



ROCK TALK

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President's Message

October 2011

It's October and the Holiday Fun Begins! The chant this month is Trick or Treat-and it's ALWAYS a TREAT!!

We even got a little snow today. YEAH!!! I love it!!

I just hope the weather holds up for the highway clean-up. It is a community effort that looks good and feels good too.

I really want to find a tooth this month. The skin is nice too, but the tooth is exceptional. Cross your fingers for good weather!!

I hope you are getting out there while we can still collect. Winter is my favorite season, but it does mean travelling afar to find the goodies. Be safe wherever you go. And come back with the samples and stories!

Rock On!!

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
October 4, 2011

President Nanz Marshall called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. There were 17 members present.

A motion to approve the September, 2011 minutes as published was made by Eunice McQuiston and seconded by Sue. There no additions or changes and the motion passed unanimously.

Nanz called for announcements. The Lake Havasu Club Show will be on November 13, 2011; Rockamania Show will take place in Black Canyon on November 4-6; The Payson Rimstone Club Show will be November 19-20; Nanz also reminded people of the New Mexico Tech Symposium will be November 12 -13 in Socorro. Silver Creek Performing Arts will present a concert on October 19th and our own Sandra Angelo will be performing.

Nanz also took a hand count on who would be interested in buying an Arizona Minerals 2012 Calendar for \$5. The Club has to purchase 25 for the \$5 price and not enough hands were raised so we will look at it again in November. One of our own members, Tony Potucek was involved in the production of the calendar.

Nanz also took a hand count on a mineral theme coffee mug for \$12.36 each if we have 36 orders. We will revisit that in November too. Both items make great gifts.

Next Nanz called for Board reports: Larry Legge gave the September Treasurer's Report. Tonie MonDragon, Secretary, reminded members of the Highway Cleanup on October 8th. Karen Stokes reported on the September field trip to Magdalena and her full report is elsewhere in this newsletter. Tonie also reported that an Outfitter in Magdalena would be able to provide a horseback trail ride to mineral deposits in the forest outside of Magdalena next year if there is enough interest. Please come to a meeting and express you interest and prices will be obtained.

The outfitter can accommodate handicapped riders.

Ursula Wilson will lead the October 22nd field trip to the St. Johns Landfill where we can find petrified wood, fossils and fluorescent minerals. We will meet at Wilbur's IGA in St. Johns at 9 a.m. Dress in layers as it can be cold and windy.

Eunice suggested the November field trip be to the Payson Rimstones Show November 19th. If there are no other suggestions that will be our official field trip.

Nanz reported on New Business. We need to decide on a meeting place. JB's has decided to charge us \$50 a month for the meeting room with a reduction for a certain number of meals served. Another option is the VFW Hall with a meeting time of Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m. and we can provide our own refreshments. Hampton Inn can offer us a place on Tuesday night at \$125 a month with their chairs and tables and we provide refreshments. The Show Low City Campus is available on Tuesday nights at \$16.75 an hour but we have to bring in chairs and tables. Nanz is providing more information in this newsletter and we will need a vote at the November meeting.

Further new business is our election in November. At the meeting the slate was announced: Tonie MonDragon for President, no vice president candidate, Larry Legge for Treasurer, Annie Koran for Secretary, Karen Stokes for Editor and Sumner Christie for Fieldtrip Chair. For the volunteer positions: Ruth

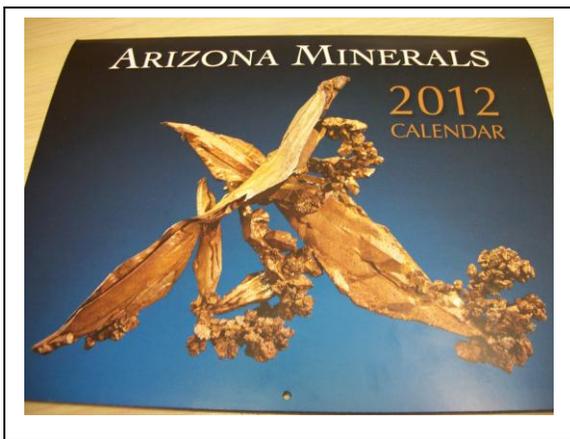
King and Brookie Embry for Highway Cleanup, Ron Ginn for Webmaster and Membership Chairman. For Board Members at Large, Nanz Marshall, Ron Ginn and Ursula Wilson. Please see the full ballot in this newsletter and send in your ballot if you cannot attend the November meeting.

