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President's Report

Hello everyone,

Hello everyone, I’m looking forward to seeing you next month at our annual meeting in Huntsville, Alabama October 11 & 12. The schedule and other relevant information can be found in the August issue of Lodestar (easy to find on our website www.amfed.org/sfms/). Please join us to select officers and make plans for 2020 and enjoy the Huntsville club’s show. The federation needs your participation on our team to support everyone’s enjoyment of rockhounding. But you don’t have to wait for the meeting. Contact your officers or your state director now if you have suggestions for what we need to cover at the meeting. One subject sure to be discussed is our ongoing effort to elaborate the benefits of federation membership and our goals for service described in our 10 Points Benefit statement. Two of these benefits I would like to emphasize are Club Development and Inter-club Communications.

Club Development could include assistance with starting a new club. Our membership chair Jason Hamilton has expressed some excellent ideas on this subject and I’m sure others of you have useful suggestions as well. Although each situation is a little different, I would love to see us develop some kind of written resource that could be used as a starting point. But perhaps even more important is the growth, improvement and maintenance of existing clubs. Experience is a wonderful teacher and this is where Inter-club Communication could be very useful. I hope we can develop our state director program to help fill this need since they should be familiar with the individual situations of the clubs in their domain. I would also like to see clubs share in the Lodestar their various success stories. That would also be an excellent venue for seeking help with areas you would like to improve. And, of course, our federation meetings are a great place to exchange ideas. Anyway, in my opinion, these considerations should be a main area of emphasis for our relations as a federation and I think we would all benefit from cherishing fellowship among our clubs.

Reggie Bolton
Alabama Mineral and Lapidary Society
2019 SFMS president
Editor's Note

Hello rockhounds!

Anyone who wishes to subscribe to the Lodestar and/or submit an article/show/report for publication, send us an email at: sfms.lodestar@gmail.com.

Please share this Lodestar newsletter with your local Club. You may simply attach this newsletter to your monthly newsletter distribution, or send out separately. Thank you for your assistance.

Need information on the SFMS Annual Meetings? ... keep reading!

For the 2019 SFMS Annual Meeting in Huntsville AL, hosted by Huntsville Mineral & Gem Society Show, see the Gem Show section and the Secretary Report in this newsletter edition! We are looking forward to seeing all that can attend!

For the 2020 SFMS Annual Meeting, the Knoxville Gem & Mineral Society has agreed to host both the SFMS and AFMS Annual Meetings. More details to follow in coming months.

I am working on some changes for our Lodestar newsletter, if you have any corrections to the contact information in the last pages of this newsletter, please send us an email with the updated information.

Rock On,
Lori Heinemann
SFMS Lodestar Editor

Secretary's Report

It has been quite a full year so far. We've had two Executive Meetings so far, in St.Petersburg, Florida hosted by the Suncoast Club and in Live Oak, Florida during our First Annual Rockhound Roundup. We are now preparing for our Annual Meeting, hosted this year by the Huntsville Gem and Mineral Club. We really appreciate the opportunity to come out and visit local clubs, see how they enjoy our mutual hobby and share what your Federation can do for you. Although we are all volunteers, both in our local club and at the regional and national level, we all enjoy the common ground of our love of the hobby, and a willingness to share that love. I hope you will consider coming to an Executive or Annual Meeting if you can to see what we can offer and share what you can offer to your fellow rockhounds.

I have sent details and registration forms to the Presidents and Federation Liaisons for each club I. The SFMS. Sometimes the email will kick back to me with an invalid address, but I do my best to make sure every club b gets the information. In addition, in this issue of the Lodestar and shortly on the SFMS Website, you will find the same information about the upcoming Annual Meeting as well as some updates on the planning for the Second Annual Rockhound Roundup. If you have any questions about either of these meetings, or any other topic you think I can help with, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

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SFMS Secretary
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Greetings all, welcome to hurricane season, does seem like it will start in earnest this weekend with the unwelcome arrival of Dorian. Do hope she decides that it would be better off to detour to the north and stay out to sea. The hurricane does remind us to be prepared as I have noted several times in past newsletters. Recently a couple of severe storms rolled through upstate SC and one of these knocked a lot of leaves and small limbs and one large limb into the fence around the yard. The weather has been too miserable to remove the big limb but the smaller stuff has been removed. The power was out for 5 hours, but the storm cooled things off, so that it was not too uncomfortable. Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches are a good reliable staple in times like this. I did notice that my bed time did not change much, since I usually go to be before 9:00 anyway on work days.

