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NASVHILLE WAS GREAT!

THANKS TO THE MIDDLE TENNESSEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY FOR BEING SUCH TERRIFIC HOSTS

We Rockhounds Always Win!

by Joy Bourne, AFMS Endowment Chair

NFMS was the really big winner in the Endowment Fund Drawing this year – eight NFMS names were drawn, by Dr. Bob Carlson, as prize winners at the drawing after conclusion of the August Awards Banquet in Nashville! Could it be a home Federation show of support for our incoming 4th VP, Rocky McCall, or could it be a penalty payback for him? He wound up taking all those prizes back to the Pacific Northwest for delivery. Well, that was his reward for peddling so many tickets. (He really did peddle a lot of tickets), as did all our Committee members. In fact, we later counted a record total 1,155 tickets were in the bucket when Dr. Bob started the drawing. Thanks to each and every one who helped us reach this total.

. . . And the Winners Are . . . (in alphabetical order)

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Congratulations to all the winners, and that includes all of us, the members of the AFMS. We are were All winners in this years’ fund raiser. Thanks to your excellent response to the efforts of our Endowment Fund committee members; our PR people, Carolyn and Marty and a host of folks who came forth to volunteer, the final total amount raised this year - including tickets and other donations plus show table sales of miscellaneous items - shows that you raised another $4,934.00 for the AFMS Endowment Fund!

(BTW: Did you happen to note that Mr. Gottschalk is now a three-time winner in our annual drawings?)

Every ticket, every year has an equal chance to win.

We are already making plans for the 2007 drawing in Roswell, and our eager-beaver, Howie Whiting has already picked up a batch of tickets for the folks in RMFMS. You will be hearing more about this later.

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Visit the AFMS on the web <www.amfed.org>
It's Been a Great Year

by Jim Robinson, AFMS President

The AFMS Convention in Nashville was well attended and I want to thank the Middle Tennessee Gem & Mineral Society for hosting this event. It seemed that members of the club had thought of everything to make our stay a pleasant one. Unfortunately, I was ill during much of the week in Nashville and really could not enjoy the show as I would have wanted.

The AFMS annual meeting went smoothly. I thought you might want to see what we did, so I've had the minutes of the meeting reprinted elsewhere in this newsletter. The Uniform Rules Committee held its meeting as well and the upcoming changes to the competitive rules are also in this issue. They go into practice on January 1, 2007.

This will be my last message to you as President of the American Federation. I want to say thank you to my officers and committee chairpersons. They are the people who keep this organization ticking, who provide guidance and expertise, and who can be relied on to answer questions or provide advice when asked.

It has been a privilege to serve you and an honor to be associated with so many dedicated rockhounds. This has been a wonderful year and Awilda and I have had so many opportunities to meet and hear from so many wonderful people.

Jim

Competitive Display Results

from Betty James, URC Chair

The show in Nashville had nine displays that were entered in competition. Our teams of judges evaluated each and awarded the following scores and/or ribbons and trophies.

You will notice that some of the displays were entered in both the SFMS and AFMS judging. If a particular display has earned a score of 90 or above at a regional federation show, that display may be directly entered into AFMS competition. If this has not occurred, the display must first be entered into the local regional federation competition. If the competitor enters at the masters level and earns a score of 90 or above, that display then "flies up" and is judged by a different team of judges at the AFMS level.

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The next AFMS Convention will be held in Roswell, NM during the first week of June. It would be wonderful to see many, many more competitive and non-competitive exhibits there. They mean so much to the public - and it's a wonderful way for us to educate the public about why our hobby gives us such pleasure.

If you're interested in displaying, whether in competition for awards or not, I'd urge you to take a look at the Uniform Rules Manual. You'll get some wonderful tips about setting up your display and of course the guidelines for what is and what is not allowed in a competitive display. These rules are a good guide for all exhibitors. You can obtain a copy from your regional federation supplies chair or download an unofficial copy from the AFMS website at www.amfed.org/rules/rules.htm.
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EARTH SCIENCE WEEK RESOURCES FOR KIDS

provides an opportunity to earn an Earth Science Week Activity Patch, and more.

Students tab helps kids find Earth Science Week events near their communities, provides information
grade level (grades K-4, 5-8, and 9-12) and all based on National Science Education Standards. The
"For Teachers" and "For Students." The Teachers tab takes you to more than 60 activities divided by
academics and Ph.D. researchers, to take part in the earth sciences. And
"Be a Citizen Scientist." The goal is to encourage everyone, not just
geologists Foundation.

This year, Earth Science Week is October 8-14 and has a theme of "Be a Citizen Scientist." The goal is to encourage everyone, not just
advocate for a better public understanding and appreciation of the earth sciences and, in the process, to encourage stewardship of our one-and-only planet. In addition to AGI, other sponsors and program partners include the U.S. Geological Survey, the National Park Service, NASA, the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration, Earth Scope, Incorporated Research Institutions of Seismology (IRIS), The Weather Channel, and the American Association of Petroleum Geologists Foundation.

With October upon us, I'd like to draw your attention to Earth Science Week. This annual event has been sponsored by the American Geological Institute (AGI) since October 1998 to promote a better public understanding and appreciation of the earth sciences and, in the process, to encourage stewardship of our one-and-only planet. In addition to AGI, other sponsors and program partners include the U.S. Geological Survey, the National Park Service, NASA, the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration, Earth Scope, Incorporated Research Institutions of Seismology (IRIS), The Weather Channel, and the American Association of Petroleum Geologists Foundation.

So run to the computer, type in <www.earthsciweek.com>, and open yet another window to helping kids learn while—as always—having fun!
**Upcoming Regional Federation Shows**

_from Mary Trammell, AFMS Show Coordinator_

Here is the schedule of upcoming Regional Federation Conventions that I have to this date. Please remember to contact me prior to finalizing any dates if your federation has plans for any shows other than those shown here so we can avoid conflicts. You can reach me at <trammell@our-town.com>

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**AFMS Award Winning Articles**

_from Kitty Starbuck_

The Editor’s Competition is over for another year and the results have been announced. See page 8 for a complete list of all whose entries were sent on for judging at the AFMS level.

