



# ROCK TALK

White Mountain Gem & Mineral Club

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## President's Message

I've been told not to plant outdoors until Mother's Day. That is soon and I hope yours is a happy one. We are still getting cold nights, sometimes freezing or below, but at least the afternoons are around 70. Ah! Spring is here! The perfect time to get outside and have some fun!

A big Thank You (I know, I know, just send the love) to all those who worked for the Club this month. We are always a better organization because of your efforts. Hey, here's an idea, spread the joy and do stuff with a buddy.

Rock On, Rockhounds! It's the start of another great collecting season.

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.

## **Minutes of General Meeting**

White Mountain Gem & Mineral Club

May 3, 2011

President Nanz Marshall called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. There were 19 members present and 3 guests, Tom Williams, George Lueras and Alan King (who also joined the club this evening). There was not a quorum present to adopt any motions.

Nanz polled the members present on the subject of the minutes of the April meeting published in the newsletter. There were not additions or corrects.

Nanz then asked for announcements and reports from board members and officers. Tonie MonDragon stated she would lead the highway clean-up on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> and the volunteers would meet at the Big-K parking lot nearest the highway at 8:45 a.m. and then caravan to our adopted mile at 9:00 a.m.

Eunice reported that the Forest Service would hold an open house at the Black Mesa Ranger Station in Overgaard on May 12<sup>th</sup> from 3pm until 7 pm and encouraged members to attend as we have a display at the Station. Eunice also reported that the April field trip to Dobell's Ranch was attended by 11 members and 2 guests.

Eunice reported that the May field trip on May 21 would be to Diamond Point and would be led by Bill Stalder for surface collecting only—no digging. The group will meet at 10 a.m. at the Control Road exit on Highway 260.

Treasurer Larry Legge asked the membership whether they wanted an itemized report or just totals and upon a vote, Larry made an itemized Treasurer's Report for the month of April.

Charlene Bingell introduced herself and David Bingell to the new members as Editor and Vice President.

Nanz offered the afghan crocheted by Larry's sister as a raffle prize and announced the drawing would be at the June meeting. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and can be purchased by mail and up to and including the June meeting.

Nanz also reported the Board recommended that members in good standing (dues paid) could bring a guest to the Claims Annual Outing on June 25. Nanz also reported that the Board meeting of April 30 produced a revision to the Bylaws that a quorum of 11 with a simple majority could pass on any motions before the membership. This will be printed in the newsletter and subject to vote at the June meeting. We will need a quorum of 21 members to pass that revision so you are encouraged to attend or mail in your vote.

Tonie announced that the City of Show Low had invited our Club to enter a float in the Fourth of July parade. Tonie and Nanz said if anyone was interested in this project to contact them, otherwise we would not be participating.

Nanz reminded members that the Highway Cleanup was to be only adults, with no children or pets permitted.

The meeting adjourned for a 10 minute break at 7:20 p.m. When we resumed David Bingell presented the educational program in the form of a video called Nature of the Earth: Origin of the Universe, part of a series called Introduction to Geology. However, due to low sound quality we only watched 15 minutes of the 30

minute program and will continue next month when we have the proper connection cords to the speaker system available.

Door prizes were then drawn with Ruth winning the geode. The 50/50 prize of \$12 went to Larry Embry, the silver necklace to Nanz and the Septarian specimen to Dave Adams. The silent auction will continue until 3 minutes after the close of the meeting.

Upon motion by Ruth and second by Rick, and a unanimous vote, the meeting ended at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tonie MonDragon, Secretary

## **Minutes of Board Meeting**

White Mountain Gem & Mineral Club

April 30, 2011

Home of Tonie MonDragon

President Nanz Marshall called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. Notice of the meeting had been published in the newsletter.

Board Members present were, Nanz Marshall, Larry Legge, David Bingell, Charlene Bingell and Tonie MonDragon, which constituted a quorum. Also present was Eunice McQuiston.

Nanz stated that the purpose of this board meeting was to revise the Bylaws with respect to a quorum. Nanz handed out copies of the current Bylaws last revised on October 6, 2009.

Nanz had calculated that based on the current roster and past attendance that the Club has 25 local members who usually attend the monthly meetings. Nanz also calculated that we have 29 out of town members who occasionally attend a meeting and 3 seasonal members. That is a total of 57 members in good standing. However so far this year we have not had a quorum of 21 present to conduct business.

