



WAYNE COUNTY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB NEWS

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PRESIDENT 's MESSAGE

Hi- I missed the last meeting in January. I had "the bug" and was under the weather for a few days. Since then, I have been looking for some new collecting areas and came across a printing of sights active in 1973. I hope to get the team together in the spring and check them out for this summers federation show... I hope to see everyone there at the February meeting.

President Stan

WCGM CLUB UNANIMOUSLY UPDATES CLUB By-LAWS AT JANUARY 2007 MEETING

Attending members at the January 2007 WCGM club meeting unanimously accepted recommendations and changes proposed to the "old" club by-laws. The updated constitutional by-laws are now in effect and are believed to be more specific and modernized. Among the changes in effect are the new membership dues to correspond with specific membership categories. Members who want additional paper copies, contact the club at the club address on the back page or email: dave@americanhobbyshop.com.

FIELD TRIP CHAIR CALLS FOR WINTER FIELD TRIP DESTINATION IDEAS

Bill Chapman, WCGMC Field Trip chair, along with Vice-President Jerry Donahue, and Board member, Ken Rowe, have requested club members to think of places to go during the winter months. Board member, Pat Chapman, has suggested the Paleontology Research Institute (Ithaca) and the Rochester Museum of Science, of which Pat has obtained a number of immediate *free* admission offers and special deals. Lectures considered. Out-of-State field trips considered. No idea dismissed! Field trips ideas should consider admittance fees, distance, charter buses, program content and availability, and child friendly accommodations, etc. Members far and wide are encouraged to help! Comments or questions should be directed ASAP to Bill or Pat Chapman at 607-868-4649, Ken Rowe 315-331-1438 or Jerry Donahue 315-548-8085.

HELP WANTED— CLUB PROGRAM DIRECTOR!

Start the New Year off by helping to grow our club! Become the club's program director! Great for people who like to educate and organize groups. Looks great on a resume if you need it! It's a great remedy for the winter blues or boredom, too. Ask for a job description! Contact Stan Griffin (315) 986-1171. Step up!

Getting your newsletters by postal or email ok? If not, contact Editor Dave Kords asap.

The Codger and the Goat: History of the Saturday Night Mine

The Old Prospector, as legend goes, fell ill while leading a group of men to California. Unencumbered by conscience, they abandoned him in Montello, Nevada and continued their journey westward. His wife, who had accompanied him on this adventure, also left Old Prospector choosing the group over marriage vows. The lure of California gold had snared one and all. Though his wife promised to come back she never returned. To survive, Old Prospector built a one-room shanty in the form of a tepee and spent an entire winter in the area of Pilot. A local Indian from Montana's Assiniboine Tribe heard how Old Prospector had been abandoned and came to his aid. The Indian traveled many miles through dangerous Sioux territory bringing herbs to break the fever. Throughout Old Prospector's illness, The Indian nourished him with dried elk meat and water. After several weeks under the Indian's care, Old Prospector became healthy again. However, the Indian paid a high price for helping Old Prospector; he lost toes that winter to frostbite. In spring when the snow had melted and Old Prospector was well, the Assiniboine disappeared. Old Prospector repaid the Indian's kindness with a gold cross-handmade by the miners wife. Old Prospector packed up what little belongings he had and trekked to the Bald Eagle mountain area. They say he camped under the Jerusalem Tree still standing in the meadow at the base of the mountain. The city of Tecoma-, which was on the west side of Tecoma's mining district-, is now a ghost town. Old Prospector began prospecting on the property, systematically searching up and down the mountain, and chose to settle on Saturday Night Mine land. To the west, he found copper and to the east he found silver. Right in the middle, he found gold. Old Prospector tunneled and explored. Finding riches was easy, but hauling them out by hand was troublesome. Shortly, Old Prospector found enough high-grade gold to purchase a mule so he set out on foot for Montana. Upon arriving, he made a poor trade: gold for a soon-to-be-lame mule. The trader threw in a goat for food on the trip back. As expected, the mule's limping worsened and half way back to Tecoma, the mule refused to budge. Old Prospector shot the mule and traveled to the Tecoma area with goat in tow. On the journey, Old Prospector hunted and kept himself fed, sometimes carrying the goat on his back like a nap-sack. It's likely Old Prospector planned to mine a bit more Tecoma ore and later purchase a *healthy* mule.

