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The purpose of this corporation shall be to study, promote an interest in, and disseminate knowledge of lapidary and various Earth Sciences including but not necessarily limited to Geology, Paleontology and Mineralogy. It shall be a particular purpose of the corporation to provide education in these fields to its members and the general public, especially to youth and student groups.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2014 Meetings and Activities

Board

Wed., Feb 5 (Lyman's' home)

- Wed., Mar 5 (GereLibrary)
- Wed., Apr 2 (Lyman's' home)
- Wed., Apr 30 (GereLibrary)
- Wed., Sep 3 (GereLibrary)
- Wed., Oct 1 (GereLibrary)
- Wed., Nov 5 (GereLibrary)
- Wed., Dec. 3 (GereLibrary)

General

- Sat., Jan 25
Mid-Winter Swap & meeting
- Thurs., Feb 20
- Thurs., Mar 20
- Thurs., Apr 17
- Thurs., May 15
- Thurs., Sep 18
- Thurs., Oct 16
- Thurs., Nov 20
- Sun., Dec 7

Activities

[CORRECTION]

- Sun, Mar 9 - Geology Day**
- Thurs., Mar 20 - Science Fair
- Apr 4-6 - Setup and Show
- Sun., Jul 13 - Grinding Party

Regular monthly meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. at the Bethany Park Shelter House. Youth activities begin at 6:00 p.m. Summer activities will be announced as they are planned.

General Meeting

Saturday,
January 25, 2014
Following Mid-Winter Swap and
Pizza Supper
7:00 p.m.
Program: None (due to Swap)

Mineral Monkeys

Saturday,
January 25, 2014
Following Mid-Winter Swap
and Pizza Supper
**Lesson: Attend the Swap for credit
towards earning badges!! Work on Poster.**

**Mid-Winter Swap
location change!**
**Now to be held at the
Antelope Park Shelter House**
See pages 2 & 4 for details.

January crock-pot Rock Party



If it cooks in a
crock-pot, bring
it for supper!

Sunday, January 19
3:00 p.m.

Marburgers' Home
334 Locust, Hickman

Bring your projects and
equipment. Two Genie grinding
& polishing units will be
available. All members and
members-to-be are welcome.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Ed Dvorak, President

Season's greetings to all from your new club president.

If you are feeling a little shut in because of the cold weather, remember the "Rock Swap" coming January 25. It will be a chance to get out and have some fellowship with club members and other rock hounds.

This New Year will be a good time to finish up what you wanted to do last year. But, if you are like me, there are unfinished projects to last a few years into the future!

The main thing is to be happy and to be safe and enjoy your hobby; all else will fall into place.



It is time to pay your club dues!

**Send your dues to Treasurer Lyman
no later than January 31, 2014.
Dues received after January 31
will be considered delinquent and
subject to a \$5 reinstatement fee.**

**Individual Adults (ages 16 and over) - \$15 per year
Couple living within the same household - \$25 per year
Juniors - \$2 per year (with a responsible adult)**

January Birthdays:

Brian Beer

Linda Guenter

Member News:

Condolences to the Beer Family
for the passing of Jayne's father on
January 8.

Get well wishes to Mark Awakuni-
Swetland - we need you on our
team!

January Meeting

January 25, 2014

**Mid-Winter Rock Swap Change of Location
Now to be held at Antelope Park Shelter House.**

Members are encouraged to bring cookies
for snacks during the swap.

Members invited to participate in the Pizza Supper
following the swap. Plan on \$6 per person.

Meeting to follow the Pizza Supper.

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

November 21, 2013, Bethany Park Shelter
Respectfully submitted by Mark Awakuni-Swetland

MEETING AND ANNUAL ELECTIONS

- Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Jim Marburger.
- Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance (reported to be in the by-laws).
- Members present: 20 adults, 8 Juniors, 1 new applicant, and 2 guests.
- Bob Gruit moved to accept the minutes of the October 2013 General Meeting as printed in the P&S. Second by Jim Atkins, motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report given by Vera Lyman. Wooly moved to accept the report, second by Carolyn Ashmore, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jim Marburger described the recent club activity demonstrating lapidary work and identifying rocks at the invitation of the 11/19/2013 UNL Hardin Hall public presentation. Professor Matt Joeckel provided a PowerPoint overview of geology.

