



ROCK TALK

White Mountain Gem & Mineral Club

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Auctioneer	Bill Stalder (928) 368-4496
Highway Clean Up	Nanz Marshall (928) 537-2524
Coalition Trips/Historian/Sunshine	Eunice McQuiston (928) 536-7209
Education (Schools/Libraries)	<u>Open</u>
Web Master	Ron Dale Ron.bunnie@gmail.com

President's Message

April 2010

It was a great April Fools to get SNOW and then a lousy one to have our Bisbee Mine trip cancelled. A real roller coaster day which I suppose should be expected this time of year.

If you can find the weather you like this month, be sure to get outside and enjoy! Then, if you feel you could give it up, let the rest of us know about your "good spot". Everyone in the Club wants to rockhound, let's share! You don't have to become the field trip leader, let's just talk about what we find outside.

Mark your calendar for the May Day highway clean-up. This is our twice yearly community support and it only takes about an hour. Come on out! You'll never know how fun it is until you enjoy the experience.

Our Show is getting closer, be sure to call the numbers given inside the newsletter to sign up your donations, either food or time or both. Your Club thrives through its volunteers- BE ONE!

Happy Spring to Everyone! Time seems to quicken this month of the year, but I hope you'll savor some quiet time with Mother Nature.

As Always,
Nanz

"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

Minutes of General Meeting
White Mountain Gem & Mineral Club
April 6, 2010

President Nanz Marshall called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. There were 27 members and 6 guests present: Pamela Wilkinson, our guest speaker from the Arizona Mining & Mineral Resources Department, Kathy, Linda, Cheryl, Peggy and Jeremy.

A motion to approve the March minutes as published was made by Sandra Angelo and seconded by Sumner Christie. They were approved unanimously.

Nanz explained the concept of our Open Bazaar to our guests and new members and welcomed our guests.

Vice President David Bingell reported the May program will be on either conservation or defining what is a precious gem in various cultures.

Treasurer Larry Legge gave his report.

The Secretary reported that the next board meeting would be on Saturday, April 17th at noon at her home. Nanz will bring pizza and salad, beverages and dessert would be provided but board members are welcome to bring a bag lunch.

Editor Charlene Bingell's report was given by David Bingell and stated that submissions of articles for the newsletter are encouraged and would earn a chance in the year end drawing. David also stated that Charlene would be happy to research any topic of interest.

President Nanz Marshall reported that the agenda for the Board meeting on April 17th would be revisions to our Club brochure and the Treasurer would present a detailed budget for the show.

Nanz also reminded the members that our road clean-up is due in May and by agreement of the majority of members present the date was decided for May 1st. Volunteers will meet at the Big K parking lot at 10 AM and car caravan to the adopted mile site.

Larry reported that our proposed field trip to Bisbee was cancelled and will be offered at a later date, probably in the fall. Eunice McQuiston reported that there is a Coalition Field Trip scheduled for April 24th and hosted by the Sedona club. The trip will be to a private ranch 35 miles east of Holbrook. The collection fee is \$1 per pound. See details elsewhere in this newsletter.) Eunice also reported that the proposed May 22nd field trip will be to the Dobell Ranch, also for petrified wood. A 5 gallon bucket can be filled for \$28.00.

Eunice also passed around a work schedule for the Show and asked people to sign up. Nanz passed around Kathy Amator's schedule for food donations for the Pot Luck for the Friday night show set up, and Bake Sale.

Eunice then passed around a petition stating the Club was supportive of the Arizona Mining & Mineral Museum and all that it provides and the location where it is situated. The petition was signed and Eunice will submit it this week. Pamela Wilkinson added that the proposed legislation regarding the museum is HB2251 and it has passed the Committee. The text is available at the Arizona government website.

Eunice and Karen Stokes then previewed the banners advertising the Show and gave us a lesson in Banners 101 regarding the proper care and storage of them. Eunice and Karen have worked for days preparing the banners and they are beautiful. The Club showed their appreciation with comments and applause.

Eunice reminded the members the trip to Magdalena would be the weekend of September 24-25 and to make reservations at the Western Motel (575-854-2417) as soon as possible.

