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## Who Is This Guy?

by Carl Miller, EFMLS President



Hello! I thought I would take this space this month to tell you a little bit about me, and about my current goals for the year. I say "current" goals because I believe that goals need to be a living thing that can change as needed.

First a bit about me. They tell me that at 42 I am the youngest EFMLS President ever. I'm not quite sure if that has any significant meaning, but I would like to think that it may portend something good with regard to something that we have all been concerned about, not being able to get "young" people involved with our great clubs and federation. I hope you noted the " " around young. I know I don't really qualify as young, but then again they do say everything is relative.

I've been collecting rocks since I was about three years old. I think my parents once said they knew they were in trouble when at about that age I wasn't just bringing rocks in the house, I was lining them up on shelves. By the time I was nine I was a fanatic, putting displays in my school, setting up my own mineral museum and lab in my parents cellar, and riding my bicycle about six miles some weekends to spend the day at a local rock shop. I was an active member of the Lakeshore Gem and Mineral Club, Hannibal, NY by the time I was ten. I worked on the show committee, helped with security at the shows, worked on programs, and at age 17 held my first elected position as club treasurer. In my mid-20's I got involved with the Gem and Mineral Society of Syracuse ultimately holding several elected positions including Show Chairman for two years and Vice President. In 1997 my work moved me and I became involved in the Richmond

Gem and Mineral Society. I ran their swap and sale for several years, spent two years as VP, and then three as President. I officially got involved with the EFMLS in 1996 at the Convention in Jackson, MS. The Federation needed an auditor, and I needed more things to do (hah!) Six years as Auditor, two years as EFF chair, three years as Insurance Coordinator, then 2nd VP in 2003, 1st VP in 2004, and... well President for 2005.

In order to make money to buy rocks I'm an Insurance and Risk Manager for a Fortune 200 company. I have spent almost twenty years in the commercial insurance industry. I'm married to an angel (if you know me you would agree that anyone that can put up with me must be.) Tina loves rocks too, she just didn't completely know it until she met me. I help her though with rocks (and boxes of rocks) in every room of the house. I also have three children, a daughter who is 17 and twin sons who are 14. They humor my rock collecting, and even enjoy going collecting (when they're sure to find something), but once they're home the interest basically ends. One has shown some signs of a continued interest (those rocks lined up in rows), but we'll have to wait and see.

Now for some goals:

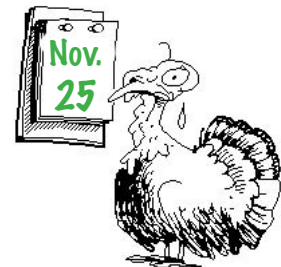
1. One of my soapboxes is using sound business practices. We will be looking for ways to tighten up some of the things we do. The passion that

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many of us have for our clubs is great, but we need to work to take the emotion out of the way we run our clubs and federations, and replace it with solid business decisions.

2. Another of my soapboxes is fiscal soundness. I want us to run the Federation in the most financially sound way, and look for ways to save the Federation money. One of the things we are going to work on early in my administration is to be sure that we have all Federation funds invested to get the highest guaranteed returns. I also believe it is important to run our member clubs in a financially sound way and hope to bring at least a couple ideas out to the clubs to help them do this.

3. Look for good ways to spend some of the Eastern Foundation Fund interest money. I know that I will get some flack for this goal, but people will get over it. It is certainly our goal to grow the fund, but accumulating EFF funds and not having a proactive plan to use them doesn't benefit the Federation and our clubs. The intent of the EFF is to provide money to use for the betterment of the Federation. Consider this goal a solicitation to all of you for suggestions for spending some of this money.

4. Invigorate our Regional Vice President's positions. We've had a couple of Regional VPs who have been active in their regions, but many are not. I don't think that this means that they aren't the right people for the job. Only they and their region's clubs can answer that. What I do think is that no one has ever given them good guidelines to follow, and good ideas for involvement in their regions. We're going to get some of the good ideas out to the VPs to try to better involve their clubs, and were going to look closely at the larger regions to be sure that they are being best served by having one Regional VP for their size.

5. Complete base-line audits for the Wildacres and Supplies bank accounts. Over the past several years we have not been able to get these books for audit, and this has been a point of consternation for the executive board and the delegates to the annual meeting. Both of these accounts are being handled by new people starting in mid-2004 and we are working with both to get those new accounts and books audited so we can move forward on the right foot.

6. Last, that the Federation deliver on its member clubs needs in a timely manner. We don't always know what this means for the future, but we will proactively address needs and issues and bring the Federation through the coming year to continue to be a strong, valuable organization for our clubs.

You may have noticed above that I don't always say things that will make everyone happy. However, I do always strive to be accurate. I say things the way I see them, and you don't ever have to wonder where I stand (unless I haven't decided yet.) I accept, and even expect the same from others. Give me your thoughts, or bring issues to my attention that you think need to be addressed, and I will see what we can do.

In closing I want to tell you one last thing about me. I think it's of paramount importance that we ALL get involved. Note though that getting and being involved can mean many different things. It starts with walking out your door and attending meetings, shows, museums, field trips, and any other opportunities in our hobby. It may evolve into you being involved with helping run your local club or even your federation, or it may not. It's not important how you participate, just that you do participate. And that is why I always close my comments with...

Get out there!

Carl

## Help Wanted

from Carl Miller



I learned just at press time that George Loud, our long-time Conservation & Legislative Chair has had to resign due to his work load. I want to thank George for all his hard and diligent work over the years. Not only did he serve the Eastern Federation with honor, but also took on the reigns of American Federation Conservation & Legislation chair as well. His final column appears elsewhere in this issue.

I've now got some very large shoes to fill in finding a replacement for George. George says it's interesting "work" and you don't have to live in the Washington, DC area to do the job. You do have to be willing to access the Congressional Record and other sources of information, read them and then report back to the Federation each month via our newsletter. I'm sure that George will be willing to steer his replacement in the right direction.

If you are interested in this most important EFMLS committee position, give me a call or write me an e-mail and we'll talk about it. I know you'll learn a lot, and you'll do our members a huge service in keeping us all apprised of what's going on out there.

## New Officers?

Be sure to let us know if your club has elected new officers or if one has moved. Send all updated information to either the Secretary or Editor (see page 2 for mailing information).

Help us keep the lines of communication open.

## Eastern Foundation Fund

by Joy Bourne

We are pleased to report the receipt of the following contributions to the Eastern Foundation Fund since our annual report was published in the November EFMLS News.

Steve and Carolyn Weinberger made a contribution to EFF in memory of Bill Longley, EFMLS 2nd Vice President, past Region I Vice President, and longtime editor of the "Water Oaks News." Their gift also honored Elaine Solé, who was a member of the Queens Mineral Club, and the late Alfred Teixeira, son of Angie Teixeira.

