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MIKE HAWKINS - OUR HONORARY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

by Carl Miller, EFMLS President



Mike is truly a homegrown candidate for the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies nomination for the American Federation Scholarship Honoree.

Mike was born and raised in Kingston, New York graduating from high school in Kingston. He then went on to graduate from the University of Buffalo in Buffalo, New York.

Mike is truly one of "us". His uncle collected minerals and at the age of five when visiting his uncle Mike would look through shoeboxes of minerals that his uncle had. He immediately became fascinated with them. He started picking up rocks after that, and in the fourth grade he got a copy of the Pough mineral field guide in fourth grade and also had a teacher that was a mineral collector. He has collected minerals ever since.

As an indicator of his future career as collections manager at a major museum, growing up Mike occasionally worked with some of his neighborhood buddies to put together natural history displays of frogs, bugs, and rocks, and would then have other neighborhood kids come to see their displays. Through his teens he continued to grow his interest in minerals, and would often have his parents take him to the old Museum of Natural History in New

York City. In his early 20's he stepped up to a new level of mineral collecting and identification by teaching himself wet-chemistry testing of minerals to help him identify them. Shortly thereafter he saw an advertisement for the Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society's annual show in Poughkeepsie, New York, and attended the show around 1980. He ended up joining their club at that show, and has been a member ever since.

Mike spent 20 years in the Europe and Middle East working as a political consultant. At the end of the Cold War he came back to the United States and continued in political consulting, but also got re-involved in the mineral hobby. Shortly after coming back to the US he also started working as a volunteer at the New York State Museum Institute in Albany, New York in the Mineral Section in 1987.

Working as a volunteer at the museum he got to know curator Bill Kelly in the late 1980's. Mike often discussed with Bill and other at the museum that the New York State collection really needed a lot of work including being cataloged. He made this comment so many times that finally one day Bill Kelly said "Why don't you do it?" Mike started cataloging and working on the collection, and officially went on the payroll as Collections Manager in August 1992.

In an era when most mineral museums around the country are shrinking or even eliminating their mineral collections, Mike has helped usher in a revital-

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ization of the New York State Museum collection, and involving the mineral clubs of New York in the process. Refocusing the museum's collection on New York State minerals, Mike has been instrumental in the museum acquiring major collections of New York State minerals. Mike has also been successful in expanding the mineral display section at the museum several times over the past decade, and also in finding new and unique ways of finding funding for acquisitions. He also helped develop and now oversees the museum's annual gem, mineral and fossil show each February at the museum, now in its 12th year.

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GOOD 'OLE SUMMER TIME

by Carl Miller, EFMLS President



Summer will be just around the corner when you read this. April and May, two of the most intensive months for our hobby, will be behind us. Those two months are always a flurry of activity. Like many of you, I have a fairly constant barrage of hobby related events to attend in these two months. After the slow winter, much like the bursts of activity in our lawns and gardens, mineral and fossil collectors are in a frenzy of activity. I hope all of you were able to attend some of the many things that took place.

Summer slows down to a more reasonable pace. It is time to have some fun, take a family trip or two, take time at the lake, and occasional field trips. Speaking of having fun, taking a trip, and relaxing, there are still openings for the EFMLS Fall session of Wildacres. The fall session is September 12 - 19 this year. For those of you who have never been to Wildacres it is a wonderful place. The facility sits on top of a mountain just off the Blue Ridge Parkway near Little Switzerland, North Carolina. It is such a great opportunity for our members to attend. The \$280 fee covers your room and board for the entire week. The only other expense is that some of the classes have a nominal materials fee. The fees range from about \$2-\$40 for most classes.

Another summer activity that I always enjoy are regional and club picnics and swaps. Many clubs in the EFMLS have annual picnics. Many also have various activities including swaps. I encourage all our members to attend these special events. They are generally in a setting the completely atypical to the hobby, and it will give you a different perspective on your club and its members. In the more relaxed environment you will have more time to meet and talk to people, and maybe make some new friends! EFMLS encourages its Regional VPs to also have at least one event or activity in their Region each year. A picnic and swap has been a good choice for some regions. I know that here in Region 4 we have had an annual picnic and swap in June ever since I moved here.

Another event for you to consider for your summer adventures is the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) Convention near St. Louis, Missouri. This year's convention is also the Midwest Federation (MWF) Convention, and is hosted by The Greater St. Louis Association of Earth Science Clubs. The convention is August 16-21, and is the biggest event of the year for the AFMS. You can find more information about this great event on the internet at the AFMS and MWF websites.

This is my last chance to put in a plug for the AFMS Scholarship Challenge. The challenge ends at the AFMS Scholarship board of directors meeting in St. Louis in August. For those of you who don't know, this challenge is for the six participating regional federations to help raise an additional \$12,000 to offset an unexpected shortfall this year. This money will be used to make the usual second AFMS Scholarship available in each federation for 2005. Everyone's help is needed, and no donation is too small. I again ask each of you individually, and as clubs, to rise to this challenge. Please specify on your donation that it is for the scholarship challenge or that it is "Unrestricted Funds."

Have a great summer! And, between now and September...

Get out there!

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

by Mary Bateman

Printed elsewhere in this issue of the EFMLS News, are the minutes of the EFMLS 55th Annual Meeting held on March 18th in Sayre, Pennsylvania. No reports are included with the minutes, but I've summarized their content as part of the minutes.

If you were unable to attend the meeting and would like a copy of the reports packet, please contact me for a copy (contact information is on page 2).

HAWKINS

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Mike helped found the New York Academy of Mineralogy, an adjunct organization to the museum, along with representatives from academia and amateurs. He involved state clubs in its creation and direction. The Academy is dedicated to promoting a greater understanding and appreciation of the mineralogy of New York State. It encourages research and technical papers on New York State mineralogy that has identified new mineral species both to New York and the world, reinvestigate and define existing minerals in the New York State collection, and rediscover and document historical and new mineral locations in the state.

Mike has long been a good friend of the mineral hobby, supporting clubs in and around New York by displaying specimens from the State collection at club shows, coming to speak at club meetings, being an advocate for clubs with mineral collecting localities, and occasionally attending and leading club field trips.

