

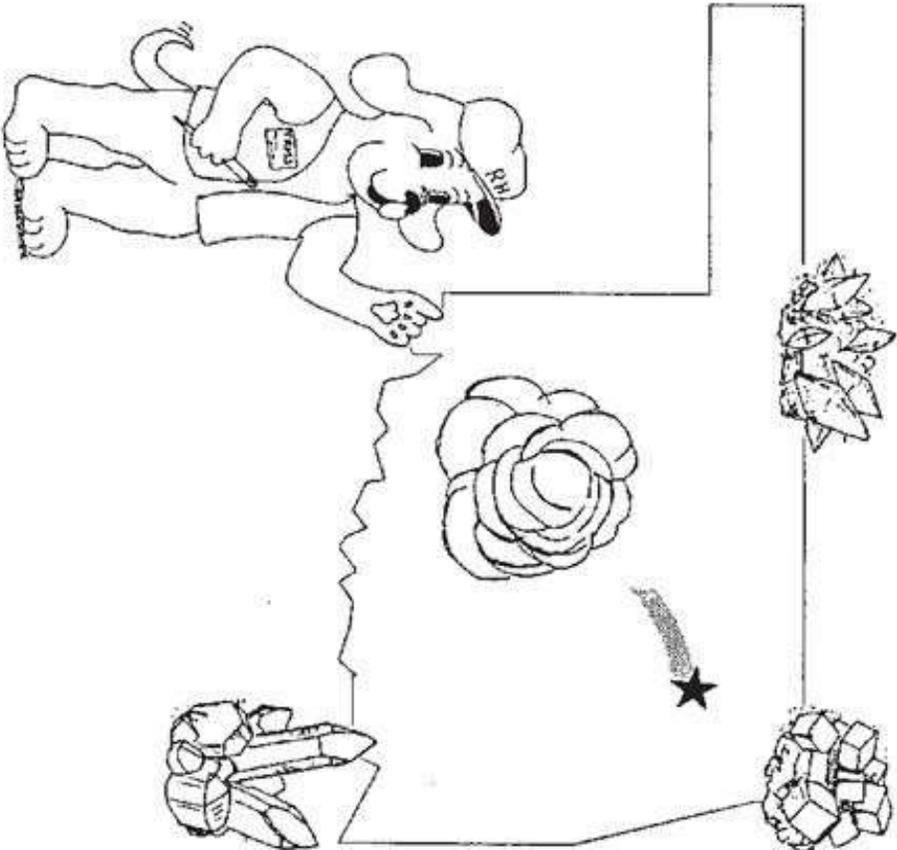
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The Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society, Inc. was organized in April 1958 to promote interest and provide education in the earth sciences, in historical artifacts, in jewelry-making and all forms of the lapidary arts. Field trips, the club workshop, monthly 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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TRMS member accepts new role

Meet RMFMS President Liz Thomas



I have lived in Oklahoma all my life. I am married to Bennie Thomas and have 2 children: Carrie Webb and husband Joe and Christopher Thomas and wife Jessi.

When Ben started hunting for rocks I was right there snooping around on the ground with him. I love the hunt for rocks and going with friends to find all the things nature has out there for us. I do like cutting rocks the most because I love seeing what is inside. My passion is petrified wood. My other interests are traveling and photography.

I love staying in contact with our rock club members, giving them all the upcoming information about what is going on in the club and the Federation. I served one year as Rocky Mountain Federation secretary and nine months as vice-president before taking on the president's position after the recent resignation of Beth Simmons.

I will do all I can do with all the help from everyone, including people in my club here in Tulsa. I will make mistakes but I hope I can have an open mind and heart to listen and adjust my thinking for the good of the organization.

Thank you all for your support.

Liz Thomas

From the President—

We went to the Tahlequah show in mid-August. I bought finished cabs to wire wrap, and Steve bought knapping material. It was nice to visit with everyone there.



Leon Reeder selling his knapping pieces at the Tahlequah show.

