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ROCKHOUND ROUNDUP

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



JOHN WILD, President,

We are looking forward to a lot of opportunities this year to really enjoy the knowledge and fellowship of our club members. Last month we enjoyed Bill Fowler with his presentation of “florescent” rocks and minerals. We heard many ooh’s and ah’s in the audience during this presentation from children and adults! This month we will have John and Ivy Cook taking us on their adventure to Quartzite, AZ earlier this year!

Many new members attended last month, and we had the First Official AMLS Pup Scouts of Central Alabama meeting! This program was started by Terri Wilson and Lou Ann Newell to get our younger generation involved with the many wonders of rockhounding! It will include content and activities where they will have fun and learn at the same time. This program is affiliated with the AFMS, who has put a lot of thought into this program and giving future Rockhounds of America a chance to learn.

WE also have a fun private dig to HOGG Mine on March 17th! We hope as many of you that can attend will. This is a great place and it is not that far away. More information in newsletter and following emails!

We also have several work days at the workshop scheduled to help put together cups and bags for our upcoming events that help support this workshop! We hope that you will come help or donate items that are needed, please!!

Upcoming events include Oak Mountain in April, Tannehill in June, Oak Mountain again in October and our very first AMLS Event at Oak Mountain in November where we will be the host! If you know someone who would be interested in being a vendor let us know! This will be a great event before the holidays!

We do hope to have some scheduled workshop days and they will be announced but we hope to add even more. This is a busy time of year and we hope to see you participate in the events!

I do want to say that we had a great turn out to Brookwood especially with the weather. Thanks to all who donated some rocks to the club for the events coming up! Also, do not forget that we have a rock tumbling contest in May with the rocks that we collected at Brookwood. Remember, the club need YOU and your donations! See you all this Friday night! John Wild, AMLS President 2019

AMLS Meeting Friday March 8, 2019 at 6:30

Cahaba Heights United Methodist Church 3139 Cahaba Heights Rd, Birmingham, AL 35243

Remember to bring a dish and a door price!!

Workshop March 9 from 9-4. Work day at the workshop (tentatively) Saturday Bring a snack or lunch! We will be filling bags and cups for our events coming up soon! We will do March 16 if needed!

Workshop dates to be open on the following dates. Remember MEMBERS ONLY! \$5 Hour

March 16 9-4 Saturday

March 12 10-4 Tuesday

March 19 10-4 Tuesday

March 26 10-4 Tuesday

Workshop location is at 8036 Parkway Dr, (Hwy 78) Leeds, AL

We are across the street from the Pants Store and Bud's Place.

*****FIELD TRIPS*****

HOGG MINE MARCH 17, 2019

We will meet in LaGrange, Georgia at the McDonalds

185 at exit 13

2408 Whitesville Rd

LaGrange, GA

Meet at McDonald's 8:30 am

We will leave at 9 sharp!

There will be more details to follow! Make sure that I have your email and know that you are going!

There is a cost of \$35 per person!

Under 16 are free!

Officer minute meeting

February 25, 2019

In attendance at the last officer meeting were the following: John Wild, Le Van and Yvonne Foster, Bud and Lou Ann Newell, Cathy Kellogg, Terri Wilson, Don Hill, Rhea Proffitt, Don Rosenthal, Donna Sellers, and Cheryl Garvich. Not in attendance was Reggie and Bunny Bolton due to health reasons.

We talked about Oak Mountain being confirmed for Saturday April 6 and show preparations that need to be done. John Wild has contacted Geo-tracker to get the club geodes to sell at the shows. We discussed the different sizes and what

they looked like (pictures were passed around) John was going to place an order for geodes and different gem stones to put into bags and cups.

We moved on next to Tannehill which is our big show for the year. This is held on June 1 & 2 of this year. We discussed the use of the Hoot and Hollow area and how we can best utilize it. We are thinking it might work for the fluorescent show and are going to check with Bill Fowler to see.

We talked about the other shows in October and November that are coming up. We hope to have to buy more materials to sell!

We talked about a capping party at the workshop and taking donations instead of paying per hour. We want to expose our members to the workshop. Don said that people would show up at his house when it was free but not at the workshop. We hope to have everyone to come out to see it!!

