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Insurance At Last !!!

Arlene Burkhalter, Insurance Chair

As many of you know, we lost our liability insurance last February 1st. Neither Fireman's Fund or Brown and Brown bothered to notify us in writing, telephone, or email that our insurance contract would not be renewed. We found out when I contacted a new agency here in Oklahoma City that we would like to get an Agency transfer closer to home and they wrote to Fireman's Fund with their Transfer to Oklahoma and were informed then that Fireman's Fund was not renewing.

This new agency started searching for a policy for the Rocky Mountain Federation that would provide the necessary services. They found Hartford Insurance and we thought we were set, but Hartford wanted to insure each club separately and, while the premium was relatively inexpensive, many of the smaller clubs would have had a big

increase in costs. Gene Maggard, our treasurer, started to search in Wichita, Kansas, and found an agent, Jeanie Johnstone, and agency, Signature Select, who was willing to work for us and with us. I have asked Jeanie to write the "RMFMS General Liability Insurance Summary" listed on page 3, in layman's terms telling us what our insurance covers. I think this article will explain the coverage very adequately.

I have blanked out the cost per member (and we will be quoting "per member"), since the Executive Board will have to decide the cost to the clubs which will include a small cost for postage etc by Gene and myself.

Thank you for your patience and we feel for those clubs who had shows earlier and had to find their own insurance. You should have received your club certificate and will be receiving Additional Insured Certificates shortly for those who have already requested them. We will be returning the money for those who have sent requests for additional coverage.

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www.rmfmts.org

Spread the word! RMFMS Member Club newsletters can be published on the RMFMS Website. You can find them at:

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RMFMS Treasurer Report May 2009

Gene Maggard, Treasurer 2008-09

First, nearly everyone by now has probably heard about our liability insurance problems which have had a happy ending. There should be another article in this newsletter giving some details. (see pages 1 & 3)

All clubs that are going to report have now reported, and here is a little bit of club and membership information. We had 72 clubs report in 2008-09, with a total paid membership of 7,854. I also decided to start tracking unpaid memberships (Life, Honorary, etc.) and we had 244 of those giving a grand total of 8,098 total members.

This compares to 7,176 paid memberships last year, so we gained a lot of new members. Unfortunately, we also lost three clubs. Both Santa Fe and Custer City report that they are now inactive and did not send in a report. Florence is still active but decided to drop out of RMFMS membership. On a happier note we gained one new club, the North Central Kansas Rock and Gem Club, located in Greenleaf, Kansas. We are very happy to have this new club as a member of RMFMS.

Now that the reports and dues are all in, and our insurance crisis seems to be past, your treasurer is now a lot happier and looking forward to finding a few good rocks this summer, and catching many bass and trout. I hope to see some of you in the field, on the stream, or at a show. Have a great summer and see you October 2-4 at Roswell at our convention. Don't let the aliens get you.



RMFMS General Liability Insurance Summary

Philadelphia Insurance Companies effective 3/25/2009-3/25/2010

This insurance policy is a Commercial General Liability policy and includes Professional Liability. The RMFMS is the first named insured. All member clubs purchasing this optional insurance, and their individual members with respect to their duties as members, are also named insureds. An additional insured will be added to any club's certificate when requested. There will be no charge for certain types of additional insureds such as for Managers, Landlords or Lessors of Premises as respects that part of the premises leased or rented to you as long as you or someone on your behalf are not conducting structural alterations, new construction or demolition operations.

Coverage amounts:

- Each Occurrence Limit \$1,000,000
- Personal and Advertising Injury Limit \$1,000,000
- Aggregate Limit \$2,000,000
- Products/Completed Operations Limit \$2,000,000
- Professional Liability Each Occurrence Limit \$1,000,000
- Professional Liability Aggregate Limit \$2,000,000
- Rented to You Limit \$1,000,000
- Medical Payments \$20,000

The insurance pays sums that RMFMS, RMFMS Officers, individual members when conducting official RMFMS business, and member clubs who have elected to take this optional insurance and their individual members when conducting official club business, are legally obligated to pay as damages because of bodily injury or property damage to which the insurance applies including the right and duty to defend against any suit seeking those damages as long as the occurrence takes place in the coverage territory (USA including territories and possessions, Puerto Rico and Canada and occurs during the policy period). There are certain exclusions in the policy and each club should review those exclusions and understand the impact on their particular operations.

