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UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

February 24, 2007: Hogg Mine near LaGrange, Troup County, GA for rose quartz, tourmaline, beryl, mica books and quartz crystals. The rose quartz will star if cut correctly and some of the beryl can be gemmy aquamarine. Hosts: Mid-Georgia Gem and Mineral Society (Macon, Georgia). See your local club newsletter for additional information.

"Field trips are open to all members of associated clubs of the DMC program of the SFMS Field Trip Committee and to all members of SFMS member clubs who have provided heir membership with SFMS liability insurance. Because of insurance requirements, members of the GENERAL PUBLIC are NOT invited on this or any DMC program field trips!"



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There is an old saying that states, use it or lose it, this is very true when applied to our schools. Wildacres and William Holland need our support in the form of participation. While I realize everyone can't attend one of these facilities, I feel that many could and just don't take the time. The times I have attended one of these facilities I have met many interesting people, and learned a lot about the craft I took. For a week of instructions, lodging, and food, it's a bargain.

I think one of many answers to a healthy attendance at our training facilities is new members. New members are the lifeblood of our hobby. I believe there are a lot of potential new members out there that just don't get the word about our hobby. As broad in scope as our hobby is it offers something for everyone. "Spread the word". One thing I would like for our clubs to do is to find creative ways to recruit new members and share it with other clubs. Sending your method or methods to the *Lodestar* would be a way to share it with others.

*Thanks, and I hope everyone has a great 2007,
Buddy Shotts
SFMS President*

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PLEASE SEND A MESSAGE

Hi All,

As most of you know BLM and the Forest Service have been closing roads all over the place and we are losing collecting areas.

There are two efforts ongoing that is vital to our future collecting.

First: Most of the environmental groups wish to close roads and trails in the public lands so they can be made into wilderness areas. That means NO VEHICLES. Thus closing of roads is a favorite target to start the process.

However, some of those roads are used by county governments and others for a number of uses. So there has been a full scale effort to assert the claims of existing roads and trails from closing. A number of law suits have been started and pressure has been applied to Congress to correct the situation.

Representative Steve Pearce of New Mexico has introduced a bill (HR6298) to protect the public rights of

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email: sfms@amfed.org



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A Non-Profit, Non-Commercial, Non-Political Organization and Regional Federation of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies

PURPOSE:

To bring about a closer association of Clubs and Societies devoted to the study of Earth Sciences and the practice of Lapidary Arts and Crafts in the Southeast part of the United States.

OBJECTIVE:

To cooperate with similar Federations to promote public interest in the Earth Sciences and the conservation of natural resources.

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**The article submittal due date for the February 2006 Lodestar is January 25, 2006
(No exceptions!)**



PLEASE SEND A MESSAGE

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access granted by Congress under the old law R.S. 2477 and further protected by the new law, *The Federal Land Management and Policy Act*.

I request that everyone send Representative Pearce a BIG THANK YOU note for his effort. WE are quick to ask for assistance, but often fail to say thank you when our representatives respond. In this case, this bill will be reintroduced into the 110th Congress and we will need the help of a number of representatives and senators to get it passed. By sending a thank you note to Representative Pearce, we give him the means to ask other members to support this bill. PLEASE send a message.

His address is as follows:

The Honorable Steve Pearce
1607 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-3102
Fax: (202) 225-9599
Email: <http://www.house.gov/formpearce/email.htm>.

Second: There is an ongoing survey by the Forest Service to identify which roads will remain open and which will be closed. This survey is called the *Travel Management Planning Process*. The Forest Service is asking those that use the forest roads to identify those roads and trails that we use so they can study which should remain open. All others will be closed to vehicle traffic. To my knowledge the process is ongoing in New Mexico, Arizona, and of all places, Connecticut. I suggest you check out the Forest Service in your area and make sure the roads to our collecting sites are covered.

*Thanks for your attention,
Howell Whiting
American Lands Access Assoc. Director
htwdhw@dfn.com
(from an email dated 11/12/06)*

to make changes in footwear and foot care. I well remember the lectures they gave us in the Army before we went on marches, hikes or field exercises. Always, we had to have an extra pair of clean, dry socks, and we had to inspect our feet carefully each morning and each evening and keep our boots and feet as dry as possible. It was darned good advice.