Back to being prepared; non-perishable foods or a portable gas stove make things easier to deal with the power outages. However, there is truly no way to prepare for storms like Michael from last year. So, unless you are hit by a Michael lookalike try to have about 7 days of food and water available. And extra water is usually needed. And as the news folks note, have yourself a “survival” kit, medicines, first aid stuff, batteries for the flash lights and radio, etc. To me, it is never fun camping out in your house. So anyway, be prepared. PS a good can opener, not an electric powered one does come in handy.

Now, I read an interesting article this month published by a website called cleanlink.com. The article was by Ben Walker of ManageMan, Inc, a leading cleaning industry consultant. The article was written while he was in Hungary. He noted that about 150 years ago in Vienna, Austria, a young Doctor named Semmelweis noticed that the mortality rates for certain areas of the hospital were exceedingly high. His investigation concluded that the personnel servicing that area of the hospital was adjacent to an area where young doctors practiced on cadavers. It seems these young doctor candidates would practice on the cadavers and then go about the business of servicing the other areas of the hospital, WITHOUT WASHING THEIR HANDS.

Dr. Semmelweis, deduced that this was the cause of the massive number of infections in the other area of the hospital. He therefore introduced the practice of hand washing. Other senior doctors criticized his efforts, however this practice worked. Handwashing is now considered critical in stopping the spread of disease and as the cooler weather starts, and with the outbreaks of measles and flu, remembering to properly wash your hands is very important in protecting your health.

Sadly, Dr. Semmelweis was broadly criticized and later suffered a mental breakdown which led to his institutionalization and later his death. As the article notes, “In a bitter irony, Semmelweis is now recognized as a pioneer. He was among the first in creating hygiene standards for the medical profession.”

In summary, you are the number one in protecting your health, practice appropriate hand washing techniques and as an Australian commercial on hand washing noted, squeeze your thumb, as a guide to proper handwashing techniques.
We have been on a couple of cruises and on one of these the public bathroom spaces encouraged proper hand washing techniques and encouraged passengers to use paper towels when touching the door handles.

Be safe and watch out for the hazards around you and as always be aware of your surroundings.

Bob Green
SFMS Safety Committee Chair

2019 SFMS Workshop Scholarship Drawing

This is the 3rd year of the SFMS Workshop Scholarship Drawing, which will be held at the 2019 SFMS Annual Meeting. This is the fund raising program of the SFMS that replaced the stamp collecting program. The purpose is to raise funds to provide scholarships to the SFMS Workshops held at William Holland and Wildacres each year. The scholarships are won by member clubs of the SFMS, and it is up to the winning clubs how to award the scholarship certificates. The certificates may only be used at SFMS workshops, not the regular sessions held at William Holland. The first year of the scholarship drawing we were able to award 8 scholarships, and in the second year we awarded 2 scholarships. To raise the funds for the scholarships we ask the member clubs and individual members to help in two ways. First, we need prizes for the drawing. We ask that the donated prizes have a value of at least $25 and be hobby related. It could be a mineral specimen, a finished piece of jewelry, a new book about some aspect of the hobby, a new tool or just about anything you can think of. All prizes should be mailed to Dave Wayment, PO Box 780791, Sebastian, FL 23978. Each member club will receive acknowledgement if it donates a prize, or if a member of that club donates a prize. Each prize should be identified, include the value of the item, identify who made the item if it is hand made, and who donated the item. Photographs and descriptions of all prizes will be posted on the SFMS website and published in the Loadstar. Second, we need to sell tickets for the drawing. THE DRAWING IS FOR THE DONATED PRIZES NOT SCHOLARSHIPS. Each Treasurer of the club has been provided with drawing tickets. They do not have a drawing date on the tickets so we can use the same batch of tickets every year without having to reprint them. The tickets are $5 each or 5 tickets for $20. Each club's treasurer, or another member chosen by the club, should be in charge of selling the tickets, collecting the funds, and returning the ticket stubs and monies to Dave Wayment at the same above address. The drawing for the prizes will be held at the Annual Meeting this October before the banquet. We will need the ticket stubs, etc, returned no later than 2 weeks prior to the Annual Meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Dave Wayment, SFMS Workshop Scholarship Committee Chairman, at (772) 532-6432.
2019 SFMS Annual Meeting Information