For example, Bodily Injury to any insured is not covered. This is not an accident policy. It is designed to protect member organizations and individual members from alleged harm to third parties. Use of any automobiles, airplanes or boats (except non-owned watercraft less than 58 feet long) in club activities is not covered. There is an abuse or molestation exclusion that means the insurance does not apply to bodily injury or property damage or personal and advertising injury arising out of actual or threatened abuse.

Certain types of events are automatically covered. However, the insurance company will need to be notified of the following exceptions to determine if coverage can be provided or if an additional charge should apply:

- Parades sponsored by the Insured
- Aircraft
- Motorcycle runs and automobile rallies
- Fireworks – exhibitors operated by the Insured.
- Firearms
- Animals – other than house pets
- Carnivals and fairs with mechanical rides sponsored by the Insured
- Rock, Hip-Hop or Rap concerts – with admission over 500 people
- Events including contact sports
- Rodeos sponsored by the Insured
- Political Rallies
- Any event lasting more than 5 days (including otherwise acceptable events)
- Any event with greater than 500 people at any one time
- Any event with liquor provided by the Insured if a license is required for such activity.
- Any activities by third party telemarketing, direct mail, or internet advertising firms

Premium for 2009-10 - General Club and individual member coverage - per member
Additional insured certificates are no charge. Waiver of Subrogation - \$150

October 2009 RMFMS

Show Information

Hosted by the Chaparral Rockhounds
Roswell, NM ; October 2nd, 3rd, and 4th,
2009

Submitted by Howie Whiting, Show Chairman

(See page 5 for Advanced Registration Form)
(See RMFMS website for more info)

RMFMS Convention and Show Host Hotel

Sally Port Inn, 2000 N. Main St., Roswell,
NM 88201. Phone (575) 622-6430, Fax
(575) 623-7631

2 Queen-size Beds \$84.00. (Includes Tax,
Lodgers Tax and Breakfast from the Menu)

When making reservations,
request the RMFMS Convention rate.

RMFMS Convention and Show Breakfast Buffet

Saturday 3 October 2009

Host Motel---Sally Port Inn

Time---08:30 AM

Sliced Fresh Fruit
Assortment of Breakfast Pastries
Cold Cereals with Milk
Hash Browns or Home Fries
French Toast with Syrup
Scrambled Eggs
Ham, Bacon and Sausage
Chilled Juice
Coffee or Tea

\$13.50

RMFMS Convention and Show Banquet Buffet Two Entrees

Saturday 3 October 2009
Host Motel---Sally Port Inn
Social Hour--- 6:00 PM
No Host Bar
Banquet--- 7:00 PM

Roasted Baron of Beef
Baked Chicken with Herbs
Mixed Greens with Choice of Dressing
Pasta Salad
Baked Potato
Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
Fresh Green Beans Almandine

\$23.50



RV Parks

Town & Country RV Park
331 W. Brasher Rd., Roswell, NM 88203
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**There is no overnight parking at the
Civic Center.**

RMFMS Convention & Show
Roswell, NM ; October 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, 2009

Hosted by Chaparral Rockhounds
 Roswell Civic Center, Roswell NM

ADVANCE REGISTRATION FORM
(Please print or type)

NAME(S) _____ Phone _____

ADDRESS _____

NAME OF CLUB/SOCIETY _____

Check all that apply

FEDERATION: AFMS ___ RMFMS ___ SCFMS ___ CFM ___ MWF ___ EFMS ___ NFMS ___ SFMS ___

OFFICE: Officer _____ Chairman _____ Delegate _____ Alternate _____

Editor _____ Exhibitor _____ Judge _____ Clerk _____

Other _____

ADMISSION FEES: (Children under 12 admitted free)

One Day \$ 4.00 Tax included # _____ Total \$ _____

Two Day \$ 6.00 Tax Included # _____ Total \$ _____

BREAKFAST with the EDITORS Buffet \$ 13.50 Tax Included # _____ Total \$ _____

FEDERATION BANQUET BUFFET

Two Entrees \$ 23.50 Tax Included # _____ Total \$ _____

Roasted Baron of Beef _____

Baked Chicken with Herbs _____

Please Check Your Choice _____

Total amount Due: \$ _____

Headquarters Hotel is the Best Western Sally Port Inn & Suites

See the Hotel / Motel sheet for more Information.

Deadline for advanced registration will be Sept. 26th 2009

Make all checks payable to Chaparral Rockhounds Show

Return To:

Chaparral Rockhounds

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2300 South Union Ave.

