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ROCKHOUND

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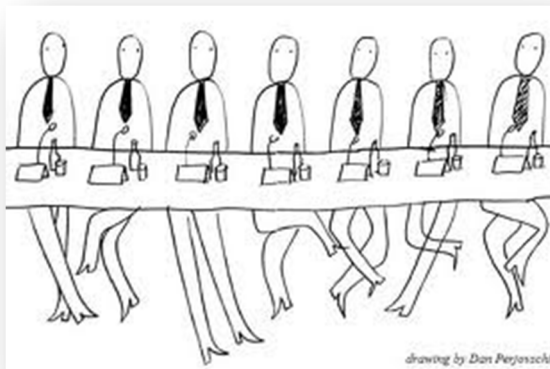
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Annual Dues: Family, \$18; Individual, \$12; Junior, \$6

The purpose of the Club is to increase the individual's knowledge of the earth sciences and to aid in the development of lapidary and related arts and skills; to promote fellowship and exchange of ideas; to hold exhibitions, contests, lectures and demonstrations for educational purposes; to help interest more people in the gem and mineral hobby; and to capture and preserve the beauty of nature, the arts, and the works of man.

## What is it? Program



### WHAT IS IT? PROGRAM

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Baxter Leonard, Club President

*As we reach the middle of 2011, CVGMC has much to be thankful for:*

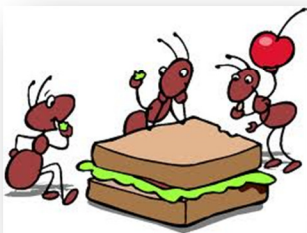
Our March show was a great success. Our monthly programs under VP Loyd Hoke have been well attended and educational. The club's field trips under Harry Polly have provided the opportunity for members to self-collect a variety of materials. Our treasurer Zan Ritchie continues to provide us with advice and monitor the fiscal side of CVGMC assets. Secretary Dean Russell has ensured the documentation of the minutes of each club meeting. Glenn Bolick is our "ambassador of good will" and provides excellent educational talks to school classes. Velda McLean, as newsletter editor, is instrumental in communicating to club members. Mike Streeter has provided expertise and service as web master that has greatly broadened the visibility of CVGMC, and all of us are thankful for that well done job. And last but not least, the club members are the core to any organization, and all have been supportive in striving to reach the goals for CVGMC.

June was our month to enjoy the annual picnic. Thanks to Harry & Janice Polly for their work & preparation and thanks to Dean Russell in manning the grill.

Summer brings the necessary precautions that need to be followed: sun protection, hydration with fluids when outside and insect protection if needed.

*Let's all have a fun & safe summer.*

**Baxter Leonard**



### PICNIC

The picnic was well attended--approximately 25 to 30 people. Excellent food and "good company"

Thanks, **Baxter**

### NO JULY FIELD TRIP

Harry Polly, Field Trip Coordinator

I am not planning a field trip for July-- too many irons in the fire. We can discuss a trip at the meeting if anyone is willing to lead it.

**Harry**

## JUNE PROGRAM

### WHAT IS IT?

Loyd Hoke, Program Director

The program Tuesday will be a "What is it?" program. All members are asked to bring up to 5 rocks for our "Experts" panel to identify. The panel will write their opinions down on a tag beside each rock. Then members may move around to see the identified rocks. If members do not bring rocks to be identified, then we will have a very short program. Let's see if we can stump the experts.

**Loyd Hoke**

## 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Gaston Gem & Mineral Show

September 30<sup>th</sup>, October 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011

Hours: Fri & Sat 9am – 6pm Sun-9am – 5pm

Dallas (BiggerStaff Park)

Hwy 279, Dallas Cherryville Hwy, Dallas, NC

## FREE Admittance

Minerals and Fossils from around the world

Cutting material, Quality Gemstones, Wire wrapping,  
Stone setting, Geodes, Jewelry, etc.

Hourly Raffles for Prizes, not just a jewelry show!

## SLUICE

We now have a real working

sluice, cheap buckets of gems in sand for sale, perfect for children and adults. Amethyst, Quartz Crystals, Faceted stones mixed at random in buckets; you just might get that special stone or treasure!



# JR. ROCKHOUND PAGE

Have you found a treasure lately? Have you been to any good mineral shows? Can you draw examples of minerals? You are welcome to submit any size original article of your experiences as a Jr. Rockhound. Photos and drawings are welcome. You may email or mail your material to the Editor. The addresses are on the first page of this newsletter. All drawings and photos will be returned to you if you mail them. Check out the websites for Juniors on this page.

## Prehistoric Animal Skeletons Skeletal Reconstructions Prehistoric Animal and Dinosaur Bones

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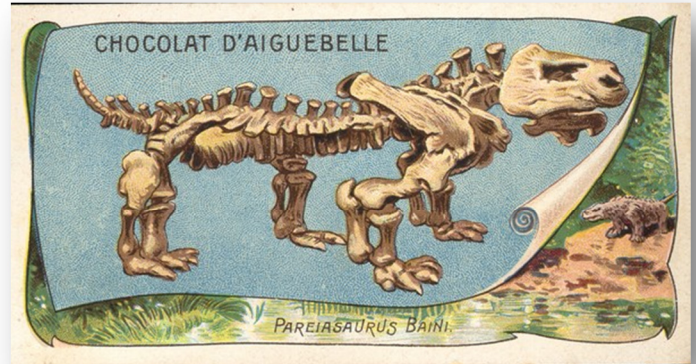
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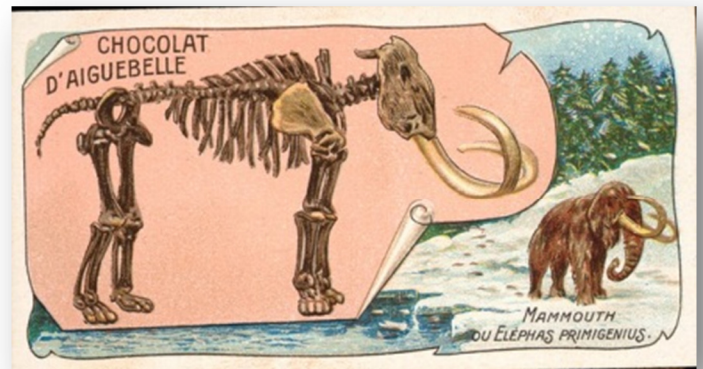
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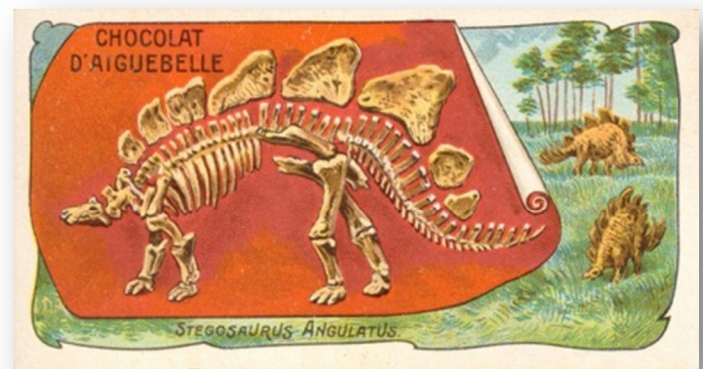
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