Nanz called for a ten minute break. When we resumed we had no educational program but Nanz had a very large mineral dictionary and asked for something to look up. Tonie asked for "gneiss". Nanz gave us the definition and description of this rock, and most of us have seen it and will now know what it is.

There being no further business, the door prize and raffle prizes were drawn. The door prize was won by Ruth and it was a display card of minerals. The 50/50 was \$14.50 and won by Annie and the auricalcite specimen and salt candle were won by Larry Embry.

Upon motion by Sandra Angelo and second by Ursula Wilson the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. There was no silent auction this meeting as the Stalders were unavailable.

Respectfully submitted,
Tonie MonDragon, Secretary



Field Trip Report

September Field Trip – Sept 23-25, 2011 Magdalena Minders

Another GREAT trip to Magdalena, New Mexico!

Friday, Sep 23. George & I arrived at the Western Motel at around 11:30, New Mexico time. (I STILL can't get my head wrapped around the going forward & backward time thingie! Senior Moments!) Our room wasn't ready yet, so we took a side trip to Socorro to the local Wally World. We got back about 1:30ish or so, and were able to get into our little room. Loved the decor! Eunice was there with her son Danny, as were Bill & Linda Stalder. Everyone started trickling in during the afternoon. Most of the folks went over to Bill's Rock Shop to see the spectacular rocks on display, and maybe drop a little/lot of change. Helen was ill and couldn't come out, but her daughter Grace was helpful about showing them what was available for sale.

They then went to Tony's Rock Shop, but no one was there. They ran into a fella who was looking for a pass to the Kelly Mine, so Eunice suggested that he come over to the motel & visit. Turns out he was from Cottonwod,

AZ, and he collected fluorescent minerals also. Larry & Nanz took him out after dark to a favorite place for collecting fluorescent rocks. Dinner was at the Magdalena Cafe where 21 of our group was served an excellent supper. (Boy, the Blackened Salmon was STILL as good as ever!) Everyone appeared to have a great evening visiting afterwards, but beddy-bye time came early, as I think folks were tired from the drive. I know I was!

Saturday, Sep 24th. We had a large group going to the Rosedale ghost town. 9 vehicles, all full, followed James Jents out on a fairly good unpaved road. Dusty as the dickens, and all the vehicles were a different color when we arrived at the site. Those who couldn't climb stayed at the staging area under the shade tents, while the rest took off up the side of the hill to look for rocky treasures. Some amethyst was found, several interesting rocks, and lots of leavererrites were found. I and several friends found some of my favorite purple glass, and Linda Stalder found a shed antler over by the little local cemetery. The wild flowers were out in full bloom, and were greatly admired. A perfect day was had by all!

There is already talk about returning next year. Estella Ortero & friend Josh have mining claims that they are willing to take the club members to next year, and/or a possible trail ride to the collecting area. They said they have never taken anyone up there, but are willing to take our group. Saturday evening our dinner was catered by a great group of local folks. The folks who originally took the dinner order had uncamped, leaving the owners high & dry. We weren't sure how the dinner was going to go, but it turned out SUPERB! The food was great, the dessert was fantastic, and we even had a guitar singer to serenade us. They even had a little campfire to gather around.

After going back to the Western Motel, we all sat around telling stories and looking at rocks under UV light. Turns out Eunice's son Danny & my cousin knew of each other from the horse riding groups in Payson, and had heard about each other's riding accidents. It's a small world! Damaris Jents, who had arrived back from their new-purchased house in Palm Springs, provided wine & snacks for all. Another great time was had with good friends.

