Safety Matters: Seeing the Light?

by Ellery Borow, AFMS Safety Chair

If you are seeing the light, the ultra violet (UV) light that is, there may be a problem. Many of the shows I visit offer a display or exhibit / darkened booth highlighting the amazing effects of ultra violet reactive minerals for show patrons to see. Such displays are really great to see at shows because they offer a view of minerals and rocks that most folks never have the opportunity to see.

While many of the UV exhibits I have seen offer sufficient safe guards for the public, some could be better at protecting the club members working the display and the general public.

In your exhibit are folks provided with sufficient eye protection and bare skin protection? Is sufficient attention being paid to reflective surfaces? Are the lights angled sufficiently well to illuminate the minerals and rocks and keep the UV rays out of patron’s eyes?

Even short term exposures to UV can have harmful effects. One of the examples I like to cite is about UV reflections. Take the story of a group of people out on a boat and enjoying some sport (catch and release) fishing. Imagine that all the folks are wearing baseball caps with visors to protect their heads and faces from harmful UV ray sunburn effects. At the end of the day there will be folks showing no signs of sunburn because they wore the proper amount of sunscreen. There are also most likely going to be folks at the end of the day who are quite sunburned, right to the very underside edge of the baseball cap where its head band touches the forehead.

How might the sun’s harmful UV rays have reached under the visor right to the persons forehead to create a sunburn in an area the should have been protected by the visor? In a word, the answer is -- reflections. The surface of the ocean is not flat, it is covered by waves. Those waves act as curved reflectors to reflect the sun’s harmful UV waves upward and right underneath a persons visor-covered forehead. The same can happen on a smaller scale in a show’s UV mineral booth. UV can be reflected by some mineral surfaces up onto the bare skin and unprotected eyes of show patrons and club members tending to the booth.

Under most circumstances the amount of exposure is relatively minimal, except for those who remain in the booth for extended periods of time - such as the folks tending to the booth and those curious show patrons who just can’t get enough of the beauty and curiosity of UV illuminated minerals. Some suggested solutions to UV overexposure include:

• Wear eye protection for extended viewing or working in the vicinity of UV light
• Wear sunscreen protection on exposed skin
• Minimize reflections of UV light toward viewers - reflections may come from the display material and / or the minerals themselves
• Angle the UV lights so no one, especially small children, can kneel down and look up into the UV lamp housing or bulbs
• Offer protective eye-wear temporarily to patrons who wish to use it, even if for short exposure times
• Take periodic breaks from being under strong UV illumination

We encourage shows to offer exhibits of UV minerals and rocks because such displays always seem to be a great attraction. We also encourage sufficient protections and safeguards be utilized with such exhibits. As always, we hope you safely see the light because your safety matters.
A Word from the President

by Ron Carman, President

In November my wife and I had the privilege of going to the Southeast Federation convention and show in Marietta, Georgia. We did some long driving, visiting nine states in eight days, returning through Little Rock, Arkansas to spend Thanksgiving with my wife’s mother. One thing we both noticed was the colorful displays of fall foliage so late in November. The Cobb County Gem and Mineral Society put on a fine show and Friday evening they held a cracker barrel session at their clubhouse, which is located fairly close to both the host hotel and the show site. Excellent job, folks! During the coming year I will try to attend all the federation shows and meet as many members as I can from all the federations. Since I am a do-it-yourself mineral collector, I naturally like to combine field trips with these visits to the various federations. This show location wasn’t far from South Carolina, so after the show I made a trip to the Diamond Hill Mine. One member who had been there gave me some advice on what to look for at that mine, and I’m glad to say he was quite correct; I found some nice quartz specimens and even a little amethyst. This is one of the many advantages of federation membership – the ability and willingness to share your experiences and information with others. Now I’m looking forward to visiting the next federation show, which will hopefully be in warmer weather.

