

# Grindings

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## **President's Message**

Congratulations to Tenaya Madsen for winning the Northwest Junior Rockhound of the Year. Tenaya is involved with the club as well as many other activities that include knitting and crocheting with the Yarn Yoga group, chess club, and advanced studies in school. Tenaya will be recognized for her accomplishments at the NFMS show in September. But if you see her before that be sure to tell her congratulations! I am so proud of her, and was surprised to see her photo on the front page of the NFMS newsletter.

I hope everyone had a safe and fun independence Day! This month is full of activities and fieldtrips. The Magic Valley Club has invited us to attend the Texas Springs trip on July 24th. Our club will also be going to Graveyard Point the same day. Nyssa Thunderegg Days is July 8 through 10. I hope everyone has an opportunity to do some great rockhounding.

The General meeting for July and August will be at the Old Timer's Shelter in Ann Morrison Park at 6:30 pm. There will be a pot luck and an auction with choice material to follow. Come join the fun and please bring a cold and hot dish to share. It is a great opportunity to socialize, share your favorite recipes and culinary skills, as well as acquire some nice material at the auction. The club provides the drinks and ice cream but you will need to bring your own table service. The Old Timer's Shelter in Ann Morrison Park is off of 9th Street and Royal Blvd. See the map inside for directions. There will be an auction after each picnic so if you have a nice rock or item you would like to donate for this it would be greatly appreciated. Our auctions go toward off setting the cost of your Banquet each year so the funds are applied to help with this event.

I have been hearing about some great ideas for the Project of the Year Contest. I encourage everyone to participate in this event. The club members have lots of great talent to show off. In addition to the regular project of the year we will also have a Junior's Project of the Year! We have some very talented youth in the club and I am looking forward to seeing what they come up with. The media can be anything, as long as the project is related to earth science or lapidary.. The project should be made within the last year, and made by the person who submits it. In this hot July sun December seems a long way off, but it will be here before you know it. So if you have not started yet, get busy and show off your talents whether you are young or young at heart!

Happy rockhounding.

*Jason Madsen*  
President

**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB  
BOARD MEETING ♦  
JULY 6, 2010**

Jason Madsen called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Board members and officers present were Jason Madsen, Willa Renken, Dan Philips, Chuck McCreath, Twila Gallaher, Kathy Griffin, Ed Moser, Brent Stewart, Deana Ashton, and Rick Corbett. Phil Neuhooff was excused.

Guests present were Shirley McCreath, Jim Da Silva, Carol Da Silva, Charles Osgood, Jim Clinton, Marge Conley, and Doug Renken.

A motion to accept the minutes as printed in the Grindings was made by Willa Renken, the motion was seconded by Rick Corbett, and the motion was carried.

Secretary's report – Deana Ashton reported that the club received some newsletters, and the club received a thank you card from Ed and Deanna Moser.

Treasurer's report – Kathy Griffin reported on the club's balances and disbursements. There was some discussion about how membership dues do not cover the cost of the newsletter. Some research will be done to determine how much the short fall is and if an increase in dues is appropriate for the coming year.

Federation report – Chuck McCreath reported that the Northwest Federation newsletter announced that Tenaya Madsen won the Junior Rockhound of the Year!

#### Committee Reports

Field Trip – Rick Corbett reported there was not much found at the Bruneau woodpile, but otherwise the trip went well. The club will be going to Graveyard Point on July 24. For those who would like to go to Texas Springs, the Magic Valley Club has invited the club to join them on the 24th to that area.

Program – Brent Stewart reported that there will be some choice material and possibly some tumblers for the upcoming auction at the July picnic.

Banquet – Jim Da Silva reported that, at the request of the club, he has researched some alternative sites for the banquet. He has researched several places and one is a possibility. He will contact some other alternatives and report back to the Board.

Scholarship – Jason Madsen reported that the club received an application for the scholarship from a BSU student.

Juniors – Ed Moser reported that he is doing well and thanked Coyote and everyone for their help while he was recovering. He also thanked the club for their get well wishes and support. He reported that he is recovering well.

Editor – Doug Renken reported that submissions for the newsletter are due by Friday. He reported that more members are signing up for electronic newsletters.

Building Fund – Jim Clinton reported that the Building Fund raffle has been doing well.

