



THE AMMONITE



Newsletter of The Western Dakota Gem & Mineral Society – May 2010



FROM THE PRESIDENT, by Deb R.

Summer has started, and it's time to get things in high gear for our Show. Many of you have already committed to taking your turn at set-up, tear-down, or working one of the stations. Many of you have not signed-up yet, and we need to hear from you soon. Contact the following people and return any necessary forms to them to schedule your participation. Just so you know, it was agreed at the April meeting that if you are able to work any for the Show, but do not, you must pay the entry fee like the general public. Any support you put into the Show will act as your entry pass. (This is the same way we operated last year).

- Set-up or Tear-down: Deb R.
- Fluorescent room: Deb R.
- Display case: Paul G.
- Information & Tickets: Jan G.
- Silent Auction: Linda S.
- Children's Table: Ellen T.
- Programs: Linda S.

I want to thank the following people for stepping forward to help in covering the many positions and duties left vacant with the passing of D. Annette R. will take over the position of Historian. Dale J. has been confirmed as the SD & NE Rocky Mt Federation rep. Ellen T. is covering the Multi-Use Coalition, and Martin O. has the Blue Ribbon spot. Mickey S. is helping me with KOTA publicity. On a side note, I do have possession of the club rocks and would like to thank Tom & Ginger F. for representing WDG&MS at the RMF Show last year and hauling the rocks around with them.

Don't forget the Rock Swap May 15th & 16th, and please help make our 30th Gem & Mineral Show a success by stepping forward to work in some capacity!

Attention all members....The May meeting is coming up so please be ready to help out by volunteering for our June show. Also it is imperative you get your form in for a display case asap to Paul G.

Volunteer

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Treasurer' Report for April 9, 2010



The club deposited \$477.00 and paid bills totaling \$350.56, for a balance of \$11,100.82 We have 38 families and 46 singles as paid members.

Don R. bequeathed the club \$200.00, with the request that the club pay the rental for the hall for his funeral luncheon, which the club did.

Secretaries Notes, April 9, 2010



1. Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.
2. Minutes from the last meeting were approved by Gene W. and seconded by Stan H.
3. We met new members Craig and Renee D. They are friends that were brought in by Dale. We also welcomed a visitor.
4. Treasures report was given
5. Motion was made by Dale J. and second by Stan H. to vote Ellen T. in charge of keeping up with the multi use coalition.
6. No field trip was scheduled due to the weather. Too bad - it did not rain. I hope some of you got out.
7. Wire wrapping dates are 4/13, 4/27, 5/11 and 5/25 Paula's house 7pm.
8. Info to 211 and fee was sent. If you are willing to be a reference contact please call Deb.
9. Rock Swap is scheduled for May 15-16 in the field across from the speedway on Hwy 44.
10. The talk given by John Lufkin is scheduled for 4/22 at 7pm. Mickey will check with General Beadle to make sure we have a room.
11. We missed the cutoff date to be put in the 2010 tourism book and will try again next year.
12. The club sent flowers to Don's funeral.
13. Reassignment of Don's jobs
 - Blue Ribbon- Martin O. -Read Magazine and give report.
 - Rock Mountain Federation- Dale J., Getting newsletters and going to meetings.
 - Historian- Annette R.
14. A motion was made by Ellen T. and seconded By Craig M. that we let Bill S. have our proxy for anything voted on in the up-coming meeting. There is nothing really important on the agenda this time.
15. Since our address for our club is Don and Annette's address, I made a motion that we get a PO Box set up for club business. Second Ellen T. One of our members, Angela K., volunteered to check the box and get anything important to the right person. We will have to get prices and sizes and then vote at the next meeting. We will then have to change addresses on all the correspondence for the whole club.