OLD BUSINESS

- Jayne Beer reminded members of the few remaining club t-shirts @ \$10/each.
- Sharon Marburger reminded members of the call for the Club to write about their memories of recently deceased members Phyllis Parks and John Harrison Jr. These will be published in the P&S. Deadline for submissions is early January.

- President Marburger reminded members to get in touch with Mary Pittard who is organizing volunteers for snacks at monthly club meetings. Jim also reminded members to bring cookies/snacks for participants at the January Rock Swap.
- Jim M. reminded members of the Club Christmas Party scheduled for Sunday, December 1, as printed in the recent P&S. The festivities will be held from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. with supper served at 6:00 p.m. The Club will provide fried chicken and coffee/tea. Bring your favorite potluck dishes. Rock Bingo to follow! Prizes! Gift Exchange - \$5-10 limit. Consider dressing for the holiday season. Donations for Rock Bingo prizes are welcome.

2014 SHOW PLANNING

- 2014 Show Chairman Wooly reported that all dealer contracts had been sent out and all returned. Demonstrator contracts were being prepared. He announced the plan to provide a drop in flintknapping space in the southwest corner of the Event Center adjacent to the Mineral Monkey's area. Wooly noted that Jim M. was working on public relations matters.

ANNUAL ELECTIONS

- Nominating Committee Chair Richard Peterson conducted the annual election of board members and club officers. He noted changes to some of the nominees for the Board previously printed in the P&S, then read the full slate of candidates three times. Members were reminded that additional nominees, including self-nominations were allowed. The slate of club officers included the following: President Ed Dvorak; 1st Vice-President Richard Peterson; 2nd Vice-President Jayne Beer; Secretary Mark Awakuni-Swetland; Treasurer Vera Lyman. The slate of board

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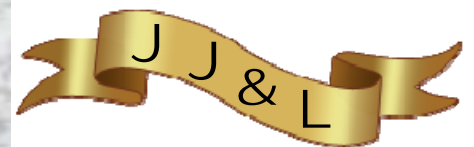
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NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING MINUTES - CONT'D

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members (vote for 4) included: Charles Wooldridge; Susy McMahan; Jim Atkins; and Carolyn Ashmore. Wooly made a motion to close nominations and accept the slate by acclamation, second by Bob Gruit, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- Susy McMahan made a call for rock and mineral donations for a school presentation in David City, Nebraska (50 miles northwest of Lincoln). She estimated working with 60 seventh grade students.
- Susy distributed a summary statement of the Mineral Monkey (Juniors) program goals and procedures she had drafted with Carolyn Ashmore. It described the source and rigor of the curriculum being used, and the costs of conducting this key element of the club's mission.
- 2014 Swap Chairman Richard Peterson distributed flyers for the 35th Annual Mid-Winter Rock Swap, January 25th. Set up by members will begin at 11:00 a.m., followed by dealer set up at 12:00 noon. Doors will open to the public from 1:00-5:00 p.m. This will be the first year the club charges a vendor's fee: ½ table \$10; full table \$20.
- Wooly noted the recent article in the P&S by Rowdy Cropp and the SECC Lapidary class he is currently teaching. Rowdy made a call for donations of lapidary materials, and described the conditions of the aging lapidary equipment. A general discussion followed. Apparently \$700 is earmarked from the annual Show for the maintenance of club property. The silent auctions at the January rock swap and April show go to support the SECC lapidary class. It was noted that SECC claims ownership of the LGMC-donated equipment for the class. However, it appears the SECC is reluctant to fund the upkeep or replacement of the machinery or provide lapidary raw materials. Someone suggested soliciting members retiring from active lapidary work to consider donating their materials and equipment to the class. Wooly called for a long-term plan to replace the SECC aging equipment, suggesting one or two machines annually. No resolution or plan of action emerged from this discussion.
- Following up on a recent board meeting inquiry to Rowdy, Wooly reported that Rowdy had learned that the minimum age requirement for the SECC lapidary class is 16 years of age.

