



PICK & SHOVEL

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2017 MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

General Meetings:

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

September 21	November 16
October 19	December 3

Board Meetings:

Board Meetings, unless otherwise stated, begin at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month, at the home of Vera Lyman.

Sep: September 6	Nov: November 1
Oct: October 4	Dec: November 29

Activities:

July Rock Party
July 15, 2017
Hosts: Nick & Nykky, their home, Beatrice
Theme: TACOS!!!
Bring your equipment and projects.

Special Silent Auction at meeting

September 21, 2017
A special donation to the club was received at the Show. We would like to give members the first opportunity to bid on these items.

Wild Fall Festival at Pioneers Park Nature Center

September 22 from 5:00—8:00 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Jayne Beer

Greetings fellow rock heads! I sit here writing this message with visions of the club's fantastic camping trip and field trips running through my head. We had a great group of rock friends join us down at the campground near Sabetha, Kansas. I have to say that it was great to spend some time away from the hustle and bustle of daily life.



Day #1: Wooly had the day planned out and we started down on the Nemaha River. It was a fabulous day on the river! We split up and went both directions. We were able to safely cross the river. The familiar call "LAKER" was heard many times! Brian found the prize winner (in my opinion). It was the size of the palm of my hand.

At lunch time, we headed to the vehicles for a bite to eat. Soon, talk turned to the fossil sponges that Roger Pabian used to take us to find. Jim Marburger said he knew where that location was. We excitedly hopped into our vehicles, following Jim and Sharon. It was not long and we came upon that lovely sign that our friend Roger always fondly said was his favorite sign, "Minimum Maintenance Road". We hadn't gone very far down this road when we discovered we were headed up a road of rocks that NO minivan should be driving on. As a side note, it should be mentioned here that this is not the first time that we have taken a vehicle certainly not meant for off-roading over less-than-smooth roads. When we got to the top of the hill, we came upon a familiar glacial till area. We had been there with Roger Pabian years before. We tried to find the sponges, but those little guys eluded us this trip but, hopefully, one day, we will find them again.

Day #2: A few members of our group had to go home and not join us. We went to a different location on the Nemaha. The highlight of this day for me was when Logan (Linda Guenter's grandson) calls out, "I found a Laker." We all headed over to find that he had indeed found a nice Lake Superior Agate! He was so proud! I love it!

Even though we had a great group on this trip, I have to mention that I was surprised, and a little disappointed, that those members who always say they want to go out on field trips did not join us. Have no fear ... there will be other opportunities to get out! I have an idea in the baby steps of planning. I want to head out on August 21st and be out rock collecting when the once in a lifetime solar eclipse happens. Stay tuned for more information.

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July Birthdays

Charles Messenger
Susy McMahan
Sharon Marburger

Happy Birthday!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—CONTINUED

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This month's rock grinding party is at Nick's and Nykky's house in Beatrice. This is the second party that they've had. The date is July 15. It will be a fun night!

PLEASE volunteer to take over the newsletter!

GET INVOLVED! You won't be sorry! This is a great group of people! Cheers!



The "good" section of the Yippeekaii Yay road! Photo by Jayne Beer.

THE YIPPEEKAII YAY ROAD

by Carolyn Ashmore

As we all know, being rockhounds on field trips, sometimes the trail has some bumps, and sometimes there are ups and downs on the road we take to get to collecting areas where we look for certain treasures. Well, our little trip in June was no exception!

Paul and I rode with the Marburgers that Saturday, and with Jim at the helm, our little caravan of six vehicles started up the road to reach the top of the hill where some glacier remnants could be seen. At first, it wasn't so bad, and everyone behind us was doing great. How quickly that changed though, about a third of the way up the hill. We could see holes in the road (and I do mean some pretty serious holes here) and places where a bulldozer had torn out trees and destroyed the road. At times you had to guess which way to go, then wondering whether or not it even was a road. It was like riding a horse, going this way and that, with the very real possibility of a vehicle getting high-centered or stuck, or, even worse, something breaking on someone's car.

About halfway up the hill, Sharon got a text from Jayne Beer, who was immediately behind us, saying, "Are you kidding me right now?" and "Yippeekaii Yay!" We could tell that Jayne was having a blast! There was no turning back now, so Jim kept going, ever so slowly at times, leading our little band of adventurers higher and higher up the hill until it was safe to pull over. As we all got out of the cars, we were smiling and talking about the ride up the hill. We later found out that the road was closed and the sign was laying in a ditch.

We all had a wonderful camping/field trip together once again, with plenty of good food and good people, and lots of rock talk. We will always have the fond memories of our little rockhound family going up the Yippeekaii Yay road together.

Silversmithing classes

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

The Jewelry Connection Ltd.
Indian Village Shopping Ctr.
13th & Arapahoe, Lincoln

Tuition: \$130 plus \$30 supply deposit

SUMMER BREAK

Session 4: Aug 8 - Sep 26, 2017

Session 5: Oct 3 - Nov 28, 2017

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They didn't quite get down and kiss the ground when we reached the top of the hill.

ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP

by Sharon Marburger

June 4 turned out to be a very warm day. It was quite fortunate for our trash pickers that our 2-mile stretch of Highway 77 was exceptionally clean, except for the half-mile stretch south of the truck weigh station. We thank Ed Ridge and his brother for their persistence in sticking with it until it was all cleaned. Several of our volunteers felt ill effects from being out in the blistering heat and high humidity. Roadside Clean-up Chairman, Jim Marburger, says a lesson was learned; we will not postpone future clean-ups and risk running into similar weather.

There were plenty of volunteers for this clean-up. All of the help was very much appreciated. I would list off the names of those participating but I was one of those people who lost brain cells in the heat. I do not want to inadvertently omit anyone. I will just say that lots of bodies equal more time to have fun at the Rock Party afterwards!



E-Bear from the Midwest Federation was one of the attendees. He posed for a picture, then rode around with Jim to distribute water and provide transportation back to vehicles parked at the rest area.

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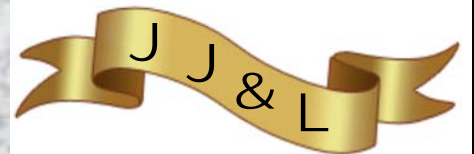
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