License – Charles Osgood reported that he had some material printed up to promote and educate clubs and venues about the Gem State Plate. He reported that to date there have been 130 plates sold.

Hospitality – Dan Philips led a discussion about weather or not members need to sign in at the General meetings and how it creates a bottleneck at the doors. It was decided that members do not need to sign in, but rather just collect their door ticket and then move on. The club will still ask for guests to sign in though.

Workshop – Willa Renken reported that there will be a workshop this month. Details will be in the Grindings. Please bring something to share with the hotdogs and s'mores. Rick Corbett will be standing in for Marge Conley for the wire wrapping class as Marge will not be able to attend this month.

#### New Business

Jason Madsen led a discussion on the possibility of having a Junior Project of the Year in addition to the standard Project of the Year. The Board decided to have a Junior's category and an adult category. The criteria for each is that the project should be made by the person who entered it, and that the project be related to earth science or lapidary. Any media can be used. There will be more details to follow at the September meeting on how the Junior projects will receive recognition.

Membership applications were received from Clerry and Valicity Koen; Chadra Player; Meagn McNeel; and Dean and Jody Waltman. Twila Gallaher motioned to accept the applicants as members and Ed Moser seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Deana Ashton*

*Secretary*

**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB  
GENERAL MEETING ♦  
JUNE 15, 2010**

Jason Madsen called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brent Stewart.

Door Prizes won by:

Shellye Lindsay, Dave Couch, Jeanne Snyder, Mike Jones, Nancy Reed, Clerry Koen, Diane Perkins, Cheryl Link, Ronald Mummey.

Juniors prizes won by : Tyler, Hailey and Tenaya Madsen

Building Fund Prize: Michael George

No changes to the minutes as reported in The Grindings. Willa made 1st motion to accept. 2nd motion accepted by Ron Bailey. The motion was carried.

Introduced new members

Secretary's report: New Rock and Gem magazine- Deana pointed out the newsletters from other clubs are in the Library- lots of dates to check out for activities.

Treasure's report: Kathy Griffin reported balances and disbursements in the Treasures report.

Federation report: Chuck McCreath was excused this evening and there was no Federation report tonight.

Committee reports:

ROLE Program- Ron Bailey explained that the program in more detail- encouraged members to participate as we should all be able to make cabs and progress with ROLE assistance. He will be on hand for the Workshop this Thursday to help out new ROLE participants.

Field Trip report - Jason reviewed the Field trip to Beacon Hill: There was discussion about the snakes being seen in recent trips. Try to mingle with nature as we are their guests. Deana spotted 2 scorpions alive and interested in my hands while overturning buried rocks during Beacon Hill outing- Gloves are a safe idea to avoid a sting. About 33 people came out to Beacon Hill and there were many specimens found. Rick Corbett reported that Bruneau Wood Pile is the next field trip this weekend, June 19, 2010. Bring sunscreen, lots of water, a hat, gloves, a screen, and the essential tools. There are many specimens of petrified wood at Bruneau- we will be looking for petrified pine cones also. Departure time is 8am.

Librarian report - Valerie Estabrooke is now back from knee surgery! Welcome back! And thanks to Rick Corbett for standing in for her. Library has a lot of books to check out!

Juniors- Coyote was already working with the children and no report was given. Thanks Coyote for doing a great job while Ed has been gone. Your knowledge is very valuable to our club!

Workshop – Willa Renken reported that there will be a workshop this month.

Picnic report - JULY/AUGUST GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION: There will be a picnic for the July and August meetings. The place will be at Ann Morrison Old Timers Shelter-6:30 pm. during the summer we meet in the park for a potluck dinner meeting and social event in place of the general meeting indoors. This is a bring your own table settings, (plates, napkins, utensils) and bring a potluck dish to share. IGC provides Soda, Coffee, and Ice cream. After we eat, there is a brief meeting, and an auction. Best route into park is to enter off 9th street and go to first parking lot. The shelter is located behind the Admin. Building.

Sunshine report - Arlene Bailey gave a Sunshine Report update from March to current- She sent flowers to several members and cards to others. Those who received greetings from the club were Patsy Bethel, Marilyn Ferguson, Jeanne Blodgett, Ed Moser, and Gary Phillips. Gary Phillips was delighted to receive flowers from the club at his home. Sadly, Gary passed away May 21st. Please keep Marianne, Gary's wife in your thoughts and prayers. Let Arlene know if you are aware of any of our members who could use some sunshine!

