



ROCK TALK

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President's Message

June, 2009

The first show at Show Low School is in the bag. It will be interesting to see exactly how we did. There are some changes that need to be done for next year and if anyone has some suggestions as to how to improve the show please let me or Laura know.

Half of my year term as president is up and now that the show is over there are other matters to discuss. Keeping this club functional is a big one. Is it time to change directions? I am a very opinionated person, in case you haven't figured that out yet and I am want to tell people how I feel. If you don't like my opinions you have two choices speak up or shut up. If you are not part of the solution you are part of the problem. Lead, follow or get out of the way. Me, I would just as soon follow right now but I am leading and that is what I will do. Just remember power corrupts and absolute power well....it's a good thing for some people I don't have it.

Have fun out there collecting rocks. Wish I were. Wish I were doing anything right now except being a pansy.

Have a good month,

Pete

"Rock Talk" is published monthly by The White Mountain Gem & Mineral Club, Inc. Any comments members wish to have published in "Rock Talk" need to be turned in or called in at the general membership meeting to the Editor.

Membership dues are \$15.00 for single membership and \$20.00 for couple/family.

Dues are due the first of January of every year along with a completed application.

Meetings are held at J.B.'s Restaurant on the Deuce of Clubs, Show Low, Az., 1st Tuesday of the month, social hour starts at 5:30/meeting at 6:30.

Meeting Minutes

White Mountain Gem & Mineral Club
Minutes of June 2, 2009 General Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President, Pete Scholten. There were 29 members present, including new members who signed up at the show, and 3 guests: Dick Houston, John and Jeanne Mitchell, all of Tucson.

A motion to approve the May minutes as published was made by Kathleen Varhol and seconded by Pete Suppes, and approved unanimously.

Pete asked for announcements: Eunice reported there would be a rock sale at the Frampton home in St. Johns on June 27th. More information is located in this newsletter.

Reports: Treasurer Larry Legge gave his report. Editor Charlene Bingell asked for members to give her any information or articles (rock related hopefully) to be published. Charlene said she would be publishing information provided by Eunice. Pete reported that Mike Gaspar was resigning as Field Trip Chairman for personal reasons and Pete asked for a volunteer to finish out the year as Field Trip Chairman. Larry Legge reported that the June 20th field trip would be to the claims. The Club has agreed that no guests are allowed and no maps are printed and circulated. The meeting place for this field trip will be the Safire Restaurant in Springerville at 8:30 a.m.

Pete asked for unfinished business and proceeded to report on the Annual Show. He offered to continue as vendor chairman and recommended at future shows we keep an accurate count of attendees both paid and free. He could then advise dealers of the attendance at our shows. Pete relayed dealer comments, most of which were favorable, and a problem on the cost of the facilities rental, which he offered to resolve with the school board. Pete provided donated books to the club library and Eunice announced that the Sandbergs had also donated a stack of mineralogical publications. Pete asked that the Librarian provide a list of materials available.

Pete asked for new business. Eunice announced she would be available to fill the position as Field Trip Chair. Tonie MonDragon made a motion to accept Eunice McQuiston as Field Trip Chair for the remainder

of the year, and was seconded by Karen Stokes. The vote was unanimous. Pete reminded us that this leaves an opening for a Board Member at Large, and we still needed a Vice President.

Pete introduced our "resident artists" Sumner and Edie Christy and Sumner got up to discuss Edie's painted candle holders and his own mixed media 3d sculpture that won the People's Choice Award at the NPC art show.

Pete called for a ten minute break at 7:22. The meeting resumed at 7:42. Bill Stalder had planned to provide an educational program but due to technical difficulties with the equipment his program will be rescheduled. David Bingell is scheduled for the July educational program.

Pete reported that he was missing several personal items after the show and asked if anyone had his orange 12' extension cord with blue electrical tape on the end, a spotlight (which Pete Suppes said might be in the storage space), and a grey dolly.

Prizes were then drawn: Clete Hinton won the door prize of a pyrite specimen, Linda Stalder won \$29.50 in the 50/50 drawing, John Mitchell won a crystal specimen and Rick Haas won an agate pendant provided by the Sandbergs.

MaryAnn Moseley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Pete Suppes and approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m. and the silent auction was scheduled to close three minutes later.