The Eastern Federation is proud to nominate Michael Hawkins its AFMS Scholarship Honoree for 2005.

"FABULOUS FRED" RETURNS TO WILDACRES

from Esther Dunn, Wildacres Functioning Committee Chair



Fred Ward, the well known author and gem expert will be our guest speaker for the fall 2005 Wildacres Workshop. "Fabulous Fred" is the author of a very successful series of books on gems - you probably have at least one in your own library. He's traveled the world in his research for these books, met with the top experts in the fields he's studied, and brings with him a vast amount of knowledge, terrific photographs, and an amazing way of sharing what he's learned with an audience.

If you've never heard "Fabulous Fred" speak, you're in for a treat. If you have heard him before, you know you're in for a treat. His humor, photographic and story telling skills are all first rate.

We've been bragging about Wildacres in these pages since 1973 when the Eastern Federation first gained access to the mountaintop retreat many of us have come to love. The property is owned by a non-profit Foundation that invites a variety of groups to hold workshops dedicated "to the betterment of mankind" at it's facility. Writers, musicians, painters, artisans, religious groups, to name just a few, all use the facility during the year.

Wildacres is a serene place. Located on a private mountain off the Blue Ridge Parkway in North Carolina, you look out at Mt. Mitchell and the surrounding Blue Ridge Mountains. The retreat consists of two modern lodges, an auditorium, craft buildings and a dining hall. Bedrooms are comfortable, motel style rooms each with private bath. Each room overlooks the lush green of the surrounding area. Automobile noise is rarely heard (usually only when staff comes or goes) and nights are punctu-

ated only by the sounds of the katydid or an occasional owl.

You'll spend your week with us surrounded by members from other gem and mineral clubs in the Eastern Federation. You'll also have a chance to meet members from the other 6 AFMS regional federations because we are once again hosting the AFMS Judges Seminar. You'll be able to gain a new perspective on what club life, collecting, and hobby interests are all over the USA during your week with us this fall.

Besides being with and hearing "Fabulous Fred" Ward, you'll also get a chance to take classes taught by our wonderful cadre of instructors, explore the area, come to our "good stuff" auction, laugh during "Fun Night" and best of all, share your hobby with others.

Best of all, the cost for the week is only \$280. This includes your room and board! The only additional cost to you is a modest fee for materials (like silver or wire) in the classes you take and these depend on the class. Most tools are provided by either Wildacres or the instructor for the class in which your enrolled.

So what are you waiting for? See the next page for a complete list of classes we're offering this September. Time's running out for you so take the form on page 13 of this issue, fill it out and mail it with your "tuition" so you won't miss out on "Fabulous Fred", Al, Lisa, Paul, Jennie, Richard, Inga and Steve (our instructors). I'm looking forward to seeing you at Wildacres this September.



WILDACRES CLASSES

Here is the listing of classes we currently plan to offer at the September EFMLS Wildacres Workshop. When you send in your application form, be sure to specify your class preferences. We will make every effort to honor your 1st or 2nd choice, but should a class be filled, we need to know your other preferences. An application form is included on page 14. The earlier you register the better your chance of being assigned to your first choice.

September 12 - 18, 2005

CLASS	INSTRUCTOR	DESCRIPTION
Judging & Exhibiting	B. Jay Bowman	Return to the roots of EFMLS Wildacres by participating in the Judging & Exhibiting class with the inimitable Jay Bowman. There will be four days of discussion moderated by Jay along with real judging experience questions that participants have had or have heard about. Discussions are spirited and this is complemented by some practice judging on exhibits prepared by Wildacres participants...often with a deliberate flaw to keep you on your toes and alert. Then hear the debriefing...what an experience! 4 day class
Faceting	Steve Weinberger	You CAN do it! The mystery of faceting is out the window! Like hundreds of other "never-before" faceters Steve has worked with at WA you will take home with a gem you've created with your own two hands. And, it will be better in quality than 90% of the gems (other than diamonds) in your local jewelry store. Spend a week with Steve and enjoy unlocking your untapped talent. 4 day class
Cabochons - Basic	Al DeMilo	Hands on instruction will be given to show how to transform a rough piece of rock into a shiny well formed cabochon with no flat spots. The use of a trim saw as well as techniques to grind, sand and polish the stone into a standard size and shape will be covered. Slabs will be provided but you may use your own with instructor's approval. 2 day class. 1st Semester
Cabochons - Intermediate	Al DeMilo	Prerequisite: Know how to use a trim saw, dop a stone, and use a grinding, sanding, and polishing machine This course is an extension of already learned skills. It will focus on the crafting of cabochons of difficult shapes or sizes. Much one-on-one attention will be given. Slabs will be provided but you may use your own with Instructor's approval. 2 day class. 2nd Semester
Wirecraft - Basic	Lisa Roberts	Learn the basics of twisting gold-filled and sterling silver wire to create wonderful wire-wrapped jewelry. 2 day class. 1st Semester
Wirecraft - Advanced	Lisa Roberts	More advanced projects utilizing skills learned in the basic class. 2 day class. 2nd Semester
Micromounting	Paul Smith	Micromounting is the art of preparing small mineral specimens so they can best be viewed under a microscope. You will learn how to trim off excess material, mount your specimen on a pedestal and then in a small box. For those wishing to stay in the class both semesters, the additional skill of photographing minerals through the microscope will be introduced. 2 day class offered both semesters or can be taken as a 4 day class.
Crystallography	Jennie Smith	Learn to identify and use crystal shapes in the study of mineralogy. 2 day class. Semester to be determined.
Silversmithing - Basic	Richard Meszler	Students will complete several projects geared to teaching and learning the basics of silversmithing - annealing, bending metal, soldering, piercing and polishing. 2 day class. 1st Semester.
Silversmithing - Intermediate	Richard Meszler	Students will use skills learned in the basic class to complete a bezel set cabochon pin / pendant. Prerequisite: soldering, filing, basic silversmithing skills. 2 day class. 2nd Semester
Soapstone Carving	Inga Wells	Learn how to create lovely small carvings from a soft material. Minimal tools are used to achieve lovely results. Let the object hidden in the stone come alive under your hand. 2 day class offered both semesters.

