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2014 Meetings and Activities

Board

Wed., Dec. 3 (Gere Library)

General

Thurs., Nov 20

Sun., Dec 7

Activities

Christmas Party - Sunday, Dec. 7

2015 Meetings and Activities

Board

Wed., Jan. 7 (TBA)

Wed., Feb. 4 (TBA)

General

Sat., Jan. 24

Thurs., Feb. 19

Activities

Science Fair - Mar. 3

Regular monthly meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. at the Bethany Park Shelter House. Youth activities begin at 6:00 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, Nov. 20

Program: Video - Gemstone Journey

MINERAL MONKEYS

Thursday, November 20

REFRESHMENTS

Nov 20: Carolyn Ashmore & Vera Lyman

Dec 7: Christmas Party

Jan 2015: Everyone brings snacks for Swap; Anniversary Cake



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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

November is here with cold weather coming soon. Get out to collect those specimens while you still can.



Come to the November General meeting to vote for next year’s officers and board of directors. For once, it should be a good contest; there are five people running for four positions on the board. They are all good candidates, so make your desires known by voting.

The club Christmas party will be Sunday, December 7 at the Bethany Park Shelter House, starting at 5:00 p.m., eating at 6:00 p.m. The club will provide fried chicken, coffee, tea, and maybe some lemonade. Members are asked to bring a hot dish and a cold dish for the potluck. Those wanting to take part in a gift exchange can bring a \$10 or less gift, marked “male” or “female.” After eating, a brief meeting will happen, with awards and recognitions handed out. Then, ROCK BINGO! To make sure we get a good selection of prizes, everyone is asked to bring one or two items.

Remember that the January meeting will be the fourth Saturday of January, the 24th. It will follow the Mid-Winter Swap, which will run 1:00—5:00 p.m., with setup at noon. We normally have a pizza supper after the Swap, so plan to stay for that.

Keep hunting and stay safe!

ELECTIONS

By James Marburger, Nominating Committee Chairman

Election of Officers and Board Members will take place at the November General Meeting. Nominations will be taken from the floor prior to voting. So far, the following nominations have been received:

- President - Ed Dvorak
- 1st Vice President - Jayne Beer
- 2nd Vice President - Charles Wooldridge
- Treasurer - Vera Lyman
- Secretary - Judy Anson (has not yet accepted the nomination)

- Board Members:
- Carolyn Ashmore
 - Jim Atkins
 - Susy McMahan
 - Sharon Marburger
 - Richard Peterson

Be prepared to offer more nominations prior to voting at the November General Meeting. Let the 2015 Board be made up of those wanting to make a difference, and not people who are filling a spot because they were “railroaded”!!

Come to the meeting and vote for your Board of Directors!

Our Youth Co-Leaders are looking for donations from the adult members to put in the kids’ Christmas Socks. The Socks will be handed out at the Christmas Party on December 7. This is a good way to thin out some of your growing collection! To ensure all youth get similar socks, please offer 20 pieces of the specimen you are willing to donate, if possible.

Please give your offerings to Carolyn Ashmore or Susy McMahan. You will be helping to keep a young one interested in the hobby. Thank you!!

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

October 16, 2014 General Meeting,
Bethany Park Shelter House
Respectfully submitted by Sharon Marburger,
from notes taken by Vera Lyman

- ◆ The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by First Vice President Richard Peterson.
- ◆ 13 adult members, 9 Mineral Monkeys. Many adult members were at the MWF Convention in Des Moines, Iowa.
- ◆ There was not a quorum, so no business was conducted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISCUSSION

- ◆ The Kansas City Fall show will be October 31, November 1 and 2.
- ◆ The Roadside Cleanup will be November 8 at 1:00. The required review of the short safety video will done at the Hickman Rest Area on November 8.
- ◆ Elections will take place at the November meeting. Thus far, nominations have been received and accepted for:

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1st Vice President: Jayne Beer
2nd Vice President: Charles Wooldridge
Treasurer: Vera Lyman
Secretary: Judy Anson
Board: Carolyn Ashmore, Susy McMahan,
Jim Atkins, Richard Peterson, Sharon
Marburger

- ◆ The Science Fair will be March 3, 2015.
- ◆ Roger Pittard thanked the entire club for the support shown during Mary's illness and passing.
- ◆ Meeting adjourned to Halloween snacks on a motion by Roger Pittard, second by Jim Atkins.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 1, 2014 Board Meeting, Gere Library
Respectfully submitted by Sharon Marburger

- ◆ Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Ed Dvorak. Board Members present: Ed Dvorak, Richard Peterson, Vera Lyman, Charles Wooldridge, Carolyn Ashmore, Susy McMahan, and Sharon Marburger. Visitors: Pat Dvorak, Jim Marburger, and Ed Ridge.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES—CONT'D

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Wooly spoke with Mark Awakuni-Swetland. He is doing better, and just underwent surgery.

