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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.



Photo: S. Harvin

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**President's Message**

Wanted  
"Rock Hound"  
Good Nose for rocks  
Stays hard on the trail  
Leads the Pack  
Contact our new club "Nanny"

**George**

**October Program**

*Joan Glover, Program Director*

The program this month will be "Meteorites in NC."  
The presentation will be given by John Sinclair.



**Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club, Inc.  
Minutes for September 13, 2016**

The September 13, 2016 meeting of the CVGMC was called to order by President George Brown at 7:00 PM. There were 28 members and 1 guests present.

**Minutes:** Motion by Harry P., seconded by Jack R., to accept the minutes for the August 9, 2016 meeting. The motion was passed by the Club membership.

**Treasurer Report:** Bank balance given.

**Education Committee:** Adult Life requested a program

**Show Committee:** Warren H. reported that schools are contacting him for the 2017 Show.

**Field Trip Report:**

- 1) Rick G. will lead the October trip.
- 2) Kentucky Geode Trip was Labor Day Weekend.
- 3) Need a Field Trip Coordinator ASAP.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- 1) An article was being prepared for Rock and Gem Magazine about Glen Bolick.
- 2) A get well card was sent around for a Club member who had a medical procedure.

**Announcements:** None

**Closing of Business:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM

**Program:** Club member, Slade H. talked about his experiences of his first Kentucky Geode Trip. Photographs were by Joan G.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dean Russell, Secretary

### Field Trip News

The October 15th field trip will be led by Rick Glover to the Lucky Strike Gold and Gem Mine in Marion, NC. Meet at Roses parking lot on Rte 70 in Hickory at 8:00 AM. Just bring the admission money, they have restrooms, and a snack bar. The panning area is covered, so weather isn't an issue. They have pans, etc. More details at the Club meeting. Check [www.luckystrikegoldandgem.com](http://www.luckystrikegoldandgem.com) for additional information on the site.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEWS**

### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION UPDATES

If any of your membership information changes (address, phone number, email address, etc) please notify the treasurer, Terry Russell, as soon as possible so she can update the Club roster.

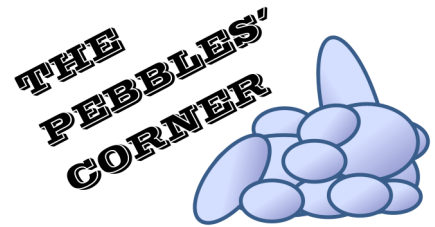
### ANNUAL CLUB AUCTION

Mark your calendars for the December meeting. The meeting will be the Annual Club Auction. More details will follow next month, but start planning to attend.



### Glenn Bolick Memoriam Approved for Publication

The Glenn Bolick memoriam article has been approved for publication in the Gem and Mineral Magazine in December, 2016. Warren Hollar, who wrote the article, expresses appreciation for club members who assisted with providing information and serving as fact checkers for the article. Special appreciation is provided to Amber and Kathleen Bolick, Baxter Leonard, Eric Fritz, George and Marilyn Max, Wayne Bowman, and Betty Hollar. Once the article is published, a copy will be run in the club newsletter.



*This section of the newsletter is being started to help generate more interest and interaction with younger rockhounds and to have fun in the process.*

I encourage everyone to contact a younger person and talk with them about rocks, minerals, and fossils. Take time to tell them what you liked to do when you were younger and what started you into collecting rocks, minerals, and/or fossils. Help cultivate a possible interest in rockhounding.

Things to possibly talk about:

- What you collect?
- When did you start collecting?
- What is your favorite specimen?
- Where you would go to look for specimens?
- What you look for when searching?
- What safety precautions need to be followed?
- What is one of your most memorable trips?
- Other items that might come up when talking.

Enjoy talking with each other and have fun. If the weather is nice go outside to talk or even go for a walk.

*Until next time.....*

**Slade**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS / NEWS**

### **Dean Russell Agrees to Be Show Chairman**

Thanks go to Larry and Brenda Huffman who recently hosted a meeting at their home to discuss the leadership of the club show. After much discussion concerning the components of the show, several members agreed to take leadership of certain aspects of the show. Dean Russell graciously agreed to be the show chairman for the March, 2017 show. He asks for the support of all club members to provide the manpower to make the show successful.

*Warren*

### **AMFS Code of Ethics** *from AMFS Website*

- ❖ 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.

*Revised July 7, 1999 at the AMFS Annual Meeting*

## 2017 CVGMC Gem, Mineral, Fossil, and Jewelry Show

The Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club will hold their forty-seventh annual gem, mineral, fossil, and jewelry show on March 24, 25, and 26, 2017 at the Hickory Metro Convention Center. Hours are 9:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m. on Friday, 9:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, and 10:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Chaperoned school, boy or girl scouts, 4-H, church youth, day care, retirement home groups, and law enforcement officers and military in uniform will be admitted free anytime during this 3-day event. General admission is \$5.00 which is good for all three days. Children 12 and under are admitted free.

