

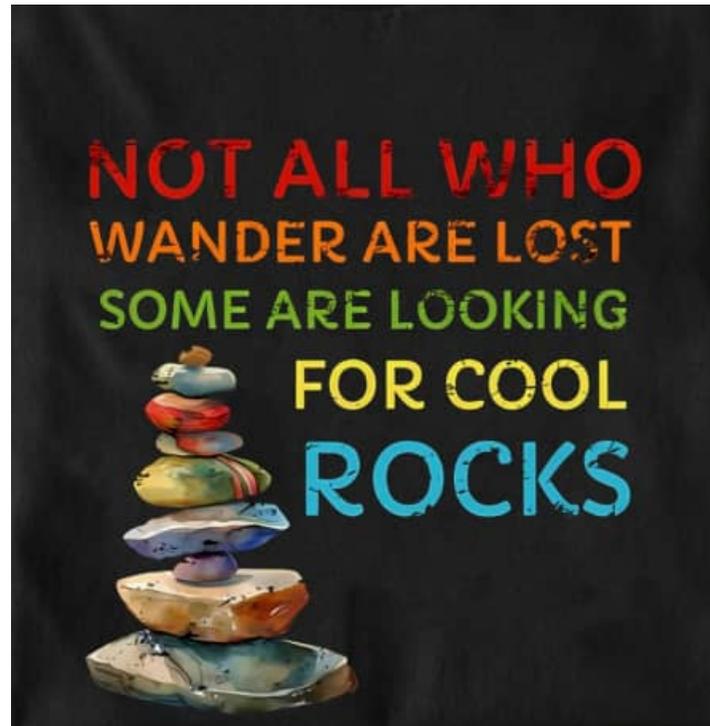
Welcome Friends and Rockhounds

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The Petrified Digest

October, 2024



Location: Icicle Gorge, Leavenworth

Meet Your Fellow Club Members

Rex Bodrero



Rex Bodrero grew up on the family farm just outside of Logan, Utah. Logan is situated almost due north of Salt Lake City and just a little south of the Idaho border. It is home to Utah State University and currently has a population of about 55,000. Rex attended school in Logan where he graduated high school. Rex spent two years on an LDS mission in North Carolina prior to enrolling at Utah State where he pursued a degree in engineering.

After getting married, Rex went to work for a company located in Logan called Campbell Scientific that had been in business for about five years. The company was primarily focused on manufacturing data acquisition equipment that measured the weather. While employed there, Rex designed a lot of the mechanical components of the equipment that the company sold. He told me that some of it is currently in use at the Mission Ridge Ski Area.

During the time that Rex worked for Campbell Scientific, Rex saw the company expand from a small company of about 40 employees when he first started there to hundreds of employees today. Rex told me that they just celebrated their 50th anniversary and that they are now a multi-national company that has a commanding presence in their field. Rex told me that they now provide crucial data from providing weather and soil monitoring for farmers to monitoring minute changes in the structural integrity of dams and bridges.

Rex worked for Campbell Scientific for 36 years. While he designed many of the aspects of their equipment, he did so without completing his engineering degree. Eleven years prior to his retirement, Rex returned to Utah State where he obtained that degree!

While living in Utah, Rex and his wife Karen, would campout at various locations where, along with his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, they would ride their ATVs. Rex said, "we were always wondering what was under our feet." In order to find out, he joined the Cache Rock and Gem Club in Logan. As I write this letter, Rex and Karen are in Logan and will be heading to club's Fall Rock Show. Hopefully, he will fill let us know all about it at an upcoming show and tell.

In the spring of 2016, Rex and Karen, moved to just outside of George, Washington to care for his uncle and they have been there ever since. Rex told me that his uncle was enamored with rocks and minerals. However, he was so busy farming that it left little time for rockhounding so he would visit rock shops and mineral shows where he purchased lots of cool stuff. When his uncle passed, Rex ended up with his collection. He laughed as he said, "I will be dealing with it for the rest of my life." I'm sure he will enjoy doing it.

After moving to Washington, Rex attended the Spokane Rock Rollers Gem and Mineral Show a couple of times which he referred to as, the best show in Eastern Washington. That led to him attending the Gold Show in Cashmere. There, he learned about and joined the Ginkgo Mineral Society. He said that he joined because he wanted to learn

more about the mountains and areas around the state. He went on to say, "I wanted to learn more about rocks and minerals in the area but also to just get out and explore."

I asked Rex what his favorite rocks and minerals were, he said, "topaz crystals from Topaz Mountain in Utah and petrified wood." He added that he has a fondness for Saddle Mountain.

Lapidary Corner

I would like to start a new recurring article for the newsletter in which we feature lapidary projects done by our members. I know that many of you have created some awesome things so I will be calling on you to contribute photos. Feel free to send me pics any time.

Below are Cabachons fashioned by Rick Lechner and Carl Pederson. Rick started cabbing a few months ago while Carl has been at it for several years. Both displayed their creations at the September meeting.



Rick Lechner



Rick's Cabs



Carl Pederson



Some of Carl's Cabs that were Displayed at the Fair



Carl's Ribbons from the Fair and his Best of Show Cab

From the Scribe

Ginkgo September 20th meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm by Vice President, Derek Corder.

We're happy to welcome new members: Robert Russell and Scott & Taylor Burt.