As has been my practice in the past several years, I’ve reprinted the award winning articles so that editors can use them in their club newsletters. As in past years, they are excellent! You can obtain a copy of the booklet by sending a check for $9 (payable to Kitty Starbuck) to me at 7636 East V Av, Vicksburg, MI 49097-9307.

**Take Me For Granted**

_by Cathy Gaber_

AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year

Don’t just take me for granted, take your club president, vice president, field trip coordinator, secretary, treasurer, librarian, show chairman and refreshment supervisor for granted too. Who are the people in your club who do the work month in, month out, often for years? Are you guilty of taking them for granted? It’s time to give them some credit. Honor them as your club’s AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year.

**Upcoming Rules Changes**

_from Betty James, URC Chair_

The Uniform Rules Committee held its annual meeting in conjunction with the AFMS annual convention in Nashville this past August. A few changes in the Uniform Rules which govern competitive exhibits were adopted and other suggestions were referred to committee.

All changes take effect on January 1, 2007 and updated copies of the Uniform Rules will be available at that time.

In Division G on G-2-2004, 22.3 OUT OF CLASS changed to read "(f) Tumbled stones except as minor background material in Class G-6 Diorama.

In Division H on H-1-2003, Rule 24.6 changed to disqualify any exhibit using material banned by the Federal Government or by specified state or local laws.

Change to LILLIAN TURNER AWARD S-I-P-I-6-2003 to give award to a non-competitive Junior exhibit when no Junior exhibit was entered in competition. Changed approved and presented to AFMS for passage.

In Division D on page D-5-2004 under DST-6 Variety of work changed to add “one item should use four wires to make the outside frame. The exhibitor may also use any other technique that is within the scope of wire wrapping.

Marty Hart was authorized to add the mineral, fossil and lapidary lists to the website.

The format for a new Division for beading was referred back to committee of Jim Hurlbut, Betty James and Dianne Johnson.

No action was taken on updating the Mineral List.

2007 AFMS Officers... Dr. Robert Carlson, Pat LaRue, Don Monroe, Rocky McCall, John Blue, Carolyn Winberger, Shirley Leeson. Not pictured... Bill Pattillo and Anne Cook.

Photo: S. Weinberger
EDUCATION - ALL AMERICAN AWARDS

The Education-All American Club Awards (AACA) program for 2006 concluded at the end of July, with awards ready to be presented at the 2006 AFMS Convention and Show in Nashville, TN. Congratulations are in order to all those who entered their clubs into the competition. The books reflected dynamic club activities, and the hard work of club leaders and members. I only wish we could have awarded a "Gold Medal Award" to each and every club that entered.

The regional Federation chairpersons who make up my committee and I will continue to review the AACA application and the score sheets for future contests. Included in this newsletter is the score sheets for future contests. Follow the packing rules of providing appropriate labels of T.D. and location for each specimen. Section 6 of the AACA application is the lobbying arm of the American Lands Access Association (ALAA) is the lobbying arm of the American Lands Access Association (ALAA). The American Lands Access Association (ALAA) is the lobbying arm of the American Lands Access Association (ALAA). The American Lands Access Association (ALAA) is the lobbying arm of the American Lands Access Association (ALAA).

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Clubs that anticipate entering the competition next year should already be gathering material for their report. Next year's competition begins with your January, 2006 activities. The deadline for submitting to the AFMS chairman for the 2006 competition is April 15th, 2007. Check with your regional chair for their deadline.

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Glimpses From the Annual Meeting.... photos by C. Weinberger

Honorable Mention

SMALL CLUBS - less than 100 members

Honorable Mention
Williamson County Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. Georgetown, TX
Silver Medal Award
Fossils For Fun Society, Inc. Gold River, CA
Roseville Rock Rollers Roseville, CA
Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Society Marysville, CA

LARGE CLUBS - more than 100 members

Bronze Medal Award
Waca Gem & Mineral Club Waca, TX
Silver Medal Award
Arlington Gem & Mineral Club/ Texas School of Earth Sciences Arlington, TX
Wisconsin Geological Society Milwaukee, WI

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FEDERATION BOX SWAP
by Michael Kessler, EFMLS

The Federation Box Swap has continued to grow to the advantage of its many participants. For the past two years, the Federation Box Swap has been issuing guidelines for swapping specimens through the United States Postal Service. Clubs in 21 states have traded ten pounds of material at a time. Now normally this would be a serious expense but it was for the discovery of the Flat-Rate Box that the post office hands out for free to encourage the use of its services.

This is just a reminder that we still have clubs in several states ready to do some trading from their local sites. You can find some wonderful material coming from across the country.

The guidelines are simple. Choose a category for your trades. Make it mineral crystals, mineral lapidary, fossils or work within several categories. Follow the packing rules of providing appropriate labels of T.D. and location for each specimen. Make copies of your check is adequate documentation. It's so easy!

When you are ready to suggest trading to your club, send for the introductory letter from the Federation Box Swap coordinator. That's me. Michael Kessler 4 Longfellow Road East Stroudsburg, PA 18301 (570)421-3113 <quartz222@sbcglobal.com> Box Swap

[Ed Note: Michael also serves as an Eastern Federation Regional Vice President and as their Supplies Chairperson. He’s also a talented musician!]

President Jim Robinson, Parliamentarian Ruth Bailey, Pres-Elect, Bob Carlson, 1st VP Shirley Leeson. Photo: C. Weinberger
It seems that we’re moving into the digital age. Several of the programs entered in the AFMS program competition for 2006 were PowerPoint presentations. It seems that this is the wave of the future, but don’t throw out those slide projectors just yet. We’ve also had some slide programs submitted and expect that this will continue for a few more years to come.

The competition for this year is over and the judges have weighed in with their evaluations and comments. As a result of their efforts, we’re pleased to announce that the following programs will soon be added to your regional federation library.

