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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Hi friends, I hope that you are having an enjoyable summer!

I am sure that many of you have already built up some fascinating collecting stories to tell this fall at the symposium. I look forward to hearing them. I personally have spent most of my summer either studying or working, at least so far. In the later half of August, I intend to build up some of my own collecting stories. Look me up at the symposium and I'll tell you about them.

Our next scheduled event is the ninth annual Washington Pass Cleanup which will be held on August 7-9. This is one of our most consistently fun events. I strongly urge you to give it a try if you have never attended before. Of course, I fully expect all of the regulars to be there as well. Interested parties should contact Cheryl Burchim, our dauntless omelet maker and camp host, (3305 281st, Ocean Park, WA 98640-0077, 1-360-665-4379), to reserve a campsite at the Klipchuck Campground. I look forward to seeing you there.

I would welcome hearing from you. Give me a call if you wish to offer some advice or suggestion concerning FM activities. You could also just call up to talk about minerals. Until that time, take care.

Sincerely,
Bob Meyer, President
(425) 641-0723

Special Thank Yous:

Although it is natural that being a member of any organization should involve participation and effort, some of our members deserve a special mention at this time.

Thank you to the Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals, and to Sharleen Harvey for graciously hosting our most recent meeting. The Rice Museum is a valuable resource to ourselves and to the public; we are lucky to have it and Sharleen as our friends.

Thank you to Wes Gannaway for sponsoring "Utah 98." My understanding is that Wes really knocked himself out and that the trip was a resounding success. Way to go Wes!

Thank you and congratulations to John Cornish. Thank you for hosting the Montana trip. Congratulations on your recent article in "Rocks & Minerals." We really appreciate your efforts and participation!

Bob Meyer

MEETING NOTICES, UPCOMING EVENTS, FIELD TRIPS:

Symposium '98

Be sure to read the flier in this issue. Make copies and send them to your friends and distribute them to any other interested groups that you may belong to.

The symposium will be at the Days Inn in Tacoma, Washington at 6802 Tacoma Mall Blvd., (206) 475-5900. Please contact the hotel to make your room reservation. Be sure to let them know that your reservation is in conjunction with the symposium. If you wish to be a satellite dealer at the symposium please contact Rudy Tschernich, 526 Ave. A #A, Snohomish, WA 98290-2414, (360) 568-2857.

The 1998 symposium display registration forms are beginning to come in and many are expected prior to our July 31st deadline. Many outstanding cases will be displayed in this years line-up. Among them will be the special displays presented by our symposium speakers. Speaker Gary Ansell will display a case featuring Yukon phosphate specimens which will coincide with his talk on this locality. Speaker Bob Downs will display a case of top-notch specimens from the collection of the University of Arizona. Other speaker displays are expected. Locally, our own Sharleen Harvey will graciously share with us specimens from the Rice Northwest Museum or Rocks and Minerals. Rudy Tschernich will bring specimens from the spectacular natrolite and apophyllite pocket system which he collected earlier this year from the Weyerhauser Lincoln Creek Quarry. Several other members have sent in their registration forms also and will feature both self collected and purchased minerals which include such species as Pyromorphite, Descloisite, Adamite, Brazilianite, Lazulite, Tsumebite, and Corienite. Please send in your registration display forms soon as we'd love to see your display.

Display Chairperson,
John Cornish

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If you have any input, questions, or wish to help please contact any committee member.

Auction Specimens

Many of us have had the enjoyable experience of participating in our symposium auctions. It's a lot of fun to bid on a piece you've just got to have, particularly when others are just as determined to have that piece themselves. Additionally, the auction raises money, which helps to cover symposium expenses. A successful auction is usually the difference between losing money on the symposium and breaking even.

To generate excitement for the auction, we encourage you to make your donations to the auction early, by bringing specimens, books, etc. to the meetings. We will then describe the donations in the newsletter.

Another of our members graciously answered my request for auction pieces at the June meeting. In order to create some excitement for the symposium, and for the auction (which is a key part of our being able to hold the symposia), a description of the pieces follows:

FM auction specimen #103. Vanadinite with minor Calcite—Pure Potential Claim, La Paz Co., Arizona. This specimen consists of a piece of coarsely crystalline brownish-grey Calcite, 10.5x7.5x4.5 cm in size, that is about three-quarters covered, on the 10.5x7.5 cm surface, by lustrous, sparkly red Vanadinite crystals of up to 4 mm in size, but averaging 1-2 mm. There are some tiny white bladed Calcite crystals associated at one end of the piece. Collected on May 16, 1998, by John Lindell. John Lindell collection label.

