

GOLDRUSH LEDGER

FROM THE PREZ

Devin McRorie

Spring has sprung and it is bouncing all over the place from hot to cold and hot again! Have you made your plans for the summer? William Holland and Wildacres are having classes now and it is the most cost-effective way to learn something new and hang out with like-minded friends.

Our Charlotte Gem Club show is coming up in a couple of weeks so please make your plans to join us for the fun and to help out. Jimmy and Becky have pulled together a great line of vendors to share a lot of new and exciting minerals, jewelry and equipment for creating your own.



Our 50th Year

April Meeting Program

Come learn about gem mining in Madagascar.

The mineral for the month is *diopside*. Please bring your samples of diopside to the meeting on April 19.



Cabochon Machine

A cabochon machine is available at the home of Jimmy Strickland (704/537-6010), and he can teach you how to use it.

Please call to plan a visit.

The machine belongs to the club; you **MUST** be a club member to use it.

Charlotte Gem & Mineral Club's 41st Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show & Sale April 27-29, 2007

Charlotte Merchandise Mart
2500 E. Independence Blvd. (Hwy. 74)

April 27 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

April 28 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

April 29 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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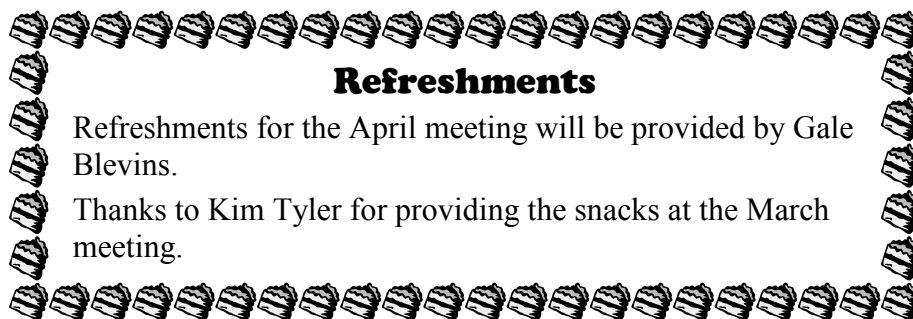
Congratulations to Scholarship Winners!

Congratulations to Becky Strickland and Nancy Elliott, who were awarded William Holland/Wildacres scholarships for their participation in club activities this past year. Alternate winners, in case either Becky or Nancy cannot attend a class, are Tom and Gale Blevins. Thanks to these members for all they have done for the club; a great week of learning and camaraderie is in store for them! Be sure to pick up a points sheet to record your club participation at the next meeting.

Condolences

Condolences are extended to Jimmy and Becky Strickland upon the recent loss of several family members. Becky lost a married aunt and uncle who died within two days of each other last month. Jimmy's father, James Paul Strickland, an 86-year-old Pearl Harbor survivor who spent 38 years in the Navy, Master Chief ABM, passed away on April 1. Our thoughts and prayers are with them during this difficult time.

Refreshments



Refreshments for the April meeting will be provided by Gale Blevins.

Thanks to Kim Tyler for providing the snacks at the March meeting.

Stamp Program

Our club is a participating member in the SFMS cancelled-stamp program. Our members are asked to save stamps from their mail by cutting around the stamp, leaving 1/4" so as not to damage the edges of the stamp. The stamps can be soaked off of envelopes, and our club will receive twice as many credits for stamps delivered in this condition than it will for those still stuck on the paper. Please check the SFMS website at

<http://www.amfed.org/sfms/stamp-program.html>

for specific information and instructions for the stamp program. Members are also asked to collect the white labels printed by the USPS (showing the cost of mailing and the origination and destination zip codes). Members may turn in their collections at regular meetings, being sure to include a piece of paper with their names. A drawing will be held in September to provide at least one name for inclusion in the Federation's annual scholarship drawing.

Upcoming Field Trips

Graves Mountain "Rock Swap and Dig"

8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday, April 27, 2007

8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, April 28, 2007

8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, April 29, 2007

"Your society is invited to field collect minerals at Georgia's premiere mineral location!"

