

Presidents Message:

Hello To All,

Members Help Wanted!!!! There are a good number of members that signed up to help with the Apple Harvest Festival at Amherst County High School on October the 17-18th. If you didn't sign up to help with this Club activity, come on out and join the fun. It's a good way to learn more about what items the Club has to offer for sale and also to learn more about rocks and minerals as well as get to know the active members in the Club. Remember this Festival is the weekend before the regular monthly meeting, October 21st. Our program for the October meeting is the annual auction night. If you have a specimen or other rock related item you would like to donate to the auction, just bring it with you to the meeting. Also bring along any family members or friends. The more the merrier.

If you didn't make it to the Kyanite Mining field trip on Sept 19th you missed out on some great finds made that day. Several minerals and crystals were found that we haven't collected at this site in the past. But you have an opportunity to go on the next trips on October the 24th. There will be two trips to choose from on the same day. The first is to the Va. Tech Geology Museum, where there are mineral specimens to view as well as some for sale. The second trip is to Boxley's Blue Ridge Quarry, where

the famous four thousand pound Stromatolite fossil was found in June of last year. It sounds like trips to please everyone. I hope you are planning to attend.

What would you like to see added to our Website? If you have any ideas please let them be known at the club meeting. If you would like to see something added to our meeting night, our monthly workshop, or newsletter we are open to your suggestions. This is your club, so why not get involved? There are many new members that have joined recently; I would like to welcome you aboard. I'm sorry I don't have a lot of time to devote to conversation at the monthly meetings; things get a little crazy sometimes. But I would like to meet and get to know each and everyone of you. I feel the best way to get on a more personal level is to come together at a workshop, festival or field trip. There are less time constraints, and it's a good place to ask questions about what is important to you. Don't be afraid to ask questions, we love being helpful, and that is a good way to learn more about the Earth Sciences.

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From the First VP:

NO ARTICLE SUBMITTED



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Don McIntyre donated polished agates for all the children in attendance. Thanks Don, the kids really like this added bonus.

Old Business: John Haskins: Please bring donations of rock specimens or rock related items to the October 21st Club Auction night. Dave Callahan is still taking orders for the solar powered turntables. See him for details.**First Vice President:** Not in attendance so John Haskins announced the upcoming meeting programs. 10/21st- Club Auction, Nov. is still open and the Dec. Meeting will be our annual Holiday Dinner.**Second Vice President:** Dave Callahan: field trips as follows September 19th- Kyanite Mining, October 1-4th Kentucky Geode Trip, October 17-18th Apple Harvest Festival; October 24th- VA Tech. Open house & mineral museum show & sale; October 24th- Boxley Quarry, Blue Ridge VA. Led by John Haskins**Treasures Report:** Franklin Midkiff: Treasury balance is \$2461.16**Program:** Tonight's Program presented by Mary Lose DeViney with power point presentation on Stromatolites.**New Business:** The September newsletter was in error for the date of the October meeting and auction night. The correct date is October 21st. please invite your friends and family. 9/26 will be a workshop at Dave Callahan's home, to finish items for upcoming festivals. There was a signup sheet for volunteers for the Apple Harvest Festival 10/17-18th. If you forgot to signup please come and give us a hand anyway. Checkout the Boxley Quarries website at boxley.com and click on the words "WHAT'S NEW" at the top of the home page. They have included some of our newsletter info on the BIG Stromatolite find there.**Achievement Awards:** Source A.F.M.S. News Letter. Bulletin Editors Contest Results. Congratulations to Dave Woolley who won Honorable Mention for his article on Carbonate Minerals & Rocks, in the Original Adult Articles, Advanced category. Also congratulations to Jordan Tinsley for his winning Jr. Article titled "Ammonite Facts". This was a nation wide competition, the GMSL was well represented. Good job guys.**Minutes submitted by**
John Haskins, President

The purpose of the Gem & Mineral Society of Lynchburg, VA, INC. is to promote education in The Earth Sciences including: Mineralogy, Geology, Gemology, Paleontology, and Crystallography

*The Gem and Mineral Society of Lynchburg VA, Inc.
Meets on the third Wednesday of each month,
From 7:00pm- 9:00pm
In the auditorium of the Parks and Recreation Building
301 Grove St. Lynchburg, VA 24501
Public is invited, Please join us!*

Programs

Did You Know if you do a Google search for Stromatolites you can pull up literally hundreds of beautiful full color photographs stromatolites?

