

THE STONE CHIPPER



THERE IS NO OCTOBER MEETING DUE TO THE SHOW.

THE 630TH MEETING OF THE AUSTIN GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, **NOVEMBER 20TH, 2008, 7:00 P.M.**, AT THE AGMS CLUBHOUSE, 6719 BURNET LANE, AUSTIN, TX. PHONE: (512) 458-9546.



Please volunteer if you can to help with the show this month!

**AGMS Annual Show
Gem Capers 2008
Palmer Events Center
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PURPOSE

The purpose of the AGMS is to promote interest and education in the various Earth Sciences and other related subjects.

MEETINGS

The Society meets the fourth Thursday of every month except October which is show set up day. There will be a meeting on the **THIRD** Thursday in November. December is the Invocation of Officers meeting held on a date and at a place determined by the officers. Board meetings are called as needed. All members are welcome to attend. Society Officers are listed on the back page of this publication. Please feel free to contact any of them for information.

DUES FOR 2008

Membership dues are:

\$15.00 annually for an adult \$20.00 annually for a couple \$4.00 annually for juniors

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President's Message



Gem Capers, the AGMS annual show, will be at the Palmer Auditorium in October, and from dealers I spoke with in Humble, they consider it an important and good show. Also, after speaking with a number of people at the show, there appears to be an interest in having exhibit competition at our show in the future, possibly as early as next year. A couple of people also asked why we don't have a swap & sell area at our show (due at least in part to available space). These and other questions will have to be addressed by the AGMS for future shows.

A number of AGMS members attended the Houston Area show in Humble the last weekend in September. In spite of the hurricane damage and disruption to power in some areas, they bravely went on with the show even after the AFMS officially pulled out of it due to not being able to confirm hotel rooms. The AGMS was well represented. I attended as a delegate, provided our AGMS annual report at the SCFMS meeting, and picked up a number of awards our people received at both the Editor's Breakfast and Awards Banquet on Saturday. Several folks, including Grant Gibson, Lynn and Stretch Young, Susan and Les Postlethwait, and myself exhibited for competition (I was the lone non-trophy winner). Of the seven judges, six AGMS members served as judges for the exhibits, with Ron Carman serving as the chair for this aspect of the show. At least three members were either selling or assisting dealers and a number of us were supporting their effort by being there, buying things, and even assisting with the set up. At the awards breakfast and banquet, AGMS members and items won awards for a number of categories which will be recognized at the next general meeting. Paul and Margaret Good, who are chairs for the AFMS newsletter and served as AGMS alternates, were present at all of these events. Then there were the minerals, fossils, jewelry, lapidary art, and various other items for sale. All in all a good time, in spite of some traffic lights being out and backing up traffic in places for long distances.

We finally have a field trip scheduled, to a limestone quarry south of Lampasas for November 1st. We will need to be there by 9:00 a.m. with additional arrangements forthcoming. One important aspect of this trip is it being relatively nearby,

and even more important, junior members can attend. Between having juniors at the Karnes trip and now this one, these kids will have had an opportunity few may get a chance at in the future, collecting fluorescent minerals in Texas from localities that may or may not be open in a few years. And with the way mining and access laws and regulations are going, fewer opportunities are presenting themselves, so enjoy it while you can.

Unless you have been living in or under a tree or rock, you are aware of the developing economic issues. Depending on what transpires in the next few weeks, there may be very little discretionary (extra) cash on hand to spend on such frivolities as minerals and such. Maybe the skyrocketing price on minerals will also be "corrected." However, it makes for some interesting times for our hobby and especially for the future of our show. Already there are rumors of high-end dealers waiting on major collection purchases to see what happens, as any dealer or investor would be doomed if they bought a large number of specimens at a high price and not be able to sell them for more than they paid. Everything will trickle down to even the small-time collector, as money and jobs get harder to find for anything other than the essentials. Self-collecting/field trips may become the best and only way to keep at it. Those who squirreled away a nest egg may even be able to acquire some long sought after specimens for cheap. Let us all hope and pray that the press is hyping the gloom and doom worse than it already is, and for a quick recovery, as we haven't seen the worst of it yet. Some of our older members could probably attest to how bad things can get during a depression, and it might make for an opportune time to hear from them on rockhounding experiences during The Great Depression. Maybe public works projects will get going again and open up some new collecting localities. We may need to look for the silver linings in those clouds, should they come. At any rate, we may want to begin looking at anticipating what changes may come about and plan accordingly. That will be one of my term-ending suggestions to the AGMS.

