

Rock-It



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MT. HOOD ROCK CLUB meets the second Tuesday and the fourth Monday of each month. Meetings are held in the basement of the United Methodist Church in Gresham. The Church is located at 8th and Norman. Regular meetings start at 7:00pm. Juniors are welcome!!

CENTENNIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL Rock Room is open October - May Wednesday Nights 7-9pm Non members & members. Thursday nights 7-9pm Members only. \$2.00 Fee covers Saw & Polishers, Instructors. Jewelry Classes October to April Wed nights. School is located off of 181st between Division & Powell.

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MEMBER EXCHANGE & OTHER NEWS

FOLLOW THE LEADER

Dedicated to the memory of Gary Bergeson...

Aligned in cars and trucks,
we pass through grass and stone.
Each trailing on the path
leading to the final dig.

We have followed often
to the edge of places seldom seen,
recalled in faulty memory,
monumented by bits of stone.

Seeking a final gem
on this short and final trip,
We share in the years
of giving, leading and living.

Our leader moves on,
peaceful in repose,
honored in our thoughts,
alive in our hearts.

In time, in the queue,
In each others dust,
Winding through grass and stone,
we follow the leader.

Keene Clay-2002

We joined the Mt. Hood Club the same year as Gary and Linda. There were great mentors in the Club that helped us along the Rock hound path.

It was a pleasure watching Gary & Linda develop into club leaders as they acquired and shared knowledge of the hobby. Gary was a huge factor in the growth and development of the club. Welcoming potential new members, teaching classes, working at club functions and field trip chairman.

Gary's planning and leadership made all the field trips lots of fun. The trips provided many wonderful memories for us and our family. We have rocks around the backyard with name and place labels. Sometimes it takes a while to recall the name of a rock but will never forget where we found them (I think) or the shared fun of collecting them. Our special thanks to Gary and the Mt. Hood Club

Jean & Wally Hobson

"The Lesson" (submitted by Esther Lively)

Standing around one of the first Wednesday night workshops someone brought up the question of other projects we could offer as a club that might encourage new people to join? Since both my husband and my son both "do" rocks, I dreamed about a beautiful piece of jewelry every time they handed me a finished stone to 'put away. Gary Bergeson turned to me, and said, "Are you serious about wanting to learn? I could teach you a few things. Have you ever made jewelry before?"...And so it began.

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After the next meeting I left with photocopied instructions, a list of items to bring to class the following Wednesday, and a heart full of dreams. Gary was going to teach me! It was real.

The night was cool but the room was hot as I quickly unpacked my listed items and laid them out on the school's tabletop. For all the many years I'd spent driving a school bus, I had never before been inside a school shop. The tables stood on tall legs so one could work comfortably while standing or by sitting on one of the long legged stools. Our club members had installed rock equipment everywhere around the room and most of it was in use by the time I arrived.

Beyond excitement, I listened through the grumbles of saws and sanders, to Gary's instructions. As carefully as I could, I began to assemble my pieces of silver and tidbits of solder in their appropriate positions on top of my new firing brick, a tiny little white thing as light as air. I dutifully dipped each piece into the flux and finally managed to get it to lay where I wanted it. Task completed, I ran to find Gary who had wandered off to help someone else. "What next?" I asked a little more subdued as we walked back to my table. I just couldn't "see" how that bunch of crudely cut silver was ever going to become what I'd dreamed.

Looking it over with an experienced glance, Gary approved. "You did great. Now you take your torch and 'fire it.'" he stated. I looked at him blankly. Visions of blue flame shooting from the nozzle of my new torch made my hands quiver even before touching it. "How do you do that?" I asked nervously.

Trying to keep his smile to a minimum, Gary answered kindly, "You light it and point the flame at the silver. It will heat the flux and the solder will melt. Try it."

I must have stood frozen, still staring, because Gary finally picked up my torch, lit it and handed it to me. "Works fine. Now turn it on. I'll help you."

Trusting that he wouldn't let me cause an explosion or burn things up I lit the torch and adjusted the flame as he instructed.

"There, that wasn't so hard. Now point the flame at the brick."

My throat closed as I looked at that HOT blue FLAME and then at how tiny the little white brick was...I KNEW it would melt the TABLE...a SCHOOL table. Dumbfounded, I looked back at Gary again, the flaming torch still spluttering wildly.

Wordlessly, Gary reached over, put his hand around mine on the torch then forced my arm down so that the flame pointed at the cluster of metal on top of the brick. He had beaten my panic. The flame obediently warmed the flux, heated the silver and stayed contained without touching the tabletop. Within that one moment Gary made all of my dreams possible. It was my only "lesson", and the best one I ever got. The rest was total and true friendship.

Gary, you will be missed.