We were all looking forward to the **September Program** by Lynchburg Club Member Mary Lose DeViney. Her power point presentation was very interesting with pictures and charts featuring the famous 4000-pound stromatolite fossil found at the Boxley Blue Ridge Quarry. There were even photos of the fossil on display at the Martinsville Natural History Museum. Mary also had pictures of the fossil stromatolite she dug up at the same location, and photos of similar finds by other club members. The charts showed the geological areas where the fossils were found. Mary's story of making her own find was very interesting. Maybe we can get a program from another club member about their very exciting find in the world of geology. Thank You Mary for traveling to Lynchburg and sharing your program with our members.

Submitted by John Haskins

The **October Program** of the Gem and Mineral Society of Lynchburg will feature a live auction of specimens and other hobby related material donated by members and club supporters. Bring along your family and friends, as well as cash or your checkbook, and enjoy a evening of fun and camaraderie with fellow hobby enthusiasts.



Annual Auction

Wednesday October 21, 2009

7-9 PM

**Lynchburg Department of Parks and Recreation
(Auditorium)
301 Grove St., Lynchburg, VA 24501**

Winning bidders are expected to pay for items at the end of the auction. NO CREDIT CARDS- please bring cash or check.

Auction will follow a brief business meeting.

Field Trip Report

PAST COMBINED FIELD TRIPS



*Field Trip Report and photos
submitted by
Dave Callahan,
Field trip chairman.*

KYANITE MINING CORP. Willis Mountain and East Ridge Facilities September 19, 2009



Wow what a turnout! According to the sign-up sheet and talking with all the other Club's field trip leaders, we had just over 100 participants. There were 6 area clubs attending that included Lynchburg, Roanoke, Richmond, Northern Virginia, Southern Maryland and the Virginia Peninsula. Mike Morris, the coordinator for Kyanite Mining, was well pleased with the turn out and the way everyone followed the safety rules. We will plan another area-combined field trip in late September 2010.

The first half of the morning was on Willis Mountain. We covered both the north and south areas and collected a lot of massive and crystalline Kyanite. Some people actually found some blue Kyanite crystals, rare in this area. Some green Apatite and green Trolleite were also found. There was much Pyrite, Quartz, Hematite, and Mica around that made pretty specimens. Much of the Mica was iron stained that gave it a beautiful red coloring. Some of the Kyanite was stained with a combination of Hematite and Goethite, commonly called Turgite that gave it the beautiful multicolored effect.



About 11AM we assembled and drove about a mile over to the East Ridge facilities. We again divided and covered both of the mining areas. Here we found a lot of beautiful emerald green Fuchsite, a variety of Mica and again a little beautiful blue Kyanite. On the ground were many loose iron stained Kyanite crystals. A few large thumb size Rutile crystals along with many smaller sizes were discovered. These were some of the first and certainly the largest I've ever seen from East Ridge. They were in a single large red stained quartz boulder. The area was spotted on the quarry wall so we will need to wait until more blasting reveals additional material.



Everyone had a good time and we received many complements. Thank you Mike, for allowing us to have quarry access on this beautiful September day. We all will look forward to another trip next year.
Additional photos on page 11



Upcoming Field Trips

For further information on field trips, contact David Callahan,
540-297-1853
Email dbcall1@aol.com

**Sign-up required for all field trips. Call, email, or see me at the club meeting.
Do NOT just show up at the quarry or collecting site!**

THERE ARE 3 FIELD TRIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR OCTOBER 24TH.

BOXLEY MATERIALS BLUE RIDGE QUARRY, Blue Ridge, Virginia

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2009 ~ 7:45am until 12 noon

ASSEMBLY TIME: Drive to the quarry on your own from Lynchburg or Roanoke. Arrange your starting time so that you **arrive at the quarry by 7:30 to 7:40am.** (Allow at least 40 minutes from the Sheetz on Rt. 460 and Rt. 811 at New London west of Lynchburg. **John Haskins, field trip leader for this trip, will depart from there promptly at 6:40 am if you would like to follow him.**)

AGE LIMIT: All youth must be at least 10 years old to enter the quarry. They must have all the required safety gear, view and understand the Hazard Training Video and be under parental supervision at all times.

