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The Panorama Prospector

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Panorama Gem and Mineral Club Minutes February 19, 2008

By Joe Barreca

The meeting began at 7 PM after the rock show meeting at 6PM. We have some minutes for that meeting from Luci Bristow on the next page. (I knew you would be thrilled). Meanwhile there were a lot of people at the regular meeting, including some guest with children. I'm sure we bored them to death since most left before the program.

Sylvia Allen gave the Treasurer's report. Rest assured that we are in good financial shape although we have decided to not publish those numbers in the newsletter any more.

Bill Allen gave the show report. Remember we need your help setting up on March 27th at 8 AM. Coffee and donuts will be provided as well as lunch. The Rock show itself is March 28th and 29th. The dealer spaces are filled. We will hold off on the silent auction until Saturday. The grand door prize is a salt lamp carved into the shape of dolphins.

Members should wear their nametags and if yours is missing, tell Lucy Bristow 935-4375.

Several members are ill. Bob Bockman had a mini stroke Sunday the 17th. Margorie Wilson fell by Safeway and has a hairline fracture in her pelvis. Vanita Novak is recovering from hip replacement. Mike Latapie is getting Chemo. Joyce Dawson is having lung problems but is still sewing rock bags for the club. Lucy will send some get-well cards to them for us.

The North Idaho rock club is having their annual show June 7th & 8th. There is still room for dealers.

The Spokane Rock Rollers are having their rock show March 14-16 at the Spokane Fair Grounds. They could use a display case or two from us.

We voted to have a banner made for the club to use at shows, meetings, the Cider Fest and field trips.

Bob Bristow will do the program next month on his recent trip to Arizona.

The Scholarship information has been delivered to the schools.

Sylvia is working on a package of sample rocks for a boy in California.

Joe Barreca showed the history of Stevens County.

Jim Creek

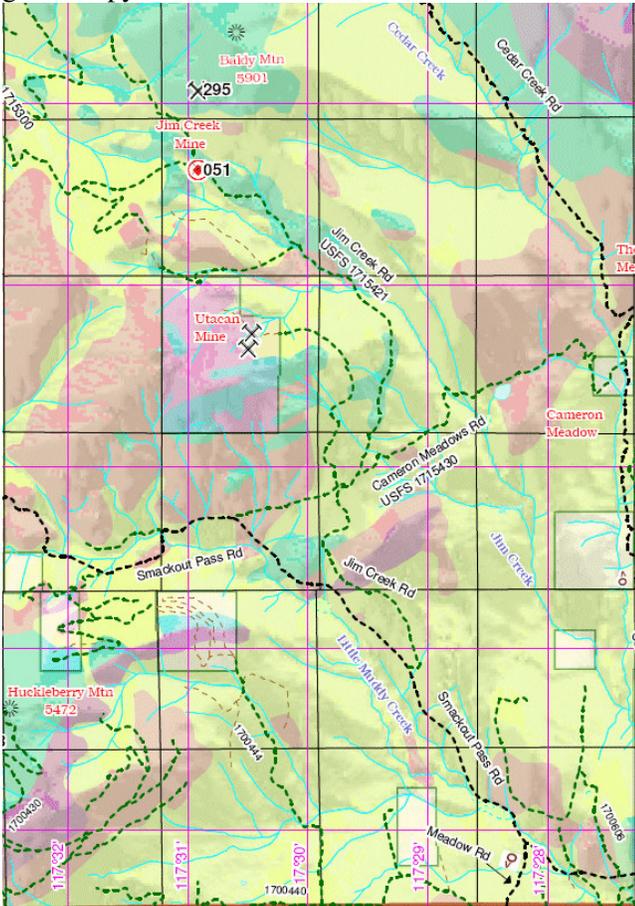
By Joe Barreca



2006 was a busy summer. We went on this trip to Jim Creek and then on a trip to Metaline to look for trilobites. Somehow this story was lost in the 2007 shuffle,. Today I was cracking some of the galena rocks from the trip and they were nice, bright shiny galena crystals in massive white quartz. I told my wife that they smelled good too, but somehow a whiff of fresh sulphur doesn't do it for her. Above is a picture of Jerry Novak picking some samples from the vein just uphill from the main mine entrance. The entrance was a shaft kept open by rotten log cribbing descending into unfathomed water, not the kind of place you want to pick around in.