The Southeastern New Hampshire Mineral club also sent a generous contribution in memory of Bill Longley, who served as editor and President of the club for many years, and as did Edith Hammond, present editor of the club newsletter.

In addition, Clyf and Joy Bourne also remembered Bill with a contribution to EFF honoring his longtime friendship and dedication to EFMLS.

We especially wish to thank all the individuals and clubs who supported the 2004 Ways and Means Committee Raffle to benefit the EFF. The list of participating clubs and individuals is most gratifying. Special

thanks are sent to Jean and Matt Charsky for their tireless and productive effort in organizing, promoting and conducting the 2004 raffle. They did a magnificent job! The final report of proceeds raised for the Eastern Foundation Fund is now in, and the figures show that the Fund has received \$1,519, as a result of this year's efforts. Congratulations to all for a job well done!

We invite you and/or your club to consider making a gift to EFF in 2005. It is a most fitting way to honor your club members, living or deceased, who have made special contributions to the building of your organization. Remember, a gift to the Eastern Foundation Fund is an investment in the continuing effort to increase the effectiveness of the Eastern Federation as we strive to serve our member clubs. All gifts are promptly recognized, and credited to club giving tallies for special recognition at the annual convention.

Please make your checks payable to "Eastern Foundation Fund," and send them to Joy Bourne, EFF Chairman, RR #1, Box 159A, Towanda PA 18848-9739. All individual gifts are tax-deductible, and we truly appreciate your generosity.

## AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year

from Cathy Gaber

On behalf of the Micromineralogists of the National Capital Area, I nominate Kathy Hrechka as the AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year. Kathy, a member since 1988, was the editor of the Mineral Mite for four years and is currently serving as vice president. In addition to finding speakers and arranging programs for the club, she often makes her own presentations. Kathy's micromount exhibits have earned several trophies from the Eastern and American Federations. There are many other ways she has contributed to the club and the hobby. At our recent club picnic for instance, she was busy providing mineral and fossil activities for the juniors.

*submitted by Bruce Gaber, past president MNCA*

# 2005 EFMLS Committee Chairpersons

One of the most important jobs of the EFMLS President is filling the EFMLS committee chairperson positions with good people who will work hard for the Federation. As I write this on October 1st there are a few chair positions still open and I would encourage anyone who reads this and is interested in being more involved with THEIR Federation to contact me or any other Federation officer about the committee positions. I personally guarantee that any person new to a committee chair position will receive help and guidance in the role from the executive board, including from yours truly!

I am pleased to announce the committee chairpersons for 2005:

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## Calling All Junior Rockhounds

from Kathy Hrechka

"Future Rockhounds Of America" has a new merit badge program, sponsored by the American Federation. This program is free to all junior members. If you are interested, please contact Jim Brace-Thompson at (805) 659-3577, or email <jbraceth@adelphia.net>. You may also download all details at the AFMS website [www.amfed.org](http://www.amfed.org).

Diamond Dan Publications also has a "Earth Digger Club" patch program. Darryl Powell, of the Wayne County Gem and Mineral Club, Newark, NY is sponsoring this program for a nominal fee. There are 13 different patches to earn, along with an activity book. You may contact Darryl at (585) 289-4936, or at P.O. 143, Manchester, NY 14504 for further details. I had a chance to meet Darryl at the Syracuse, NY show last July and was very impressed with what he has to offer our juniors.

# Safety First

by Bill Klose, EFMLS Safety Chair

## HOLIDAY SAFETY

The Holiday Seasons seem to come earlier every year, so it is appropriate to review some of the safety tips that are associated with them to keep our members, their families, and collections safe.

### Smoke Detectors -

Make sure that there are a minimum of one in each bedroom and one at the top of the stairwell. Test each one or replace the battery to ensure they are operational.

### Food Preparation -

Properly thaw out (in refrigerator or under cold water-not air thaw), wash and cook meats and prepare other foods IAW package instructions. Do not leave cooking food unattended. Refrigerate leftovers as soon as possible in approved airtight containers. Do not leave out at room temperature.

### Fireplaces and Wood burning Stoves -

Check for cracked mortar, check the operation of the damper and the spark screen on the roof. If you burn soft or green wood or have a build up of soot or creosote, have the chimney cleaned. Do not have combustible material within three feet of the fireplace or stove.



### Evacuation Plan -

Implement and practice an emergency home escape plan.

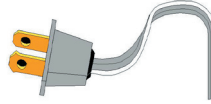
### Heaters -

Inspect the heating system and change filters. Have your system serviced annually. Install a carbon monoxide detector.

### Extension Cords -

Use UL or CSA approved cord,

preferably the type with an ON/OFF switch and overload protection, or a remote or foot operated switch. Do not exceed the rating (WATT) or outlet capacity of the cord. Keep the cords clear of walking areas and do not cover with rugs, packages or other items that could cause them to overheat. Inspect for damage or frayed wires prior to using and replace if required.



### Gift Wrapping Paper and Boxes -



Dispose of wrapping paper and boxes immediately in the trash or recycle bin. Due to the highly flammable nature of these materials and high burning temperature (due to additives) do not burn in fireplaces or wood burning appliances.

### Smoking -

Ensure all cigarettes and matches are completely extinguished before discarding. Before going to sleep, check all furniture and waste bins for smoldering embers.

### Drinking -

Drink in moderation or use a designated driver.

### Christmas Trees -

The National Safety Council states that there are over 400 residential fires and 40 deaths each year involving Christmas trees. To avoid tree fires, consider an artificial tree that is fire resistant and if lighted, UL approved, or a live tree that can be planted outside after the holidays. If you decide on a live tree, pick one that is fresh and not dried out. Check the tree



for insects and shake or blow out before bringing indoors. Xmas Tree Farms may color the trees prior to shipping, so check the tree for dried out spots, leaves falling off, or dry branches that snap when bent. Pick a tree that is not too tall for the room, leaving space for ornaments and that will be well clear of walking areas and heat sources. Cut off the trunk 1 to 2 inches from the base of the tree at an angle and place in a sturdy, water holding tree stand. Keep the stand continuously filled with water containing a mixture of two cups of Karo syrup, two pinches of Epsom salt, one teaspoon of Boraxo, two ounces of liquid chlorine bleach and one teaspoon of chelated iron for each two gallons of hot water to ensure that the tree stays waterlogged (more than 800% of a live tree) and fireproof. Tie the tree to the wall or ceiling with a wire or nylon cord to prevent it from being knocked over. After the holiday remove the branches and use in the garden over the mulch for protection of your plants from the cold. Do not burn the tree in the fireplace.