All of us must become more sensitive to our footwear. We should select sturdy shoes. (I know ladies, they may not be stylish.) We must have shoes that fit properly. We may have gotten in the habit of buying one particular size and they may no longer fit. Two factors can figure into this. First, I have been told that a few years ago manufacturers changed the standards for shoe sizes and shoes became ever so slightly smaller. A second factor is that as we become older, our feet may tend to change in size, width or length. We may need to consult a knowledgeable supplier of footwear so that we purchase the correct size so that we do not cramp our toes and also get the proper support. Much comfort can often be derived from either good quality arch supports or custom made orthotics. This may cost you a little money, but can be a good investment in the long run.



The second part of the basic equation of foot comfort is foot care. Let's start with the toe nails. An ingrown toe nail can really be a source of pain and infection – they can actually be dangerous. Nails should be trimmed straight across and trimmed often. They do not have to be cut extra short just don't let them touch the inside of the toe of the shoe. Be alert to strange tendencies for the toe nails to "cup" or "curl" and watch out for discoloration. There are fungus growths that enjoy attacking your toe nails and they can cause big trouble.

Malformations of the toes and feet can occur and are bad news. Hammer toes, bunions and corns often result from poorly fitted shoes and may require medical assistance. There are other foot problems that I do not even know about and I am not sure that I want to.

Paying close attention to our toes and feet in general is most important. With age comes the onset of non-insulin dependent or type 2 diabetes. Diabetes has a nasty habit of causing sores or infections on the feet and this must be avoided. Untreated sores on the feet can even result in amputation or some other form of surgery.

In closing, let me remind you that our feet are fragile and we must not run down to our work area or studio for even a minute without proper footwear. It is really easy to break toes and often very little can be done to repair the damage. Having your toes taped together is less than comfortable and is, often, the only thing that can be done to achieve healing.

Be Safe – Be Well
Safety Committee – Don Monroe, Chairman

Feet Hurt?
Check Footwear and Foot Care!

I remember some of my older relatives saying that when your feet hurt, you hurt all over. I never really gave it much thought until I approached significant maturity. Then, my feet began to cause a bit more trouble and I had

**FAMILY WEEK AT WILLIAM HOLLAND
JUNE 10-16, 2007**

**SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL
SOCIETIES BOARD MEETING**

Tired of your kids spending the summer playing video games? Are theme parks out of the budget this year? Maybe you want to do something special with your grandchildren, nieces or nephews without spending a fortune? Look no further than the June 2007 workshop at William Holland.

Classes for juniors as well as adult are being offered in June 2007. Parents, grandparents, and others are encouraged to sign up their juniors for this exciting week. Juniors will take two classes while their accompanying adults choose from a variety of regular classes. A special field trip for juniors is being planned, along with an evening program at the Young Harris College planetarium. Other after-class events and activities are also in the works.

Look for details in the *Lodestar* and in your club newsletters. Plan to take advantage of this fun and economical learning vacation with your juniors.

*Julia Larson
SFMS Education Chair*

*Hosted By
The Henderson County Gem and Mineral Society
Hendersonville, NC
Saturday, March 24, 2007*

Hotel: Quality Inn and Suites located at I-26 and US 64, 201 Sugarloaf Road, Hendersonville, North Carolina. For reservations call: 828.692.7231 and mention SFMS for rates of \$53.99 (plus tax) with outside view and \$62.99 (plus tax) facing inner courtyard. Reservations must be made by February 23, 2007, for these rates.

Directions to the Quality Inn: Exit 49A on I-26 which is US 64 East towards Bat Cave. Go one block to the first traffic light, turn right onto Sugarloaf Road, proceed for approximately a quarter of a mile to the Quality Inn.

Hotel amenities are many and include a free hot breakfast (served 6:30 – 11:00 A.M. o) for those staying at the hotel. Beverages and snacks will be available at the mid-morning break.

Meeting: The board meeting will be held in the conference room at the Quality Inn. Registration will be at 8:30 A.M. and the meeting will start at 9:00 A.M.

*Roger E. Campbell
Henderson County Gem and Mineral Society*

SFMS MEMBER CLUB HONORED

The Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin, North Carolina was honored at a reception by the Volunteer Resource Center (of the Volunteer Council of Franklin) for their 34 years of serving Macon County. They were presented with a letter and certificate from Governor Mike Easley.



In the past, the Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service has honored the top five volunteers from each county in North Carolina. This year, the Medallion Award is being presented to the top 20 volunteers in the entire state. The Gem and Mineral Society of Franklin is included in this inaugural year of the Medallion Award, that is called by the Commission, "the best of the best."

The all-volunteer group has operated and maintained the Franklin Gem and Mineral Museum that is located in the Old Jail while retaining the architectural integrity of the 1850's building. They provide workshops for youth who come from North Carolina as well as Georgia and South Carolina. They also provide workshops for adults and tours for visitors who come by the busload. The museum has been featured in several lapidary magazines and has been shown many times on *The Travel Channel*.

