Safety Matters - World Domination Made Easy

Did you see that? World Domination Made Easy - just the title draws attention. Now, if only I might draw your attention with the actual title of this article - which is: “How to promote and Promulgate Safety Matters articles to those in our hobby who might most benefit by their content”. The actual title just does not have the same potential to draw attention.

Truly, safety messages are not the prettiest marbles in the bag. But, they sure can win the game.

How does a club safety chair, or field trip coordinator draw the attention of members when important safety measures are discussed? The use of attention drawing titles, humor, pounding a gavel first, or making messages personal (as in how the matter effects each member personally), all goodways.

Member’s attention often drifts away from safety messages - think of the safety talk given by the head flight attendant just prior to a jet’s take off. Messages must often be repeated - think of the person who has never been on a jet plane before. When one is delivering a safety message and most of the members are glancing down into their lap, one might well imagine they are, instead of listening, texting. Lap looking – it’s a sign you’ve lost them.

Gaining and keeping members attention for safety messages is important - we all know that. Now, how do we manage that trick of legerdemain? Here are some ideas - try using an authoritative tone of voice, engage the members, keep the topic relevant, tell stories to illustrate your message, during the talk ask if the members have questions, mix repeat messages with new material, ask members if they can think of how they might apply the topic to what they do in the hobby, try keeping discussions relatively short (try not to overload the members), try approaching a repeat topic in a new manner, ask if they are texting) if they are texting about safety (that’s humor here and, yes, I know it’s lame humor but that’s what I do.

How does one know if members are engaged? Ask. If asked, and a member can repeat what has just been discussed, and how it can be applied not just to the topic being discussed but how it might also be applied to other situations - you’ve got one engaged member there!

If so, put yourself on the back and offer yourself a high five on a talk well presented!

Safety does not have to be boring, but it does take a certain engagement to keep it from being so. Telling stories about the more repetitive messages helps make them more memorable.

Certainly one would not refer to world domination in a safety message title. But you get the idea, I’m sure you can think of some more suitable catch phrase to draw attention. Gaining and holding member’s attention when delivering safety messages are good things.

My hard hat is off to you dedicated safety and field trip chairpersons. Thanks for doing such a great job in getting those safety messages out to your members. Oh, and lastly, while speaking of world domination, it sure would be nice if safety messages were more often featured in our club newsletters and bulletins - just sayin’.
Debunking A Few Myths

As mentioned in the last newsletter, in May my wife and I visited the Midwest convention in Minnesota and the Northwest convention in Montana. Visiting the conventions and shows in the various federations remind me of some misconceptions regarding federation shows I heard years ago and, unfortunately, some people still believe. Some of our federations have had trouble finding a society willing to host a federation show, and they may be scared off by some of these wrong ideas.

Some years ago, I heard the story that an AFMS show could only be held during the months of June, July, or August. Many shows are held during that time, but I have been to many regional and AFMS shows held during other months. There never has been any requirement for an AFMS show to be held only during certain months, and to the best of my knowledge, none of the regional federations have such a rule either. Each federation is supposed to have an annual convention, accompanied by a federation show, and the host club is the one that chooses the date and venue. The AFMS convention rotates among the seven regional federations, this year it will be in Ventura, California in June. Next year it will be in the Eastern federation, and the club that agrees to host it will choose the date and place. If we place too many restrictions on a show, it will become more and more difficult to find a club willing to host it. Shows are generally held annually, and they need to be held on weekends, and the fact is there are only so many weekends in a year. Some of those are holiday weekends, and not practical for a show. Also, the winter months may not be usable, especially in northern states where snow and ice make travel difficult. In the South it may be easier to hold shows in the cooler months; look at Tucson in February. (This doesn’t mean that I would have a show concurrent with the Tucson show!) And we must remember there are many more clubs than there are weekends in the year, so it’s up to each club to determine when and where it can have its show. So it’s only fair to let the host club choose the date and place.