The show must go on, and so I thank everyone who has been busy helping on this, and encourage those of you who have yet to volunteer to do so. It is a great way to help the society, meet people, and if nothing else, get your mind off the looming economic disaster and the debates/campaigning/elections. There may even be some real bargains also. See you there.

~Alan Cherepon, President



September 2008 Meeting Minutes

Program: Charles Woodruff presented a program entitled “Substrate, Soils, and Stair Step Hills – Unexpected Attributes of the Central Texas Hill Country.”

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Dee Fly, first vice-president.

Minutes: Diann Hill moved that the minutes be approved as corrected. Andrea Miller seconded the motion, and it passed.

Treasurer: There was no report from the treasurer.

Old Business: Dee Fly made the following announcements.

Installation Banquet: The date for the installation of officers’ banquet is December 11th. It is for all members, not just the officers. Volunteers are needed to organize, order the food, and decorate.

Meetings: There will be no general meeting in October because of the show. There will be a meeting on the third Thursday in November.

Committee Chairs: There are several committee-chair positions that need filling.

Nametags: Nametags are here, and anyone who ordered one should see Diann Hill. A new sign-up list for nametags is being started.

Computer: The computer is now working, and we have two printers and a copier in the office for use of members for club business.

New Business:

Nominating: Dee Fly said that candidates for officers were Josie Middleton, president, Jackie Fisher, first vice-president, Pauline Denson, treasurer, and Linda Northcote, secretary. A candidate for second vice-president is still needed. The three candidates for board member were Tom Bowers, Joyce Hrapsky, and Louis Lee. She said that these are nominations from the board, and that nominations from the floor are welcome. Voting will be at the November meeting.

Budget: Dee Fly handed out copies of the proposed budget for 2009, which has not yet been approved by the board. Anyone with questions or suggestions on the budget should send them to Dee or come to the next board meeting. Diann Hill said that the amount of money in the money market account should be shown on the budget.

Show: Brian Wetzig said that more demonstration volunteers are needed to sign up for the show. Volunteers are also needed for the rest of the show. Those helping to load the trucks need to be at the club house on Wednesday at 4:00 p.m., and strong volunteers to unload and set up tables are needed Thursday morning. We need many people about 1:00 p.m. to help skirt the tables and set up for activities and exhibits.

Friday is kids’ day and we need lots of people, as all kids whose schools register are getting in free, courtesy of Silicon Labs. We may have as many as 3,500 kids attending. Brian asked that members keep track of their volunteer hours, both at the show and for all other activities connected with the show.

Field Trips: Dee said that a field trip is scheduled for November 1st to a quarry near Llano and Burnet, and that you must be a member to attend. She passed around a sign-up sheet for the trip. Details will be published in the newsletter.

James Mercier announced that the Big Bend Thanksgiving field trip is on this year. We will be going on Wednesday and coming back on Saturday or Sunday. There will be a minimum of two days on the Ritchie Ranch, as there are two different areas to search on this ranch. The Walker Ranch is not available now as there is disagreement among the owners about letting rock hounds in during deer hunting season. Another possible place is the Larrimore Ranch. Details will be provided in the *Stone Chipper*.

Gene Healy suggested that anyone wishing to stay at a motel get reservations early because of deer season opening at that time.

Education: Joyce Hrapsky said that you may sign up to attend a class in the class book or by emailing her. She said no classes are currently scheduled.

Library: Andrea Miller said the library has two new books, one of which is *Roadside Geology of Connecticut and Rhode Island*. She said they will be purchasing a memorial book for Wally Giesler.

Schools: Ewing Evans said he and Ivy Hjernevik had 41 kids in their class that morning at Oak Hill Elementary School. The schedule is every Tuesday from 11:15 to 12:05 for seven weeks, and he and Ivy would welcome more help.

Newsletter: Laura Dow said new members who would like to get on the list server or receive the newsletter by email should contact her at <stonechipper@austingemandmineral.org>. Laura also thanked Brian Wetzig for doing the folding, stamping, and mailing of the newsletters that go out by snail mail.