### Tree and House Lights -

Check lights for broken sockets and frayed wires and replace if required or if the string is over 5 years old. Outdoor lights burn hotter than indoor, so only use them outside. Indoor lights are not waterproof and should only be used indoors. Do not exceed the WATT rating of the lowest rated string or extension cord when connecting together (usually no more than three). Turn OFF lights when going out or retiring for the night. Do not use lighted candles on trees. Do not use light strings on artificial trees, but light with spotlights or floodlights that are placed a suitable distance from the tree to avoid the lamps heat. Remove outside lights

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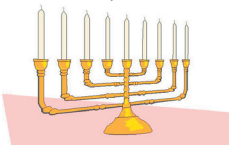
as soon as the season is over to prevent damage from the weather.

### Ornaments -

Use flame resistant ornaments. Place glass ornaments or those with small parts out of reach of small children and pets. Do not use popcorn chains or candy on trees when small children are present to avoid their climbing into the tree for them. Use approved step stools or ladders to reach high places when trimming the tree or installing outside decorations. Do not use cellophane as it can not be made fireproof. Use an approved flame retardant on cotton batting, paper decorations, and Santa suits.

### Candles -

Burn candles in sturdy containers away from combustible materials and out of reach of children and pets. Never leave candles burning when you are not in the room.



Have a great Holiday Season and New Year.

## New Region I VP

from Carl Miller

With the resignation of Dan Kavanaugh this summer, the Federation needed to perform a special election to fill the Region 1 VP position through the current term which ends October 31, 2005. As EFMLS 1st VP it was my responsibility to run this special election. The special election closed out on October 1st and the winner is Kathleen (Katie) Collins.

Katie is an active member of several Region 1 clubs. I look forward to working with Katie over the coming year.

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*Have you sent in the name of your Club Rockhound of the Year? It's a great way to recognize the work done by a member (or husband & wife team) for your club. Send the name of your person plus a 50 word write-up about the person to Cathy Gaber. See page 4 for the address.*

## AFMS Scholarship

from Bob Livingston

The AFMS Scholarship Foundation is alive and well and we stand ready to accept your donations. Now that we are all back to regular club meeting schedules, won't you consider a donation to this most worthwhile cause. It's a great way to remember a loved one or honor somebody really special in your club or family. Thanks to your steadfast donations down through the years, nationally we are able to give away 24 scholarships annually.

Since my last report just prior to summer hiatus, we have received welcome donations from the following:

*Central PA Rock and Mineral Club*

*SE New Hampshire Mineral Club*

*Mary K Rhyne  
in memory of David R Rhyne*

*Manasota Rock & Gem Club  
in memory of Nicholas Wenri  
and Ralph Wolman*

*plus two from the  
Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse.*

Friends, this ongoing boost to students studying the Earth Sciences only is able to keep on keeping on thanks to your past and continuing support with donations, for which we thank you all very much.

Unfortunately, many of us have lost a great many close and dear friends in our hobby in the past year. Please consider remembering them with a check made out to AFMS Scholarship Fund and send it to me: Bob Livingston, Scholarship Coordinator, 59 Ely Drive, Fayetteville, NY 13066.

*[Ed Note: See additional Scholarship News on page 10.]*

## All American Award Competition

from Hazel Remaley

This is a very difficult column to write.

Quite frankly, I am running out of ideas to motivate all of you out there. But, perhaps I am getting through to a few of you. That thought will keep me wishing and hoping that I will receive many entries in the All American Club Award competition. I have told you many times that I do not like the word competition when speaking of the All American Club Award. It may be considered that, since there are awards made for the scrapbooks, but I prefer to think that it is a (here I go again) way for your club to organize your club history. Let me define section 3 to you. Most of you have club newsletters and shows. This section covers just that. So, it should be an easy one for you to complete. It also gives you suggestions for your publicity. Read it and follow through.

Remember that the deadline for your scrapbooks to reach me is Feb. 1, 2005. A copy of the "rules" for this year are printed on page 12. Get busy !!!

## Fall Wildacres

by Esther Dunn



What a week we had at the Wildacres Retreat in the beautiful Smoky Mountains of North Carolina, on September 20 to 26, 2004!!

Two days before our session began I learned that two of our instructors were unable to come because of flooded basements, courtesy of Hurricanes Frances and Ivan. Fred Sias stepped in and volunteered to teach one of the classes and we had to cancel the other. I then learned that our Judging Instructor was in the hospital.

When we arrived at Wildacres, we learned that they had receive 27" of rain in the past 19 days; portions of the Blue Ridge Parkway near Wildacres were closed due to landslides; and many of the surrounding roads also suffered damage. Director, Wayne Sukow, said he had thought of cancelling the workshop, but since there were people coming from Maine and Vermont who were already on their way, he did not. We all worked together and made the best of our circumstances. Carolyn Weinberger taught Micromounting and had a very enthusiastic newcomer as one of her students. Roger Barnett and I taught the judging class.

Although our group was small, in part because some participants had to cancel due to flooding in their homes, the session was a good one. Wayne did a great job of making the workshop run smoothly, in spite of a few small problems. We were pleased that Hurricane Ivan had come through the previous week and thus we were spared the high winds and rain from it. Our weather was the best we've had in years with clear blue skies and stupendous views of the mountains. The Wildacres crew was busy cleaning up the limbs and debris, and getting around was not a problem.

## Each One Teach One Nominations Needed

from Fran Sick

With the EFMLS Convention being held in March 2005 the deadline for Each One Teach One nominations to be either mailed or e-mailed is December 20, 2004. I realize this is earlier than usual but still should be plenty of time to submit your entry nominating that special person in your club for this prestigious award. All you have to do is fill out the entry form found in this issue of the EFMLS Newsletter, attach an extra sheet to give you plenty of space to list all of the teaching activities of your nominee and send it to me at the address or e-mail found on the form. If you are submitting an entry for someone who was nominated before but did not win the top award it's even easier. All you have to do is update information on the new form, copy the extra sheet previously submitted, add any new teaching activities and send it on its way.

So if you know someone who, mostly on a volunteer basis, teaches classes or workshops, leads educational field trips, writes hobby-related educational articles, gives talks or demonstrations

Because of the low attendance we were able to get acquainted with nearly everyone. Our speaker and his wife, Steve and Helen Chamberlain, joined in with us at meals and seemed to enjoy it as much as we did. His lectures were great and we learned a lot about the gems, geology and geography of New York State. Especially good was his final presentation on how to refine and dispose of our collections before our demise. Very informative!! Our very lively auction brought in over \$2300, which will be used to enhance future EFMLS Wildacres sessions.

