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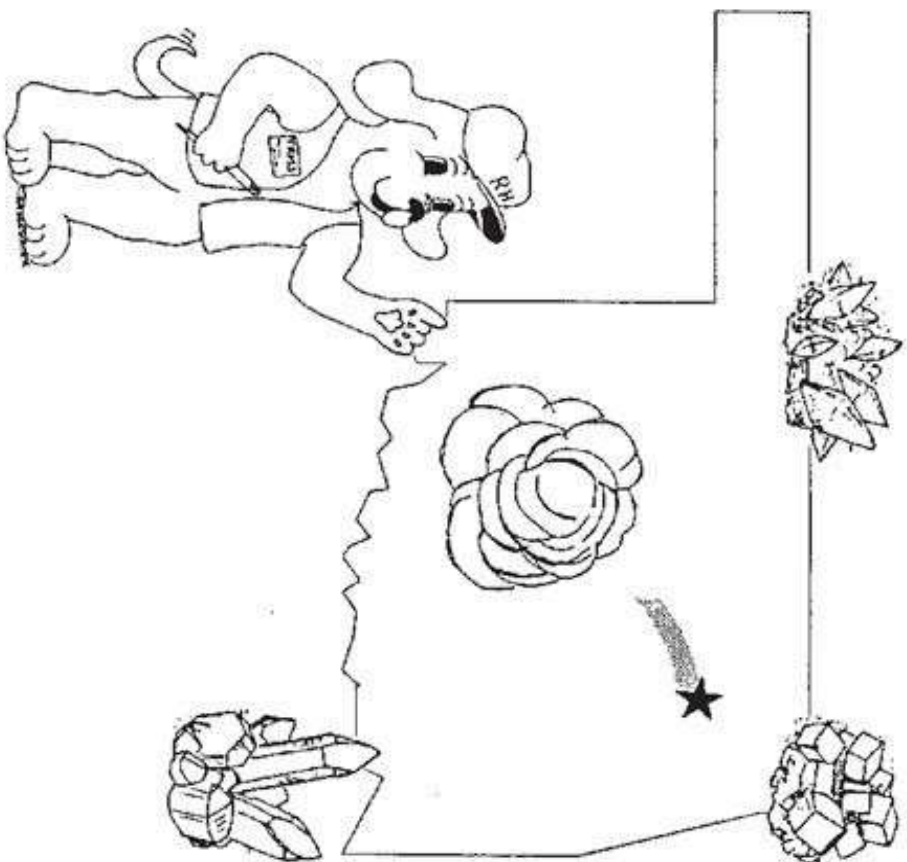


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The Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society, Inc. was organized in April 1958 to promote interest and provide education in the earth sciences, in historical artifacts, in jewelry-making and all forms of the lapidary arts. Field trips, the club workshop, monthly meetings and other activities provide opportunities for life-long learning. **Meetings:** the second Monday of each month at the College Hill Presbyterian Church, 7th and Columbia Street, Tulsa, OK. Refreshments and coffee begin at 6 p.m. Pebble Pups meet at 6:15 and the membership business meeting and program commence at 7 p.m. **ALL WELCOME!**

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From the President: Donna Loffer

It has been a rough two months for both Steve and me. I would like to thank everyone for the cards and flowers, and to those who attended my mother's funeral.

I hope everyone enjoyed the program about metals at the monthly meeting. Always remember that if you don't grow it then you have to mine it.

The turn-out was good at Bob and Nancy Hicks' for the potluck and rock sale. Everyone enjoyed the day and the bountiful meal. Bob said the weather was the best he had seen in a lot of years.

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS: Amy Puls

APRIL

OCMS has cancelled their show in Stillwater on Saturday the 15th of April.

However, the TRMS field trip to Salt Plains for selenite crystals is still on! Plan to meet at the Salt Plains by 9 am **Saturday, April 15**. Bring sunglasses, sunscreen, buckets, shovels, old towels and shoes and water to drink with and wash with. The mud at the salt plains is difficult to get out of your car and clothes. Consider wearing clothes that you don't care about much.

FIELD TRIP NOTES

First, I would like to thank Bob and Nancy Hicks for a wonderful Saturday swap and auction. I don't know which was better-- the food, the company, or the rocks! A big thank you for hosting again this year!