- Jim M. described a list of potential club field trip destinations. 1) The Burden family quarry near Union, Nebraska. 2) Weeping Water, Nebraska. 3) Keokuk, Iowa on our own, or as part of the annual Geode Fest that allows access to regularly closed private properties (scheduled for September 26-28, 2014). 4) Crawford, Nebraska annual field trip organized by the Omaha group (Labor Day is Monday September 1, 2014). 5) The Iowa farmer with a field of agates/rocks wanting them removed. 6) The landowner in southwest Wyoming renting access to his property in the Green River Formation (fossil fish). Jim M. mentioned field trip opportunities at several annual shows (Des Moines, Fort Dodge), including one at Casper, Wyoming he may be attending. He also inquired as to members' preference for club-only or joint club trips.
- Geology Day is scheduled for Sunday, March 9 at the Pioneers Park Nature Center, Chet Ager Building.
- The Annual Grinding Party is scheduled for July 13 at the Pioneers Park Nature Center, Chet Ager Building.
- The annual Lincoln Public School Science Fair is scheduled for Thursday, March 20 (coincides with a LGMC regular meeting).
- Wooly reported that Rowdy received permission to host a grinding party in the Auld Pavillion at Antelope Park, the site of the lapidary class.
- The December Rock Party will be hosted by the Marburgers on December 14 at 5:00 p.m. They will provide pulled pork sandwiches. Two Genie grinding units will be available for use.
- Motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. by Richard Peterson, second by Carolyn Ashmore, motion carried.
- Everyone enjoyed the snacks provided. No program was scheduled.

DECEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The December Board meeting minutes were unavailable due to Secretary Mark A-S' illness, and were therefore tabled until the February Board Meeting.

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

December 1, 2013, Bethany Park Shelter
Respectfully submitted by Mark Awakuni-Swetland

MEETING AND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

- Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Jim Marburger.
- Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Members present: ~20 adults, 9 of the 12 Mineral Monkeys. Juniors, 1 new applicant, and 2 guests.
- The previous meeting's minutes have not yet been published so they will be considered at the January general meeting.
- Treasurer's Report given by Vera Lyman. Pat Dvorak moved to accept the report, second by Carolyn Ashmore, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jim Marburger announced an upcoming sale of the Stock collection of minerals and fossils to be posted in the P&S. Collected in the 1940s-1960s, there appears to be some source documents associated to numbered specimens. Purportedly the search is on for the key to the numbered items.
- President Jim introduced and welcomed several new members.
- Mineral Monkey Jayden announced the birthday of Mineral Monkey Mia and all of the members rendered a lively "Happy Birthday" song.
- January Rock Swap chair Richard Peterson provide more flyers as published in the P&S to post and circulate. He described the schedule of an 11:00 a.m. members set-up, followed at 12:00 noon for dealers to claim tables and set-up. The doors open from 1-5 for the general public. For the first time the club will charge dealers \$10 for a ½ table, and \$20 for a full table. Members are reminded to bring cookies and other snacks for everyone to enjoy. A pizza supper and the January General Meeting will follow the swap.

OLD BUSINESS

- Jayne Beer reminded members of the few remaining club t-shirts @10/each.
- Mary Pittard is seeking more volunteers to provide the general meeting snacks. The current list includes:

Jan - Rock Swap - All provide cookies; Feb - Carolyn Ashmore and Wooly (pies); Mar - Pat Dvorak and Sharon Schleiger; April - Brianna Suhr and Sharon Schleiger; May - Bob and Pat Gruit and Richard Peterson; Sep - TBA; Oct - TBA; Nov - Mark Awakuni-Swetland (peaches over homemade biscuits cobbler).

- Sharon Marburger reminded members of the call for the Club to write about their memories of recently deceased members Phyllis Parks and John Harrison Jr. These will be published in the P&S. Deadline for submissions is early January.

2014 SHOW REPORT

- 2014 Show Chairman Wooly reported that Carrie Burkhart has volunteered to serve as the Demonstration Czarina.