After discussion of the possibilities of a minimum number or a percentage formula, it was proposed that the Bylaws be revised to state: Article IX, Meetings. The general meeting of the Club shall normally be held on the first Tuesday of each month. A quorum for conducting business shall consist of at least eleven (11) members in good standing and a simple majority will be required to pass any motion before the membership.

The remainder of Article IX is unchanged.

Upon motion by Tonie MonDragon and second by Larry Legge the Board voted unanimously to present this Bylaw revision to the membership at the May meeting.

Upon further discussion it was noticed that Article XI. Amendments and Revisions, needed to be updated. The last sentence should read: The current Bylaws are operative until December 31, 2012. This revision will also be presented to the membership.

There was further discussion as to whether a "business meeting" should be held every month or less often and the consensus was that every regular monthly meeting should be for conducting any business to come before the membership.

Eunice provided copies of the Club brochure to be delivered by members David Bingell and Tonie MonDragon to the Pinetop-Lakeside Chamber of Commerce and Show Low Chamber of Commerce respectively. Eunice will deliver the brochures to the Snowflake Chamber.

The subject was brought up regarding members bringing visitors to the Club claims to rockhound. After discussion it was the Board consensus that members should be allowed to bring guests to the claims on our annual outing there. Nanz will bring this up to the membership at the next meeting for a vote. Previously it was voted by the membership that no guests would be allowed on the claims; however, it is impossible for the Club to monitor or enforce this policy.

Nanz provided roster changes to Charlene to relay by e-mail to Ron Ginn.

Nanz had afghan raffle tickets for a door prize and they were won by David Bingell. Eunice had a carnelian specimen for a door prize and it was won by Larry Legge.

Upon motion by Larry and second by Charlene and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tonie MonDragon

These minutes were approved by the Board at the May 3, 2011 general meeting.

## **Field Trip Report**

Field Trip Report-April 23rd-DoBell Ranch

It was cloudy when we started and of course the ever present wind. Nine members and two guests met at Jim Gray's for group picture then at 9:45 we all left for DoBell's.

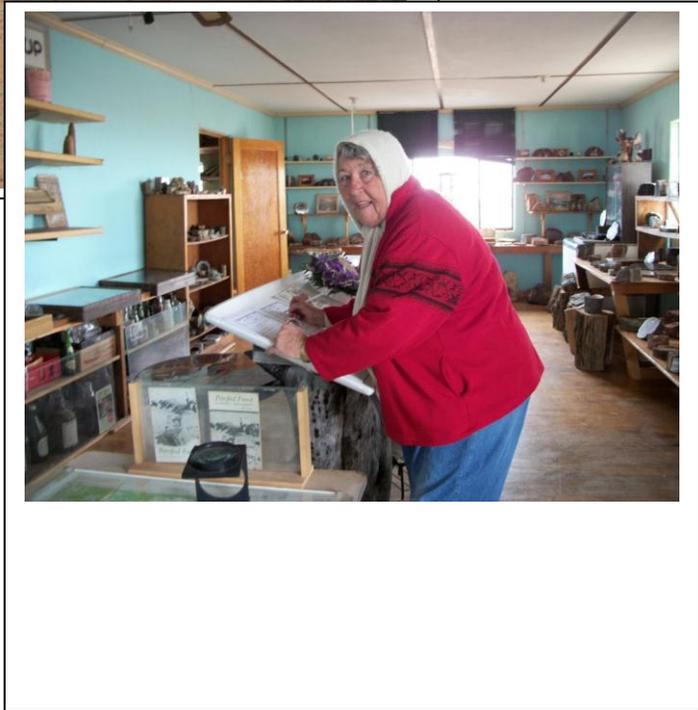
Upon arriving, we were greeted enthusiastically by Tonya, who invited everyone to tour the museum first. Six out of the 11 people had not been to this site before so they were able to take several steps back in time to the 30's, 40's, and 50's.