OLD BUSINESS

- ◆ Minutes of the September Board meeting were distributed. Wooly moved to accept the minutes, 2nd by Carolyn. Carried.
- ◆ The September Treasurer's Report was distributed by Vera Lyman. Motion to approve the report by Carolyn Ashmore, second by Richard Peterson. Motion carried.
- ◆ Richard Peterson will lead, and Vera Lyman agreed to take minutes at the General meeting. The Dvoraks and the Marburgers will be at the Midwest Federation Convention in Des Moines.
- ◆ The new web site is up and running. Sharon asked that any suggested changes be made to her and Jim. Wooly said he had viewed it earlier in the week and it looked nice and was easy to



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maneuver. He suggested the show flyer be the first thing seen when the site is visited. Other suggestions were to add links to other clubs' websites and informative sites related to the hobby.

- ◆ Three applications for membership awards were received. The committee will review them and provide names to the Board next month.
- ◆ Nominations received at the September General meeting were discussed. Wooly offered to step down as a Board member in exchange for running for 2nd Vice President. Richard Peterson and Sharon Marburger agreed to run as Board members. Richard Peterson said he would also be available for appointment to the Long-Range Planning Committee. Wooly offered to be assistant to the Program Chair.
- ◆ There will be no Rock Party in October due to busy schedules. The November Rock Party will follow the Roadside Clean-up scheduled for November 8. Volunteers will meet at 1:00 p.m. at the Hickman Rest Area at Highway 77 and Hickman Road.

NEW BUSINESS

- ◆ Vera Lyman handed out blank calendars for 2015 meeting dates. Once the dates are confirmed, they will be published.
- ◆ Vera read correspondence to and from NAES Secretary, Erma Pharoah. According to the Nebraska Secretary of State' Office, NAES is a

valid corporation. Carolyn Ashmore and Susy McMahan will attend the annual meeting on Saturday, October 4 at the Omaha Show. A suggestion will be made that putting links to other clubs' websites on each club's website may be the way to go for keeping up communications statewide. Anyone having any information on other clubs should forward it to Jim and Sharon Marburger for inclusion on LGMC's website.

- ◆ The Lancaster Event Center has a new manager. Future contracts will contain more strenuous compliance items than in past contracts. Vera Lyman and Ed Dvorak plan to meet with Event Center staff to try and work out some of the issues. One new requirement is to add the building name to all advertising.
- ◆ At 2015 Mid-Winter Swap Chairman Jayne Beer's request, Sharon Marburger put together a Swap Flyer. Sharon will be modifying the flyer to contain the words, "Lincoln Building."
- ◆ 2015 Show Chairman Ed Dvorak requested Sharon to design a show flyer. A color and black & white flyer, postcard front and back, and billboard were created. Wooly moved to accept the show advertising after adding the words, "Lincoln Building" to them. Second by Vera Lyman, carried.
- ◆ Carolyn Ashmore is requesting that adult members donate specimens for the 20 Christmas Socks being prepared for the juniors, to be distributed at the Christmas Party on December 7.
- ◆ Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. on a motion by Richard, second by Carolyn. Motion carried.

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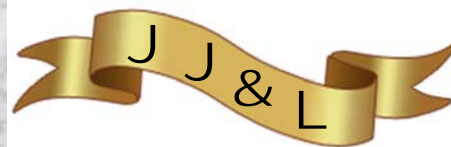
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ALAA EXCERPT AND OBSERVATION FROM TOM NOE

From the ALAA Newsletter (July-Sept, 2014).

EPA Seeks Authority Over All US Waters

Note: The EPA's authority over "waters of the United States" was legislatively defined as applying only to "navigable" waters. Recently the EPA proposed new rules which omit the word "navigable," thus placing under its authority ALL waters and waterways, even temporary waterways such as drainage ditches.

From the Congressional Record: June 25, 2014:

Today, U.S. Senator John Barrasso (R-WY) called on the Senate to support his legislation to prevent the Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers from finalizing their March, 2014, proposed rule which would significantly expand federal authority under the Clean Water Act (CWA).

Excerpted from Sen. Barrasso's remarks: I have very serious concerns about the EPA's proposed Clean Water Act jurisdictional rule. . . . Through this recently proposed rule, federal agencies are attempting to expand the definition of "waters of the United States." They want to include ditches and other dry areas where water flows only for a short duration after a rainfall. The government wants to control even that. Federal regulations have never defined ditches and other upland drainage features as "Waters of the U.S." But this proposed rule does, and it will have a huge impact on farmers, on ranchers, on small businesses that need to put a shovel in the ground to make a living. . . . Congress never intended the Clean Water Act to be used this way."

ALAA is the lobbying arm of the American Federation, working on behalf of rockhounds to keep public lands open and accessible to all, including the elderly and handicapped.