Sunshine: There are no reports of illnesses. Dee Fly asked for a volunteer to chair Sunshine next year.

Membership: Dee Fly announced that 54 members, 1 junior, and 4 visitors were present.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.

~Pauline Denson, Secretary

Library News



Just a few reminders - the AGMS library is open to use by paid members only. The check out period is for one month. Please feel free to renew an item if you want to keep it a bit longer.

We are still in need of another co-librarian so if anyone out there would like to help out, please let us know – we'd love to have you!

~Andrea Miller, Co-Librarian



NOTE: Please send notices of changes of address or to report errors on the mailing list to: **Bob Greenway**, treasurer. To get signed onto the AGMS email list and/or to receive the newsletter via email, please send a note to the editors at StoneChipper@austingemandmineral.org.

Local Show Announcements

October 11-12

Mt. Ida, AR

Quartz Crystals Digging Championship
www.mountidachamber.com

October 11-12

Temple, TX

Tri-City Gem & Mineral Society
loconn@aol.com

October 24-26

Austin, TX

Austin Gem and Mineral Society
www.gemcapers.com

November 8-9

Round Rock, TX

Paleontological Society of Austin
www.texaspaleo.com

~www.rockngem.com



The Paleontological Society of Austin is sponsoring their 18th annual fossil show - **Fossil Fest 2008**, at Old Settler's Park in Round Rock, next to the Dell Diamond on **November 8th and 9th**, 2008. This year's theme is: "What's in YOUR Backyard?" - highlighting fossils from in and around the Central Texas area. A fun and educational event for the entire family with door prizes, demos, displays, a spin the fossil wheel, a fossil dig pit, and dealers from around the country selling fossils and fossil related material from around the world. Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for students, and children under 6 are free. Visit their website at <www.texaspaleo.com> for more details.

Our thanks go to the following for their continued support of the A.G.M.S. by printing out the newsletter for us each month:

**Horizon Environmental
Services, Inc.**
James M. Wiersema, Principal

September Program Review

By Laura Dow, AGMS Club Member

Dr. Charles Woodruff gave a talk last month about the geology of the local area, specifically, the Balcones Escarpment. He went over a number of long held misconceptions and corrected those ideas with current knowledge.

He first showed us an aerial view of southern Texas from the Gulf of Mexico to near Dallas. There is a clear line running along the Balcones fault that roughly follows IH 35. To the northwest of this fault, the land is uplifted and consists of limestone bluffs and caliche soils. To the southwest the land is flat and covered with deep, black soils known as the Blackland Prairies. This geological feature created a real divide in ecosystems and therefore land usage. Ranchers populated the uplift while farmers plowed the prairies.

According to Dr. Woodruff, Central Texas geology is predicated on the millions of years during the Cretaceous when the land was alternately a shallow sea, a beach, or a lagoon. This led to the deposition of alternating deep layers of dolomitic limestone and muds. Uplift and erosion has created the locally familiar topography of "stair stepped" hills. The harder layers persist while water erodes the softer stones beneath them. As time passes, the overhanging hard layers eventually break up and fall, causing the hillsides to slowly ebb backwards.

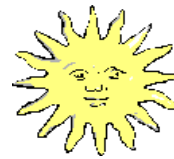
Geologists have long presumed that the stair stepped land was similar in soil assemblages to other such topographies. The soil on the stair tops or "treads" was said to be shallow and poor while that on the "risers" was non-existent. Any soil at all was of course, presumed to be on the treads since they are flat. In fact, Dr. Woodruff's research has shown that the risers contain from ten to twenty feet of soil in a pie wedge shape against the back of the riser, while the treads contain virtually no soil at all.

The soil from the risers consists of chunks of eroded overtop limestone mixed in with decomposed limestone with a clay like consistency – i.e. "caliche." It has also been presumed that the "soil" was not even worthy of that name since it was so poor. In fact though the caliche is a pale white or yellow in color, it is rich in organic matter and is capable of growing a number of plants. It is commonplace for home builders to remove this soil and truck in dirt from different ecosystems entirely. This is not necessary, nor even very successful.

In closing, Dr. Woodruff made it clear that the misconceptions about the soils of the Balcones Escarpment is still deeply entrenched and now that his research is complete, the harder task is to get the word out to the geological community at large.