Now that winter is here, it’s time to think about planning field trips for the coming year. I don’t need to remind everyone to be sure and follow the Code of Ethics, to help ensure that collecting sites remain open to collecting. All too many sites have been closed due to careless persons having accidents or just thoughtless persons leaving litter and trash behind. Safety is the most important consideration on any collecting trip, and our safety chairman has been putting some very useful hints in past newsletters. Winter time is also a good time to clean some of those specimens collected during the past year and find places to put them – maybe in a display for the next show? I already have some interesting trips planned for 2017 and look forward to meeting as many of you as I can!

Here’s hoping everyone enjoyed the holidays and has a happy New Year!

Ron

Obtaining Info on the 2017 AFMS-CFMS Show & Convention

by Jim Brace-Thompson, 2017 Show Publicity Chair

Members of the Ventura Gem & Mineral Society are honored to invite rockhounds from across America to our hometown of Ventura, California to participate in the 2017 National AFMS-CFMS Show & Convention taking place June 9-11. At the 2016 California Federation Fall Directors Meeting, we performed a “Surfin’ USA” skit to kick off show promotions, and we distributed packets filled with info about the Show and about Ventura—how to get here, hotels and RV parks, basic show info, and things to do and see beyond the Show while on the southern California coast.

Rockhounds in all seven regional federations can get this info and more! To get the Advance Registration Form, competitive and noncompetitive Exhibitor Application Forms, and everything else that was included in the packet, please direct your members to our Show Website: <2017CFMS-AFMS-Show.com>. You and your members can also contact VGMS directly at (805) 312-VGMS (8467) or at <info@vgms.org>. We invite and encourage newsletter editors of each and every AFMS-affiliated club and society to help us spread the word with a brief article directing your club’s members to the website and inviting their participation. The National Show comes but once every seven years to California. Here’s an opportunity to compete at the national level with an exhibit, to meet fellow rockhounds from all across the USA, and—in general—to have fun in the California sun! See you in June!
Rockhound Soapbox
by John Martin, AFMS Conservation & Legislation Committee <afmsclc@antelecom.net>

This year will bring new challenges to the Recreational Rockhounding activities across the country. In the west there have been several new National Monuments created which have closed several very good collecting areas to any kind of material removal. There are new fossil collecting rules and regulations being created and implemented by the Public Land Managers of the BLM and USFS that will impact your ability to collect many of the fossils we have enjoyed collecting, owning, sharing and displaying over the years. These new rules may even affect the fossils collected on non-public lands.

The AFMS Legislation and Conservation Committee will strive to keep the Federation members apprised of legislation, rules and regulations that affect the ability to collect and enjoy our natural resources. We will attempt to inform the Federations and their members of new legislation, rules and regulations during the proposal process where each of you will have the ability and the right to voice your opinions and concerns on how these will affect the Recreational Rockhounding Community and your ability to enjoy your hobby. Information will be published in the monthly newsletters, on the Federation Websites and though electronic media where feasible. Again, if you know of any pending legislation, Rules or Regulations that may affect your Recreational Rockhounding activities do not hesitate to contact the AFMS Legislation and Conservation Committee with your concerns and or questions. We can not do this alone, we are only seven and we need all of the eyes and ears for the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies members to help in keeping Recreational Rockhounding a viable Activity. The contact information is: <afmsclc@antelecom.net> I look forward to receiving your inputs.

Call for the All American Club Yearbook Entries!
by Regina Kapta, AACA Chair

The deadline for entry in the AFMS AACA contest is April 1, 2017.

It’s that time already! Put it all together and create the big picture of your club, its mission, members and activities. Reflect the support for your community, encourage younger members to learn about geology, and promote our hobby to the general public thru your club’s AACA entry.

Some things to remember for this year’s entry:
• There is a statement about publishing the winning entries to the website. Entries achieving the gold level will be posted on the AFMS website (or curated sections of them) unless the club revokes that permission in the entry form.
• The pdf of the yearbook should have bookmarks for each section.
• The pdf may have internal links – for example, you can link Section 2 of the entry form to the first page of Section 2. Even individual items listed in the criteria for Section 2 may link to that specific page of supporting documentation.
• No external links to websites should be in the pdf. For instance, don’t link to the photo album on your website as documentation for a show or meeting. The pdf should generate a complete physical book if printed out, and external links will not create a complete book.
• Page count for the pdf is limited to a maximum of 150 single pages. No changes for the page count of a printed book – you can do up to 100 double-sided pages.

