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**MOBILE ROCK & GEM
SOCIETY MEETING
December 12, 2006**

The monthly meeting and Christmas dinner of the Mobile Rock and Gem Society and was held at the clubhouse on December 12, 2006 at 6:00 p. m.

We had our dinner first and thanks to our club for the meat and all our members for the delicious dinner.

After we ate Al Tenhundfeld, the representative for Ronald McDonald House told us what the Ronald McDonald house does. If anyone has a child in the hospital and they are from another town they may stay there.

After his talk we donated our gifts to this well deserving charity. The executive board also voted to give an additional monetary gift to them.

President Jerry Shirey called the meeting to order.

Anna Marie Brown read the treasurer's report and it was approved as read. The minutes were accepted as published in the Cabber Gabber.

MEETING

DATE: January 9, 2007
TIME: 7:00PM
PLACE: Clubhouse @ 1324 Forest
Dell Rd.

Show Chairman Ed Harris gave the show report. Ben Davis asked and we agreed that we owe special thanks to Larry Landry, Stuart Weir, and George Boyer for all they did to set up and get things ready to go for our show.

Larry Landry reported that there will be a field trip to Ladd Mountain on January 14 to dig for banded calcite and garnets. Phil Kaiser suggested that it would be interesting to visit The Weinman Museum at Cartersville, Georgia at the same time.

Youth director Bonita Harris announced that the club was having a Christmas party for the junior club on Saturday December 16, from 9:00 until noon.

PROGRAM

A workshop seminar by the club's workshop committee.

We had applications for membership for the following: Steve Lange, Joe Therrill, Don Merideth, Bobbie Milam, Patricia (Patti) Anglin, Elizabeth Hodgens, Kurt Hammerschmidt., Amdrew M. Renauld and Jim Busch. Also applying for membership were juniors; Haley O'Bannon, Angie Monahan, and Joey Carrier. They were all approved.

We wish to thank Barbara Davis, Liz Sutton and Gloria Weir for decorating and setting up for our party.

Next we installed our new officers for 2007. They are;

PRESIDENTPhil Kaiser
VICE PRESIDENT...Glenn Wimpee
TREASURER.....Mary Lou Landry
SECRETARY.....Mary Daves
EDITOR.....Jennifer Thorman
DIRECTOR.....Doug Shaw
DIRECTOR.....John Hendrix

Our appointed offices are

SHOW CHAIRMAN...Jerry Shirey
DEALER CHAIRMAN...Ben Davis
FIELD TRIP CHAIR....Larry Landry
YOUTH DIRECTOR...Bonita Harris

We wish to thank Shawn Holland for installing our officers.

Glenn Wimpee announced that he has asked Don King and Larry Landry to conduct a program on the proper use of our workshop tools as a program for the January meeting.

Don King presented Neal Hazen with a certificate as a Master Craftsman for all he has done in the workshop,

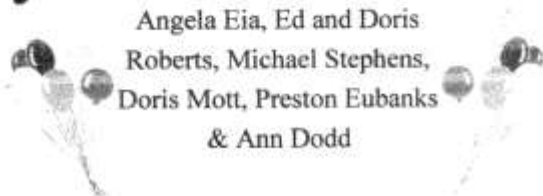
We also wish to thank Chester Redmond for giving the club an 8000 mesh diamond polishing pad for the workshop. It gives a super polish.


All the lovely poinsettias that decorated our tables for the dinner were given as door prizes.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Daves
Secretary



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



 Please submit all information for the Cabber Gabber to the Ed
BEFORE the 24th of every month. THANK YOU.

Executive Board Minutes Mobile Rock and Gem Society December 7, 2006

The monthly meeting of the executive board of the Mobile Rock and Gem Society was held at the clubhouse on December 7, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. Those attending the meeting were Jerry Shirey, Anna Marie Brown, Ben Davis, Larry Landry, John Hendrix, Phil Kaiser, Ed Harris, Bonita Harris, Glenn Wimpee, Mary Daves, and Jeannette Wimpee.

President Jerry Shirey called the meeting to order. Anna Marie Brown read the treasurer's report. The members of the board discussed the show income and expenses. We discussed using more of our income from the show for education. It was decided to bring before the members at our next meeting giving \$1500 this year to our scholarship fund at University of South Alabama. The board also decided to suggest that we give \$500 to the University of Mobile earmarked for school teacher's boxes that are being made up of minerals and \$500 to Bishop State Community College earmarked for the jewelry course taught by Mr. Steve Lange.

We discussed our charity for this year's Christmas party selected at our last meeting the Ronald McDonald House and voted to give an additional monetary gift from the Mobile Rock and Gem Society.

Jerry Shirey reported that since he has been making copies of the Cabber Gabber to send out to members he sees that we need to get a faster copier soon and he sees the expense of toner for our copier is more than we had expected.

The board decided that since all our expenses are not in for the show we should have a wrap up meeting January 2 at 7:00 at the clubhouse.

