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President's Message

Hi Everyone,

A Quick Safety Note: Drive carefully & watch out for hunters when you collect now. Bow-hunters are afield and folks with muzzleloaders, rifles & shotguns will be hunting deer Saturday, Nov. 21st to Dec. 22nd. Wear bright colors [lime/orange/red], get permission from the Land owners to collect and be SAFE! And..... second

on my agenda, please bring what specimens you can give away to the next meeting Nov. 13th for our annual rock give away for the kids. Fossils, shells, minerals or rocks, egg cartons, magic markers, pens...Whatever! If you could prepare labels for the name of the specimen and where it came from, it would help. I'll bring some blank labels for the kids to copy info onto as needed. We'll open the doors by 6 PM & start the program as soon as we get the specimens set up. If you could arrive at that time, it would help. Thanks for your generosity & cultivation of the next generation's interest in our field.



Pat

OHHHH, Lordie! It's Gonna Be a Field Trip to Lord's Corners!

On Saturday, 11/7/09, we'll meet at McDonald's at the intersection of Rte. 20 & Interstate 81 south of Syracuse at 9:00 AM. We're looking for more horn coral for the giveaway at the next meeting – our supplies were diminished at the Cub Scout Jamboree a couple of weeks ago. If you wish to look for the club or yourself, this is the time. Ken Rowe will guide our club. To sign up or ask questions, call Ken at 315-331-1438. Happy Collecting!

Professional Geologist Presented at the Endless Mountains Nature Center, Lackawanna, Pennsylvania

Geology of the Endless Mountains was the focus & name of a workshop presented by Warren Norton, Ph.D. at the Endless Mountains Nature Center on Oct 17, 2009 covering geological history, rock types, fossil formation, weathering, how the Susquehanna River, & local geology. The Susquehanna River shoreline, the former North Branch Canal, and red shale cliffs were explored. Fossils are often found on the shore of the river. His lecture workshop started indoors, then all moved outside for hands-on exploration. Norton developed his interest in geology growing up around the coal mines of the Wyoming Valley. He earned a B.A. in Geology from Antioch College, a M.A. in Geological Oceanography from the University of Virginia, & a Ph.D. in Geology from the University of Pittsburgh. After working in the gas- oil industry for a couple of decades he was an associate professor at Kent State University in Ohio. At Kent, Norton was a member of the College of Arts and Sciences and the Graduate School of Arts & Sciences teaching both undergraduate and graduate courses. He published papers about micropaleontology, paleo-botany, coal geology, oil and gas geology, & plate tectonics in scientific journals. After retiring Norton returned to the Lackawanna Valley & started volunteering time at the Anthracite Heritage Museum in Scranton & participating in Rev. War enactments. The Endless Mountains Lodge and campgrounds are open to adults and interested teens. The Endless Mountains Nature Center, a nonprofit organization, offers educational opportunities & recreations activities for all ages. For info call 570-836-3835.

WCGMC By-LAWS PROPOSED CHANGES NEED MEMBERSHIP VOTE!

A proposed change in the WCGMC By-Laws (adopted in January 2007) was the subject of a scheduled agenda announcement made by President Pat Chapman at the Oct 9, 2009 annual meeting. The proposal for the change is as follows:

(CURRENTLY READS AS) **Article VIII, Meetings:**

Section 1. The regular meeting of the club shall be the second Friday of the month (or the first Friday of the month in case of activity content.), at 7:30p.m.

(PROPOSED CHANGE WILL READ AS) **Article VIII, Meetings:**

Section 1. The regular meeting of the club shall be the second Friday of the month (or the first Friday of the month in case of activity content.), ***the time to be determined by the Board of Directors after the October meeting.***

For **ballot**: Motion by Lesniak/Rowe to amend the Constitution **meeting time** at a previous meeting
<<http://www.wcgmc.org/resources/Constitution.pdf>>