"Hi, how is everyone doing today? We have a lot of things to go over so if you'll give me your attention, we can get started." Those were the words that caught my attention at my first week-long caravan trip out to Homedale, Idaho. It was also the first year being in the club, and I was freshly new to the hobby.

He made it his top priority to see to it that I was comfortable and welcome. He greeted me each morning and followed up to make sure I was with a knowledgeable group and really looked after me. In that one week, I came to know many of the club members, came out of my shell, and had a great time. Gary set the standard and it is a trip I will always remember fondly.

I enjoyed his company and appreciated his helpful hints and suggestions. He was always there with a smile and a warm greeting. He was a phenomenal person that I will miss greatly. – Randall Vessels

NOTE: If anyone else has anything they would like to submit to celebrate in Gary's memory, please feel free to submit them and I will continue to publish them.

Our club is 50 years old

Thanks to our Club Historian, Esther Lively, who spent several days looking through past articles and artifacts on the club. She found this article that was published back in 1972. I am including it in this month's issue to commemorate our 50th year as a club and 50 years of friendship.

"CLUB OBSERVES 20th YEAR"

Mt Hood Rock Club was organized August 11th, 1952. It boasted 21 adults, and 9 junior members. It was started after librarian, Mrs. Vivian Hawkins, had a rock display in the Gresham branch library.

There were 6 charter members present at the Monday meeting. They were Donald Birch, Gresham; Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Bosler, Troutdale; Amos Porter, Gresham; Ted Schoen, Gresham; and Joe Welling, Portland.

Schoen is a past president, 1955. Other past presidents at the meeting were Arlo Baker, 1957; Mrs. Pat Harmanson, 1958-60; Elwood Dunmire, 1969; and Mrs. Marian Gottschalk, 1970. Robert Mitchell, Gresham is the current president.

HAPPENINGS IN AUGUST

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| August 2-4 | Spencer Opal. Spencer, Idaho. Contact Jim Scheirbeck (503) 284-4544. Need 20 people to commit for this to be a club-sponsored trip. |
| August 12 | Regional Meeting |
| August 13 | Regular Meeting |
| August 17-18 | Deer Creek, WA. Sponsored by Longview Rock Club. Call Emmett Johnson (360) 636-3497 or Jim Schrader (360) 274-8984 for more information. |
| August 26 | Regular Meeting |
| August 30-Sept. 1 | "Quants Claims". Prineville, OR. Sponsored by Clackamet Rock Club. Contact Norm Coker (503) 777-0932 for more information. |

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Ad-aware

With almost every household having a computer and the growing uses of the Internet, there are some unscrupulous advertising techniques that are being used to gather sensitive information about us. Here is a little bit of information and a suggested solution to help.

Ad-aware is a product made by Lavasoft. Ad-aware is a software application that removes spyware and other advertising information that is or can be gathered to and from your computer. Gator is a program that will allow advertising information to be gathered from your computer and allow your computer to accept advertising downloads from the internet without your knowledge or permission. Gator is a program that comes with some computers, or can be downloaded to your computer without you knowing just by visiting some websites that have an agreement with Gator.

Gator's selling point is that when you visit a website, it can fill out a form for you, and store a password, if needed. But, this program also collects information about what websites you visit, any purchases you made, etc... and send it back to a company. Then your information can be sold to advertising agencies and direct marketing people, who now have your e-mail address, as well as home address and telephone number. Gator is just one program. There are others out there. Think of the junk e-mail, junk mail, and telephone solicitors you can get from that.

Also Ad-aware cleans up what is called Browser Hijacking. This is where you visit a website, and you see some funny screens come up. After that, you may notice that you have a new home page. You may also not be able to go to any other website, except the advertiser's website and other websites that have agreements with the advertiser. Ad-aware removes the information that was added or changed, and restores your browser to working order. You may have to change back your home page, but that is only because Ad-aware cannot tell what your homepage was previously set to. Anyway, Ad-aware removes programs such as this.

The basic version of Ad-aware is free, and can be downloaded from the internet. The website to download it from is <http://www.lavasoftusa.com>. They also have a companion program called RefUpdate that will update the data files that Ad-aware uses to find advertising programs and other junk that is deposited on your computer.

Once you downloaded it and install it, you have to remember to run it every few days. The free version does not automatically scan your computer. I hope this will help everyone who has a computer and uses it to access the internet. If you have any questions you're more than welcomed to call me or Randy.

Canada Trip

Welcome back from Canada!!! Granted a few mechanical difficulties, welcome home!!! The general consensus is: WE ARE SPOILED HERE IN OREGON.

Keep in mind when you are out digging this summer:

WE NEED CLUB ROCK FOR NEXT YEAR'S CLUB SHOW!!!