ALL AMERICAN NEWS

by Hazel Remaley

OK , Folks, Before you start off for the summer months, I would like to remind you about some of the items that you should be looking out for , for your All American Club Award Entry. First , if you are not familiar with the entry form, please refer to the November 2004 EFMLS NEWS. If you do not have that issue, please email me, and I will see that you get it or you can download it from the EFMLS website <www.amfed.org/efmls>.

Section 1 - Club Information is an easy one. There are no points given for this part.

Section 2 - Service to Members or Guests - Very important. Follow the form, use pictures , but remember that all pictures and no documentation is NOT good. Start now to keep you thoughts together. Do not rely on your memory when it comes time to pull all your material together. In this category, you are asked if you have Special group meetings. If you do not have them now, why not try to put a group together. That will enhance your club, and also provide information for your entry. Also, if you have a club library, a list would be great. By the way, do your members use the books , or do they even know what is available ?

In the coming months I will try to guide you with more suggestions for your entries. We only had 1 entry in 2005 (that was for the year 2004). I really do hope that there will be more for this year.

BEFORE WE ALL GO DOWN IN FLAMES...

by Bob Livingston, EFMLS Scholarship Coordinator

... this is the absolute last call to help close the gap in the AFMS Scholarship funding challenge. I am a very optimistic guy but, bluntly speaking, we individuals/ clubs in Eastern are letting our fellow federations and future college students down. Why, you say? Well there are (6) federations involved in the challenge laid down last fall by the South Central Federation to get \$1 per federation member or \$2000 per federation by August of this year, the time of the AFMS convention in St. Louis. If this happens, we can get back to two scholarships per federation awarded for next year instead of the one that the budget allowed.

Two federations have already announced they have met the goal. I say great. Unfortunately, in this race, with a couple of exceptions, we EFMLSer's are not doing squat!

Do we want to have egg on our collective faces when all convene in St. Louis, or do we want to be seen as good stewards, team players? I think and hope the later. But, like the saying, "If you don't do it, it won't get done," it is all up to us to act quickly in the next 42 days or all will be lost for EFMLS in this much needed endeavor.

Like me, all of us have favorite charities that we support which is absolutely great. But for this one time only, can't a lot of you see it within your will to send in a \$10, \$20 or more

check from your personal checking account or perhaps your club's treasury?

If two federations have done it, it sure is a doable thing. And remember, I agreed to kick in the final \$100 personally if we can hit the \$1900 mark. This will be the last time I hound you on this. Please find it in your heart to come through. My address to mail to, is at the end of this column. Thanks much.

On the positive side, we have had three nice club donations to the AFMS Scholarship Fund since last report. The beautiful thing is two of them are from clubs who until now have not donated. We are most grateful to all. Here is the rundown since last time:

Dothan Gem & Mineral Club
(Alabama)
first time donation
\$1 per member
(Our plea was heard!)

*Southern Maryland
Rock & Mineral Club*
first time donations (4)
in memory of Marilyn Guerra,
Herman Huffman, Audrey Maynard,
Bernard Streaan

*Mid-Hudson Valley
Gem & Mineral Society*
in memory of Herbert Duerr

Our sincere appreciation to all of you, and others of you, please reconsider my plea above. Checks made out to AFMS Scholarship Fund should be sent to: Bob Livingston, Scholarship Coordinator, 59 Ely Drive, Fayetteville, NY 13066. If you want them to go towards the Scholarship Challenge, please mark them "unrestricted funds".



VACATION TIME....

from Sir Barkley Bigfoot and Caesar the GoFer

Like many of our Eastern Federation clubs, we're taking a two month vacation so we can go rockhounding like the rest of you. The next EFMLS News will be the September issue with a deadline of August 1.

We hope that your summer is a fun filled, healthy one and that you spend it collecting, cutting, curating or whatever it is you do in the hobby.

EACH ONE TEACH ONE

by Fran Sick, EOTO Chair

The 2005 EFMLS Convention was held in March and Each One Teach One Awards have already been presented for this year. Since the 2006 Convention will not be held until November and the deadline for nominations for that year's awards will not be until late next summer you may wonder why I am writing this article now. My answer is "why not?" This will be the last issue of the EFMLS Newsletter until September and as you attend meetings, shows, picnics and other events through the summer I wanted to remind you to be thinking of who you will nominate for the 2006 EOTO Award.

Summer is a really busy time for the rockhound community so this is a great time to review the criteria for the Each One Teach One Award and ask you to keep your eyes and ears open for the perfect nominee for 2006. The award is presented each year to the member of an EFMLS Club who has done the most, primarily on a volunteer basis, to teach others about any or all of the many facets of our hobby. It is based on teaching, demonstrating, lecturing, writing, or any other method of passing on hobby related knowledge and skill to others. Just a few examples of qualifying activities are:

- Giving lectures or demonstrations showing or passing out samples to youth or adult groups such as Pebble Pups, school groups, scouts, community organizations, adult education classes, etc.
- Writing educational articles for newsletters or other publications.
- Supervising or teaching educational workshops. (Don't forget those great teachers at Wildacres.)
- Teaching courses or conducting seminars.
- Leading educational field trips.

WELCOME TO A NEW CLUB

by Fran Sick, 2nd Vice President

We bid a warm welcome to the Berks Mineralogical Society, the newest EFMLS member club. Founded in 1957 the club currently has 98 adult members and 2 juniors. They hold an annual show each year and have a variety of field trips. Please add their information to your Directory.

Berks Mineralogical Society

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98 Adults 2 Juniors Organized: 1957
Officers elected: June Take Office: July

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Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.
Reading Public Museum/Planetarium
500 Museum Rd; Reading, PA

- Putting on demonstrations, classes or workshops at club or federationshows, picnics, meetings or other events.

- Inviting the neighborhood kids in to see your rock collection and/or giving them samples.

As you can see, anything from the most formal setting to the most spur-of-the-moment informal activity qualifies as teaching. The idea is to promote our hobby and keep it alive and well.