No other old business or new business to report

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25.

Brent Stewart showed a presentation which he does for the public schools 4th graders tonight. What a wealth of knowledge he shares on our clubs behalf. Thank you, Brent. You rock!

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Deana Ashton*

*Secretary*

## Map To Picnic

The July and August meetings are both picnics. They will be held at the Old Timers Shelter at the East end of Ann Morrison Park. If you drive from 9th Street turn right on Royal Blvd. and shortly after entering the park turn into the parking lot on your right and you will see the shelter next to the River. If driving from the south turn left on Ann Morrison drive then turn right on Lusk St then left on Royal Blvd. and go to the parking lot. The picnic begins at 6:30 p.m. and is a potluck. Bring your favorite dish, plates, and silverware. The club will provide soft drinks and ice cream.



## June Field Trip Report Bruneau Woodpile

There were thirty two people on our field trip to the Bruneau Woodpile; 17 members, eleven adult guests, and four youth of which two were guests. Our day started out clear and cool at McDonald's on S. Federal Way east of Boise. The group pulled out of the parking lot at 8 a.m., as I watched them go by I wondered who was leading them. Interesting, not knowing there was an entrance ramp onto I-84 at E. Eisenmann Rd. or paying attention to where everyone had pulled over on S. Federal Way I turned right on Highway 21 to get onto the Freeway. Loren Francis told me the group had gone straight; some of the group had followed me going right. Now I had an interesting dilemma, the group was broken in two. Cheryl Link headed out with the group I was leading whereas I turned around to lead, or follow, the rest.

When the group on S. Federal Way saw everyone else going down the freeway they headed out to catch up. It's a good thing others in the group knew about the E. Eisenmann Rd. entrance. Talk about an air-head, I eventually caught up with the group, somebody please fire me. Cheryl led us to Bruneau where we stopped at a convenience store at Hot Springs Rd.

From the store to milepost 61 is about twelve miles. Our first stop was to give everyone an opportunity to see what to look for before going to the pine cone area. There are numerous places to dig or surface collect where the first dirt road crosses the gravel road. Some small but nice limb pieces were found in the gravel road. A few boney gill plates, some fish vertebrate, and a few pieces of crushed mammal bone were also found in the dig area. Some rams horn snails and a few concretions (round chalky balls usually with a fossil of some type in the center) added to the finds at our first location.

Grass was unusually high and a lot of the grass was still green going into our second stop. No cattle were seen going past the metal watering tanks. Usually calves and their moms are seen at this location. Upon arriving at our second and final stop, a few ideas were discussed about locating pine cones. Cheryl Link has two very nice specimens of pine cones she shared with the group enabling us to know what to look for. Cheryl suggested walking and turning anything that is the right color and shape rather than dig for the pine cones. Years ago and my first time to this location we would dig in the sand and chalk for them. Unfortunately, no one found a pine cone with exception of Cheryl. Group members did find more petrified wood and a few pieces of agate and jasper.

I walked over the hill and back towards the ridge that can be seen from the top of the ridge we were parked at. My intention was to find what the area would produce in rock hound interest. All that I found was volcanic tephra or ash, rounded cobbles from eons of flooding, no petrified wood or fossils. Evidently the little valley where we were parked was eroded out after the volcanic activity exposing the chalky layer where the petrified wood and at one time pine cones. Unless we can find a location that will produce a few pine cones, this area may not be a future field trip for the group.

Thank you to everyone that attended this field trip, I hope it was as enjoyable to you as for me!

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**JULY**

7/1 Mike Jones  
 7/1 Randy Knudsen  
 7/1 Brian McNeel  
 7/4 Tara Halberstrabt  
 7/7 T Earl Allen  
 7/10 Renee Carpenter  
 7/10 Shirley Scott  
 7/11 Nancy O'Keeffe  
 7/12 Debra Burns  
 7/12 Loren Francis  
 7/15 Gordon Roberts  
 7/18 Kathy Griffin  
 7/20 Pat Bethel  
 7/20 Lynne Davis  
 7/20 Shelly Betz  
 7/21 Stuart Wilcox  
 7/22 Tom Rogers  
 7/24 Maxine Smith  
 7/26 Larry Ridley  
 7/26 Paula Tomberlin  
 7/26 Connie Canon  
 7/27 Zoe Friel  
 7/27 Patricia Wilcox  
 7/28 Philena Thompson  
 7/28 Ron Mawson  
 7/28 Barbara Shearer  
 7/29 Catherine Parsons  
 7/29 Colby Ingle  
 7/29 Michael Gross  
 7/31 Damian Bashon

