

# Rough 'n Tumbled Times



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## NEXT MEETING...

**THURSDAY – 3/19/2020**

**March - 19th**

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

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



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## The President's Pen...

### President's Message for March 2020

Greetings fellow Rock Hounds,

Here we are in 2020. The year with perfect vision, but as we get into it, what's ahead is anything but clear. The corona virus is having a major impact on all of us. Getting out into the field, being socially isolated, sounds like a good thing to do. Perhaps I am being premature in talking about this, I hope so, but we need to stay informed and follow the guidelines put out by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) as they issue any updates. We still plan to hold our monthly meetings and our annual show....but things could change. I will send out emails right up to the day of the meeting if things should change so please check your email. In the meantime, if you are feeling sick with flu symptoms and a fever or have come in contact with anyone with those symptoms please isolate yourself to prevent spreading it.

So, having said all that, our first meeting is March 19th at the American Legion Post in Cameron. The doors open at 7:00 and the meeting and Dirt Devils activities begin at 7:30. The program will be a round robin discussion of what we each did over the winter. We will also pick upcoming programs and possible activities. Bring along interesting rocks, stories of your adventures and a snack item to share.

Al Hanson, Roy Wickman and I attended the annual Archaeology Show in LaCrosse recently and saw some amazing artifacts. See photos below.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the 19th, which just happens to be the first day of Spring. Stay healthy.

Peace,  
Dave



**Minutes from the November 2019 Meeting:**

Well, this is a bit embarrassing. Because we don't have an elected Secretary we have been having different people volunteer to take meeting minutes. I think we had someone take the minutes, but I don't know who and they never sent them to me, so I will try to recap our meeting from my notes. Treasurer Roy Wickman reported that we have \$2,842.77 in Checking, \$632.51 in Savings and \$201.70 in Petty cash for a total of \$3,676.98. Dave reported that in addition to the regular email list, he sent out 3 newsletters by mail. The winners of the Best Finds were announced and certificates were handed out to those present. Because of the low attendance at this meeting, election of officers was postponed until spring. Our winter party was scheduled for January 5, 2020 at Larry and Marcy's, (however it was canceled due to the tragic death of their Granddaughter). Our sympathy goes out to their family. Dave explained the Silent Auction. The meeting was adjourned and lunch was served.

submitted by Dave Skrupky from his notes

Message from Anita:

Spring is on it's way! This past winter didn't seem as long as usual to me. I feel that the sporadic warm days have helped to shorten the long winter season. Another benefit of the warm weather is that I have had lower winter heating expense for my house.

If you are excited about spring rock shows, the Eau Claire Club show is next month!

**CHIPPEWA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY SHOW**

Eau Claire Expo Center  
Saturday, April 25th at Exhibit Hall  
Saturday 9 am to 5 pm  
Sunday 10 am to 4 pm

**1961 – 2020 OUR CLUB IS 59 YEARS OLD!!**



**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 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)**

***PLEASE PAY YOUR 2020 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)**

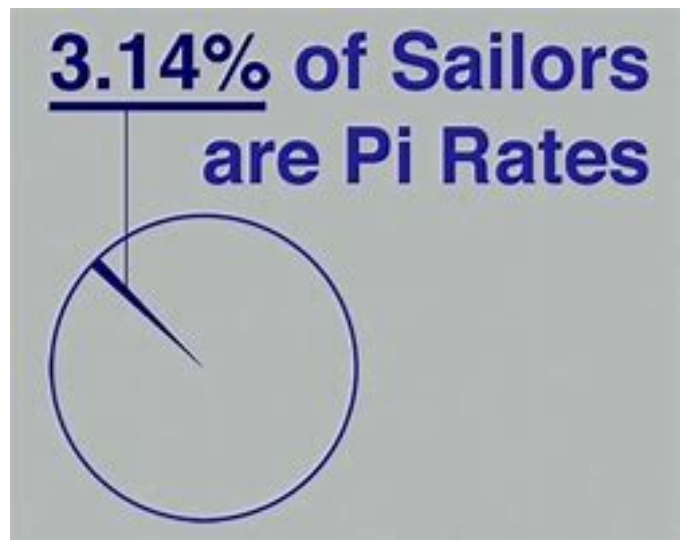
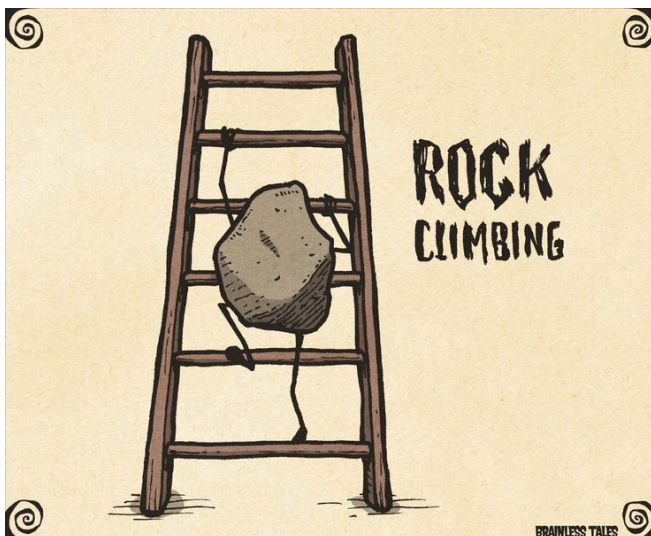
**Send \$8 for each adult member to:  
Roy Wickman, 1127 7<sup>th</sup> St, Almena, WI 54805**

I thought it was a good idea to review the Federation Code of Ethics as we begin another collecting season. Remember to always ask permission before you enter onto someone else's property. (Dave)

*A large measure of the enjoyment of our hobby consists of collecting in the field. For that reason, the members are proud to endorse the following:*

## "Code of Ethics"

- ◆ I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without permission from the owner.
- ◆ I will keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.
- ◆ I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.
- ◆ I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.
- ◆ I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind such as fences, signs, buildings, etc.
- ◆ I will leave all gates as found.
- ◆ I will build fires only in designated or safe places and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.
- ◆ I will discard no burning material - matches, cigarettes, etc.
- ◆ I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.
- ◆ I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.
- ◆ I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.
- ◆ I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.
- ◆ I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.
- ◆ I will cooperate with field-trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.
- ◆ I will report to my club or federation officers, Bureau of Land Management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.
- ◆ I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.
- ◆ I will observe the "Golden Rule", will use Good Outdoor Manners and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public Image of Rockhounds everywhere.



Happy Pi Day 3/14/2020