The SFMS Field Trip Committee has been in contact with the caretaker in charge of Graves Mountain, Clarence Norman, Jr., in regard to his plans to hold a three-day dig and rock swap on the Mountain during April 27, 28, & 29, 2007. He will have the mountain open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. All participants must stop at the welcome table in the Hospitality tent to sign a liability release form and make a small contribution to defray the cost of opening the mountain and providing port-o-lets. There will be several golf cart type, four-wheeled vehicles available to transport those participants who have trouble walking long distances. The dig will cease and everyone is expected to be off the mountain by around 6 p.m. each day. Participants will be allowed to park in a designated area on the mountain.

Rock Swap and Hot Food/Drinks: Junior will set aside an area in the upper parking lot for tables to be set up for daily rock swaps. Anyone who would like to set up a table(s), please contact Junior at the phone numbers listed below. Hot food cooked on the grill, cold drinks and chips will be available for purchase on the mountain during all three days of these events. Don't forget to bring some extra money to buy the special "Graves Mountain Rock Swap and Dig" T-shirt!

THESE DIGS ARE OPEN TO ALL SFMS CLUBS and the GENERAL PUBLIC!

Mark your calendar and tell all your members about these two great events!

Contact Information: Clarence Norman Jr. - 706.359.3862 (his business) or 706.359.2381 (his home)

Please follow this link for a map to Graves Mountain: ([CLICK HERE](#))

Directions: From Atlanta's I-285, take I-20 east to the exit for Washington, GA SR 78 (SR 10, SR 17) and turn left. Travel north to Washington, turn right onto SR 378 and drive 11 miles to the Graves Mountain area. The entrance to Graves Mountain is on your right about 8/10 mile past the Lincoln county line sign. The entrance is a paved road that goes through a gate and up a hill. Please park along the access road and then proceed to the "Welcome Tent" at the end of the pavement to obtain a liability release form and to make a donation for the portable bathrooms, etc.

SFMS Field Trip Committee: Please reply by e-mail to: dmc@gamineral.org

Jim Flora - SFMS Field Trip Committee Chair

Graves Mountain code of conduct!

- Park your vehicle in the designated area(s) only.
- CHILDREN WILL BE ALLOWED DURING THE "Rock Swap and Dig", IF EACH CHILD IS UNDER CONTINUOUS ADULT SUPERVISION!
- ALL pets must be kept under control and on a leash.
- The Graves Mountain caretaker, Clarence Norman Jr., has final and absolute say as to where you may safely work.
- Ladders or power tools of any kind will not be allowed. (HAND TOOLS ONLY!)
- STAY AWAY FROM ALL HIGH WALLS!!
- NO REPELLING OFF OF ANYTHING!
- NO ONE IS ALLOWED TO DRIVE THEIR VEHICLE ON ANY PART OF GRAVES MOUNTAIN BEYOND THE PARKING AREA! (The caretaker must accompany anyone driving beyond the parking area!)
- EVERYONE NEEDS TO BE OFF THE MOUNTAIN BY DUSK. (Absolutely no one is allowed on Graves Mountain after dark.)

Please protect our ability to field collect at Graves Mountain! Report Violations to:

Clarence Norman Jr. 706.359.3862 (his business) or 706.359.2381 (his home)

All reported violations will be held in strict confidence.

DMC Program of the SFMS Field Trip Committee
An Official Field Trip of The Gem and Mineral Society of Lynchburg, Virginia (Host)
An Official Field Trip of the Charlotte Gem and Mineral Club
7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (EDT), Saturday, May 26, 2007
Boxley Materials Company, Mount Athos Plant
Lynchburg, Virginia

Where: Boxley Materials Company, Mount Athos quarry near Lynchburg, Virginia. Meet at the quarry office parking lot between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m. (do not be late) Club members will show you where to park and have the forms to sign.

All participants, regardless of age, will be required to wear hard hats, safety glasses, steel toe or good strong boots and long pants. Upon arrival you will be required to sign a waiver of liability and receive Hazard Training. There is a safety orientation at 8:45 and if you miss it, you may not be allowed into the quarry. Everyone will need to sign a release and receive information on boundaries and safety in the collecting area. Stay 50 feet away from high walls and be cautious as to footing at all times.

