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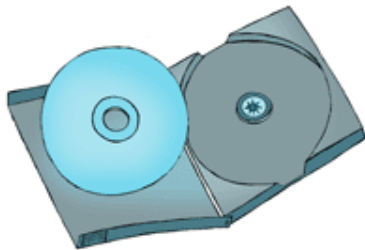
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## Program Competition

By Nancy Hicks

How many of you will have programs in the mail by the March 15th deadline for the RMFMS Competition? Clubs are beginning to request DVDs, so if you put your program on a video it can be put on a DVD also. Or send your program however you have it done, polished, and ready for others to view it. Clubs used 102 programs this year: 20 slide programs, 75 videos, 2 CDs and 5 DVDs. So new programs are needed and will be viewed by clubs.



This year's programs from AFMS competition programs should be ready for viewing shortly. There were some delays along the way.

Send your new programs to **Nancy Hicks** (address on page 8) for the RMFMS competitions, and they will be sent to AFMS.



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## DEADLINE

Deadline for submissions to the bulletin are due the first day of the month prior to the publication date, i.e., the deadline for February is January 1.

## President's Message

By Richard Jaeger

**Wayne Mouser** is our new RMFMS Chairman for the All-American Club Contest, a position that has been vacant for some time. **Wayne** will have information in our new 2007 RMFMS Directory and, I believe, in this or the next issue of the Rocky Mountain Federation News on how to enter this contest. I encourage clubs to start recording your 2007 efforts now so that you will be able to submit an entry next January.

Another area, which has really picked up thanks to **Howie Whiting** is the AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year Award recognition (see his message on pg. 1 of the January 2007 issue). I want to recognize **Betty Cain** of the Colorado Springs club. They found that there is no one in the federation that had a certificate for this award so they created one that was presented to their 2006 recipient **Drew Malin** at their Officer Installation Dinner on January 18. They are also giving a Certificate for Club Rockhound of the Year (2007) to **Linda Laverly** in January.

**Linda** and I went to the Armed Forces Bowl Game in Fort Worth between Tulsa and Utah and took a day to visit Dinosaur Valley State Park at Glen Rose. There are tracks of three different dinosaurs preserved there in the bed of the Paluxy River. The best sets of tracks were removed in 1940 and are now in the Natural History Museum in New York and also some in a museum in Austin. Still, it is amazing to see the remaining tracks and the small, interesting museum at the park Visitors Center. The old town of Glen Rose is interesting too with several buildings being composed primarily of petrified wood (or fossil wood if **Jordan Sawdo** sees this). We have opportunities to see dinosaur tracks in the RMFMS states too. There are dinosaur tracks in the Black Mesa area of the Oklahoma Panhandle. I have seen as many as five sets of tracks totaling probably a hundred individual footprints exposed at one time; they are easily of better quality than the ones at Glen Rose. However, the last twenty years or so all but one of these sets of tracks have been covered with mud and silt. At Clayton Lake State Park in Northeastern New Mexico there are approximately 500 tracks exposed. I know that Colorado, Utah, and Arizona also have tracks to be seen. Anyway, check out dinosaur tracks in your area if you haven't done so.

## STAMPS FOR AFMS ENDOWMENT FUND

The Rocky Mountain Federation does have a cancelled stamp program.

As Chairman the past few months, I'll admit that I haven't had much luck as to raising money from these stamps. Many of you have given me these stamps and I'd like to say THANKS for your help.

I have used a lot of them and made bookmarks featuring these stamps. Now, here is my suggestion for raising some money for the Endowment Fund. I'm offering these bookmarks at 50 cents each or three for one dollar. I'm hoping that each club will order some from me for your own use by the members. For \$20, I will send you 60 bookmarks - not a bad deal, is it?

In the meantime, continue to send me the stamps, please.

Thanks, **Carol Syska**, 17 Wildy Drive, Roswell, NM 88203, [csyska@dfn.com](mailto:csyska@dfn.com).



## QUICK TIPS for EDITORS

By Linda Jaeger  
RMFMS Club Publications Chair

If you have a question (or suggestion) about editing or writing or the bulletin contest or something related, send it to me by email: **LjgrAlg@aol.com** or at home address: 3515 E. 88<sup>th</sup> St., Tulsa OK 74137. If I cannot find an answer to your question, we'll publish the question and ask the readers for their answers.