16. We still have a trailer full with our show cases and other show related items. This is now located on Dale J. Property.
17. We still have an 18" saw that needs a home somewhere where club members can use it now and then, or we need to sell it. We will vote at next month's meeting.
18. Arrangement needs to be made to pick up and set up the florescent display for the show. Annette will keep it for now.
19. Come early next month there may some set up of tables required. We are meeting in the big room up front.
20. There is a family coming in and June they would like to go rock hunting. We will send Ellen's list and will give them Becky/ Gene and Mickey's phone numbers to contact to go out rock hunting while they are here.
21. Advertising for the show. This is our 30th show and we have the extra money so we voted to pay Epic \$500.00 for a week on their 8 locations of electronic signs.
22. We need more exhibitors for our cases please get a form and fill it out if you would like to display something in a case.
23. There are a lot of holes in our signup sheets for the show. Please give your support of your club and give some of your time. We need volunteers. If you cannot come to the meeting and want to help please contact one of our Board members to see where you are needed.
24. We have discussed and voted again this year that if you are a member and do not put in any time to help at the show you will have to pay admission to get in. This is our clubs biggest function so please help out and give at least 1 or 2 hours of your time.

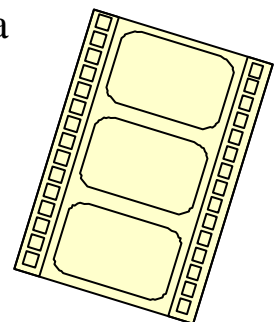
Our program about rock hunting was given by Ellen T. Thank you Ellen, We did get a lot of great information on how and where to rock hunt.



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KOTA would like to look at putting together a photo show to go along with the PSA for the Show. Plus many think a photo display at our information booth would make a nice added touch this year.

**Anyone with old club photos to share please contact President Deb asap.** It would be really appreciated.





**Please contact Paul G. to reserve your display case(s). Currently we have about 10 members who have signed up and we need at least 30 more. Come on everyone - quit dragging your feet and get your forms in. We are starting out very short for displays and need many more people to participate.**

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**Here is an important reminder for everyone....**

### **AFMS “Code of Ethics”**

I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without permission from the owner.

I will keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.

I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.

I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.

I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind such as fences, signs, buildings, etc.

I will leave all gates as found.

I will build fires only in designated or safe places and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.

I will discard no burning material-matches, cigarettes, etc.

I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.

I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.

I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.

I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.

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.

I will cooperate with field-trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.

I will report to my club or federation officers, Bureau of Land Management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.

I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.

I will observe the “Golden Rule”, will use Good Outdoor Manners and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public Image of Rock Hounds everywhere.

Thank you everyone who donated a rock(s) to Aaron. In our last issue we featured a young man who had contacted Don R. with a deep love for collecting rocks. Please see below Aaron's thank you. Also thank you Deb for doing this. I am sure you made his day.

**(From Aaron)**

*Hi Deb*

*The rocks are really cool. Thank you. I really love the Indian Rattle Rock. I was wondering what exactly is Marcasite? I liked the fossils & Ammonites. I am going to make a state display of them. Please say a thank you to your club for me.*

*Aaron*

**Field Trip Report**-Stan and Paula H.

John Lufkin's book talk was on April 22. We had a very small group, but we did get a little smarter about the rocks and minerals in our area, and made a new rock buddy. John will be coming back again in June to go rock hunting with some of his friends. He will be sending us word via e-mail on any new books or trips he will be heading up.



Mr. Lufkin's talk was on his new book. ....

**Guidebook to the Geology of the Black Hills, South Dakota**

Check out his book in our club library.



Mickey I see you!



## ***6th Annual Fairburn Agate & Rock Swap***

Dates for the Rock Swap this year will be May 15 & 16, 8:00am-6:00pm.

Vendor set-up starts Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Vendors must register with Swap organizers and are responsible for collecting/paying their SD sales tax.

No admission or set-up charge - open to the public.

Bring your specimens - experts will be on hand to identify and evaluate.

Auction Saturday at 5:30pm to help defray expenses (vendors encouraged to donate items for the auction).