There is a creek rushing by just below the mine entrance and another glory hole on the other side of that. After picking rocks at the mine itself till lunch, we went

up the road another mile or so to check out some nice granular pyrite seams in the boulders there.



To get there, we all gathered at the train station in Ione. None of the roads from there are great but at least it is not far. Actually, the Smackout Pass Road is pretty good. About 3.5 miles up that road, a road to the right goes toward the Jim Creek Mine. This is a really dicey road. If you go on up to the Cameron Meadows Road, USFS # 1715430 (only the 5430 will show on the stake at the start of the road,) it is in better shape. There were some good moose and elk hunting stories associated with this road, so keep your eyes open. I heard later that the old Utacan Mine up USFS Rd #1715423 to your left near the top of a hill about a mile up the road is worth seeing too. It cut off across a power line right-of-way. The Jim Creek Rd, #1715421 goes right just past that and goes north of the power line corridor. The first site we visited was probably just downstream from the Utacan Mine and not as far up as the red dot on this map. Look for a parking area with a stream running under the road.

The mine itself is a little ways to the east of the road above the creek. There is a well-worn path. The vein travels up the hill and there are some interesting minerals cropping out at the top of the hill

above the mine. There are tailings all around the mine shaft that will have samples of the lead ore. The gray crystals are the lead, those that look a little more brownish are zinc ore, Sphalerite. In the Metaline mining district, there is usually 3 times more zinc than lead. In the map to the left, the green and bluish areas are meta-sedimentary rock, limestone. In the pinkish areas, molten granite has pushed up into the older limestone. Some interesting minerals can sometimes be found on the edges between the two types of rock. The yellow is more recent glacial till left above the bedrock.

Beyond the Jim Creek Mine, someone has pushed a bulldozer through the debris alongside the road. The road itself is choked with brush and several people elected to walk rather than scratch their cars in it. It became a rather long walk, especially for Steve Fox, who usually carries a large sledge hammer with him. We were glad to have him arrive though because about a mile up that road, is an area to the northeast of the road that has some large boulders with a pretty reddish pyrite in them. They are too heavy to carry and too hard to break up with a small rock hammer.



Here we have Sylvia Petty and some other folks trying to break out some samples of pyrite at the far end of Jim Creek Rd. This area looked like it could get pretty wet in the spring, maybe not the best time to visit. Below are the pyrite to the left and galena to the right.



**2008 Rock Show
Minutes February 19, 2008**

By Luci Bristow

Johnie began the Show Planning Meeting at 6:00 PM. The following items were discussed and current status noted.

Advertising:

Sylvia Allen – All Newspapers

Diane Lentz – Schools - Complete

Joe Barreca – Flyers - Complete

Steve Fox has been in contact with the Trail Daily Times with prices. They suggested we may also want to advertise in the Nelson and Castlegar papers. Prices were given. To be taken under consideration as we do not know how many individuals will attend from that area.

Building: The Floor Plan is pending as we do not have all Dealer input as yet.

Wheel of Fortune: Rex, Greg, and Scot to work. We have ready made about 150 grab bags. We will be making approximately 400 more. Rex and Mabel will provide. Rocks have been donated by Johnie, Rex, Suzan and Don, Greg, and Scot. If you have tumbled rocks you would like to donate, let Johnie or Rex know.

Prizes: Sylvia has ordered a number of prizes. We have several left from last year that we will be using. Luci will make a dozen little girl necklaces for the Wheel.

Door Prizes: We have door prizes left from last year and will solicit Dealers for a few more. Donations are welcome. Grand Prize has been chosen: A salt lamp in the shape of a dolphin.

Silent Auction: A tentative decision was made to have the Silent Auction on Saturday and perhaps some on Friday after the school children have returned to their classes. A firm decision will be made at the next meeting.

Display Cases:

Tables and cases will be picked up from the Spokane Rock Rollers after their show. We will load them immediately upon the closing of the show. We will need additional skirting for the tables. Spokane will probably let us have some of their used skirting.