Sunday, Sep 25.

Hated to leave! Breakfast was catered again by the same Saturday evening folks. At least 10 of our group were there for the excellent food. Then it was time to pack up and head back home. George & I stopped by the VLA on the way home, as it was a Once-In-A-Lifetime opportunity for him to see the fantastic satellite dishes who listen to signals from outer space. Man, what a sight! Stopped in Springerville for some cross stitch supplies, and was FLOORED at the price of floss!

Thanks go to the Jents, Estella Otero, Josh, and all of the local people who provided, once again, a great trip! Looking forward to next year!

Karen Stokes

[What is a Leaverite?](#)

It's any oddball feature in a rock that can't easily be named or found in a textbook. As in "Leave 'er right where you found 'er." The general rule with rocks is "when you see hoof prints, think horses, not zebras." Novices tend to jump to exotic explanations first; geologists look for commonplace explanations.

[Common Types of Leaverites](#)

Since these are odd or unusual and found by people who don't know what to call them, and often don't even know where to start looking for answers, there is no easy way to classify them. It's like looking up a word in the dictionary if you don't have a clue how to spell it. Browse the list below and follow the links to other pages to see if anything works for you.

<http://www.uwgb.edu/dutchs/Petrology/Leaverite0.HTM>

Field Trip News:

October Club Field Trip:

October 22, 2011

The Club will have the opportunity to collect PETRIFIED WOOD, FOSSILS (from the late Triassic-era: 222-215 million years ago. The teeth of the Phytosaur, a semi-aquatic reptile, are rare and can go as high as \$195.00 a tooth, and FLUORESCENT MINERALS just north of St. Johns, Arizona.

Location: St John Landfill

Meet at: Wilber's IGA parking lot on your left as you enter town from the southwest

Time: 9:00 AM Leaving the parking lot at 9:30 AM

Vehicle: Any will do

Weather: If threatening, or raining, the trip will be cancelled

What to bring: Containers, plenty of drinking water, lunch, chairs, since this will be surface collecting, a screwdriver, or small pick will do. There is absolutely no shade so please wear a hat.

Terrain: painted high desert

Rules to follow: No ATV's, no trespassing onto private property, park well off the main road, and no littering or other destruction of property

Waiver: Each person will be asked to sign a waiver of liability for the White Mountain Gem & Mineral Club and Blue Hills Environmental Association. Inc.

Any Questions? Please call Ursula Wilson [\(928\) 532-5703](tel:928-532-5703) or email me at uewilson@yahoo.com

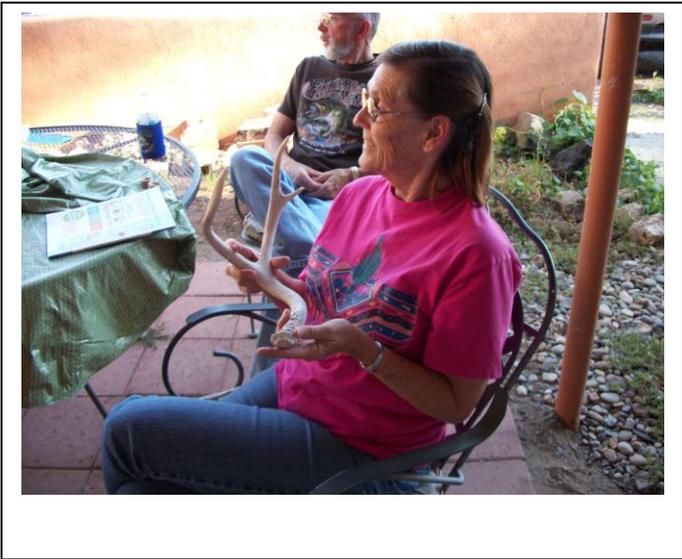


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Pictures from the October field trip- THANKS Eunice!