When we are assigned the dates for our 2005 workshops, they will be announced in the EFMLS Newsletter. After Instructors and classes have

to clubs, youth or community groups or to anyone who wants to learn about our hobby please submit a nomination for the 2005 Each One Teach One Award. I really cannot think of any reason not to do so. It shows them their generosity has not gone unappreciated and says thank you in a very special way.

There are over 130 clubs in the EFMLS. My dream would be to receive over 130 nominations - one from each club. This may be reaching for the stars, but I know there are many deserving candidates who have either never been nominated in the past or who have been nominated but did not win the top award. Why not make this the year to submit a nomination for your candidate.

More details about criteria for the EOTO Award can be found in the October 2005 EFMLS Newsletter article or you may contact me any time for help, forms or clarification. But please don't put it off. Start working on your nomination today.

been assigned, there will be a listing of them and an Application blank, for registering for one or both of the sessions, in the Newsletter. We hope that you will attend at least one session if you have never been to Wildacres before. If you have, tell your club members how beautiful it is, show them what you made and urge them to attend with you.

Wildacres is a fantastic place to renew your spirit, as well as meet old friends and make new friendships that will be special, with others who love the beautiful rocks and gems the Creator has made for us to have temporary custody of. Come and sit a spell, learn a new skill then return to your clubs and pass it on. We welcome you!!



This must be my last "Loud & Clear" column. I must resign as Chair of the Conservation and Legislation Committee. That my law practice (Patents and Trademarks) continues to grow is good news, the bad news is that the passing years have reduced the amount of energy I am able to bring to my work. If and when I retire, I would love to return to the fray.

Since I started writing "Loud & Clear" more than 10 years ago, we have lost hundreds of collecting sites due to incorporation into newly designated wilderness areas and national monuments, the latter being established in the final hours of the last administration by Presidential Decree invoking the somewhat dubious authority of the Antiquities Act. Further, those collecting sites which remain theoretically "open" became progressively more difficult to access by reason of an aggressive policy of road closure adopted by the last administration. The trend has definitely been toward exclusion of the public in general, and rockhounds in particular, from public lands. However, I now see several promising developments. Consider the following macro trends.

## Macro Trend #1 -

### *The Judiciary - Use and Abuse of the Judiciary to Change Land Use Policy*

While most Americans may believe that major policy changes should be effected through the legislative process, environmental groups have shown great adeptness in furthering their objectives through use of the judiciary. However, we now see some encouraging signs that our Judicial Branch of government is moving toward limiting the ability of such groups to further their agendas through use of the judiciary.

Much of the impetus toward management of public lands in a manner restricting human use and access derives from litigation brought against the federal land use agencies by activist environmental groups with seemingly limitless budgets. The Assistant Attorney General for the Justice Department's Environmental and Natural Resources Division stated this past Summer that there were 7100 active environmental lawsuits then being litigated at that time in the United States. However, help is on the way.

This past Summer the United States Supreme Court unanimously (9-0) dealt a severe setback to use of the judiciary by environmental groups in pursuit of their agenda. In *Norton, Secretary of the Interior et al v. Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance et al*, the U.S. Supreme Court rejected all three claims of the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance against the U.S. Department of Interior acting through the Bureau of Land Management.

Plaintiff's first claim charged the Department of Interior with violation of the Wilderness Act. The Utah lands in question in this case have been designated as wilderness study areas pursuant to the statutory mandate that lands having "wilderness characteristics" be identified and inventoried. However, once so identified a wilderness study area (WSA) remains in limbo until if and when Congress enacts legislation establishing wilderness status. The statute commands that such lands, while in this limbo, shall be managed "in a manner so as not to impair the suitability of such areas for preservation as wilderness," the so-called "anti-impairment requirement". Unfortunately, such a WDA can remain as such indefinitely even if the Secretary of the Interior determines that the land is not in fact suitable for wilderness designation.

The Plaintiffs alleged that the anti-impairment requirement of the

Wilderness Act mandated total ex

closure of off-road vehicle use as impairing "the suitability of such areas for preservation as wilderness." The Plaintiff's claim was denied, the court holding that the non-impairment requirement of the Wilderness Act is an objective but that the Act leaves the BLM "a great deal of discretion in deciding how to achieve" (that objective). The court noted that the provision "only agency action that can be compelled under the APA is action legally required" is designed "to protect agencies from undue judicial interference with their lawful discretion and to avoid judicial entanglement in abstract policy." In view of the discretion allowed the BLM in such matters, the Court found that total exclusion of ORV use cannot be judicially mandated.

The second claim asserted by the Plaintiffs was to the effect that the BLM had not complied with its own land use plan. The Court denied this claim also, finding that "a land use plan is generally a statement of priorities; it guides and constrains actions, but does not (at least in the usual case) prescribe them." "A statement by the BLM about what it plans to do, at some point [in the future]... cannot be plucked out of context and made the basis for a suit under Section 706(1) [of the Administrative Procedure Act, "APA"]."

Plaintiff's third claim was to the effect that the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) required the BLM to prepare a supplemental environmental impact statement

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given evidence of increased ORV use. However, the court found that such a supplemental statement is required only in circumstances where major federal agency action is ongoing. The Court held that there was no requirement for a supplemental environmental impact statement in that adoption of the plan is an action completed when the land use plan is approved.

Summarizing, the Court's decision in Norton, Secretary of the Interior et al v. Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance et al, severely curtails the ability of private entities to compel land use decisions in furtherance of their objectives. While the extent of ORV use may be the subject of legitimate debate, the Court's decision goes well beyond that issue and curtails, in general, access to the judiciary as a route around the more democratic legislative process and rule-making process of the executive branch - a welcome development, at least in the view of this writer.

### *Macro Trend #2 - The Executive Branch*

Roadless Management rules adopted late in the Clinton Administration ran roughshod over the interests of local governments and the statutory right of public access via preexisting roads, the so-called RS2477 roads. A case in point involved a federal initiative to close a road through the Shawnee National Forest in Southern Illinois. Probably the same road I once traveled, through a forest fire, en route to the Southern Illinois fluorite district. I received a telephone call from an Illinois state attorney inquiring about RS2477 rights and how the county and state might rely upon same in order to prevent closure of the road or roads in question. One concern was that the proposed closure would make it exceedingly difficult to travel from one end of the county to the other.

## Scholarship Challenge

by Keith Harmon, SCFMS President

At the AFMS meeting in Syracuse New York in July 2004 the Directors of the AFMS Scholarship Foundation were informed of a shortage in funds available to award scholarships for 2005. We had a lot of expenses that reduced the interest available for scholarship awards following the audit and bonding requirements we had. The result being that we had to eliminate one scholarship from each participating regional federation for one year thereby only being able to give one scholarship instead of the normal two. The rules in place for the Scholarship fund required all money donated to the fund to be restricted and only the interest earned being available for use. At the Meeting the Directors voted to allow money to be donated to the fund as

unrestricted funds and available for use in scholarship funding immediately. In this way if enough money is donated we will not have to eliminate the second scholarship.