Five programs by non-commercial producers were submitted this year. Three scored well over 90 points on an objective scale and earned “First Place” awards:

And the winners are:

**“Four Star” Winners.**


Heart of Wisconsin Gem & Mineral Society - MWF approximately 30 minutes in length

After preparing Part II - an overview of Oregon “eggs” - Doug had more images (primarily from western U.S. locations) that were far too good to keep to him. Hence, Part III - to share the diversity of dramatic, colorful specimens.

It isn’t necessary to see Part I (Thundereggs From Around the World) first, however if “eggs” are a topic of interest, each part of this series will be worth watching. And although Part III is the “icing” - it’s definitely more than “eye candy”.

(This program will be available as PowerPoint, VHS and DVD).

2. “German Agates” by Doug Moore.

Heart of Wisconsin Gem & Mineral Society - MWF approximately 45 minutes in length.

Using the 2005 Munich Mineral Show (with it’s theme of Agates) as a starting point, Doug introduces viewers to the long history of agate mining, noted collecting sites and the wide variety of agates found across Germany.

Unless you’ve had a chance to become familiar with German agates - which are rarely available to U.S. collectors - you’d be amazed by the colorful varieties found in such a relatively small area.

(This program will be available as PowerPoint, VHS and DVD).


St. Croix Rockhounds - MWF Northern Virginia Mineral Club - EFMLS approximately 60 slides, 40 minutes in length

Did you know that in addition to colorful fortifications, Lake Superior agates often have metallic inclusions and even optical effects? Noting a glint of copper in an agate slab, Wayne began to look more closely at other specimens. After 43 years of collecting and researching, many interesting specimens have been found and traditional theories of agate formation are called into question in view of evidence found over the years. This closer look offers one more reason to collect and study “Lakers.”

(This program, currently 35mm slides will be available in digital format at a later date.)

**“Excellence in Education Award”**

For a commercial production

“Rockhounds: the Movie” 55 minute VHS produced by Devin Deming & Todd Kent <www.geologyvideo.com>

If you’ve heard about collecting quartz at Mt. Eba, Arkansas, or “rose rocks” near Norman, Oklahoma, but never had the chance to go there yourself. This program is the next best thing. If you’ve never taken youngsters on a “dig” for fossils or seen an inviting banquet table where all the “food” is actually natural rocks or minerals, you haven’t experienced the range of interests in the Earth Science hobby. Devin and Todd obviously selected these diverse aspects of our Earth science hobby specifically to promote it and share the enthusiasm of hobbyists with a new generation.

However, there are no introductions to the segments so it may take a bit of time for viewers - especially novices - to understand each scenario. Other than that, this is an interesting introduction to various interests within the Earth Science hobby. Because there are distinct segments, you can choose which to watch depending on time limitations.

(also available in DVD format from the producers)

To reserve these (or other programs) for use later this year, contact your Regional Program Library.

The availability of digital formats provides several options for producing presentations. If you have 35mm slides that tell part of a story, why not make digital images to finish it? We challenge you or your Club to participate in Program Competition as a way to share your knowledge and interests with others across the country. Award winners are duplicated across the country. Award winners are duplicated so that each Regional Library has a copy for Club or individual use.

There are cash awards for non-commercial winners to defray production expenses. Topics can range from agates to zeolites; a museum tour, field trip, or demonstration of any of the arts and crafts within our hobby.

For more info about Program Competition including guidelines and “rules” contact your Regional Librarian or AFMS Program Competition Coordinator, Marge Collins-marge@qtm.net [QTM.net] or 269-695-4313. We’ll print the guidelines for the 2007 competition in the November AFMS Newsletter.

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**In Passing**

Doris Kemp, wife of AFMS Past President Russell Kemp, Jr. passed away August 8 in Houston, TX. A 1990 inductee in the National Rockhound & Lapidary Hall of Fame, she was known for her jewelry work as well as her involvement with the Lizarda Museum. Contributions in her memory should be directed to the AFMS Scholarship Foundation.

**What’s The Purpose?**

Someone recently asked me “What’s the purpose of the AFMS?” Good question, and one that caused me to do a little research so I could give the individual the “official” answer. My probe took me back to the AFMS Articles of Incorporation, which state...

“Article II - Objectives and Purposes

Section 1. GENERAL PURPOSES: To promote popular interest and education in the various Earth Sciences, and in particular the subjects of Geology, Mineralogy, Paleontology, Lapidary and other related subjects, and to sponsor and provide means of coordinating the work and efforts of all persons and groups interested therein; to sponsor and encourage the formation and international development of Societies and Regional Federations and by and through such means to strive toward greater international goodwill and fellowship.”

That statement was written almost sixty (60) years ago, and we’re still holding true to it. The number of regional federation members has grown to seven and through their efforts as well as our own, we’re educating the public through local clubs, shows, field trips, newsletters, websites, etc. We’re also helping the field “grow” through our scholarship foundation with two dozen students receiving financial assistance each year.

I’ve had the statement added to the newsletter (page 3) and it will appear there from now on each month so you can refer to it easily. I’ve also asked Marty Hart, the AFMS webmaster, to place it on the website (www.amfed.org) so that visitors can learn more about why we’re around.
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

from Steve Weinberger, Acting Secretary

August 16, 2006

The annual meeting of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by President Jim Robinson at the Hotel Preston in Nashville, TN.

The invocation was given by Buddy Shotts and Jim Robinson led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Board noted the passing of members within the various regional federations.

Following greetings from the President, South- east Federation President Ann Monroe thanked all for attending. Shaw chairman Lewis Elrod greeted everyone and thanked all of the club members who pitched in to make the convention possible. President of the Middle Tennessee Gem & Mineral Society, Marty Hart welcomed everyone. President Robinson introduced past AFMS presidents.

Steve Weinberger, acting as secretary for Anne Cook, declared that we had a quorum. Ron Carman substituted for George Browne (3rd Reg. VP), Marve Starbuck for Bob Miller (4th Reg. VP), Carolyn Weinberger for Joy Bourne (2nd Reg. VP), Kitty Starbuck for Eric Peterson (Midwest VP), Howie Whiting for Stan Nowak (Rocky Mountain VP.) No directors were present from South Central due to the concurrent scheduling of the South Central meeting with AFMS.