Larry Landry mentioned the field trip to Ladds Mountain on January 14 held by the Cobb County Club. This is on a Sunday and more was in the December Cabber Gabber.

Bonita Harris announced that the Junior club will have a meeting on December 16 and will have a Christmas party that day. She reported that the Junior club will go back to the first Saturday in the month in January, 2007.

Bonita Harris showed the board all the cards that we sent out that are returned at the show. There are quite a lot and it looks like they are good to send.

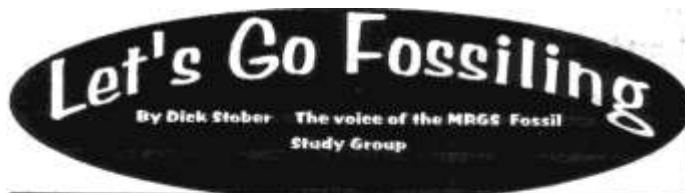
The board also agreed to bring up the new people who joined at the show to be Okayed for membership. They are Steve Lange, Joe Therrell, Don Meridith, Bobbie Milam, Patricia (Patti) Anglin, Elizabeth Hodgens, and Kurt Hammerschmidt.

If I have misspelled any names let me know so I can correct my list.

There being no further business we adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Daves
Secretary



Well my friends, first of all I pray that you all have a Blessed Christmas and a very happy Holiday Season with your families. Here it is, January is already upon us, and spring time is just around the corner. Soon we shall be seeing the University of Alabama Museum summer field trip schedule. There will be at least one trip to a strip coal mine. The mine will be located in the Tuscaloosa area. This is a must for fossil collectors. You may have a copy of Jim Lacefields' publication, "Lost Worlds in Alabama Rocks", which includes a treatment of coal forest plants of the ancient Warrior Basin. During my field trips to this area I have been fortunate to find a good many Spenophytes, consisting primarily of calamites. Last year I picked up some lepidophyoides of the family of Lycopod. I found several nice seed fossils and a good many ferns. We found some animal tracks in the petrified mud, but so far we haven't been lucky enough to find any lizard foot prints with a tail track imprinted in the mud.

There is usually several sharks' tooth trips scheduled as well. Last year I found a cute little nautilus which sort of looks like a roly polly. It was last year that my fossil partner George Eia and I worked together and divided over 500 sharks' teeth. If you doubt this you might wish to ask Ben Childress who was with us. We also found some nice ptchodus teeth in our screen. This is a rare find. To describe it I would say that it looks like a miniature volcano. If you remember, these are the teeth of a mollusk crunching shark which was had talked about earlier.

Happy Fossil Hunting in 2007!!!!

The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc

The Friendly Federation - Founded in 1976 to serve

As most of you know BLM and the Forest Service have been closing roads all over the place and we are losing collecting areas. There are two efforts ongoing that is vital to our future collecting. First. Most of the environmental groups wish to close roads and trails in the public lands so they can be made into wilderness areas. That means NO VEHICLES. Thus closing of roads are a favorite target to start the process. However, some of those roads are used by county governments and others for a number of uses. So there has been a full scale effort to assert the claims of existing roads and trails from closing. A number of law suits have been started and pressure has been applied to congress to correct the situation.

Representative Steve Pearce of New Mexico has introduced a bill (HR6298) to protect the public rights of access granted by Congress under the old law R.S. 2477 and further protected by the new law, The Federal Land Management and Policy Act.

I request that everyone send Representative Pearce a BIG THANK YOU note for his effort. WE are quick to ask for assistance but often fail to say thank you when our representatives respond. In this case, this bill will be reintroduced into the 110th congress and we will need the help of a number of representatives and senators to get it passed. By sending a thank you note to Representative Pearce, we give him the means to ask other members to support this bill. PLEASE send a message. His address is as follows: The Honorable Steve Pearce; 1607 Longworth House Office Building; Washington, D.C. 20515-3102; Fax: (202) 225-9599 Email: <http://www.house.gov/formpearce/email.htm>

~January's Field Trip info is in the December Issue of the Cabber Gabber~

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DMC Program of the SFMS Field Trip Committee

An Official Field Trip of The Mid-Ga. Gem & Mineral Society, Macon, GA (HOST)

An Official Field Trip of the MRGS

10:00 AM EST ~Saturday, February 24, 2007~ Hogg Mine, Troup County, Georgia

FEE SITE

WHERE: The Famous Hogg Mine outside LaGrange, in Troup County, GA

WHEN: Sat., Feb. 24, 2007

TIME: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm EST

COLLECTING: Rose quartz, tourmaline, beryl, mica books, & quartz crystal. The Rose Quartz will star if cut correctly, and some of the beryl can be gemmy Aquamarine.