The South Central Federation of Mineral Societies challenges all the Regional Federations to make up the difference in the available funds for the 2005 AFMS Scholarship awards. We propose that each Regional Federation raise and donate to the AFMS Scholarship fund the equivalent of \$1.00 per member. This can be accomplished in any manner each Federation chooses. The only thing you must do is state the money is for unrestricted use when you send it in so it can go directly to fund the second scholarship. The total we need to raise is \$12,000 (twelve thousand dollars). I believe we can do this and more because it is a worthy cause and one of the most important things we as members of the American Federation of Mineral Societies do. Remember the nominating process is already underway so this is a time-constricted effort. The deadline for raising the funds the AFMS meeting in St. Louis, MO, August 21, 2005.

This is a Challenge!! Are you up to meeting it???

*[Ed. Note: Be sure to mark your check "non-restricted funds" if you and/or your club wish to take the challenge. Mail your contributions to  
Bob Livingston  
AFMS Scholarship Coordinator  
59 Ely Drive  
Fayetteville, NY 13066-1001*

*Contributions not marked will go into the permanent Scholarship Funds from which only the interest can be used. ]*

However, help is on the way. By an Executive Order issued August 26, 2004, President Bush ordered Federal Agencies to adopt a more cooperative (less confrontational) approach in implementing laws relating to the environment and natural resources, "with an emphasis on appropriate inclusion of local participation in federal decision making."

### *H.R. 2416 (S546) - Paleontological Resources Preservation Act*

The U.S. House of Representatives website shows no movement of this legislation subsequent to referral to several subcommittees on June 19, 2003. Accordingly, the legislation can be expected to die in committee at the end of this current Congress.

It has been hard work, but enjoyable.

George Loud

## Editor's Corner

by Mary Bateman

### Enter the 2005 Bulletin Contest

It is November and it's time for cold weather, preparing for the holidays, and, yes, time to send in your entries for the 2005 Bulletin Editors' Contest. By the time you are reading this article, you should have received your entry packet. If you have not, please contact Mary Bateman at <mbateman1@verizon.net> or by phone at 703.521.4614.

The EFMLS meeting will be held in mid-March in 2005. Because this is so early in the year, it puts a tight time line on getting things ready for the Editors' Breakfast. Keeping that in mind, the date for submission of your newsletters, articles, poems, puzzles, drawings, junior articles, etc. is November 30. For a few of you, this means that you will be unable to submit your December newsletters. We apologize for this, but can find no other way to get around this.

Please do submit up to the maximum in each category for the contest. The feedback from those who have received trophies, awards and certificates is great. Receiving acknowledgement for their efforts gives the recipients a sense of pride in a job well done and a willingness to write some more—and we want them to continue to contribute.

We are still in need of judges for the contest. As last year, there will be two judges per category. If you know of anyone in your club who might make a good judge, please submit their name to Mary Bateman at the above.

Keep up the good work and get those entries in!



## Annual Meeting Minutes

by Madelyn Todd



The minutes for the EFMLS 54th Annual Meeting held this past July in Syracuse, NY are included in this issue of the newsletter. You'll find them beginning on page 14.

No reports are included. If you did not attend the meeting and would like a copy of the report packet, please write or telephone me no later than November 15 and I will send you a copy.

## Wildacres Appreciation Award

from Matt Charsky, 2004 EFMLS President

One of the responsibilities and pleasures of being EFMLS President is to present the Wildacres Appreciation Award to someone who has "made outstanding contributions to the EFMLS sponsored Wildacres Workshops. The award is presented during one of the EFMLS Wildacres sessions.

The Citation which accompanies the presentation and plaque reads:

"The 2004 recipient has been a regular attendee at Wildacres for many years. She has provided and continues to provide excellent publicity to promote the Wildacres sessions, and has produced the Wildacres Prospector for a long, long time. (This is no small task - she brings her computer and printer, puts the newsletter together and prints it on a daily basis so that each participant can have a copy). She also often participates in Sharing Time.

Therefore, in recognition and appreciation of exceptional service

and sustained contribution to further the mission of the Wildacres Workshops, it is my honor to present this years Wildacres Appreciation Award to Carolyn Weinberger."



*[Ed. Note: I'm still speechless at receiving the award - a rare occurrence indeed. I'm extremely honored to be in such good company.]*

### Previous Recipients

- 1997 - Angie Teixeira
- 1998 - Jennie R. Smith
- 1999 - Virginia Meador
- 2000 - E. T. Pike
- 2001 - Virginia & Tom Milligan
- 2002 - Milt Shaw
- 2003 - Carl Phillips

## Take Advantage of These Opportunities

- Each One Teach One Recognition
- All American Club Award
- AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year
- EFMLS Editors' Contest
- Slide & Video Program Library
- EFMLS Supplies
- Help for your club from your Regional Vice President

# All American Club Award Entry - 2004

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## SECTION 1 - CLUB INFORMATION (no points awarded)

Club Name and Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date organized: \_\_\_\_\_ Federation Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Members: Adult \_\_\_\_\_ Honorary \_\_\_\_\_ Life \_\_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Place \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Mission or Purpose of Club \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION 2 - SERVICE TO MEMBERS OR GUESTS (30 points possible)

General Meetings: Number of Meetings \_\_\_\_\_ Average Attendance \_\_\_\_\_

Guests \_\_\_\_\_ Door Prizes: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Programs: Include list for the year, namng type of program, speaker, etc.

Board Meetings: Number of Meetings \_\_\_\_\_ Average Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_ Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

List of Officers, Directors and Committee Chairpersons \_\_\_\_\_

Junior Meetings: Number of Meetings \_\_\_\_\_ Average Attendance \_\_\_\_\_ Guests \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Leader \_\_\_\_\_

Special Group Meetings (Established Groups)

Number Attending: Cabbing \_\_\_\_\_ Faceting \_\_\_\_\_ Metal Working \_\_\_\_\_ Beading \_\_\_\_\_

Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Social Events: Number attending -

Summer picnic \_\_\_\_\_ Installation Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ Holiday Dinner \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe): \_\_\_\_\_

Show Conducted: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Members Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Dealers \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Members Helping \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Demonstrations \_\_\_\_\_

Special Features: Club Library: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Books \_\_\_\_\_

Workshop or Classes: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (List kinds)

Permanent Traveling Displays Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (List type and location)

## SECTION 3 - PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLICITY (30 points possible)

Bulletin Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Editor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Were meeting notices posted in libraries, stores, etc.? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Were meeting notices published in local newspapers? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Were show fliers posted in public places? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Were show notices published in local newspapers? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Were meetings or shows announced on radio or TV? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Copies of any supporting material such as printed articles about club or members, show announcements or fliers, meeting and show notices from newspapers should be submitted.