(Read next month's issue for more of this tale! --- Thanks to Pat Chapman for this contribution!)

MARCH 2007 MEETING "SHOW AND TELL"---Club members, Ken and Roxanne Rowe, would like to remind everyone that the March meeting would host a "Show and Tell" segment. Details will be discussed at February's meeting. Call Ken Rowe and Roxanna at 315-331-1438.

LOVE YOUR FOSSILS! --- For those of you that would have collections with fossils found from Alden's site, this piece of information is vital to maintaining their condition. These specimens need to be thoroughly checked for any signs of deterioration. Your ammonites and cephalopods should be kept in mineral oil. Contributed by Ken and Roxanna Rowe.

FOSSIL COLLECTING BILL RETURNS TO LEGISLATION--- Club members, Ken and Roxanna Rowe, want to notify club members of pending annual legislation regarding fossil collecting. Become informed. Then contact representatives and senators to vote against the bill.

BUILD A SLUICE PROJECT--- At Feb 9ths meeting, Dave 's bringing a borrowed sluice for us to look at. Members should bring various plans, designs, etc. We'll examine & discuss any building materials & their cost that our members bring, & finalize the sluice design. We'll build that sluice on Wed. 2/14/07 at 6:30PM at Stan Griffin's house 1345 Bankert Rd., Clifton Springs. 315-462-3282. The next building meeting will be Wed. 2/21/07 at 6:30PM at Stan 's if necessary. Stan has the tools. tables & chairs. All interested are welcome to supervise. participate. and drink coffee & kvetch.

HELP WANTED— Club Representative!

Represent our club and the geosciences fields at the Wayne County Historian's monthly round-table meetings. Bring your own lunch, casual, and lots of fun! For more information, contact Mr. Peter Evans, the Wayne County Historian, in Lyons, NY.

MORE CLUB NEWS TO "DIG"- 'n Kudos, too!

1. EFMLS reports that the "opening bell" for the 2007 Wildacres Retreats! For info log onto www.amfed.org.efmls
2. EFMLS will be hosting a drawing of donated prizes for the October Newark, NY show. For tickets, call Jane Hand at (601) 825-3989 or write to her at 253 Wanda drive, Brandon, MS 39042!
3. Interested in public speaking about our club to community groups? Let's talk!
4. Stan Griffin and Ken Rowe will be doing an inventory of all club-owned equipment and literature in the near future.
5. Dave Kords has copies of the developed "job descriptions" for the various club positions. Contact Dave to get more information on the volunteer positions, the duties involved, so think about volunteering!!
6. "Diamond Dan" publications were mentioned in the February EFMLS newsletter articles.
7. Pat Chapman wants to know if anyone is interested in going to see the Rochester Museum of Science for a field trip. Contact Pat for info. 607-868-4649
8. **Feb.1, 1870** The "Cardiff Giant," supposedly the petrified remains of a human discovered in Cardiff, Onondaga County, was revealed to be carved gypsum!
9. Marion's computer is "down". Can anyone help her out?

UPCOMING WCGM CLUB MEETINGS

February 9th, 2007 at the Newark, NY Presbyterian Church
Board mtg 7pm --- Regular mtg 7:30pm --- *Mini-miners at 7pm*
Roxanna Rowe - refreshments --- **Ken Rowe** - door prizes.