In 2006 we have the luxury of having plenty of time to decide who we will nominate for the EOTO Award. The forms are easy to complete and with all the extra time we should have a record number of applications for the award to be presented at the Convention in West Palm Beach, Florida, in November, 2006.

The nomination deadline will be announced in the EFMLS Newsletter this fall. Who will your nominee be?

DIRECTORY UPDATES

from Ye Olde Editor

Please make the following changes to your 2005 EFMLS Directory so you can keep it current.

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Wayne Sukow, EFMLS 1st VP has a new e-mail: <wsukow@earthlink.net>

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Buffalo Geological Society has changed officers. Contact information is already in the Directory.

President - Joe Sullivan

Vice President - Lois Shriver

Secretary - Donald Lapham

Treasurer - same as printed

If your club holds elections in the spring or summer, please let the EFMLS Secretary and Editor know of any changes so that our records can remain current and we can keep the lines of communication flowing.

SAFETY FIRST - SAFETY RULES FOR FIELD TRIPS

by Bill Klose, EFMLS Safety Chair

Field trip season is upon us and we need to pause and review appropriate safety rules. Field trip leaders need to review these rules before every field trip.

1. Never go on a field trip alone. Have someone along who can help or summon help if necessary. Make sure someone knows where you have gone and when you will return. Carry a cell phone with spare battery to expedite your communications. Call someone if you are going to change your routine or are going to be late. Should you leave a field trip early, notify the person in charge.

2. Should there be children on the field trip, have them within sight or talking distance at all times. A child could not only become lost, but could encounter a snake, scorpion, etc., or have an accident of some sort.

3. Do not collect directly above or below other people or below unstable rock piles, cliff walls or overhangs where there may be danger of falling rock.

4. Park so that all cars can get out. Do not block the roadway. Do not drive cars, SUV's, or RV's, such as "4 wheelers", across fields to avoid damaging property, setting grass fires with catalytic converters or damaging the vehicle. Do not drive across or walk on newly planted or cultivated fields without special permission.

5. Have your vehicle in proper working order with appropriate emergency equipment and supplies as outlined in last month's Safety First article.

6. Make sure that all fires are completely out and wet down the ashes with water, stir to make sure there are not any buried embers and then smother completely with dirt. Adhere to local fire regulations and warnings.

7. Break all matches and shred all cigarettes before discarding and be careful where they are disposed of. Take them with you rather than leaving them as litter.

8. Do not throw rocks or engage in "horse play" and do not allow children to do so.

9. Do not over exert or stay in the direct sunlight or heat too long. Take a rest in the shade from time to time and drink plenty of electrolyte replacing fluids, such as sports drinks. Properly wear appropriate safety equipment, sunscreen, and clothing.

10. Avoid old mine tunnels. Never go into a mine alone. Carry a flashlight and a candle with you. Carbon dioxide or other gases, such as methane, may be present. There may even be a lack of Oxygen. Mines are also havens for snakes, scorpions, spiders, rodents and their feces which can carry disease. Mines also may contain uncovered shafts and pits. Also be extremely cautious around abandoned buildings. You may stumble into old deep wells or cesspools not properly covered.

11. Respect property rights and signs. Obtain permission to enter property if owned by private individuals or corporations. Attend Company safety briefings required by MOSHA and sign releases. Pay attention to and practice the Companies safety policies. Adhere to government regulations and restrictions if collecting on public lands or parks. Pay any collecting fees required and do not exceed collecting limits where established.

12. Inquire if there are any dangerous animals on the property. Close all gates you open.

13. Refill any holes you dig so people or animals will not fall in. Do not dump dirt or other debris into streams.

14. Respect another's diggings. If a person has left for lunch or for any other reason with the intent of returning, and has left a pick, coat, or definite marker, find another spot.

15. Leave any place in good condition. Don't leave paper, cans, and other litter lying around to mar the beauty of the place, and to tell others that you have been there. Take your litter with you, do not bury it.

16. Never eat wild berries or anything else unless you are absolutely sure they are safe. Carry bottled water or other drinks and do not drink from streams or wells that have not been recently tested.

17. Be able to recognize poison ivy, poison oak, etc. Should there be any doubt, don't touch.

18. Always be alert for snakes, scorpions, ticks, spiders, rodent infestations, etc. Be very careful where you place your hands and feet.

19. Bring and properly use the appropriate well maintained and inspected tools. Don't expect others to provide tools for you.

20. Use proper lifting and carrying techniques to bring home your finds. Do not overload your vehicle.

Many of these safety rules are covered in greater detail in the AFMS Safety Manual and on the AFMS web site. Have a safe field trip season in 2005.



EASTERN FIELD TRIP ALLIANCE

from Dave Kords

Do you want to expand your club's field trip opportunities? You can without too much difficulty by joining an organization called EFTA, the Eastern Field Trip Alliance.

Begun in the Northeast, EFTA (originally called the Northeast Field Trip Alliance) is a group of clubs, each sponsoring organized field trips that are advertised and open to members of other EFTA clubs. Like your own club, these clubs have access to favorite quarries and collecting spots - areas that your group may not know of or be able to visit due to quarry restrictions etc. If your club belongs to EFTA, many of these obstacles disappear.

How can your club become a member?

It's simple. All you have to do is open up 3 of your yearly digs to allow members of other EFTA clubs to participate with you on the trip. These field trips would need to be posted on the EFTA website (www.nefta.us/) and if your club is interested in participating your field trip chair would make arrangements for some of your members to join that field trip. *All arrangements must be made through the field trip chairs of the member clubs - not by individual club members.* Your club would also need to have EFMLS liability insurance in order to participate in any of the field trips.

When must your dig sites & dates be determined?

We try to post a yearly "dig" calendar by May 1st so that member clubs have enough time to publicize the dig to their members and make reservations with the host club. Most trips do have a limit as to the number of people allowed into the quarry or collecting site so reservations are a must.

In order to participate, your club must submit the dates and locations of the three digs they will open to the group. (Your club can still sponsor ad-

ditional trips which would not have to be open to EFTA members).

What is considered a dig?