*Linda Behr,
Editor of The Mountain Gem
The Gem and Mineral Society of Franklin, NC*

EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

I'm late once again. My oldest daughter and I are still waiting to hear about when she can move to California. She is waiting on some paperwork before we can actually make plans. In the meantime, I'm rushing to get stuff done at the office before we go. Therefore, it is critical that everyone submit their articles before the 25th of January if they want to see them in the February issue of *Lodestar*. There will be no exceptions to the deadline! Whatever I have as of that date, will be what will appear in the *Lodestar*. We could have a very slim issue if the past is a indication of what is to come.

Also, note that a lot of SFMS Committee Chairmen positions are shown as "To Be Announced" on page 19 of this issue. I am awaiting confirmation of the contact information for those positions from the new SFMS President and will publish the information upon receipt of the confirmation. Therefore, you may have accepted the position, but I have not been informed of it. Officers and committee chairmen - Read over your contact information as it appears in this issue on pages 2 and 19, then let me know of any corrections as soon as possible.

*Carolyn L. Daniels
Lodestar Editor*

**SFMS APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR YEAR 2007**

Club or Society Name: _____

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL: (due January 1, 2007 through January 31, 2007). In compliance with SFMS By-laws Article I, Section 2 and Article VIII, Section 1, member clubs and societies desiring to renew membership are required to submit to the MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY the following:

1. Completed membership renewal application. (Complete addresses and emails where applicable) The SFMS membership renewal forms may be submitted electronically. Forms are available on the SFMS website.
2. Annual Dues check – (no cash please)

Dues are based on the total individual members, both Junior and Adult, on society/club membership rolls as of December 31, 2006.

Annual Dues:

Total number of ADULT members: _____

Total number of JUNIOR members: _____

Adult and Junior Members @ \$1.00 each _____

4. A printed, written, or electronic file listing all members of your society. This information will be kept private and is for SFMS use only. If electronic membership files are available for your club, please email them to jowhite@bellsouth.net.
3. Mail check payable to the SOUTHEAST FEDERATION and mail with your completed renewal application to the following address:

**SFMS MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY
Joan White
9146 Sunset Drive
Jonesboro, GA 30238-4520**

(According to SFMS By-Laws, Article VIII, Section 1)

Membership renewals are due between January 1, 2007 and January 31, 2007 and are delinquent as of February 1, 2007. Delinquent clubs forfeit all voting rights at the next Annual Meeting, use of Slide Programs, Federation-sponsored insurance coverage, and the rights of their members to attend the Federation Workshops. A society/club's delinquent membership can be reinstated to full SFMS membership upon payment of all dues and fees in arrears before March 1, 2007. Any member society/club not paying all dues and fees by March 1, 2007, will be dropped from Federation Membership and can only be readmitted by applying for readmission as a new club or society.

Complete this form and mail with your check.

Fees for the optional third party liability insurance are to be paid separately in April and are not a part of the Membership Dues.

**SFMS APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
DUE JANUARY 1, 2007 through JANUARY 31, 2007
GENERAL INFORMATION**

Name of Club/Society: _____

City with which to associate your club: _____

Club/Society Internet URL: http://_____

Club/Society Email: _____

Club/Society mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip + 4: _____

Meeting Place: _____

Meeting Place Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip + 4: _____

Meeting Day: _____ Meeting time: _____

Bulletin Name: _____

Published: Monthly Bimonthly Quarterly Other _____

Editor: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number:(_____) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip+4: _____

Please indicate choice: Electronic Lodestar Printed Lodestar

Name of Federation Liaison in your club: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number:(_____) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip+4: _____

Does your club wish to participate in the optional third party liability Federation Liability Insurance Program?

Yes No

If Yes, name of contact person: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip+4: _____

THE FEE FOR THE OPTIONAL THIRD PARTY LIABILITY INSURANCE IS A SEPARATE FEE. IT IS NOT INCLUDED WITH THE MEMBERSHIP FEES PAYABLE AT THIS TIME.

Name and address of the person in your club to receive the renewal form for next year's renewal (This person must be a club officer):

Renewal Person: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number:(_____) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip+4: _____

CLUB SPONSORED ACTIVITIES

(Include Club Sponsored Swaps/Sales, Field Trips, Picnics, etc.. Events open to other SFMS club members.)