Sandy Fuller moved (seconded by Colleen McGann) to adopt the Rules of the Meeting. Motion passed. Dick Pankey moved (seconded by Fran Sisk) that the Agenda be adopted. Motion passed. Ruth Bailey served as parliamentarian. Dr. Robert Carlson moved (seconded by Shirley Leeson) that we accept the minutes of the 2005 annual meeting as printed. Motion passed.

Officers' Reports:

President (Jim Robinson): Report in packet. Jim reported that he was pleased that Pat LaRue was able to take over for treasurer Toby Cozens when Toby had to resign due to illness.

President-elect (Dr. Robert Carlson): Report in packet. Bob was able to attend several regional federation conventions this year.

First Regional V.P. (Shirley Leeson): Report in packet. Shirley summarized her work with the various committees she was assigned to and reiterated the problem with scheduling two federations' meetings at the same time, especially when one is the AFMS meeting. She urged federations to work with the show consultant.


Third Regional V.P. (George Browne): Report in packet.


Fifth Regional V.P. (Rocky McCall): Report in packet.

Secretary (Anne Cook): Report in packet.

Treasurer (Pat LaRue): Report brought and distributed.

Regional Federations' Reports:

California: President Colleen McGann and V.P. Dick Pankey's reports in packet.

Eastern: President Wayne Sukow's report in packet. Eastern has added a junior club in Maine.

Midwest: President Sandy Fuller's report in packet. The MWP is engaged in strategic planning to focus its efforts over the next few years. Northwest Federation: President Frank Posthumus's report in packet.

Rocky Mountain: President Richard Jaeger's report in packet. The RMF had a meeting of the Public Lands Advisory Committee at its show this year to share information concerning collecting sites.

South Central: President William Medford's report in packet.

Southeast: President Ann Monroe's report in packet.

Committee Reports:

The following committee reports were included in the packet: AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year, Newsletter, Boundaries, Bulletin Editors' Hall of Fame (add Mark Estesbrook), Bylaws and Operating Procedures, Central Office, Commemorative Stamps, Conservation & Legislation, Education—All American (7 entries this year), Endowment Fund, Historian, International Relations, Junior Programs, Long-Range Planning, Nominating Committee, Past President/Advisory Council, Photography, Program Competition, Safety, Scholarship (financial reports distributed), Show Consultant, Supply & Publication, Uniform Rules (judges' list distributed; all passed changes to be published and posted on website), Eligibility Files, Webmaster, Judges Training (ad hoc), 60th Anniversary Project (ad hoc)

Reports from the Auditing and Ways & Means Committees were distributed. Club Publications awards are to be made at the Editors' Breakfast.

Old Business:

Shirley Leeson moved (seconded by Ron Carlson) that remaining monies collected for the Lewis & Clark project be moved to the non-restricted endowment fund for use in the juniors' program. Motion passed.

New Business:

Bob Carlson moved (seconded by Wayne Sukow) to make the current ad hoc Judges' Training Committee a permanent committee. Motion passed.

Budget: Bob Carlson reported a correction—the International Relations Committee's budget should be $10,000. All committees have at least some money allocated. Shirley Leeson moved (seconded by Dick Pankey) to allocate $300 from the Endowment Fund for an ad in Rocks & Minerals Magazine and that the Ad Hoc Committee be formed to study advertising. The committee shall have a $25 operating expense. Motion passed.

Dick Pankey moved (seconded by Wayne Sukow) to accept the amended budget. Motion passed.

Operating Procedures: Shirley Leeson moved (seconded by Marve Starbuck) that the words "or review" be added to the President's Operating Procedure after the word "audit." Motion passed.

Shirley Leeson moved (seconded by Marve Star- buck) that the Operating Procedure for the Judges' Training Committee be adopted. Motion passed.

Election of Officers: Ron Carman moved (seconded by Ann Monroe) that the following slate of officers be elected. Motion passed. President: Dr. Robert Carlson (Rocky Mountain)

President-elect: Shirley Leeson (California)

1st Regional Vice President: Carolyn Weinberger (Eastern)

Second Regional Vice-President: Bill Pattullo (South Central)

Third Regional Vice-President: John Blue (Midwest)

Fourth Regional Vice-President: Rocky McCall (Northwest)

Fifth Regional Vice-President: Don Monroe (Southeast)

Treasurer: Pat LaRue

Bob Carlson moved (seconded by Shirley Leeson) that the Central Office Contract be renewed for another two years. Motion passed.

Announcements:

Betsy Pankey presented two $500.00 donation checks from the Olde Times Club—one to the Scholarship Foundation and the other to the Endowment Fund.

Howie Whiting had information and compact discs available for next year's meeting in Roswell, NM on June 7-10.

Upcoming Meetings:

Midwest (August 11 & 12, 2007 in Houghton, MI), Eastern (February 23 & 24, 2007 in Jackson, MS), Rocky Mountain (Oct. 31-Nov. 2 in Tulsa, OK), South Central (Sept. 2008).

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Weinberger
Acting Secretary for Anne Cook
EDITOR'S CONTEST AWARDS

from Kitty Starbuck, AFMS Chair

Awards for 2005 club bulletins and articles were given out at the Editors' Breakfast in Nashville on Sunday, August 20. Trophies and certificates for Southeast clubs will be distributed at the SFMS Convention later this year.

I want to thank our team of excellent judges for this year....