Activities that support the AFMS mission and goals are awarded bonus points, such as support for AFMS contests, participation in Competitive Displays, utilization of the FRA junior program, and for members volunteering as Judges for any of the AFMS sponsored contests.

Please reference the guide on the AFMS web site written by John Washburn. “An All American Club Yearbook: A Guide for Preparation.” This gives an explanation of each section, and what judges look for in rating the entries.

We all need active club members, and the challenge of finding them is one of the biggest problems that clubs can face. The AACA yearbook criteria promotes different aspects that are vital to a club’s survival. The award winners in each yearly contest can serve as models to inspire, and a resource for some great ideas for your club. Club entries are not evaluated against each other, but for the aspects that make a strong active club serving its mission.

REMEMBER that the deadline for entry in the AFMS contest is April 1, 2017. A copy of the Entry Form for year 2016 is on the AFMS web site. Please contact me if there are questions, at <rmkapta@comcast.net>. 

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AFMS Land Use Policy

1. Adherence to the AFMS Code of Ethics assures compliance with most statutes and regulations governing collecting on public lands and encourages respect for private property rights and the environment. Clubs are urged to read the AFMS Code of Ethics in at least one meeting every year, to publish the Code frequently in the club newsletter, and to compel compliance on club field trips.

2. Individuals and clubs are urged to write their elected representatives and land use management agency supervisors regarding issues of rule making, legislation and enforcement affecting field collecting of minerals and fossils.

3. Individuals and clubs are urged to join and support activities of the American Lands Access Association (ALAA), a sister organization with responsibility for advancing the interests of earth science amateurs with legislatures and land use management agencies.

4. The AFMS will receive a report from ALAA at its annual meeting.

5. The AFMS endorses the principle of multiple use of public lands as a guarantee of continuing recreational opportunities.

6. Wilderness and monument designations are inconsistent with the principle of multiple use. In view of the vast amount of public land already designated as wilderness and monuments, future such designations should be minimal, taking into account the increased demand for recreational opportunities, including rockhounding, created by a growing population.

7. In furtherance of the principle of multiple use, the AFMS believes that laws, regulations and rules established by relevant governmental authorities should be designed to allow freest possible access to all public lands, coupled with minimal restrictions on the recreational collection of minerals, fossils, gemstone materials and other naturally occurring materials.

8. A right to collect minerals and fossils on public lands should be protected by statute.

9. The AFMS urges its members to work with any or all government authorities to achieve a good working relationship in order to improve the “Public Image” of recreational collectors.
California Federation
Joseph Deer of the Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Society is our Junior AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year for 2016. Joseph is a great asset to have. He helps the President during our meeting. Always kind and polite, Joseph helps teach new juniors how to use the machines. He is also a Boy Scout. We are very proud and honored to have Joseph in our club.

submitted by Vivian Watts

The Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Society honors Trisha and Norman Sheppeard as our AFMS Club Rockhounds for 2016. Trisha and Norman have been members for a very long time. Trisha comes from a family of rockhounds. She has held every club office position plus being a Board Member. Norman has also been on the Board. These two individuals have been the backbone for our club. Over the years, they have been so generous to our club by sharing their knowledge and rocks.

submitted by Vivian Watts

The Roseville Rock Rollers are proud to recognize Nick Kakoull as our AFMS Junior Club Rockhound of the Year. Nick shows up at meetings excited to show us his latest rock or mineral finds. He takes our activities seriously by doing his best and even taking them home to work on further. Nick and his dad handed out flyers in downtown Roseville for our gem and mineral show. Nick gave two presentations, one on Tiger Eye and one on Citrine. He also presented his program on Tiger Eye to the adult club. This rookie has earned nine FRA badges in his short time with our club. Nick is a great addition to our club and we are proud to have him as our AFMS Junior Club Rockhound of the Year.