We certainly had a good turnout at the general meeting this month. I want to thank Virgil Richards for his donation of garnets for the TRMS grab bags.

Donna Loffer

From the Field Trip Committee

By Amy Puls

Our September field trip is scheduled for September 23rd at the Quapaw Quarry near Miami, OK for Neolithics. The address is 68731 East 70 Rd, Quapaw, OK 74363.



THE RAIN HELD OFF, MOSTLY. James Puls, left, and Peter Grice, center, teaching us about finding various fossils, fossil mud cracks, agate, chalcedony, and petrified wood along the Verdigris River and Oologah Lake, during the August field trip.

We will meet at 10:30 am at the quarry. You can sift through and look for Keokuk chert among other rocks. You can fill a 5- gallon bucket for \$25 or it is \$0.45 per pound. Other rocks available include black obsidian, mahogany obsidian, banded obsidian, silver sheen obsidian, Texas Flint, heat treated Keokuk whole rock which cost around \$1.50-\$2.50 per pound. Please contact Amy Puls at 918-430-5858 or amypuls1@gmail.com for any questions.

Our Fall Rock Swap and Open House will be courtesy of the D.W.Correll Museum on the 21st of October. The swap will start at 10 am to 5 pm (sellers need to get there at 9 am for set up). There will be free admission to the museum and lunch potluck will be served. Please plan on bringing a side dish, chair and your own beverages. The museum address is 19934 E Pine in Catoosa, OK 74015.

BARRY PARKS COLLECTION ON DISPLAY IN AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

The display case in September contains Part TWO of the truly eclectic collection of items our dear friend Barry Parks collected. Some he found and some he purchased and some were gifts. Many thanks to his daughter Tara Price and his grandchildren Eli, Julia, and Sophie for bringing in and setting up.

--Julia Allande

Pebble Pups described their birth stones in an assignment from their top dog, Julia Allande.

CITRINE is the gemstone for the month of November. It is typically a yellow orange color due to traces of iron. It used to be confused with topaz but it is actually a quartz crystal. It is affordable and comes in colors from dark brown to light yellow. Finding a natural citrine is rare.

--By James Puls



Citrine



EMERALD is my birthstone. Interesting facts about emeralds is that they were mined in Egypt during Ancient Egyptian civilization. Cleopatra used emeralds for trade, currency. People believed that emeralds had healing power maybe because it is a nice green color. There are many famous jewelry pieces with emeralds and means peace and beauty to those who wear them.

Lab- created emerald

--By Liam Puls

RUBY is the birthstone of July. One interesting fact is that it was used to make the first lasers. It has fluorescence and glows. Another interesting fact is that soldiers used the ruby on their shield because it made them feel invincible. Ruby mines are found in Burma and have been mined for thousands of years. Now they make fake ruby stones (synthetic) so be careful what you buy!

--By Jon Puls



Natural Ruby

TRMS PEBBLE PUPS WRITE, GOLD PAN IN RECENT WEEKS



I explored options for gold panning and a company in Colorado sent us 2 pounds of gold-bearing dirt. So Ken Siler and I set up a gold panning operation out in the foyer at the August meeting.

Eight youngsters panned for gold. Although the gold we found was very small it was, indeed, gold. I think everyone had a great time! I have coupons from this company if anyone wishes to order more dirt to pan.

I am very excited and hopeful that I will have an assistant to at least help me plan the coming year. If anyone else is considering helping, feel free to come join us during our meeting. We will be delighted to have you! Julia Allande, JRoA Coordinator

The Conglomerate

News from the Chatpile

Wayne Mouser, okyrocks@cox.net



From Julia Allande: Brother James (Mercier) flew up from Austin with pilot friend Kris and others. After retrieving Paulino and me, we flew up to Sullivan MO to witness the eclipse. This was the first full eclipse any of us has ever seen. It was pretty cool! The corona, which can be viewed with the naked eye, was much whiter and brighter than in any photo I've ever seen. It was pretty spectacular. We did not see the "diamond ring" effect, as it was too brief and too brilliant. But it was awesome watching the moon devour the sun and then block it out completely! After all was said and done and the sun was returning to normal an enormous cloud moved in front of the sun and completely obscured it!!