An important note from the TRMS board regarding field trips! Other clubs are welcome to join us however they do need to sign up to be a member of the Tulsa club for liability, (in case someone gets hurt the Tulsa club is protected) I will be carrying forms with me so sign-up is easy at each of the field trips on site.

Another important note! If you have any questions about weather and possibility of cancellation of a field trip, don't hesitate to call me directly, text or email me. If you plan to go, letting me know allows me to continue to update you through about any changes as the field trip approaches. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding any of the field trips, my number is 918-430-5858 amypuls1@gmail.com

Saturday, April 15

Directions To the Crystal Dig Area

From the Great Salt Plains State Park: Eight miles south on State Hwy 38 to Jet, OK. Six miles west of Jet on State Hwy 64 (look for a sign). Three miles north on a sand road and one mile east on a paved road to the gate and follow the orange signs to 'Dig Area.'

From Cherokee, OK: Three miles south of Cherokee on State Hwy 8. Turn east on the paved road (look for sign), five miles to the gate and follow signs to dig area.

For More information on the Great Salt Plains including rules, wildlife and other tips go to https://www.fws.gov/refuge/salt_plains/visit/dig.html

For MAY Grab Bag Party AND Rose Rocks!!

The Grab Bag Party will be May 13th at 10:30 AM at the Loffer's home. Their address is 12604 North 143 Rd. East Ave. Collinsville, OK 74021 Bring your own chair. This is a potluck! Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided, please bring a dish to go with as well as your favorite drink.

May 20th Ken Siler has graciously set up a field trip for May 20th for ROSE ROCK!!! more information on that to come, save the date!

JUNE--Crater Of Diamonds State Park

For June! Arkansas Diamond Hunting! Save the Date - FRIDAY June 23rd! Plan to meet at 9 am NOTE, THIS IS NOT A SATURDAY FIELD TRIP.

Arkansas's [Crater of Diamonds State Park](#) is the only diamond-producing site in the world where the public can search for diamonds. And the policy here is "finders, keepers," meaning the diamonds you find are yours to keep.

To hunt for diamonds you will search atop a 37 1/2-acre plowed field, the eroded surface of an ancient, gem-bearing volcanic crater. You will access this field through the Diamond Discovery Center, an engaging interpretive center featuring exhibits and an A/V program explaining the three most popular methods of searching for diamonds. The park staff provides free identification and certification of diamonds found here. Pets are allowed in all park facilities, with the exception of the park gift shop, [Diamond Springs Water Park](#), and [Kimberlite Cafe](#), as long as they remain on a leash under the owner's control at all times.

The diamond-bearing soil in the diamond search area is plowed periodically when weather allows to help bring more diamonds to the surface. Plowing is unscheduled but generally takes place once a month during spring, summer, and fall. Historical structures, old mining equipment, washing pavilions, and sun shelters are located on the field. Diamond mining tools are available for rent or purchase at the park.

Fees to search for Diamonds: Adults \$10, kids 6-12 \$6 and under 6 free.

Admission is good for the entire day. From Memorial Day through Labor Day, tickets purchased after 6 p.m. are also good for admission the following day.

Organized groups of 15 or more may receive half price admission by reserving a date of visit with park staff at least 24 hours in advance. NOTE: Organized groups do not include large family groups.

Please let me know if you plan on coming to see if we can get a discount!

Overnight accommodations are on your own as many may plan to splinter off before or after the field trip and explore other parts of Arkansas over the weekend. Here is a link for local lodging and dining in the area. <http://www.mboroarkansas.com/lodging---dining.html>

PEBBLE PUPS: JAMES PULS RECEIVES BADGES



James Puls, Julia Allande

Congratulations to James Puls for earning, recording, and receiving 11 badges out of the 20 possible as a Junior Rockhound of America. James also earned his ROCKHOUND badge, and is well on his way to earning his ROCK STAR pin!

We had lots of fun playing with special effects of rocks last month. Magnetism (magic!) to image transference, chatoyancy, double refraction, and more! This month we expect to get a little bit messy, so each Pup PLEASE bring an old shirt to wear while we do our thing!

Next month we will study anniversary minerals and birthstones. I will tell you more at the meeting.