There are other myths about federation shows, such that you must always have a large venue and you will need more dealers. Again, the host club is the one to decide on the venue and the number of dealers, and you certainly don’t want to have a great big exhibit hall that you can’t afford or fill, or more dealers than the anticipated number of visitors will support. Federation shows do involve a few more activities such as the convention and meal events. Usually a place for the meetings can be found in either the same building as the show proper, or at a nearby host hotel. If the hotel can rent out a number of rooms to show attendees, it will often furnish a meeting place at little or no extra charge. Federation shows do involve at least two meal events, the Editor’s Breakfast and Awards Banquet and AFMS conventions may have an Officers’ Luncheon at the option of the host club. These events pay for themselves by ticket sales; the attendees will buy tickets to pay for their admission. The Show Committee can work with the host hotel or other organization catering these events. Over the past 35 years I have seen federation shows in all kinds of places, from Houston’s Astrodome to a high school auditorium, and all kinds of fairgrounds buildings in various cities. In every instance, the committees worked with the venue management and host hotel to make the shows successful.

That’s about enough of that rambling. By the time you read this, my wife and I will have travelled to the Midwest Federation show and then the Northwest Federation show, and have done some sightseeing and maybe collecting in between. We were pleased to visit Carlsbad Caverns last month and may try to go to Yellowstone Park this next month. The roads should be open by the time we go that way. We will try to get some pictures of bears and maybe Old Faithful. I will report more in Ventura. Hope to see you there!

Ron

Happy Vacation – Safe Collecting!

There will be no AFMS Newsletter published during the months of July and August. Next issue is September and carries an August 1 deadline.

We wish everyone a safe and healthy summer. Enjoy the good collecting weather!
Nothing in Life Is Free – Give to the AFMS Endowment Fund!

Back in 2003, I began conceptualizing and drafting the AFMS Future Rockhounds of America Badge Program with monthly articles within the pages of this very newsletter. The program was approved and officially unveiled in 2004 with a manual and 9 badges. Since then, I’ve written and updated four editions of the manual, and we’re now up to 20 activity badges that kids can earn along with a Membership patch, a Rockhound badge for having earned 6 activity badges, and a Rock Star pin for exceptional children who earn all 20 activity badges. (To date, some 28 kids nationwide have earned that distinction.)

I frequently hear from folks not yet familiar with the program who call to ask about it and to inquire just how much each badge costs. The answer: Nothing! Zero! Nada! And when I say that, I frequently encounter an amazed pause on the other end of the phone line. This is truly exceptional in this day-and-age of fees for everything, including five-dollar bottles of ordinary drinking water in a hotel room or the “luxury” of packing a suitcase with you on an airplane.

But, as they say, nothing in life is really free. So how is it that we’ve distributed 3,980 membership patches and 11,923 activity badges since the program began—all entirely free—to clubs and their kids?

Well, give thanks (better yet, give dollars!) to the AFMS Endowment Fund. This has all been possible thanks to the generosity of the AFMS and its Endowment Fund. Your tax-deductible donation will enable us to keep things like our Badge Program alive and well. So give, and give generously, to keep our hobby healthy for many years to come by encouraging our next generation with resources intended to stimulate learning while having fun!
Thanks to Keith Fackrell, 1st Vice President of the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies and Lauren Williams, Vice President of the American Lands Access Association for bringing this issue to my attention.

While Rockhounding on Public Lands, mostly in the Western States, and on private lands, with the permission of the land owner, be aware that the M-44 in use in areas where coyote, feral dogs and other predator wildlife are a threat to grazing livestock and domestic farm and ranch animals. If a M-44 devise is found, “Let it Be”, Do not touch, consider it as a “Live Bomb” – because it is and it can Kill People and domestic dogs!

Safety tips for people to follow are talked about, discussed and even published. Some people are trained to take care of most dangers that are encountered while hiking, camping and, yes, even rock hunting. One danger that I have never seen on a list of safety tips out there is the M-44. In some areas where Rock Hounds are, there may be an M-44 “cyanide bomb”, which is EXTREMELY LETHAL!

The M44 cyanide device (also called a ‘cyanide gun’ or a ‘cyanide trap’) is used for the elimination of coyotes, feral dogs, and foxes. It is made from four parts: a capsule holder wrapped with cloth or other soft material, a small plastic capsule containing 0.88 grams of sodium cyanide, a spring-powered ejector, and a 5-7 inch stake. When the trap is triggered, the spring propels a dose of sodium cyanide into the animals’ mouth, and the sodium cyanide combines with water in the mouth to produce poisonous cyanide gas. In addition to the cyanide, the capsule contains Day-Glo fluorescent particle marker (orange in capsules used by the Wildlife Service, and yellow in capsules prepared for other users).