Respectfully submitted,

Tonie MonDragon, Secretary

We need a volunteer for President- then Pete would step down to Vice President to fill the spot that Nantz is vacating- or a Secretary and Toni will step in for Vice President- or just a Volunteer for **Vice President**- your duties would be to fill in as needed for the President in the President's absence and you would be responsible for the education portion of the clubs meetings- and attend board meetings-Also Eunice is filling in as Field Trip Chairman but please let us know if you would be interested in that position as well. PLEASE STEP FORWARD IF YOU CAN HELP THE CLUB-PLEASE VOLUNTEER!

Next Meeting

Mark your calendars: Our meetings are always the first Tuesday of the Month- Next month will be July 7th - at JB's Restaurant on the Deuce of Clubs in Show Low- social hour starts at 5:30 meeting starts promptly at 6:30 PM

Birthdays

Happy Birthday Everyone- May life be a constant celebration! No matter what your age!

June

Kathy Amator - 19
Sandra Angelo - 19
Sumner Christie - 10
Sandra Clark - 16
Eunice McQuiston - 24
Bill Henningsen- 29
Brian Walski - 14
Tim Petty -23

July

Charlene Bingell - 25
Bruce Emerson - 16
Erik Holmstrom - 31
Larry Legge - 21
Nanz Marshall - 10
Steve Miller - 12
Tonie MonDragon - 3
Rod Brewer- 30
Pete Scholten - 20
Mary Ann Moseley- 15

FIELD TRIPS

Field trip updates: Crystal Claims- June 20, 2009

A hardy welcome back to our seasonal members and also to the newest of our group. This is a good month to get out and about looking for those pretty sparkles on our own land in the beautiful Esquedillas.

As per club vote, this outing is for members only, please no guests. Also there is not to be a published map to the area. We all meet on Saturday June 20th at the Sapphire Restaurant in Springerville at 8:30 AM - or come earlier - they make a good breakfast. From there we caravan to the site. Car pooling is fun, there are a few spots that may require high clearance.

Bring with you your usual outing gear: lots of water, a chair, your lunch, a hat and gloves, a bucket, shovel, pick, safety glasses, first aid kit with prescription meds if you take them, and an extra trash bag for helping clean up. Some hunters, etc go through the area and forget to pack out what they packed in.

We file each year with the BLM an affidavit of labor which includes picking up trash, removing encroaching limbs or reasonably small fallen trees from across the road, digging holes looking for crystal and then filling those same holes back up so as not to endanger the wildlife by stepping is a pot hole. Each year we've gone someone has hit a mother-load and there was plenty to share. Also specimens of agate and amethyst went home. Larry & I will again be camping in the area. Give us a call if interested. This is one of our good time outings not that far from home. I hope you will give it a chance and come have fun!
Nanz Marshall

SEPTEMBER

Magdalena Moments
New Mexico

If interested in fun, collecting, socializing with club members and guests, or just plain R R, now is the time to make reservations for Friday night, the 11th, and Saturday night, the 12th of September, 2009. Actual field trip day will be the 12th.

Sites are being considered at this time, our guide has been alerted, and our hosts at the Western Motel are anxious to welcome us back. Please call them at (575)

854-2417, and mention that you are rock club members. There are only a few rooms available at the Western, so it would be wise to secure your space now. There is an RV park in the rear if you wish to bring your home on wheels.

As time draws near, more info and particulars will be given. This trip has always proved to be great and not that far from home. Approximately 165 miles east on Hwy 60 from Show Low.

For the first timers, if you wish to learn a little more about this trip, call me (Eunice) at (928) 536-7209.

Eunice

Wyoming in July- Update

The White Mountain Gem & mineral Club – Show Low will Sponsor this trip as part of the Coalition of Rock Clubs of Arizona.

This trip will prove to be one of your collecting trips of a lifetime- beautiful scenery and many mineral and fossil sites will be available. Plan for several days if possible.

Arrive: in Kemmerer, Wyo on July 12, 2009 (southwest part of the state)

Meet: on July 13th at Creative Creations, 821 S Main (Antique and Fossil Store)

Time: 8:00 AM Wyoming time

Vehicle: 4 X 4 high clearance is preferred but I am sure sharing a ride can be arranged if you don't have this kind of vehicle

What you will find: The choices will be up to you. On the list so far is:

1. **Fish Fossils** at the quarries (featured on TV's Cash & Treasures Show) Tools for "fishing" will be provided if you do not have the correct ones.
2. **Star Crinoids** (near the quarries)
3. **Blue Forest Petrified Wood** (awesome wood)
4. **Wyoming Blizzard Rock** (geo-thermal formation of druze quartz)
5. **Jade Slicks** (a beautiful green)
6. **Gold Panning** (what is gold going for now?) With each sign up for gold panning event, you will also receive a GP Kit to take

home with you. The kit includes panning sand with gold in it, 10" gold panning pan, tweezers, 1/2 oz vial to put your gold in, and a "How to Pan for Gold" book. This will take place in a mountain stream about 1/2 hour from Kemmerer.