Diane Dane, Holiday, FL
 Joyce Harschu, Canton, MI
 Joy Bourne, Towards, PA
 Olly Bourne, Towards, PA
 Donna Moore, Cub, IL
 Robert Beausa, Grand Rapids, MI
 Cecilia Duluk, Dearborn Hts, MI
 Dolores Rose, Grand Island, NE
 Alan Hack, Lancing, WI

The results are as follows:

NEW EDITORS:
1. THE MATRIX, Kris Janusowski, Editor
Sacramento Mineral Soc., Sacramento, CA - CFMS

2. ROCK CHIPPINGS, David Dills, Editor
Woodland Hills Rock Chippers, Woodland Hills, CA - CFMS

3. THE STRATA DATA, Michele Yamazaki, Editor
Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Soc., Fort Wayne, IN - NFMS

4. THE ROCKY TIER, Sherry Gingery, Editor

5. DESERT DIGGINS, Peggy Haines, Editor
Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Soc., Barstow, CA - CFMS


7. THE OPAL, Mary Frank, Editor
West Suburban Lapidary Club, Elmhurst, IL - MWF

8. STONE AGE NEWS, Sandy Baker, Editor
Marysville Rock & Gem Club, Marysville, WA - SFMS

9. CHIPPER'S CHATTER, Rebecca Kane, Editor
Chesapeake Gem & Mineral Soc., Baltimore, MD - EFMLS

10. THE TERA-MINUS LOBE, Richard Gail, Editor
Glacial Drifters Geologic Soc., Shabogyan, CA - MWF

Honorable Mention:

THE PUNCH, Tucker Maston, Author

MAGS ROCKHOUND NEWS, Mike Baldwin, Editor

The results are as follows:

LARGE BULLETINS:

1. PETROGLYPHS, Merryan O'Neill, Editor
Las Alamos Geological Soc., Las Alamos, NM - RMFMS

2. T-TOWN ROCKHOUND, Mary Watts, Editor
Tulsa Rock & Mineral Soc., Tulsa, OK - RMFMS

3. CRACK'N CAR, Loren Patterson, Editor
Gem & Mineral Soc. of Syracuse, NY - EFMLS

4. JAV GEMS, Ed, and Barrie Johnson, Editors
Jacksonville Gem & Mineral Soc., Jacksonville, FL - SFMS

5. THE MINERAL MITE, Georgia Olesiak, Editor
Micromineralogists of the National Capital Area
Washington DC - EFMLS

6. THE STONE CHIPPER, David & Laura Dow, Editors
Austin Gem & Mineral Soc., Austin, TX - SFMS

7. THE ROOSTRUM, Robert Areen, Jr., Editor
The Maryland Geologic Soc., Baltimore, MD - EFMLS

8. CANAL VALLEY ROCKHOUND, David Jacobson, Editor
Canal Valley Gem Mineral Soc., - SFMS

9. CHIPS AND CHATTER, Dan Shurtz, Editor
Pleasant Oak Gem & Min Club of Dallas, Dallas, TX - SFMS

10. THE MOUNTAIN GEM, Linda Bahm, Editor
The Gem & Mineral Soc. of Franklin, N.C. - SCFMS

Honorable Mention:

CHAPARRAL CHATTER, Carol Sysko, Editor
Chaparral Rockhounds, Roswell, NM - RMFMS

FACETS, Jerry Bartlemay, Editor
Columbia Willamette Faceters Club, Portland, OR - NFMS

SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS:

1. AGMS CLUB BROCHURE, Suzanne Hedderly, Author
Richmond Gem & Mineral Soc., Richmond, VA - EFMLS

2. 2005 EFMLS AWARDS BANQUET PROGRAM, Joy Bourne, Author
Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club Inc, Sayre, PA - EFMLS

3. GEM CAPERS 2005 SHOW GUIDE AND ROCKHOUND RESOURCE, David and Laura Dow, Authors
Austin Gem and Mineral Soc., Austin, TX - SFMS

4. "SUPER GROCK AND LINCOLN IN ROCK: THE MOSAIC OF A SHOW" Judith Washburn, Author
Lincoln Orbit Earth Science Soc., Springfield, IL - MWF

JUNIOR ARTICLES - UNDER 12:

1. EGG GEODES, Christine Vasper, Author
McPherson Gem & Mineral Club, McPherson, KS - RMFMS

2. KETTLEMILL HILLS ADVENTURES BY TUCKER, Tucker Maston, Author
El Dorado Co. Mineral & Gem Soc., Placerville, CA - SFMS

3. THE ALL NATURAL, ALL OREGONIAD GEMSTONE, Amanda Schreiber, Author
Lake Elsinore Gem & Mineral Soc., Lake Elsinore, CA - SFMS

A very proud Amanda Schreiber receives her writing award from Pres. Elect, Bob Carlson. Photo by Jay

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4. ABBEY’S ROCK COLLECTION
Abigail Schreiber, Author
Lake Elsinore Gem & Mineral Soc., Lake Elsinore, CA - CFMS

5. THE CAVES: RANKIN
Donald Edred, Author
Houston Gem and Mineral Soc., Houston, TX - SCFMS

6. FOSSILS: Sabrina Richert, Author
Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Soc., Ft. Wayne, IN - MWF

JUNIOR ARTICLES: 12-17
1. DISCOVER THE BARRANCE DEL COBRE - MEXICO’S COPPER CANYON: Katherine Vesper, Author
McPherson Gem & Mineral Club, McPherson, KS - RMFMS

2. MERCURY - THE AMAZING LIQUID METAL
Timothy Vart, Author
Lake Elsinore Gem & Mineral Soc., Lake Elsinore, CA - CFMS

3. QUARTZ WATCH
Bryan Ernst, Author
Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Soc., Ft. Wayne, IN - MWF

4. AMBER, Mallory Renfroe, Author
Lake Elsinore Gem & Mineral Soc., Lake Elsinore, CA - CFMS

5. TRIP TO LOST RIVER CAVERNS
Troy Cartwright, Author
Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club, Sayre, PA - EFMLS

6. CALCITE, Draper Lee, Author
Gem & Mineral Soc. of Lynchburg, Lynchburg, VA - EFMLS

7. MUDSTONE, Elyiah Kemp, Author
Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Soc., Ft. Wayne, IN - MWF

ORIGINAL ARTICLES:
1. "FULGERITE - THE ESSENCE OF LIGHTNING"
Gloria Tomczyk, Author
Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club, Sayre, PA - EFMLS