The SFMS Annual Meeting will be held at the Huntsville Mineral & Gem Society Show. Please see the Secretary Report section and the attachment for more information on the Huntsville show. Please see the Gem and Mineral Show section of this newsletter for information regarding the club show held in conjunction with this annual meeting!

Please find a map of the area where the 2019 SFMS Annual Meeting will be held:
DMC Field Trip Report

Field Trip Information

Dixie Mineral Council (DMC) will share more after the September field trip.

DMC field trips are open only to members of clubs that are members of the SFMS DMC field trip sharing program. SFMS club members are bound by the AFMS code of ethics, but the general public is not, and could jeopardize access to a collecting location. So unless the property owner has invited non-SFMS attendees, the general public is not allowed on DMC field trips.

Please reply by e-mail to:
sfms-dmc@amfed.org

World Wide Web site for the DMC is:
http://www.amfed.org/sfms/dmc/dmc.htm

DMC is a program of the Field Trip Committee of the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc.
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“Earth first...we’ll collect on the other planets later.”

SFMS Rockhound Round-Up

Second Annual Rockhound Roundup News!

Those of you who joined us the past May for our First Annual Rockhound Roundup, will be happy to know that plans are underway for the next event. Feedback so far has been highly positive, so we are moving forward with next year. As with any new venture, there are always glitches and areas for improvement. Melissa Hill, your 2nd VP, went around and surveyed participants for ideas, suggestions for improvements etc. Based on her information and observations by our leaders and visitors, we are making some changes.

Firstly, it was too hot! Hello – Florida in the summer! While the venue, The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park is a great space, with cooperative management, we decided to try for earlier in the year when the temps are not quite so blistering. Working with the schedule at the park, the best weekend we were able
to arrange was March 6-8, 2020, with setup on March 5. We hope there will not be too many conflicts with this date, but we realize that with 75 clubs in the Federation, any date will conflict somewhere. We apologize if this date is a problem for your group.

Secondly, it was quite obvious that participation in the Roundup and attendance at the Executive meetings were in direct conflict. Therefore, we will be setting the meeting time for Saturday evening, after the Roundup. We would also like to hold a Friday night social since one of the primary reasons for hold this event is to promote inter-club connections and networking. More on that as we work out details.

Finally, the vendor spaces, while quite large, contributed the vast amount of walking necessary to see it all. We’ll be working on the layout to bring things closer together, so that our visitors do not have to exhaust themselves to see everything. Of course, lower temperatures will help as well.

More information will be available as we firm up our plans. If you are interested in participating as a tailgater/vendor or helping with the planning, preparation and setup, please contact:

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SFMS 10 Points Benefits of Belonging

The 10 Points Benefits of Belonging to the SFMS started last year at the Cracker Barrel session of the 2018 Annual Meeting. The efforts of the 10 points were further discussed at the 1st quarterly meeting of 2019, then a presentation was provided at the 2nd quarterly meeting. Since then we have been providing some updates and elaborating on some of the points here in the newsletter editions.

For more information, please be sure to read the President’s Message provided by Reggie Bolton!

An updated 10 point presentation will be released at the 2019 SFMS annual meeting next month in Alabama. This document will be provided to Reggie Bolton and Wayne Dodd, of which both initiated the 10 points presentation.

The 10 points document is not intended to be a one-time document, but a fluid and live document which will be ever changing, improving, and evolving. The transition of the 10 points document will need input from several clubs, offering information where they or you have a good source of valuable information to share and to assist in making this document a resource for your fellow clubs. Remember all may contribute to this project!