Display Cases for Club Use at Show:

16 cases have been reserved for the following:

Bob Bristow	2
Chuck Prentiss	2
Steve Fox	2
Steve White	1
Rex	1
Suzan and Don	1
Dave Pacquette	3
Bill and Sylvia	1
PO Club	1
Diane Lentz	1
Diane Rose	1

Stone Rose may have their traveling display available. If it is, we will pick it up and use it at our Show.

Demonstrators:

Chuck Prentiss – Knapping

Dave Pacquette – Gold Panning

Molly – Jewelry and Wire Wrapping

Bob Bristow – Computer Programs

Joe Barreca – Mineral Boxes and Maps

Hospitality:

Mabel, Margie and Luci

Name Tags:

Please let Luci know how many you need and the names so she can have them available at the show or before.

Tickets:

Mabel, Margie and Luci

Set-up and Take-down:

The High School students have been told of the need for their help in set-up and take-down. They will be there to help.

The advertisement is for the 49th Annual Gem, Jewelry & Mineral Show, presented by the Spokane Rock Rollers Club, Inc. It features a green and white color scheme. At the top, there are logos for the Spokane Rock Rollers Club, Inc. and the Spokane County Fair & Expo Center. The main title is "Presents the 49th Annual Gem, Jewelry & Mineral Show" followed by "featuring Jade From Near & Far". The dates are "March 14, 15, & 16, 2008" at the "Spokane County Fair & Expo Center, N. 604 Havana". Hours are "10am - 6pm Friday & Saturday" and "10am - 5pm Sunday". The ad lists activities: "IMAGINE... OVER 40 DEALERS... 80 DISPLAY CASES OF LAPIDARY... GRAB BAGS/SPIN THE WHEEL, CRAFTS AND DIGGING FOR TREASURE... Lapidary DEMONSTRATIONS, SILENT AUCTION AND... HOURLY DOOR PRIZES AND THE GRAND PRIZE DISPLAYED on site". It also mentions "Check out our CLASSES offered this year!" and lists "LAPIDARY instruction, CLASSES of a nominal fee, learn winnwrap, beading, etc... Come in Friday to reserve a weekend seat. Lapidary and in Art form... it's the most versatile hobby on earth!". Admission is \$6.00, with "Seniors (65 & over) & Advance Tickets \$5.00" and "Scouts in Uniform & Children 12 & Under FREE". It notes "Advance tickets available until March 12th, 2008" and "Spokane Rock Rollers members * 50% Jewelry, Books & Gifts * Mountain Book Fair". The website "rockrollersclubspokane.org" is listed at the bottom.

Poem (submitted by Harold Ingram)

Beneath the spreading western Cedar Tree
The weathered outhouse stands
A sanctuary where you are free
From labor's harsh demands
Of all the big city's luxuries
Tile porcelain, or chrome,
None satisfies and gives sweet ease
Like that fragrant shack back home.

Membership Dues:

\$15.00 per household per year is due to the club Treasurer (Sylvia Allen see below) on the third Tuesday of November for regular members.

Webpage: www.mapmet.com/rocks

Contact: Johnie Pitman, President, 509 684 8887.

We, **The Panorama Gem and Mineral Club**, are a multi-faceted group of mineral-minded people. Our proud members include some real gems, a few fossils, and even some diamonds in the rough. A few have lost some of their marbles, but they know where to get more! A few need to polish their coordination because they are always tumbling! And some are miners who use the "silver pick" as their tool of choice! It should be crystal clear, that we all enjoy this unique conglomeration and above all else we strive to **HAVE FUN**. And we never throw stones (away).

Rocky Roads

Wow, what a club! We had a big turnout at the last meeting despite the poor weather and the none-too-thrilling planning sessions for the March 28th and 29th Rock Show.

In March we will be meeting early again (6 PM) for the final rock show preparations. If you think you can show off some of your collection, we still have some display cases to fill. The program will be a presentation by Bob Bristow of his and Luci's recent trip to Arizona. If rental car companies had a black list, Bob would be on it.

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