NEW BUSINESS

- Federation and club awards were announced and presented by Sharon and Jim Marburger. Many of the

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Silversmithing classes

**The Jewelry Connection Ltd.
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Tuesdays

January 7, 2014

thru

February 25, 2014

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Tuition: \$120 plus \$30 supply deposit

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DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING MINUTES - CONT'D

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Mineral Monkeys received certificates, pins, and badges through their hard work on the Future Rockhounds of America curriculum:

- ◆ Rocks & Minerals: Brooklyn, Corey, Ian, Ivy, Jayden, Leahh, Mia, Sarah, and Taylor.
 - ◆ Earth Resources: Corey, Ellie, Ian, Ivy, Jayden, and Leahh.
 - ◆ Fossils: Corey, Ian, Ivy, Jayden, and Leahh.
 - ◆ Lapidary Arts: Corey and Leahh.
 - ◆ Collecting: Ian, Ivy, Jayden, and Leahh.
 - ◆ Showmanship: Leahh.
 - ◆ Field Trips: Corey, Ian, Ivy, Jayden, and Leahh.
 - ◆ Earth Processes: Leahh.
 - ◆ Stone Age Tools & Art: Leahh.
 - ◆ Reaching Across Generations: Leahh.
 - ◆ Maps: Leahh.
- Other recognitions included “Grand Monkey” leadership awards presented to Susy McMahan and Carolyn Ashmore.
- AFMS Award to Andrew Tiedje for his 4th place drawing “Crystals & Agates.”
- AFMS Award to Richard Peterson for his 1st place article “El Chichonal.”
- AFMS Award to Newsletter Editor Sharon Marburger for First Place in the Large Bulletins category.

- Sharon annually submits the LGMC yearbook into the MWF and AFMS competition. This year the yearbook received a MWF Silver Medal, and an AFMS Gold Medal.
- Jim Marburger announced the ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR honoree(s) as Roger and Mary Pittard, for their years of service to, and support of, the LGMC.
- As his final duty, outgoing President Jim Marburger turned over the Club’s gavel to incoming President Ed Dvorak.
- President-elect Ed D. called for a motion to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. Richard Peterson made the motion to adjourn, second by Wooly, motion carried.
- Everyone enjoyed the fine festive meal provided. The club provided fried chicken, coffee, and other beverages. Thanks to Vera Lyman and Ed Ridge for coordinating the meal.
- Supper was followed by a voluntary gift exchange and then the highly anticipated Rock Bingo, with Wooly as the caller. Many great rock/mineral specimens and other rockhounding items were donated by members as bingo prizes.
- Thanks to everyone who remained to clean up the park shelter. Thanks to Ed R. for bringing the cheerful luminaria lights that lined the entry to the building.

OUTREACH ACTIVITY

by Mark Awakuni-Swetland & Sharon Marburger

Recently, LGMC members manned a demonstration and specimen identification table on East Campus, prior to a presentation by Matt Joeckel. A couple stopped by the table, requesting identification of pieces of a beautiful, turquoise-blue, soft, powdery material. In addition to wanting to identify their specimens, they wondered if they were radioactive. I (Mark) took a handful of pieces to Professor Ronald Goble in UNL’s Geosciences division. Testing revealed the specimens were not radioactive. He suggested they might be a copper-bearing material. I relayed this information to President Jim Marburger, who thought the specimens were a copper sulfate. Whatever the material, it sure was pretty!



OUR CHRISTMAS TRAVELS

by Carolyn Ashmore

Going back to the UK every two years to see family is always a wonderful time for us. This time we got to meet two new family members; our little 9-month-old granddaughter, Joey Lyon, and our daughter Sarah's new boyfriend, Steve. Our family is still growing there, and it is always amazing to see our mom, kids and grandkids at Christmas and through the New Year.

After visiting for a few days, I discovered a little rockhound living right there. Shannon, our 10-year-old granddaughter, collects rocks and minerals, and has for a year or so. She showed me her collection which contained stones she's collected from places I had never been to. We talked and showed each other our stones, and talked rocks every time we saw one another. I wish I could have her here, to teach her more about her finds and the wonderful field trips she would enjoy going on (I would love to take her someday).