**Just a reminder: Bulletin Contest entries are due to me by January 15, 2007.**

**Hey, McGee! Where's your report?!!**

Sometimes it's enough to make you crazy! How can you get those field trip reports and program reports from your officers? How many times have you added to a report, "details will be given at the next meeting," because the report was incomplete and you couldn't reach the person who had the details?

I won't make any ironclad guarantees, but here are some ideas that might help.

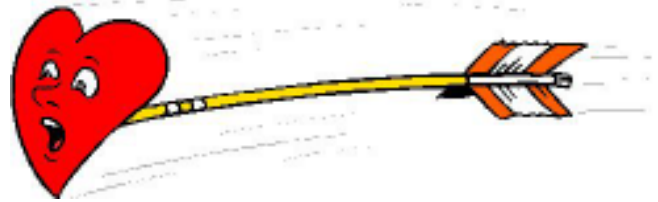
**Create a form** for the field trip report and another one for the program report. Give a supply of forms to the person who needs to make the report. If you plan far enough ahead, you might include a "due back to the editor" date on each form. This way they only need to fill in the blanks for you, and it's very easy for members to read it if you publish the report in this same form. If you are very computer/internet savvy, you may be able to create a form that can be emailed, filled out on the computer, and emailed back to you.

*What information is needed for a field trip?* Be sure to include the material being hunted, equipment needed, food-water requirements, the date of the trip, the meeting place and time, approximate travel time from the clubhouse or center of town, and a contact person with telephone number and/or email for questions. Leave a space at the bottom of your form for "other" to cover anything else. You might also want to include a map and directions for trips that are "off the beaten path," which should be provided by the trip leader.

*What information is needed for a program announcement?* Again, the date, time, and meeting place are must haves. The name of the speaker or program along with a catchy title will help create interest. Finally, a short summary of what will be covered should be included.

**Give a reminder** a week before the report is due to you. You can do this by phone or by email. (Our RMFMS Editor, Sandy Riekeman, sends us all an email reminder – many times I haven't realized it was the end of the month until I read Sandy's reminder!) If you print a calendar of events in your newsletter, you can add the date for reports due to the editor (in bold or italics to make it stand out).

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## Vice-President's Message

By Stan Nowak

Springtime will be on us soon, and the beginning of rock swap circulation. Be sure to check the RMFMS website for the calendar of events happening throughout your area. If your club is having an event, be sure to get it published. Who knows who may show up? At the Pond Creek revival we had last year, we had rockhounds from Illinois that had been passing through the area. The Enid Gem & Mineral Society will be hosting the Pond Creek Swap the 13th and 14th of April this year due to the high positive response that we received from the Pond Creek community. Numerous activities are scheduled throughout Oklahoma and Kansas.

The Oklahoma State Council is still tentatively sponsoring a Judges' and Exhibitors' Seminar at the University of Oklahoma on the 31st of March. We are in the planning stages, as we want to continue this excellent program both for judges and exhibitors. This program has helped many new exhibitors as well as experienced ones with the interpretation of rules and guidelines. All are welcome and this is a free seminar (you can't beat the price). For more details contact me, Stan Nowak, at 580-7472046 or [snowak48@yahoo.com](mailto:snowak48@yahoo.com).

Also many of the schools in your areas will be studying earth sciences this spring, invite the teachers to your meetings or contact the school to see if you can assist them with their classes.

## AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year

As the saying goes, "Behind every great man there's a woman." In the Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society that woman is **Linda Laverly**, our Vice President.

We are very blessed to have Linda carry the heavy burden of obtaining speakers ensuring we have presentations at the meeting, conducting Board Meeting, filling in for the President, and being our advocate in all matters presented to the CSMS President and Board.

**Linda** takes her duties as VP seriously and performs them in a professional manner with a great deal of dedication, organization and finesse. While maintaining a successful professional career, she still finds time to efficiently serve as our Vice President. If she said it, she meant it- a woman of her word.

Thank you **Linda**, for serving so faithfully, keeping Drew (our President) focused, replacing bingo at the Holiday meeting and for agreeing to continue doing the job in 2007. You are greatly appreciated.

