I stopped by my local Post Office to buy stamps for personal use this week. I picked up an assortment of recently released commemorative stamps. I do not take issue with the worthy purposes for the issues but I was astounded by the dark, mostly black and white stamps.

Just imagine commemorative stamps which depict beautiful and colorful birthstones! They would be appealing to everyone. The great majority of people know their birthstone. Such stamps would be collectible. USPS likes that because they make the sale without having to deliver services. That is attractive in light of the multi billion dollar USPS deficit. YOU can help by continuing to petition the Postal Service to produce gems on stamps. If you sent a request before, do it again.

If you are a regional officer, please press your federation clubs to continue the push. Ask for information to be carried in your club's newsletters. If you are a club officer, please promote to your membership sending requests to the USPS.

Revisions are being made on the AFMS web site to bring you revised or new information to assist in getting the job done. Read the latest report of the Commemorative Stamp Committee for the California 2010 annual meeting. See a flier to encourage individuals to write. There is a petition to use for your club meetings or events. An available educational two-sided sheet will educate while pressing for help in our project. It can also be used in your FRA or other programs for juniors. Additionally the Citizen's Stamp Advisory committee information has been updated. See it all at http://www.amfed.org/stamps.htm.
It’s Been Great Fun!  

This is my last message to you as president of the American Federation. I consider holding this office to be an honor and a privilege, and I can honestly tell you that I’ve enjoyed every minute of it.

My wife Pat and I have had countless opportunities to meet fellow rockhounds all across the country as we visited several of the regional federation conventions and many local club shows. I’ve enjoyed talking to each and every person I’ve met and I’ve always come away learning something new. Many clubs have sent me their monthly bulletins and I’ve read them all. As a result, I’ve come to have a better understanding of our clubs and some of the problems that all clubs seem to have. As a result, I’ve been able to learn (and share) some good solutions to some of these problems. Thank you for sharing!

Unfortunately I was unable to attend the Midwest Convention in late August and the Northwest Convention in September because I had coronary by-pass surgery in mid-August and the doctors told me that I had to “stay put” for awhile while I recovered. I was sorry to have missed all the fun and the opportunity to meet more of you, but the doctors were very insistent as was my wife Pat!

This year has gone by very quickly and I really could not have done all the things that the president is supposed to do without my special team of assistants. Each of our regional vice presidents, Doug, Ann, Judy, Marion and Matt, gave me good council when asked as did president-elect Bob. In addition, my committee chairs did an excellent job keeping our members informed, running the various contests, furthering our junior activities and program library etc. Our newsletter continues to be chock full of useful information for our member clubs as well as their own members and so many of you have become involved with all the pending legislation that could ultimately hurt our ability to field collect, either through A.L.A.A. or by writing letters on your own. Please don’t let this initiative end!

Our Scholarship Foundation continues to grow, even during this tough economic downturn and our Endowment Fund interest continues to fund various important programs such as our junior activities and program library. I’m proud of you for helping both of these important endeavors continue to thrive.

Beginning on November 1st Bob Miller will be the new AFMS president. I know each of you will welcome him to your meetings, shows and conventions and give him the support that you’ve given me.

Although you won’t see my picture in the newsletters from now on, I’m not riding off into the sunset by a long shot. I plan on attending the 2011 convention in Syracuse, NY plus as many of the local club shows as I can. Rockhounding, and you, are in my blood!

Emerson

AFMS Club Rockhounds of the Year

It is my pleasure to share with you information about five outstanding club “Rockhounds of the Year”. These are truly among the many “unsung heroes” of our AFMS affiliated clubs.

I’m certain that your club also has an individual or couple who you should recognize in this manner. What a wonderful way for you to say “thank you” for all their hard work on behalf of your organization. You’ll notice too that one of the honorees this month is a 17 year old junior member. Your club may submit the name of a junior member in addition to the adult members and you can send me one of each per year! Send your information directly to your regional ACROY representative.

Don’t wait; we’re rapidly getting near the end of 2010! Let’s finish the year with a flourish.

