



Bringing In the New Year Helping Recreational Rockhounding Prosper

With our years in experience as rock and gem clubs, and businesses, we know the fundamentals of how to make things run really well, while enjoying what we do in our companionship with others... working together absolutely works!

Many of you know the value of becoming involved within your communities. What still isn't getting enough attention is working together on creating a positive future for enjoying collecting on public lands, for yourselves and future generations of rockhounds. Some of you are taking the steps and it's working. Land management is getting to know you and they recognize and appreciate you as good people, people they can work with.

Other clubs haven't begun to try, yet. With all the collecting areas there are across America, we really need to be more involved. These sites are part of our rockhounding heritage by the discoveries shared with all of us from generations of rockhounds.

Here's a few tips on what you can do to help the future of our hobby prosper.

1. If your club hasn't introduced itself to the public lands field officer in the areas you collect, it's time to get acquainted. Right now, Zoom style public meetings seem to be the norm due to the pandemic. Subscribe to their newsletter for email announcements of meetings, new planning and alerts.
2. Offer public land management a program out in the field for the public, and invite them to come along. This can be a great way to teach people how to respect the land while having a recreational and educational time. You'll be demonstrating the stature and public image of rockhounds who belong to the AFMS.
3. Offer to make a display of the local rocks, minerals, gems or fossils, if collecting is allowed, for the field office or ranger station. If they already have one, check and see if they have everything you know is out in the field that would be an asset to their display. Perhaps they could use a polished rock next to the rough ones to show earth's beauty.
4. People have gotten out of fashion of writing thank you notes. Rockhounds are known for their hospitality. Have your club write a thank you note to the field office or ranger station to tell them how much you all enjoyed your day there. Polish a rock from there and give it to them.
5. Present a copy of the AFMS Code of Ethics to the field office or ranger station if you haven't don't so already.
6. Invite a public land field officer or ranger to one of your club meeting programs.
7. Communicate with the public land field office if you notice a problem in the field. If the problem is something you or your club can help with, offer to help.
8. Communicate with ALAA. Let us know if you have a question, and if you are aware of a new planning project concerning your collecting areas.

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Being Champions for Recreational Rockhounding

Due to impacts of the pandemic, these past many months have been challenging times on everyone. All the sudden changes affecting so many aspects of normal life under the circumstances of, "on-again off-again," have been disruptive personally for our rock and gem club, and business members.

All of us as the officers, directors and representatives of ALAA, are members of rock and gem clubs and have been for years, some of us also have businesses. Some of us are past presidents of the AFMS and of our Federations. We love what we do, and we want you to know we are thinking of all of you. ALAA's dedication of working with you to help keep collecting sites open hasn't wavered, despite the pandemic.

There is a huge growth in new people discovering the great American outdoors and realizing they can find beautiful rock and gem material on public land due in part to the reality shows about gold panning and rock and gem collecting. With that new rise in interest, most of these people are not members of AFMS affiliated clubs. They don't even know you as clubs exist. Some of the collecting areas are getting damaged because new people don't know what they are doing or just don't care. This is causing a lot of concern not only to us, but to BLM.

Be a champion for recreational rockhounding. This is an opportune time to make yourselves known as clubs. It's an opportune time to be more of the champions who you already are by teaching the public and new members about how to enjoy public lands without damaging them. Be the champions for recreational rockhounding and make yourselves known as AFMS affiliated members to the public land officials where you collect. You all have earned the esteem you live by, the AFMS Code of Ethics. This code of ethics sets you apart from other clubs and individuals who don't have an affiliation to the AFMS. Your reputation as AFMS affiliated clubs precedes you because of this, we know that, but many if not most officials, still are not familiar with the AFMS Code of Ethics which when presented, can show you are good stewards of public lands.

It is amazing how a frame of mind will either hold you back or boost you forward. It's all up to you. Wherever your travels take you, help contribute to the image of Rockhounds everywhere. Be a champion for Recreational Rockhounding. Discover and find ways to work in partnerships to help achieve our mission together of conserving public lands, for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations of Recreational Rockhounding, and for keeping the future of rockhounding really fun. Wishing you all Happy Holidays, and a much happier, Happy New Year.