Submitted by;

**Bill Cain**, Co-Editor

Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society  
Pick & Pack

## All American Club Awards

*By Wayne Mouser*

I have accepted the "All American Club Awards" RMFMS job. Since the closing date for this contest is April 15 of each year for the AMFMS, I will want those who enter this contest to do it for the year 2007. The deadline for the 2007 AACA contest is February 1, 2008.

Scoring and Awards:

Gold All-American Club Award: 90-100 points (average of three)

Silver All-American Club Award: 80-89 points (average of three)

Bronze All-American Club Award: 70-79 points (average of three)

Honorable Mention: Less than 70 points (average of three)

Each entry is to be submitted as a single document, limited to a maximum of 100 pages (one or two-sided), including text and graphics. A loose-leaf notebook is a

suitable binder. The document should have six (6) sections, divided with the numbers 1-6, with the entry form in section 1 and the supporting documentation for each of the entry sections following the appropriate divider. There is no restriction on the number of pages in any one section, PROVIDED THE TOTAL OF ALL SECTIONS DOES NOT EXCEED 100 PAGES. All requested material is for the year 2007.

The entry form for 2006 (which can be used as a guideline for 2007) can be found on the AMFMS webpage at [www.amfed.org](http://www.amfed.org) Following is the information that is requested on that entry form.

### SECTION 1 - CLUB INFORMATION (NO POINTS AWARDED)

Club Name & Address, Date organized, Federation affiliation, Number of members: Adults, Honorary/Life, Juniors [Don't combine Honorary/Life with total adults.] and Meeting Place: (Include city, state]

Person filling out form: Name, Address, City, State, Zip, Phone, and E-mail.

Mission or purpose of the club.

### SECTION 2 - SERVICE TO MEMBERS OR GUESTS (30 POINTS POSSIBLE)

General Meetings: Number of meetings, Average attendance, Guests, Door Prizes Yes or No. Programs: \*Include a separate list of programs for the year, including topic, speaker, etc. Board Meetings: Number of meetings, Average attendance, and Guests.

Officers: \*Include a separate list of officers, directors, and committee chairmen.

Junior Meetings: Number of meetings, Average attendance, Guests and Adult leader(s).

Special Group Meetings (Established groups): Number attending each - Cabbing, Faceting, Metal-working, Beading, Mineral study, Fossil study, Intarsia, Jewelry making, and Other [Indicate type.]

Social Events: Number attending each - Picnic, Banquet, Holiday dinner, and Other (Describe)

Show: Yes or No, and Date(s) Dealers: Yes or No, How many, Members attending #,

Members working #, Demonstrators: Yes or No, How many, Displays: Yes or No, How many.

Special Features: Club library: Yes or No, Number of books.

Field Trips: Yes or No, No. of trips in field, Other, Other clubs invited? Yes or No, Non-members allowed? Yes or No

Workshop: Yes or No, Website: Yes or No, URL.

\*Include a separate list of workshops.

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Traveling club display (For other club shows, youth groups, schools, etc.): Yes or No.

### SECTION 3 - PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLICITY (15 POINTS POSSIBLE)

Bulletin: Yes or No, Bulletin name, Editor's name.  
Meeting notices posted in public places: Yes or No, Where?  
Meeting notices published in local media: Yes or No, Where?  
Show fliers posted in public places: Yes or No, Where?  
Show information published in local media: Yes or No, Where?  
Free or paid ads on TV or radio: Meeting notices: Yes or No, Show information: Yes or No  
Copies of supporting material to include in report: 1) fliers; 2) media articles about the club activities; 3) show ads; 4) show or meeting notices from newspapers; 5) articles copied from club newsletter; 6) other.

### SECTION 4 - SUPPORT FOR REGIONAL FEDERATIONS, AFMS AND OTHER CLUBS (20 POINTS POSSIBLE)

Members served as Federation Officers, Committee Chairs or committee members:  
Regional federation: Yes or No (\*Include a separate list of members serving.)  
AFMS: Yes or No (\*Include a separate list of members serving.)  
Members attended a Federation convention or show:  
Regional Federation: Yes or No, #, AFMS: Yes or No, #.  
Members supported Federation scholarships or endowment funds:  
Regional: Scholarship fund: Yes or No, Endowment fund: Yes or No, AFMS: Scholarship fund: Yes or No, Endowment fund: Yes or No.  
Members gave programs for other clubs: Yes or No, \*Include a separate list of programs.  
Members attended other club shows, swaps, etc.: Yes or No  
Members held joint field trips with other clubs: Yes or No  
Members displayed/demonstrated at other club shows: Yes or No  
Club exchanged bulletins with other clubs: Yes or No \*Include a separate list.  
Supporting material should include lists of all the above persons, positions, etc, and could include pictures, copies of certificates, reports printed in club newsletter, thank-you notes, etc.