THE TRIP: Driving from Lynchburg, the quarry is located on Rt. 460 west between Bedford and Roanoke. After you pass the "tank farm" in Montvale but before you hit the Rt. 220 cut off to I-81 at Cloverdale, you will see the new quarry main entrance on your right (north side) Do not go to the scale house. Go to the next road and we will meet at the new white block shop and lunchroom building on the ground floor. From Roanoke, the Quarry entrance will be on your left on the county line just a few hundred feet past the Blue Ridge Minute Market on US 460 east. We will gather in the lunchroom to view the required 10-minute Hazard Training Video and sign the release forms. **We will view the video at 7:45am so do not be late.**

EQUIPMENT: Standard quarry gear is required. Hardhat, steel toed boots and safety glasses. Wear long pants and bring gloves. Also bring your collecting gear such as hammers, chisels, collecting bags or buckets and paper to wrap your finds. It may be cold, hot or wet in the pit so dress accordingly for the weather that day. Bring something to eat and lots of water to drink. Also a camera as the geology is fantastic 500 feet down. We will be able to drive into the quarry.

COLLECTING: We should be able to find some pink and white calcite, pyrite, celestite and the possibility of fossil Stromatolite (algae) and small shell fossils. We must clear the quarry and all be signed out by 12 noon. Scott Wilson will be our quarry guide for the day.

SPECIAL NOTE: Remember that it is a privilege to have access to this and other working quarry sites. Our courtesies, safe behavior and the General Mineral Miners Certification most of our club members have go a long way in their decision to allow us access to the property. **Always be safe and follow the all the directives of the quarry personal and your field trip leader.**

Contact Dave Callahan for further information. (See contact information above)

Upcoming Field Trips

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A Second Field Trip Choice for SATURDAY OCTOBER 24, 2009 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

DEPARTMENT OF GEOSCIENCE

AT THE VIRGINIA TECH MINERAL MUSEUM ~ 2062 Derring Hall

On the Virginia Tech Campus at Perry Street near West Campus Drive. Blacksburg, Virginia

TRIP: The Virginia Tech Geology Club and Alumni dealers are holding this show to benefit the Museum. Items available for sale include: Minerals, Rocks, Fossils, Bookends, and many other unique items. For more information, go to www.outreach.geos.vt.edu.

DESTINATION: This is a go on your own field trip.

I plan to arrive there at 10:00 AM. We will not attempt to drive as a group to Derring Hall on the V.P.I. Campus.

Here are the directions: **From Lynchburg:**

Drive on US 460 West to Bonsack and take US 220 Alternate

to I-81 South. **From Roanoke:** Drive to I-81 South.

Continued Directions:

Once on I-81 south, drive to Christiansburg and exit on 118 A-B-C. Follow the signs to VA. Tech and Blacksburg, which will be 118-B. Stay on the US 460 West Christiansburg, bypass and continue to Blacksburg and exit on route 314 east, Southgate Drive (traffic Light). Take a left on Duckpond Road and continue on to Campus Drive. Derring Hall should be straight ahead so cross Campus Drive and find a parking place in the lot behind the building. You can turn left on Campus Drive and then right on Prices Fork Road and then turn right in to the parking lot. There is a campus map on the website and you can check the "central campus" map for additional information. Enter Derring Hall thru the stairs near the middle of the building and find your way to the Geology Lab room 2062. You should arrive at Derring Hall no earlier than 9:45. We will try to assemble in the parking lot and enter as a group. If you are late, you will have to find your own way to the Geology Lab.

A Third Field Trip Choice for SATURDAY OCTOBER 24, 2009

Dave Lines will be the trip leader for a collecting trip at the Manassas Quarry in Northern VA
More information on page 10.

DMC Program of the SFMS

Field Trip Committee

An Official Field Trip of the Knoxville Gem and Mineral Society.) (HOST)

10:30 AM Eastern, 9:30 Central (Sharp!)

Saturday, November 21, 2009

Dale Hollow Lake, Byrdstown, TN.

COLLECTING: Agatized Crinoid stems and heads, agatized plates of exposed crinoids material and geodes along the shore of Dale Hollow Lake,

Questions - contact:

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DMC Program of the SFMS

Field Trip Committee

An Official Field Trip of The Treasure Coast Rock & Gem Society (Vero Beach, FL)(HOST)

10:00 AM, Saturday, December 05, 2009

Fort Drum Crystal Mine

Fort Drum, Okeechobee County, FL

FEE AREA

The pit has been allowed to fill with water and has become a lake, however Mr. Rucks has tons of spoil material to sort through. He will be bringing fresh loads in for us to dig.