--Julia Allande, JRoA Coordinator

Treasurer's Report by Sharon Richards

Bank Balance as of 1/31/2017 \$3,558.86

Date	Income:
2/3/2017 deposit dues	\$42.00
2/13/2017 B. Parks, ck 3505, \$12	\$12.00
R. Siegfried, ck 9132, \$12	\$12.00
D&JBernard, ck 3223, \$15, 2 nametags	\$15.00
D. & J. Bernard, ck 3224, \$15	\$15.00
R. & J. Lieser, ck 5384, \$15	\$15.00
C. & E. Lee, ck 1423, \$15	\$15.00
B. Letters, ck 9949(W. Mouser), \$12	\$12.00
C. Robinson, ck 5011, \$12	\$12.00
M. & C. Williams, ck 1492, \$15	\$15.00
R. Babcock, cash, \$12	\$12.00
J. & L. Teckemeyer, cash, \$15	\$15.00
S. & E. Ridgeway, cash, \$15	\$15.00
2/21/15 deposit	\$165.00
Total income:	\$207.00

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	Total expenses:	\$127.62
Bank Balance as of 2/28/2017		\$3,638.24

Members of the Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society,

All TRMS members are invited to a celebration of Barry Parks' life to be held Sunday, April 2, at 2 pm at the Rose Restaurant, 1924 Riverside Drive, Tulsa. If you have a TRMS vest please wear it.

Thank you so much! Roxanna Chamberlin

Long-time TRMS Member Barry Parks Dies

Barry Russell Parks passed away March 2, 2017 at his home in Tulsa, OK. Barry was born in Newport News, VA. in 1946. Active in football, Explorer Scouts and general mischief, he graduated from Tulsa's East Central High School in 1965. He continued his education at NEO A&M College in Miami, OK and Humboldt State University in northern California, majoring in zoology and oceanography.



Barry's early passions were jet-setting, scuba diving, anthropology and study of gems and minerals. He took early retirement from a career with Occidental to focus on his passions and was able to dive and study every location on his bucket list. His travels led to an intense interest in ethnographic weapons and artifacts for which he became an international advisor.

Barry was also a devoted family man and loyal friend. He bought a house on his parent's street to stay close to them and ensure their needs were met. He cherished the time spent with family and could be found doing something fun most weekends with his daughter and grandchildren.. They took vacations together, spent every celebration together and depended on each other in times of trouble. Barry could be counted on by family and friends in any situation and always made time for the people in his life.

When he wasn't traveling or treasure hunting, Barry was active in the Tulsa community and in organizations relating to his interests. Among his affiliations were:

Ethnographic Arms and Armor Forum (vikingsword.com)

Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society

Tulsa Antiques & Bottle Club

Tulsa Writers Group: Tulsa City-County Library

Cherry Street Poets

First Wednesday Reading Club

Weird Ward's Thursday Night Gathering

Barry is survived by his daughter, Tara Price and her children Sophie Price, Eli Acosta, and Julia Acosta, daughter Kristin Carter, brother Glenn Parks and his wife and children Amity Parks, Briar Parks and Wren Parks. He is also survived by his uncle Thomas Ray Parks and many cousins.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Russell and Beth Parks of Tulsa, OK.



No, we don't need no stinking roads!

Photos Larry Wagle, Text Roberta Wagle on their trip to Quartzsite

Our little Caravan off on one of our merry little digs. Ben Thomas in his red Toyota Tundra, Joe and Arlis from Wichita in their black SUV, Kay Waterman and her sister Carol Ferguson in the white Honda Ridgeline and we were bringing up the rear with Chester and Elaine Lee in a white Chevy Avalanche.



The Desert Bar and Grill is way out in the middle of nowhere.

(Somewhere north of Quartzsite and miles on dirt roads--only open on Saturday and Sunday.) All the tents you see are canopies providing shade. There is always one live band sometimes two. There are two levels to sit. They only serve hot dogs and hamburgers and of course any kind of drink you would want. The band was really good the day we were there.



Some of the material Larry and Roberta collected at Mineral Hill in Arizona.