Paul Grimsley donated a large box of empty fancy cigar boxes to TRMS members.. These cigar boxes were given out at our August 14th meeting. This is probably the 3rd time Paul has donated these types of boxes to TRMS. Thanks again Paul, for your donation. I hope those wjo took a box will thank you too.

Betty Clark of the Ada Gem, Mineral & Fossil Club, passed away August 9th. She and her husband, Don, who is also deceased, were active members of TRMS in the late 1990's. She was a fine and friendly lady.

Eric Hamshar was admitted to St. Francis Hospital August 8th for an operation. He is now back home and recovering.

Steve & Sharon Richards attended the rock & mineral show in Rapid City and visited other places on their trip. See page #15 for Steve's article

I took David Hogate and Billy McBay to attend the Tahlequah Rock Swap. The parking lot was full when we got there Friday morning and the building was full of both adults and children. It was an excellent swap. Several TRMS members were selling. Julia Allande was manning the black light room. Of the three of us, Billy brought the most rocks home. I bought some material for more marbles and four Tahlequah club grab bags.

Bob & Nancy Hicks left Tulsa on July 15th and returned the 29th. "The purpose of the visit was to attend our son's wedding in Toledo, Oregon on the 22nd. We traveled 4,200 miles. The reason for driving was to deliver to Rich the original StarWars figures he collected as a youngster. They filled the trunk and then some. We passed the roads to places we used to rockhound but friends who have gone recently told us not to bother going. We did not go to the ocean since the weather was not the stormy kind to bring in new things. We did see a new large rock statue of Abe Lincoln on the edge of Laramie. Looks just like him. But no obvious way to get closer. The weather was cool compared to here."

Wayne Mouser reports: "I attended the SPAH (Preservation and Advancement of the Harmonica) convention, hosted by the Tulsa Route 66 Harmonica Club. Fantastic show. It was held at the Hyatt Hotel in downtown Tulsa. One room was filled with harmonica dealers and harmonicas. The Suzuki dealer allowed me to play a tune on a \$1400 Chromatic harmonica. I'll never own one of these type harmonicas, but I'll always remember I got to play one. Of all the harmonicas I own, the Suzuki seems to hold up the best."



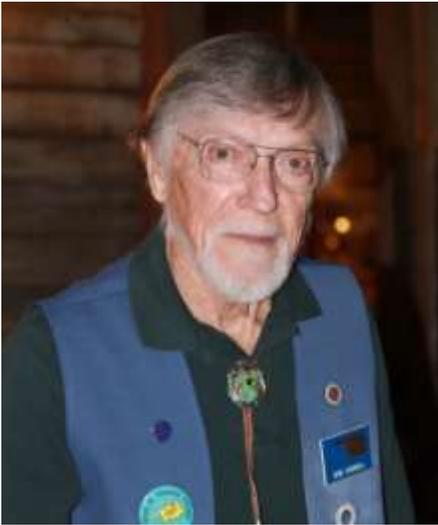
Compiled by Wayne Mouser from the T-Town Rockhound Archives

HISTORY 5 YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER, 2012: There were 44 members & guests present. Visitors were Joe & Karen Bunch, Mike, Jill & Sam Binder, Vicky Zachery. A new member was Melissa Chance. Both TRMS & OSCMS Scholarships, totaling \$1700, were awarded. From AFMS Scott Robb 2011 bulletin 6th in the US. From our show competitive cases, Julia & Paulino Allande - open division trophy #1, Leon Reeder - division cab's trophy #17. Roberta Wagle announced 2 tumblers with grit were donated to TRMS from John Charbonneau of Okay, OK. President Stirling announced the club will need to look for another place to meet, as the library would start renovating in March. The program was "Show & Tell. 10 members shared their treasures with club members. FT chairman Virgil Richards led the field trip to Blue Creek Cove on Oologah Lake for fossils. The annual picnic was held at Haikey Creek Park. The library display was from Bob Stratton's collection.

