

# Rough 'n Tumbled Times



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**September meeting**  
**September 16, 7:00 pm (NEW STARTING TIME)**  
**Presentation by Al Barsness**

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 for September 2021...

Greetings fellow Rock Hounds,

As we move into another outbreak of covid, I hope you are well, masking where necessary and vaccinated. Please prepare to wear a mask at our September 16th meeting. (I know, I'm tired of it too and can't wait for it to be done...). Please note that we are trying an **earlier meeting time**. The doors will open at 6:30 and the business meeting will begin at 7:00. We will be discussing more statistics from our show. The program will be Al Barsness doing one of his usual fascinating (pun intended) presentations on lapidary skills. Always something new and fun to learn.

The Public Address System (PA Speaker) and stand have been purchased. Thank you to Paul Tubbs and Joe Elbe for your generous donations toward its purchase. We are now all set for our next show, and any other rock club use we might find for it. Thanks again. Our members are what makes this a great rock club to belong to.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

Peace,  
Dave

**1961 – 2021 OUR CLUB IS 60 YEARS OLD!!**

### Minutes from August 19, 2021: Submitted by Robin Zelm

**Present:** Dave Skrupky, Roy Wickman, Paul and Pam Tubbs, Brian and Alice Berthiaume, Alan Barsness, Pam Coleman, Roz Rockman, Joe Elbe, Joyce Jacobson, Anita Smith, Kris Martin, Robin Zelm

Mtg. Called to Order at 7:30 by President David Skrupky

A huge thank you to Roy Wickman for organizing and running the 2021 NW Wisconsin Gem and Mineral Show and Sale in Rice Lake, WI on August 14 and 15. Also, a huge thank you to Kris Martin and Joyce Jacobson for setting up and running the Children's Museum at the show.

### Treasurer's Report by Roy Wickman:

Checking:	\$2,971.98
Savings:	632.72
Petty Cash:	<u>95.45</u>
Grand Total:	\$3,700.15

Motion made and seconded to accept report

Silent Auction from June Meeting	\$ 46.05
Rock Show: Total expenses:	1,113.20
Total income:	<u>1,451.65</u>
Profit:	\$ 338.45

Donations: for both days \$306.65. (Roy was this included in the total income? I don't remember what you said at the meeting.)

Kris Martin would like to remind us to list Children's Museum and not Children's activities for the next Rock show and brochures.

**Sunshine Committee:** Dave Skrupky will send Ron Erickson a card.

**Indianhead Club – Luck Senior Center:**

September 13 at 6:30: There will be a speaker from Alaska (correction Russ Hanson) presenting about Gold Mining in Alaska.

**Chippewa Valley Gem and Mineral Club- Chippewa Falls- Paul Tubbs**

Swap meet August 28 and 29 at Town of Wheaton Ball Parks

**Minnesota Club:** Rock Show at Minnesota State Fairgrounds in the Dairy Building on September 25th and 26<sup>th</sup>. Mask is required.

**Old Business:**

Continued discussion about meeting times for the rest of this year. Meeting times for September, October, and November will now be at 7:00 p.m. with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. Motion to approve earlier times for the rest of this year were first and seconded and approved by all.

**New Business:**

Name badges: Do we order more? In the meantime, Roy will bring in some temporary name tags

Dave brought up purchasing a microphone and speaker PA system with stand. Price is \$265.81. Paul Tubbs and Joe Elbe each donated \$100.00 towards this purchase so our club will only have to pay \$65.81. Motion was first and seconded and approved by all so Dave will order the system.

Motion made and seconded to donate \$200.00 to the American Legion in Cameron for the use of their building.

A fall field trip to the Blue Hills (Rusk County) Felsenmeer Area will be led by Bruce Ward. Dave will contact Bruce to get this set up.

At our **September** meeting, Al Barsness will present lapidary techniques. **October:** best finds, **November:** Silent Auction and Election of officers.

Door prizes for the August meeting included: Opalite, Rainy Butte petrified wood, polished rocks from Africa, Moss Agate and Thunder Egg from Oregon, and Deming Agate from New Mexico. Thanks to all who donated!

Meeting adjourned

(apologies if I have misspelled member's names!)

Below are the statistics from the Door Registration forms that people filled out to sign up for door prizes. A large number of people checked no boxes indicating how they learned of our show. Perhaps we should make winning a door prize contingent on providing that information. Some people checked more than one box, which is good. The signs around town was first while the internet was a close second. Of course anyone who had previously attended was also a big motivator. It just goes to show what a fun event we put on. A big pat on the back for all of us who were involved and especially for Roy Wickman our Show Chairperson. Thanks Robin for compiling all this information.

**Advertising Statistics From Door Prize Registration Forms**

Rice Lake Chronotype & Early Bird:	22
Barron Newshield & Shopper:	17
Wild Rivers (yellow paper):	13
Gem and Mineral Magazine:	3
Eau Claire Leader:	1
Ladysmith newspaper/shopper:	5
Chetek Newspaper:	6
From members:	17
Other Rock Shows:	16
Previously Attended:	28
Internet:	39
REC Newsletter:	1
Are a member:	0
Radio:	1
Word of Mouth:	29
Signs around town:	42
Other: Polk Co. Leader	2
Indianhead Advertiser	3
Bloomer Advance	2
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Total providing information	244



**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 -- postponed**

**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

### Message from the Editor:

**Autumn: when crops are gathered, leaves change colors and fall off the trees. It's another beautiful time of year in Wisconsin; we are fortunate to enjoy four seasons. I also look at this time of year (and winter) as a respite from all the busy summer activities.**

***PLEASE PAY YOUR 2021 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

What did the tree say to autumn? Please leaf me alone!

How do you fix a broken pumpkin? With a pumpkin patch!

How do trees get on the internet? They log in!