California Federation

In business, there are both ‘good’ and ‘bad’ problems. Huh? The example of a ‘good’ problem is when one has too much business <grin>! How does one satisfy all of their orders? The Rockatomics Gem and Mineral Society has likewise a ‘good’ problem. Although we are a small club, we have a core of some mighty hard workers. Selecting a single individual as Rockhound of the Year was challenging. But one name stood above all others.

Rockatomics Gem and Mineral Society proudly selects Linda Ralph as Rockhound of the Year!

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Hats, pins, and other Rockhound insignia to generate posters, letterhead, etc., and in designing club updating our club insignia for use on flyers, show also has donated great rock specimens to our club to find Luther had already moved it himself! He to move a large saw, we returned to the workshop. Once, while we tried to gather a team of 6 people whenever strong arms are needed, Luther is there. Whenever a lot of tasks for our annual show. Whether it be moving our show publicity to a whole new level and Federation Director or Secretary. Each Regional Federation Club is entitled to receive three (3) copies of the AFMS Newsletter. These are sent to the President, Editor and Federation Director or Secretary.

On behalf of the Ventura Gem & Mineral Society, I'm pleased to award our 2010 Rockhounds of the Year to Luther and Angela Brown. Whenever strong arms are needed, Luther is there. Once, while we tried to gather a team of 6 people to move a large saw, we returned to the workshop to find Luther had already moved it himself! He also has donated great rock specimens to our club museum. Angela has used her graphic arts skills in updating our club insignia for use on flyers, show posters, letterhead, etc., and in designing club hats, pins, and other Rockhound insignia to generate sales at our show and among club members. She also helped bring crowds to our last show by moving our show publicity to a whole new level via Internet promotions. Finally, both also helped raise the level of security at our most recent show. They haven't been VGMS members for long, but we don't know where we'd be today without them! submitted by Gary Levitt

From the moment she joined Rockatomics, she 'hit the ground running'. Shortly after joining, Linda became Bulletin editor. Our bulletin, The Lapidar- ian, has never looked better! Linda has covered multiple areas of our Rocky Mountain Federation. It is my pleasure to nominate Aaron Rowlett as the AFMS Junior Club Rockhound of the Year for the Tulsa Rock & Mineral Society. Aaron is 17 and a senior in high school. Aaron and his family have been members of our club for many years. He always participates in our Gem & Mineral Shows. He helps load and unload materials from our club storage shed and pitches in all day during set up wherever he sees that help is needed. He also picks in during the show wherever help is needed. He has worked in the club booth, the silent auction area, and at the demonstrating exhib- its; he has also demonstrated at the Oklahoma City show. He has helped repair and clean club electrical equipment and club display cases. One of our club members, Richard Dodrill, has a museum in Cushing, OK. Aaron has spent many hours working over there, he even helped repair the roof. He has made many gem trees, rock animals, and magnets for prizes for our game. He is always cheerfully ready to help the club in any way he can. Aaron is a valuable member of the Tulsa Rock & Mineral Society and fully deserving of this award. submitted by Richard D. Janger

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2011 AFMS Website Contest

This is the third year for the AFMS Web Site Contest. I hope that word about the contest is growing and that we’ll have even more entries in the 2011 contest. The primary value of this contest lies in the comments that each judge writes as he or she goes through the Web Site looking for the items listed on the Score Sheet. The judges are instructed to identify what the site does well as well as to comment on what can be done better. The goal of the contest is to help the Web sites better serve their clubs.

All the Web Site Contest Committee Members (one for each regional federation) are busy working on their third year of running the Web Site Contest for their regional federation. So far, the position of Contest Committee Chair for the Rocky Mountain Federation Web Site Contest is still open, so I will serve in that capacity for the duration until someone volunteers to take it over. (Committee Chairs do not need to be from the regional federation that they chair since the contest is handled entirely by e-mail. If you would like to volunteer as the RMFMS Committee Chair, please contact me at <pgeorge4@comcast.net>.)