DIRECTIONS: From Atlanta, take I-85 south to LaGrange. Get off on Hwy. 219 also Whitesville Road (Exit 13) and go south (left) about 2.2 miles from I-85. We will be meeting at Smith's Corner Store (The Citgo on the Left) at the intersection at Whitesville Rd. and Bartley Rd. From Carrollton, take Hwy 27 S. (past Wal-Mart). Go thru Franklin to LaGrange. Just stay straight and Hwy 27 dumps into Hwy 219. Take Hwy 219 south and cross I-85. Allow 1 hour & 15 min from Atlanta at I-285 and I-85 connection on the South side.

FEE: Adults-\$15 & children under 17 are free. **Upon arrival you will be required to sign a waiver of liability.**

WHAT TO BRING: Pick, shovel, rock hammer, chisels, scratching tools, screen, buckets and of course plenty of water. Big'Uns Barbecue will smoke a pig on-site and barbecue plates and drinks will be available for a nominal charge.

There is a Port-a- Potty on site. JXR T-shirts, field trip guidebooks, and specimens will also be available for sale.

We have been lucky and had beautiful, clear and even warm weather in Feb. but extra clothes and boot might be useful if it's muddy or the weather turns.

There are roads and paths. Cliffs, ditches and new pits have been dug. There is loose material under the leaves that take little effort to recover. Using a rake to push back the leaves might be useful and a crack hammer will help to find tourmaline imbedded in quartz.

WHERE TO STAY: Days Inn, the address is 2606 Whitesville Rd., LaGrange, GA 30240 (also Hwy 219). It's exit 13 off of I-85. Phone 706-882-8881 for reservations. Also at exit 18 (Hwy 109) on I-85 there are many hotels and restaurants Hotels; Holiday Inn Express, Americahost, Jameson Inn, and Comfort Inn. Restaurants; Applebees, Crackerbarrel, Wafflehouse, and more.

The Hogg Mine was purchased by a man who planned to build homes on it. Fortunately for us, Rodney Moore was able to show this man how important the site is to mineral collectors and acquire permission to manage the site for our enjoyment. Please follow the Code of Ethics to preserve our relationship with our host. For more directions and info on other collecting sites in the area, check out www.dixieuhedrals.net and www.dixieuhedrals.com/page8.html

Trip Chairman: Jay Batcha ph 478-784-1965. If no answer, leave a message or you can e-mail:

rockyls@cox.net or Tom Batcha ph 678-407-4224. or Cell # 770-757-6510 for the day of the dig if needed.

Purpose of the Mobile Rock & Gem Society

1. To encourage interest in rocks, minerals, fossils and related subjects.
2. To sponsor an educational program within the membership, to increase the knowledge of the members in the properties, identification and evaluation of rocks, minerals, fossils, and other related subjects.
3. To cooperate with other mineralogical and geological clubs and societies.
4. To arrange and conduct field trips to facilitate the collection of minerals.
5. To provide opportunity for the exchange and exhibition of specimens and other materials.

Classes Offered

Debbie Bryan teaches classes in wire wrap, silver art clay, Polymer Clay. Anyone interested can call Debbie at 973-2408 and arrange for a class. All classes are pay in advance.



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**NEW MEMBER??
GOT QUESTIONS??**

Contact Lindy Kaiser for your new member information list at 422-2206 or lkaiser8@netzero.net on the internet. This is something new we've started, so shared helpful suggestions are appreciated.

Don't Forget to bring your cancelled commemorative stamps so we can send them to the Southeast Federation for their fund raiser, and your name goes in a drawing for a scholarship to a SFMS Lapidary Workshop



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Membership can be obtained by written application only, accompanied by the prescribed dues as set forth by the Constitution and By Laws of the Mobile Rock and Gem Society.

Yearly dues are from January 1 through December 31. Individual Adult Membership is \$15.00. Individual Junior Member Age 9-17 is \$5.00, Family Membership, Husband and Wife is \$25.00 and each child is \$3.00 Two adults living at the same address receive 1 Cabber Gabber is \$25.00. Cabber Gabber only is \$7.00 per year.

Mobile Rock & Gem Society Membership Application

Applicant's Name _____ Today's Date _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Home(____) _____ - _____ Work# _____ E-Mail _____

(we) am (are) applying for:

- _____ Husband and Wife membership \$25.00 per year (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)
- _____ Individual adult membership \$15.00 per year (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)
- _____ Family membership (Husband & Wife) \$25.00/ each child (ages 9-17) \$3.00

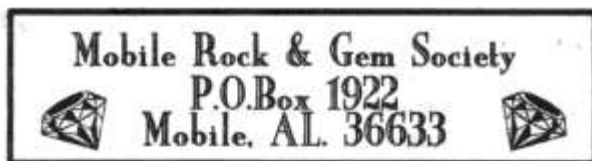


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Mobile, AL 36633

Applicants Signature _____ Birth Month _____

Spouse's Signature _____ Birth Month _____

Sponsor _____



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Meeting Date: 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7pm.



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[http://www.amfed.org/sfms/pdf/2006reg forms and announcements.pdf](http://www.amfed.org/sfms/pdf/2006reg%20forms%20and%20announcements.pdf)



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14	15	16	17	18 Bead WrkShp 10AM-3PM	19	20
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