A.G.M.S. Calendar

- Oct 21 - Paleo Club Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- Oct 23 - NO MEETING THIS MONTH
- Oct 23 - Show Set Up at Palmer Auditorium
- Oct 24 - Kid's Day at Gem Capers 2008
- Oct 25 - Gem Capers 2008
- Oct 26 - Gem Capers 2008, Show Break Down
- Nov 01 - Field Trip
- Nov 04 - Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Nov 18 - Paleo Club Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- Nov 20 - AGMS Club Meeting, 7:00 p.m.



Sunshine
Committee

Linda Northcote is feeling poorly. We all hope that she is feeling well again soon.

Please send sunshine news to Kathleen Howard.

Refreshments



NOVEMBER: We need four persons to volunteer to bring refreshments to the November meeting. Please contact Dee Fly.

ELECTION UPDATE

It is with great despair that I, Susan Postlethwait, Nomination Committee Member, must report to all the AGMS members that I, along with my team, have been unsuccessful in finding a 2nd Vice President for 2009. Unfortunately this will mean that we are in jeopardy of not having programs for the general meetings - in jeopardy of not having a rock swap - in jeopardy of not having the annual auction. If you would like to step forward for this position and save the club from a dismal year, please contact me, Susan, or the board of directors.

Kyprios, Chalkos, or aes Cyprium, Whatever You Want to Call It, Its Still Copper to Me

By Brett Whitenack

McPherson Gem & Mineral Club

From: The Post Rock, 5/07

(6th Place – AFMS Original Adult Articles)

Kyprios, *Chalkos*, and *Cyprium* are all names for copper that were used during the time of the Greek and Roman Empires. They basically mean “the metal of Cyprus” and allude to the island of Cyprus located in the Mediterranean Sea. Mines were worked on the island, and later the name was shortened to cuprum. The name was later Anglicized into the English word copper.

Copper is one of the most utilized metals in human history. Archeological evidence shows that it was used at least 10,000 years ago in western Asia. During the pre-Columbian time of South America, it was used by the Maya, Aztec, and Inca civilizations. Native Americans exploited “float copper” that was found in glacial deposits around the Great Lakes. This material was transported by the glacier ice caps that migrated south during the Ice Age. When the glaciers melted, they deposited the copper nuggets. Some of these nuggets weighed several hundred pounds.

What made copper so appealing was that it was fairly easy to work without any special tools. Numerous mines were hand dug to obtain the metal. Before the art of smelting was discovered, early man worked copper by simply pounding it into the desired shape due to its malleability. This means that copper can be flattened into a sheet as thin as 1/500 of an inch thick. The ease of shaping copper lent itself well to the formation of tools, weapons, and ornaments.

The reason for copper’s predominance in human history is its myriad uses. It helped usher in the Bronze Age where it was alloyed with tin to make a stronger and more durable metal than copper or stone. It was also alloyed with zinc to make brass. Today, copper is an important part of our daily lives. It is the main metal used to conduct electricity (second in conductivity only to silver) in the form of wires, and it carries water to our homes through pipes. Copper is used in household products ranging from cooking utensils to guttering and decorative fixtures. One of copper’s benefits is that

it is biostatic, meaning that bacteria and other biological agents cant grow on it. It is an excellent conductor of heat, and it is used in the manufacture of radiators for home heating.

Copper’s physical properties include the aforementioned malleability. It is also very ductile, and a piece of copper four inches thick can be pulled into a wire that is 20 million times longer than the original size. It is resistant to corrosion and will develop a protective patina when exposed to the elements. Because of this, copper was used as the sheathing on the hulls of Columbus’s ships when he sailed to the New World, and Paul Revere covered the hull of the U.S.S. Constitution, also known as “Old Ironsides.” It is rather soft for a metal – only 2.5-3.0 on the Mohs scale. It will not cleave, and crystals, though rare, are usually cubic, and it will leave a shiny, copper-red streak. Being metal, it has a high specific gravity of 8.9.

Some notable sources include Chile (the world’s number one supplier), the United States (number two supplier and number one consumer), Canada, Russia, Australia, Peru, and China. In the United States, the Phelps Dodge Mine in Arizona is the largest producer. Historically, the Upper Peninsula of Michigan was a major producer of copper, but most of the mines have since shut down. Today, most copper production concentrates on extracting it from one of several copper sulfide minerals.