## All American Award Entry, Part 2

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### SECTION 4 - SUPPORT FOR THE FEDERATION (Regional and American) AND OTHER CLUBS (20 points possible)

Members served as Federation officers or on committees: Regional: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
National: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Members Attended: Regional Federation Convention and Show: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

American Federation Convention and Show: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Club or members contributed to Scholarship Fund or Endowment Funds: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Members gave programs for other clubs Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Members attended other club shows/swaps/workshops Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Members displayed cases at other club shows Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Monthly bulletin exchanged with other clubs Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Joint field trips with other clubs Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Supporting material should include a list of all above persons, positions and other activities, and could include pictures, copies of certificates, etc.

### SECTION 5 - COMMUNITY RELATIONS (15 points possible)

Talks or demonstrations given at schools, youth groups, etc. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Displays at libraries or other public locations Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Booth or other activity at local fairs or events Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Support for other community activities Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Donation of materials to school, nursing homes, groups, etc. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Supporting material should provide details for all above items, and could include pictures, thank you cards, Certificates of Appreciation, etc.

### SECTION 6 - GOVERNMENT AGENCY AND LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS (10 points possible)

Members served on agency committees Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Members provided comments on agency proposals and drafts Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Members contacted congressmen concerning legislation affecting access or collection Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Club or members supported access/collection lobbying organization Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Supporting materials should provide details for all above items and could include copies of letters sent.

### SECTION 7 - OVERALL FORMAT AND PRESENTATION OF SUBMISSION (10 points possible)

This will be judged for neatness, organization and spelling, and the overall presentation of material.

### SCORING AND AWARDS

90-100 points = Gold All American Club      80-89 points = Silver All American Club

70-79 points = Bronze All American Club

Instructions for completing entry form: Calendar year 2004

1. Each entry is to be submitted as a single document, limited to a maximum of 100 pages (one or two sided), including text and graphics. A loose-leaf notebook is a suitable binder.

2. The document should have six sections divided with numbers 1 - 6, with the entry form in section 1 and the supporting information for each of the sections in its place following the appropriate divider. There is no restriction on the number of pages in any section.

3. When filling out the entry form, mark all appropriate blanks and entry numbers, or other information where requested. Assemble requested supporting materials and lists after the appropriate section divider, and insert photos and other graphics following the typed information.

4. Entries are to be submitted to your regional federation All American chairperson. Check your Federation newsletter for due dates.

5. Winners will be announced during the AFMS Awards Banquet in St. Louis, MO on Saturday, August 20, 2005. All submitted materials will be returned.

*Mail to: Hazel Remaley, RD #3, Box 316A; Gillett, PA 16925-9649. Deadline is February 1, 2005*

# MINUTES OF THE 54TH ANNUAL EFMLS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Syracuse, NY  
July 10, 2004

1. **CALL to ORDER** : Pres. Matt Charsky called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM. He expressed his appreciation to the delegates for coming to the meeting. He explained that the gavel he uses was made of wood that came from the White House when it was remodeled in 1950.
2. **PLEDGE to the FLAG** Wendell Mohr led the pledge to the flag. The flag was a gift to EFMLS from the Gem and Mineral Society of Washington D. C.. The flag flew over the Capitol on the 50th anniversary of EFMLS.
3. **MEMORIAL MOMENT**: Moment of silence was observed in memory of those club members who had died during the past year.
4. **GREETINGS BY EFMLS PRESIDENT**: Matt Charsky welcomed those present. He was glad to be present at this annual event.
- 5 **WELCOME FROM 2004 SHOW COMMITTEE**: Lou Budell hoped everyone would have a good time. The committee tried to produce a good show and events. There are about 90 vendors participating and many displays.
6. **INTRODUCTIONS**: Matt Charsky introduced Carl Miller, 1st V. P., Madelyn Todd, Sec., Lou Budell, Treas., Larry Vandergrift, Imm. Past Pres., Joy Bourne, Past Pres Advisory Council, Michael Kessler Region II V. P. , John Baumler, Region III V. P., Jennie Smith, Region IV V. P. and Barbara Fenstermacher, Region VI V. P.
7. **QUORUM CONFIRMATION**: Madelyn Todd, Secretary, verified that a quorum was present.
8. **ADOPT CONVENTION PROCEDURES** Motion was made by Reivan Zeleznik, seconded by John Baumler to adopt the procedures. Motion was passed.
9. **ADOPT AGENDA**: Motion made by Reivan Zeleznik, seconded by Michael Kessler to adopt the agenda was passed.
10. **APPROVE MINUTES**: Wendell Mohr noted that the Minutes of the October 17, 2003 meeting, as published in EFMLS NEWS January ,2004 did not include in the Audit Committee report that Wildacres and Supplies Accounts were not available for Audit. Motion made by Reivan Zeleznik, seconded by Michael Kessler to accept the MINUTES as corrected
11. **OFFICERS' REPORTS**:
  - a. **PRESIDENT** Matt Charsky reported that he began the year with most committee chairs in place. EFMLS maintained approximately the same number of clubs as last year. A substantial amount of time was spent on planning the combined EFMLS and AFMS Conventions being held here. He reported that Carolyn Weinberger was elected as AFMS Director (3rd Vice-President) for the coming year.
  - b. **FIRST VICE PRESIDENT** Carl Miller worked with Lou Budell to draft a balanced budget for 2005. He conducted the Regional Vice President elections for even-numbered regions.. The results were Michael Kessler, Region II, Jennie Smith Region IV, Barbara Fenstermacher Region VI, and Jeff Ursillo Region VIII.
  - c. **SECOND VICE PRESIDENT** Bill Longley. Bill has undergone surgery and was not present. There were no new clubs this year.
  - d. **SECRETARY** Madelyn Todd thanked Marion Reynolds, Florence Rich and Francis Sick for their help in Registration and Sign-in.
  - e. **TREASURER** Lou Budell submitted statements of receipts & disbursements from 11/01/2002 thru 10/31/2003, 11/01/2003 thru 04/30/2004, Wildacres report for 2003 and EFMLS Supplies Annual Report 11/02/02 to 1/01/03. He indicated that April 30, 2004 was the cut-off date for submission of records for auditing. The final receipts from Ways & Means Raffle will not be known until this evening. Membership in EFMLS has increased. It was suggested that, since there is an EFF Savings account, that the receipts and disbursements be reported separately similar to Wildacres and Supplies accounts.
  - f. **ASSISTANT TREASURER** Millie Heym. Not present. She reported that Lou Budell sends her copies of all records which she has photocopied for her records.
  - g . **EDITOR** Carolyn Weinberger had published eight issues of the EFMLS since 11/1/03. She thanked chairs and officers who routinely send their articles for publication. She reported that there are some committee chairs missing and hopes they will do a better job in the coming months.
  - h. **GENERAL SHOW CHAIRMAN** John Davis not present, he is at the Show.
  - i. **IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT** Larry Vandergrift was chairperson of the Nominating Committee.
  - j. **PAST PRESIDENTS' ADVISORY COUNCIL** Joy Bourne reported that the Council's only task was to select the candidate to be the recipient of the 2004 EFMLS Citation Award to be announced at the Convention Banquet.
  - k. **REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS**:
    - REGION I** Dan Kavanagh reported that he had attended three club shows so far this year.
    - REGION II** Michael Kessler reported that Charles Runko works with him. Clubs are joining together for bus and field trips to share costs. He had attended six club shows this year. Clubs in his area showed interest in mineral swaps by mail but not with clubs from their own area. He is seeking help from AFMS. He thanked those clubs who have sent him their bulletins as he requested.
    - REGION III** John Baumler read his report.
    - REGION IV** Jennie Smith reported that annual Region IV Swap and Picnic was favored by perfect weather, over 50 participated in swapping and panning for gold.