Happy New Year Recreational Rockhounds!

Officers and Directors for 2022

- **President..... Doug True**
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Directors

- **1. Marion Roberts** **4. Ken Zahn** **7.**
- **2. David Wayment** **5. Lenora Smith** **8.**
- **3 David Williams** **6. Jim Grey**

- Due to the continued effect of the SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) on all of the country, the Officers and Directors listed above have agreed to continue in their positions for 2022.
- If you would like to fill one of the open positions please contact Jennifer Haley before January 15, 2022.
- She may be reached at jennifer.haley@amlands.org

Some News From Nevada BLM New Nevada State Director - Jon Ruby

STATE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

The following themes represent the Bureau of Land Management's national Leadership Priorities that will guide our efforts to invest resources in the best way possible to accomplish our mission:

BLM VISION:

To enhance the quality of life for all citizens through the balanced stewardship of America's public lands and resources.

BLM MISSION:

To sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.

BLM VALUES:

To serve with honesty, integrity, accountability, respect, courage, and commitment to make a difference.

BLM GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

To improve the health and productivity of the land to support the BLM's multiple-use mission; to cultivate community-based conservation, citizen-centered stewardship, and partnership through consultation, cooperation, and communication; to respect, value, and support our employees, giving them resources and opportunities to succeed; to pursue excellence in business practices, improve accountability to our stakeholders, and deliver better services to our customers.

To Read more about Nevada State Director Priorities Visit:

<https://www.blm.gov/sites/blm.gov/files/State-Director%27s-Priorities-2021.pdf>

Fieldtrip Journal for Public Lands (Blank Forms are on Page 4 & 5)

This is the simple Journal to document your Fieldtrip Activities and record the access routes needed to get to and from collecting sites. This data will be useful when asked to submit comments to Public Land Managers during the Public Comment Period on potential Public Land Access Closures proposals.

Your information could save your collecting sites from route closures and access restrictions.....

**ALAA – DATA BASE OF COLLECTING SITES
BY STATES
PRIVATE COLLECTING SITES**

NAME OF SOCIETY/CLUB: _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____
Zip _____

Field Trip Leader:

Name: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____

Collected Material: _____

Name of Company, Ranch or Owner: _____

General Manager: _____

Contact Person: _____

Liability Insurance Requirement: Yes: _____ No: _____

Location (Address): _____

GPS: _____

Distance from your Club: _____

Frequency of leading trips to this location: _____

Number of attendance: _____

Day trip or Overnight: _____

Closest Town: _____

Groceries, gas, restaurants, motels, hardware stores or other impact on the town:

Other Comments for this site:

Date Filled in Form: _____

Please keep copy for your files, send a copy to fieldtrip@amlands.org

**ALAA – DATA BASE OF COLLECTING SITES
BY STATES
GOVERNMENT COLLECTING SITES**

NAME OF SOCIETY/CLUB: _____

Address _____ City _____
State _____ Zip _____

Field Trip Leader:
Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____
Collected Material: _____

FOREST SERVICE _____ GRASSLANDS _____ BLM _____
Did you contact District Manager? Yes: _____ No: _____ Contact Name:

Did you have to register your group? Yes: _____ No: _____

Routes to the exact collecting site: _____

GPS: _____
Closest Town: _____
Groceries, gas, restaurants, motels, hardware stores or other impact on the town:

Other Comments for this site:

Date Filled in Form: _____

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How the AFMS Rockhounds & ALAA Took the Johnny Horizon Outdoor Pledge Under their Wing



In 1968 the Department of the Interior's, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), created a fictional character to use in advertising for their anti-litter campaign on public lands. The BLM printed cards for Americans to sign in support of the then word of honor, "I pledge to help clean up America for our 200th birthday." Americans saw Johnny Horizon on TV ads and supported by celebrities Carol Burnett, Red Buttons and Burl Ives, and followed up by sending letters to the BLM expressing their support for the project and promising they would participate.