15 YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER, 2002: There were 36 members and 5 guests present. One door prize was awarded to Peggy Stewart. Claud Bolze presented a video program on the Great Lakes. business meeting was A motion was made and passed to put the money donated by Gem Faire as seed money for the club scholarship fund. Kay Ulhorn announced that the person who sells the most upcoming show tickets would receive a \$35 gift certificate. Charles Strickland, a visitor from Shamrock, OK had show & tell rocks from the Depew & Drumright areas. Wayne told members he had gotten his first question over the ttownrockhound website from "fossil loverke" asking where they could find some inexpensive dinosaur eggs. The field trip was to find Mozarkite in the Lincoln, MO area. Linda Jaeger wrote an article titled "Now What Was the Plan?" Flora Oxford wrote an article titled "Rose Rockin' & Detours" Kay Ulhorn wrote an article titled "Budding Rockhound Displays at the Library". This one was from the Noah Maddox collection.

25 YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER, 1992: There were 60 members & guests present and six door prizes were awarded. A sign- up sheet was sent around for volunteers to sell grab bags and take tickets at our show. Ruth Potts asked for prizes for the saw dust box. Richard Jaeger reported several good dealers are signed up and we will have some good working exhibits. John Sanders announced more members needed to help set up cases at the show and more door prizes were needed. The guest speaker was Kelly Sinclair, manager of Diamondsecret. His talk was on synthetic gems. Richard Dodrill, FT leader, led the trip to Shell Creek to look for fossils and to look at caves in the area. Craig & Sue Ferris wrote an article titled "Russia and Beyond".

46 YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER, 1971: 116 members and guests present. In the absence of Kathy Buchanan, Billye Buchanan awarded door prizes. The Roberts, Meeks, Valants & Kents donated the door prizes. The library display was from Catherine & Homer Jones and Dick Meadows collections. Ken Buchanan gave a short program of slides and commentary on Gem Hunting in Southwest Oklahoma. FT leader Glenn McCarty led the field trip to Lincoln, MO to collect Mozarkite and fossils.



L.E. (GENE) COCKRELL Our friend Gene Cockrell died Wednesday, August 23, 2017, hardly a month after celebrating his 89th birthday. What a birthday it was—many, many friends and relatives gathered at the Tulsa Air and Space Museum to take pictures with Gene, reminisce and remember. A quiet, kind man, a consummate gentleman, never one to voice displeasure or anger; he was genuinely generous with his time, expertise and his treasures.

Printer by trade, this was a man who flew his own plane until his 80's and didn't stop riding a motorcycle until an accident convinced him to slow down. He really did earn his nickname, "Crash Cockrell." He and his late wife Peggy Stewart Cockrell worked very diligently to incorporate their rockhounding finds into a flourishing home garden complete with terraced waterfall lined with huge ammonites. Huge logs of colorful petrified wood, polished on at least one face, graced their front yard. No services are planned at this time.

September MEMBER REPORT

BIRTHDAYS

Candice Bicket
 Brandan Calvert
 Robert Cleveland
 Jay Gourd
 Judy Gourd
 Mary Hiner
 Kathy Jobe
 Steve Loffer
 Madeline Patterson

Mari Mikkelsen
 Bryon Morrissey
 Geraldine Mouser
 Jacklyn Robb
 Lisa Stice
 Laura Voth
 Elaine Burns
 Fred White
 Rose Ann Whittaker



Bob & Judy Lieser
 Kevin & Stephanie Mounce
 Jim & Ruth Williams
 Yuda & Dita Yushendri

Competitive Exhibits Awards at our Gem & Mineral Show.

Richard Jaeger, Competitive Exhibits Chairman

We had ten competitive exhibits entered in our Tulsa Gem & Mineral Show. I was extremely pleased with that number. This year there were only two competitive exhibits in the RMFMS Show in Albuquerque, last year there were nine in the RMFMS Show and the year before there was only one. So, our members who entered are to be congratulated.