Event held: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Location of Event or Meeting Point: _____

Directions (If needed): _____

Signature of Person Submitting Application: _____

Date: _____

ELECTED OFFICERS

(List all officers elected by membership vote & description of office held)

Month Officers elected: _____ Month officers take office: _____

Officers are elected: **Annually** **Other (be specific):** _____

President: _____

Email: _____ **Phone Number:(____)** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip+4:** _____

Please indicate choice: **Electronic Lodestar** **Printed Lodestar**

Program Chair: _____

Email: _____ **Phone Number:(____)** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip+4:** _____

Please indicate choice: **Electronic Lodestar** **Printed Lodestar**

Secretary: _____

Email: _____ **Phone Number:(____)** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip+4:** _____

Please indicate choice: **Electronic Lodestar** **Printed Lodestar**

All other Elected and Appointed Officers do not receive Lodestar Subscriptions.

Vice President: _____

Email: _____ **Phone Number:(____)** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip+4:** _____

Treasurer: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number:(_____)_____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip+4: _____

Officer's Title: _____ Officer's Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number:(_____)_____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip+4: _____

Officer's Title: _____ Officer's Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number:(_____)_____

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Officer's Title: _____ Officer's Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number:(_____)_____

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Officer's Title: _____ Officer's Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number:(_____)_____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip+4: _____

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NON-ELECTED OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

(List ALL positions appointed by the club president & description of position held)

Position: _____ Person's Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number:(_____) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip+4: _____

Position: _____ Person's Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number:(_____) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip+4: _____

Position: _____ Person's Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number:(_____) _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip+4: _____

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip+4: _____

Position: _____ Person's Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number:(_____) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip+4: _____

Position: _____ Person's Name: _____

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CLUB SPONSORED GEM & MINERAL SHOW(S)

List Information about your club show(s) in this section

(Duplicate page for additional Shows)

Show Date(s): _____

Town, State: _____

Name of Sponsoring Club/Society: _____

Show Days & Times:

Day 1) _____ Day 2) _____

Day 3) _____ Day 4) _____

Address of Show Location: _____

Additional
Details: _____

Show Chair/Contact Information:

Show Chair: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number:(_____) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip+4 _____

Alternate Contact: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number:(_____) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip+4 _____

January 2007

The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc.

SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING - PHASE II
MONTGOMERY, AL - DECEMBER 2, 2006

resolved. Stamp fund \$1,200.75. Members urged to submit expenses before end of year for reimbursement since money budgeted does not carry over to next year. Books are closed at end of year.

Asst. Treas. - Vacant

Membership Secretary - Joan White: Not present. Bill Waggener brought report and membership renewal form with request for input. Request was made that copies of completed forms submitted by clubs be sent to Secretary as they are received. Betty made motion, Hugh seconded, that a membership list be included by each Society with their renewal. Motion passed.

Editor - Carolyn Daniels: People should submit items for publication as attachments and not in the body of the email. Email sometimes scrambles the message, and adds punctuation and format, making time consuming corrections necessary. Forms especially should be mailed. Brought current address list for Lodestar and requested that any known corrections be indicated and list returned to her. Also, ask for electronic issue for quicker delivery.

AFMS President - Jim Robinson: Should be 5th Regional Vice President, Don Monroe. Nothing to report.

STATE DIRECTORS:

Alabama - Iris McGehee: - Dothan Gem & Mineral Club accepted into SFMS in Nashville. Birmingham Club will celebrate 50th year in 2007. Reported death of Frank Fallis, long time member of East Alabama Club. Huntsville show was in October and Mobile show in November. They put together kits containing books and specimens of fossils and minerals to be awarded to two junior high teachers in December.

Florida - Beryl Ferguson: Clubs are actively meeting and field collecting. Some youth groups have their own meetings, field trips, and workshops. Club shows are held year round.

Georgia - Anita Westlake: Of the 11 clubs in Georgia, she has had personal contact with 9, either by mail or personal visit and was able to give detailed information about ongoing work. She has also given programs at several of the clubs and taught at workshops. She also reported that the Weinman Mineral Museum is expanding its space by 700% and will now be called "Tellus". Scheduled opening date is sometime in 2008.

Kentucky - David Horn: Not present, no report.

Louisiana - Art Mott: Art has moved to Georgia and is no longer available to be State Director of Louisiana.

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Phase II of the Annual Meeting of the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc., for the year 2006 was called to order December 2, 2006 at 9:10 A.M., at Montgomery, AL by President Ann Monroe. David Tuttle gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was lead by Robert Walker.