When: Saturday, May 26, 2007

Time: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (EDT). Assembly 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., Orientation 8:45 a.m., Enter quarry 9:00 a.m. We must to clear the quarry by 6:00 p.m.

Collecting: Some of the minerals we have collected in the past are white and pink calcite, pink marble, feldspar, quartz, ilmenite, epidote, pyrite, actinolite, chlorite, muscovite, magnetite, hematite, limonite, rutile, manganite, cuprite, chalcopyrite, bornite, malachite, sphene, apatite and stilbite. Also reported to occur are byssolite, tremolite, chrysocolla, heulandite and azurite.

Remember that the availability of these minerals depends on where they are working in the quarry at the time of the field trip and that some of the occurrences are very small. We will have a large supply of material on the quarry floor from a recent shot, away from the high walls in a safe area.

Location: Lynchburg, Virginia, is centrally located in the State. We are not served directly by any Interstate but US Routes 29, 460 and 501 all connect here. I-81 traffic from the South and North can connect with US 460 at exit 150 (Cloverdale) and use Alternate SR 220 to connect with US 460 East to Bedford and Lynchburg. Stay on the US 460 East bypass around the two cities. Stay on US 460 East several miles past Lynchburg toward Appomattox to the Mt Athos Rd. (Rt. 726) exit. Follow Mt. Athos Rd. about .5 miles and turn right on Stage Rd. Follow Stage Rd. about 1.3 miles to the quarry on the right and the meeting place in the quarry parking lot.

I-64 traffic can connect with US 29 South near Charlottesville, VA. Continue south on US 29 to Amherst and follow the new US 29 bypass to Lynchburg. After crossing the new James River Bridge, take the US 460 East exit to Appomattox. Continue on US 460 East a short distance to the Mt. Athos exit and continue as above to the quarry.

Those approaching from other routes should be directed by a good Virginia road map. The US 460, Mt. Athos Rd (726) exit is in Campbell County several miles east of Lynchburg.

Equipment: The Boxley Quarries are very safety conscious. Standard quarry gear is required. Hard hats, steel toe boots or other substantial boots and safety glasses. Good protective clothing and gloves should be worn (no shorts). It may be very hot in the quarry so be sure to bring plenty of water and sunscreen. Dress according to the weather in Lynchburg that day. Bring your own collecting equipment such as hammers, chisels and buckets. We will be allowed to drive into the quarry.

Age Limit: Children of all ages will be allowed but it will be the parents responsibility to keep them under control at all times and see that they obey all the safety requirements. The same dress and safety equipment requirements apply. Pets will be allowed only if they are under total control and will not be allowed to roam free. Pet owners must clean up after their pets.

Additional Functions: The Gem and Mineral Society of Lynchburg will provide hot food such as chicken BBQ, snacks and cold drinks for a small fee around noon. If you have any special food concerns please bring your own food. There are no fast food places close to the quarry. We will have at least one geologist on hand all day to assist in mineral identification. Boxley will provide a couple of Porta-Potties in the quarry for our use.

Rock Swap and Sell: We encourage everyone to bring rocks, minerals or other related items to sell or swap. This will not be a Flea Market! Just bring some rocks to swap and or sell if you have some really good stuff. Show off and sell some of those cabs, crafts and wire wrappings that you've been working on. You can work out of your car or a small table behind your car.

Lodging: Many motels are available in Lynchburg. The following are at the Candler's Mountain Exit with easy access to US 460

Days Inn 434-847-8655 ; Comfort Inn 434-847-9041 ; Best Western 434-237-2986

CONTACT: David Callahan, Field Trip Chairman, e-mail: DBCALL1@aol.com, Phone: 540-297-1853
www. lynchburgrockclub.org

NOTE: Severe weather or other crisis beyond our control may result in canceling or rescheduling this trip.



Mineral of the Month

diopside



Chemistry: CaMgSi₂O₆

Uses: Gemstone or as mineral specimen

Color: Colorless/ clear, bright or pale green to yellowish or greenish brown, white, gray, light blue, purple

Hardness: 5 - 6

Specific gravity: 3.3 - 3.6

Crystals: Monoclinic

Accompanied by: Grossular, Vesuvianite, Dolomite, Actinolite, Tremolite, Andradite, Wollastonite, Phlogopite, Serpentine, Chlorite, Fluorite, Chondrodite

Fracture: Uneven

Luster: Vitreous to dull

Cleavage: 1.2

Streak: Light green, light gray, white

Similar to: Inosilicates, Silicates, Pyroxene

Diopside is a common mineral and is found worldwide. Diopside is an important rock forming mineral in several metamorphic and basic to ultra basic igneous rocks, also found in meteorites. The crystallized or transparent specimens come from only a limited number of localities.