2. "RARE GEM UNEARTHED IN THE NATION’S CAPITAL"
Erich Grundel, Author, Mineralogical Soc. of the District of Columbia, Washington DC - EFMLS

3. "TEXAS AGATES: A WORLD OF WONDER"
Richard & Sue Parkupley, Authors
Austin Gem & Mineral Club, Austin, TX - SCFMS

4. "THE TROUBLE WITH FOSSILS"
Vern Richards, Author
T-Town Rockhound, Tulsa Rock & Gem Soc., Tulsa, OK - RMFMS

5. "PEOPLE OF THE BADLANDS: VERTEBRATES OF THE CHADRON"
Dave Hutchinson, Author
Richmond Gem and Mineral Soc., Hepewell, VA - EFMLS

6. "THE CURSE OF THE HOPE DIAMOND"
Ellie Dick, Author
Chicago Rocks & Mineral Soc., Chicago, IL - MWF

Honorable Mention:
JANE REVITALIZES ROCKFORD MUSEUM
Susan Roberts, Author
Chicago Rocks & Mineral Soc., Chicago, IL - MWF

COLLECTING: HOW A ROCKHOUND ENJOYS A HOT SUMMER’S DAY DOWN SOUTH
W.C. McDaniel, Author
Memphis Archaeol. & Geol. Soc., Memphis, TN - SFMS

FRANKLIN, NEW JERSEY - REVISTED:
THE "TROTTER DISGUSTED" John Hurst, Author
Flattron Mineral Club, Boulder, CO - RMFMS

A SIMPLE MOUNTING TECHNIQUE
Brian Helt, Author
Memphis Archaeol. & Geol. Soc., Memphis, TN - SFMS

TREASURES ON THE SHELVES: Geri White, Author
Eugene Mineral Soc., Eugene, OR - NFMS

WHAT I LEARNED FROM COMPETING:
Jerry Bartlemay, Author
Columbia-Willamette Facetters Council, Portland, OR - NFMS

DOES EXTINCTION MEAN FOREVER:
Alan Fuhrmann, Author
Lincoln Orbit Earth Science Soc., Springfield, IL - MWF

TO SLEEP PERCHANCE TO DREAM:
Glenn Musick, Author
Timpanagos Gem & Mineral Soc., Provo, UT - RMFMS

A DREAM COME TRUE, GOLD PANNING IN ALASKA
The Mountain Gem, Franklin, NC - SFMS

PETRIFIED WOOD END TABLE PROJECT
Rich Geart, Author,
Pine Country Gem And Mineral Soc., Jasper, TX - RMFMS

RAMBLINGS OF A ROCKHOUND
Mike Smith, Author
Timpanagos Gem & Mineral Soc., Provo, UT - RMFMS

ADVANCED ARTICLES:
1. NEW DIAMOND DIRECTIONS - Part I
Vivian Gornitz, Author
New York Mineralogical Club, New York, NY - EFMLS

2. CREATING MINI-FLATS
Dean Langerwall, Author
Houston Gem & Mineral Soc., Houston, TX - SCFMS

3. FAKE DIAMONDS: RECOGNIZED AND ALTERED MINERAL SPECIMENS
Art Smith, Author
Houston Gem & Mineral Soc., Houston, TX - SCFMS

4. SPECKLING BY TRANSLATION
Steve Bleyan, Author
Gem & Mineral Soc. of Lynchburg, Lynchburg, VA - EFMLS

5. WHAT’S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CALCITE AND ARAGONITE or: WHAT IS POLYMORPHISM?
Thomas Buchholz, Author
Heart of Wisconsin Gem & Min. Soc., Marshfield, WI - MWF

6. AN ANCIENT CAMEL IN NEBRASKA
Ben Yrnos, Author
Loaf Valley Gem & Mineral Club, Schuyler, NE - EFMLS

7. THE MINERALS THAT ATTACK YOUR CONCRETE DRIVEWAY
Dr. Bill Cordua, Author
St Croix Rocks & Minerals, Stillwater, MN - MWF

8. AMMONITES - SHARED EFFORTS
Neal Omega, Author
Houston Gem & Mineral Soc., Houston, TX - SCFMS

9. EARTH NEWS: DINOSAUR UPDATE
Kevin Demody, Author
Central Penna. Rock & Min. Club, Hornsbyburg, PA - EFMLS

10. THE CAVES OF THE BLACK HILLS
West DeCourcy, Author
McPherson Gem & Mineral Club, McPherson, KS - RMFMS

Honorable Mention:
NEW ARCHEOFOOTPRINT, FIND LOOKS EVEN MORE LIKE A FLAPPING DINOSAUR
Gary Raham, Author
Ft. Collins Rockhounds, Ft. Collins, CO - RMFMS

HUNTING FOR GARNETS
Wes DeCoursey, Author
Miss. Gulf Coast Gem & Min. Soc., Ocean Springs, MS - SFMS

HOW I SPENT MY SUMMER VACATION, OREGON ON $80 A DAY
Wayne Mills, Author
Ocrutt Mineral Soc., Santa Monica, CA - CFMS

FINDING NEEDLES IN THE DESERT
Dick Shields, Author
Ocrutt Mineral Soc., Santa Monica, CA - CFMS

AGATES IN MUNICH 2005
Sir Paul Howard, Author
Ocrutt Mineral Soc., Santa Monica, CA - CFMS

POETRY - JUNIOR: 1. "I AAR ROCK, Nathan Plough, Author
Oregon Coast Agate Club, Newport, OR - NFMS

2. SUE, Sabrine Richard, Author
Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Soc., Ft. Wayne, IN - MWF

3. TRILOBITE LIFE: Tim Steen, Author
Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Soc., Ft. Wayne, IN - MWF

4. HOW THE ANT GOT IN THE AMBER: Adriano Yamasaki, Author
Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Soc., Ft. Wayne, IN - MWF

POETRY - ADULT: 1. ROOKHOUND’S VISION
Michael L. Lassacquement, Author
Lincoln Orbit Earth Science Soc., Springfield, IL - MWF

