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Editor James Magnan 522-1733 ifgandms@gmail com The next meeting will be Monday, June 13th at the Guest House Inn and Suites which is next to the Shilo Inn. Social hour starts at 6:00. The speaker will be Jim Bosley talking about field trips and what to bring on them. The business meeting will start after the speaker is done, usually around 7:30.

Notes from the President May Meeting: Well, the May meeting/ pizza party/ rock swap was a heck of a party! I guess about 100 or more people attended and I heard we went through 35 large pizzas. As I remember, it was Jeff's idea to host a pizza party at the May meeting as a way to thank the IFG&MS members for their support of our annual show and to welcome new members to the club. With the board's support we agreed to give it a try.

The rock swap kept the meeting interesting. Thanks to all who brought items to the event. Spread a few rocks on a table and we all start acting like dogs chasing squirrels. Special thanks go to Carol Frey for her donation of rocks and equipment that we auctioned off in the course of the evening.

Memorial Day Weekend Field Trip: The Memorial Day weekend field trip was awesome! Around 50 adults and children participated.

Many were on their first field trip. We even had a couple of three-year-olds in the group. It was tremendous fun! The weekend started with a club breakfast Saturday morning. Man, I was really nervous about cooking for a group that size. We had planned to serve sausage, eggs, and pancakes, when, right before we started cooking, I discovered we left the pancake mix in Idaho Falls. OOPS! But, here comes Larry Clark to the rescue! Larry just happened to have enough pancake mix to feed the whole group. And, he pitched in and started cooking. Pretty soon I got pushed aside by Jim Bosley and Chuck Whittier. At that point everything went like clockwork.









We split into two groups for the field trip to Hammond Canyon on Saturday. One headed to the top of our claim and the other approached from the bottom. Everybody left with treasures. Like always, my hoard included a bunch of "leave-er-rite."

Saturday's activities ended with a pot luck dinner. I've said it before, this club knows how to do a first rate pot-luck. Good Eats!



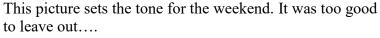


We split up into two groups for the Sunday field trips. Tim Holmes led one group to Methodist Creek off the Pass Creek road. Tim and I had scouted that area the week before. The area has potential but material is much harder to find than at Hammond. The big winner appeared to be Jennifer Smith's 8-inch agate nodule. I went with the other Sunday group to the Mackay Mine Hill Tour road. We actually collected a lot of good material from the mine tailings.



The Monday field trip worked the area below and south of our Hammond Canyon claim. We found a lot of good quality brown and yellow jasper. It's a great site and well worth a





Gloria and I hope to see you all at our place next year.



Future Meetings

Jim Bosley will talk about field trip equipment and collecting sites in our area at the June meeting. In July Bill Thielbahr will talk about mineral identification. And, we will have the steak fry in August. We will provide details about the steak fry at a future meeting.

Other Stuff

A good friend Joe Delmastro, 522-1972, has some older lapidary equipment for sale including:

- Covington Large Sphere Machine
- Maxant "ROC CRYSTAL" Automatic Cabber Machine
- Highland Park Lapidary Grinder Model E-52
- Custom Built Flat Lap (Vaughn Anderson of Shelly used to sell this item).

Feel free to contact Joe if you are interested.

Thank you! We have a great club!

Gerry Gibeault

The club now has 232 members.

A long time member, Dale Leatham has passed away.

JuneBirthdays – James Buchanan – John Chappell – Valerie Cordova - Jim Magnan – Jeff Ring – Marsha Nipper - Joe Rodriquez – Jacque Schiess – Char Shirts

IFG&MS 2016 FIELD TRIPS

Committee: Jim Bosley – Chair, 520-1819, Pat Haefner – Co-Chair, 529-3929, Nicole Strong, 768-7953, Linda Bosley, 520-7008

Location – Date	Objective	Wagon Master & Comments
June 11 – 12	Fossils	Dave Gunderson 390-0090
Kemmerer, WY (Cokeville)		Campground above Ski
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		available. Motels in
		Cokeville.
June 25 – 26	Garnets, Wonderstone, Leaf	Larry Clark 745-7764
Ruby Reservoir MT	Fossils	or 521-4640
July 9 -10	Petrified Wood, Agate	Gary Beardall 221-1352
Agate Mt, McDevitt Creek,		Camping at Beardall's cabin
Nickola Mine		near Gilmore ID.
July 23 -24	Agate & Jasper	Jim Bosley 520-18198
Lime Creek, Hole in the		Camp at Challis Hot Springs
Rock		879-4442
July 29, 30, 31		Janice Van Cura,
NFMS?AFMS Annual		jvancura (@) peak.org
Show, Albany, OR		
August 2 – 6	Agate, Petrified Wood,	Doug True
Federation Field Trip	Jasper	See Federation newsletter
Prineville Oregon	_	for information and times.
August 6	Club supplies steak and	Tom Strong
Annual Steak BBQ &	members bring a potluck	384-6820
Potluck	dish	

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August 13 Carey ID, Wood	Lace Agate, Petrified Wood,	Steve Davis, 790-7211
River Reservoir	Jasper	Camping at Little Wood
		River Reservoir
		Campground
August 20 – 21	Jasper	Jim Bosley 520-1819
Pogo Claim, Copper Basin,		Camping at Mackey
Chilly		Reservoir
September 24* e.g. Big	TBD	
Piney, WY, Topaz Mt. UT,		
Owyhee, OR		
October 1	Classes to be determined,	Jeanne Hammond and Linda
Learning Day	check future newsletter for	Bosley
	specifics	Skyline Rec. Center
October 8		TBD
Rock Club Sale		

It is always a good idea to check with the wagon master about a field trip and get the 'up to date' information. There is usually a signup sheet at the monthly meetings for the field trips.

Editor's Note: The members that get the newsletter by email get the pictures in color and get "breaking news" when something comes up between monthly newsletters. If you would like to change from USPS to email, just send me and email at ifgandms (@) gmail.com.