The M-44 consists of a capsule holder, a cyanide capsule, a spring-activated ejector, and a stake. Bilingual signs warn about the device.

The M-44 device uses a cyanide capsule that is registered as a restricted-use pesticide by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), can be used only by trained certified applicators. Wildlife Service Officers are authorized to use M-44 cyanide capsules to control coyotes, wild (feral) dogs, and red, gray, and arctic foxes which are: suspected of preying upon livestock, poultry, or federally designated threatened and endangered species; or are vectors of communicable disease. The program’s use of M-44 devices strictly conforms to EPA label instructions, directions, and use-restrictions; applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations; and agency and program directives and policies.

Wildlife Service personnel do not use M-44s on any property unless requested by the land’s owner or manager; a valid written cooperative agreement, agreement for control, Memoranda of Agreement, or other applicable document must be in place.

USDA Fact Sheet – 2010: [https://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/wildlife_damage/content/printable_version/fs_m44_device.pdf](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/wildlife_damage/content/printable_version/fs_m44_device.pdf)

Bottom Line: When Rockhounding, be aware of your surroundings and if one of these M-44 devices are found, keep away. If you have your pets with you, be sure to keep a close eye on them. Pet dogs have been known to find and set off these devices and in most cases it is fatal for your family pet.

I have sent inquiries to 4 state legislators and 3 federal legislators asking the status of the M-44 usage. I have not received any response as of this being published.

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Nominations

The AFMS Nominating Committee presents the following slate of candidates for AFMS office in 2017-2018

President: Sandy Fuller (MWF)
Sandy is the current AFMS President-Elect. Sandy served as the MWF President and as the MWF Treasurer for many years. She was also the AFMS/MWF Show Chair in 2012.

President Elect: Doug True (NFMS)
Doug is the current AFMS Inter-Regional Field Trip Committee Chair. He served as the AFMS/NFMS Show Chair in 2009 and as 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th AFMS Regional Vice President. Doug also served as NFMS President.

1st Vice President: David Wayment (SFMS)
David is a qualified AFMS Judge for Jewelry and Art Metalcraft, Division D; and Lapidary, Division C. David currently serves the SFMS as Supplies Chairman and SFMS Workshop Scholarship Chairman. Past positions with the SFMS include: Registrar, Wildacres Workshop; Director, William Holland Workshop; 2nd Vice President; 1st Vice President; and President.

2nd Vice President: DeLane Cox (RMFMS)
DeLane is the current 3rd AFMS Vice President. Currently RMFMS Nominating Committee Chair; serves on Insurance and Long Range Planning Committees; and is Chair of the All-American Committee. Currently serves as the President of the Oklahoma State Council of Mineralogical Societies. In addition, DeLane has been active for 42 years with the Boy Scouts of America.

3rd Vice President: Margaret Kolaczyk (CFMS)
Margaret is a qualified AFMS Judge. Margaret is the current CFMS President. Past positions with the CFMS include: 1st VP, 2016; 2nd VP, 2015; Treasurer, 2013 and 2014; Show Chairperson, 2015; and Earth Science Studies Instruction, 2002 to present.

4th Vice President: Carolyn Weinberger (EFMLS)
Carolyn is the current 5th AFMS Vice President and AFMS Editor. She was inducted into the AFMS Bulletin Editors Hall of Fame in 2003 and received the AFMS Recognition Award in 2008. Carolyn was also an EFMLS Honoree in 1995 and has been an AFMS Endowment Fund Regional Representative for EFMLS for many years. Past positions within the EFMLS include: Honorary Scholarship Awardee, 2012; Wildacres Appreciation Award, 2004; EFMLS Citation Award, 1984; and EFMLS Newsletter Editor since 1978.

5th Vice President: Roger Burford (SCFMS)
Roger currently serves as the SCFMS Executive Vice President and served in this position in 2016. In addition, Roger serves as the President of the Baton Rouge Gem and Mineral Society.