The ALAA excerpt for this month is not quite directly concerned with rockhounding, but it's a good example of the kind of federal behavior that ALAA is worried about.

It reminds me of what happened to a member of our club here in South Bend who has a mining claim in one of the Western states. The BLM had closed all the roads in the area, so he couldn't get to his claim except by walking miles, and he would have had to

carry anything out on his back. He tried talking to the BLM, but no success. According to the mining laws, he is guaranteed access to his claim, but it took him several years, working through our local congressional rep, before he could get the BLM to agree to the law. Then they allowed him access, but refused permission to use any of the water on the claim. Without water, he can't mine. He's still paying his claim fees, but it doesn't look like he'll ever be able to work it again.

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STUDENT SHADOWING

by Nancy Akins, Lincoln Curios Rock Shop

Lauren Wipfler, as a high school student at Ashland-Greenwood, choose, as part of her studies, to shadow me in the rock shop. We starting by waiting on a customer. There was not a lot of need to browse around the shop, since she has been coming to our shop for several years. She observed a credit sale. She looked at the 16" saw and the flat lap. She cut a piece of horn coral on the trim saw by herself, and then polished one side of it on the Genie wheel. We discussed internet sales and she listed a piece of chrysoprase for me. We talked about the overhead costs involved in retail sales, both in a shop and online. We concluded with a little cleaning in the shop and yard, all part of the business. It was a very enjoyable afternoon and I am hoping she got a glimpse of just one of the many places her interest in rocks and fossils might lead her. I wish her luck on her project.



MINERAL MONKEYS

By Susy McMahan

Our October juniors meeting was full of sugar!! Since many club members had traveled to Iowa for the 2014 Midwest Federation Show, sponsored by the Des Moines Lapidary Society and the Central Iowa Mineral Society, we expected less than usual attendance. My lucky co-teacher, Carolyn, and her husband Paul, went also, and we missed them.

We had a total of 7 juniors. We were happy to see Bianca back, and she talked about some of the neat things she saw on her vacation. We have a new member, Abby Sterns. She attends Mickle Middle School, and is Ian Williams' cousin. Abby brought a geodes to show us, and I told them the secret to picking out the geodes with the most crystals.

The younger juniors learned about the State Gemstone (blue agate) and State Rock (prairie agate). With a smaller group, the older juniors joined in with discussing what we were learning. Since we had such a good collection of each that we brought back from the Crawford Labor Day Swap, everybody got a sample. We talked about crystals and everybody got one from Carolyn's collection. She had a little bag of polished rocks for an inedible treat. The red and blue tiger's eye was a big hit. We talked more about the rock cycle; you can never learn enough on that subject. Rowdy Cropp donated some selenite, so everybody got nice samples and we talked about how the pioneers sometimes used it for windows.

Since it was Halloween, we had treats!! Thanks to Carolyn's daughter Cristina, who is also Mia's mom, for a lot of cool cupcakes ... mmmm. Vera also brought cupcakes just for the juniors! Of course, we all partook in the treats. There were cookies also, but I am never quick enough. See you in November!

Sunday With The Scientists

"Agate Fossil Beds in Western Nebraska"

November 16, 2014

1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Morrill Hall

19 & over - \$6.00

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\$13.00 family - 2 adults and 2 kids

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FALL ROADSIDE CLEAN UP 2014 AND NOVEMBER ROCK PARTY

by Jim Marburger, Chairman

It was nearly a perfect day to pick up trash on our section of Highway 77 south of Lincoln. The temperature was a brisk 50 degrees with full sunshine. (I had ordered 60 degrees a month ago, so it was close for this time of the year.) The only drawback was a pesky north wind around 20 miles per hour.

When Sharon and I arrived at the meeting place in the old Rest Area, the crew was waiting. Sign-up sheets were signed, vests were distributed, and a safety talk was presented, then the 24 trash pickers were off like a herd of turtles.

My job was to place the "Litter Pick Up" signs at each end of the area to warn highway traffic that we were out and doing our pick up. A second job was to check on the people as they were collecting trash; providing extra bags and water, doing a safety check, and shuttling people back to their cars.

LGMC's section of the four-lane highway is two miles long. With the great turnout of workers, each team worked a half mile length of road. A few people helped out other teams where the trash was heavy. A half-mile section does not seem like much to walk, but with all the back and forth zigs and zags, from the fenceline to the edge of the road, and the amount of uneven walking, does take its toll. The trash pick up took just over an hour and half to complete.

This fall's cleanup netted over 24 bags of trash, along with various car parts, tires, and trailer parts. The Department of Roads will come along and pick up the bags. They also provide the bags, vests, safety program, and signage. For those who don't know, LGMC has a sign at each end of our section that tells the public this two-mile section is cleaned by the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club.