There will be food available. For more information contact: Jim H. (605) 393-2163  
[BigJim57703@peoplepc.com](mailto:BigJim57703@peoplepc.com) or Tom W. (605) 393-1963

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## **May's Birthstone is the Emerald.....**

Emeralds have been mined since ancient times. The name in fact is from Greek, Smaragdus, which means green stone. In ancient times the name referred to most green stones, including emeralds. Only the finest emeralds are transparent. Often the emerald is clouded by inclusions (liquid or gas bubbles, healing cracks and foreign crystals). These are not necessarily classified as faults, but are evidence as to the genuineness of the stone as compared with synthetic and other imitations. These type of inclusions are referred to "garden"-emerald gardens.



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**Wire Wrapping** has started. Contact Paula H. at 716-3656 if you would like to join the group.

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### **Classified Adds:**

**Tons of assorted rock for sale.** 25 years of collecting in seven different states. Also petrified wood, prairie agates and yard rock. 25 cents a pound Call Paul G. 341-6161

**Calway Vibrating Tumbler** with 3 tubs. New price \$190 and tubs \$35 each. Price \$100.00

**One Ethnology mini-sonic tumbler** with 2 tubs in good condition. New price \$445. Price \$300

**Two Lortone mini-tumblers.** Motors shot on both. Have 3 good tubs for free

**One Olsen's Vibrating Tumbler.** Works well, used often. \$100

**Have a lot of grit. 250-300; medium; a lot of 600**

Please call Annette R. to see what she has left. She also has pictures she can email you. **348-8948**

**Webmaster** - Steve E. Don't forget to check out our new website at [www.wdgms.org](http://www.wdgms.org).

**CLUB CALENDAR** – Below is our calendar for the year. As you can see, we still have a few openings for Door Prizes and Programs for 2010. Sign up at the March meeting, or contact Deb Radomski with your chosen month(s) and item(s). Contact Mike Joebgen, our Vice President, if you have an idea for a program or would like to present one. We are all a very enthusiastic audience and would love to learn what you have to share. Jamie Brezina has also offered to present programs on just about any topic you want – let him know your suggestions.

| MONTH     | REFRESHMENTS    | DOOR PRIZES      | PROGRAM                                  |
|-----------|-----------------|------------------|------------------------------------------|
| JANUARY   | Paul & Jan G    | Paul & Jan G     | Ammonites by Neal L                      |
| FEBRUARY  | Don & Annette R | Don & Annette R  | Hole Drilling-Walter B                   |
| MARCH     | Deb R           | Mickey S         | Intarsiq-Roger V                         |
| APRIL     | Mills           | Martin O         | Rock hounding sites-Ellen T              |
| MAY       | Cathy A         | Joebgen          | Rock Carving-Walter B                    |
| JUNE      | Becky B         |                  | 30 <sup>th</sup> SHOW-Last minute review |
| JULY      | Rita & Lyle H   |                  |                                          |
| AUGUST    | Summer Meal     | Summer Meal      | Summer Meal                              |
| SEPTEMBER | Hazel W         | Gene and Hazel W |                                          |
| OCTOBER   | Calvin L        | Deb R            |                                          |
| NOVEMBER  | Cliff N         |                  |                                          |
| DECEMBER  | Holiday Dinner  | Holiday Dinner   | Holiday Dinner                           |

**Western Dakota Gem & Mineral Society 2009-2010 Officers and Chairpersons (area code 605)**

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**Club Address:** 2701 Mystic Mt. Rd., Rapid City, SD 57702

**Meetings:** Second Friday of each month, 7:30 p.m., Minneluzahan Senior Center, 315 N. 4<sup>th</sup> St., Rapid City

**Dues:** Family - \$15, Single - \$10, Payable by cash, check, or money order. Senior Citizens - free (does not include bulletin)

**The purpose of our club is to promote interest and education in geology, mineralogy, paleontology, archaeology, and lapidary, to sponsor and provide means of coordination the work efforts of groups and individuals interested in these science fields.**

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