For a listing of the 10 points, please see the last page of this newsletter.
GEM AND MINERAL SHOWS

If you would like to see your show information for your club here, submit your show information to:

SFMS.Lodestar@gmail.com.

Ensure you include the dates, club name, location at minimum.

Feel free to provide additional information...

The Gem and Mineral Shows section of the Lodestar will be undergoing format changes starting next month.

We will be accepting .pdf, .jpg, and .png files for the October SFMS Lodestar club show section. These new formats will require a limit size of approximately quarter page per show. If your submission is larger in any of these new formats, the entry will be shrunk to fit – and you want the relevant information easily read for your show. However you may continue to submit in Microsoft Word or OpenOffice, if you like.

September 6, 7, & 8, 2019; Winston-Salem, NC

The Forsyth Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.

48th Annual Jewelry, Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show & Sale

Theme: Minerals, Gems, and Fossils of Mexico

Show hours:  
Friday September 6    10 AM to 7 PM  
Saturday September 7  10 AM to 7 PM  
Sunday September 8    12 Noon to 5 PM

Location: Educational Building Winston Salem Fairgrounds  
Winston-Salem, NC

Free parking – enter at Gate 9 off 27th Street

28 Dealers – Demonstrations – Educational Exhibits  
Presentations on Saturday by Dr. Robert Lauf  
Hourly Door Prize drawings for $ 20.00 gift certificates for use at the show!

Admission $ 3.00 Adults – children thru grade 12 free with accompanying adult.  
www.forsythgemclub.com
October 11, 12, & 13, 2019; Huntsville, AL

Huntsville Gem & Mineral Society
Gem, Jewelry, and Mineral Show

Our show is the LARGEST gem, jewelry, and mineral show in North Alabama and Southern Middle Tennessee! This year's show will be held October 11-13th, 2019.

Show Dates/Hours:
Friday, October 11th: 10 am to 6 pm
Saturday, October 12th: 10 am to 6 pm
Sunday, October 13th: Noon to 5 pm

Venue Location:
The Jaycee Community Building, 2180 Airport Road SW, Huntsville, Alabama. Parking is free and we'll be conveniently close to local restaurants and shopping.
There will be many dealers offering a wide variety of minerals, crystals, jewelry, lapidary, rock-hunting supplies and more for sale! The show will also feature Displays of gems, minerals, and jewelry; Demonstrations of lapidary and related arts; a Mining Flume for all to enjoy; and a Fluorescent Room to explore. Your children won't want to miss the Dinosaur Dig and kids' activities based on our Pebble Pups program. Plus we'll have an hourly drawing for Door Prizes and Raffle Prizes!

Donations of $3.00 each are requested at the door, with children under 5 free, and there will be weekend passes available for $5.00. We had a great turnout last year, and we're looking forward to another Big Show this year. So spread the word to all your friends, and come join us for a fun weekend this Fall!
To learn more, visit www.Huntsvillegms.org, or contact 256-534-8803.

Our SFMS Annual Meeting will be held in conjunction with this HGMS Annual Show.
October 18, 19, & 20, 2019; Knoxville, TN

October 18-20, 2019; Knoxville, TN

Knoxville Gem & Mineral Society's
29th Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show

Location: Rothchild Conference Center
8807 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN
Convenient to I-40/I-75
Admission: $6.00/day or $10.00 run-of-show pass
Children under 12 free
Hours: Friday & Saturday: 10am-6 pm;
       Sunday: 11 am-5 pm

20+ Dealers selling minerals, fossils, gemstones,
meteorites, slabs, gem trees, jewelry, supplies,
and more

Free fossil replica casting for the kids, hourly door
prizes, show grand prize, educational displays

November 2 & 3, 2019; Birmingham, AL

NEW SHOW NOVEMBER 2&3 BIRMINGHAM,ALABAMA

Alabama Mineral and Lapidary Society is adding a new show to their schedule. It will be held in Oak
Mountain State Park (near Birmingham to the south) on Saturday and Sunday November 2&3.