David Earhart gave a re-cap of the August rock auction write up printed in the September newsletter. **Correction & side note: Dan & Dena Hanson donated 15 3-gallon buckets of minerals rather than the previously noted 10 5-gallon buckets. Unfortunately, a few buckets left without being paid for but a new system will be in place for future auctions.

R. John gave a re-cap of the Chelan County Fair- despite the hurdles getting going all went well & we have plenty of rocks for next year. He made an update to case lighting but has more ideas for improvements. We are able to do a work day to spruce up the lapidary area as we own the displays, this will be planned for some time in 2025. David Earhart reported we were able to get most of our booth volunteers in for free this year. BIG THANKS to all members that came together to make the event happen!!

We had a short discussion about the County Fair set up & rock giveaway. It was mentioned that small rocks pose a choking hazard to children & we may want to try putting them in small fabric bags again. A suggestion was made to reposition the rocks to the rear of the booth to draw people into the display. We will also be looking at putting together a tentative list of participants/volunteers in May 2025.

A new website is needed for the club as no one is able to write code to update/maintain the current website. Two separate members previously volunteered to take on the task but this has not come to light for various reasons. Larry Shaw suggested the use of a local company, FireFly, who made a website for the Prospectors Club they belong to, for \$1,000.00, this fee included training 3 members to keep the website running smoothly. There is also a \$100.00 monthly fee, if he remembered correctly. Chris Shaw knows a person who makes websites and will talk to them on our behalf & report back with more information. Susan Oglebay is still interested in helping with the website.

A nomination committee is needed to make calls for nominations of new board members. Brenda Jackson has volunteered. An additional person or two to help would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to help, please contact Brenda at 509-884-5320.

Show & tell – Marica Summers brought her "Seahawk" rock, a beautiful green cubic fluorite, that fluoresces, purchased from the Miners Rally this year. Chuck Watkins brought pamphlets & pictures of the Petrified Wood Gallery in Ogallala, Nebraska, he also brought a concretion. Rick Lechner brought various stones from Wyoming in different stages of finishing.

Door prize was won by Lea Glenn & raffle was won by Wanda Shaw. Donated slabs from an unknown source were won by: R. John Montgomery, Rick Lechner (2), Wanda Shaw, Aurora Maxey, Chris Shaw (2), & Brenda

Jackson

Refreshments were provided by Carol Smith and Jodi Rose.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:33pm

Melisha Maxey, Secretary

Upcoming Nominations for Club Officers

Members are being called now for board position nominations. If you weren't contacted and want to nominate someone or wish to run for a position: President, Vice President, Treasurer, or Secretary, call Brenda Jackson at 509-884-5320 from 9:00-noon or come to the October or November meetings. Voting will occur at the November meeting.

Come on members, help our club stay alive and advance into the future by becoming a board officer!

Brenda Jackson

Where's the Equipment

Several of our members have graciously provided homes for our shop equipment. They will make the equipment available to Club members by appointment so we can still cut and polish the stones we collect. Below is a list of equipment with phone numbers to call to arrange an agreeable time:

R John Montgomery: A Genie and trim saw 509-860-2762

Jodi Rose: A Genie and trim saw 509-763-9402

Carl Pederson: A Genie, an 18-inch slab saw (\$2.00 per cut), 10 inch slab saw, faceting machine 509-630-8239. If you need slabs cut contact Carl, he may be able to cut them for you.

Marcia Sommers: A slant lap. 509-860-7556

From the Vault

As of September 30, 2024	
3 CDs	\$13,118.23
Savings Account	\$2,086.70
Checking as of 9-1-2024	\$5,392.03
2 Deposits	\$270.00
3 Checks Written	-285.14
Ending Balance as of 9-30-2024	\$5,376.89

David's Notes

Cost to Join the Club:

Individual: \$20.00

Family: \$40.00

Senior (one): \$15.00

Marketplace



Carol Smith also has a set of large volume tumblers that she wants to sell. If you're interested, contact her.

The Ginkgo Mineral Society was formed to promote the education of mineralogy and geology; to encourage the collecting of rocks and minerals; to provide field excursions to mineral collecting areas; and to promote interest in lapidary work.

We are a 501c7 organization and are not "charitable" in nature but are a membership organization formed to serve its own members. 501c7 organizations do not solicit charitable donations. As long as a social club is "organized for pleasure, recreation or other non-profit purposes" it can qualify as exempt from federal income tax.

Annual Dues: Individual-\$20.00, Senior-\$15.00, Family-\$40.00, Lifetime (20 plus years)-Free. Please mail your dues to Ginkgo P.O. Box 303, Wenatchee, WA 98807.

Club information cards are available to handout to folks who show interest in our hobby. See David Earhart for cards to carry with you.

Learn more

Next Meeting:

October 18, 2024 at 7:00 pm
 Presbyterian Church
 200 S. Kentucky, East Wenatchee

Email ideas, trip notes or photos
 to: Lizhemberry@hotmail.com Website:
www.wenatcheerockclub.org
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 Vice President..... Derek Corder..... 425-270-0221
 Secretary..... Melisha Maxey..... 509-885-2996
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 Carl Pederson..... Shop and Equipment..... 509-630-8239
 Melisha Maxey..... Rock Auction.....509-885-0988
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