Before leaving the U.S., I had been in contact with a gentleman named Alistair Napier, from England's Russell Society. They collect raw rocks and minerals. Their club is much like ours, so when he invited me to his home to show me his collection in a small village about 45 miles from Oxford, I was very excited. I took to him 8 pounds of stones and mineral samples from all over the U.S., with loads of help from Susy and Marcia. In exchange, he gave me samples from all over the UK, including Scotland and Wales. They're having the same problem there as we have here; a lot of closing up of the mines and quarries due to safety issues, and not having access to places to hunt for specimens. It seems like that's happening all over the world, but I still managed to bring home some things I think everyone will enjoy. Yes, my checked luggage was 20 pounds heavier than expected, but I got a little something for each of our Mineral Monkeys from there, as well as really nice specimens I'm eager to share with everyone. I want to thank Alistair for a wonderful Saturday morning, exchanging stories and specimens, and joining yet another alliance between the United Kingdom and United States.

photo courtesy of
the Ashmores



Alistair and Carolyn

MY SEARCH FOR AMBER

by Bill Ray

My search for amber started with an internet search in 1999. One of the sites listed three states where amber could be found - Alabama, New Mexico, and Nebraska.

The site had a link for inquiries, so I requested more detailed information about specifically where in Nebraska I could look for amber. I quickly received a nice reply suggesting I contact the University of Nebraska for more information about locations. At that time, I had a friend working in the Geology Department. He told me he knew of an old abandoned clay pit on private property, and that I would need permission to gain access.

With more research, I located the property and contacted the owner. I was surprised to learn he knew amber had been found there. He said he would allow me access, but wanted to meet me at the location.

The next weekend, I met him in front of a metal farm gate that held one of those signs we have all seen and dreaded: DANGER NO TRESPASSING. He opened the gate, and we walked south up a long, overgrown lane until we reached a large opening surrounded by high banks, with very tall, thick weeds and shrubs, which at one time were inside the old clay pit.

He showed me where and about how deep I would need to dig, and explained I would know when the color of the soil changed that I may be close to finding amber.

Right away I had a problem. I had not known that I would need to *dig* for amber. I was expecting to find it on top of the ground. So, I explained that I did not come equipped to dig, and that I would like to come back the next day. He was very nice, and he told me that would be fine and to call him when I got there.

The next morning I was back with my small shovel and hand trowel. I called him, then went on into the pit. I selected an area of ground near the location he suggested I dig. I had dug out an area about three feet square and about 18 inches in depth when I started to see the color of the dirt change, then I hit clay.

I moved down the hill a bit and started to cut the ground back toward my start point above until I again hit clay. At this point, I stopped using my small shovel and started clearing small amounts of clay, layer by layer, using my hand trowel. Next, I came across a black carbon material, and beside and below this material, I found AMBER!

Over the next four hours I found eight pieces of amber, as well as a number of leaf impressions in the clay. At some point during that time, the owner arrived to see how I was doing. After showing him my samples, he told me that one of my pieces was the largest he had seen.

For all of my rockhunting trips, I have always enjoyed the research of new locations, new friends I have made, the search, the finds, and, for sure, the memories.

MINERAL MONKEYS

by Carolyn Ashmore, Grand-Monkey

Happy New Year, All! In this new year 2014, comes a lot of exciting plans for our Mineral Monkeys. For the next couple of meetings we will be combining both groups of juniors to work on their sportsmanship, communication, and leadership badges, as well as the mentoring badge for the senior Monkeys. The idea of the poster board display came from the FRA manual, and we thought, what a great idea that we could use it for the Science Fair in March and, again, at the show in April at our youth booth. We always have a lot of questions from kids and parents about what we do in club at these two events, and with the poster board, the families that stop by our booth can get an idea of what our youth group is all about. Additionally, our juniors can show and tell their personal experiences with this poster.