Thanks to those who helped with the cleanup. Most of the people were club members or family and friends. We even had four club members from Omaha make the trip to help. We will have another cleanup in the spring; we will let you know the date and time when it gets closer.

This project is not a collecting area, but it does support the AFMS' "Code of Ethics": I will support the rock hound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found. This is also a great community service.

After the clean-up was done, a few people had to return to Lincoln for other activities. The rest of the attendees continued to Hickman for the monthly Rock Party.

The Rock Party was hosted at Sharon's and my home. There was lots of food brought in: chili, beef soup, tomato and beef soup, Mongolian beef, rice, chips, cheese, crackers, chocolate-banana bread, wheat rolls, cinnamon rolls, apple crisp, cookies, and a whole bunch of pumpkin-based desserts. Jayne's pumpkin bars were made-from-scratch-pumpkin, and they were delicious!

I gave a quick lesson on face polishing of rocks to the Kemper family. They polished fluorite, Coyamito agate, and bubblegum agate. Sharon worked on some "parking lot finds" and Jayne Beer worked on some cabochons for a friend.

A group went outside to the porch to look through some boxes of specimens that were donated to the club. The rocks were sorted into four groups: youth group, silent auction, bingo prizes, and gem dig. Some

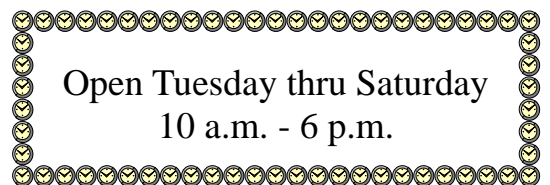
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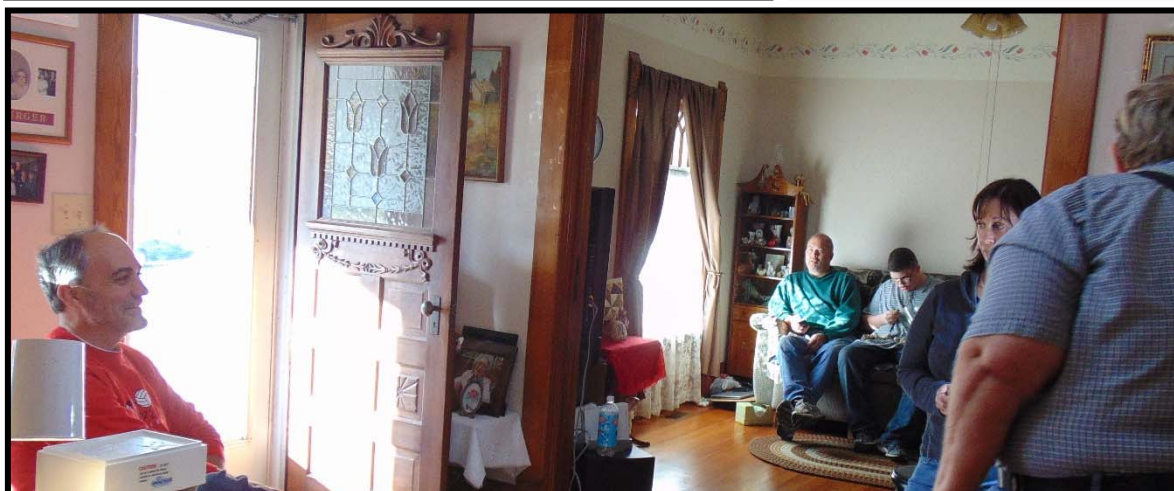
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fantastic specimens were found.

Sharon showed rocks she had found during multiple parking lot field trips. The kids present thought some of the specimens were pretty cool. Sharon also showed her finds from the Des Moines field trip, including a Lake Superior agate.

Although Ed Dvorak brought his wire wrapping supplies, there was not enough energy or interest in pursuing any lessons.

Most people at the Rock Party visited about anything and everything, enjoying the warmth and lack of wind inside the house. It was a very pleasant afternoon and evening, and we look forward to doing it again very soon.



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3 years:	Edward Ridge Robert Cropp

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3 years:	Robert Gritmit Sharon Marburger

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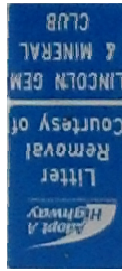
- Adults (age 16 and over) - \$15 per year or \$25 per couple (within the same household)
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All new memberships must be accompanied by a written application. Prospective members must gain Board approval and attend one regular meeting before being approved for membership.

2015 SHOW COMMITTEE

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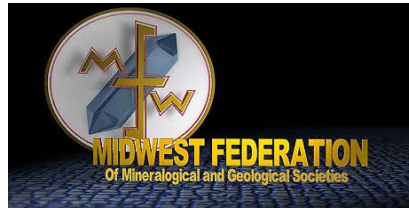
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