The Committee Members set the due dates for their contest and receive the entries. They forward the entries to the two judges assigned to that region, they receive from the judges the completed score sheets, and they rank the results and award the first-place plaque and the certificates (places one through ten and honorable mention) at the Breakfast with the Editors and Webmasters during their regional federation’s annual show. The first-place entry from each federation is then forwarded to Wes Lingerfelt (the AFMS level judge). Currently the Committee Members are notifying webmasters, editors, and club presidents in their region and their regional newsletter editor about the details of the contest, the due date for entries, and the rest of the schedule for their regional contest.

If you missed the results of the 2010 contest, you can download the September AFMS newsletter and find them there.

Contact your regional federation Committee Member (listed below) by e-mail for information about the contest and the deadlines. The deadlines all vary by region and are determined by when their annual show is scheduled.

Webmasters wishing to enter their Web sites into the contest should download the 2011 AFMS Web Site Contest Entry Form, the 2011 AFMS Web Site Contest Score Sheet, and the 2011 AFMS Website Contest Score Sheet Guidelines from the AFMS Web site (or from their regional federation’s Web site). (The 2011 versions of these forms MUST be used. The contest information on the AFMS Web site can be found at <www.amfed.org/web/site/contest.htm> or at <www.amfed.org/downloads.htm>.

The 2011 score sheet guidelines thoroughly explains what makes a good web site and what the judges will be looking for, so please read it carefully.

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To enter the contest, the webmaster needs to fill out the 2011 Entry Form completely and fill out the information requested in the top part of the 2011 Score sheet. These forms can be filled-in on your computer and saved to your hard drive. Important: You need Adobe Reader version 8 or 9 (or Acrobat v. 8 or 9) to be able to save the filled-in forms to your hard drive and to modify them later if necessary. Send the two completed forms as e-mail attachments to your regional Web Site Contest Committee Member before the due date in your region.

Two judges will be assigned to each regional competition (their scores for each contestant will be averaged) and one judge (Wes Lingerfelt) is assigned for the AFMS level. Each judge probably will be judging two different regions, but no judge will judge his or her own region. Right now I have a total of eight regional judges. If I can get another six judges, each judge will judge only one regional federation.

If you are a current (or former) webmaster or are very Web-site savvy, please help make the contest a success by volunteering a little of your time to act as a judge. Read the 2011 Score Sheet Guidelines to see what the judges will be looking for on the sites that they judge, and if you would like to be an important part of this contest, please contact me at <pgeorge4@comcast.net>. Help this contest be an even bigger success in its third year.

Gems Along The Erie Canal

by Cathy Paatterson, 2010 Convention Chair

A Diamond Celebration 2011 Convention and Show in Syracuse, NY

The Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse welcomes you in 2011! This is our second installment of getting the word out to you. Last month we told you when and where the show is and when and where the meetings are. We tried to give enough information for the early birds to think about a hotel reservation at the headquarters Ramada Inn on Buckley Rd. in Syracuse. Complete package details will be coming in the near future at the American Federation website. Stay tuned!

This time we will tell you what’s available for you to enjoy in our area of the state before and after the show and convention festivities. Plan to take some extra time to enjoy the sights and pleasures of Central New York (upstate) for extra bonuses.

-Erie Canal Museum in Syracuse featuring a full size packet boat right on Erie Blvd where the boats carried families and cargo.

-Boxing Hall of Fame (Canastota) is 25 minutes east from your hotel.

-Also nearby – the world class Turning Stone Casino in Verona, NY.

-Herkimer diamond hunting opportunities at several locations 1 ½ hours east along the Erie Canal route.

-Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown 2 hours to the east.

-St. Lawrence Seaway and 1000 Islands are 2 hours north near Canada. Boat trips and a tour of New York’s Bolt Castle.

-Learn all about industrial garnet production and collect there, 3 hours north at North Creek, NY in the beautiful Adirondacks.

-Taste your way through the beautiful Finger Lakes Wine Country (25+ wineries). Just 1 ½ hours to the west.