Diopside is typically white or green and can have a nice glassy luster. While the color of chrome Diopside is much brighter, many specimens of ordinary Diopside are also cut for gemstones. Mineral specimens of Diopside can be very striking in appearance, and of interest to mineral collectors.

Crystal Habits include short prismatic, rarely tabular crystals. The square cross section is distinctive in the prismatic crystals. Also compact, granular, columnar and massive.

Diopside creates fine collector specimens, and examples from famous localities are highly priced.

Location: St. Lawrence Co., New York, USA; Ural Mountains, Russia; Mt. Vesuvius and other localities in Italy; Austria; Germany; Sri Lanka; Brazil; Mogok, Burma; Madagascar; Kimberly, South Africa and Outokumpu, Finland.

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SFMS Field Trip Committee DMC Field Trip Sharing Program

Date: April 6, 2007

Subject: DMC Trip in June

June - Charles Town Mineral & Lapidary Club (Charleston, SC)

The DMC has been informed by the SFMS Second Vice-Pres., Betty James, that the Charles Town Mineral & Lapidary Club has been officially disbanded! Therefore, there will not be a DMC field trip this June unless a DMC member club would like to host one!

Thanks,

Jim Flora, DMC program coordinator

DMC Program / SFMS Field Trip committee's purpose:

To collect field trip information from it's member societies; schedule and coordinate field trip dates; disseminate field trip information to all member clubs so that each member society may publish this information as one of their "official" scheduled field trips.

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April 29 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Admission: \$3.50 for adults;
\$2.50 for seniors (60 years and better) and students;
free for children under 10

Free Parking

Special Attractions

**NC Historical Collection from Dr. Porter
(specimens collected prior to 1930)**

CGMC's Hornet's Nest

**(a real hornet's nest fully covered in gold leaf,
with gold-cast hornets buzzing around!)**

It's time to begin thinking about how you will help with the annual club show. You may sign up for 3-4 hour time slots at the April meeting. Volunteers are needed in many areas, such as publicity; set-up/tear-down;

exhibits; demonstrations; and ticket, geode and club booths. Earn free admission by working on any aspect of the show for a minimum of 4 hours per person; a club tee shirt by working at least 6 hours; and a chance to win a stone faceted by Master Cutter Jimmy Strickland for working 10 hours or more!

Demonstration volunteers may sell their crafts during their demonstration time.

*Bring any questions to the meeting April 19
and plan to sign up to help!*

Help Needed!

The Charlotte Gem and Mineral Club will be hosting its annual gem show on April 27-29, with set-up on April 26. Several volunteers are needed to help during this event. Please come to the April 19 meeting and sign up to help with ticket sales, the club booth, set-up/tear-down, or demonstrations. We also need members to help fill the club exhibit cases.

Legislative Action Information

ALAA April 2007 Report on Congressional and Government Agency Activities

By Jon Spunaugle

The U. S. Congress and the Government Land Management Agencies, US Forest Service (USFS) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) continue to make progress on several fronts of interest to the ALAA and “rockhounds” interested in access to public lands.

The U.S. Congress is moving ahead with two identical Fossil Preservation Bills (S 320 and HR 554). The Senate Bill S-320 is listed on the Senate Calendar and will be voted on in the next few weeks, very likely shortly after the Senate resumes from the Easter Break. The House Bill HR 554 is being reviewed by two Committees; House Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests & Public Lands; and House Agriculture Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry. These committees may review the Bill and report on it. However the Speaker of the House of Representatives has the authority to place the Bill as introduced on the House calendar without comment or consultation with the committees. Comments by rockhounds on these Bills should go to the your Congressional Representative immediately if they are to have any effect on the Bills passage which seems likely.

