

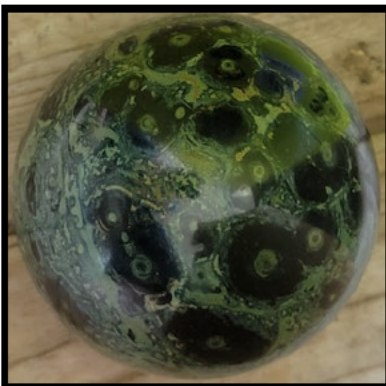
## CRAWFORD ROCK SWAP

By Sharon Marburger

Labor Day Weekend found Jim and me driving to Crawford, Nebraska for the annual Rock Swap/Show, which was also LGMC's President's Field Trip. We had beautiful weather, although a tad warm.

There were lots of vendors selling lots of things. I only got to three vendors because we spent most of our time out in the field. I was able to purchase a new sphere for my collection, and a really cool slab of stromatolite.

Brett, Jim, and I went out on Saturday and Sunday to hunt for Nebraska Blue Agate. We found some nice pieces, but the majority of what we collected were white chalcedony mixed with some red and orange. It was a lot of fun. The temperature out in the fields ranged between 85° and 101°. The wind blew quite stiffly, so the temps didn't seem so bad. The intensity of the sun was a different story. We had our towels that we soaked in ice chest water, then wrapped them around our necks. Ahhhh.



Kambaba Jasper (rhyolite)  
from Madagascar



Agate Lake (photo by Norm Boettcher)

Gene Mulinex was there, skunking us all. During one of the outings provided by the local club, Gene found a Fairburn Agate! I'm sorry I didn't get a picture to share here. Maybe Gene will bring it to the September meeting to show everyone.

Brett provided meals to us and others who happened by. Breakfast consisted of pancakes and sausage or bacon. Wooly cooked eggs to go with our pancakes one morning. Wooly kept an urn of free coffee to anyone who wanted it. Our evening meals were brats and dogs or a version of Polish Casserole (with cabbage and kielbasa). You know that none of our members got hungry at our functions!

I believe all of the LGMC participants had a good time, at least until the storm blew in Sunday night. And I mean BLEW IN! A big gust of wind upset Jayne's and Corey's tents, toppling them and breaking some of the merchandise.

Fortunately, everyone in the vicinity ran over to help and they got the goods thrown into the van before the rain hit.

The annual swap at Crawford is a lot of fun; buying, selling, and collecting. Consider attending next year.



A few items for sale by JimsPastTime



Hidden Gems by The Jewelry Connection



Eddie's booth



Wooly's