**July Birthstones**  
**Faceted — Ruby**  
**Cabochon —**  
**Carnelian**

**AUGUST**

8/1 Cody Jackson  
 8/2 Laura Scott  
 8/5 Tyler Wakefield  
 8/6 Michael Gartman  
 8/6 Isaal Baillargeon  
 8/7 Gene Thompson  
 8/10 Dan Conley  
 8/12 James Cryer  
 8/13 Brian Stewart  
 8/16 David Snyder  
 8/16 Carla Arnold  
 8/18 Gary Cole  
 8/19 Cameron Betz  
 8/20 Cyrese Lyngaurd  
 8/22 Christine Ansel  
 8/22 Betty Hare  
 8/23 Steve Allen  
 8/23 Chester Carpenter  
 8/23 Suzanne McCorkle  
 8/23 Pam Mawson  
 8/26 Deana Ashton  
 8/26 Kim Tumell  
 8/27 Linda Phillips  
 8/27 Christine Neuhooff  
 8/27 Miers Johnson  
 8/28 Nancy Reed  
 8/28 Mettie Clay  
 8/28 Misty Parker  
 8/28 Carol Da Silva  
 8/30 Connie Duke

**August Birthstones**  
**Faceted — Peridot**  
**Cabochon — Jade or**  
**Sardonyx**

**DATES TO REMEMBER****GENERAL MEETING:**

**3rd. Tuesday of every month**

July 20, 2010

Old Timers Shelter

Ann Morrison Park

Royal Blvd.

Picnic Starts at 6:30 pm.

**BOARD MEETING:**

**1st. Tuesday of every month**

August 3, 2010

Church of the Brethren

2823 N. Cole Road, Boise, Idaho

Meeting Starts at 7:30 pm.

## July Refreshment Committee

Chair: Dick Corbett 866-3851

Kathy Griffin 467-9286

Cherrell Thomas 284-2232

**REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE GUIDELINES**

1. Have tables covered with paper obtained from Statesman and ready by 6:00 p.m.
2. Bring door prizes
3. Order ice cream and arrange for pickup.
4. Serve ice cream

When picnic is finished, clear all paper from tables and deposit all litter and debris in trash containers

## August Refreshment Committee

Chair: Fred Friel 484-5852

Jean Dingley 867-9892

Carol Da Silva 938-7728

Marge Conley 375-8935



## Idaho Gem Club July Field Trip

**Graveyard Point for plume and moss agate**

**When: Saturday July 24th meet between 7:30 a.m. and 8 a.m. We will leave promptly at 8 a.m.**

**Where to meet:** Kmart parking lot on Karcher Rd (Highway 55). We will caravan from Kmart.

**How to get there:** Travel West on I-84 to Exit 33A, the new Highway 55 exit. Travel West on Highway 55 through Marsing to the Intersection of Hwy 55 and Hwy 95. We will stop here at the ION Truck Stop for a refresher break and to meet others that are coming from different directions. We will proceed on Highway 95 to just past Milepost 31 where we will turn left onto Graveyard Point Rd., continue until the pavement ends at Sage Rd., go left for about a mile. The road will curve to the left again; just before this curve you will see a bridge that crosses the canal. From here there are numerous dirt roads that go to various claims and different areas. We will make multiple collecting stops, all in the Graveyard Point area.

**Equipment needed:** rock hammer, chisel, shovel, safety glasses, appropriate clothing for the weather and location, food for the time you will be there, water, full tank of gas, and any items you need for your personal use. It is tick season, so bring tick spray or wipes! Rattlesnakes are abundant this year; be aware and careful of snakes and areas that have snakes. If you would like more information, please come to our Gem Club meeting, July 20th, 6:30 p.m. at the Old Timers Shelter in Ann Morrison Park at the end of Royal Blvd or Call our Field Trip Chairman

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## Special Field Trip Texas Springs

Date change for Special Field Trip  
July 24th and 25th Texas Springs, Nevada Field Trip – Dave Hughes will be in this area until Wednesday the 14th of July.