-Historic glider and aviation museum and glider trips aloft, 2 hours south and west.

-Museum of Glass, Corning, NY. See world famous Steuben crystal made at the museum. 2 ½ hours to the south in Ithaca.

-Museum of the Earth in Ithaca, NY just 1 ½ hours south.

-Enjoy a dinner cruise on one of the nearby Finger Lakes.

-Niagara Falls is just 2 ½ hours to the west!

-MAX Theater at our Museum of Science and Technology in downtown Syracuse.

-Eastman Kodak Museum in Rochester 1 ½ hours to the west.

-Mammoth, 3 story, Carousel Mall just a couple miles from the hotel.

-Salt Museum (Syracuse got its start pumping and evaporating salt) 2 miles from the hotel.

-Stickley, collector-grade furniture factory and showroom 20 minutes east.

The weather is ideal, sunny and warm, and there’s so much to enjoy, lots to see, photo opportunities galore to snap and share back home. The welcome mat will be out for YOU. You just can’t lose unless you fail to come and be part of the 2011 great gathering of super people – Rockhounds!

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A SAFETY NOTE ABOUT APPLYING LESSONS LEARNED
by Owen Morrie, AFMS Safety Chair

Last month I wrote an article about hunting for fossils in a creek that was a few feet above normal levels and the associated safety issues that I encountered.

So having received a little grief from the reading audience my friend Chase committed to a follow up trip a couple of weeks ago. We both had a Friday off coming up so we set the date. Preparations, safety and otherwise, were made well in advance and as the week started it looked like we were all set.

And then Hurricane Alex formed off the Yucatan and threatened everything!

The next couple of days were filled with phone calls, watching weather radar and monitoring river levels on-line. After much discussion on Thursday night we decided that the weather looked clear enough that we would still go. Friday morning the weather looked like it had turned a little on us and the radar showed “green” for rain most of the way to our spot.

Over the years I’ve walked several miles of the creek in question and have a good feel for the extent of the drainage basin. It looked like it had not received any rain from Alex as of yet. Using my blackberry phone I was able to monitor the radar, not received any rain from Alex as of yet. Using my blackberry phone I was able to monitor the radar, but we committed to getting wet and packed up enough that we would still go. Friday morning the weather showed links to local weather from upstream and planned our decent into the creek bed. This is where Chase’s better gear was a key to success. He hammered in a steel spike and tied a rope to it so that we could safely get down the wet slope into the creek bed. The last time I was here the bank was dry, but the landing if I had slipped would have put me in 4-5 feet of water. What a difference a few weeks made!

This time around we did have access to the entire cut bank so that made hunting a lot easier. The rain did continue to come down and quite heavily for short periods of time so we made sure that we had any easy route to high ground if the water level started to come up rapidly, but it never did and about an hour later the rain finally stopped and so did Alex’s efforts to stop our hunt! We were soaked from the rain, but happy, and Chase’s gear made it easy to get out of the creek safely with all our finds.

Interestingly I know several people who were out hunting in different parts of Texas that weekend and once they committed to getting wet all seemed to have productive hunting trips. Watching the weather was key as some of them had to revert to secondary sites, but that seemed to work out.

For us, being prepared with safety lines, good gloves and boots, on-line radar access, a 4x4 and the helping hands of a hunting buddy, all helped to deliver a successful and SAFE fossil hunting trip.

INTER-REGIONAL FIELD TRIPS
by Richard Pankey, Coordinator

What is an Inter-Regional Field Trip? It is a collecting trip, tour, outing, etc., an event attended by members and rockhounds from more than one of the AFMS Regional Federations.

Why hold an Inter-Regional Field Trip or event? To get the rockhounds and members of the AFMS Regional Federations together to promote a greater connection between Federations. The regional Federations get together once a year at the AFMS Convention to do business. An Inter-Regional event is to get-together for FUN.