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California Federation

The Peninsular Gem and Geology Society recognizes and honors Ginger Wolnik as our 2017 AFMS Rockhound of the Year. Ginger joined our club and immediately set to work and created our original website. The website was so good it placed in the CFMS competition its first year. She has continued to improve and enlarge the site every year; providing more information to our members and newcomers to the site. Now she has taken on the job as membership chair. She has arranged ease of joining our society via the website. She enrolls newcomers and updates our roster. Her trip to Tucson was well documented and made for an informative meeting program. Ginger is a great asset to our club.

submitted by Colleen Mcgann and Jo Burchard

Don Seifer has been declared the Lake County Rock Hounds’ 2017 AFMS Rockhound of the Year. He has been an active member since 2004 and has been a rock enthusiast for at least 30 years. Don became our Field Trip Director in 2006 and held that position for many years. He remains as a consultant for field trips because of his vast knowledge of Lake County and Northern California hounding sites. Don has served as Vice President for our club. Don, who is still fit at 80 years young, goes rockhounding four to five times per month. He contributes lots of material to our fundraisers. Don is always willing to share his knowledge.

submitted by Melinda Daunis, CFMS Representative

The Pasadena Lapidary Society honors Rex Nishimura as the club’s 2017 AFMS Rockhound of the Year. Rex has been an active member that has led the effort to obtain donations and to keep the equipment at our workshop in good operating condition. He frequently foregoes his own lapidary projects in order to help new members learn basic skills. He has attended BLM regulatory meetings where he has voiced the opinion that our public lands should remain open to educational rock and mineral collecting. His report is on the PLS Website. Rex and his family have attended the Society’s field trips as well as the 2016 AFMS Annual Convention and subsequent field trips.

As the 2017 AFMS Junior Rockhound of the Year for the Pasadena Lapidary Society, Alyson Nishimura’s love of rock hunting and lapidary skills are an asset to our club. Her latest showcase featured Botswana Agate, which she obtained on the January PLS field trip to Quartzsite. In addition, her congenial demeanor and enthusiasm at our rock show welcomes and encourages prospective junior rockhounds to join PLS. By sharing her knowledge, new members feel welcome and willing to participate in club activities. Her last speech on Thunderegg, at the 2016 general meeting, kept the audience captivated and well informed. Alyson attended 10 field trips in 2016 and reads the Rockhound Ramblings conscientiously. Alyson attends workshops to advance her skills and knowledge base.

submitted by Mark Nelson

Northwest Federation

The Clackamette Mineral and Gem Club has selected Arthur and Carolyn Hess as honorees for the 2017 AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year program. Arthur and Carolyn have been members of CMGC since 2009. Arthur has been both Federation Director and President of our club. He did an outstanding job of organizing CMGC’s 50th Anniversary Show and was also in charge of the bargain rock department at our show. Arthur has participated in many club activities such as rock washes and setting up and breaking down shows. Carolyn has always been there to pitch in as well. She has helped at rock washes and various show departments. She is currently one of the instructors at the Gem Tree show booth and monthly meeting hostess. We are lucky to have such dedicated members.

submitted by Jim Heiman, Federation Director

Upcoming Regional Federation Conventions

Please remember to notify me when you plan your upcoming Regional Federation convention so we can avoid conflicts.

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AFMS History – Competitive Exhibits

“We’ve Come a Long Way Baby”

by Jennifer Holiday, Historian

I think you are going to love this bit of history. Did you know that California was the state that gave birth to competitive exhibiting of our earth science hobby? During the 1930’s and 1940’s there were few exhibits, but following World War II the interest blossomed. Prior to 1948 minerals were the only category usually displayed, and at that time display cases were not used. Instead exhibitors displayed their specimens on top of tables, and actually stayed with their exhibit so they could talk to people about them. The use of risers on top of the tables came later and in time display cases were used, but without lighting as we know it today. The earlier exhibitors were determined and imaginative, using aluminum foil and mirrors which helped to reflect light on their exhibits.

History has a fun habit of recalling the first time for everything that’s a home run. During the 1950’s a store decorator named Mr. Craig used a light blue flannel cloth and added a riser to show off his copper exhibit. From then on showmanship became an important aspect in competitive displays as it is today.

The AFMS Uniform Rules manual was developed following 1947, when regional conventions began being held, and competitive exhibiting became a popular, fun and valuable part of the shows. Soon it was realized there was a need for a standard set of uniform rules for showmanship, which every federation would follow when it came to competitive exhibiting.