This is an overnigher to the Texas Springs, Nevada area. It is a combined trip with the Magic Valley Gem Club and organized by Dave Hughes. Dave is very knowledgeable of this area. In addition to limb casts, Dave knows where snakeskin agate, opal, and jasper are located. Estimated travel time is 3 hours to Jackpot, then another hour to the dig site at Texas Springs.

How to get there: From Boise travel East towards Twin Falls; take exit 173 to merge onto US-93 S toward Twin Falls/Wells, Nev. Continue on US-93 S to Horseshu Hotel and Casino in Jackpot. This is across from Cactus Petes. We won't caravan from Boise!

Meet: in the parking lot of Horseshu Hotel and Casino in Jackpot. There is a small grocery and liquor store attached to the casino where we will meet on Saturday morning between 8:45 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. Departure time will be promptly at 9:15 a.m. If you can not meet at the appointed times, please call me for directions to the dig site.

Equipment needed: rock hammer, chisel, shovel, pick (hard digging), safety glasses, appropriate clothing for the weather and location, food for the time you will be there, water, full tank of gas, and any items you need for your personal use. The elevation is over 5200 ft.; the nights are cool so bring warm clothing. It is still tick season so bring some "tick spray". Rattlesnakes are abundant this year, be aware and careful of areas that have snakes. This field trip is before our next meeting. If you would like more information, please call our Field Trip Chairman

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Channel 4 on two way radio on field trips

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You can camp at Texas Springs or stay at one of the places listed below:

Hotels and Motels in Jackpot:

Covered Wagon Motel  
1602 Highway 93, Jackpot NV , 775-755-2241

Four Jacks Hotel Casino  
1702 Hwy 93, Jackpot NV , 800-251-6313

Horseshu Hotel & Casino  
1385 US Highway 93, Jackpot NV , 800-432-0051

Cactus Petes Resort Casino  
1385 Highway 93, Jackpot, NV 89825  
800-821-1103

West Star Hotel Casino  
1800 Poker St.  
Highway 93 & Poker St., Jackpot, NV 89825  
775-755-2600

Barton's Club 93  
1002 Highway 93  
Jackpot, Nevada 89825  
775-755-2341  
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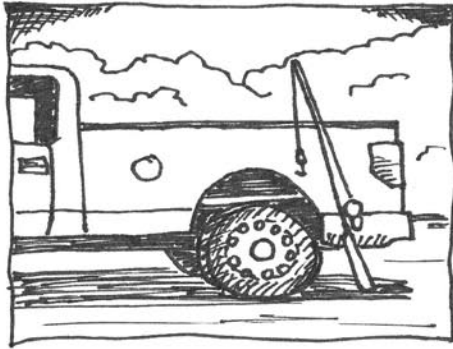
## Make Idaho Your "Summer Destination" Gem Rock Estate & Auction

This is to announce the Estate Sale and Auction of Lifetime Collectors, Dick & Elaine Weeks. This is one sale that you will not want to miss so mark your calendars. The material that will be available was collected in the early years so know that it is some of the most unique material you will have a chance to acquire. There will be approx. 30 tons of material available which includes various Jaspers from Biggs, Bruneau (one of the last large quantity of Orbed), Original Picture, Wild Horse, Morrisonite, & Willowcreek; Fire Opal from Spencer, Australia & Mexico; Geodes from Succor Creek, Beacon Hill, Richardson Ranch, Dugway & Lucky Strike; Agates from Graveyard Point Plume, Pink Plume, Montana Moss, Maury Mtn. Moss; Rhodonite, Rhodochrosite, Sapphires, Exotics & petrified, agatized, opalized wood ranging from limbs to logs. The available Slabs will range from 1 inch up to 12 inches or larger, depending on the material. The location is in Meridian Idaho, 870 W Franklin Rd. Take exit #44 off of I-84 heading north approx. 1 mile then West on Franklin Rd approx. 1 mile. The Sale will run from 10-5 starting Sat July 31st-Aug 7th with an Auction on the 6th & 7th for all remaining material. This is one sale you will not want to miss as there won't be one like it for some time to come. Save your money and make your plans to attend as you will not be disappointed. Telephone inquiries after July 15th Dick @208-888-5816 or Caroline @ 208-288-0107.