This announcement in the newsletter, herein, is the required legal notice to all general membership as set forth by the club’s Constitution. According to **Article IX** entitled “Amendments”, (section 1) “...any By-Laws may be amended by 2/3 vote at any regular meeting, after publicizing changes in the club newsletter and required postmark date at the club’s official mailing address for mail ballots.” According to **Article VIII** entitled “Meetings”, general membership voting has four principles clauses: **A.** One (1) vote per paid single or junior membership and two (2) votes per family membership. **B.** Voting, other than elections, may be done by attending a meeting or by mailed ballots to the official club mailing address. **C.** Email for all voting, except elections, *if* allowed by the board, will be as instructed in the club newsletter. **D.** Voting shall be on: **1.** Election of officers and Directors by attending meeting only. **2.** Routine expenditures over \$200 and non-routine expenditures. **3.** Amendments to the Constitutional By-Laws. **4.** Anything not covered in the By-Laws or comes before the membership that has been published in the newsletter that is not time-sensitive **5.** Dissolution of club.

Rationale: The way it is stated now we have to do a Constitutional Amendment every time we wish to adjust the starting time of our meetings. With the decision up to the Board, they can take input from members and determine the best time. Presently, most are looking at possible moving meeting time to 7:00 PM so we can have a program and be out by 9 PM.

Vote will be taken at the November 2009 meeting. If you will not be able to attend meeting and would like to get your vote counted, send a Ballot (below) to Wayne Co. Gem & Mineral Club, P.O. Box # 4, Newark, NY 14513 **by or on 11/12/2009** or email a written pseudo-ballot statement (aka: note, memo, comment, etc...) **clearly** indicating your decision and vote to: ***Sue Hoch, WCGMC secretary by or on 11/12/2009*** at this email address: ***suehoch@mac.com***

*****cut here and postal mail*****

For **ballot**: Motion by Lesniak/Rowe: *to amend the Constitution **meeting time** at a previous meeting*

BALLOT:

_____ **YES**, I'm in Favor of the Constitution’s change as cited in the newsletter article (11/2009 edition)

or

_____ **NO**, I'm *NOT* favor of the Constitution’s change as cited in the newsletter article (11/2009 edition)

WCGMC Membership Name: _____ date sent: _____

Postal mail to: Wayne Co. Gem & Mineral Club, P.O. Box # 4, Newark, NY 14513

KUDOS---- Marion Wheaton for getting her knees fixed! We love you! Hope ya feel better these days! KUDOS, Dave and Andrea Kords and the St. Michael’s school, for putting on a great show, as always. KUDOS to James Tovey, (Toveco.com) for the entertaining presentation (given at October 2009 meeting) about the Tripp mining operation in New Hampshire! Seemed like NH really liked Kyle Zeller, huh? KUDOS to Roxanne and Ken Rowe for being steady “Rockers” for all these years in the WCGMC! KUDOS to Bill Chapman, Bill Lesniak, et al. for arranging some pretty neat field trips for the rest of us!



UPCOMING WCGM CLUB MEETINGS

Friday, November 13, 2009

Park Presbyterian Church, Newark, NY 14513
(Use the North Door) Board meeting: 7pm Mini-Miners at 6 pm

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WCGMC Field Trip: Museum of the Earth [Paleontology Research Institute] Rte. 96 Ithaca, NY for November 14th, 2009

This opportunity gives club members a discounted price in order to see a local treasure in our southern backyard. Bring your unidentified fossils for identification. There's a presentation on Glacier National Park* and 2 private tours for our club in the afternoon. Bill Lesniak is our field trip coordinator for this event & will collect the admission fee at our next meeting [November 13th] in order to facilitate entrance to the museum the next morning. If you do not attend the meeting, we will meet at the front entrance of the museum when it opens at 10 AM. Arrive between 10-10:30 check-in & pay our person at the door.

WCGMC members discounted cost: Adults: \$4.00; Seniors 62 yrs & older \$2.50;
Children 4-17 yrs \$1.50 & under 4 free. Museum Members: Free

Agenda: **10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** Fossil ID Day ----- **12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Natural History at Noon
1:00 PM WCGMC Private Tour #1 ---- **1:45 PM WCGMC Private Tour #2**

***Natural History at Noon Glacier National Park: Beyond the Ice**

From the stromatolites and volcanoes of the past to the ice and wildlife of today - the history of Glacier National Park is exquisite. Come explore a piece of this national treasure through amazing images and anecdotes with Sara Auer, volcanologist and Geosciences Education Resource Developer at PRI.