This is an outdoor show. Vendor spaces approximately 12 x 20 are available for $75 each as an intoduced
ory offer. We will maintain this price for future shows near this date if possible . We will emphasize lapidary vendors but quality craftspeople from other areas will be considered to help make this a good holiday shopping opportunity. For information contact events4aml@gmail.com . Show application
November 2 & 3, 2019; Tampa, FL

60th Annual Gem, Mineral, and Jewelry Show
Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club Presents:
Hot Rocks, Cool Gems and Fabulous Jewelry
Plant City Strawberry Festival
Expo Hall—303 N Lemon St.
Nov. 2—3, 2019
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
www.tampabayrockclub.com

COUPON
$1.00 off Admission—up to 4 people

November 9 & 10, 2019; Melbourne, FL

46th Annual Parade of Gems
Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society
45 Dealers displaying & selling jewelry, gems, minerals, crystals, fossils, tools, rocks, slabs.
Demonstrations; hourly prizes; grand prize, Children’s Mineral Discoveries
Melbourne Auditorium
625 East Hibiscus Blvd.
Melbourne, FL 32901
More info: www.canaveral-mgs.com
Show Chairman,
Don McLamb
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fdjmc@aol.com
November 23, 24, & 25, 2019; Columbia, SC

The Columbia, SC Gem & Mineral Society will hold its 2019 52nd Annual Gem, Mineral, & Jewelry Show
Fri Nov. 22, 10:00 - 6:00;
Sat. Nov. 23, 10:00 - 6:00;
Sun. Nov.24, 12:00 - 5:00
Jamil Temple
206 Jamil Rd.
Columbia, SC 29210

Jewelry, beads, loose stones, fossils, minerals, gold, silver, & tools for sale
Geodes sold & cut
Club member's rock collections on exhibit & lapidary demonstrations.
Educational for the whole family.
South Carolina amethyst on display.
Sponsored by The Columbia Gem & Mineral Society

$5.00 for adults, Sixteen & under free.
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November 24 & 25, 2019; West Palm Beach, FL

November 23-24, 2019, West Palm Beach, Florida
53rd annual gem, mineral, jewelry, bead and fossil show

Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches

Saturday (Nov. 23rd) 9am-6pm, Sunday (Nov. 24th) 10am-5pm.
South Florida Fairgrounds Expo Center East, 9067 Southern Blvd.,
West Palm Beach Florida 33411.
Over 80 dealers, Door prizes, hourly and other prize drawings, Fossil Dig, Gem Mining, Geode Cracking,
Displays, Demonstrations, Speakers
Admission $9, children under 12 free. Visit website for $1 off coupon. 2 day admission $14. Free Parking
Show chairman, Walter Triche 561-585-2080 email: wtriche@gmail.com
November 29 – December 1, 2019; Mobile, AL

25th Annual Mobile Rock & Gem Society Show

Friday, November 29: 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM; Saturday, November 30: 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Sunday, December 1: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM; Friday & Saturday FREE admission after 5PM

ABBA Shrine Center, 7701 Hitt Rd, Mobile, AL 36695

Many Wonderful Door Prizes
Admission: $4.00 and Children 12 and under FREE with Adult
Raffle tickets $1.00, You do not have to be present to win, Drawing on Sunday 12/1/2019, 4:00 PM

30+ Vendors of Rocks, Gems, Minerals, Fossils and Jewelry from around the World
Silent Auction, bid, bid again, WIN, New Auction every hour.

See our website: mobilerockandgem.com

FREE PARKING

December 14 & 15, 2019; Franklin, TN

FRANKLIN, TN EARTH TREASURES SHOW

2nd weekend each December Gem, Jewelry, Mineral, Fossil Show & Sale
Mid-Tennessee Gem & Mineral Society Saturday: 9 AM TO 6 PM Sunday 10 AM TO 5 PM
Williamson County Ag Expo Park 4215 Long Lane Franklin, TN., 37064

Exit I-64 at exit 61 (20 miles south of Nashville) and turn east onto Peytonsville Road.
Drive ¼ mile and turn left onto Long Ln. and then right into AgExpo Park’s parking lot.