2. "ASTRONOMA JOHASTONIA", THE MARYLAND STATE DINOSAUR
Rick Smith, Author
The Maryland Geological Soc., Baltimore, MD - EFMLS

3. A ROCKHOUND’S SELF CONTROL
Betty Oberhein, Author
Central Penna Rock & Mineral Club, Hornsbyburg, PA - EFMLS

4. GARNET HUNT, Ed Gage, Author
Austin Gem and Mineral Soc., Austin, TX - SCFMS

5. IT’S SHOW TIME AGAIN: Lolo Lamb, Author
Big Spring Prospector’s Club, Big Spring, TX - SCFMS

6. WE'RE ROCKHOUNDS, Will House, Author
Ark-La-Tex Gem & Min. Soc., Bossier City, LA - SFMS

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AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year

California Federation

The Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society wish to honor as our 2006 AFMS Club Rockhounds of the Year, Larry & Donna Knapton. The Knaptons have been active members for years. They are always available when help is needed. The last few years they have put forth tremendous energy into our Education for Youth. Donna spends much time with ever patient Larry, presenting programs to the schools, scouts and wherever asked. During her classroom presentations she saw a need for rock sample kits with teacher detailed information. Their house is now a depository of stacks of lumber, boxes and rocks in various stages of construction. Their goal is to have a kit of 36 rocks in each of the 250 elementary schools in Ventura County! They hope to complete this endeavor in 3 years. Thus we recommend dynamos Donna & Larry for this award.

submitted by Bill and Lois Paltiilo

Donald Campbell is the 2006 East Texas Gem and Mineral Society’s AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year. Serving as President of the Society, he oversaw growth of the club, instituted our annual Gem and Mineral Show, instilled pride in the Society, and loyalty of the membership to the Society. He has served as Treasurer of the South Central Federation, Director of the Mineral Show and the East Texas Gem and Mineral Society. Don consistently volunteers to assist the Society at every level and function. He has tirelessly devoted himself to promoting the Society and seeking recognition of the Organization by assisting Teachers with school programs, installing displays in the public library, interviews on the radio, and television interviews. Don served as show chairman for the first 10 years of the annual show, attending to the myriad of details involved, resulting in an outstanding club show that has grown in attendance and appreciation annually. Don has been the program chairman for most of the time he has been a member and has always produced an exciting and interesting monthly meeting. Don’s interest in mineral collecting, micromounts, and trilobite collecting and preparation has been an inspiration to many members to pursue their hobby interests by readily sharing his knowledge, expertise, and experience with all members. It is with great pleasure we acknowledge Donald Campbell as the AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year.

submitted by Keith Harmon

for the East Texas Gem and Mineral Society

South Central Federation

Bill Bluntzer is one of the older members of the Gulf Coast Gem and Mineral Society. Bill has been active in the club by being one of the hard workers who always show up for the set up at the Gem Show, every year. He brings his pickup, helps load up, break down and return items to our storage unit. He polishes rocks to give to the Kids Wheel and is at the show to do anything that needs to be done. Bill makes most of the rock hunts that the club organizes. He is very knowledgeable in the rocks of our area and enjoys telling the members what they have found. He then instructs them on how to present the rock in a finished product. Bill is a true rockhound and we are proud to call him our AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year.

submitted by Alvin Trelfaeth, President OSMS

AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year

from Cathy Gaber, AFMS Chair

Be Safe – Be Well

by Don Monroe, Chair, AFMS Safety Committee

Ride Rockhounds, Ride

At the recent American Federation of Mineralogical Societies annual meeting hosted by the Southeast Federation, our safety committee activities received a lot of positive feedback and some very good suggestions for future safety articles were shared. Many of the comments dealt with travel issues and some of them were so good that I offer the following for your consideration.

A couple of people cited situations involving the tires on large trucks. If you are alongside or directly behind the vehicle when a tire ruptures, the force of the explosion can damage your vehicle or cause you to lose control. The large rubber tire cap, which you may encounter on the road, is often referred to as an “aggler” and can be a real road hazard if you are unable to avoid contact and run over it.

When do you get out of your vehicle? We have been told that staying in the vehicle is the better course of action during an electrical storm. We are also encouraged to leave our vehicle and take refuge in a ditch or sturdy structure when a tornado is sighted or deemed imminent. If we suffer auto damage or a flat tire, we are encouraged to leave the vehicle and get behind a guardrail or in some other safe area. Many victims are hurt or killed by other vehicles passing near. I well remember stopping in the middle of a city street to retrieve a ball for some kids and only realized the danger when a passing car brushed my coat. I know—stupid move.

Do you tow a trailer or other vehicle? It has taken me a while to believe that just a little bit of excess speed can result in a totally unstable rig. We often see trailers that sway to the point that we are really hesitant to pass them which means that we are seeing either excess speed or a poorly loaded trailer.

Are there actions we can take to improve our odds? I definitely think so and I will share a couple of my favorites.

• First, prepare for your trip with good maps, a GPS if you know how to use it and one of the Exit Guide books. The books can be really helpful if you drive a diesel vehicle. There are some parts of the country where fuel can be hard to find.

• Select a vehicle that really suits your intended purpose. I always feel safer in large, heavier vehicles. I know it may use a bit more fuel but can give you the edge when you have a confrontation with another vehicle or a large animal.

• I often read articles in magazines and newspapers that recommend a refresher driver course for us older drivers. I have not done that yet but I plan to in the near future.
SECTION 1 - CLUB INFORMATION (NO POINTS AWARDED)

Club Name & Address ___________________________________________________ __________________________________________

Date organized _______________ Federation affiliation _________________________________________________________________

Number of members: Adults____________ Honorary/Life ________________ Juniors______________

[Don't combine Honorary/Life with total adults.]