At the 1969 AFMS Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, the BLM awarded Jack R. Cox who was managing editor of Gems & Minerals Magazine, the first Johnny Horizon National Award for anti-litter efforts. Jack and the magazine were acknowledged for their outstanding service for leading the campaign to encourage rockhounds

to become involved in anti-litter efforts on public lands.

Through Jack's efforts and with full support of the AFMS rockhounding community, the chief of the BLM at that time, John Mattoon, recognized how responsible the AFMS rockhounds were and validated their exceptional role in helping to keep public lands clean. At that time the BLM noted the AFMS had 60,000 members nationally.

After 1976 the BLM decided to retire the campaign, but to this day AFMS member societies continue their commitment to carrying on their long-standing tradition of leaving all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.

Since 1992 when ALAA was formed by the AFMS rockhounds, ALAA has been dedicated to the education of others to help keep America's public lands litter free. ALAA organizes an annual clean up in Quartzsite. ALAA annually checks in on the Hauser Geode Bed to schedule clean ups if needed as part of its MOU agreement with BLM. This working relationship with the BLM helps keep this historical collecting area open for the future of recreational rockhounding. All members of ALAA and AFMS rock and gem clubs are encouraged to build positive working relationships with their public lands officials with organizing clean ups.

The BLM's 1968 visitor to the public lands pledge: "I pledge to; Keep the land clean and free of litter, Respect and treat the land as my own, Leave gates and fences as I find them, Obey state game and fish laws, Be careful with fire.

News from California

Latest Information on California BLM Offices

California State Office - Public Room

8:30 am-4:30 pm M-F by appointment only.

Northern California District - Applegate Field Office

Public Room: 7:45 am-4:30 pm M-F

Surprise Field Station: The office is temporarily closed to in-person visits.

Arcata Field Office

Public Room: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm for in-person visits and 7:45 am - 4:30 pm M-F virtual only - via email or phone.

King Range NCA: Walk up window open 7 days from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm for contactless visitor support.

Eagle Lake Field Office

Public Room: 7:45 am - 4:30 pm M-F virtual only - via email or phone. The office is temporarily closed to in-person visits.

Litchfield Corral: Visitation by appointment. Please call 530-254-6575.

Redding Field Office

Public Room: 7:45 am to 4:30 pm Closed for lunch 11:30 to 12:30.

Central California District - Bakersfield Field Office

Public Room: 7:30am-4:15pm M-F virtual only - via email or phone. The office is temporarily closed to in-person visits.

Carrizo Plain National Monument Visitors Center: Closed for in-person visit.

Bishop Field Office

Public Room: 8:30 am-4:30 pm M-F virtual only - via email or phone. The office is temporarily closed to in-person visits.

Central Coast Field Office

Public Room: The office is temporarily closed to in-person visits. 7:30 am-4:00 pm M-F virtual only - via email or phone.

Mother Lode Field Office

Public Room: Virtual Office Hours by EMAIL or PHONE Monday - Fridays 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. Office Lobby Hours by APPOINTMENT ONLY Mondays and Wednesdays 10:00am to 2:00pm.

Cosumnes River Preserve Visitors Center: Open weekends from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Ukiah Field Office

Public Room: 8:30 am-4:30 pm M-F virtual only - via email or phone. The office is temporarily closed to in-person visits.

<https://www.blm.gov/site-page/blm-california-covid-19-updates>

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What one small club has done to make in person meetings possible and exciting

Margie Tomlinson

President - Trails End Gem and Mineral Club

Trails End Gem and Mineral Club in Astoria Oregon has been having a combined meeting each second Monday. A "tail gate" show 'n' tell format and presentation in the Astoria Safeway Parking lot and an on line Face Book sharing and combining the two with an e-mail wrap for those not on FB or present. This has worked well for the longer days of summer. That made October's meeting our last until we can find another indoor space so here's how we made the most of short daylight. We also added back our coffee and cookies and brought folding chairs so we had a great two and a half hours of sharing.