Jim Robinson, Past President of SFMS and AFMS, and Past SFMS Presidents - Don Monroe, John Wright, David Tuttle, and Bill Waggener, were recognized. Also introduced were members of the host society, Iris McGehee, Mike Berkman, and Linda Griebel. Guests were Joyce Speed and Bill and Lois Patillo from SCF and new federation attendees were Ray and Dana Gonzales.

Iris McGehee welcomed the Federation and the Secretary stated that a quorum was present. David Tuttle was appointed to serve as Parliamentarian.

The agenda was approved on motion by Bill Waggener and seconded by David Tuttle, and unanimous consent of those present. On motion by Robert Walker and second by David Tuttle, the minutes of the last meeting as published in the Lodestar were approved as amended.

President's remarks: President Monroe's message in the packet stated that her number one goal for this year was to put more emphasis on junior programs. The June SFMS workshop at William Holland this year will be "Family Week" with classes for juniors only as well as regular classes for all family members.

1st Vice President - Buddy Shotts: Buddy was unable to attend due to recent heart surgery. However, Ann Monroe had talked with him by phone and reported that the date for the 2007 annual meeting has been set for November 9,10,11 on the Gulf Coast, MS - location to be announced later. The second meeting will be hosted by the AL Mineral and Lapidary Society at Tannehill, AL June 2-3, and the first meeting will be hosted by the Hendersonville, NC Society, Sat., March 17, weather permitting.

2nd Vice President - Steve Henegar: Nothing to report.

Secretary - Betty James: Asked that officers, directors and member clubs give the incoming Secretary the courtesy of a reply to registration letter with at least a yes or no.

Treasurer - Ken Anderson: Some mid-year expenses still outstanding. Available funds are \$75,238.25. Interest is slightly higher this year. Workshop finances are yet to be

SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING - PHASE II MONTGOMERY, AL - DECEMBER 2, 2006

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Mississippi - John Wright: North Mississippi Gem & Mineral is "having a great time" and Mississippi Gem & Mineral Soc. show will be the last weekend of February. Pearl River is back up and going again, Harrison County's recovery is a struggle but they are moving forward, and Mississippi Gulf Coast is recovering well. Their annual show was a tremendous success.

North Carolina - Mike Streeter: Not present. Even with declining membership, many clubs held successful shows this year. Mike visited with many of the clubs and promised to help with any problems.

South Carolina - Fred Sias: Not Present, No Report.

Tennessee - Marty Hart: Nothing to report.

Virginia - Steve Gordon: Not present, no report.

SFMS COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Bulletin Contest - Anna Denton: Total of 26 entries with 10 clubs participating in all categories. Twelve will receive plaques at the banquet. Editors are encouraged to use the contest entry form as a guideline for preparing their bulletins.

Constitution and Bylaws - Robert Walker: No activity this period.

Education - Fred Sias: The Workshop schedule is now complete for all five sessions with a call for larger enrollments.

Historian - Charlotte Mayo Bryant: Not present, no report.

Insurance Liaison - Bob Denaburg: Not present, no report. He will forward all insurance paperwork to new Liaison. Ken Anderson, Treasurer, will handle year end business and negotiations for renewal of contract.

Long Range Planning - Ron Denton: Not present, no report.

Nominations - Eileen Price: Slate of nominees for 2007: Buddy Shotts - President, Steve Henegar - 1st VP, Betty James - 2nd VP, Beryl Ferguson - Secretary, Asst. Treasurer - Roger Campbell, Editor - Carolyn Daniels; 4th VP, AFMS - Don Monroe. In the absence of Nomination Committee Chairman, Don Monroe read the slate of officers and called for nominations from the floor. Since

there were none, the secretary was instructed by unanimous consent, to submit the entire slate for election by acclamation.

Safety - Don Monroe: Currently submitting articles for both the SFMS and AFMS newsletters. He has had several suggestions for future articles and will continue to address items of concern to members.

SFMS Field Trips - Jim Flora: Hosted twelve field trips this year. SFMS clubs are invited to six open field trips. Now have 32 clubs in 8 SFMS states. January field trip will be to Ladd's quarry.

Slides/Videos - Freda Hull: Several new instructional programs purchased for library. AFMS winning programs will be added when received.

Social Concerns - Dee Conybear: Not present, nothing to report.

Stamp Program - Jim Robinson: Sent report by mail which was not received by Secretary. Jim will redo total instructions for handling stamps including how to soak off paper due to changes of kinds of glue used by Post Office. Program is taking as much as 30 hours per week due to much useless material. If donors do not help with cleaning of stamps, Jim must resign. However, if you cannot take stamps off paper without ruining them, please send in on the paper and he will remove. Donations and sales have picked up and will be able to give 5 scholarships this year. Drawing for scholarships as follows: 1. Rome GA Mineral Society, 2 GA Mineral Soc.; 3. Canaveral Gem & Mineral Soc., 4. Henderson County Gem & Mineral Soc., 5. AL Mineral & Lapidary Soc. Scholarships are strictly for federation weeks only - will not be honored other weeks.