I wish to thank our four outstanding judges. B. Jay Bowman and Lee Whitebay came over from Ponca City, Paul Otto came from Northwest Arkansas, and Ron Carman came up from south of Austin, Texas just to serve as judges for us. Jay, Lee, and Paul are among the five members on the RMFMS Uniform Rules Committee and Ron is the current AFMS President. All are experienced judges and have judged at many shows across the nation including many American Federation Shows. We were so fortunate to have these gentlemen serve as judges for our show.

And, of course, thanks to each of our club members who entered a competitive exhibit. We had some outstanding cases, nine of them earned a blue ribbon (the only one which just received a red ribbon was mine). A blue ribbon signifies a First Place or First Level exhibit. Six of our ten exhibitors were entering a competitive case for the first time.

The exhibitors, categories, and case information follows:

Roberta Wagle	A-1 Minerals - received a blue ribbon and Trophy #1
Paulino Allande	A-1 Minerals – received a blue ribbon
Kimberly Perry	A-5 Project – received a blue ribbon and Trophy #1
Steve Loffer	A-8 Petrified Wood – received a blue ribbon
Richard Jaeger	BU-1 Minerals – received a red ribbon
Leon Reeder	C-2 Lapidary – received a blue ribbon and Trophy #15
Donna Loffer	DST-6 Wire wrapping – blue ribbon
DeLane Cox	DST-6 Wire wrapping – blue ribbon and Trophy #25
Larry Wagle	G-1 Petrified Wood – blue ribbon and Trophy #38
Ian Kirk	UV-3 Fluorescent Minerals – received a blue ribbon.

Dianne Kirk & Kimberly Perry at the July Show.



TRMS President Donna Loffer in TV interview.

EXHIBITS AT THE JULY TRMS SHOW – PHOTOS PROVIDED BY R.JAEGER, K. PERRY AND OTHERS



Richard Jaeger



Kimberly Perry



Larry Wagle



Donna Loffer



DeLane Cox



Fossil Bones



Paulino Allande

JUNE-JULY TREASURER'S REPORT**TRMS treasurer Sharon Richards**

	Balance as of May 31, 2017				\$2,477.99
6/4/2017	Gem Faire TRMS contribution	\$ 1,500.00			
	Return of start-up cash for Gem Faire	\$ 180.00			
	Gem Faire - Grab bags, spinning wheel, geodes	\$ 920.55			
6/5/2017	Deposits			\$1,500.00	
				\$180.00	
				\$920.55	
6/11/17	J. Whitteberry, ck#5609 \$12 dues	\$ 12.00			
	M. Mosteller, cash \$15 dues	\$ 15.00			
	N. Faulkner ck#5257 \$15 dues	\$ 15.00			
	C. Keller, ck#6286, \$15 dues	\$ 15.00			
	D. Kirk, ck#2843, \$15 dues	\$ 15.00			
	B. Avakian ck#552 \$15 dues	\$ 15.00			
	T. Redfern, cash, \$15 dues	\$ 15.00			
	Palmeri, cash, \$15 dues	\$ 15.00			
	G. Goins, cash \$12 dues	\$ 12.00			
	T. Price, cash, \$15 dues	\$ 15.00			
	E. Spradlin, ck#7249, \$15 dues	\$ 15.00			
	T. Hurd, cash, \$15 dues	\$ 15.00			
	T. Hurd, cash, \$15 - two nametags	\$ 15.00			
	T. Chenoweth ck# 1500 \$12 donation	\$ 12.00			
06/12/17	Deposit			\$201.00	
06/12/17	Cash from shop	\$ 174.00			
	T. Price, cash, \$18.25 nametags (3) overpd \$12 dues	\$ 18.25			
	L. Guest, cash, \$12 dues	\$ 12.00			
	S. Waite, cash \$12 dues	\$ 12.00			
	T. Bush, cash \$12 dues	\$ 12.00			
	J. Bradley, ck#1129, \$12 dues	\$ 12.00			
6/20/17	Deposit			\$240.25	
6/21/17	R. Heim, ck#9479, \$7.50 dues	\$7.50			
	R. Hill, ck#956, \$15 dues	\$ 15.00			
6/30/17	Deposit			\$22.50	
	June Total income:	\$3,064.30			
6/2/17	Expenses: #1630 Wayne Mouser - stamps		\$ (37.80)		