Flagstaff! I swore I would never drive through Flagstaff again after my last terrifying experience with being blinded coming around corner however Larry had a headache so I was driving. The plan was to pull off before I got to Flagstaff and let him take over but evidently the truck drivers knew more than I did because they had taken up all the spots in the last rest stop. So I continued to drive only to get caught in a near white-out conditions. Luckily the roads were only slick for a few miles. I

have again sworn never to drive through Flagstaff. I'm not sure who was more stressed out by time I got pulled over and stopped-- me or Larry. But of course once Larry started driving it turned to rain and then quit snowing in a manner of minutes.

WICHITA GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY'S

64rd Annual Show

April 21, 22, 23, 2017

Rock and Gem Artistry

2744 George Washington Blvd. Wichita, KS

Friday, April 21 ~ 9 am - 6 pm

Saturday, April 22 ~ 10 am - 6 pm

Sunday, April 23 ~ 10 am - 5 pm

Show Chair - Steve Travis - mstravis@att.net

Adults: \$5.00; Ages 12-17: \$1.00; Under 12 FREE with paid Adult

The Conglomerate

News from the Chatpile

Wayne Mouser, okyrocks@cox.net

TRMS President Donna Loffer's mother passed away February 27, 2017. A graveside service was held at Niotaze, KS March 4th. Seven TRMS members joined Donna and Steve at the service and for the meal which followed. Condolences to Donna and her family.



Dayna Pacquette has informed me that she is planning a surprise birthday party for L. E. (Gene) Cockrell July 15, 2017. The party will be held at the Air & Space Museum. TRMS Members are encouraged to attend this celebration.

I received a postcard from Lilik Hakola, who was visiting her family in Indonesia. Both the card and postage stamps were mighty colorful. Wonder if she brought any rocks home this time?

I received three requests for applications to join TRMS so I was expecting to see 3 new members at the March 4 workshop. Only one showed up. Deborah Massey. She is also a silversmith. Anyway, I asked Mari Mickkelsen to show her how to cut and shape a stone. Mari's an excellent teacher.

Deborah cut and shaped two stones. Connie Cassity was also shaping stones. I thought more members were going to show up today, so had asked Paulino Allande to come in and he did and he brought Julia as well. Also David Hogate was there. So there were more chiefs than braves. Billy took the day off and attended a birthday party for his granddaughter. Mari showed me a ring she was wearing a silver ring she had just finished with a stone she had worked on at the shop. It looked like it could be called flower garden agate. Light grey background with pink flower like inclusions. Very attractive. Found out Mari, Connie and Deborah are all silversmiths.

I wrote to Jim Williams about some of the rocks the Loffers brought back from Arizona that I was bagging for the grab bags. This was his response: "The "blue denim lapis" you refer to is probably dumortierite that comes from just southwest of Quartzsite. Another location for finding the "real" desert lapis is off Indian Pass Road on the California side of the Colorado River north of Yuma."

Jim & Ruth Williams and Finis & Lana Riggs were having a great time at the show in Tucson. They were heading to the Deming show. At Tucson they were all sampling the really good Mexican food. They were doing some rock hunting in the Santa Rita Mountains south of Tucson. The four of them attended a gourd show at Casa Grande, so now Ruth & Lana are "into" gourds.

Jim & Ruth Williams are back home now. He wrote: "We lost about 250 acres of grass to the fires last week. Hardest to replace will be the three miles of fence. Building barbed wire fences is not my favorite pastime."



Compiled by Wayne Mouser from past TRMS newsletters

The April 1971 T-Town Rockhound had 10 sheets of paper printed front and back and required a 6-cent postage stamp.

5 YEARS AGO APRIL 2012 55 were in attendance which included seven visitors. Jennifer Biddle announced several of our members received awards at the federation meeting. Julia Allande & Jo Ann Mounce received honorable mention. Liz Thomas received a 4th place, and Scott Robb received a 4th place and a first place for a large bulletin. Virgil Richards announced Elmer Kitchell was recognized as the TRMS Rockhound of the Year and Jimmy Stirling was the Junior Rockhound of the Year. Julia Allande showed a ring she had made at the wire wrapping class. Brent Shumard, 1st VP introduced Lori Wood who gave a presentation titled "Summer Geological Field Course". President James Stirling thanked Julia Allande, Scott Robb and Virgil Richards for their work on the roster. Leon Reeder provided a display in the 4th floor library case. Virgil Richards led the field trip to collect various types of quartz.