Supplies - Caroline Decaminada: Print-out of list of supplies and costs for both SFMS and AFMS. Contact her at carrie128@comcast.net or mail to home address when supplies are needed.

Uniform Rules - Dianne Johnson: Nothing to report.

Ways & Means - Frank Decaminada: Budget estimated income of \$14,450, expenses of \$20,250, reflecting our policy of a deficit budget put in place in 1999, to cap funds at \$60,000.

Wildacres Dir. - David/Barbara Tuttle: -Kathy Morris and Jo Harrison, next year's directors, have exciting classes with some new instructors scheduled. Need more students.

Wildacres Reg. - Robert/Flora Lee Walker: Final report of income and expenses turned in to treasurer today. One more check in the mail.

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William Holland Dir. - Dana/Ray Gonzalez: Classes went well with positive comments. New plans for classes and instructors. Requested all to urge club members to attend.

William Holland Reg.: Not present, no report.

Web Site - Jim Flora: Timely updates made on the website including new 2006 SFMS Membership Renewal Forms and Instructions (will soon have 2007 update).

2007 Host: Three Gulf Coast Clubs combined, to be held in Ocean Springs, MS, Nov. 9, 10, 11. Billie Wright, contact person.

Youth Resources - Hugh, Leona Sheffield: Published articles in Lodestar and wrote letters to all Club editors with youth information. 2006 JOY winner will be announced at banquet. Recipient of junior scholarship was Elizabeth Siegfried of Franklin, NC.

AFMS Committee Reports:

Newsletter - Carolyn Daniels: No report.

Boundaries - Beryl Ferguson: No issues requiring action pending.

Club Publications - Vacant

Club Rockhound of Year - Vacant

Collecting Sites - Vacant

Conservation/Legislation - John Wright: ALAA, which cost \$50.00 min. for clubs, is the only organization working to protect your rights as a rockhound; thousands working against you. He has applications for clubs or individuals.

Education/All American - Vacant

Endowment Fund-Ken Anderson: - Has done it for past 4 years and is hoping someone else will continue to do it.

Juniors - Hugh Sheffield: See SFMS report.

Program Competition - Freda Hull: See SFMS report.

Safety - Don Monroe: See SFMS report.

Uniform Rules - Betty James: Changes made to rules at 2006 meeting have been completed and are now available from our Supplies Chairman.

Ways & Means - Frank Decaminada: No report.

Web Master - Jim Flora: No report.

Mayo Educational Foundation: Ann Monroe presented a check from the Federation for \$500 to Bill Waggener for the Mayo Foundation.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Adoption of Budget: Budget included in the packet. Motion was made by Bill Waggener, seconded by Anita Westlake to amend the budget to allow an additional \$500.00 for the Mayo foundation. Don Monroe commented that the budget could not be changed at the annual meeting; it was set by the committee by requests before the meeting.

Ken Anderson, Treasurer, stated that there will be an insurance audit in 2007 possibly raising the new policy charges by as much as \$3,000. Need to postpone any changes until after that date.

In response to a question, Parliamentarian, David Tuttle, ruled that the motion can be tabled until the first meeting of 2007.

Bill Waggener motioned and John Wright seconded that the question be tabled to be revisited at the 1st meeting in 2007. Motion passed.

Betty James asked if another motion could then be made and seconded to add a line item to the budget to cover some of the expense of the SFMS travel expenses to the AFMS Rules Committee meeting since that person casts the SFMS vote. Don Monroe stated that according to the by-laws, this was unacceptable. No motion was made. Ann Monroe stated that according to her understanding, this requires a By-laws change.

Bill Waggener motioned and Flora Lee Walker seconded that the budget be accepted as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

President Monroe relinquished the chair to 2nd VP - Steve Henegar in order to comment that we voted years ago to cap our budget bottom line at \$60,000 and we were to budget money to expand the Education Program as long as the money is available. We need to continue to expand the workshop as long as we have more than \$60,000 in the budget.

Ken Anderson, Treasurer, commented that in 1999 when we set up this deficit budget, we were budgeting the money to be spent at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

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The first year, we spent about \$6,000 or \$7,000 on a slide program about workshops that was circulated to all of the clubs. Where is that slide program now? It hasn't been updated but we have lost the value of that.

