Interest \_\_\_\_\_

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Remit fees to: ALAA  
RUTH BAILEY  
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Santa Clara, CA 95051-1705

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## SHOW

'09 to Feb. 10/10 - BEEHIVE R&G  
Display only, Library Lobby,  
Huntsville, Utah.  
: Dean Bennett for details, # p.1.

site & Tucson AZ shows - Jan & Feb.  
nformation - look in the  
ROCK & GEM magazine & rockngem.com .

13-14 - Magic Valley Gem Club, Twin  
Falls Co. Fairground, Bldg #3  
215 Fair Ave, Twin Falls, ID.

## DATES



APRIL 9-11 - NEW DATES - Golden Spike G&M,  
NEW PLACE - Golden Spike  
Events Center, Fairgrounds,  
Ogden, Utah.

April 23-24 - Second year for April!  
Wasatch Gem Soc., Utah State  
Fair Park, Salt Lake City, UT

April 23-25 - ROCKY MTN FEDERATION CONV.  
SHOW. Wichita, KS., see P.8

June 18-20 - AMERICAN FEDERATION CONV. &  
SHOW/CALIFORNIA FEDERATION.  
La Habra, California.

## CONGRATULATION TO DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

THSTONES - Turquoise for Safety of horse & rider. (Am. Indian) Good Fortune in hunt.  
" Hydrus basic aluminum phosphate plus copper - Turquoise appears to be almost  
variably a mineral of arid climates, -- " Frederick Pough, A Field Guide to Rocks  
& Minerals. Hardness on Mohs scale - 5-6.

ue Zircon for Success - zirconium silicate with hafnium oxide. Hardness of 7.5.

"The unique blue zircon has attained world-wide popularity within a comparatively  
short while." Richard Pearl, ROCKS & MINERALS.

Look for the prices to go up; the government is stopping the import of many that  
have been radiation-treated (to enhance the color) to make sure the wearer does not  
in overdose of radiation. [This seems to have applied mostly to other stones, Editor

Lapis Lazuli - "the only birthstone which is a rock instead of a mineral." Mohs 5-5.  
A mixture of mostly lazurite (sodium calcium aluminum with sulphur), calcite, diopsid  
and pyrite. " Excerpted from The Rockhound Gazette 12/85.

The best lapis now comes from the Blue Winkle Mine in Colorado.

ANNIVERSARY - Zircon, 19th.

FLOWER - Narcissus or Holly.

Excerpted from Buzzer 11/92, 11/97.



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BUZZIN' AROUND WITH THE EDITOR



JUNIORS - Were you at the Oct. meeting? >> geysers and what rocks and minerals do to place it is today? I did?

Did you learn something about what causes make Yellowstone National Park the great

Geyser Word Find

GNEISS TIMES 10/09

C L S P R A Y U B M Y B M W N  
P J U V Y F A J B E G G C A X  
K O X F L E G N L U Y R H T Q  
Z G X E H N O L W E H P Y E O  
H K P Q I T O R S R D Q U R W  
U K N R V W I T N E V N P C Z  
T G P J S N S A I B M U W P T  
T S B T A T Q T F L B E M J A  
M K O E E E R D P O U D O S H  
A N D A W N L M Q I Q Y C E R  
E M M N D A F D A R S H R U E  
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Juniors -

What creature collects rocks every day?

Your Thanksgiving turkey did!

Birds peck up rocks to supply grinding power to their gizzards.

Dinosaurs did, too - in fact you could call them the original rock-tumblers.

Carmel Valley Prospector 11/94



Have you logged on to the Club website?  
If you have you see that it runs behind  
most of the time.

WE NEED A WEBMASTER!

That's a fancy name for someone with the  
expertise to keep the site up to date with  
meeting dates, field trips, pictures from  
Club activities, plus current BUZZERS.

We will supply the info, you enter it!  
This could be where you can help the  
Beehive Rock & Gem Club, call/e-mail now.



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NOVEMBER

by C.L.J.

When November comes, the wind gets cold.  
The days are short, & the bones feel old.  
One thing is sure, I'll give you a clue.

Another year has passed,  
those blankety-blank DUES ARE DUE!

Intermountain Faceters Guild, OFF THE DOP.

Via CACHE G&A SOC. 11/91, BEEHIVE 11/91 & 9892



**5 MINUTE CHOCOLATE MUG CAKE**

- 4 tablespoons flour
- 4 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons cocoa
- 1 egg
- 3 tablespoons milk
- 3 tablespoons oil
- 3 tablespoons chocolate chips (optional)
- A small splash of vanilla extract
- 1 large coffee mug (microwave safe)

Add dry ingredients to mug, and mix well. Add the egg  
and mix thoroughly. Pour in the milk and oil and mix  
well.

Add the chocolate chips (if using) and vanilla extract, and  
mix again. Put your mug in the microwave and cook for  
3 minutes at 1000 watts or on high. The cake will rise  
over the top of the mug, but don't be alarmed!

Allow to cool a little, and tip out onto a plate if desired.  
EAT! (This can serve 2 if you want to feel slightly more  
virtuous).

**And why is this, the most dangerous cake recipe in the  
world?**

Because now we are all only 5 minutes away from  
chocolate cake at any time of the day or night!

IDEA! For a quick Christmas gift for someone, get a  
microwaveable mug and put the dry ingredients in a  
baggie and place in the mug with the instructions.

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GLACIAL DRIFTER 10/09

*Let us come before His  
presence with thanksgiving,  
and make a joyful noise unto  
Him with psalms.*

*Psalms 95: 2*



"BE YE THANKFUL"

In peevish disquietude often we sit  
Complaining of things-as-they-are.  
We covet and long for things we're denied  
While blessings outnumber them far.  
For are not the coveted things God withholds  
But blessings to us in disguise?  
So let us be thankful for all that God sends  
And all He so wisely denies.