

# Rough 'n Tumbled Times



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## NEXT MEETING...

THURSDAY – 7/18/2019

**July - presented by Dave Skrupky**  
**Blue Hills Felsenmeer State Natural Area**

Business Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month, March – November

<http://www.cameronamericanlegion.org/rockclub.html>





## The President's Pen...

### President's Message for 7/8/2019

Greetings fellow Rock Hounds,

Well, this doesn't happen often, but we have had a change of plans. **We will not be having our usual July picnic, but will instead have a regular meeting at the American Legion Post in Cameron. The picnic has been rescheduled for Monday August 5th at the home of Allen and Cindy Hanson.** A map to their house will be sent out before the event. Instead, I'll be doing a presentation on the Blue Hills Felsenmeer Area, which is northeast of Rice Lake and surprisingly close to the Blue Hills Pipestone Quarry. For a rock hound, geologist, nature lover or just plain curious person, the Blue Hills area has much to offer. We will discuss the formation and features of this very interesting area. We will also discuss the progress of our upcoming Rock Show and Sale in August. Our show theme is 'Volcanoes and the Rocks they produce'. Be thinking of displays that that you could bring to the show. For those who ordered name badges, I have them. If you have not yet paid for yours, please bring \$8.00 to the meeting. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the meeting.

Peace,  
Dave

**1961 – 2019 OUR CLUB IS 58 YEARS OLD!!**

#### Minutes of 6-20-19 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Dave Skrupky at 7:30. A total of 18 youth attended the Dirt Devils talk.

The secretary and Treasurer's report were read by Roy Wickman and accepted (motion by Paul, seconded by Bill). The search for a volunteer for secretary yielded no results.

Treasurer's Report: Income included \$12 for lunch (\$6 given to Legion), dues were paid by 5 and another \$4 donation. Current balances are Checking: 2307.37, Savings: 632.45 and Petty cash: 184.98, for a total of \$3124.80.

Sunshine committee. Two members have suffered significant medical illnesses. Joe Albee has had open heart bypass surgery and is doing well. Kristie Kringle has had a blood clot and other problems. The Sunshine Committee will send each a card.

Dave Skrupky asked if the members wanted to share their email addresses, phone numbers and addresses. These were collected and Dave will email the information to members, using BCC (blank carbon copy), so others will not be able to access our addresses or names.

Club reports: Indianhead club reported on the talk on fossils from last month and Allen Hanson offered to host the annual picnic at his place. The date suggested is the date of the next Northwest meeting, July 18<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday), with a rain date of the Indianhead meeting date of August 5<sup>th</sup>. The July Indianhead meeting will discuss quartzite.

Chippewa Club reported that they had had their workshop and that it went well. Paul passed around some polished pieces of mushroom rhyolite which were very interesting.

A final count for name tags was taken, and the \$8 price collected from participants.

The annual show was discussed with the possible topic being volcanic rocks, a suggestion from one of our youth members. Bill Lea volunteered as committee chair for the show. A motion to grant a 10% increase for advertising for the show was made by Mike Schmidt and seconded by Pam Coleman.

The roadside pickup program was discussed with the question of whether it is something that the club wants to continue, considering the turnout of workers has diminished in recent years. The consensus was to continue the program.

A flier for a show in Eau Claire on 8-24-19, from 8-4 will be held at the Eau Claire Co. Fair Grounds, 5330 Larch Ave, Eau Claire, near 93 and I-94. Admission is free.

A silent auction was the event for the meeting.

Submitted by Allen Hanson, acting secretary



**OUR SUNSHINE PERSON:**

**Laura Finley**

If you know anyone that has been ill or could use some sunshine in their lives – please contact us.

**MEETING TIME -- 7:30 p.m. -- During the adult meeting**

Dirt



Devils

**Dirt Devils Chairpersons:**

**Kris Martin, Joyce Jacobson**

**If there will be children attending, please let us know BEFORE the day of the meeting.**

**For further information contact** Kris at [kristine.e.martin@hotmail.com](mailto:kristine.e.martin@hotmail.com)

The following is a segment from "A Year Full of Gems!" by KK

### JULY

Natal stone.....Turquoise  
Guardian angel.....Verchiel  
His talismanic gem...Sapphire  
Special apostle.....Matthew  
His gem.....Topaz  
Zodiacal sign..... Leo  
Flower..... Water Lilly (Lotus)

The heav'n blue turquoise should adorn All those who in July are born;  
For those they'll be exempt and free  
From love's doubts and anxiety.  
No other gem than turquoise on her breast  
Can to the loving, doubting heart bring rest.

When speaking about the changes made to the birthstone list in 1912, Kunz comments: (page 320 of "The Curious Lore of Precious Stones) "Among the many changes in this list from that habitually followed, it will be noted that the ruby is transferred from December to July, changing places with the turquoise, which became the gem of December. This has been favored on the ground that the warmer-colored gem was best adapted for a July birthstone, while the paler turquoise was best suited to a winter month, when the sun's rays are feeble. The contrary, however, is true; for it is in winter that we seek for warmth, while in the heat of summer nothing is more grateful than coolness."