President Monroe stated that the slide program cost about \$2500 and also bought equipment. We gave the federation a list of what we were going to spend the money for and allotted \$1000 to the Youth Program from the Education Program. We are having a problem getting instructors because they want a little compensation. In the past everyone thought this should be a volunteer organization but times are changing. Not everyone is willing to donate everything they do.

Treasurer Anderson states that he is just trying to bring everyone up to speed as to where we stand. If we want to put more money into education, we need to have some kind of budget that states what you are trying to do with the money and put before our membership to plan together.

Julia Larson, incoming Education Director asked for direction in planning for Education Budget.

Ken Anderson agreed to need for direction.

Olin Banks stated that the reason for having two members from each club at the Federation meeting is to conduct the business of the Federation. That is when the decisions need to be made.

President Monroe reclaimed the chair and asked Frank Decaminada, Ways & Means, for his comments. He recounted amounts spent for education from 2003 to the 2006 which ranged from \$4500 to \$5000 per year.

Election of Officers:

See entry included with Nominations Committee report.

Election of Mayo Directors:

Slate of directors presented as follows: Jeanette Banks, Charlotte Mayo Bryant, Frank Decaminada, Eileen Price, and Bill Waggener. There were no nominations from the floor. Motion was made by John Wright and seconded by David Tuttle. Passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 A.M.

*Respectfully submitted,
Betty M. James, SFMS Secretary*

LADD'S MOUNTAIN DMC FIELD TRIP REPORT

Sunday January 14, 2007 was a beautiful day to be outside in Georgia. The temperature was perfect and we even had some sunshine instead of the originally predicted rain. We had 73 folks show up for the trip, including a good group of children. This was also the first field trip experience for many of the participants.

We had a really great group of folks. We had folks turn out from Alabama, North Carolina, Tennessee and even Georgia! I gave a rather stern safety talk before the trip and everyone abided by the rules, signed in and out, stayed in the area we were allowed to dig in and parked where we were supposed to park. I would like to thank everyone for being on their best behavior.

We only had one injury, which was self-inflicted with a hammer. Rock collecting can be a dangerous sport. Something takes away your attention at an inopportune moment, you take your eye off the ball and whack!!! Luckily, the Cobb County Club had a professional nurse on staff at the site assisting the field trip leader. She bandaged the wound and convinced the injured party that their day was over and a trip to the emergency room for a few stitches was in order. Thank you, Ms. Siekierski, for your help.

While there were several dry holes dug, at the end of the day there was almost a ton of material left on the ground and several tons had been happily stowed safely away in folk's cars for the trip home. There were several nice stalactites and stalagmites found as well as some excellent flowstone formations. I saw my first dolomite crystal dug at Ladd's. It was nice and clear. We also had a very nice piece of jasper found to go with the flint/chert nodules and one happy trekker was collecting antique bricks from the old rock crushing plant that used to be on the site when it was an active quarry. I also collected, at the end of the day, a 3-foot crow bar and a very nice new chisel which some happy digger is welcome to claim. E-mail me at jim.haege@chart-ind.com or call me at 770.689.9376. The one thing I did not collect was any garbage from our participants. I picked up about a half a bucket full from along the road in the parking area on my way out, but it all was most certainly on the ground when we got there. It was a great day, an excellent trip and everyone came away with plenty of onyx. Thank y'all for coming.

Please be aware that this site is posted and not available for return trips at this time. I will let everyone know when I get the final word from the county on letting us visit again. Please do not visit the site or attempt to set up a trip until then.

*Thanks,
Jim Haege, Field Trip Chair
Cobb County Gem and Mineral Society (Marietta, Ga.)*

**PHOTOS FROM THE DECEMBER 2006 SFMS ANNUAL BOARD MEETING (PHASE II) AND SHOW
Hosted by the Montgomery Gem and Mineral Society**



Ken Anderson (SFMS Treasurer) and Carolyn Daniels (SFMS Editor) "mug it up" for the camera during a break at the annual board meeting. (Photograph by Jane Barkley of the Montgomery Gem and Mineral Society.)



Don Monroe (SFMS Safety Committee Chairman) and Ann Monroe (2006 SFMS President) at the annual board meeting. (Photograph by Jane Barkley of the Montgomery Gem and Mineral Society.)



Caroline Decaminada (SFMS Supplies Committee Chairman) gets her goodie bag during registration from Linda Griebel of the host club. Photograph by Jane Barkley of the Montgomery Gem and Mineral Society.