15 YEARS AGO APRIL, 2002 40 members present. Richard Spees introduced two visitors, Doug Thomas and Kay Skaags from Claremore. Lilik Hakola awarded 3 door prizes. Claude Bolze, 1st VP introduced Bob & Nancy Hicks who presented an educational program on 29 types of rocks both polished and rough. Members were given a sheet of paper with the list of rocks to see if they could be identified. Several members were able to identify most of them. Richard Jaeger talked about the field trips that will be taken before and after the RMFMS hosted by the Enid club show. Claude Bolze wrote an article about judging at the Science Fair. Other members judging were Forrest Hess, Richard Dodrill, Roger & Penny Thomas. Kay Ulhorn wrote an article about TRMS participation in Gem Faire. Kay Ulhorn, Show Co-Chairman, also wrote an article titled "Seven Months to Show Time". Chris Fite wrote an article titled "Quartz Pebbles....Discovered".

25 YEARS AGO APRIL, 1992: 80 were in attendance including 20 visitors. Six door prizes were awarded. The push is on to eliminate fossil collecting on public lands. A conference will be held in Rapid City, SD in August to discuss the issue. More collectors are needed to attend this conference. William Godley, 1st VP introduced Richard Erickson who presented a talk and slide presentation on the La Brea Tar Pits in Los Angeles. Richard Dodrill led the field trip to the Talahina area to hunt for agate and chert.

46 YEARS AGO APRIL, 1971: 97 members and visitors in attendance. Members were urged to pay their dues for 1971. The door prizes were glass plant crystals donated by Dr. Gasprich and picture jasper donated by Scotty West. Sally Meek, Special Exhibit Chairman announced the library display was fossils by Joyle and Mike Deering. Percy Fly, 1st VP introduced Don & Clayton Russell of Broken Arrow, who gave a slide presentation titled "Second Creation" that dealt with the formation of caves and the animals that inhabit them. Our new screen, donated to the library in appreciation of the use of the Aaronson Auditorium, was used. The field trip was to the Red Rock Canyon Rock Swap. The Rock Rustlers meeting was held at the Buchanan's home. Junior Gems was held at Benny Benzel's home. Bill Proctor wrote an article "International Relations."

Display Case April 2017

Owing to distance and a lot of other problems JoAnn Mounce and Kevin Mounce did not get to put their display in for March. Virgil Richards stepped in with his petrified woods, on display now until after the April meeting. Jo Ann and Kevin will be displaying for May. Thank you so much you guys! The people who see it are continually amazed and delighted by the varied displays, and don't hesitate to tell me so! It is a pleasure beyond words to show off your items!

--Julia Allande

APRIL SUNSHINE REPORT

Visitors at the March 13th meeting were: Jami Horl (with 2 small children), Janice Gonzales & Kaden Gonzales.

BIRTHDAYS

Caroline Bartlett
Matt Emmons
Leland Ferguson
Melanie Foster
Peter Grice
Sherry Krewett
Kimberly Perry
Scott Robb
Christine Robinson
William Shepard
Jeanie Spradlin
Joshua Stice
Dennis Swing
Jon Teckemeyer
Chris Thomas
Diego Reyes

Larry Wagle
Delores Wall
Zidane Yushendri

ANNIVERSARIES

Regina & Virgil Richards
Rose Ann & Don Whittaker
Kimberly & John Holcomb





AFMS & RMFMS REVIEW

AFMS and RMFMS summaries prepared by Connie Cassity, TRMS

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March 2017 Newsletter

Rockhound Soap Box by John Martin, Conservation & Legislation Chair <afmsclc@antelecom.net>

John Martin had praise and thanks for all those who helped in efforts to comment on the new rule or regulation being proposed by the BLM on Fossil Collecting on Public Land managed by the BLM (further implementation of the Paleontological Resources Preservation Act of 2009 (PRPA)) by February 6, 2017 when the public comment period ended. Those mentioned were:

- A large effort originating in California by the Southern California Paleontological Society, a member of CFMS, to draft a letter of concern and submit during the public comment period. The letter was drafted and circulated throughout the CFMS and to the other Regional Federations for review
- Several good articles were written and circulated during this time period on the subject and the impact of the proposed Regulation by several federation members. Some of the contributors of articles were Mike Nelson, Lisbet Thorsen, Andrew Hoekstra and Karol McQueary. I would like to thank them for their enormous effort they put forth in the research and documentation required to formulate the response letter. Karol and Lisbet did an outstanding job of getting the response letter out to a multitude of clubs/societies, professional organizations and all of the regional federations.