The first part of the meeting was for sharing, asking questions and members projects. Here are three examples:



A close up. Precious opal for a carving project

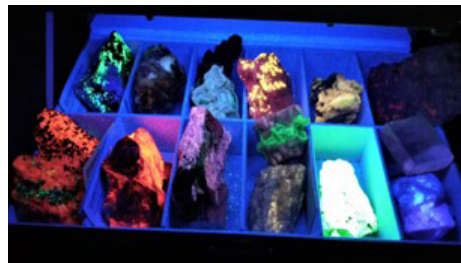


A second carving project from another member in soap stone..



A nice picture in seam agate cut by a member

As the daylight faded we got ready to do a presentation on UV minerals. Everyone brought their different long wave flashlights and I was able to rig a power converter to operate my big dual shortwave - longwave light. Then it was lights, action, and cell phone camera. Here's what you got to see!



Short Wave UV Display box



Long Wave UV Display Box



Display under Dual light



For our finale I got a Phosphorescent to last for five second without ideal conditions. That rock is a special Calcite from Mina Mexico known for Phosphorescence.

These always make people say "Cool"! Hope you liked the review.

Field Trip to Wiley's Well Geode Beds

The Yucaipa Valley Gem and Mineral Society

Marla Reagle - CFMS Director

The Yucaipa Valley Gem and Mineral Society, members of CFMS, California Federation of Mineralogical Societies, hosted a field trip to Wiley's Well Geode beds Saturday November 20, 2021. We had 57 people in attendance.

Good stewardship of the BLM lands was stressed to our group.

Trash bags were distributed to attendees, who picked up broken glass, nails, rusty cans, plastic bottles, a broken awning, and other assorted bits of trash.

All trash was hauled out to be disposed of properly.



The American Lands Access Association and California Federation of Mineralogical Societies and Recreational Rockhounds thank The Yucaipa Valley Gem and Mineral Society for their effort to H.E.L.P in keeping our Public Lands and our collecting areas clean and free from Litter and Trash.



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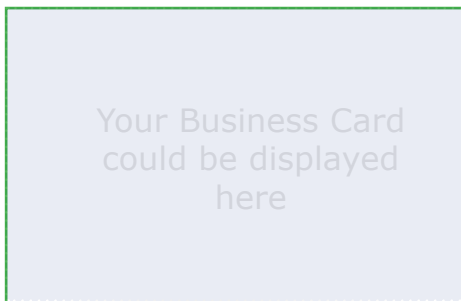
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We invite interested dealers/vendors to become a member of the American Lands Access Association and help support Recreational Rockhounding Activities.

An Annual Dealer Membership is for vendors with a valid resale license, who sell rock and gem hobby related merchandise such as; jewelry, minerals, rocks, gems, fossils, lapidary art and crafts, equipment and supplies, metaphysical and decorative items.

Interactive Membership Form (PDF) is available on the ALAA Website - Membership Page. Open with Adobe Acrobat Reader - Complete, Print, and mail to the address on form.

<http://www.amlands.org/634600.html>

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Articles for the NEWSLETTER are DUE to the Editor by the
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For inclusion in each Quarterly Newsletter

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Pictures in jpg format at not less than 96 dpi or more than 200 dpi.

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ALAA is a grassroots 501(c)(4) Educational, non-profit organization. Our organization is present wherever there are hobbyists and recreational users of public lands whose interests and concerns are not being heard or are being jeopardized by proposed policy, regulation or legislation at the local, state and federal level.

ALAA Membership Renewal Form Rev. 2016

**Click on the above Membership Form to use the interactive Form
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Remember to Renew your
ALAA Membership before
December 31, 2021

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California Desert District - Barstow Field Office

Public Room: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. M-F **by appointment only** (in-person and virtual appointments available).

El Centro Field Office

Public Room: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, not to exceed 25% CDC occupancy requirements.

Needles Field Office

Public Room: 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, not to exceed 25% CDC occupancy requirements.

Palm Springs - South Coast Field Office

Public Room: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, not to exceed 25% CDC occupancy requirements. Tuesday and Thursday remain virtual only by email or phone.
Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center: The office is temporarily closed to in-person visits.

Ridgecrest Field Office

Public Room: 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. M-F virtual only - via email or phone. The office is temporarily closed to in-person visits.

Jawbone Canyon Visitors Center: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Monday thru Friday; 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Saturday; 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Sunday.