6/6/17	#1631 First Presbyterian–printing & folding TRMS brochures		\$ (50.00)		
6/11/17	#1632 US Postmaster – PO Box annual fee		\$ (76.00)		
6/11/17	#1633 Ink Images Inv#25896 – June newsletter		\$ (98.75)		
6/11/17	#1634 OSCMS Scholarship Fund – 2 deaths		\$ (50.00)		
6/29/17	#1635 US Postmaster – stamps		\$ (70.00)		
6/30/17	#1636 Ink Images – #26027 July NL		\$(197.50)		
	June total expenses:			-\$580.05	
	Balance as of June 30, 2017				\$4,962.24
7/9/17	R. Meyer, ck 4111, \$7.50 dues	\$ 7.50			
	M. Bishop, ck 1428, \$6 dues	\$ 6.00			
	S. Trogdon, ck 4593, \$12 dues	\$ 12.00			
	H. Proctor, cash, \$7.50 dues	\$ 7.50			
	J. Goins, cash, \$6 dues	\$ 6.00			
	C. Dye, cash, \$7.50 dues, \$.50 donation	\$ 8.00			
	D. Gray, cash, \$6 dues	\$ 6.00			
	M. Peterson, cash, \$7.50 dues	\$ 7.50			
	A. McCarthy, cash, \$6 dues	\$ 6.00			
	H. Kirsch, cash, \$7.50 dues	\$ 7.50			
	J. Brown, cash, \$6 dues	\$ 6.00			
	W. Schottlawder, cash, \$6 dues	\$ 6.00			
	B. Calvert, cash, \$15 dues	\$ 15.00			
	B. Bell, cash, \$6 fee Vet, refund				
	J. Fricker, cash, \$7.50 dues	\$ 7.50			
	S. DeLeon, cash, \$7.50 dues	\$ 7.50			
	C. Bicket, cash. \$12 dues	\$ 12.00			
	Nowak, cash, \$15 dues	\$ 15.00			
	J. Williams, cash, \$15 dues	\$ 15.00			
07/10/17	Beall, cash, \$7.5 dues	\$ 7.50			
	R. Durham, cash. \$12 dues	\$ 12.00			
	K. Raby, ck 1780, \$7.50 dues	\$ 7.50			
	J. Harlck1009 \$6 dues\$6 nametag	\$ 12.00			
7/15/17	Roger & Becky Bush donation in honor of Gene Cockrell – to scholarship	\$ 50.00			
7/19/17	D. Halsmer, ck 6242, \$15 dues	\$ 15.00			
7/20/17	Deposit			\$262.00	
	Total income:	\$262.00			
	Expenses:				

7/10/17	Kay Waterman, reception expenses		\$ (20.53)		
	Total expenses:			-\$20.53	
	Balance as of July 31, 2017:				\$5,203.71
	Balanced to bank			\$5,203.71	

Steve Richards Recounts South Dakota, Western Adventures with Family

Left Friday, July 21, about noon when Sharon got off work. Our daughter and son-in-law and our great-grandson went with us. Was able to get Tony to drive a lot. Around 7:30 pm we checked in to hotel in Grand Island, NE, then went out for Mexican food.

Saturday, July 22, drove through Badlands National Park on our way to Rapid City, SD. Made good time and realized we are now in mountain time zone so had to kill a little time to get into the house we rented.