Copper serves us well with its many uses from frying pans to art. Our state capital building in Topeka is capped by a dome sheathed in copper. Perhaps the most famous landmark in New York – the Statue of Liberty – is covered by a skin of copper. The humble penny, once composed almost entirely of copper, contains only 2.4% copper in the form of a coating over a zinc interior. This results in a savings of \$25 million in copper costs a year. Who said that a penny isnt worth much!

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Photos of AGMS Activities Needed

Ed Gage is always in need of photos to document any and all club related activities to put into the club history book. This book is entered into competition each year as a documentation of our club and has had the distinction of winning a medal of some kind nearly every year. Please help out!



Gem Capers 2008

NOTE: As of this printing, the AGMS is still in need of a new Show Chair for 2009. Could it be you???

This is the last article I will be writing as the show is this month! WOW, how quick the year goes by, especially since we only had a 10 month year this time around. We have accomplished a lot!

Advertising via magazines, TV, newspapers, and the web will be in full swing by the time you read this. BUT, the best thing you can do is to hand out flyers - everywhere and anywhere. Laundromats, libraries, hardware stores, and church are a few places that come into mind. The grass roots approach works the best as eye to eye contact equates to engagement. Once they see how excited you are over the show, they will have to come.

The Wheel of Fortune, Gem Mine, Illumination Station, Jewelry Making, and the Touch Table are ready to roll! Displays are on the ready!

But there is one area that needs help....VOLUNTEERS! **Volunteers are desperately needed. Please look over the schedule and call Brian ASAP!**

Silent Auction Donations

We still need lots of donations for the Gem Capers Silent Auction to be held at our show on October 24th-26th. If you have something to contribute, please contact Mac Ellis or Susan Postlethwait. You can also bring items to the show. If possible, on the donation card please note what the item is, where it came from, and who donated it.

~Mac Ellis

Show Committee Minutes

Gem Mine: We currently have 519 pounds of tumbled stones.

Advertising: There will be 107 - 30 second commercials. Les and Stretch held up the new updated street banner.

Nametags for members: Need to have stick on nametags for the members that do not have a pin on name tag.

Postcards: Brian Wetzig printed the customer's labels and Craig Brandt brought the postcards. Several people helped to place the labels on the postcards. Craig took them home and will put on postage, then mail.

Schools: Susan will start the registration of the schools and mailing wristbands.

Silent Auction: Need items for the auction and plastic bags. Several people offered their bags.

Volunteers: Lots of blanks need people to sign up.

Demonstrators: Need people to sign up to demonstrate cabbing, faceting and wire wrapping.

Fluorescent Tunnel: Alan Cherepon will get with Paul Bordovsky.

~Dee Fly, Show Secretary

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Field Trips



We will have a field trip to a quarry on the Burnet/Lampasas county border area on **November 1st** (a Saturday). Fluorescent calcite is the primary mineral to collect, some of which can be a nice pink translucent color in regular light, and can behave much like the Terlingua calcites, fluorescing one color under long wave and another under short wave, and is every bit as bright phosphorescing as that locality.

There are a few things to keep in mind for the trip. I need a head count to let them know how many to expect. We will need to sign the waiver form for liability. They will allow children/juniors (who are AGMS members) to attend this field trip, just make sure if you plan on bringing them, you will be watching them. We will have to limit it to AGMS members. Anyone who attends, and even those who do not, they would appreciate it if nobody would attempt to try contacting them for other trips to the site, as this is the one thing the contact fears most of all - getting repeated calls from people requesting additional access.

Please let any AGMS members know about this trip and have them notify me, Alan Cherepon, so I can provide a head count on this to the contact people. Thank you for your cooperation.

As soon as I know about the time we plan on being there, and what time we can plan on meeting, and where, I will provide an update.

~Al Cherepon, President



AFMS/SCFMS News



The combined AFMS/SCFMS/HGMS show went on despite hurricane Ike on the week-end of September 26th. Kudos goes to the Houston Gem and Mineral Society and their show committee, especially Shiara Trumble, for working so diligently to make the show go on! They searched for available hotel rooms up until the show as well as offering up their own homes to attendees. They made last minute changes to meeting and food sites and managed to pull everything off successfully. All this was handled despite their own problems at home with wind damage and power outages.