Over the years, additions and changes have been made to the manual, to address the expanding areas of interest in our hobby. Beading was added to the manual a few years ago, and this year, Meteorites. An example of how the manual has come a long way; is that spheres used to compete with cabochons for the same trophy, and micromounts no longer competes with cabinet minerals.

The manual is dedicated to the work of museum curators, many judges, competitive exhibitors, mineralogists and others. Only time will tell what changes and additions to the manual will be made. The purpose of Uniform Rules is twofold; it sets the standards for our members to be able to create successful competitive exhibits, and is a judge’s guide in the judging process. AFMS Uniform Rules was created to be supportive of our members, because the points a competitive exhibitor receives only belong to the individual, instead of exhibitors competing against each other.

As I write this report, society members across the nation are working on their competitive exhibits for the CFMS-AFMS Show & Convention, Ventura Rocks the Nation. Other members are getting their exhibits ready for their society and neighboring society shows. Some of you are helping pebble pups with their first exhibit. Your exhibits are a beautiful and educational introduction to the public about the hobby, and an inspiration to each other. You are the rock stars of the Earth Sciences and the Practice of the Lapidary Arts & Crafts, and will always be. You are the windows that open to our special world for all others to see. Keep up the good work!

History can be a beautiful thread that can weave longevity and meaning into the things we do today.

Go out and play, celebrate the joys of the Earth Sciences and the Practice of Lapidary Arts & Crafts. It is our gift to give, always has been and will always be. Never forget to create fun and beautiful memories for others, for in time, they will become a special part of history.

Justifying Text – An Editor’s Tool

by Mark Nelson, BEAC Chair

Pick up your latest copy of Rock & Gem Magazine, or any respectable publication, and you’ll notice (or should I say - won’t notice) something about the paragraphs of text. They will be just that – unnoticeable!

It has been my experience that one sure way of improving the appearance of your articles is to employ full justification in your text. Fully justifying text flushes text to both the left and right sides of the text frame, creating a uniform block of text that visually fills the frame completely.

As bulletin editors, we can take a tip from the professionals. These professional typesetters and layout designers are expert at making paragraphs appear imperceptibly good. The paragraphs interact seamlessly with the rest of the layout, making the margins and graphics look fantastic, and helping the chosen typeface to shine! One reason that these typset paragraphs look so good is that they don’t have exaggerated ragged edges. A ragged paragraph has lines of text that finish seemingly randomly at different points along the vertical right edge, creating an uneven block of text that looks a bit messy.

Getting rid of ragged paragraphs may be a subtle tool in a bulletin editor’s collecting bag of publishing skills, but it can make a huge impact on the presentation of your layouts! Justified type, when done well, can look neat and crisp, and gives your work a more professional, symmetric appearance. You will also find that it allows for more copy in an allotted space, as the characters are used to fill the full length of the typed line.

I know that there are differences of opinion regarding justified paragraphs versus ragged edge paragraphs. This may be because, in the not-so-long-ago days of setting paragraphs, the typing or software sometimes resulted in spotty type with rivers of white space (gaps between words that create vertical patterns) and too many hyphens, both of which can reduce readability as well as distract from other design elements. This is still the case when justification is applied to a very narrow column, or to one with too few words per line to allow the text to flow without undue stretching and/or squeezing.

Today, the common computer word processing programs have conquered this problem. Microsoft Word, Corel Word Perfect and Microsoft Publisher all have the ability to highlight your text and, with the click of a button, fully justify your text. I still like to avoid hyphenated ends to my sentences and will go back move the hyphenated word to the next line. Do this by putting the cursor at the start of the hyphenated word and press the space bar until the word slides to the right and moves down to the next line. The justification will evenly space the remaining words on the line as well as the remaining text in your story.

Give it a try and see what feedback you receive from your readers!

Sources:

Happy Father's Day!
### 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.

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.

Nominations

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Treasurer: Pat La Rue (2-year term)
Pat has served as the CFMS President; AFMS Regional Vice President; and as AFMS Treasurer since 2006.

Pat was elected to office in 2016 and has one year left of her 2-year term.

Secretary: Donna Moore
Donna has served as AFMS Secretary since her election in 2015.

Donna will complete the 2nd year of her 2-year term in 2017. Donna has agreed to be nominated and serve as AFMS Secretary for another 2-year term beginning in 2018.