For me, the best part and the best memories of the 4 Inter-Regional Rockhound Rendezvous that I have attended was not the rocks I found, but the people that I met. The best memories are the campfires, happy hours, potlucks, or just talking with someone from a different state with stories about collecting and camping in an area that I haven’t been to. An Inter-Regional event is just a good excuse to go to a place that I haven’t been to before.

The Inter-Regional Rockhound Rendezvous that we have had so far have been 4 to 6 day events to collecting areas. There is no reason an Inter-Regional event can’t be a 1 or 2 day event for collecting at a special quarry, a tour of special geological feature/area, a rock swap or seminar. There are many reasons and places to have an Inter-Regional event; the important thing is to have one. How about having one on the East coast or perhaps the Midwest. I’m sure that there are some terrific localities out there in your neck of the woods.

Have an idea; have some questions? Just send me an e-mail (dickpankey@juno.com) and I will do what I can to help.

Regional Federation Conventions
from Bob Livingston, AFMS Show Coordinator

The year is certainly wending it’s way towards the end of our regional federation convention cycle. Only two more to go in 2010 – Southeast in October and South Central in December. It sure makes sense for these federations to hold their annual get-togethers in fall when local temperatures are more comfortable than those normally found during July and August in those areas.

Please remember to send me your regional convention dates for 2011, 2012 and 2013 so that we can help assure that there will be no other regional convention that conflicts with the dates you’ve chosen.

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New bill to create ~20,000 acres of wilderness in Tennessee

The Tennessee Wilderness Act of 2010 (S. 3470) was introduced by U.S. Senators Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.) and Bob Corker (R-Tenn.) on June 9, 2010 and has been referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

If this bill is enacted it will designate 20,000 acres of public land in the Cherokee National Forest in the State of Tennessee as wilderness. A Map of the proposed wilderness can be found on the ALAA Website along with the text and status of the proposed legislation. http://www.amlands.org/6652/85212.html. Is this legislation a good thing? Well, living on the west coast it will be very hard to determine, however only the Rockhounds living and collecting in Tennessee will be able to answer that question. After reading the bill and studying the map an honest conclusion may be reached as to whether this will hamper Rockhounding Activities within the Cherokee National Forrest or is a real environment plus for the state of Tennessee.

The Tennessee Wilderness Act of 2010 specifically creates one new wilderness area and expands the boundaries of five separate existing wilderness areas already within the Cherokee National Forest. Since these areas are owned entirely by the U.S. Forest Service and are being managed as Wilderness Study Areas currently, this bill will have no effect on privately owned lands and will cause no change in access for the public.

The Tennessee Wilderness Act of 2010:
- Creates the 9,038 acre Upper Bald River Wilderness (Monroe County)
- Adds 348 acres to the Big Frog Wilderness (Polk County)
- Adds 966 acres to the Little Frog Wilderness (Polk County)
- Adds 2,922 acres to the Sampson Mountain Wilderness (Washington and Unicoi County)
- Adds 4,446 acres to the Big Laurel Branch Wilderness (Carter and Johnson County)
- Adds 1,836 acres to the Joyce Kilmer-Slickrock Wilderness (Monroe County)

If after review of the facts it is determined that the proposed legislation does not have a negative impact on Rockhounding with in the Cherokee National Forest, then please contact any of the officers or state representatives listed on the ALAA Website or email to info@amlands.org or the AFMS Conservation and Legislation Committee afmsconservation@antelecom.net with recommendations for support or opposition of this proposed legislation. Conservation of our natural resources is just as important as keeping collecting sites open and accessible to all Rockhounds.

Do You SCRIBE?

Scribe: (noun) A person who copies out documents; a journalist.

If your club has a monthly bulletin there’s a wonderful organization that your editor should belong to. Dues are very, very reasonable: just $6 per year. For that small amount, your editor will receive four e-mailed newsletters per year plus a DVD that’s crammed full of articles, clip art, cartoons etc. that can be used in your own club publication.

Being editor of a club bulletin is not an easy task. Getting the various elements together: president's message, minutes, field trip news, photos, club sunshine, federation news plus educational articles and how-to tips is time consuming. Many of our clubs do not have lots of members who willingly submit original articles or poems or cartoons and scouring other sources for articles that can be legally reproduced can be a royal pain.