submitted by Teresa Johnson, President

We are proud to name Carole Kowalis as the Roseville Rock Rollers Gem & Mineral Society’s 2016 AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year. Carole is our Juniors’ Advisor. Carole’s dedication to the youth program has made a significant and positive impact for our club. As leader of the Rookie Rock Rollers, she spends countless hours preparing exciting activities, working with kids on their FRA badges, supporting club tallgates and co-chairing Kids’ Junction during our show. Carole faithfully attends all board and show committee meetings. She has represented our club at Gem Faire and worked at the CFMS show. Last year, she updated the addresses for show mailings. Always, she greets each member with her warm, welcoming smile.

submitted by Teresa Johnson, President

The Ventura Gem & Mineral Society is privileged and pleased to honor Terry Wilson as our AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year. Terry organized and ran the Plant Booth for our show and is now Show Chair. She is the author of (and maintains) our new website, including constantly urging us to use the links, “whoscoming.com”, for workshops, events and field trips. Terry also electronically cataloged our library. She’s authored an article for the newsletter on her rockhounding adventures in Utah. Always with a smile, she’s willing to help where needed. She has been a positive representative of VGMS by attending and displaying her jewelry cases at the CFMS shows. We are proud to have her as a member. Congratulations Terry Wilson.

submitted by Diane Cook, VGMS President

Austyn Frisk is honored by the Ventura Gem & Mineral Society as their AFMS Junior Club Rockhound of the Year. Austyn attends our meetings, workshops and other events and is always ready to help members bring materials, supplies or anything with which they need help. He always arrives early to help set up. He has worked with the Kids’ booth for three years and is always there to lend a hand. During the 2016 fair, Austyn volunteered 10 of the 12 days. With a smile, he worked 12 hour shifts every day helping to share our love for rocks, cleaning the glass cases and helping where needed. He is the only Junior who has passed our Certification Class for making cabochons. VGMS is looking forward to many years of Austyn’s enthusiasm and talent.

submitted by Diane Cook, VGMS President

The Long Beach Gem and Mineral Society is proud to announce that Karin Yasuda is our 2016 AFMS Club Rockhound. Karin has been a member for just a few years but has served as our recording secretary for the past two years. She is well liked by all members and likes going on collecting field trips. Our club usually carpoools and she is always willing to drive her van full of people. She has gotten her elementary school age daughter interested in collecting and lapidary. She is always willing to help any member with a board assignment or project. Our club is lucky to have her as a member.

submitted by Bruce Kelly, President

The San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society honors Bob Fitzpatrick for his tireless work for our hobby. Doesn’t everyone in SoCal know Bob? Bob was the CFMS Field Trip Chair South for many years and has been field trip chair for four clubs; San Gorgonio, Shadow Mountain, Palm Springs and Yucaipa. He exhibited at the Riverside Co. Fair & Date Harvest with up to 20 cases in competition, winning many Blue ribbons and trophies through the years. He was a vendor at many shows and does a thriving business on Ebay. This coming year, he will be the club’s 1st V.P. and Federation Director.

submitted by Nancy Bird

Adam Dean is a dedicated member of the Orange Belt Mineral Society. Adam has been the CFMS Field Trip Chair South for many years, a job he holds today. He has belonged to Orange Belt for over 20 years and is also a show vendor and maintains an Ebay site. He has entered competition at many shows where he won Best of Show and many first place awards for his displays. He and his wife, Theresa, work with both the Junupa Cultural Center in Riverside and the Bakersfield Mineral Sites donating stones for kids’ programs. In his spare time, he is involved with the Rocketry Associated of California where he is the Range Safety Officer.

submitted by Jessica Pearson and Nancy Bird

Bernie Bentsen has been named the AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year by the San Joaquin Valley Lapidary Society. He has done so many things to help our club and members that it is hard to list them all. He is our field trip leader, Vice President, and has seen to it that our shop is equipped and well run. He was just nominated to be our Club President for 2017. He has gone the extra mile on field trips to keep us safe, happy and with transportation. As our new President, we are sure he will lead our club into a positive future. He is well deserving of this honor and we are grateful to him.