Any field trip that would be of interest not only to your members, but anyone in the clubs that are affiliated with EFMLS and members of the Alliance. It could be an actual quarry or dig site, an informative tour, or maybe a swap where the Alliance members participate as one of your members would.

How does your club join?

To join EFTA, you need to submit the 3 trips your club will open to Alliance members to the webmaster, Dan Imel <lapidry@aol.com>. Indicate the information in the following format:

Date
Sponsoring Club
General Location of trip
Minerals, fossils etc. to be found
Date and Time
Name of Trip Leader

If you have any questions, contact Dave Kords, EFTA President at <Dave@americanhobbyshop.com>.

CARNAC

contributed by Angie Teixeira

Johnny Carson's most memorable character was the bumbling telepath-in-a-turban. The silly psychic would hold a sealed envelope to his forehead, think for a moment and then give an answer. He would then open the envelope to reveal the hilarious question inside.

A: Head and Shoulders.

Q: What do you see if you open the trunk of the Godfather's car?

A: Igloo.

Q: What do you use to keep your wig from falling off?

A: Grape nuts.

Q: What are Ernest and Julio Gallo?

A: Supervisor.

Q: What does Clark Kent wear to keep the sun out of his eyes?

A: Gatorade.

Q: What does an alligator get on welfare?

A: Ben Gay.

Q: Why didn't Mrs. Franklin have any kids?

A: Shareholder.

Q: What did Sonny Bono used to Be?

REGIONAL VP ELECTION

from Wayne Sukow

The election process for Regional Vice President in Regions I, III, V, and VII has begun. Letters were mailed to each club President asking for a nomination for the position. (The job description was given in the May EFMLS Newsletter.)

If you've not already done so, please submit the name of a person in your region who you know will do a good job for your club and the clubs in your region. Once the nominations have been received, we'll conduct an election in those regions where there is more than one nominee.

I'm eagerly awaiting your response.

MINUTES OF THE 55th ANNUAL EFMLS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Sayre, Pennsylvania
March 18, 2005

1. **Call to Order:** President Carl Miller called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.
2. **Pledge to the Flag:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Miller.
3. **Memorial Moment:** A moment of silence was observed in memory of those club members who had died during the past year.
4. **Greetings by EFMLS President:** President Miller welcomed all to the 55th annual Board of Directors Meeting.
5. **Welcome from 2005 Show Committee:** Fran Sick welcomed all to the convention on behalf of the host club, Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club. She thanked the members of the Che-Hanna Club and all who had helped make the convention possible.
6. **Introductions:** President Miller introduced First Vice President Wayne Sukow, Secretary Mary Bateman, Treasurer Lou Budell, Editor Carolyn Weinberger, Immediate Past President Matt Charsky, Past Presidents' Advisory Council Chairman Bob Livingston, Vice President Region I Katie Collins, Vice President Region II Michael Kessler, Vice President Regional III John Baumler, Vice President Region IV Jennie Smith, Show Chairman Fran Sisk and EFMLS Past Presidents—Joy Bourne, Mary Jane Boutwell, Cathy Gaber, Bob Livingston, Tom Milligan, Bill Smith and Steve Weinberger. He also introduced AFMS President Bill Smith.
7. **Quorum Confirmation:** Mary Bateman, Secretary, verified that a quorum was present.
8. **Adoption of Convention Procedures:** Motion was made by Wayne Lesniach and seconded by Susanna MacInnes to adopt the procedure. Motion carried.
9. **Adoption of Agenda:** Motion made by Bill Lema and seconded by Carolyn Weinberger to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.
10. **Approval of Minutes:** It was suggested and agreed that beginning in 2006 the minutes of the previous meeting be included in the agenda packet. Motion made to accept the minutes as printed in the November 2004 EFMLS Newsletter made by Hazel Remaley and seconded by Maxine Nicholas. Motion carried.
11. **Officer's Reports**
 - a. **President:** President Miller stated he will ask for updated reports later in the year. He also announced the results of the election for AFMS Second Vice President—Joy Bourne was declared the winner with the most number of votes. He announced the American Federation's convention will be August 16-21 in St. Louis, Missouri. He also asked if anything could be done to revitalize the Regional Vice Presidents position. Pres. Miller indicated that he would form a committee to look into revitalizing the Regional Vice Presidents' position.
 - b. **First Vice President:** Wayne Sukow thanked all for their support. Many had gotten to know him from Wildacres.
 - c. **Second Vice President:** Barbara Fenstermacher. Not present. Awards for the largest increase for both small and large clubs will be awarded at the banquet. The Mountain Area Gem and Mineral Association (NC) was referred to the Southeast Federation.
 - d. **Secretary:** Mary Bateman said notice was received from the Rockhounds of Central Kentucky that they had voted not to renew their affiliation with EFMLS.
 - e. **Treasurer:** Lou Budell submitted statements of receipts and disbursements from November 1, 2003 to October 31, 2004 and November 1, 2004 to January 31, 2005; EMLMS Annual Supplies Report November 1, 2003 to November 1, 2004; and Wildacres report November 1, 2004 to October 31, 2004.
 - f. **Assistant Treasurer:** Millie Heym. Not Present. Reported she has a duplicate set of all records that Lou Budell has sent her.
 - g. **Editor:** Carolyn Weinberger reported she has published and mailed seven issues of the EFMLS Newsletter. Approximately 300 individuals are alerted each month via the EFMLS Web site to the availability of the newsletter. She noted that more committee chairs and officers are providing timely articles.
 - h. **General Show Chairman:** Fran Sick reported that the Show was in progress and thanked members of the Che-Hanna Club for all their work.
 - i. **Immediate Past President:** Matt Charsky submitted his report for activities from November 1, 2004 to February 28, 2005 stating that he has made himself available to Pres. Carl Miller and other Federation officers. He served as nomination chairman for the 2006 slate of officers and on the Wildacres Functioning Committee and as judge for BEAC.