Membership in S.C.R.I.B.E. can help. The $6 membership fee does not cover the value of the DVD resource members receive each year!

The holidays are coming up. Why not say "thank you" to your club editor by giving them a one year or multi-year membership in S.C.R.I.B.E. Your editor will be delighted and your club will benefit from all the expertise gained during the year.

Want to see a sample issue of the e-newsletter? Download a copy at <scribe.rbnet.net/bulletin.htm>. It’s a "good read!"

Visit the S.C.R.I.B.E. website <scribe.rbnet.net> for more information and to download an application. Be sure to mention that you learned about S.C.R.I.B.E. via the AFMS Newsletter.
Here is the listing of the people who have agreed to serve as Committee Chairs for 2009 - 10. Please feel free to contact these people if you need information, have questions or would like to share ideas with:

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A.L.A.A. News

Listening Session for the America’s Great Outdoors Initiative

On July 6, 2010 I attended a Listening Session for America’s Great Outdoors Initiative held at UC Davis in Davis, CA. The Blue Ribbon Coalition has published several Alert messages about the America’s Great Outdoors Initiative and the Listening Sessions that told what it is and gave the background on it and I am not going to restate it here. To me there is a lot of effort and money being expended for questionable, unclear, poorly stated objectives. What is un-said is what we should concern us.

The stated reasons for this “Initiative” are to:
• Reconnect Americans, especially children, to the outdoors.
• Build upon State, local, private, and tribal priorities for the conservation of our lands and waters.
• Use science-based management practices to restore and protect our lands and waters for future generations.

New focus may be needed to address Reason 1, but there are procedures, laws and regulations in place to address Reason 2 and 3. This “Initiative” is just another mechanism/tool that the conservation/preservation extremist are trying to use to keep people off our public lands and control our use and activities.

We must be vigilant. We must be aware. We must be involved and participate in the process. This “Initiative” could affect how all public and private lands in the United States is used. This affects everyone in every state. We all need to be involved and participate. Why should this matter to you? There is a very real possibility this might just end up being a giant vehicle to hand the “conservation community” whatever is on its latest wish list.

Please educate yourself on the “initiative”; inform others; and involve yourself in the process. Listening Sessions are being scheduled all around the country. Watch for them and find one in your area and attend it. Check out these web sites for more information:

- Remarks by The President at America’s Great Outdoors Conference

and the BRC web site - <www.sharetrails.org/>

This is the statement that I gave at the Listening Session for the America’s Great Outdoors Initiative held at UC Davis. I wanted to keep it simple. It says who we are, who we represent and what we want. This statement is a start, something to build on. The purpose of making this statement at this meeting was to document our presence at the meeting and to go on record that the Americans Lands Access Assoc. was here to be part of the “process”.

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I am Richard Pankey, President of the America’s Great Outdoors Initiative. The purpose of the American Lands Access Association is to promote and ensure the rights of amateur fossil and mineral collecting, recreational prospecting and mining, and the use of public and private lands for educational and recreational purposes; and to carry the voice of all amateur collectors and hobbyists to our elected officials, government regulators and public land managers. We represent the over 52,000 members of 640 societies of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the many, many millions of unaffiliated rockhounds.

We advocate for access to public lands; to keep them open and to reopen unnecessarily closed lands. We promote the principles and policies of Multiple-Use for BLM and FS managed land.

We believe that conservation and recreation are compatible and desirable. We need to get past the prejudice that “use is abuse”.

We believe and advocate that except for special cultural and environmental considerations that all public lands, both Federal and State should be available and useable by our citizens.”

I believe that a simple statement like this is a good way to introduce ALAA to others at meetings like the Listening Session and at BLM and FS meetings. It can also serve as an introduction when writing or e-mailing comments about legislation and regulations.

Watch for a “Listening Session” in your area; I know that they are scheduled for Utah, Minnesota and Pennsylvania.

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