Feb 14th, 2007 Build a Sluice Project at Stan Griffin's house. Clifton Springs, NY
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Board mtg- 7pm Regular mtg- 7:30pm *Mini-miners at 7pm*
SHOW AND TELL PROGRAM SCHEDULED
Becky and Ron -refreshments --- **Jerry Donahue** -door prizes.

MARCH 16,17,18 OPEN HOUSE American Hobby Shop, Walworth, NY

Earth-Wide Events To Try!



February 24 and 25th, 2007

Albany, New York, the 14th annual James Campbell Memorial Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show and Sale will be co-sponsored by the **New York State Academy of Mineralogy and the Capital District Mineral Club** which will be held on the 4th floor of the New York State Museum at the Empire State Plaza on Madison Avenue, Albany, New York. The hours will be 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM both days. Free parking. The admission is \$6.00, which includes the Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show and the New York in Bloom Flower Show. For more information, call Mike Hawkins, Geology Collection Manager of the museum at (518) 486-2011 or (518) 473-7154 or email mhawkins@mail.nysed.gov.

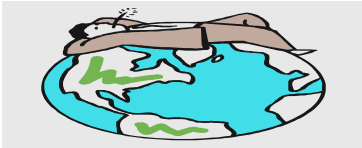
March 2007

10-11: Clifton Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the **North Jersey Mineralogical Society**. Pope John Paul II Elementary School, 775 Valley Rd (Rt 3 at Rt 46); Clifton, NJ.

16-17-18: ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE and SALE at the American Hobby Shop, Walworth, NY. March 16th 9am-6pm 10% off, March 17th 9am-6pm 20%off, March 18th 11am-5pm 30% off. Free admission. Public is welcome! Minerals, fossils, gem stones, jewelry. Call for information: (315) 986-1171. Ask for Dave, Annette, or Carol.

24-25: "Philadelphia Mineral Treasures and Fossil Fair"; sponsored by **Philadelphia Mineralogical Society and Delaware Valley Paleontological Society**; LuLu Temple, 5140 Butler Pike; Karenne Snow, (609) 953-1987 (continued on the next page)

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24-25: Chambersburg, PA - Franklin County Rock & Mineral Club, Inc. 29th Annual Mineral and Jewelry Show. Call Chenin Hollaway, 717-372-2256, chenindesigns@comcast.net.

24-25: Hellertown, PA - Saucon Valley Lions Club. 37th Annual Gem, Mineral, and Jewelry Show. Call 610-838-6286.

24-25: Sayre, PA - Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club, Inc Hazel Remaley, 570-888-7544.

31- April 1st: Johnson City, NY – Binghamton Show at the Sr. Citizen's Ctr. At 20 Brocton Street. Sat 9am-6pm, Sat. 10am-4pm Call (315)986-1171 for info.

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MEETINGS: Held 2nd Friday night of each month at 7:30pm in the basement of the Park Presbyterian Church, Maple Court, Newark, NY (use the north door) WEBSITE: www.americanhobbyshop.com

ORGANIZED: 2/6/1973 INCORPORATED: 1/5/1976 Affiliation: the American Federation and also the Eastern Federation of Mineral Societies (as of 3/24/1973)

OFFICERS: Elected at the October meeting, taking office In November for a 2-year term. Fiscal year runs from Oct. 1st to Sept. 31st.

**NEW ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CLASSES AND DUES: \$10.00 JUNIOR or STUDENT (18 yrs or younger with no parents in the club) \$15.00 REGULAR or ONE SINGLE ADULT (Over age of 18 years old) \$20.00 FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (Includes 2 adult votes and any children)

Annual memberships and dues are renewed in October.

Send dues and all pertinent information with a SASE to:

WCGMC TREASURER

WAYNE COUNTY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB, Inc

P.O. Box 4, Newark, New York 14513

OBJECTIVE: TO STIMULATE INTEREST IN THE EARTH SCIENCES, IN COLLECTING AND CLASSIFICATION OF MINERALS, AND IN THE ART OF GEM CUTTING.

The public is welcome to attend our meetings.



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