The 2017 show theme, "Dinosaurs + Meteorites = Extinction?" will be highlighted with a focal display and presentations to investigate the role of meteorites in the extinction of the dinosaurs. The display will include dinosaur bones and meteorites collected by John Sinclair who is currently curator of meteorites and minerals at Pisgah Astronomical Research Institute in Rosman, N.C. and by Ron Ruschman, a University of Cincinnati graduate geologist, dealer and collector who has also appeared on several television shows. Both men will provide informative sessions investigating the issues connecting meteorites and the downfall of the dinosaurs.

Added attractions at this year's show are displays by CVGMC member Richard Sipe of the world's largest carved sapphire at over 80,000 carats which is listed in the Guinness Book of World Records (Called the Sipe Sapphire). Another Sipe display, called "The Chief" is verified as natural ruby corundum, as identified by New York gemologists, which weighs 112 pounds and 6 oz. and 255,000 carats. It has a very unique design, thus the name "The Chief." A number of other educational displays will be available for viewing. The displays will include high quality specimens enclosed in glass cases.

Two education areas will be in operation on Friday, March 24. As many as 15 small group presentations by club members, geology specialists, gemologists, etc. highlight areas such as minerals, fossils, Indian artifacts, and gems. Public, private, and home school groups are invited to attend the show on Friday, March 24. School groups will have an opportunity to enjoy several different presentations that align with the curriculum of a number of grade levels. A second educational area will house a hands-on display where attendees are encouraged to actually handle labeled specimens and to study them with the aid of a magnifying lens. Club members will be on hand to assist in comparing texture, luster, and other properties of minerals and to answer questions. Demonstrations of the lapidary arts of faceting, cabochon cutting, and tumbling will also be provided by club members. An area with black lights will allow visitors to see fluorescent minerals. A special limited-touch area will provide an educational experience with fossils such as shark's teeth. Younger children will enjoy searching for free specimens in a mini mine. Participants are invited to bring gem and mineral samples for identification at a booth in the education area staffed by a geologist. Over twenty vendors will be on hand to sell during the show.

A special area will be in place where Boy Scouts may complete the majority of requirements for the geology merit badge on Saturday, March 25 from 9:30-4:00 PM. Chaperoned cub scouts, girl scouts, and other youth groups are also encouraged to attend and will provided assistance by club members.

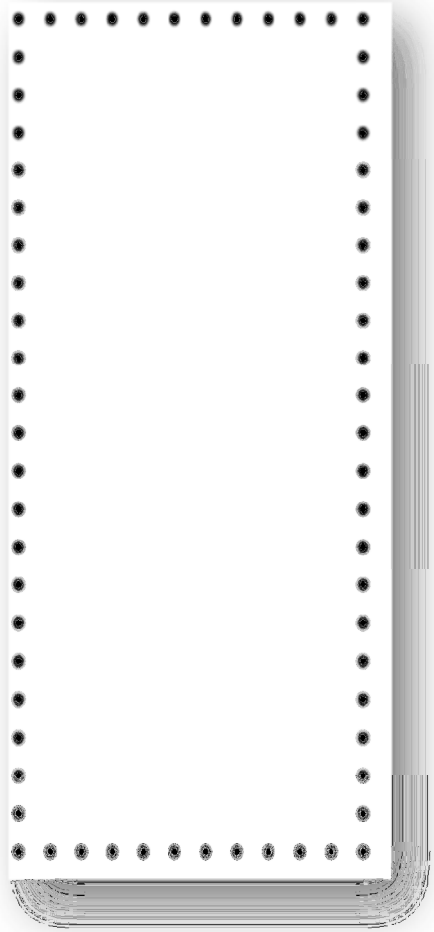
Drawings for regular door prizes will be held every hour. Special door prize drawings will be held for school and youth groups. The club will be selling grab bags containing minerals and fossils for \$1.00 each. Geodes will also be available.

The Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club also has an education committee that will provide programs related to gems, minerals, and fossils in local schools and for various youth groups. An educational exhibit is also available for display in schools for a period of one to two weeks at no charge. Information concerning these services will be available at the gem and mineral show or from Dr. George Max, education chairperson. His phone number is (828) 328-9107. The web page for the club is [www.cvgmc.com/](http://www.cvgmc.com/).

For general show information contact Dean Russell, show chairman, at (828) 303-1448 or [cvgmcsecretary@aol.com](mailto:cvgmcsecretary@aol.com). For information concerning school or group visits, please contact Dr. Warren Hollar at [whollar@charter.net](mailto:whollar@charter.net) by email or phone at (828)446-5400. We look forward to seeing you at the show.



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**Club Meeting**

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