submitted by Sally Larsen, President

The Santa Rosa Mineral and Gem Society is proud to present Dakota McMichael as our 2016 AFMS Junior Rockhound of the Year. Dakota is 11 years old. He has been a member of our club for two years. He LOVES rocks. Dakota has his eyes on the ground wherever he goes! He found a beautiful piece of agatized petrified wood in a creek at horse camp and is always bringing home rock finds from school. He also went on a trip to Arizona and got to hunt for onyx. The most amazing thing about Dakota is that he never misses a Junior workshop day. Every Saturday, you will find Dakota and his dad cutting, grinding and polishing at the shop. He has his own box of finished cabs and he can identify many rocks and minerals.

The Mineral and Gem Society of Castro Valley is proud to recognize our 2016 AFMS Rockhounds of the Year. Howard “Doc” and Shirley Buschke have been members for over 30 years. Doc is a Past President and current Parliamentarian. Shirley is our Education Coordinator. Doc is well known for his beautiful turquoise gem trees with hand carved leaves. Each year he donates one tree for our show auction and another tree for our Christmas party raffle. Doc runs our show store. Shirley coordinates our classes. She encourages members to sign up and take advantage of what’s being offered. Doc and Shirley are tireless workers at our show, always at the front door selling raffle tickets. They are both highly respected and are mentors in our shop. They are always willing to help members learn.

submitted by Bonnie Andrade, President

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Club Rockhounds

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Midwest Federation
The Spring River Gem and Mineral Club announced that Don Sabie is their 2016 AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year. Don developed an interest in rockhounding and collecting after relocating to our Arkansas retirement community. When his brother learned that Don had become interested in rockhounding, he offered him a faceting machine he had purchased and never taken out of its box. Don’s fascination with faceting took off and became a passion. The eye-popping gems he turns out are extraordinary. He has submitted gems to the National Faceting Competition the last three years, each year entering a higher level of competition, and therein getting high marks. In addition to formerly being our Silent Auction Chairman, Don also has served as Club President.

submitted by Lynn Maxedon

Northwest Federation
The Bozeman Gem and Mineral Club’s 2016 AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year is John Slay. John has been an amazing prospector and collector for many years. He has shared discoveries of amethyst and other mineral locations with the Club. He has taken many collecting trips to Montana, Utah, Arizona and Wyoming and shared his collected material with club members and through fundraising auctions. As a quiet and dedicated volunteer, he personally constructed a sturdy footbridge to allow safe crossing of a Montana stream at a private ranch collecting site that is used by area clubs. He also replaced old ranch gates for safer access to the site. John’s unselfish and tireless volunteerism has been his hallmark for many years and stands as a beacon for all NFMS clubs.

submitted by Dr. Ken Zahn, Past President

Rocky Mountain
The Tulsa Rock & Mineral Society is pleased to designate Ian Kirk, who is 11, as our AFMS Junior Club Rockhound of the Year. Ian has been a member of our club for about two years and is an active participant in our Junior Rockhounds of American TRMS Chapter. He enjoys collecting on our field trips and has displayed in our monthly showcase and in our shows; he is entering a competitive exhibit in our upcoming show. He works hard at our shows and helps at our regular meetings doing such things as handing delivering door prizes, showing his specimens, and helping clean up afterwards. Ian is a hard working individual who is a valuable member of our club.

submitted by Julia Allande & Richard Jaeger

The Oklahoma Gem & Mineral Society has proclaimed Dottie Smith as our ACROY recipient. Dottie has been a Rockhound for the last 25 years and a member of OMGS since 1985. Shortly after joining the club, she started creating show displays and she has not stopped since that first case. She has entered cases in approximately 30 Federation Shows and when she is not putting together a case, she is judging them. Dottie qualified as a judge after attending Wild Acres in 1992. The Oklahoma Gem and Mineral Society would like to thank Dottie Smith for all her hard work and support.