## ROCK'N FUNNIES



## Yesteryear May 1961

The NWF directories were .50 cents this year. The club showed some beautiful material from Grassy Mountain. and Succor Creek. The June field trip was to Hooker Creek, but no one showed up so it was canceled. The claim stakes for the Whangdoodle was now in place and the other claims are being checked on. Two cars made the field trip to Beacon Hill and the work has been done on the Morrisonite Claim.

A Field trip was planned for Thorne Creek, and five cars went on the Goose Creek field trip. The September field trip would be to Warm Springs.

The Bureau off Land Management sent a letter to the club informing them of the closing of collecting petrified wood on some of their land.

The January Banquet would be held at the First Christian Church on Jan. 9th. Tickets were \$2.75 per plate. The President gave a short history of the club. Dues were now \$2.00 a year, this entitles the members to subscribe to The Gems and Mineral Magazine at a .50 cent discount. Gilbert Nettleton was nominated President for 1962.

No minutes for the January meeting.

*Patsy Bethel*  
*Historian*

## In Remembrance

**Gary D. Phillips**, 81 years old, died June 4th 2010. He demonstrated opal cutting at the Gem Show for a number of years, and had a beautiful Opal case on display.

He didn't want an obituary or funeral service, but he will be in the hearts of all who knew him and his quiet chuckle. Our love goes out to his wife Marion.

**Edna L. (Tej) Howell** died June 3, 2010 at her daughters home in Binghampton, N. Y. at the age of 92. She was a life member of the Idaho Gem club.

When Quincy died Tej moved to Binghampton, N.Y. to be with her daughter Joyce. She kept busy making book marks to give away and to sell some at a shop near where she lived. When she lived in Boise she worked with silver and gold, and chain making, setting stones that Quincy made for her. Monday night always found her house full with those learning to facet and the ones down stairs were doing silver work.

*In Loving Memory*  
*Patsy Bethel*

## Welcome New Member

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**FROM THE EDITOR**

The deadline for articles is the board meeting, if it needs to be typed. If the article is sent via e-mail the deadline is the Saturday after the board meeting.

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***Electronic Grindings***

Thanks to those who signed up for the electronic Grindings. Not only does this save the club money it helps save me time putting on labels and postage. Currently it costs around \$1.70 per issue or \$20.40 per year to print and mail each newsletter.

If you would like to receive the Grindings newsletter through e-mail let me know. Please send an e-mail to WLR\_DKR@msn.com and I will add you to our e-mail list. The Grindings will be sent in PDF format.

**SAVE STAMPS**

Just a note to remind people to save their postage stamps to donate to the Federation. The stamps are sold and the proceeds are donated to cancer research. Cut at least 1/4 inch margin around the stamps. You can turn them into Chuck McCreath at our next meeting. **THANK YOU!**

**Sunshine Lady**

Arlene Bailey is the club sunshine lady. Her job is to send some cheer to members who are ill or just need some cheering up. But she needs your help in doing this job. If you know of someone who has been recently ill let her know so she can send them a card. Her phone number is 562-8030. Thank you in advance for your help.

**"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 rockhound 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 officer, 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", I 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 Rockhounds everywhere.