He ended with "... thank you to all of the people, Clubs, Societies and groups which added your names to the letter. Your effort made the BLM at least notice that there are Rockhounds out here and we are concerned about our Public Lands and the recreational activities they provide."

A Word from the President by Ron Carman, President

President Ron Carman mentioned the article in last month's newsletter about thieves who attempt to steal club funds through emails and added a couple of his own tips for staying safe online:

- Emails from unknown sources or about transactions that you have no knowledge of that have attachments that they want you to open. He recommended deleting these emails without opening the attachments because they could contain a virus or spyware.
- Similarly, if you receive an email with only an unfamiliar link, don't click on the link and delete the message

AFMS Judges Training Seminar by Jennifer Haley

Here are the details for the training before the AFMS Show & Convention:

When: June 6-7, 2017

Where: Clocktower Inn, Ventura, CA

Who: Seminar for judges, exhibitors, and anyone who would like to better understand the AFMS Uniform Rules

What: B. Jay Bowman will lead 2 days of classroom study of the AFMS Rules book with a day of practice judging on Friday, June 9th at the Ventura County Fairgrounds, at 9:00 a.m. in the San Miguel/Anacapa Halls

More details: The classroom can hold 50 people. The fee for the course is \$25 and includes lunch both days. If you stay at the inn, there will be special room rates and free parking for guests staying at the inn, and for those attending the seminar. Deadline for registering for the seminar is April 30, 2017. For more information for registering at the inn, and for the seminar, please see the link for the AFMS Judges Training Seminar on the calendar of the CFMS website.

You can download a registration form by visiting <www.cfmsinc.org>

An Invitation to Exhibit at This Year's National Show by Jim Brace-Thompson, CFMS/AFMS Show Publicity Chair

On behalf of the Ventura Gem & Mineral Society, I invite you to exhibit in this year's national AFMS Show & Convention taking place June 9-11 in Ventura, California. Enter either a competitive or a noncompetitive display—or one of each! Go to the show website at <2017CFMS-AFMSShow.com> to access and download entry forms by clicking on "Files and Entry Forms." You'll also find a direct link to the AFMS Uniform Rules manual. The deadlines are May 22 for noncompetitive entry forms and April 30 for competitive forms, so don't delay.

Time Flies When You Are Having Fun! by Cheryl Neary, AFMS Endowment Chair

Cheryl Neary is seeking donations for the AFMS Endowment Fund from individuals or clubs with a minimum value of \$75.00 and no heavier than five (5) pounds. Suggested donation items are rock specimens, fossil specimens and jewelry. You can also support the fund by purchasing tickets from your federation representative for these donations. Tickets are reasonably priced for the drawing at \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00.

To make a donation contact Cheryl Neary by email ciervo.neary@gmail.com or call her cell at 516.449.5341 – and leave a message please.

A photo of a Wyoming Fossil Fish donated by Richard Jaegar (TRMS Federation representative) is featured.

The first half of the newsletter presented information about the RMFMS Show and Convention in Albuquerque, NM which took place on March 16-18. The second half of the newsletter listed the upcoming shows in Colorado, Utah, and Arizona.

2017 Rocky Mountain Federation Show and Convention

By Richard Jaeger

Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society was well-represented at the RMFMS Show & Convention in Albuquerque, NM. We probably had more people in attendance than any other club in the Federation except for the host Albuquerque Gem & Mineral Club. TRMS Members attending were Wayne & DeLane Cox, Richard Jaeger, Finis & Lana Riggs, Ben & Liz Thomas, and Larry & Roberta Wagle.