REGION V Judy Budnik. Not present. No report

REGION VI Barbara Fenstermacher aided some clubs with difficult issues when necessary. She expressed her appreciation to Steve Weinberger for his council. Membership is relatively constant.

REGION VII Brenda Hankins not present. No report

REGION VIII Jeff Ursillo not present. No report

## 12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. AFMS ALL AMERICAN CLUB AWARD Hazel Remaley had 2 entries in the All American Club Award competition.
- b. AFMS BOUNDARIES Robert G. Groves reported that there were no change in boundaries.
- c. AFMS CONSERVATION & LEGISLATION George Loud not present. He reported that "Paleontological Resources Preservation Act" remains stalled in committee. The collecting area "Diamod Point", Arizona has been reopened on a limited basis. Mineral collectors are advised to be particularly cautious when collecting near protected archeological sites.
- d. AFMS CLUB ROCKHOUND of the YEAR Cathy Gaber listed those that had been nominated from September 2003 to May 2004. Only 14 clubs nominated Club Rockhounds.
- e. AFMS ENDOWMENT FUND Steve Weinberger reported directly to AFMS.
- f. AFMS JUNIOR ACTIVITIES Kathy Hrechka promoted the idea of having a "kids club" meeting one Saturday each month. She urged club members to donate minerals for the children to take home. Jim Brace-Thompson, AFMS Junior Activities Chairperson has recently put together a new merit badge program for kids. Check the AFMS web site for more details.
- g. AFMS PUBLIC RELATIONS Barbara Fenstermacher had nothing new to report.
- h. AFMS SAFETY Bill Klose reported that a "SAFETY FIRST" article has appeared in every EFMLS News issue during the year. The revision of the AFMS Safety Manual has been delayed due to personal conflicts during the year.
- i. AFMS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION COORDINATOR Bob Livingston received 18 donations. Eleven donations were memorials. In each case, next of kin were notified as stipulated.
- j. AFMS UNIFORM RULES B. Jay Bowman completed a judging seminar held at Wildacres. Twenty people attended. Eight rule changes have been made. They will be published in the AFMS Newsletter.
- k. AFMS WAYS AND MEANS Warren Redford had submitted a list of ideas to the Chairperson, Izzie Burns. He suggested that AFMS seek financial help from some of the major oil companies since the study of geology is of interest to both the oil companies and AFMS.
- l. AUDIT COMMITTEE Jean W. Groves reported that the committee reviewed financial records for Nov. 1, 2003 through April 30, 2004. The committee praised Lou Budell for his work. It recommended that the report be updated to reflect all actual transactions that flow in and out within the review period and the Annual Report should be reconciled. Otherwise, the inaccuracies will carry over to every review period thereafter. The actual dates of transactions should be entered into a log and a list be maintained with every step taken.
- m. BUDGET AND FINANCE Carl Miller will discuss the budget under new business.
- n. BULLETIN EDITORS' ADVISORY Mary Bateman listed 26 clubs that had submitted entries. There were two judges for each category. There was a total of 16 judges. It was difficult finding judges and she was grateful to those who volunteered their time.
- o. BY-LAWS Steve Weinberger reported that there were no recommendations for by-law or operating procedures changes.
- p. CONVENTION ADVISORY Reivan Zeleznik reported that there are no volunteers for future conventions. All attempts were unsuccessful. He requested that everyone urge their clubs to host a meeting. Help is available from clubs that have held meetings. Shirley Leeson emphasized that the club need not be large. Great meetings have been sponsored by small clubs.
- q. DIRECTORY Carolyn Weinberger reminded clubs to inform the EFMLS Secretary and Editor of any changes in officers and addresses so that the channels of communication may be kept open. Copies of the directory are available at the show.
- r. EACH ONE TEACH ONE Frances Sick reported that seven nominations were received. The Top Award plaque and certificates to all of the nominees will be presented at the Awards Banquet.
- s. EASTERN FOUNDATION FUND Joy Bourne reported that three clubs have achieved 1,000% cumulative level and will be honored by having their club names inscribed on the "EFF Roll of Honor Plaque" which will be displayed at EFMLS conventions. Contributions provide financial support for the programs and services provided by EFMLS. Only the interest from the fund can be used.
- t. **EFMLS ANNUAL AUCTION** Bruce Gaber announced that it was not possible to arrange a suitable space for the auction in Poughkeepsie. This year's auction will be held at 2:00 PM. Auctions at Wildacres continue to produce much needed revenue.