Sunday, July 23, we went to the rock show at the convention center downtown. It was a small but very nice show. Had quit a few show cases with lots of nice rocks, minerals and fossils. I won a door prize and Sharon won some things from the silent auction. Left and went to The Freight House to eat. Our great-grandson, Broden, wanted to find George Washington's bronze statue in downtown to take his picture. He says George Washington is his favorite president. We then drove to Sturgis to see it, 25 miles, Tony has been there many times on his bike. Drove to Mt. Rushmore after that and stayed around till 10:00pm for the night show. It was a really awesome show.

Monday, July 24, up early to drive thru Custer State Park -- really nice. Then drove through the Needles Highway to Hill City to go on a 1880 steam train to Keystone and back. Lots of animals and good food all along the way.

Tuesday, July 25, went back to Hill City and the museum at Black Lakes Institute to see small but very nice exhibit of dinosaurs and fossils. On to Crazy Horse Monument and museum area, very nice and interesting. Then back to Rapid City to get ready to leave the next morning.

Wednesday, July 26, on the way out of South Dakota, we went through Sturgis to let daughter pick up a couple of Harley-Davidson tee shirts. After about 8 hours of driving we got to Gardiner, MT at the north gate of Yellowstone. Saw some Elk right at the hotel and the Yellowstone River behind it, then had some great pizza before bed.

Thursday, July 27, drove through Yellowstone and got to Old Faithful just before it went off, great timing. Stopped at a picnic park and had sandwiches before driving along Yellowstone Lake. Drove alongside Great Tetons and saw lots of animals along the way. Got to Jackson, WY about 7:00 pm. More very good Mexican food that night but room and bed were terrible.

Friday, July 28, long drive to Denver. Lots of flat land but saw some eagles and nests. Communities have built nest platforms to help the eagle population. Got to Denver around 7:00pm for the night.

Saturday, July 29, left Denver for home but ended up stopping three times in the first three hours at McDonald's for various reasons. So good to be home, almost too much for Steve.

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

First Saturday **1:00 to 5:00 PM --LABOR DAY WEEKEND—CLOSED SEPT. 2, 2017**
Third Saturday **1:00 to 5:00 PM**
Third Tuesday **5:30 to 9:00 PM**
Fourth Thursday **5:30 to 9:00PM**

Contact **Billy McBay, supervisor, (918-407-6066)**

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.



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

- Sep. 2-4* **Jim & Ruth William's Labor Day Weekend Rock Collection Sale:** Sale is at a farm SW of Stillwater. Contact me if you need directions. Most material will be priced by approximate pound weight. Rocks and wood from western states. Cash or checks only; NO CREDIT CARDS. GPS address: 9605 S. Meridian Rd, Coyle, OK 73027. Phone 405-466-2643.
- Sep. 8-17* **Denver Showcase:** 10 days, 12 shows, over 900 vendors/exhibitors! Denver Fine Mineral Show; Colorado Mineral & Fossil Show; Denver Gem & Mineral Show (aka "The Main Show"); Denver Mineral Show; Denver Coliseum Show (DCS); Denver Expo Gem Show; Jewelry, Gem & Mineral (JG&M) Expo; Colorado Independent Warehouse Show; Miners Co-op Mineral Show; International Gem & Jewelry Show; 2 Bead Renaissance Shows.
- Sep. 9-10* **Northwest Arkansas Gem and Mineral Society Annual Fall Swap:** Location: Hwy 43 North and Lawlis Road, Siloam Springs. Hours: Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; Free Admission. Website: www.nwarockhounds.org
 Contact: Dave Leininger, 14029 White Oak Lane, Bentonville, AR 72712,
- Sep. 22-24* **19th Annual Rock-A-Thon Gem & Mineral Show:** Location: Joplin Historical & Mineral Museum; 504 S. Shifferdecker Ave., Joplin, MO. Hours: Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-3 Free Admission
 Door Prizes. Hosted at the Joplin Historical & Mineral Museum in Schifferdecker Park.
 Contact: Chris Wiseman, 417-623-1180; email: jmc-cwiseman~sbcglobal.net
- Oct. 21* **OSCMS/Correll Museum Swap and Open House** Catoosa, OK \$10 swap set-up, potluck meal, OSCMS scholarship auction. Contact: Julia Allande, 918-933-8313.
- Oct. 28-29* **Oklahoma Mineral & Gem Society 2017 Show "Rocks Your World!"** Modern Living Building, Oklahoma State Fair Park, Oklahoma City. Hours: Saturday 9-6, Sunday 10-5. Admission: Adults \$6, Kids under 12 Free. Artisan jewelry, tools, gemstones, fossils, rough rock, crystals, exhibits, demos, education, children's area.