FM auction #104. Mineral Deposits, fourth edition by Waldemar Lindgren (1933). A classic book, in fair shape considering its age. Ex: Rudy Tschernich and John Lindell collections (signed).

Bob Meyer

Having just returned from Utah and the great collecting there, your editor will contribute one of his prized specimens of stringhamite to the auction. This specimen may include thaumasite, chrysocolla, and whelanite. This is from the type locality which is the Bawana Mine near Milford, Beaver Co., Utah. Lanny Ream stated that only a handful of collectors might have one of these so be one of a few and also help the cause. Wes G.

Spring Symposium '99

Please note the comments in the meeting minutes. If you have questions or would like to help, please contact Lanny Ream, PO Box 2043, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83816-2043, (208) 667-0453.

Utah 98

On June 22, 13 people met at the Wendover, NV Information Center. Wes and Deb Gannaway, Bob and Sue Campbell, Dick and Janine Baird, Sharleen and Bill Harvey, Don and Lorna Guthrie, John and Maxine Dagenais, and Gary Hinderman. We proceeded to Gold Hill, Utah, and after setting up camp, everyone went up the hill and collected at various areas of the mine. Everyone seemed to get plenty of specimens and there was a scramble to find Japan Law Twins at the quartz outcrop. Several people did well on the Red Dump and found some good crystals of cupro-adamite. Nice showy crystals of conicalcrite, talmessite, austinite, adamite, olivenite, and chalcantite, among others, were collected.

On June 23, we left Gold Hill and toured some of the back country, visiting such places as Trout Creek and Partoun before arriving at Topaz Mt. That evening we collected at the famous knoll. We also met Lanny Ream here.

On June 24, everyone went out to collect topaz. Most of us broke rock on the hillside, while Sharleen and Bill screened along the old creek and road. Everyone collected topaz, and Gary found a nice topaz crystal with a 'belt' of micro bixbyite crystals. Later that evening, after a potluck dinner, some of us went up to another outcrop and collected pseudobrookite and hematite. During the day, Scott Blair showed up to look for topaz. He later left for Gold Hill.

On the 25th, we all drove over to Eureka, Utah, and set up camp at the old Silver City townsite. We then met the president and the mine manager of the Grand Central Silver Mines at the Mammoth Mine in the town of Mammoth. The mine manager, Darby Sharp, escorted us through the mine area, both above and below ground, and his assistant escorted us to various collecting sites around the mine, where everyone collected specimens of azurite, malachite, chrysocolla, and brochantite, plus others. In the afternoon, Darby escorted us to the Centennial Eureka, another GCSM property, where we all broke boulders and collected a vast assortment of crystals, including malachite, hemmimorphite, azurite, pseudomalachite, acanthite, barite, galena, connellite, cornwallite, mimetite, and many others as yet to be identified when we get home.

June 26: we went back to the Mammoth Mine and collected from the dumps of the Mammoth and Sioux Ajax mines. In the afternoon we went to the North Star and Sunbeam mines. The North Star produced azurite, malachite, mixite, barite, and calcite, among others. The Sunbeam mine dump was covered with pyrite in quartz, and everyone got something. This was our last site at Eureka, and we sat around the campfire and enjoyed a nice evening and sunset.

On the 27, after saying good-bye to the Dagenais, the Bairds, and the Harveys, Lanny then led us to our next site, and we went back through Delta and south to Milford. Along the way we stopped at Sunstone Knoll and everyone picked up a few sunstones. We drove to the first of three localities near Milford. Our first locality was the Bawana Mine, the type locality for stringhamite, which we all collected thanks to Lanny showing us what to look for. Another mineral that a few of us collected was whelanite, a mineral that is still being studied. We also collected chrysocolla and brochantite. We then went to the Maria Mine and collected brochantite, clintonite, bornite, garnet, epidote, chrysocolla, rosasite, and calcite. At this time, the mine owner, Mr. McCauley, stopped by to see how we were doing. Lanny had received permission from Mr. McCauley to collect and camp on his properties. Our last stop of the day was the Hidden Treasure Mine which produced rosasite, chrysocolla, and brochantite. We

camped near the Old Hickory Mine and Lanny recounted stories of his earlier days as a geologist in the area.

June 28: we drove to the Okay Mine and collected some really nice azurite specimens, along with malachite, chrysocolla, and barite, plus some nice pseudomorphs of malachite and chrysocolla. Our last stop was to a nearby knoll that produced pockets with epidote, chlorite, flourite, and titanite.