Congress is also considering 14 new Wilderness designations which will be reviewed in the next report. The U.S. Forest Service is continuing to push forward with land sales under the 2008 Federal Budget and the National Forest Land Adjustment for Rural Communities Act. Their recent actions have been to add additional land parcels for sale. The purpose is to raise funds for use by local communities affected by Forest Service curtailed logging activities. Information on the parcels of land being offered for sale can be found on the Internet at <http://www.fs.fed.us/land/staff/spd.html>. Though most of the parcels are small isolated lands, several are not and could effect rock collecting. The ALAA urges interested rockhounds to review these parcels and report back to the ALAA on any that contain known collecting locations.

The Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service continue to review roads open for use by ATV's and have been holding meetings open to the public for public input. These are great opportunities for interested rockhounds to let the public land managers know their feelings on road closures. As Congress continues to reduce the funding for roads and road maintenance by the public land managers, the more roads will be closed. To have an input into which roads will stay open and which will be open to ATV access you need to be attending these meetings. One of our best sources of information on these input opportunities has been our association with the Blue Ribbon Coalition. They publish a wealth of information on their website at <http://www.sharetrails.org/>. The information can also be [found] by researching the information on the Federal Register.

If you don't speak up and take advantage of these meetings and public input opportunities, someone else will be speaking instead of you and they may be saying something entirely different from your views.

Letter forwarded by Jimmy Strickland

Upcoming Shows

April 27-29, 2007, Charlotte, NC—Charlotte Gem & Mineral Club. Charlotte Merchandise Mart, 800 Briar Creek Road. Hours: 27th & 28th, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. and 29th, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

April 28, 2007, Panama City, FL—Panama City Gem & Mineral Society. Jo Moody Harris Park Clubhouse. Hours: 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Fort Walton, FL and Dothan, AL Clubs invited to participate. Contact: Curtis Bane @ 850/763-3356 or curtisbane@aol.com.

April 28-29, 2007, Memphis, TN—Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society. 28th Annual Mid-America Mineral, Fossil, and Jewelry Show. Pipkin Building Midsouth Fairgrounds (corner of East Parkway and Central Avenue). Hours: 28th, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; 29th, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Contact: James Butcko at 901/743-0058 or rockclub@earthlink.net.

May 11-13, 2007, Marietta, GA—Georgia Mineral Society. 39th Annual Mother's Day Weekend Gem and Mineral Show. Cobb County Civic Center, 548 Marietta Parkway (corner of North Marietta Parkway and Fairgrounds Road). Hours: 11th & 12th, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; 13th, 12:00 Noon - 5:00 p.m. www.gamineral.org.

June 2-3, 2007, Birmingham, AL—Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society. 34th Annual Tannehill Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Show. Tannehill Historical State Park. Hours: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Contact: Rick Kittinger at rick.kittinger@bellsouth.com or James Carr (publicity) at james@lapidaryclub.com. Check out the website as well at www.lapidaryclub.com.

July 25-28, 2007, Franklin, NC—Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin, NC. Community Facilities Building, Hwy 441S (Georgia Rd.). Hours: 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Contacts: Fred Plesner (Show Chair) at 888/348-4224 or Franklin Chamber of Commerce at 828/524-3161 or www.franklin-chamber.com.

August 31- September 3, 2007, Hendersonville, NC.—Henderson County Gem & Mineral Society. Witmire Activity Building, Lily Pond Road. Hours: August 31st–September 2nd, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. and September 3rd, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Contact: Margaret L. Johnson (Show Chair) @ 828/692-1249 or mgt.j.ed@brinet.com.

Colburn Earth Science Museum 10th Annual 2007 Asheville Gem Fest Friday-Sunday, June 15, 16 & 17, 2007

The Colburn Earth Science Museum is pleased to announce the 10th annual Asheville Gem Fest, happening Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 15, 16 and 17, at Pack Place. Asheville Gem Fest is a great event: a gem and mineral show featuring quality dealers from across the nation, fun activities for the entire family, informative speakers and more!

On Saturday, June 16, there will be two featured speakers. At 1:30 p.m., Dr. Steve Neely will speak on *Treasures from the Elmwood Zinc Mine* and at 3:00 p.m., Tom Wilson will present *The Tucson Experience 2007*. Both lectures are free of admission.