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Please make copies as necessary

Shows & More

To have your RMFMS member club sponsored event listed here, email editor Deanna Smith, at amd9090@msn.com. Include the following info: Show dates and times, Sponsor (Club), Show Location, Contact Name, phone number, email, and Club Web Site. You may include other info about your show if you wish, but this info 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, Email your submissions to the Webmaster.

May 1-3, 2009 McPherson, Kansas

McPherson Gem & Mineral Club - Rock Sale & Swap Located at 4-H Fairgrounds. Free admission. Hours: Fri/Sat 9-5 & Sun 10:30-3. Hourly door prizes, concession stand, displays & collections, kids' spin-n-win. Info: Jim Nutter (620) 241-2433

May 16th & 17th, 2009 Cheyenne, WY

Sat. 9:00 to 6:00 and Sun. 10:00 to 4:00. Cheyenne Mineral & Gem Society. At American Legion Post 6, 2001 E. Lincoln Way. Show chairperson Donna Durako 307-634-4229; bluebarite1@bresnan.net

May 23 and 24, 2009 Show Low, AZ.

13th Annual White Mountain Gem & Mineral Show Show Low Intermediate School, 500 W. Old Linden Rd. Sat. 9AM to 6PM & Sun. 9AM to 5PM. Admission \$2 16 & under free. Contact Pete Scholten at (928) 537-1874 or petenljs@citlink.net

May 25-29, 2009 California – field trip for Davis Creek/Lassen Creek obsidian - see Feb. newsletter

June 27 and 28, 2009 Rapid City, SD

Western Dakota Gem & Mineral Society 29th annual show. Rushmore Plaza Civic Center, Rapid City, SD. Admission \$3.00 adults, children under 12 free. Free parking. Demos, exhibits, dealers with rocks, minerals, gems, fossils, jewelry, equipment, silent auction, children's area, fluorescent display. Field trip June 29. Info: Don Rathert, (605) 348-8948; drathert@rap.midco.net

July 3-5, 2009, Farmington, NM

23rd annual San Juan Gem & Mineral Show Arlington St. Civic Center. 10am til 6pm Free admission. Show chairperson: Mickie Calvert, POBox 1482, Farmington, NM 87499 mickie2@earthlink.net

July, 2009 – Wyoming

Field Trip – see April newsletter for more info.

July 31st–August 1st & 2nd – Prescott, Arizona

Prescott Gem & Mineral Club Annual Show and Sale <http://www.prescottgemmineral.org/shows.htm> Friday July 31 and Saturday August 1 - 9AM to 5PM Sunday August 2 - 9AM to 4PM Admission \$2.00, Children under 12 free w/adult Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Field House 3900 Willow Creek Rd, Prescott, AZ. Show Chairman: Pam Jackson lpjack65@gmail.com Jewelry, Rough Rock, Slabs, Lapidary Equipment, Minerals, Fossils, Beads and Beading Supplies. Free Raffle Ticket with paid admission

August 21st and 22nd, Tahlequah, OK

Tahlequah Rock & Mineral Society's 2009 Rock & Mineral Show, Swap and Sale at the Tahlequah Community Cldg. 300 W. 1st St. Hours: Friday 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. and Saturday 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Auction at 7:00 P.M. on Friday. Admission Free. Special Exhibits, educational displays and children's activities. For more info, contact Janice Walkingstick at (918) 457-5001 or Sara Brasel at (918) 458-0801.

August 29-Sept. 7, 2009 – Apache Creek, NM

Field Trip –see April newsletter for more info.

October, 2009 – RMFMS Convention

The Chaparral Rockhounds will host the RMFMS Convention at its annual show “Roswell Rock Rendevous”. More info will be coming later.

Oct. 10th & 11th, 2009---Sierra Vista, Arizona;

35th Annual Huachuca Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show at the Elks Lodge on Wilcox Avenue; Free admission and parking; live demos, educational displays, rocks, jewelry, gems, minerals, fossils, equipment, lapidary supplies & more! Proceeds benefit the club's scholarship fund. Contact Ingrid at 520-459-3718

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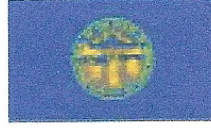
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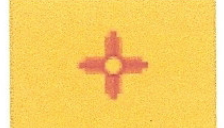
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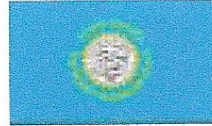
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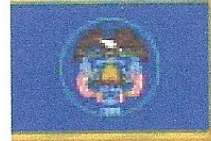
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