After the tour, the collecting started. I don't believe anyone went out to the pits. We all stayed pretty close to the buildings for wind breaks. MaryAnn was delighted with all of the specimens she picked up to share with her students. Brookie and Ruth climbed over piles of wood looking for just the right pieces to put in their new "tumbler" while Stretch carried bucket after bucket to their car. Larry E. and Fred talked most of the time about California and areas they knew and had in common. J.D. and Sharol filled two and a half five gallon buckets with treasures and Bill picked up big pieces of rainbow wood while Linda stayed in their truck (the wind was brutal and not so good on ears). She did join us for our lunch break, though. Me, being the 11th person....well I just sort-of hung around watching the excitement and smiles on rockhound's faces.

Lunchtime brought most of us together to eat and share stories and might I add, the sun came out!!!

I wish to applaud each and every one of you who came on this trip. You earned my respect for sure.

Eunice - trip leader



## Field Trip News:

Save the Date

May 21 Diamond Point – head towards Payson – turn onto Control Road exit on Highway 260- Meet at 10 AM- Things you can find- Crystals, carnelians, agate...etc... Call Bill Stalder with questions - 928-368-4496

Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup> will be our annual outing to the Claims. More details to come next month, but pencil it in now.

### Magdalena Minders

The "early reservation gets the room" at the Western Motel-(575) 854-2417- for the nights of September 23rd and 24th. Mention you are a member of the WMG&MC. This year we will be going to Rosedale, and old gold and silver mining ghost town, to explore and see what we can find.

The yearly field trip to Magdalena has always been fun. The unexpected is usually what to expect. Ask anyone who has been on previous trips.

More info to follow in the monthly newsletters to come.

You may call Eunice at (928)536-7209 for more info....or....since I work odd hours....you may call me and leave a message if I'm sleeping and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Karen Stokes (928)229-0273  
Trip Leader

### Coalition Fieldtrip for May 2011

Hi rock pickers, below is the coalition trip info for May, from Betty Deming at the M.S.A. Please contact her with any questions.

Terry Worman

May 28, 2011 coalition field trip to Date Creek

This will be Memorial week end so some of you will take advantage of the long week end & go to other places, but if you don't maybe a one day trip to Date Creek would be nice.

It has been 4 years since MSA has gone there, but some friends & I went last month & found several quartz crystals. We even found some limonite after pyrite. Bring small digging tools or if you are ambitious bring a big shovel.

For the ones that are coming from Phoenix area take I17 north to Carefree highway (highway 74) west to US 60 & turn right 10 miles to Wickenburg. We will meet at McDonalds at 9:00 for potty break & snack. We will leave there at 9:15. If you are running late just follow directions & meet us at Date Creek

After we leave McDonalds take 93 north 22 miles to Date Creek Ranch road which is at highway marker 177.5 Keep right & go 2.5 miles down the good dirt road. You can park there or just north make a sharp turn left & park behind the creek bed. There are crystals all around the area

For people coming from the north come down highway 93 to Date Creek Ranch Road (177.5 mile marker) You will have to find your own place for potty

break. Hope to see you there. If you have any questions call or email me at 602-242-1553 or [be\\_ge4@cox.net](mailto:be_ge4@cox.net). Watch for snakes!!!! Hope you see them first . Betty L Deming

**Education Presentation: by David Bingell**

David presented a DVD presentation on the Geology- to be continued.....

**VOTES NEEDED**

Please take the time to vote the ballot. It is a simple change in the By-Laws, Article 1X, Meetings, to get a quorum for business transactions. We are backed up several months now due to small attendance. The new wording will be, **“a quorum for conducting business shall consist of at least eleven people of the membership in good standing and a simple majority vote for passage of the motion presented.”** Also there is needed a slight change to Article X1, Amendments and Revisions. The last sentence will read, **“The current By-Laws are operative until 12-31-12.”**

This will help SO MUCH, so vote and mail it back or bring it to the next meeting. As it stands now we need twenty-one signatures, so YOURS is IMPORTANT!

\_\_\_\_\_ ( ) YES ( ) NO ( ) ABSTAIN  
Signature(s) of member(s)

**Please send in your Votes or bring them to the next meeting- This is very important as we cannot make any changes or approve any minutes etc...without this change.**

**Highway clean-up**  
**May 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**Big K's parking lot at 8:45**  
**am**  
**leave by caravan to our mile**

Next Meeting: Mark your calendars: Our meetings are always the first Tuesday of the Month- Next month will be **June 7, 2011** - 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.

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