7. **Sweetwater Agate** not the little pebbles you might know about, but agate still in the host rock. Absolutely fantastic – it's fluorescent! Brilliant shades of green and host rock fluoresces peach and orange colors. Size of specimens depends on how big a piece you can carry.

These sites are confirmed and additional sites will be added as time passes. You will be able to pick the place you want to go on a particular day as long as at least five (5) other rockhounds are interested in the same place on that day.

Fee: Each "event" (collecting area) will cost \$60.00 per person – cash, check, or credit card will be accepted. This fee will cover the cost of a guide for each area who will help and direct you to the best areas.

Accommodations: will be up to you to secure. May I suggest a few choices-

Energy Inn- 307-877-6901

Fossil Butte Motel- 307-877-3996

Best Western opens April 20th - \$94.99
307-877-3388

10% discount for AARP, etc.

Free Breakfast, Pool, Hot Tub,

Conference Center, Fridge & Micro-Wave, Coffee Pot in each room

For RV'ers:

Riverside RV Park- 307-877-6634

Foothills RV Park- 307-877-6634

Camping at the Fossil Quarry will be allowed. must check in with host first.

The feedback on the two RV parks is not good. They will not commit to a space for you. There is a lot of on-going construction and they rent space to construction workers first.

More information contact the Kemmerer C of C at 307-877-9761 their web site is

www.kemmererchamber.com or email them at

chamber@hamsfork.net . If you are thinking about going on this trip, I suggest you make your reservations NOW. There is on-going construction in the area and by spring the rooms/spaces will be filled unless you have secured your own space.

What to bring: a good attitude. A bright smile, rock hunting gear which might include buckets to put your specimens in, old newspapers to wrap them in first, shovel, picks, a piece of rebar to stick in the ground till you hear the "clink" of a piece o wood, hat, sunscreen, chairs, etc; a small food/drink cooler, and a UV light if you have one. If you belong to rock club, please wear your name badge.

Rocks: Bring some trade or sell to other rocks hounds from different areas.

Our host in Kemmerer is **George Putnam of Wyoming Fossils LLC** (Creative Creations). He is working hard to provide everyone with interesting and great places – all within approximate 100 to 150 radius of Kemmerer. George's specialty is the fossil fish. In the quarry, he will show how to find, prepare, clean and preserve your fossils. In his store, you will find specimens from around the world and some from out of this world-antiques are also available. His web site is www.wyomingfossils.com

His email address is on the website. If you email him, please use on the subject line: **Wyo in July**.

The Average Temperature in Kemmerer in July is 65-70 degrees at the elevation of 7400 feet. **"How much better than this can you get!"**

You may call me at 928-536-7209 or email me at rocknglow@frontiernet.net if you have any questions. If you email me please use the same in your subject line: **Wyo in July**.

Eunice McQuiston – White Mountain Gem & Mineral Club – Show Low, Arizona
Remember to collect only what you need.

Some more updates:

The time is drawing closer for this trip. It is not to late to sign-up although finding a room may be more difficult. With the opening of Best Western Fossil Country Inn and Suites on April 20th, this may be your answer to lodging.

There are a few changes to the "events" schedule you should know about. The Sweetwater agate, Jade Slicks and the addition to Wyoming opal have been combined into one event. Also, the Fish Fossil and Crinoid events are ½ day separate events. Included in this up-date are registration forms that I urge you to fill out and return to Creative Creations as soon as possible.

The BLM in Wyoming has no problem with rockhounds collecting as long as you adhere to the 25 pounds plus one rock per person (this does not apply to the fish quarries). Use reasonable judgment. They ask that you leave the land the way you found it or better.

I would like to invite all rockhounds and their guests to an "open" room at the Fossil Butte motel on July 12 between 4 and 7 Pm. I don't know my room number yet, but I bet you will spot it. This get together will give us a chance for introduction and to sign –in-get your name on a list fro a drawing later on. Bring snacks if you can.