- u. **HISTORIAN** Susanna MacInnis had little activity this year. It was mainly keeping files up to date, storing Newsletters and information.
- v. **INSURANCE** Carl Miller reported that there was an significant increase in the Liability Premium for this year, but it is still inexpensive for the coverage it provides.
- w. **SHOW COORDINATOR** William D. Lema reported that it seemed that many of the clubs do not take advantage of this organization to promote their clubs' functions.
- x. **SLIDE & VIDEO PROGRAM LIBRARIAN/AFMS COMPETITION** Richard Harrison reported that new programs are available: Rochester Symposium tapes, AFMS programs and upcoming AFMS program winners.
- y. **SUPPLIES** Duane Evans terminated his position as of March. Not all funds have been transferred because of outstanding checks. Michael Kessler is the present chairman.
- z. **UNIFORM RULES** Sue MacInnis reported that an excellent class was held at Wildacres. The Rulebook was completely reviewed. More exhibitors are needed. The quality is good, but the numbers is not.
- aa. **WAYS & MEANS** Joan Charsky secured donated items for the EFF raffle. The tradition of rewarding the club that sold the most tickets will continue. The drawing and awarding of the trophy will be held during the Awards Banquet.
- bb. **WEBMASTER** Dan Imel not present. No report.
- cc. **WILDACRES WORKSHOP FUNCTIONING COMMITTEE** Esther B. Dunn reported that one of the instructors, Milton Shaw, passed away and that Duane Evans, one of the Functioning Committee members, is moving to Arizona. Wayne Sukow completed the unexpired term. The current registrar is Debbie Bard. There were 102 attendees for the first session, 20 participated in the Judging Seminar. The auction netted \$4,000 .
- dd. **NOMINATING COMMITTEE** Larry Vandergrift presented the slate: Pres. Carl Miller , 1st V. P. Bill Longley, 2nd V.P.- Wayne Sukow and Dan Settles, Secretary Frances Sick and Mary Bateman, Asst. Treas. Millie Heym, Nominating Committee- Reivan Zeleznik and Harvey Brickman.  
Motion was made by Barbara Sky, seconded by Michael Kessler to accept reports as amended. Motion passed.

**13. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. **NEFTA** Carl Miller up-dated the work of the ad- hoc committee. It is still monitoring NEFTA ( an eastern field trip alliance) activities. Good will exists There were successful field trips last year. No decision has been made yet to recognize it as an EFMLS affiliated group. It was noted that formal club field trips must be officially announced in club's newsletter. The duties of the ad hoc committee end Oct 31, 2004.

**14. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **AUDIT** Recommendation was made that all clubs have their books audited yearly. Also, if EFMLS auditing committee does not receive information from committees as requested, the president should contact those committees.
- b. **ELECTION of OFFICERS** Nominations from the floor were requested. None were made. Motion was made by Sue MacInnes and Barbara Sky to close nominations for offices for which there were only one nominee. Motion passed. Election results: Pres.: Carl Miller, 1st V. P.: Bill Longley, 2nd V. P.: Wayne Sukow , Sec. Mary Bateman., Asst. Treas. Mary Bateman, Nominating Committee Reivan Zeleznik and Harvey Brickman.
- c. **BUDGET** Motion was made by Reivan Zeleznik, seconded by Fred Schafermeyer to adopt the budget as presented. Since money from Ways & Means raffle to given to EFF, the budget was modified to eliminate income from "Ways & Means Raffle" and "Eastern Foundation Fund Expenses". Motion was revised to adopt the budget as modified was passed.
- d. **REGIONAI V.P.'s** Bob Livingston pointed out that for this year and last year the regional vice presidents from Regions 5, 7 & 8 did not attend the meetings and did not submit reports. He suggested that the V. P.'s be contacted and be made aware of the expenses allotted in the budget for the use of the regional vice presidents.
- e. **CLOSED ACCOUNTS** Final audit on several closed accounts was incomplete because of missing papers. Since the amount of money involved is small, the decision was made to accept the statements as presented, but hereafter all accounts will be carefully audited.
- f. **FIELD TRIPS** Many collecting sites are being closed because some clubs are allowing non-club members to join them. These individuals are not covered by club insurance. Be sure that all requirements of the site are strictly enforced.

**16 CALL FOR "VOTE OF THANKS TO HOST CLUB"** A vote of thanks to the host club was made. Bob Livingston will relay it to the Gem and Mineral Society of Syracuse.

**17. MOTION to ADJOURN** Made by Carolyn Weinberger, seconded by Joy Bourne. Motion Passed

Respectfully submitted  
Madelyn Todd, Secretary

ATTENDANCE  
54th ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Syracuse, New York  
July 10, 2004

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**AIKEN GEM, MINERAL & FOSSIL SOCIETY:** Barbara S. Fenstermacher  
**GASTON COUNTY GEM & MINERAL CLUB:** Roy Asbury, Carlton E. Heil, Joe Meador

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**DOTHAN GEM & MINERAL CLUB:** Grady L. Dunn, Esther B. Dunn  
**MISSISSIPPI GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY:** Betty M. James

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## Visit A Show

from William Lema

*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 him at <[williamlema@cox.net](mailto:williamlema@cox.net)>.*

### October:

23-24: 34th Rochester Gem, Mineral and Fossil show sponsored by the Rochester Lapidary Society and the RAS Mineral Section. Minett Hall at the Dome Center (Hylan Drive Exit off 390 to Calkins Road) Henrietta, NY.

23-24: 32nd Annual Gem & Mineral Show hosted by the Bristol Gem & Mineral Club. Bristol Senior/Community Center, 240 Stafford Ave., Bristol, CT

30-31: 33rd Annual Gem, Jewelry, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Rhode Island Mineral Hunters. Community College of Rhode Island - Knight Campus, Rt 113, East Ave; Warwick, RI

### November:

6 - 7: Golden Anniversary Mineral, Fossil, Jewelry & Gem Show sponsored by the Stamford Mineralogical Society. *New location:* Eastern Greenwich Civic Center, 90 Harding Av; Old Greenwich, CT.

6-7: 35th Annual Gemarama Fine Gem, Jewelry & Mineral Show, sponsored by the Tuscarora Lapidary Society. CFS, School at Church Farm, Business Rt 30 & Rt 202, Exton, PA.

13-14: 42nd Annual Jewelry, Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Nassau Mineral Club. SUNY College at Old Westbury, New York. Info: <[www.nassaumineralclub.com](http://www.nassaumineralclub.com)>

13: 13th Annual Fall Rock Swap & Show sponsored by the Richmond Gem & Mineral Society. Hours 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Ridge Baptist Church Meeting Hall, 1515 E Ridge Rd; Richmond, VA.

20th - 21st: Annual Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Show, sponsored by the Northern Virginia Mineral Club. Student Union II Building, George Mason Univ., Fairfax, VA.

### March 2005

5 - 6: 42nd Annual Earth Science Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Delaware Mineralogical Society. Delaware Technical and Community College @ I-95 Exit 4B, Churchmans Road (Rt 58) Newark (Stanton), DE 19713

18 - 20: 55th Annual EFMLS Convention & Show in conjunction with the Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club annual show. Athens Township Fire Hall, Sayre, PA. Show March 19-20. EFMLS Annual Meeting - March 18.

### April 2005:

1-3: Atlantic Micromounters Conference sponsored by the Micromounters of the National Capital Area. MD Hospital Center, Elkridge, MD. For info & registration, contact Steve Weinberger <[cweinber@bcpl.net](mailto:cweinber@bcpl.net)>.

### May 2005:

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