COLLECTING: Calcite in fossil clams, fossil shells in the Nashua and Tamiami formation limestone (1.8 to 3 million years old). Also, sharks teeth and bone fragments have been found. Details at:

<http://www.gaminal.org/dmc.htm>

Schedule of Events...

SHOWS & TRIPS

October 2009

October 17th -18th --Bristol, Connecticut: 37th annual show/EFMLS Annual Convention; Bristol Gem & Mineral Club; Beals Community Center, 240 Stafford Ave.; Sat. 9:30-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$5, seniors \$4, children under 12 free; gems, jewelry, mineral specimens, crystals, hands-on educational exhibits, grand door prize, free children's games and activities; contact Dave Korzendorfer, 208 Westledge Rd., W. Simsbury, CT 06092; e-mail: Bristolgem@hotmail.com; Web site: www.Bristolgem.org

October 23rd-25th- Treasures of the Earth Gem, Mineral Fossil, Jewelry and Bead show, Harrisonburg, VA.
www.toteshows.com for complete details.

October 30th- November 1st- Treasures of the Earth Show, Martinsville, VA. Check the website www.toteshows.com for updates; shows at National Guard Armory's subject to change if the guard is using the building.

November 27th-29th- **Roanoke Valley Mineral and Gem Society annual show at the Salem Civic Center in Salem, VA. We will have items for sale as well to benefit our club treasury.**
More info at the club meeting and on page 9.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Apple Festival
18 Apple Festival	19	20	21 Meeting/ Auction 7:00 PM	22	23	24 Field Trip
25	26	27	28 Woolley's Workshop	29	30	31 Halloween

2009 Apple Harvest Festival

Amherst County High School
139 Lancer Lane
Amherst, VA 24521



Date/Hours:

Saturday, October 17, 2009 (9:00 AM-5:00 PM)

Sunday, October 18, 2009 (12:00 PM-5:00 PM)

We will have an outdoor booth to sell our lapidary craft items, as well as having our Sluice and geode cracker up and running. We will need many hands throughout the two day festival, for set up, take down and manning the booth so others can get a break. Please consider coming out to lend a hand, even if you did not sign up for a time slot. All help is welcome and appreciated. There will be tickets handed out to workers and a prize drawing as a special "thank you" for helping.



This Is My Quest

An article by Jane Owen, reprinted from Sept. 2008 issue of The Collecting Bag



Jane's Quest: Mole Hill, an actual volcano remnant.

We rock collectors LIVE to go on field trips. We plan toward these trips with great anticipation and preparation- gathering buckets, tools, and flats; making lunch; buying gas...so we can collect that Fabulous Rock.

By the way, the word ROCK in this article is used to refer to all that we collect- minerals, gems, fossils, etc.

If you think about it, we usually have a quest
 To find the first rock
 To find the biggest rock
 To find the hidden view
 To find it before Pete and Rudy find it
 And before Betsy identifies it
 To leap tall buildings...well, wait a minute.

Do you get the idea? Good. Here goes. I want to tell you about my quest of 20 years to go to Mole Hill, possibly the youngest volcano remnant in Virginia. My interest was piqued during a field trip in the late 80's led by Dave Walz, geology professor at J. Sargent Reynolds Community College. Dave showed us Mole Hill (near Harrisonburg) from a distance, but the day's schedule did not allow time for the class to go to Mole Hill.

Mole Hill impressed me then as being important not only geologically, but historically, too. I never forgot it. It nagged at me. It became my quest. "I am I, Don Quixote, the Man of La Mancha" Make that Donna Quixote, Wo-man of La Mancha.

Life got in the way for a while; then I retired. Then I started pestering Pete (McQuery) to lead a field trip there. "So this is my quest, to follow that star... After two years of my pestering, Pete finally caved. THANKS PETE! There have now been two field trips to Mole Hill this year. "No matter how hopeless, no matter how far..."