This is the final up-date for this trip but will certainly answer any questions, at any time, if I can.

Enjoy the pictures of what you can find...

Have a great trip/have a safe trip- Eunice McQuiston

HIGHWAY CLEANUP May 9, 2009

The trip to ADOT gave every courtesy. Our bags, vests, and paperwork were together in a copier paper box and Cecil helped me by putting that box in my trunk. We laughed about me not having a remote so he had to wait 'til I hobbled over to unlock it with my old fashioned key.

On Saturday morning five of us: Tonie MonDragon, Bill Stalder, Pete Suppes, Larry & I went down the road. It didn't take long, but Larry and Tonie found a spot at the turn around where they filled a heavy bag. Bill and Pete walked a little further, but the bags were light. I only collected around the parked vehicles, and found very little. Larry ended up grabbing my bag and joining the other boys while Tonie and I enjoyed the shade.

On Monday when I returned the box with the remaining bags, vests and paper work completed, again I was helped with getting everything inside against a wind which really was strong enough to make things difficult. Linda helped this time and was effusive in their appreciation of our community service. I'm passing along a big "Thank You" from ADOT and an even bigger Thank You from me to all of you who took the time to support the Club's activity. Remember our next one is in September. I hope to see you there.

Roster Updates

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85902 480-577-7875

Editors note: For Changes – Corrections or Additions:
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Bits and Chips

On May 12th I had the opportunity to meet a few members of the Old Pueblo Lapidary Society and The Tucson Gem and Mineral Club. Ursula Wilson asked me if I would like to meet her and who I thought were a few relatives at Jim Gray's and then go to the DoBell Ranch for rainbow petrified wood. After introductions, Ursula said they are all like family to her. Indeed, they were a delightful fun group of rock hounds and once again, Gordon DoBell was very generous.

Eunice

Please keep our members in your prayers- some of us have been struggling with health issues which seem to be the joys of getting older, but we are a rough and tough bunch being ROCK HOUNDS- so I wish everyone a quick recovery and hopes that we are all in tip top shape to enjoy the summer and good weather for collecting rocks and enjoying some summer travel! May your health issues blow away in the wind, your strength grow with the summer warmth, and your joy be unending.

Charlene

Club Members- if you have any news you would like to have published under Bits and Chips, please call Eunice

928-536-7209

50 Year Collection Sale

June 27, 2009

Approximately 85% are priced at \$1.00 a pound

Large Rounds, etc – reasonable priced per piece

Rainbow petrified wood, Blue agatized petrified wood
Golden yellow agatized wood (horsetail or juniper)
Green chromium petrified wood – from newly discovered deposit, Petrified ironwood
Various petrified wood from AZ and NM – some rare & no longer obtainable, Palm wood from AZ and NM
Palm root from CA, Agate – many types, including St. John's flower agate, Apache Creek, Luna blue, crystals, etc., Zebra rock near Payson, Obsidian and Apache Tears

Chert and Pastellite from Burro Creek

Colorful jasper from AZ and CA

Onyx from Mayer, Bloody Basin, CA, etc.

Picture rock from Alamo Lake

Septarian Nodules from AZ

Selenite from AZ

Minerals from CA – Black Tourmaline, purple Lepidolite, etc.

Fossils – many types, including Phytosaur bones, headplate, Nautiluses (sm. & lg.), Coral, etc.

Lots of Miscellaneous rocks

Equipment: 12 inch Slab Saw, older LORTONE with newer motor and new blade – asking \$300

Some yard sale items

Bring buckets, bug spray, drinking water, garden gloves, and spray bottles. FYI – We've seen a few rattler and black widows here.

DIRECTIONS: Coming from Show Low, go all the way through St. John's, and cross bridge. First right on to well-maintained dirt County Road 6040 (Salt Lake Rd.) for 6 miles. At the 6-mile marker, next right onto 15 Country Road N6417 (green gate – please keep closed). Approximately 1/3 mile and we're on the right. Park in front of the house on right. 10:00 am.

We'll be available the weekend of June 27 or thereafter. Let me know of any questions.