- j. **Past Presidents' Advisory Council:** Bob Livingston reported there would be a meeting of the Committee immediately following this meeting.
- k. **Regional Vice Presidents:**
 - l. **Region I:** Kathleen Collins reported that she has visited shows in Region I and will be visiting several clubs and shows in the near future. She reported that the Penobscot Valley Club was putting finishing touches on their by-laws and hoped to join the Federation soon.
 - m. **Region II:** Michael Kessler noted that his Federation Swap Box was beginning to pick up with positive feedback from Florida, New York, New Jersey, Virginia and as far away as Oregon and Arizona. He has visited several clubs.
 - n. **Region III:** John Baumler reported that Region III had hosted the 2004 convention with its numerous display cases and the full-sized replica of the skull of Sue the dinosaur and a woolly mammoth. He encouraged the sharing of skills, knowledge, field trips and inclusion of junior and seniors in club activities
 - o. **Region IV:** Jennie Smith reported that plans are underway for the Annual Picnic and Swap at Lake Anna.
 - p. **Region V:** Judy Budnick. Not Present. No Report
 - q. **Region VI:** Barbara Fenstermacher. Not Present. Reported that all Region VI clubs have been very active. A group from North Carolina inquired about membership in EFMLS and was referred to the Southeast Federation.
 - r. **Region VII:** Brenda Hankins. Not Present. No Report
 - s. **Region VII:** Jeff Ursillo. Not Present. No Report

12. Committee Reports

- a. **AFMS All American Club Award:** Hazel Remy reported one entry for the All American Club Award program. She stated she was distressed about this and encouraged all to send in an entry next year.
- b. **AFMS Boundaries:** Carl Miller reported there were no boundary issues this year. He mentioned a club in the southeast that inquired about membership that was referred to the Southeast Federation.
- c. **AFMS Conservation & Legislation:** Vacant. No report
- d. **AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year:** Cathy Gaber announced that ten clubs had selected a member for the AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year from September 2004 through February 2005.
- e. **AFMS Endowment Fund:** Joy Bourne reported the Endowment Fund was selling tickets for the 2005 raffle in St. Louis on August 20. Price of tickets is \$5 a ticket or five for \$25. The value of each prize was \$100-200. She announced that the regional vice presidents were also selling tickets.
- f. **AMS Junior Activities:** Kathy Hrechka. Not present. Reported that junior mineral collectors are important to the growth and longevity of our clubs; The AFMS and the EFMLS is reaching out to juniors who are interested in our mineral hobby. There is a merit badge program available with badges, slides/ videos are available in the EFMLS library, and there is an "Earth Digger Club" patch program.
- g. **AFMS Public Relations:** Barbara Fenstermacher. Not Present. No Report
- h. **AFMS Safety:** Bill Klose said articles were available in the EFMLS Newsletter with a discussion on safety requirements in quarries. He hopes to present a revision of the AFMS Safety Manual at the annual AFMS meeting.
- i. **AFMS Scholarship Foundation Coordinator:** Bob Livingston reported that 25 donations were received between November 1, 2003 and October 31, 2004 and eleven donations from November 1, 2004 through February 10, 2005. Certificates were to be presented at the banquet to clubs achieving new percentage plateaus since the Syracuse convention.
- j. **AFMS Uniform Rules:** Susanna MacInnis reported 28 very good Competitive showcases in both Eastern and American competitions in Syracuse. Classes to help unify judging across all federations brought representatives from all federations for the second year.
- k. **AFMS Ways and Means:** Warren Redford. Not Present. Reported there was no activity from the committee to date.
- l. **Audit Committee:** Jean Groves reported that claims with receipts were checked. All paid checks had cleared the bank and there was no gaps in the series of checks and all compared with the checking account. All withdrawals were compared with the same amounts which were deposited in another EFMLS account for savings or CDs. There were no withdrawals that could not be identified.
- m. **Budget and Finance:** Wayne Sukow presented the budget. Jane Boutwell made a motion to accept the budget which was seconded by Jennie Smith. Carolyn Weinberger noted that the EFMLS auction and Ways and Means Raffle should not be listed. Lou Budell noted that the EFMLS savings and CDs were listed in the Treasurer's report. Wayne Sukow moved to approve the amended the budget to reflect

the changes. There was no second. A recommendation was made to modify budget items #2 from \$1400 to \$1000 and item #3 from \$1580 to \$1020, changing the total in line 16 to \$432.50. It was moved, seconded and approved that we accepted the amendment to the budget. A motion was made to accept the budget as amended, approved unanimously.