Under new business Pete Scholten offered a rebuttal to the article on salt published in last month's

newsletter. Pete basically agreed with the portion of the article reprinted from www.desertusa.com but strongly disagreed with the portions of the article reprinted from www.himalayansaltcart.com and www.shirleys-wellness-cafe.com and pointed out all their discrepancies. [Readers are reminded that these articles are not necessarily the opinions of the Editor or club members but simply represent reprints of available materials to fill our newsletter with information. If you have a subject you are interested in, please submit your own article and we will have a wider variety of material available to us. T.M.]

At approximately 7:30 we took a 20 minute break so that members could view the Silent Auction material and club member items in the Open Bazaar.

The meeting resumed at approximately 7:50 with a slide presentation by Pamela Wilkinson entitled "Bisbee Queen of the Copper Camps." Pam also discussed other active mines in the State and encouraged us to visit the University of Arizona Tucson Mineral Museum Special Exhibit of "Treasures of the Queen." The Exhibit is on display until July.

Prizes were drawn and awarded as follows: Door prize of diopside specimen by Gary Amator, 50/50 \$12.00 by Laura Scholten, silver necklace by Bill Stalder and an agate slab by Bill Stalder.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ron Dale, seconded by Eunice McQuiston and unanimously approved. The meeting was concluded at 8:45 pm and the Silent Auction concluded a few minutes later.

Respectfully submitted,
Tonie MonDragon, Secretary

Clubs in Show Low- social hour starts at 5:30 meeting starts promptly at 6:30 PM.

Web Site Info

whitemountain-azrockclub.org

Contact Ron Dale if you have any questions about the website.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday April and May babies! Spring has sprung- CELEBRATE!

April

Gary Amator - 20
Yvonne Bevacqua - 24
Warren Scott Chason - 5
Terry Enders - 2
John Frampton - 22
Christopher Pfeil - 7
Tony Potucek - 9
Bill Stalder - 15
Ron Ginn - 11
Ursula Wilson - 3

May

Thomas Cox - 30
Marguerite Emerson - 12
Wayne Sandberg - 12
Pat Larsen - 1
Linda Stalder - 17
Kathleen Varhol - 13
Denny White - 30
May Henningsen - 30

Next Meeting

Mark your calendars: Our meetings are always the first Tuesday of the Month- Next month will be **May 4, 2010** - at JB's Restaurant on the Deuce of

FIELD TRIPS

Field Trip - No club field trip in April it was postponed to hopefully the fall- go out and look for rocks!

VOLUNTEER WANTED - Field Trips - 2010

WANTED: Someone to assume the title and responsibilities of the "Field Trip Chairperson

Coalition Trip for April

Coalition Field Trip

April 24, 2010, Holbrook, Arizona

Club Sponsor: Sedona Gem and Mineral Club

Trip Leader: Pat McMahan 928-300-8333 agates920@yahoo.com

WHAT TO COLLECT: Petrified wood on a private ranch about 35 miles east of Holbrook.

MEETING PLACE: Meet at Navajo exit I-40 (Approximately 35 miles east of Holbrook) at 8:30 am Saturday April 24, 2010. Exit I-40 then pull off to right just after exit. You will be asked to sign a liability waiver there. We will leave from there to the ranch at 8:30 sharp in caravan.

COST OF MATERIAL: \$1.00 per pound. No limit.

MOTEL: I have negotiated a special rate for Friday night April 23 rd of \$35.00 including tax per room for 2 people for our coalition members at the Best Inn (possibly not the best) at 2211 Navajo Blvd. 928-524-2654. Take exit 289 off I-40 in Holbrook and go north about 1 mile. It is on your left or west side of Navajo Blvd.

Tell them you are with the Coalition of Rock Clubs when you call to make your reservations and you will get the special rate.

OPTIONAL; Come join us for dinner or breakfast.

Dinner-Friday night 6:00 pm The Mesa Restaurant. The Mesa Restaurant is across the street and east a short distance from the hotel. The food is Italian and is about the best in town.

We will sit in the banquet room. Please bring bragging rocks to show club members at dinner, petrified wood from your last trip or other favorites.

Breakfast at Dennys-One mile east of hotel on Navajo Blvd. across the street. Plan to leave the restaurant by 7:40 am to arrive at Navajo early.

We will leave the Navajo exit at 8:30 sharp.