Due to concerns about lodging, the AFMS decided to cancel their meetings; however the judging of cases and award presentations went on as scheduled. Unfortunately the meeting site for the Texas Faceters' Guild was damaged by the storm so they also had to cancel. The SCFMS meetings went on as planned.

Judging by the crowds on Saturday, the general public was looking forward to some fun and education. Many brought their children who had missed Friday due to so many schools still being closed. The "Breakfast With the Editors" on Saturday morning was also heavily attended and quite delicious at the quaint Humble City Grill. I understand that the awards banquet that night was just as successful. We all stand in awe of a show that not only went on, in spite of nature's fury, but was also a stand out event!

~Laura Dow, Newsletter co-editor

Exhibit Case Competition Results

Here are the results from the SCFMS/AFMS show in Humble, Texas held September 26th - 28th. Despite the difficulties after Hurricane Ike, eleven exhibits were entered in competition from three different federations and the results are as follows:

SCFMS Competition:

- Alan Cherepon**, Austin (Texas) Gem & Mineral, Class UV-3, second level award
- Paul Otto, Northwest Arkansas Gem & Mineral, Class BS-6X, second level award
- Grant Gibson**, Austin Gem & Mineral, Class BS-1, first level, SCF trophy 6
- Susan Postlethwait**, Austin Gem & Mineral, Class EGS-2, first level, SCF trophy 27
(Grant Gibson & Susan Postlethwait automatically qualified for AFMS competition)

AFMS Competition:

- Brent Lockhart, Houston Gem & Mineral, Class BU-1, first level
- Bruce Stinemetz, Independence (Mo.) Gem & Mineral, Class BU-1, first level & Trophy 2
- Stretch & Lynn Young**, Austin Gem & Mineral, Class BU-4X, first level & Trophy 3
- Dottie Smith, Oklahoma Mineral & Gem Society, Class BC-1, first level & Trophy 4

- Grant Gibson**, Austin Gem & Mineral, Class BS-1, first level & Trophy 6
- David Gardner, Houston Gem & Mineral, Class BT-1, first level & Trophy 8
- Ronald Carman**, Houston Gem & Mineral, Class BF-3, first level & Trophy 12
- Susan Postlethwait**, Austin Gem & Mineral, Class EGS-2, first level & Trophy 27
- Stretch & Lynn Young**, Austin Gem & Mineral, Class EIC-1, first level & Trophy 30

Thanks to all those who entered exhibits and a BIG thank you to the Houston Gem and Mineral Society for putting on a great show in spite of the difficulties. Well done, everyone!

~Ron Carman, AFMS Uniform Rules Chairman



The lucky winners!
Photo by Ed Gage.

Editor Competition Results

Due to space limitations, only AGMS winners are listed for the Editor's Competition. The AGMS was second only to the HGMS in the number of entries and subsequent winners in the SCFMS category of competition.

SCFMS Competition:

- Leighton Cave, Junior Article, 1st place
- Jennifer Clayton-Guzman, Feature, 1st place
- J.W. Downs, Feature, 2nd place
- Ed Gage, Adult Poetry, 2nd place (entered as a member of the Fredericksburg Rockhounds)
- J.W. Downs, Advanced Article, 7th place
- Lynn Young, Special Publication, 1st place [note—ineligible for AFMS this year since took 1st place last year]
- Margaret Good, Special Publication, 3rd place
- David & Laura Dow, Small Bulletin, 1st place
- Diann Hill, Website, 3rd place

AFMS Competition:

- Leighton Cave, Junior Article, 1st place
- Ed Gage, Adult Poetry, 5th place
- Margaret Good, Special Publication, 7th place
- David & Laura Dow, Small Bulletin, 4th place, also inducted into the AFMS Editor's Hall of Fame.

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October 2008

Editor Awards

2003-1st AFMS New Editors, 1st SCFMS

2004-4th AFMS

2005-2nd AFMS, 1st SCFMS

2006-6th AFMS, 2nd SCFMS

2007-6th AFMS, 1st SCFMS

2008-4th AFMS, 1st SCFMS