Turquoise is a hydrous Copper Aluminum Phosphate that is revered as a holy stone by the Indian tribes of the southwestern United States. It occurs in varying shades of blue/green in opaque "veins" and nodules found running through host rock, the major deposits in arid regions such as the Sinai desert where predecessors of the Ancient Egyptians mined the stone over

6000 years ago. The amount of blue is due to the presence of Copper and green to traces of ferric Iron. Zuni legend says the sky is blue because of light reflected from her divine Turquoise Mountain.

This gem is relatively soft with a hardness of 5-6, and has a waxy lustre. As it is porous, the color may deteriorate upon contact with skin oils and can sometimes fade as it dries out on exposure to air. Such stones are usually "color stabilized" - i.e. made more durable by bonding with plastic resins or Silica.

Turquoise gets its name from the fact that the trade route that was traveled to bring it to Europe used to come via Turkey, thus it means (literally) "Turkish Stone." It has long been considered a protective amulet. Turquoise carvings of horses and sheep are kept by the Navajo as potent guardians against negative magic, poisonous serpents, disease, violence and accidents. Horse riders wear the gem to protect themselves from falls (for this purpose it is mounted in gold.) They attach a second small piece onto the bridle or saddle to give protection to the horse. Some tribes also believed rain could be summoned by throwing a Turquoise chunk into a river. This sky blue stone has long been revered as a healing gem. When it is pressed against the diseased or troubled part of the body, the illness is visualized as entering the stone. Turquoise can be worn in rings and pendants to promote & protect the health or blue candles surrounded by chunks of the stone can be used to speed the healing process. Also, water into which Turquoise has been dipped or submerged overnight can be drunk for its healing energies. The term "Spiderweb Turquoise" indicates a specimen exhibiting a smooth color, but with a rather unique and evenly distributed network of very fine lines.

An oriental proverb states: "Given by a loving hand, it brings with it happiness and good fortune." However, this only applies if the piece of Turquoise jewelry was given by a sincere & affectionate friend. If you wish to be more even tempered, experience joy and an increased appreciation of beauty plus attract new friends, your best bet is a Turquoise amulet.

July is typically the month when summer temperatures reach their peak, so it is fitting that the fiery red Ruby represents those born at that time. Ancient alchemists believed that the stone contained an internal fire, and if thrown into a pan of water would cause it to boil. Its name comes from the Latin word Rubeus which means (what else?) "red." Both Sapphires and Rubies belong to the mineral family known as Corundum. Pure Corundum is colorless, but it can also be found in various shades of blue, green, yellow and pink. Only the red stones are called Ruby; all other colors are designated to be Sapphire. It was not until about 1800 that Ruby, as well as Sapphire, was recognized as belonging to the Corundum group. Before that date, red Spinel and Garnet (also known as Carbuncle) were all sometimes referred to as Ruby.

The most desirable shade of this gem is known as "Pigeon's Blood" which is a pure red with just a hint of blue. The finest examples have been found in Myanmar, Thailand and Sri Lanka. Honored in history at times as the King or Queen of gems, the ancients considered Rubies the perfect wedding stones. Their association with love, marriage, balance and royalty has held fast throughout time. It was thought that a Ruby in the home would guard against storms and negativity, especially if first touched to the four outside corners of the house. Similarly touching trees or the boundaries of a garden magically protects them from lightning & the affects of violent storms.

Ruled by Mars, the fire planet, a Ruby placed near a burning red candle can lend energy to a person when they're feeling depleted or drained. In a like manner, wearing a Ruby is said to increase the body's warmth. In Eastern legends, the Ruby was seen as a spiritual stone representing the beauty of the soul, & symbolizing the sun, it was believed to contain the very bloodline of humanity. To own a Ruby assured its wearer of contentment, physical prosperity and peace. This sensitive stone, in addition, had a history of turning pale when its owner was ill or in physical danger.

submitted by KK

***PLEASE PAY YOUR 2019 DUES NOW  
THANK YOU.***

***MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION – pass to anyone that might join***

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ PH \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

***(CHILDREN ARE FREE WITH EACH PAID MEMBERSHIP)***

***Send \$8 for each adult member to:***

***Roy Wickman, 1127 7<sup>th</sup> St, Almena, WI 54805***



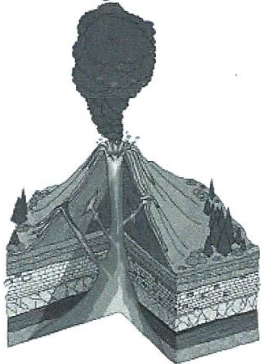
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