Several TRMS members also have jobs in the Federation. TRMS members currently serving on the RMFMS Executive committee are Liz Thomas as Vice President, Wayne Cox as Secretary, Virgil Richards as the Oklahoma/Arkansas State Director, and Richard Jaeger as Past President. Richard Jaeger is currently chairman of Name Badge, Long Range Planning, and Scholarship Committees, Finis Riggs is chairman of the Supplies Committee, DeLane Cox is chair of the Nominating Committee and a member of the Long Range Planning Committee, Kay Waterman is chair of the Directory Committee, Wayne Cox is a member of the Finance Committee, and Stan Nowak is the representative for Oklahoma on the Public Lands Advisory Committee. A number of other members have held positions in the past.

Larry & Roberta Wagle served as delegates for TRMS to the annual RMFMS delegates meeting. Wayne & DeLane Cox served as delegates for the Northwest Arkansas club and the Oklahoma State Council. Richard Jaeger served as a proxy delegate for some other Oklahoma clubs and the North Dakota club. The 2018 RMFMS Show & Convention will be held in Fairplay, Colorado from June 8-10. Hopefully we will have an excellent turnout for that event. There will be an emphasis on field trips at that show.

New officers elected to serve another term in their positions beginning November 1st are Beth Simmons of Denver, CO as President, Liz Thomas as Vice President, Gene Maggard of Leon, KS as Treasurer, Wayne Cox as Secretary. Cinda Kunkler remains as Historian. Elected as State Directors were Jodi Brewster for Arizona/Nevada, Bill Smith for Kansas, Russ Oliger for North Dakota, and Sony Hemscher for South Dakota/Nebraska. The remaining State Directors have another year to go on their term of office.

The show itself was quite enjoyable. There were about fifty dealers with a wide variety of material, an extensive silent auction area, and a kids' area. There were about 25 exhibits including two competitive exhibits, both of which received RMFMS Trophies. Richard Jaeger received one of the trophies for his fluorite crystal exhibit. In addition there were three Junior Exhibits from the Topeka, Kansas club with each of them receiving a \$25 award. Both the Breakfast with Editors & Webmasters and the Awards Banquet were well attended; the food was good and everyone seemed to have a good time. The table favors at the Banquet were clay pots painted by elementary school students at the Acoma Pueblo schools. Our RMFMS Honorary Scholarship Awardee, Dr. Chloe Bonamici of the New Mexico Institute of Mining & Technology, was able to attend the banquet and told us about her background in the Geosciences. She has not yet selected the two Geoscience students who will be receiving the \$4000 Scholarship Awards.

The Albuquerque Gem & Mineral Club, and Show/Convention chairman Bob Regner are to be commended for their hard work and for the success of the show. The hospitality was outstanding. I wasn't able to go on either of the excellent field trips arranged for RMFMS members but understand they were both quite successful. Now, perhaps the most surprising thing was that apparently in Albuquerque it is okay for wolves to attend the show as one was being walked about on a leash Sunday. As always, my favorite part of the show was being able to visit with rockhound friends from around the Federation and to make new friends.

TRMS WORKSHOP—A GREAT RESOURCE FOR CLUB MEMBERS!

TRMS members are welcome to use the club workshop during the scheduled sessions. You will be asked to sign a waiver if you work at the shop. Young people must be accompanied by an adult. Material for cutting and polishing is available at the shop for \$1 a slab. There is a charge for cutting a piece on the big saw. Please, contact the shop foreman or the charge person 24-hours in advance.

TRMS WORKSHOP HOURS, ATTENDANTS

First Saturday-- 1 p.m – 5 p.m

Third Tuesday-- 5:30 - 9 p.m.

David Hogate

(918-630-4702)

Fourth Thursday-- 5:30 - 9 p.m.

Billy McBay

(918-407-6066)

Third Saturday -- 1 p.m. - 5 p.m

The workshop is located next to Elsing Museum in the lower level of the Learning Resource Center on the campus of Oral Roberts University, 81st and Lewis, Tulsa.

Minutes of the Board Meeting - March 7, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by President Donna Loffer at the College Hill Presbyterian Church.

A motion was made by Roberta Wagle to accept Treasurer's report as provided, seconded by Kay Waterman, motion carried.

Sharon Richards still needs a person assigned to handle club membership information.

The newsletters have been sent out to members that have paid their membership dues. Those who have not will start receiving them again once their dues have been paid.

Eric Hamshar announced the March program will be on metals. The April program will be a presentation by Ryan Anderson from RSU on a dig site.