Pictures from the Highway cleanup: (thanks Eunice!)



Next Meeting: Mark your calendars: Our meetings are always the first Tuesday of the Month- Next month will be **November 1, 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.

Rock and Gem Shows:

NOVEMBER 2011:

4-6—BLACK CANYON CITY, ARIZONA: Annual show, “Rock-A-Rama”; Braggin Rock Club; High Desert Park, 19001 E. Jacie Ln.; free admission; gems, rough, slabs, minerals, crystals, jewelry, equipment; contact Don, (623) 374-0202, or Braggin Rock Club, PO Box 308, Black Canyon City, AZ 85324

5—TUCSON, ARIZONA: 10th annual silent auction; Old Pueblo Lapidary Club; 3118 N. Dale; Sat. 9-2; free admission; contact Danny Harmsen, (520) 323-9154

12-13—LAKE HAVASU CITY, ARIZONA: 42nd annual show; Lake Havasu City Gem & Mineral Society; LHC Community Center, 100 Park Ave.; mineral and jewelry displays, dealers, demonstrations, educational geological presentations; contact C. Russell, (928) 846-0927

26-27—WICKENBURG, ARIZONA: 11th annual show, “WOWW Gem Fair”; Wickenburg Gem & Mineral Society; Wickenburg community Center, 160 N. Valentine St.; free admission; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; more than 40 dealers, gems, minerals, jewelry, door prizes, grab bags, spinning wheels, raffle; contact Beth, (480) 540-2318 or (928) 684-0380

<http://www.rockngem.com/showdates/>

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Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
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Type of Membership: Single (\$15.00) _____ Couple: (\$20.00) _____ Cash or Check _____

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Membership Application

Yes, I wish to become a member!

Type of Membership (please choose one):

Single (\$15.00) _____ Couple: (\$20.00) _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
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E-mail Address : _____

Would you like to receive the club bulletin via the internet? Yes _____ No _____

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Optional- Date of Birth _____ (year not necessary)
(Name, Month, Date) (Name, Month, Date)

List any Junior members names, as a club member, you would like to sponsor:

1: _____ Age: _____
Please print

2: _____ Age: _____
Please print

Seasonal members please list alternate address and months of residency:

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Months _____ Phone _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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OFFICIAL Ballot of Officers and Volunteers for 2012

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Secretary ___Ann Koran_____

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Highway Cleanup ___Brooke E & Ruth K___ Claim Filing ___Tonie MonDragon_____

Show Chair _____ Co-Show Chair _____

Librarian _____ Education (schools/Libraries) _____

Door Prizes/Greeter/50/50 Raffle ___Kathy Varhol_____

Membership Chair _____ Advertise & PR _____

A check mark next to a name constitutes a vote. All mail in votes of the official ballot must be received by November meeting and be signed by a voting member in good standing to be counted.

Signature: _____

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Dinosaur Fossils Found in Arizona

- Thousands of dinosaur fossils have been found in Arizona, making it one of North America's dinosaur hot spots. Fossil hunters began finding and naming dinosaurs in the mid-19th century, and the discoveries continue even today. From the early Triassic period (245 million years ago) to the late Cretaceous period (100 million years ago), dinosaurs roamed the area that is now Arizona, leaving behind a puzzle that scientists strive to put together.

Ammosaurus

- From the early Jurassic period, the ammosaurus was a long-necked, small-headed herbivore. It was about 14 feet long and had a bulky body and long tail. Ammosaurus fossils have been found in Arizona, Connecticut and Nova Scotia, Canada.

Chindesaurus

- The chindesaurus was a smaller dinosaur, measuring about 6 feet in length. Chindesaurus fossils have been found in the American Southwest, including Arizona and New Mexico. A fast-moving biped, this dinosaur probably weighed only about 65 pounds and lived during the late Triassic period.

For more information go to:

http://www.ehow.com/list_6366146_dinosaur-fossils-found-arizona.html#ixzz1aJSEm6eN