The Colburn Earth Science Museum, located on the lower level of Pack Place, will also be open admission-free all weekend, and their legendary silent auction will be back, bigger and better than ever.

With two floors and over 20 dealers, the 2007 Asheville Gem Fest is a great show in the center of downtown Asheville, conveniently near all that a fun and vibrant city has to offer. Plan now to attend!

The Mission of the Colburn Earth Science Museum is to foster an appreciation for the earth and its resources and environments through exhibits, educational programming and the care of its collection.

Colburn Earth Science Museum, 2 S. Pack Square at Pack Place, Asheville, NC 28801
Telephone: 828.254.7162 phone. Fax: 828.257.4505 <http://www.colburnmuseum.org>

Email from the Colburn Earth Science Museum and the March 2007 Lodestar

“Say It Ain’t So Moh!”

Now the Moh’s scale, as we have come to know it, is currently in the midst of undergoing some dramatic changes as secretly revealed by an insider source recently. Legal briefs have been filed in the 11th Circuit Court in Eclectic, Alabama as of February 29th, 2007.

The Moh’s Scale was initially created to separate and identify differing groups of stone with each group number sharing a very important factor—hardness from the lowest denominator being a soft stone (such as talc) one, to the opposite end of the spectrum with a rating of ten to distinguish the diamond’s high-end rating.

In 1922, Friedrich Leroy Moh, a German mineralogist devised a crude but practical method of comparing hardness or scratch resistance of minerals. It has become universally known as Moh's scale or Mohs scale as the grammatically challenged would call it. Throughout his lapidary life he longed for a set of standards by which the hardness of all stones could be reasonably classified on a scale of one through ten.

Mohs, born in Gernrode, Germany, studied chemistry, mathematics and physics at the University of Halle and also studied at the Mining Academy in Freiberg, Saxony. After assuming the position of a foreman at a mine in 1901, Mohs moved in 1902 to Alabaster, Alabama, where he was employed in trying to identify the minerals in a private collection of a banker.

His mother, Sophronia Betsy Moh, was originally married to a hard working “carnie” that bit the heads off chickens while working as a carnival geek for P.T. Barnum. To say she was the matriarch of a totally dysfunctional extended family is an understatement of major proportions. Money they made; common sense they did not. Sophronia (Mrs. Moh) had an eccentric third cousin, twice removed, by her former father-in-law’s aunt who by chance, had inherited several million dollars from her great grandfather. Turns out, this cousin was named Larry. Larry, who was a loafer, preferred not to waste his valuable time working for a living. Throughout his life he had piddled away the days helping Leroy establish criteria for Leroy’s to-become-famous hardness scale.

Not long after Leroy’s eventual death due to an overdose of milk duds, Larry decided he wanted a piece of the action with regard to royalties earned through the implementation of the Moh’s scale. Larry wanted to be remembered and wanted his share of the monies that have accumulated over the years.

Now as if this wasn’t embarrassing enough, consider the following. Mrs. Sophronia Moh’s maiden name was Kurlie. Upon her son’s early and unexpected passing, she too decided she was due some of the financial rewards due her son as a result of his life’s work on the scale of hardness, with which all we rockhounds are now familiar.

Thereon, legal battles of unprecedented enormity have begun in the courts at Eclectic, AL. The chief justices have heard arguments from both sides. No decision could be made at the 11th Circuit Court hearings. So on March 17th, the chief justices moved the hearings to Washington D. C., to be heard by the Federal Courts. Their decision would be final.

This story does have an end, which we are now approaching. In addition to financial rewards being sought by Mrs. Moh as well as the cousin, both are demanding their names be included in the hardness scale formerly known as the Moh’s scale. The sad news, on April 1st, we must report that a liberal judge in Washington, D.C., has agreed to change the name of our beloved scale to include the names of the two claimants seeking notoriety and presumably a name for themselves in the history books.

Therefore, with much trepidation, we deliver the unsettling news to you that as of January 1, 2008 at 12:01 a.m. the Moh’s scale shall no longer be known by its name we had so fondly recognized it by. In the future, mention of the rockhound’s reference to scale of hardness shall be known as the Kurlie, Moh and Larry scale. Please remember in the future to address this scale accordingly.

April Fool’s

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