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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 return visit.



This picture sets the tone for the weekend. It was too good to leave out....

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.

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

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

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.

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