The 2006 SFMS Annual (Phase 2) Board Meeting was well attended. (Photograph by Carolyn Daniels)



Above: Bill and Lois Pattillo's Rock Feast was a definite hit with visitor's to the show.
Left: Flint Knapper Sonny Hall showing his skills at the Montgomery Gem and Mineral Society/SFMS Show.

(Photographs by Carolyn Daniels.)



PHOTOS FROM THE DECEMBER 2006 SFMS ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET
Hosted by the Montgomery Gem and Mineral Society



Top Left: Dr. Robert Cook (Auburn University) was the speaker at the 2006 Annual Banquet. He spoke on the Tsumeb Mine. (Photograph by Carolyn Daniels)

Top Right: Induction of newly elected SFMS Officers; Beryl Ferguson (far right) as Secretary, Carolyn Daniels (middle) as Editor, and Betty James (far right) as Second Vice-President by Don Monroe (the only male in the photo). (Photograph by Red Walker.)



Middle Left: Leona Sheffield (Past Youth Resources Co-Chairman) and 2006 Junior of the Year awardee, Rhenia B. South, showing off her prize (a piece of polished Withalacoochee Coral, a fossil). (Photograph by Red Walker.)



Bottom Left: Carolyn Daniels, SFMS Editor, receiving her Certificate of Achievement for being voted into the AFMS Bulletin Editor's Hall of Fame. The award was presented by her local club President, Kim Cochran of the Georgia Mineral Society, and SFMS President, Ann Monroe. (Photograph by Jim Flora)

- And no, I don't normally wear jeans to an award banquet. I didn't know I would be attending - Carolyn Daniels, Editor

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LOOKING AHEAD

CLUB & SOCIETY SHOWS/SWAPS

(Check with show contact for admission charges, if any)

February 24-25, 2007. Jackson, MS - Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society. Trade Mart Building, State Fairgrounds, I-55 and High Street. Hours: 24th, 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. and 25th, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contact: Betty James at 601.914.6747 or mineralid@jam.rr.com.

March 2-4, 2007, Largo, FL - Suncoast Gem and Mineral Society. 37th Annual Gem & Mineral Show and Sale. Minnreg Building-6340, 126th Avenue N. Hours: 2nd & 3rd, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 4th, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Show Chair: Bill Schmidt, 727.657.0998 or schmidwj@eckerd.edu. Dealer Chair: Sue Black, 727.560.5124 or sueblack@tampabay.rr.com.

March 9-11, 2007, Augusta, GA - Aiken Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Society and the Augusta Gem and Mineral Society. 19th Annual Aiken-Augusta Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show. Julian Smith Casino, 2200 Broad Street. Contact: Shellie T. Newell at 305 Fairway Drive, Graniteville, SC 29829; aa.gmfs@earthlink.net; or www.homestead.com/aikengms.

March 23-25, 2007, Raleigh, NC—Tarheel Gem and Mineral Club. 31st Annual Gem and Mineral Show, Kerr Scott Building, NC State Fairgrounds. Contact: Cyndy Hummel, 919.779.6220 or mchummel@mindspring.com.

June 2-3, 2007, Birmingham, AL - Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society. 34th Annual Tannehill Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Show. Tannehill Historical State Park. Hours: 9:00 A.M.- 5:00 P.M. Contact: Rick Kittinger at rick.kittinger@bellsouth.com or James Carr (publicity) at james@lapidaryclub.com. Check out the website as well at www.lapidaryclub.com.

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2006 REGIONAL FEDERATION SHOWS & CONVENTIONS

California Federation
Lancaster, California
June 15-17, 2007

Eastern Federation
Newark, New York
October 6-7, 2007

Midwest Federation
Hosts: Midwest Mineralogical and Lapidary Society
Houghton, Michigan
August 11-12, 2007

Northwest Federation
Butte, MT
August 3-5, 2007

Rocky Mountain Federation and AFMS Convention
Hosts: Chaparral Rockhounds
Roswell, NM
June 5-10, 2007

South Central Federation
Arlington, Texas
September 1-2, 2007

Southeast Federation
Location To Be Announced: Gulf Coast of Mississippi
November 9-11, 2007

Remember - To insure your show is listed here, send a written notice to the *Lodestar* Editor: Carolyn L. Daniels, 3660 Prince Way, Tucker, GA 30084-8317 or email at: dpdaniels@mindspring.com. ALL SFMS CLUBS ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED TO REGISTER THEIR EVENT LISTINGS ON THE SFMS WEBSITE AT:

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Choose *Submission Guidelines* under the SFMS Shows Column heading to find out how to apply.

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Stamp Program

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