### SECTION 5 - COMMUNITY RELATIONS (15 POINTS POSSIBLE)

Members gave talks or demonstrations at local schools: Yes or No, \*Include a separate list of those given.  
Members gave talks or demonstrations to local groups: Yes or No, \*Include a separate list of those given.  
Members maintained displays at local public sites: Yes or No, \*Include a separate list of sites.  
Members maintained a booth, or an activity, at a local event: Yes or No, \*Include a separate list of events.  
Members donated materials to school, nursing home, etc.: Yes or No  
Members active in local affairs: Yes or No  
Supporting material for the above should provide details for these items, and could include pictures, thank you cards, letters and certificates of appreciation, reports from club newsletter, etc.

### SECTION 6 - GOVERNMENT AGENCY AND LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS (10 POINTS POSSIBLE)

Members served on governmental agency committees: Yes or No, \*Include a separate list of those who served.  
Members provided comments on governmental agency proposals, etc: Yes or No, \*Include a separate list of proposals and participants.  
Members contacted congressional representatives regarding legislation affecting access to sites, and collecting from same: Yes or No, \*Include a separate list of representatives contacted and legislation.  
Club or members supported access/collecting lobbying organizations: Yes or No, \*Include a separate list of organization(s).  
Supporting materials should include details for all of the above items, reports from club newsletter, and should include copies of correspondence.

### SECTION 7 - OVERALL FORMAT AND PRESENTATION - (10 POINTS POSSIBLE)

This section evaluates the entry on neatness, organization, grammar, spelling, and overall presentation of material.

## **I Need to Contact You!!**

*By Sandy Riekeman*

Is your contact information on page 8 of this bulletin correct? E-mails that I recently sent to several of you bounced. I have received corrected e-mails for most of you, but still need correct e-mails for **B J Bowman** and **Sandy Cannedy**. If your information is incorrect please contact **Sandy Riekeman** at [wgms2001@yahoo.com](mailto:wgms2001@yahoo.com) or **Richard Jaeger** at [RjgrSci@aol.com](mailto:RjgrSci@aol.com) with your correct information.

# SHOWS & MORE

## REGIONAL FEDERATION SHOWS & CONVENTIONS

RMFMS  
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### Rocky Mountain Federation Annual Convention & Show

Hosts: Chaparral Rockhounds  
Roswell New Mexico  
June 7 - 10, 2007

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AFMS

### California Federation Annual Convention & Show

Hosts: Palmdale Gem & Mineral Society  
Lancaster California  
June 15 - 17, 2007

### Northwest Federation Annual Convention & Show

Hosts: Butte Mineral & Gem Club  
Butte Montana  
August 3 - 5, 2007

### Midwest Federation Annual Convention & Show

Hosts: Copper County Club  
Houghton Michigan  
August 11 - 12, 2007

### Eastern Federation Convention & Show

Hosts: Wayne County Gem & Mineral Society  
Newark New York  
October 6 - 7, 2007

### South Central Federation Convention & Show

Hosts:  
Arlington Texas  
TBA

### Southeast Federation Convention & Show

Hosts:  
TBA

## CLUB & SOCIETY SHOWS/SWAPS

### January 26 – February 6, 2007, Tucson, AZ

Tucson Gem and Jewelry Show, Tucson Expo Center, for more information <http://www.jogsshow.com/>

### February 8-11, 2007 Tucson, AZ

Tucson Gem and Mineral Society, Inc. presents "Australia-Minerals from Down Under". Tucson Convention Center, 260 S Church Ave. for more information [tgms@tgms.org](http://tgms@tgms.org), [www.tgms.org](http://www.tgms.org)