ADMISSION: Adults $5 (2-day pass $7), Students 18 and under $1.00, Children under 12 with adult free

Over 30 Dealers plus classes, speakers, exhibits, demonstrations, silent auction, and door prizes hourly.
Show features handmade silver, stone, and Native American jewelry, lapidary and faceting rough, slabs, fossils and mineral specimens, supplies, tools, and more.

For additional information and maps visit www.MTGMS.org/show.htm Show contacts: Linda Cartwright, Show Chair (show@MTGMS.org) or Steve Henegar, Dealer Chair (show@MTGMS.org) Email: show@MT-GMS.org

Classes at the show: All classes are on Saturday 12/14 and start at 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM
Class information will be updated closer to the show.
For more information on the classes send email to: classes@mtgms.org
January 10 – 12, 2020; Largo, FL

Pinellas Geological Society, Inc.  
PRESENTS THE:  
44th ANNUAL GEM, MINERAL AND JEWELRY SHOW & SALE  
JOIN US AT THE  
CENTRAL PARK PERFORMING ARTS CENTER  
105 Central Park Drive, Largo, FL  
Jan. 10—12, 2020  
Fri. & Sat. ~ 10 a.m. –to– 5 p.m.  
Sunday ~ 12 Noon –to– 5 p.m.  
$2.00 ADMISSION  
AGES 12 AND UP  
Fun for All Ages

March 6 – 8, 2020; Live Oak, FL

SFMS ROCKHOUND ROUND-UP - 2020  
Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies (SFMS)  
2nd annual Rockhound Round-Up.  
WHO: All Members of all SFMS Clubs are Welcome. From Clubs in good standing with SFMS. Members in good standing from over 74 Clubs in AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, TN.  
WHAT: A good old-fashion Rock-Swap.  
WHERE: Spirit of Suwannee Music Park  
3076 39th Drive  
Live Oak, FL 32060  
(386) 364-1683  
www.musicintheshine.com  
HOW MUCH:  
For Buyers Only: the only cost is the Admission Fee for the Park. If you have a few rocks in your pockets, you may be able to 'Swap' also. Buying is open to the general public, and all are welcome to shop.  
For Sellers: $25.00 for a 10′ x 20’ booth to be a Vendor, plus the Park Admission. The $25.00 is for the 10 foot by 20 foot vendor booth, for all three days. Place your reservation with the SFMS Contact. Separate email sent with Application. Vendors MUST submit Application and Payment by a deadline to be established.  
- Bring rocks you might want to swap with, remember this is a Rock-Swap!  
- Bring Cash, etc. (The Campground does not have 2 ATMs on the premises.)  
- Vendors may or may not accept credit: debit cards, and may or may not have service.  
- Bring flyers for your show in the Spring or for the next season!  
- Learn more about us, and the Benefits of Belonging to the SFMS!  
- Rock and Roll with us all weekend!
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Bringing at least 10 States together...

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Who are the contacts for the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies?
What are the benefits of your local club belonging to the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies?

The SFMS is your link to resources and connections!

The association with SFMS spans:
◊ from your local club and area
◊ to the regional level
◊ and even expands nationally!

The Lodestar will be providing brief synopsis of what the SFMS offers (or will offer in the future) for each of the 10 points. Please review the President's Message and articles submitted for details.

This issue of the Lodestar is highlighting one (or more) of the below Benefits of Belonging to the SFMS.

10 point benefits of SFMS:

I. Programs and Archives
II. Mayo Educational Foundation
III. Club Development
IV. Interclub Connections
V. Federation Sponsored Club Insurance
VI. Field Trips
VII. Youth Program and Support
VIII. Lapidary Education
IX. Competitive Cases and Judges
X. National Affiliation

The 10 Points Benefits of Belonging is a live document (will ever change and improve) and of which - will call for action items and others to assist! Please consider helping to make a difference and volunteering...

SFMS—Benefits of Belonging

Future 10 Points Benefits of Belonging to the SFMS will be provided in the upcoming SFMS Lodestar newsletters.

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Rock On!