After designing the poster, all juniors will submit three pictures with a small article explaining what the pictures are about, where the picture was taken, and why it's their favorite. With that said, we are asking club members for help. Please check to see if you have pictures of any of the following:

- ◆ the youth group as a whole
- ◆ individual kids
- ◆ field trips
- ◆ rock parties
- ◆ any other club activity

Please print out pictures no larger than 4x6". The kids will place their selected photos and corresponding article on the board for the visual affect we're looking for. It will be a little harder for the new youth members to come up with pictures to submit for this project, so any help will be appreciated.

We thank you for your help, your photos, and your support!

ALAA EXCERPT FROM TOM NOE

JANUARY ALAA PUBLIC MEETING IN QUARTZSITE

By Shirley Leeson, ALAA President

Friday, January 24, 2014
7 p.m., Quartzsite Alliance Church
720 Desert View

If you enjoy spending time in Quartzsite during the winter months and you ride your ATV or off-road vehicle during that time, then you need to attend the ALAA meeting!

The La Posa Travel Management Plan has been commented on and the results of those decisions are coming. BLM Field Manager John MacDonald from Yuma will be with us to speak to this issue. In addition, we will have a staff member, Penny Pew, from Congressman Gosar (R. 4th District, AZ) as an observer. We urge you to attend and bring a friend. Rockhounds & off-road enthusiasts must step up and attend or all is lost.

Last year in January we were complimented by a number of people who stopped by our information table and thanked us for putting on the meeting. We were also complimented by the local off-road group: "We didn't realize rockhounds were off-roaders too and were concerned with road closures."

SECOND ANNUAL ALAA QUARTZSITE CLEANUP

Sunday, January 26, 2014

We did such a good job at our cleanup last year (we picked up about three TONS of trash, old tires, bed springs and other junk!) the Bureau of Land Management has invited us back. BLM Ranger Bill Alexander will be with us to haul all the trash away. We'll meet east of Quartzsite on I-10 at the Gold Nugget Road Exit. 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Bring: heavy gloves, sensible shoes, hat and long-sleeved shirt. Tools: lawn rakes, broomstick with nail, grabbers like the ones you use to reach for things on high shelves. Be creative!

--Excerpted from the Oct. to Dec., 2013, ALAA Newsletter
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DECEMBER ROCK PARTY

by Sharon Marburger

The December Rock Party was hosted by the Marburgers on the 14th. As always, there was plenty of good food eaten and lots of fun shared.

Eleven club members participated in the evening's camaraderie. Stories were shared, specimens were identified, and stones were ground and polished.



Corey, Ed D., Jayne, Charles, Bill



Everyone sucked in a breath when Wooly took a hammer to a beautiful slab of charolite. We soon realized that he was "helping" the slab to break along its fracture lines.



Bill and Charles discussing a grinding project.



Bill, Jayne, and Corey each got a turn working on the Genie.



Eddie brought his own equipment, but even he took a turn using the Genie.



Rock parties are fun and everyone participating always has a good time. If you would like to host a rock party, contact a Board member.



The boys doing some specimen identification.

STANDING COMMITTEES CHAIRMEN

Audit	Ed Dvorak James Marburger Roger Pittard
Christmas Party	Edward Ridge
Education / Librarian	Charles Wooldridge Judy (Leick-Cropp) Anson
Facebook	Andrew Tiedje
Field Trips	James Marburger
Geology Day Coordinator	Jayne Beer
Grinding Party	Jayne Beer
Historian	Sharon Marburger
Legislative Liaison	Susy McMahan
Membership Record	Edward Ridge
MWF Liaison	Vera Lyman
Programs	Jayne Beer/Judy Anson
Property	James Marburger
Refreshments / Door Prizes	Mary Pittard
Scholarship	Vera Lyman
Show—2014	Charles Wooldridge
Swap—2014	Richard Peterson
Website	Jim Atkins
Youth Activities	Carolyn Ashmore Susy McMahan

LONG RANGE PLANNING & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Jim Marburger, Chairman

1 year:	Charles Wooldridge Sharon Marburger
2 years:	Vera Lyman Ed Dvorak
3 years:	Edward Ridge Robert Cropp

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Jim Marburger, Chairman

1 year:	Brad Nielsen Roger Pittard
2 years:	Vera Lyman Edward Ridge
3 years:	Robert Gritit Sharon Marbrger

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