We then discussed children in the workshop and have decided that children must always be supervised! So, if you are bringing a child please make arrangements for a babysitter and NOT the shop foreman! This is for the safety of YOUR child in the shop. It must be someone over the age of 16.

We have normally had a booth at Earth Day at the Zoo. We have not decided if we will continue to have that this year with the other activities that we are doing. There is also a festival May 18 in Leeds at the Veterans Park we are thinking of doing. We are in Leeds and it would put us in front of the community!

Also, at the meeting we discussed who can be on a machine. The consensus is that the person must be over the age of 10 and both parent and child must be qualified to run the machine. This age limit is at the discretion of the shop foreman.

Meeting was adjourned.



DMC Fieldtrips coming up!

March 23-Tennessee Valley Rock and Mineral Club (Chattanooga, TN)

April TBD- Georgia Mineral Society (Atlanta, GA)

May 18 Northeast Georgia Mineral Society (Cornelia, GA)

June TBD- Henderson County Gem and Mineral Society

Look for upcoming information from the DMC. All members are invited to attend any of these proposed DMC Field Trips!

Saturday, March 23, 2019

Tennessee Valley Rock and Mineral Society

Chattanooga, TN (Host)

Ross Creek, Gruetli-Laager, TN

I will attach a form to this email so you will have info if you want to go.

NEW MEMBERS!!

We have gotten several new members in the past few months. I will be adding more next month.

Jackson Beaulie

Charles Law

Kimberly Bohannon

Jamie Stephens

Cathy Gentry

Michael Stephens

Lorrie Greer

Crystal Worley

Jinger Glasgow

Fallon Worley

David Gray

WE are also updating new membership packets and getting name badges. Please be patient with us!

Website membership page will be coming soon!

HELP WANTED-WEBMASTER

We need a new webmaster!! Steve Adams is planning to retire June 1, 2019 as our webmaster. We have greatly appreciated the job that he has done for the club and continues to do! We need someone that knows coding and how to do websites. If you are interested, please see one of our officers or send an email to one of us. This is a volunteer position!!

We also need a PUBLICITY chairperson!! Tim and Jan are relocating, and he is unable to do it. This is for Tannehill! IF you have any experience in this please let us know!!

There are several positions that will need members to fill. You do have to be in the AMLS for two years to qualify! If you are interested in a position, please let one of us know again!



For more information:

AFMS and SFMS Websites

The SFMS Newsletter , the Lodestar, and the AFMS Newsletter are now available online for all members to read at <http://www..amfed.org/sfms> and www.amfed.org. Email: sfms@amfed.org

The AMLS website is : www.lapidaryclub.com

Membership area coming soon!

Check us out on Facebook! Alabama Mineral and Lapidary Society Facebook Page AlabamaMineralLapidarySociety and #AMLS ROCKS See updated information on one of these pages. Please do not post any addresses Of any dig locations. Thank you!

I am attaching page with officers and chairpersons. If you need any help any of us can help you! Please feel free to contact us!

Also, attaching for DMC field trip!!

See you all Friday night March 8, 2019

What is this next meeting about? Here is a small snip about it!

March 8, 2019 Speakers

The March program will be presented by John and Ivey Cook as they recount their recent trip to Quartzsite, Arizona. John recalls that they first got the idea to visit the "rockhoulder's paradise" after talking to other AMLS members while staying at the Rose Creek Campground during the Franklin NC Rock and Gem show and began planning their trip almost a year in advance. Impressed by how "cool and different" Quartzsite sounded, John and Ivey loaded up their camper and headed west. They'll be sharing their 24-day adventure, leading us on a journey to Arizona, California, New Mexico and Texas, rock hounding all the way. Anyone interested in hearing the pleasures and pitfalls of boondocking in the desert, picking up rocks all the way, should enjoy this March program.

We hope that you will join us Friday night 6:30 p.m.!

PUP POST!!

The Pups will meet Friday , March 8, at 6:00 p.m. which is thirty minutes before our regular meeting.

Meeting topics include Alabama State Gem assignment from last meeting, collection display, field trip rules and regulations and workshop etiquette. See you at 6:00 p.m.

PUP SCOUT ASSISTANTS NEEDED (PSA) TO HELP! Anyone over 16 can do this!! See Terri!
Pup Scout Leader