Finally I made it to Mole Hill! On the day of my trip, I was the only one in the group who went all the way to the top. "And the wild winds of fortune will carry me onward..." At the top I was rewarded with a beautiful misty view all around. There were two trees at the peak that had been snapped off about 20 to 30 feet up – usually an indicator of a tornado. There were not as many of the fist-sized rocks we had seen on the sloping road up *The Hill*, but the quiet, damp, woodsy surroundings were calming and tranquil- not at all like the activity the activity this once-volcano presented.

What's my impression of the rocks? Although I prefer rocks that are pretty and minerals I can easily see with the naked eye, I found the basalt-based rocks to be most interesting under the microscope. The minerals that can be found under the scope are spinels, (hercynite), feldspar blobs, olivine pockets, and more mysteries. we can only imagine ("The Impossible Dream") the drama that was once there, and only wonder why it is called something as disrespectful Mole Hill.

Finally, my 20-year quest is satisfied ("...to follow that star..."). I've been to Mole Hill! Now, what is the quest? To look at all of those unexciting rocks under the microscope and discover more spinels, feldspars, olivine, and other mysteries that await. If you wonder about the quotes in the writing, they are taken from songs in the play "Man of La Mancha" by Wasserman, Darion, and Leigh, based on the book Don Quixote by Cervantes.

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting- Wednesday, October 7, @ 7:00 PM

John Haskins: Apple Festival 10/17 & 18. Sign up sheet was available at meeting. The trailer is mostly packed and there will be a get together to finish it off and load the sand and water on Friday 10/16. John, Dave Callahan and Frank will take care of these details.

We will look into the Railroad festival in Appomattox as a possibility for next year.

We will have our annual auction on 10/21, all are encouraged to show up and bring donations of hobby related items if you wish to donate for others to bid on, or just come and join in the fun.

At the suggestion of the board, nominations will be accepted from the floor at the next meeting. (For next year's officers)

Alan Rice: Right now things are hectic, and the website is at a stand still. Stay tuned for updates.

Dave Callahan: We will have a table at the Roanoke show (Thanksgiving Weekend) and will be selling our lapidary crafts. Volunteers will be needed for this and also to help out with the fluorescent booth.

Rotating display stands will be about \$3.63 each, and the order will be placed soon. Anyone wishing to order please contact Dave Callahan ASAP! There are three field trips for Oct. 24th. Morefield mine will be open by reservation only during October and November. We may consider a club trip there.

Natalie: EFMLS convention and editor awards 10/16-18. We will present awards to club members at upcoming meetings.

Ralph will have another batch of flyers made up prior to the Apple Festival.

The board has decided to hand out tickets to workers at our festival booths and later have a drawing for a "thank you gift." This program will start at the Apple Festival and the drawing will be held at the club meeting.

There were no additional comments or concerns, so the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Natalie Darling



Roanoke Valley Mineral and Gem Society Annual Show

Salem Civic Center
1001 Boulevard
Salem, VA 24153

\$3.00 admission
(Ticket good all
3 days).
Under age 16
Free.

Date/Hours:

Friday, November 27, 2009 (2:00 PM-7:00 PM)

Saturday, November 28, 2009 (10:00 AM-6:00 PM)

Sunday, November 29, 2009 (12:00 PM-5:00 PM)

Pearls, stone
 beads, stone
 setting,
 amber, opal,
 mineral and
 fossil dealers

Hourly door prizes
 including a Gold ring
 with a sapphire to be
 given as a Grand
 Prize

Geode cutting.
 Displays by club
 members.
 Large fluorescent
 minerals display.

Jewelry makers,
 goldsmiths and
 silversmiths- custom
 made jewelry

Gem trees, wire
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Mineral Collecting Field Trip

Southern Maryland Rock and Mineral Club Field Trip
Combined trip with the Lynchburg and Roanoke Clubs

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Vulcan Manassas Quarry on Saturday October 17th from 7:30 a.m. – noon

The Lynchburg / Roanoke field trip leader for this trip will be John Hatcher
 Phone 434-525-6055-----email ghatcher@jetbroadband.com

Meeting Time --- Meet at the Quarry Office parking lot at 7:30 a.m. (no later!!) for Safety Briefing and signing waiver forms

Trip Leader --- Dave Lines (301) 934-9396 (Home) / (240) 427-7062 (Cell)

Location --- Vulcan Materials at the Manassas Quarry, Manassas, VA (8537 Vulcan Lane, Manassas, VA 20109)

Directions --- (1) From D.C. and Maryland area, take Washington Beltway (I-495) to I-66 (west) to Manassas Exit 44. Go south on Rt 234 (Bypass) for 3.3 miles. Turn Left on Wellington Rd. (at light) --- go ½ mile and turn left on Vulcan Road. Cross railroad tracks and take immediate right into office parking lot. (2) From Lynchburg/Roanoke area, take I-81 north to I-66 east to Manassas Exit 44. Remaining directions are the same.