**THE GRINDINGS**

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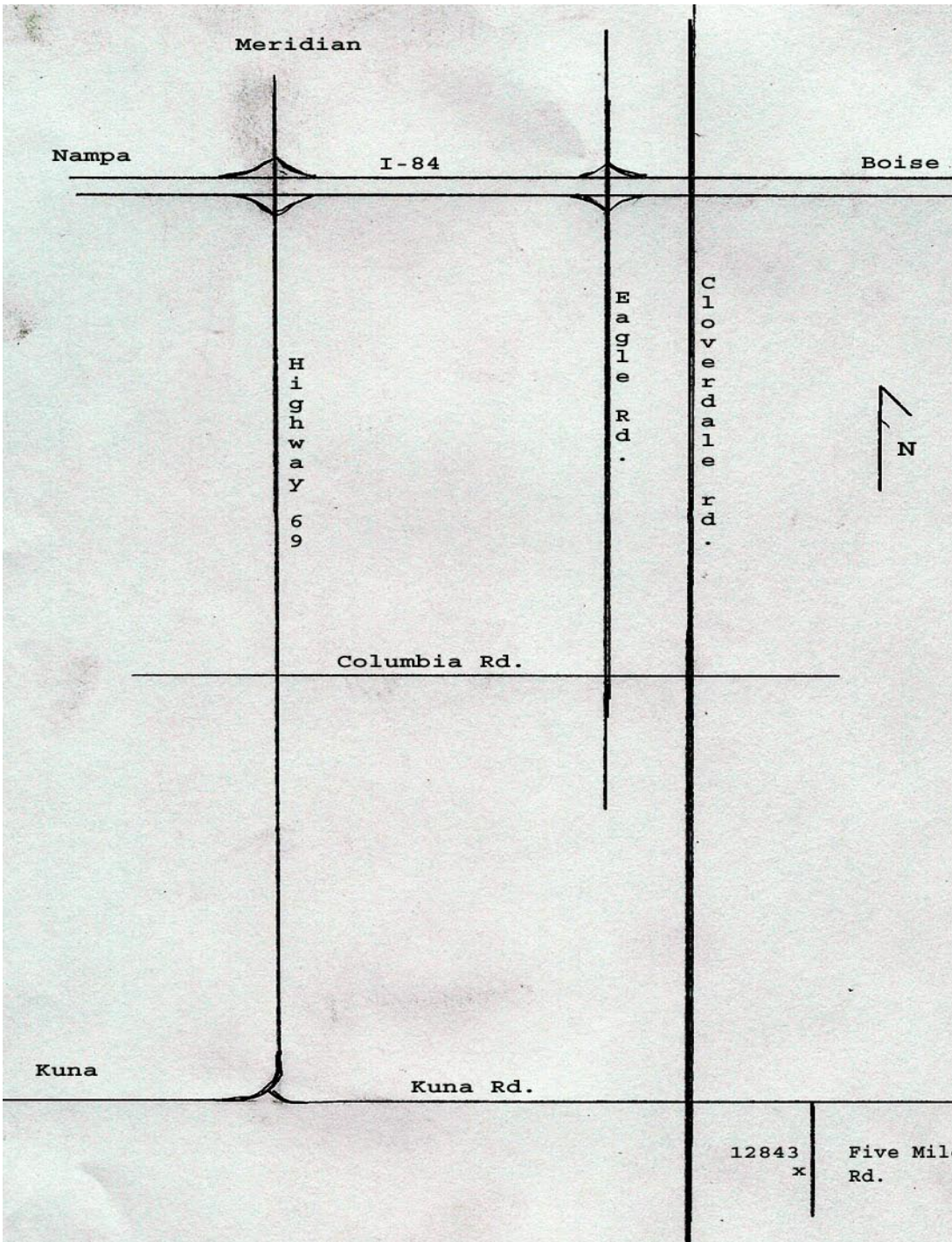
# Workshop Report

We will have another workshop this month. It will be Thursday July 22nd. The shop will be open at 6:30pm and run until 9:30pm. If you are interested please sign up at the meeting or call me at home. We also offer wire wrapping which carries a small charge for the wire. The address is 12843 S Five Mile Rd off of Kuna Rd. I will need instructors so please step forward and volunteer. It usually takes about five to seven depending on the interest. If you aren't able to make this month we will be having them throughout the year so everyone who wants should get a chance to learn how to cab. All we ask

is that you please help clean up the machines at the end of the evening. Hope to see you all there.

*Willa Renken*

*Workshop Chairmen*



Workshop address:  
12843 S. Five Mile Rd.  
Phone 362-3941



The purpose of the Idaho Gem Club is to promote mutual, educational and scientific interests and benefits of its members in mineralogy, geology, gemology, the art of lapidary and kindred arts and sciences.

**Dues:**

\$12.00 per person  
\$15.00 per couple  
\$17.50 per family

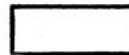
**Subscription:**

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**General Meeting:**

3rd. Tuesday of each  
Month at 7:30 p.m.

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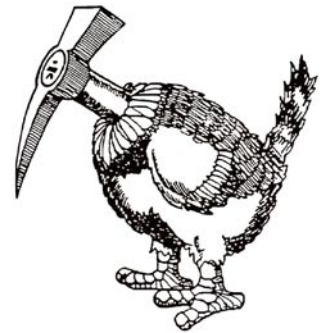


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The Whangdoodle Bird  
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