Billy McBay is still accepting donations of rock slabs to be cut at the workshop.

Roberta Wagle presented a job description for the club Historian.

Roberta Wagle moved to postpone the discussion on current practices, seconded by Julia Allande, motion carried.

Roberta Wagle moved to make the customary monetary donations to OSCMS in memory of deceased TRMS members, Barry Parks and Elmer Kitchell. Seconded by Kay Waterman, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04.

Respectfully submitted, Carlos Reyes, Secretary

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting - March 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Donna Loffer at the College Hill Presbyterian Church.

Wayne Mouser made a motion to approve minutes as published in newsletter.

Sharon Richards verbally gave treasurer's report which was approved by a voice vote.

The treasurer's report had not been printed in newsletter.

65 people were in attendance with 5 visitors: Jamie, Sophia and Vincent, Katie, and Janice, which were announced by Wayne Mouser, Hospitality.

Eric Hamshar introduced the program about metals of the earth. The April program will be a presentation by Ryan Anderson from RSU on an archeological dig site in northeastern Oklahoma.

Amy Puls announced upcoming trips. All information will be published in the newsletter.

Billy McBay reported everything working properly at the workshop. There is no charge to get in the workshop. There is a \$1 charge per cut for using the large saw. Billy is also needing volunteers to work the shop the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month.

Kay Waterman, editor, thanked everyone for sending articles and stories for the newsletter and encourages everyone to keep sending them.

The social hour for snack duty for the April meeting falls on members with last names P-Z.

Martha Rongey announced the website is up and running with more updates coming soon.

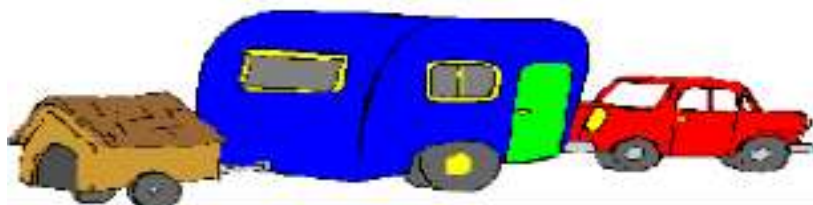
Roberta Wagle requested assistance from members to prepare an All-American Club contest entry for the AFMS contest. Donations in memory of Elmer Kitchell and Barry Parks have been contributed.

Jr. Rockhounds of America – announcement badge presented to James Puls.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.

Respectfully submitted, Carlos Reyes, Secretary

ON THE ROAD AGAIN



Submit items for the "On the Road Again" page to editor Kay Waterman by the 20th of the preceding month by email at kay.waterman@cox.net

April 15th--Stillwater OSCMS swap is cancelled.

April 8th 9:00 AM-4:00 PM Ponca City Armory Rock and Mineral Show

April 21st and 22nd the Wichita WGMS rock and mineral show

April 29th Waco Rock and Mineral Show

May 12th and 13th Joplin Tristate Rock and Mineral Show, Shiefferdecker Park, Hwy 43 N, Joplin.

TRMS APRIL, 2017

The club regularly meets at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of the month at the College Hill Presbyterian Church, 7th and Columbia near the TU tennis courts. Hospitality hour precedes each meeting, with coffee and snacks. Visitors are always welcome. Pebble Pups meet at 6:15 preceding the general membership meeting.

For Workshop sessions contact the name listed or foreman Billy McBay at 918-407-6066 24 hours in advance.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 WORKSHOP 1 pm - 5 pm Billy McBay David Hogate
2	3	4 TRMS BOARD meeting 7 pm College Hill	5	6	7	8
9	10 CLUB MEETING 6 pm Coffee 6:15 Pebble Pups 7 pm Meeting	11	12	13	14	15 WORKSHOP 1 pm - 5 pm Billy McBay David Hogate
16 Easter	17 SHOW MEETING 7 PM AT THE CHURCH Call Eric Hamshar 918-266-3612	18 WORKSHOP 5:30 pm – 9 pm Call David Hogate 918-630-4702	19	20 WORKSHOP 5:30 pm – 9 pm Call Billy McBay 918-407-6066	21	22
23	24	25 TRMS LUNCH 11:30 am Golden Corral 21 st /Memorial	26	27	28	29 Sunday/30