Safety --- Vulcan requires steel-toed boots, hardhat, safety glasses, long pants and heavy gloves. Stay clear of all high walls. **Note to Experienced members** --- please keep a watch on all of us and say something to those who may not recognize danger before they get into trouble.

What to Collect --- Prehnite, datolite, byssolite, pyrite, pectolite, apophyllite, other zeolites. Good micros.

Equipment/ clothing --- Full safety gear --- steel-toed shoes/boots, safety glasses, hardhat, work gloves -- - rock hammer, 3 - 4 pound crack hammer, chisels, 5 gal. bucket, old newspaper for wrapping specimens, small pry bar. Optional -- large sledgehammer, long pry bar, extra buckets. Your best tools are sharp eyes. Clothing depends on the weather --- coveralls recommended. Rain poncho nice to have.

Quarry Description / Hints --- Manassas Quarry is a trap rock quarry -- large square, deep hole in the ground with multiple levels. The predominate rock is dark gray diabase which is mined for crushed rock for road construction. Prehnite is the main thing we will try to find --- **Hint:** look for a white or light green streak of color in the gray rock and examine carefully. Breaking that rock open may reveal a pocket of light green prehnite. Prehnite is not abundant here, so it has been a hit or miss thing. On the other hand, we have always (Lord willin') found some nice specimens of something to make the trip worthwhile. **Hint** --- Carefully search and *investigate anything that is different.*

Vehicles --- We will be allowed to drive our vehicles into the quarry. The roads are generally good --- wide and relatively smooth --- but sometimes with water standing in pools on the lowest level. If it is wet and muddy, consider carpooling with someone who has a truck or SUV.

Misc. --- Drinking water, sunscreen, snacks, "Thank" the quarry rep.

Sign-up List --- This trip will be limited to 10 from Lynchburg and Roanoke. There are already 3 signed up so call or email John Hatcher at the address above at once if you are interested in attending.....or, if you sign up and later find that cannot make the trip, **call Dave Lines** (301) 934-9396 and tell him.

Presidents Message: *continued from page 1*

I mentioned this at the September meeting but I feel it is worth mentioning again. Our own Dave Woolley and Jordan Tinsley were given awards for their article contributions printed in our monthly newsletter last year by the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies Bulletin Editors Contest. This was a nation wide contest and we should be proud that the GMSL was so well represented. Good work guys. I think everyone should submit an article to our newsletter on a subject that is interesting to them. Who knows, maybe you will see your name on the next awards list.

(Editors note: The Eastern Federation Editor Awards Ceremony will be held on October 18th, 2009. I have it on good authority that we will have a few more award recipients in our club!)

I hope to see you at the Apple Harvest Festival and at the October 21st auction meeting.

Until then,

**Keep Looking Down,
John Haskins**

Solar Turntable Offer

We are still taking orders for these Solar Turntables and trying to obtain the best cost that will include shipping. I hope to have more complete information at the October meeting. Please let me know if you are interested in this opportunity. I'll need to have your name and the quantity you would like to order.

There retail for about ten dollars each and we are trying to keep our cost less than four dollars. The minimum order is 500 units to obtain our best cost. There was a photo of the unit in the September issue.

I will have the sign-up sheet at the October meeting but you can always call or email me if you cannot attend the meeting.

David Callahan, 540-297-1853 dbc11@aol.com

Kyanite Mining Sept 2009 Field Trip



"The man who removes a mountain begins by carrying away small stones."

~ William Faulkner

Photos submitted by Dave Callahan



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Lynchburg Rock Raiders is the official FRA association of The Gem & Mineral Society of Lynchburg, VA INC



Websites to visit: Lynchburg Gem and Mineral Society:

www.lynchburgrockclub.org

The SFMS Newsletter, the Eastern Federation Newsletter, and the AFMS Newsletters are available for all members to read on line at the Federation Websites:

www.amfed.org/sfms, www.amfed.org and www.amfed.org/efmsl

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