At this point the mineral collecting portion of the trip was over, and we all went our separate ways. Deb and myself and Gary went to Bryce Canyon, the Guthries camped south of Milford, and the Campbells went back to Topaz Mtn to collect garnets, and Lanny started for home (later in the trip we met with the Guthries and Campbells and Gary to collect trilobites in Wheeler Amphitheater). Everyone had a great time and got some nice things and I think that there will be plenty of time spent in enjoying the specimens and memories of this trip.

Wes Gannaway

Montana 98

As of this writing, John and Gloria are headed east to the Big Sky Country to get some more fantastic specimens.

Ninth Annual Washington Pass Cleanup

Please read the particulars in the President's message and meet us there on August 7.

MEETING MINUTES:

Meeting Minutes

June 6, 1998

Rice NW Museum of Rocks and Minerals

Meeting was called to order at 1:10 PM by President Bob Meyer. First order of business included thanking our host Sharleen Harvey. Sharleen provided an update on the museum and a glimpse of the future. Very exciting!

Minutes from the Spring meeting were approved as printed in the bulletin. Symposium Update: John Lindell reported that speakers have been lined up and contracts are out. Also, speakers have been asked to provide an abstract for each lecture. Advertising in magazines which provide a free service has been done and other advertising will be completed at a later date. Cases and displays are being handled by John Cornish. Please send your registration form provided in the April bulletin to John now. We are in need of more participation in this area. John is also looking for large, hands on specimens to have on display. The micromounters are working on programs to be incorporated into the symposium. The symposium committee is looking at options for Friday evening on the main floor. Rob Woodside volunteered to handle the competitions. We are still in desperate need of a new location for the 1999 show. Anyone in the Seattle proper area who can check out a few options please call Bob Meyer or John Lindell and volunteer your services. Cost for registration for the '98 show will be \$38. Spring '99 Symposium in Coeur D'Alene, Idaho is progressing nicely. It will be held at the Coeur D'Alene Inn & Conference Center over Memorial Weekend. More news on this later. The Fall '99

Symposium will be our 25th Anniversary. Be thinking now about how we can make this a memorable occasion.

Old Business: Jim and Rusty Etwiler reported on the progress of the Seattle Regional. It will be held in the same location for another year however, they are looking for a new location for the future. The show will be held the first weekend in November and volunteers from our club are needed to put in cases and to help with general show duties. John Cornish is still pursuing the NW Writing Project and could use more support from club members.

New Business: John Cornish suggested that members submit articles for our bulletin about their best find. Kind of a "5 Minutes of Fame" article, not only to share but also to educate. Bill Dameron suggested that we include the officers e-mail addresses in the letterhead of the bulletin. Regarding e-mail addresses: if you want yours printed in the 1998 directory provided in your symposium packet, then please notify Wes or Karen now.

Respectfully,
Karen Hinderman, Secretary

PROJECT NORTHWEST:

Project Northwest has not had as much response from the membership as I would have liked, however progress is still being made in regard to this endeavor. Pete Modreshi was contacted and a request was made to receive an outline submitted several years ago by Mike Groben on Oregon State. As yet I have not received this and am looking forward to continuing work on this worthy project. To help call or email me.

Thank you,
John Cornish 360-457-7630 j&gcornish@tenforward.com

NEW MEMBERS, ADDRESSES:

Gary and Karen Hinderman's email is gkmhind@gte.net

EDITOR'S COMMENTS:

AN APOLOGY!! to John Cornish for misprinting his address for sending the display forms. Please make sure that you have 40 Cedar Glen Lane, Port Angeles, WA 98362-9126.

I had also promised a column on my best find to date. I won't be able to do it this time but will do so in a future issue. What with the Utah trip and all I am running a little late with this and needed to get it out so that you all would know to contact Cheryl for the Washington Pass trip.

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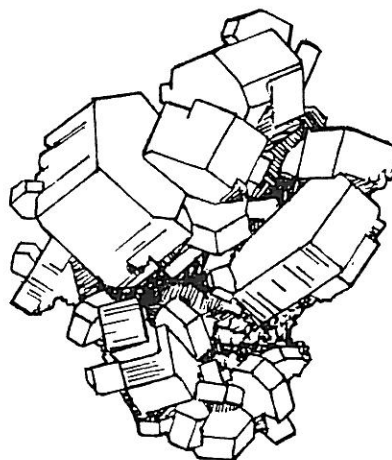
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