### March 16 - 18, 2007, Albuquerque, NM

Treasurer's of the Earth (TotE) 2007, ABQ Gem & Mineral Club's 38th annual show. School Arts/Flower bldg. at the Fairgrounds. Enter from San Pedro about two blocks north of Central. This year's theme mineral is Turquoise. Rocks, minerals, gems, jewelry, equipment, books, door prizes, vote on display cases, silent auctions, wolf, raffles, NM Bur. of Geology and Mineral Resources, and more. Admission \$3.00 (Friday is Buck Day!) children under 13 are free. State Fair parking \$5.00. Contact info - Show Chairman Paul Hlava 505-255-5478. [www.agmc.info](http://www.agmc.info)

### March 23 – 25, 2007, Fort Collins, CO

46th Annual Gem & Mineral Show, Sponsored by Fort Collins Rockhounds, Inc.(club) March 23: 4-8 pm, March 24: 9 am-6 pm, March 25: 10 am-5pm Located at Lincoln Center, 419 W. Magnolia St. Featuring geodes and copper minerals. We have exhibits, door prizes, grab bags, demonstrations, and gem and mineral dealers. Contacts: Show chairman: 970/493-6168. Dealer information: 970-221-0338, Email: [fcrockhounds@yahoo.com](mailto:fcrockhounds@yahoo.com) Dave Halliburton, Show Chairman, Fort Collins Rockhounds, PO Box 482, Fort Collins, Colorado 80522

### March 23 – 25, 2007, Ada, OK

The Ada Gem, Mineral & Fossil Club Annual swap, show and sale. The show will be held at the Pontotoc Co. Agri-Plex, Main building 1at the N.E. corner of State Hwy 99 (U.S. 377) and the Richardson Bypass (SHwy 1 & 3E). Free Admission, Contact info: Ed Vermillion, 405-527-6431 or email [okieed42@classicnet.net](mailto:okieed42@classicnet.net). Silent auctions of materials donated by dealers and club members will be held hourly with special kids event of fossil dig.

### April 20 – 22, 2007, Wichita, KS

Meteorites & Dazzling Treasures, 54<sup>th</sup> annual show, Wichita Gem and Mineral Society, Dealers and Demonstrations. Contact info: Show Chairman Gene Maggard, 316-742-3746 [gandpmaggard@wildblue.net](mailto:gandpmaggard@wildblue.net) or [www.geocities.com/wgms2001](http://www.geocities.com/wgms2001) [wgms2001@yahoo.com](mailto:wgms2001@yahoo.com)

### May 4 – 6, 2007, McPherson, KS

Rock Hounds 15<sup>th</sup> Annual McPherson Gem & Mineral Club Rock Sale & Swap. Located at the 4H Fairgrounds, Woodside and Hickory. Contact: Marvin Lundquist, 620-241-7003 [swederocker@mpks.net](mailto:swederocker@mpks.net) or Jim Nutter 620-241-2433.

### May 5, 2007, Lakewood, CO

Colorado Mineral Society Auction, Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church, 920 Kipling St. For more information: Bruce Geller is the Auction contact @ 303-237-294, Leslie Osgood is the person who takes care of Buyer/Seller numbers/letters 303-986-4488. [www.coloradomineralsociety.org](http://www.coloradomineralsociety.org)

REMEMBER - to insure that your RMFMS member club sponsored event is listed here, the responsible person should send a written notice to the RMFMS Editor: Sandy Riekeman, 220 W Harry St, Wichita KS 67213-5135 or e-mail at: [wgms2001@yahoo.com](mailto:wgms2001@yahoo.com). Include the following information: Show dates and times, Sponsor (Club), Show Location, Contact Name, phone number and e-mail, and Club Web Site. You may include other information about your show if you wish, but this information will only be printed if space permits. ALL RMFMS CLUBS ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED TO REGISTER THEIR EVENT LISTINGS ON THE RMFMS WEBSITE AT: <[www.rmfmts.org](http://www.rmfmts.org)> e-mail your submissions to the webmaster.

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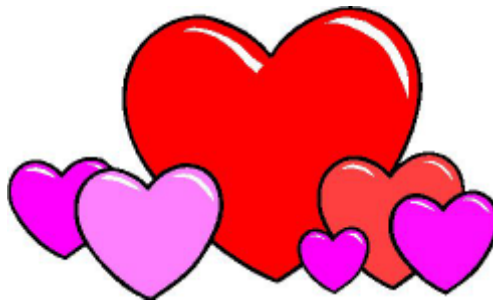
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