Meeting Place:__________________________________________________________________________________________________

[Include city, state]

Person filling out form: Name_______________________________________________________________________________________

Address:___________________________________________________________________________________________________

City_________________________________________ State____________________ Zip __________________________________

Phone:______________________________ E-mail___________________________________________________________________

Mission or purpose of the club:________________________________________________________________________________________

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SECTION 2 - SERVICE TO MEMBERS OR GUESTS (30 POINTS POSSIBLE)

General Meetings: Number of meetings____________ Average attendance__________ Guests________ Door Prizes: Yes________ No________

Programs: *Include a separate list of programs for the year, including topic, speaker, etc.

Board Meetings: Number of meetings _____________ Average attendance ____________ Guests ____________

Officers: *Include a separate list of officers, directors, and committee chairmen.

Junior Meetings: Number of meetings _____________ Average attendance ____________ Guests ____________ Adult leader(s):__________________

Special Group Meetings (Established groups): Number attending - Cabbing______ Faceting_________ Metal-working ________ Beading__________

Mineral study_______ Fossil study_______ Intarsia_______ Jewelry making ______ Other__________ [Indicate type.]

Social Events: Number attending - Picnic__________ Banquet__________ Holiday dinner _________ Other (Describe):_______________________

Show: Yes_____ No_____ Date(s) _________________________________________

Dealers: Yes_____ No______ #____ Members attending: #________ Members working: #__________________________

Demonstrators: Yes_____ No______ #________ Displays: Yes_____ No______ #________

Special Features: Club library: Yes_____ No_____ Number of books:_______

Field Trips: Yes______ No______ No. of trips in field ______ Other ______ Other clubs invited? Yes______ No______ Non-members allowed? Yes_____ No______

Workshop: Yes______ No_____ Website: Yes______ No_____ URL _http://________________________________________

*Include a separate list of workshops.

Traveling club display (For other club shows, youth groups, schools, etc.): Yes_________ No________

SECTION 3 - PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLICITY (15 POINTS POSSIBLE)

Bulletin: Yes___ No___ Bulletin name_____________________________________________________________________________________

Editor's name_______________________________________________________________________________________________________

Meeting notices posted in public places: Yes______ No______ Where?,________________________

Meeting notices published in local media: Yes______ No______ Where?,________________________

Show fliers posted in public places: Yes______ No______ Where?,________________________

Show information published in local media: Yes______ No______ Where?,________________________

Free or paid ads on TV or radio: Meeting notices: Yes______ No______ Show information: Yes______ No______

Copies of supporting material to include in report: 1) fliers; 2) media articles about the club activities; 3) show ads; 4) show or meeting notices from newspapers; 5) articles copied from club newsletter; 6) other.
SECTION 4 - SUPPORT FOR REGIONAL FEDERATIONS, AFMS AND OTHER CLUBS (20 POINTS POSSIBLE)

Members served as Federation Officers, Committee Chairs or committee members:

Regional federation: Yes_____ No_____ (*Include a separate list of members serving.)
AFMS: Yes_____ No_____ (*Include a separate list of members serving.)

Members attended a Federation convention or show: Regional Federation: Yes_____ No_____ #________  AFMS: Yes_____ No_____ #________

Members supported Federation scholarships or endowment funds: Regional: Scholarship fund: Yes_____ No_____ Endowment fund: Yes_____ No_____  AFMS: Scholarship fund: Yes_____ No_____ Endowment fund: Yes_____ No______

Members gave programs for other clubs: Yes____ No______ *Include a separate list of programs.

Members attended other club shows, swaps, etc.: Yes_____ No_____

Members held joint field trips with other clubs: Yes_____ No_____

Members displayed/demonstrated at other club shows: Yes_____ No_____

Club exchanged bulletins with other clubs: Yes_____ No_____ *Include a separate list.

Supporting material should include lists of all the above persons, positions, etc, and could include pictures, copies of certificates, reports printed in club newsletter, thank-you notes, etc.

SECTION 5 - COMMUNITY RELATIONS (15 POINTS POSSIBLE)

Members gave talks or demonstrations at local schools: Yes_____ No_____ *Include a separate list of those given.

Members gave talks or demonstrations to local groups: Yes_____ No_____ *Include a separate list of those given.

Members maintained displays at local public sites: Yes_____ No_____ *Include a separate list of sites.

Members maintained a booth, or an activity, at a local event: Yes_____ No_____ *Include a separate list of events.

Members donated materials to school, nursing home, etc.: Yes_____ No____

Members active in local affairs: Yes_____ No____

Supporting material for the above should provide details for these items, and could include pictures, thank you cards, letters and certificates of appreciation, reports from club newsletter, etc.

SECTION 6 - GOVERNMENT AGENCY AND LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS (10 POINTS POSSIBLE)

Members served on governmental agency committees: Yes_____ No_____ Include a separate list of those who served.

Members provided comments on governmental agency proposals, etc: Yes_____ No_____ *Include a separate list of proposals and participants.

Members contacted congressional representatives regarding legislation affecting access to sites, and collecting from same: Yes_____ No_____ *Include a separate list of representatives contacted and legislation.

Club or members supported access/collecting lobbying organizations: Yes_____ No_____ *Include a separate list of organization(s).

Supporting materials should include details for all of the above items, reports from club newsletter, and should include copies of correspondence.

SECTION 7 - OVERALL FORMAT AND PRESENTATION - (10 POINTS POSSIBLE)

This section evaluates the entry on neatness, organization, grammar, spelling, and overall presentation of material

SCORING AND AWARDS

Gold All-American Club Award: 90 - 100 points (average of three)  Silver All-American Club Award: 80 - 89 points (average of three)  Bronze All-American Club Award: 70 - 79 points (average of three)  Honorable Mention: Less 70 points (average of three)

Instructions for completing the entry form:
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 (6) sections, divided with the numbers 1 - 6, with the entry form in section 1 and the supporting documentation for each of the entry sections following the appropriate divider. There is no restriction on the number of pages in any one section, PROVIDED THE TOTAL OF ALL SECTIONS DOES NOT EXCEED 100 PAGES.
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 following the appropriate section divider and insert photos and other graphics following the typed information.
4. All requested material is for the year 2006.
5. Deadline for submitting to the AFMS chairman is April 15, 2007. Check with your regional chairs for their deadlines.