Info available online at www.wcgmc.org

Sign up with Bill Lesniak <Dirtman300@aol.com> 315-483-8061

ALDEN ROAD TRIP WE HAD:

On Thursday, Oct. 15, 2009, WCGMC went to Alden, NY for a dig to look for pyritized fossils. Meeting at John & Mary's Restaurant on Rt. 20 in Alden, NY at 9 AM and parking behind the restaurant in order to keep our parking privileges there. Members worked in a wet creek area after a significant walk to the site [about ½ mile]. Rock hammers, chisels, a bucket, safety glasses, backpack, snack, hat, bug spray & sunscreen were brought to the site for good safety and work practices. Call Bill Chapman at 607-868-4649 for juicy details!

Field Trip: Cameron, NY of 10-22-09

(Contributed)To hear some tell it, the Breakfast at McDonald's in Bath from 9-9:30 was the best thing found on this trip. The 10 mile trip from Bath to the Cameron site we've been working was covered in less than ½ hour. We had 10 attendees - Terry Wilson, Stan Griffin & friend - Joe, Melissa Roloson, Bill Lesniak, Jim Simons, Ken Rowe, *Con Scholtz* -Whoops! I mean Don Schiltz ☺, Jerry Donahue, & Pat Chapman. Unfortunately, Bill Chapman was sick & couldn't make it. The normally dry gully had water in it this time. The remainder of 6" of snow that fell last week but it didn't make the gully unworkable. Everyone just pulled their boots on. The overcast gave way to a blue sky where the temps reached into the 60's. Jerry scouted the area and found some wonderful views from on top of a hill where we looked at miles of the Southern Tier landscape. Though no major fossil finds, this day we were on the top of the world.....

2009 Walworth Quarry Open House Weekend By Pat Chapman

“There are sights in this country and people in this country to banish any gloom you ever may feel and to fill you instead with wonder.” Charles Kurault.

This is how I felt when our 2-day dig was over. On Columbus Weekend, rock collectors from Ohio to New England and all points in between congregated for a 2- day Open House at the Dolomite Products Quarry in Walworth, NY. Mike Bagney, quarry manager, greeted all comers and arranged a new blast in a fluorite-rich wall a few days before the event so the rockhounds would have plenty to search through. Fluorite, dog-tooth calcite, sphalerite, and dolomite crystals were commonly found. The early morning drizzle did not deter the 99 people who attended Saturday’s event but made for slippery climbing on those rock piles. My flashlight became a sought-after item to check those vugs in the cloudy conditions. A couple of rock shifts made a two of our gang members of the walking wounded but didn’t keep them from digging until closing. A good reminder for all of us to ALWAYS wear our hard hats and protective gear! The first gas saw fired up 25 minutes into the dig and the chop saw our club rented was kept busy most of the day. Bill Chapman helped quite a few folks learn the ropes of what to look for in addition to cutting out their finds so they’d have a memento. That rental saw bit the dust Sunday afternoon when a spring shot out the side of it. No one was hurt and provides another good lesson that sometime it’s better to rent rather than buy.

Afterwards, we gathered for a supper sponsored by the Wayne County Gem & Mineral Club held at Andrea & Dave Kords’ house. I met folks from West Virginia, Ohio, NY, New Jersey, New Hampshire and Canada and I didn’t meet everyone there. Everybody had a little something extra in their cars to show or swap so my knowledge of rocks & minerals continued to grow. A lively competition for ribbons was held. Dale Russell gave everyone a run for their money when he took first in the ‘Best Fluorite in Matrix’ category and placed 2nd in the Best Non-Fluorite category with his celestite. Rocko Rosenblatt had the Best Fluorite Floater and Bob Hartig had a superb sphalerite specimen to win the Non-Fluorite category. Ribbons, smiles and walks with a swagger set the stage for a great supper prepared by Andrea Kords.