- n. **Bulletin Editors' Advisory:** Mary Bateman reported that 21 clubs participated in the Bulletin Editors' Advisory Committee competition with a total of 126 entries and that entries were down from the past couple years. She reported that junior entries continue to be weak and that with at least 700 junior members in the Federation that less than ten are entered each year.
- o. **By-Laws:** Steve Weinberger reported there were no recommendations or proposed changes to the by-laws this year.
- p. **Convention Advisory:** William Lema reported that the 2006 meeting would be sponsored by the Gem and Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches, Inc. (Florida) November 18-19, 2006 and by the Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society (Jackson, MS) February 23-24, 2008. He was still working on a site for the 2007 meeting.
- q. **Directory:** Carolyn Weinberger said the Directory will be taken to the printer on March 21 and was delayed because of the need to conduct a special election for 2nd Vice President at the Annual Meeting.
- r. **Each One Teach One:** Fran Sick reported that the winner of the Each One Teach One Award would be presented with a plaque at the banquet.
- s. **Eastern Foundation Fund:** Joy Bourne reported that seven Eastern Federation clubs contributed to the Eastern Foundation Fund from May 16, 2004 to February 17, 2005. She encouraged all clubs to contribute to the Foundation.
- t. **EFMLS Annual Auction:** Bruce Gaber reported that the annual auction would take place at the fire station. He thanked those who had helped in the past with the auction in both preparation and donations.
- u. **Historian:** Susanna MacInnis said that Historian Records are kept for the use of anyone in the Federation who wishes to avail themselves of this information. She stated that any club in the Federation who wished to keep a record of a special event, anniversary or celebration to add it to the Historians files.
- v. **Insurance Coordinator:** Carl Miller reported that there was another slight increase in our insurance but that it was in line with what is happening across the industry. He stated that there was concern of the lack of interest in the insurance industry to insure organizations like ours for liability insurance because we are not an "attractive" risk to insurers.
- w. **Operating Procedures:** Steve Weinberger reported there were three changes to the Operating Procedures in the areas of (1) Wildacres Functioning Committee, (2) Second Vice-President, and (3) Eastern Foundation Fund Committee and these were approved by the Executive Board..
- x. **Parliamentarian:** Bruce Gaber. Roberts Rules of Order were being followed.
- y. **Show Coordinator:** William Lema reported that the 2006 meeting would be sponsored by the Gem and Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches, Inc. (Florida) November 18-19, 2006 and by the Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society (Jackson, MS) February 23-24, 2008. He was still working on a site for the 2007 meeting.
- z. **Slide & Video Program Librarian/AFMS Competition:** Rick Harrison reported that 18 clubs (13% of usage) had taken advantage of the library with 19 videos and 10 slide programs checked out. Two new slide programs and tapes from the 2004 Rochester Mineral Symposium had been added to the library.
- aa. **Supplies:** Michael Kessler reported that he had made two purchases this year and that he would be setting up a table at the Che-Hanna Show.
- bb. **Uniform Rules:** Susanna MacInnes reported that Wildacres had hosted for the second year Uniform Rules Classes to help unify judging across all the federations
- cc. **Ways and Means:** There was no raffle this year due to the limited time to put one together.
- dd. **Webmaster:** Dan Imel continues to keep the Web site up to date. He asked that if anyone had any ideas on improving the Web site to contact him.
- ee. **Wildacres Workshop Functioning Committee:** Esther Dunn. Not Present. Reported the first summer session in seven years had a registration of 102 participants, submitted a Financial Report and encouraged EFMLS members to sign up soon.
- ff. **Nominating Committee:** Matt Charsky submitted the Committee's nomination of Fran Sick of the Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club to serve as 2nd Vice President from March 18, 2005 to October 31, 2005. In addition the committee nominated Wayne Sukow for President, Frank Sick for 1st Vice President, Ellery Borow for 2nd Vice President, Lou Budell for Treasurer, and Carolyn Weinberger for Editor

for the term beginning November 1, 2005. The Committee also nominated Cathy Gaber and Larry Vandergrift to replace Barbara Sky and John Davis on the Nominating Committee.

13. Old Business

- a. **Ad Hoc Committee to Explore Additional Workshop Options** - Reivan Zeleznik. Not Present. The Committee recommended that the committee be discharged of its responsibility and that a new committee be formed and charged to continue; new people be recruited to serve on the new committee

14. New Business

- a. **Election of 2005 2nd Vice President** - A word of thanks was made to Barbara Fenstermacher for doing a great job in filing in after the death of Bill Longley. Nominations from the floor were requested. None were made. Motion was made to close nominations and passed. Fran Sick was elected to the office of 2nd Vice President.
 - b. **Election of 2006 Officers** - Nominations from the floor were requested. None were received. Motion was made to close the nominations and passed. Election results: Wayne Sukow, President; Frank Sick, 1st Vice President; Ellery Borow, 2nd Vice President; Lou Budell, Treasurer; and Carolyn Weinberger, Editor. In addition, Cathy Gaber and Larry Vandergrift were elected to the Nominating Committee.
 - c. **NEFTA/EFTA** - the NEFTA Committee/EFTA are trying to activate and to clean up their Web site. The NEFTA/EFTA Advisory Ad Hoc Committee is chaired by Carl Miller. Dan Imel is helping with their Web site while their Web master is in Iraq.
15. **Call for "Vote of Thanks to Host Club"** - A vote of thanks to the Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club for their stepping up to the plate and hosting the 2005 convention. Joy Bourne will relay the thanks to the Che-Hanna Club.
16. **Motion to Adjourn** was made by Bill Lema and seconded by Carolyn Weinberger. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Bateman
Secretary

ATTENDANCE

55TH ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Sayre, Pennsylvania

March 18, 2005

EFMLS EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Steve Weinberger

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Bristol Gem and Mineral Club: Kathleen Collins
Micromounters of New England: Angie Teixeria
Rhode Island Mineral Hunters, Inc.: Victor D. Wells, Terry Wells
Southeastern Massachusetts Mineral Club, Inc.: Paul Monti, William (Bill) Lema
Water-Oak Gem and Mineral Society: Ellery Borow

REGION II

Mid-Hudson Valley Gem and Mineral Society, Inc.: Edward L. Smith, Freda V. Smith
Mineralogists' Guild: Michael Kessler
Queens Mineral Society: Madelyn Todd, Florence Rich

REGION III

Capital District Mineral Club, Inc: George Gearhardt, Barbara Gearhardt
Central Pennsylvania Rock and Mineral Club, Inc.: Betsy Oberhein, Maxine Nicholas, James Nicholas, Albert Oberheim
Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club, Inc.: Francis M. Sick, Hazel Remaley, Clyf Bourne, Marvin Remaley, Inga Wells, Lou DeMarco, Michael Buyrak
Gem and Mineral Society of Syracuse, Inc.: John Sweeney, Linda Clark
Gem City Rock and Mineral Club, Inc.: Sarah Boesch, Harriet Beckman, Val Engelleiter
Pennsylvania Earth Science Association: Susanna MacInnis, Donald Pitkin, Pat Pitkin
The New York Southern Tier Geology Club, Inc.: Tom Ogden, Virginia Milligan, Tom Milligan,
Wayne County Gem and Mineral Club: Bill Lesniak

REGION IV

Chesapeake Gem & Mineral Society: Carolyn Weinberger, Steve Weinberger
Delaware Mineralogical Society: Karissa Hendershot, Robert Asreen, Jr.
Micromineralogists of the National Capital Area: Paul E. Smith, Jennie Smith
Mineralogical Society of the District of Columbia: Cathy Gaber
Northern Virginia Mineral Club: Barbara Sky
The Gem Cutters' Guild of Baltimore, Inc.: Steven Weinberger, Carolyn Weinberger
The Gem, Lapidary and Mineral Society of Washington, DC: Mary Bateman, Matthew Charsky, Jean Charsky, LaReene Heath, Bruce Gaber

REGION V

REGION VI

REGION VII

Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society: Betty James, Mary Jane Boutwell, Lullen Slaer

REGION VIII

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AFMS Photographer: Barbara Sky

2005 EFMLS Wildacres Registration

PLEASE, ONLY one person per form per session

CHECK ONE: June 3 - 9 _____ September 12 - 18 _____

Please fill out a separate registration form for each person attending and return to DEBBIE BARD, Registrar at 8085 Old 126, Warfordsburg, PA 17267. No registration will be accepted prior to January 1, 2005. (To make it easier for the registrar and others, please do not change or revise this form. You may photocopy it as needed.)