submitted by Maxine Wyman

Roger and Joy Lyons have provided leadership for the Cody 59ers Rock Club. Roger served as President for two years and is presently Treasurer. Joy volunteered to serve as Secretary when the position was vacated midyear due to health issues and is currently the club’s Vice President. Roger was the Chairman and host for the 2015 RMFMS Mineral and Gem Show in Cody, WY. Roger and Joy have spent countless hours preparing for club activities including the storage, organizing, and selling of the club’s rocks. Their home has served as a work place for the club’s lapidary equipment with members always welcome. Because of their leadership and communication skills, our club membership has increased 39 members in two years.

submitted by Lola Lamb, Secretary/Treasurer

South Central Federation
The Big Spring Prospectors Club proclaims Dotty Long as our 2016 AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year. Dotty has been a member of our club since 2007. She learned to make cabs and is now active in the beading section of our club. Dottie makes some very attractive jewelry. Prior to our gem and mineral show, she is busy selling ads for the book we publish. During the show, she is in charge of keeping the snack bar well supplied. She will help in any way needed during the show. At the closing of the show, she is there until the last bit of cleaning has been done. Her winning smile, attitude and personality make her an asset to our club and a pleasure to be around.

submitted by Chris Whitney-Smith

In recognition of his many donations and his volunteerism to the Mineralogical Society of Arizona, Dr. Nathan Scholten is our AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year. His numerous hours of service as Board Governor, Chair Future Rockhounds of America and Chair MSA Arizona State Fair helped drive society initiatives. His helpful presence volunteering at the MSA booth at the Flagg Gem & Mineral Show and his dedication leading the Future Rockhounds of America Junior program represents volunteerism at its finest. Nathan’s participation in earth science education and outreach events promoting the hobby and society is truly inspiring. Congratulations on your selection as 2016 Rockhound of the Year as voted by our general membership!

submitted by Chris Whitney-Smith

The Knoxville Gem & Mineral Society has chosen David Liles as our 2016 AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year. David’s excitement on field trips is contagious. David is always first to volunteer to help KGMS in any way. He helps with set up and tear down at our annual show and works the admissions desk welcoming attendees. He has recently volunteered to become the club Membership Director and his enthusiasm for this new position is an inspiration to all. The Knoxville Club wishes to thank David for everything he contributes to our club.

submitted by Knoxville Gem & Mineral Society

The Middle Tennessee Rockhounds recognize Wayne Ramsey as our 2016 AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year. Wayne is a valuable asset to the club. He is very knowledgeable of minerals and their locations. He is eager to share and help anyone with identification or questions. Wayne is responsible for starting a “Rock Swap” in our area and has led and organized the event for several years. The “Rock Swap” under Wayne’s guidance has been a draw for our club and has increased our membership. Wayne proactively seeks new opportunities for the club. Wayne has served as fieldtrip chair and now serves as Vice President. We are fortunate to have him as a member, and thank him for all that he does.

submitted by Knoxville Gem & Mineral Society
AFMS Committees: 2016 - 17

Here is the listing of the people who have agreed to serve as Committee Chairs for 2016 - 17. Please feel free to contact these people if you need information, have questions or would like to share ideas with them.

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AFMS Code of Ethics

I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without the owner’s permission.

I will keep informed on all laws, regulations of rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.

I will to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.

I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.

I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind - fences, signs, buildings.

I will leave all gates as found.

I will build fires in designated or safe places only and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.

I will discard no burning material - matches, cigarettes, etc.

I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.

I will not contaminate wells, creeks or other water supply.

I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.

I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.

I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and Will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.

I will cooperate with field trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.

I will report to my club or Federation officers, Bureau of Land management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.

I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.

I will observe the “Golden Rule”, will use “Good Outdoor Manners” and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public “image” of rockhounds everywhere.

New Officer Info Needed

Many of our affiliated clubs have elected new officers whose terms began in January of this year. In order for us to continue sending this Newsletter to the correct officers in your club, please take a moment or two to let us know who they are!

We’ll need to know the following:

- Name of your club
- Name and mailing address of: your President, Secretary, Federation Director (Liaison) and Editor.

You can e-mail the information to us at <central_office@amfed.org> at no cost to your club.

Thanks for helping us keep the lines of communication open.