Andrea’s a wicked good cook and getting into the buffet table was sometimes a wait for those of us non-aggressive types but the remnants after the initial horde was worth it. There were dishes of chicken, venison, and mac & cheese to name a few. Members of the WCGMC provided supplemental dishes of veggies & dip, soup, & a number of desserts including brownies & cookies. Can you ever have too much chocolate?

Sunday was the drier of the two days and the # of attendees dropped into the 50’s – I’ll call them “hard core” collectors. Dave Kords found a specimen with 27 fluorite crystals in it. Hope he brings that to the next meeting! There’s an adage that says “Men compete and women cooperate.” but the scene was full of cooperation this day. Some of the guys worked on the same rock, borrowing and lending the necessary tools as well as a number of individuals running the power equipment. Peaceful, hard-working folks with curious minds searching to see what opportunity and chance would provide. And so the long weekend was wrapped up. Seems if your family is looking for some positive role models – you’d need to look no further. Feel free to join our merry band in their never-ending quest for rocks and truth along the American way.

Minerals, Crystals, and Lapidary Rough to be Auctioned Off in Buffalo, NY

Our favorite Dirtman, Bill Lesniak, reports that the Buffalo Geological Society Inc. is having SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT AUCTION of Minerals, Crystals, and Lapidary Rough on Sat. Nov. 7th, 2009. A long-time member has donated a major part of his collection to their Club to support their scholarship fund. Auction includes hundreds of mineral specimens, lapidary rough material, as well as rock saws, microscopes, specimen storage cabinets, and assorted equipment. All proceeds will support their scholarship fund. For details visit their website link: <<http://bgsny.org/index.php?id=26>>

Tidbits for WCGMC

Missing WCGMC owned Booklet: ...A small yellow booklet - William Tervo’s “Collecting Locations in NYS”. Please return this and any other club periodicals and equipment at our next meeting November 13. Inventory coming up!
Show our Colors WCGMC Iron-On Decals & Patches for Sale 10” iron-on decals are available for \$5.00 Patches are \$2.00 for members or \$3.00 for non-members or 2 for \$5.00. Available at our next club meeting.

WAYNE COUNTY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB, INC.

MEETINGS:

Held 2nd Friday night of each month
at 7:30pm at Park Presbyterian Church basement,
Maple Court, Newark, NY

WEBSITE: www.wcgmc.org

ORGANIZED: 1973 **INC.** 1976

Affiliated with the AFML and EFMLS of Mineral
Societies since 1973.

OFFICERS: Elected at the October meeting, taking
office in November for a 2-year term.

FISCAL YEAR: Oct. 1st to Sept. 31st.

****NEW ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CLASSES AND**

DUES (due Oct 1st):

\$10.00 JUNIOR or STUDENT

(18 yrs > 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 children)

Send due, SASE with your info to:

WCGMC, P.O. Box 4, Newark, NY 14513

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

The public is welcome!!

WCGMC Instructs at 2009 Cub Scout Jamboree

(Contributed by Pat Chapman) The Horn Coral supplies are low after the program with the local troops at the Club Scout Jamboree at Midlakes High School a couple of weeks ago. Bill Lesniak & Bill Chapman dazzled the boys with specimens, information and hard hats. Forget the name tags – all they saw were the names written on the hard hats. Ken Rowe made a great end run home to collect emergency egg cartons to accommodate the unexpected # of participants while Pat Chapman feverishly cut labels and blank tags for the giveaway specimens. The different groups earned their pins and loops during our Geology Block. The displays and lessons went over BIG reports Val – the Boy Scout coordinator and we've been asked to return. We wanted to pass on the love of the science and got back it back ten-fold. And if you want to know what 102 bears & wolves sound like –it's **LOUD!**!!

NOTE TO ALL.....

.....To anyone that was at the Walworth Quarry dig on Sunday, If you found that you have some tools missing, Ken Rowe has them. Give him a call at 315-331-1438 and identified them and he'll have them for you to pick up, or email Ken at the following address: <gotrox88@localnet.com> .



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