Name (as you wish it to appear on your name badge): _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone number with area code: _____ e-mail: _____

Club/Society Affiliation: _____

Fee for each session is \$280.00 per person. Deposit is \$140 per person, payable with registration. Make checks payable to "EFMLS". Balance of \$140 is due 30 days prior to start of session.

Cancellation policy: If unable to attend, fees paid will be refunded if notification is given prior to one month before the session begins. No refund will be made after that date.

Circle appropriate responses:

Have you been to Wildacres before? **Yes** **No** Is your Club sponsoring you? **Yes** **No**

Do you need a roommate? **Yes** **No** Are you: **Male** **Female** (No single rooms are available)

Do you have any **physical handicaps and / or special dietary needs?** **Yes** **No**
If YES, please explain on reverse side.

Do you have material for exhibiting that you would be willing to display at Wildacres? **Yes** **No**
If YES, please contact Esther Dunn at 334-774-2172. Lined display cases are available.

Do you have a skill to demonstrate or a program to share (up to 40 minutes)? **Yes** **No**
If YES, please contact Cathy Gaber at <bg@his.com>, or 301-654-7479.

Class Pre-registration.

See EFMLS Newsletter or Website for class offerings. <www.amfed.org/efmls/wildacres.htm>

Which of the classes being offered would you like to take? We will be preregistering you for classes you indicate. When a class is full NO others will be assigned to that class, and you will be assigned your next class choice(s). You will have an opportunity to make changes once you arrive at Wildacres.

1st _____

3rd _____

2nd _____

4th _____

(No registrations accepted prior to January 1, 2005)

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from William Lema

May:

21: 16th Annual Chesapeake Gem & Mineral Show at Goucher sponsored by the Chesapeake Gem & Mineral Society. Goucher College, Kraushaar Pavilion. Dulaney Valley Rd at I-695; Towson, MD.

21: Annual Micromineral Symposium sponsored by The Micromounters of New England. Hudson, MA Elks Club. For further information contact Mike Swanson at (413) 773-3867 or <msmicros@crocker.com>.

June:

3,4, & 5: 32nd Annual Tannehill Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show sponsored by the Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society. Tannehill Ironworks Historical State Park (from Birmingham take I-20/59 S. to Exit #100 or take Exit #1 off I-459 and follow signs).

4: PESA Spring Mineralfest sponsored by the Pennsylvania Earth Sciences Assoc., Inc. Macungie Memorial Park Building, Macungie, PA., eight miles southwest of Allentown.

11: 3rd Annual Rock Swap and Sale sponsored by the Danbury Mineralogical Society and the Connecticut Museum of Mining and Mineral Science. Connecticut Antique Machinery Assoc. Museum, Rt. 7, Kent, CT.

25-26: 41st Annual Gilsum Rock Swap and Mineral Show. Gilsum Elementary School, Rt 10; Gilsum, NH

July:

9 - 10: 44th Annual Western Maine Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Festival sponsored by the Oxford County Mineral & Gem Association. Crescent Park School, Bethel, ME.

9 - 10: 39th Annual Jewelry and Mineral Show and Sale sponsored by the Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse. NOTE: same hours but in a larger building -- Cargill Exposition Center, State Fairgrounds, Syracuse, NY

16-17: 36th Annual Gem and Mineral Show sponsored by the Gem City Rock & Mineral Club. Perry Hi-way Hose Company, 8270 Peach Street (Rt.19, 1/4 mile South of I-90 exit 24), Erie, PA.

30-31: 26th Annual Champlain Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Burlington Mineral Club. Tuttle Middle School, 500 Dorset St., South Burlington, Vermont.

August:

6 - 7: 56th Annual Gem Show sponsored by the Gem, Lapidary and Mineral Society of Washington, D.C. Ramada Hotel and Exhibition Center, 8500 Annapolis Rd, New Carrollton, MD (Exit 20-B off the I-95/495 Beltway)

September:

3 - 4: 16th Annual Rockhounds Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Kennebec Rocks & Minerals Club. National Guard Armory, Western Av; Augusta, ME

10-11: Annual Jewelry, Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Northern Berkshire Mineral Club. VFW Hall, Rt. 2 at the Mohawk Trail, North Adams, MA.

17-18: Annual Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Central Pennsylvania Rock and Mineral Club, Zembo Shrine Auditorium, 3rd & Division Streets, Harrisburg, PA.

October:

1: PESA Autumn Mineralfest sponsored by the Pennsylvania Earth Sciences Assoc., Inc. Macungie Memorial Park Building, Macungie, PA., eight miles southwest of Allentown.

7, 8 & 9: Annual Show sponsored by the Smokey Mountain Mineral Society. Jefferson Co. Rescue Squad Bldg; 915 Industrial Park Rd; Dandridge, TN

7, 8 & 9: Desautels Micromount Symposium sponsored by the Baltimore Mineral Society. MHA Conference Center, Elkridge, MD. For info and registration contact Cal Pierson <cperson@mhaonline.org>.

15-16 - 36th Annual Gem & Mineral Show and Sale sponsored by the Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society. Dutchess County Fairgrounds, Buildings B & C; Route 9, Rhinebeck, NY.

November:

19 -20 - 14th Annual Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Show sponsored by the Northern Virginia Mineral Club. Student Union II, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA.

If you are an EFMLS member club and would like to have your show or swap listed here, send information to William Lema, EFMLS Show Coordinator at 74 Ninth St; E. Providence, RI 02914 or e-mail <williamlema@cox.net>.