AFMS & RMFMS REVIEW

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies

Website: www.amfed.org

Jim Brace-Thompson was honored as the AFMS 2017 Recognition Award recipient at the AFMS/CMS banquet held in Ventura, CA. He has been the founder and inspiration for the AFMS Future Rockhounds of America badge program for juniors. He is a regular contributor to the *Rock and Gem* Magazine for both general interest adult articles as well as monthly children's informational pieces. Brace-Thompson also was recognized as the winner of the California Federation's Golden Bear award.

Safety Chair Ellery Borow reminds rockhounds of the propensity of oxalic acid to inhalation and skin absorption. Oxalic is a relatively weak acid but has high toxicity. Oxalic is used to clean quartz crystals and is readily absorbed through the skin.

Michael Shaw of the Stillwater OK Mineral and Gem Society won first place in both the 2015 and 2016 Program Competition for his two entries "Micromounts A-G." and "Micromounts H-Z." Beth Simmons of the Denver Gem and Mineral Guild was the 2017 winner with her entry "Gem Village." These presentations will be converted to DVD format and distributed to each of the regional program libraries.

Emerson Tucker notes that upcoming Federation conventions include the EFMLS and Southeast Federation shows both on the weekend of October 20-22. He asks that Federations work to avoid these same-date conflicts in the future.

Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies

Website: www.rmfmts.org

No July-August newsletter available.

NOTE: MINUTES OF THE AUGUST BOARD MEETING AND GENERAL MEETING TO FOLLOW.

OSCMS & CORRELL MUSEUM HOST OCTOBER SWAP AND OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, October 21, 2017

10 am – 5 pm

At the D.W. Correll Museum Catoosa, Oklahoma

One Block West of Route 66 on Pine St.

Free Museum Admission

Rocks, Minerals, Fossils, Jewelry, Lapidary goods

To Buy/Sell/Trade

Set-up starts at 9 am, set up fee \$10.

11:30 am - The OSCMS auction, donations gratefully accepted for scholarship.

12 noon - Following the auction, all OSCMS representatives and dealers are invited to a pot luck lunch (no meat provided). Please bring a dish to feed at least 12 people. OSCMS will provide table service and drinks.

1:30 pm – OSCMS BOARD Meeting. All Oklahoma clubs please send a representative.

For more information contact

Eric Hamshar at 918-266-3612 at the Correll Museum

Or Julia Allande at 918-933-8313

SEPTEMBER TRMS CALENDAR

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 foreman Billy McBay at 918-407-6066 24 hours in advance.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 WORKSHOP CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
3	4 Labor Day 	5 TRMS BOARD Meeting 7 pm College Hill	6	7	8	9
10	11 TRMS meeting 6 pm Social (Treats- I-P) 6:15 Pebble Pups 7 pm Meeting	12	13	14	15	16 WORKSHOP 1 – 5 pm Call Billy McBay 918-407-6066
17	18	19 WORKSHOP Billy McBay 5:30 pm – 9 pm 918-407-6066	20 Deadline to get articles to the newsletter Kay.waterman@coxnet	21	22	23 FIELD TRIP Quapaw Quarry for neolithics and other material. Amy Puls 918-430-5858 or amypuls1@gmail.com
24	25	26 TRMS Luncheon 11:30 am Golden Corral just east of Memorial on 21 st	27	28 WORKSHOP 1 – 5 pm Call Billy McBay 918-407-6066	29	30