RSVP please to Pat McMahan 928-300-8333 or agates920@yahoo.com

So we can let the restaurants know ahead of time how many of us there will be.

SAMPLES OF MATERIAL: Visit my website: www.agateswithinclusions.com

Scroll to Arizona then Holbrook to see petrified wood picked up in the Holbrook area. --

D. Lynne Wheeler
752 E. Dealers Choice Lane
Payson, AZ 85541-2670
928-472-7170
928-978-4062 lynnewheeler@gmail.com

Coalition Trip for May

The coalition trip for May will be led by Betty L Deming of the Mineralogical Society of Arizona.

It will be to the Bagdad open-pit mine in Bagdad Az. The date is May 22nd. Time to meet is 10:00 am

There is a limit on how many can go on the tour. They have 2 vans which can hold approx. 12 people each. I will need to know how many are going by May 8th. So they will know if they need to use both vans. Please do this for me. It is important that they know.

There is a dress code being, long pants only, close toed shoes, no sleeveless shirts-no tank tops. Shirt must have sleeves. They provide hats & glasses. We can hunt after the tour on the only rock pile left there to hunt on which is pyrite & chalcopyrite. Please don't plan on bringing home a ton of rocks. Bring your rock hammer & a reasonable size bucket or bags Bagdad is between Wickenburg & Wickiup off route 93. You can't hardly get lost. It is a very small town & just follow directions.

When you come in to town & at the first cross streets are Main St. & Lindahl. Turn right on Lindahl. Go 6/10 mi. & turn left on Palo Verde, go 1/2 blk & see buildings on right. Look for sign saying museum & conference room. PARK THERE.

Tour & hunt on rock pile will take approx. 2--3 hrs. I have been on the tour 2 times & it is very interesting & educational, but they do hold to their dress code. So please follow it. If you need any more info please contact me Betty L Deming email is bege4@cox.net . & my phone # is 602-242-1553. Don't have a cell phone. Don't be shut out by putting off till the last minute to let me know you are going. Maximum limit will be 25 people.

Roster Updates:

Will be available on our website- password is given to members only. Please Contact Ron Dale our webmaster for your password to access the membership roster. Updates are done monthly so

visit the roster online for the most current address and phone number information.

Rock & Gem Shows

April:

23-25--DENVER, COLORADO: Spring show, "Colorado Mineral & Fossil Show"; Martin Zinn Expositions LLC; Holiday Inn □ Denver Central, 4849 Bannock St.; free admission; 80 wholesale and retail dealers, minerals, fossils, gems, jewelry; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; contact Martin Zinn Expositions, P.O. Box 665, Bernalillo, NM 87004-0665, fax (303) 223-3478; e-mail: mzexpos@aol.com; Web site: www.mzexpos.com

23-25--SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH: Show, "Festival of Gems"; Wasatch Gem Society; Utah State Fair Park, 115 North 10th West, Zion Bldg.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$2, children free; displays, lapidary demonstrations, grab bags, Wheel of Fortune, silent auction, door prizes, gem and mineral dealers; contact Jeff Huefner, (801) 467-6850; e-mail: WGSShow@gmail.com; Web site: wasatchgemsociety.com

23-25--SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA: Show, "Gem Faire"; Gem Faire Inc.; Scottish Rite Event Center, 1895 Camino del Rio S; 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

24-25--NEWBURY PARK, CALIFORNIA: 36th annual show, "Pageant of a Thousand Gems"; Conejo Gem & Mineral Club; Borchard Park Community Center, 190 Reino Rd., at Borchard Rd.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4:30; free admission; exhibits, sales, gems, jewelry, rocks, minerals, fossils, special youth activities, lapidary and jewelry making demonstrations, silent auction, door prizes; contact Robert Sankovich, (805) 494-7734; e-mail: rmsorca@adelphia.net; Web site: www.cgame.org

24-25--SANTA CRUZ, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Santa Cruz Gem & Mineral Society; Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium, corner of Church St. and Center St.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; adults \$6, children under 12 free; fluorescent room, treasure wheel, exhibits; contact Dean

Welder, P.O. Box 343, Santa Cruz, CA 95061; e-mail: wdeanwelder@yahoo.com; Web site: www.scmgs.org

APRIL-MAY 2010:

30-2--BISHOP, CALIFORNIA: Eastern Sierra Gem & Mineral Show; Lone Pine Gem & Mineral Society; Bishop Fairgrounds, Sierra St.; Fri. 6-9, Sat. 9:30-4, Sun. 10-3; free admission; demonstrators, displays, gifts, minerals, rough rock, beads, fused glass beads, many vendors, mineral identification, "The Famous Spinning Wheel", geode sales and cutting, tools, door prizes; contact Francee Graham, P.O. Box 667, Lone Pine, CA 93545, (760) 876-4319; e-mail: franceem@qnet.com

30-2--SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA: Show, "Gem Faire"; Gem Faire Inc.; Sonoma County Fairgrounds/Grace Pavilion, 1350 Bennett Valley Rd.; 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

1-2--FOUNTAIN HILLS, ARIZONA: Show, "Fountain Hills Gem & Mineral Show"; O.B. Rocks & Minerals; Fountain Hills Community Center, 13001 N. La Montana Dr.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; free admission; contact Rick Obermiller, 1332 N. Jesse St., Chandler, AZ 85225, (602) 826-2218; e-mail: obrocks@gmail.com

Club Events

Numbers to Note for our Best Show

Kathy A. pot luck & baked goods 537-7230
Eunice Mc. Show service schedule 536-7209
Larry & Nanz highway signs, set-up & take down times 537-2524

Wanted: Donations for the kid's booth for the show!

See the attached Volunteer schedule- Can you help fill in the needed times- please let Eunice know...

Exploring Minerals

Rebuttal on last month's article:

Refuting Himalayan Rock Salt Crystals

While the main article is being composed with hopes of presenting it in the newsletter in a month or so, here are a few quotes from an article in Triathlete Magazine May 2010. The article is titled "How to Sort Through the Pseudoscience" by Jeff Sankoff Md. These ideas are nothing new to the controversy between what is real science and what pretends to be science. With some 20 plus hours of research already done it will take some time to complete my article but reading through the Triathlete Magazine for May, (yes these magazines are like cars they come out early), I came across this article. The article struck me because it is just this that rankles me about the advertisement, which it is, on the benefits of certain types of salt. When reading the 'article' on salt or any other advertisement, keep the following quotes from Dr. Sankoff's article in mind.

"Today in advertising, science is often co-opted to lend credibility to claims of a product's effectiveness that are in reality just based on belief."

"One of the first rules to remember is that extraordinary claims require extraordinary supporting evidence." This is a restatement of what is referred to in science as "Occam's Razor" based on the work of 14th century logian William of Ockham.

"A second rule is to always be skeptical. When manufacturers claim that a product's effectiveness has been backed up by scientific evidence, don't just accept that. Before you give your money away, find the evidence being quoted...and then ask yourself the following questions."

"Who performed the study or studies?" Not a good idea if the company did it's own studies.

"What was actually studied?"

"Does the hypothesis make sense?"

"How were the results measured?"

"Do the conclusions make sense?"

"Lastly, and perhaps most importantly, learn to differentiate anecdotes from science. A million anecdotes do not add up to scientifically valid data. Spokespeople are paid to say what a company wants about their product. The mere fact that a spokesperson is a successful athlete or scientist does not change this fact."

Respectfully submitted by: Peter G. Scholten

Shaw Walk Schedule

Silent

2010 - Saturday 29 th	Front Entrance 2 people	Raffle 1 person	Spinning Wheel 2 people	Silent Auction 2 people	Fluorescent Display	Bobcat Apple & Beverage
9 to 12:30	Janice M. Nancy M.			Bill & Linda S.		
12:30 to 3:30	Kathleen V. Kathy A.	Gary A	Ron & Bunnie D.	Karen & George S.		Nancy
3:30 to 6:00			Larry L.	Bill & Linda S.		Nancy
2010 - Sunday 30 th		2 people				
9 to 1	Nancy M.	Kathleen V.		Karen & George S.		
1 to 4 closing		Janice M. Sandra A.		Bill & Linda S.		

Case Eunice to get on the schedule.
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May 1st, 2010

10 AM Kmart Parking lot

Highway Clean Up

**Come Early to sign waivers
And receive instructions!**

Rockhounds Prayer

**Spring has Sprung
The Rocks have 'Riz,
Lord help me know
Just where they is.**