Nancy & John 928-245-4993 (John)

Rock & Gem Shows

June:

19-21--CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO: Annual show; Road Runner Gem & Mineral Club; Living Desert Zoo and State Park, north on U.S. Hwy. 285; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; free admission; exhibitors, silent auction, door prizes, Wheel of Fortune, displays, Living Desert Zoo and Gardens State Park admission extra; contact Cathy Hamilton, 308 N. Lake, Carlsbad, NM 88220, (575) 885-8572; e-mail: cfamil@leaco.net

19-21--SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA: Show; Gem Faire Inc.; Scottish Rite Center, 1895 Camino del Rio S.; Fri. 12-7, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-5; \$5 weekend pass; contact Yooy Nelson, (503) 252-8300; e-mail: info@gemfaire.com; Web site: www.gemfaire.com

19-21--SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO: 5th annual show; Palace of the Governors/New Mexico History Museum; Palace of the Governors Courtyard, downtown plaza; Fri. 9-7, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; contact Carlotta Boettcher, (505) 476-5112; e-mail: carlotta.boettcher@state.nm.us

20--COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO: Show, "Rock Fair at WMMI"; Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society; Western Museum of Mining and Industry, 225 N. Gate Blvd.; Sat. 9-3; adults \$5, children \$2; outdoor rock show, mining museum exhibits, vendors, rocks, minerals, fossils, jewelry, lectures, demonstrations, gold panning, metal detecting, children's area; contact Ronald "Yam" Yamiolkoski, (719) 488-5526; e-mail: info@csms.us; Web site: www.csms.us

26-28--SANDY (SALT LAKE CITY), UTAH: Show; Gem Faire Inc.; South Towne Exposition Center/Exhibit Hall 5, 9575 S. State St.; Fri. 12-7, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-5; \$5 weekend pass; contact Yooy Nelson, (503) 252-8300; e-mail: info@gemfaire.com; Web site: www.gemfaire.com

July:

3-5--FARMINGTON, NEW MEXICO: Show; San Juan County Gem & Mineral Society; Farmington Civic Center, Arlington St.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; free admission; door prizes, rocks, gems, minerals, Farmington Freedom Days; contact Mickie Calvert, P.O. Box 1482, Farmington, NM 87499, (505) 632-8288; e-mail: mickie2@earthlink.net

10-12--DURANGO, COLORADO: 56th show; Four Corners Gem & Mineral Club; La Plata County Fairgrounds, 2500 Main Ave.; Fri. 11-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; free admission; contact Joanna Baker, P.O. Box 955, Durango, CO 81302, (970) 385-6850; e-mail: info@durangorocks.org

10-12--SAN RAFAEL, CALIFORNIA: 1st annual show, "San Francisco Fine Mineral Show"; Dave Waisman; Embassy Suites Hotel, 101 McInnis Parkway; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; free admission; natural, uncut, semiprecious mineral pieces, displays, sales, open to the public; contact Dave Waisman, P.O. Box 8543, Spokane, WA 99203, (509) 998-5987; e-mail: SVLDave@aol.com; Web site: www.FineMineralShow.com

11-12--CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA: 48th annual Fiesta of Gems, "The Wonderful World of Amber"; Culver City Rock & Mineral Club; Veterans Memorial Auditorium and Rotunda, 4117 Overland Blvd.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; free admission; hourly prizes, grand prize, exhibits, dealers, demonstrations, jewelry, stones, books, tools, minerals, fossils; contact Robert Thirlaway, 28602 Mt. Whitney Way, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275, (310) 213-7677; e-mail: thirlawr@gmail.com; Web site: www.CulverCityRocks.org/fiesta.htm

24-26--SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA: Gem Faire; Gem Faire Inc.; Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Parkway; Fri. 12-7, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; \$5 weekend pass; contact Yooy Nelson, (503) 252-8300; e-mail: info@gemfaire.com; Web site: www.gemfaire.com

July- August:

31-2--CREEDE, COLORADO: 8th annual show; Rare Things; Underground Mining Museum, N. Canyon Rd.; Fri. 10-5, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; free admission; gems, minerals, local rocks, jewelry, programs; contact Jenny Inge, P.O. Box 371, Creede, CO 81130, (719) 658-2376; e-mail: rarethingsgallery@yahoo.com

31-2--PRESCOTT, ARIZONA: Show and sale; Prescott Gem & Mineral Club; Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Activity Center, 3700 Willow Creek Rd.; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; adults \$2, children under 12 free; rough rock, slabs, cabochons, jewelry, findings, mineral specimens; contact Pam Jackson, P.O. Box 345, Chino Valley, AZ 86323, (928) 636-9188; e-mail: lpjack65@cableone.net; Web site: www.prescottgemmineral.org
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