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President's Message

The year is almost over and it has been wonderful!! I'm looking forward to the Christmas Party and all the great food, fun conversations and, of course, the gift exchange. I really LOVE opening a surprise!!

The meeting had lots of good progress. Congratulations to all those on the ballot, both officers and volunteers. Our Club could not survive without ALL of you. I couldn't be more pleased with all of you who stepped up to keep the Club the interesting, informative, friendly, and community minded organization that our reputation precedes.

The Club also voted by quorum to move to the VFW on Central St, just past Burger King, and changing the meeting date and time to the first Sun of each month (unless it is a holiday) from 1pm-5pm. We will bring our own snacks, depending on first letter of last name, and buy beverages from the Post. It will be great for all of us who are having a harder time driving at night, and are getting conflicts from the employers. So do plan on coming to the Jan 8th mtg. and check out the new digs and hopefully sunshine!

A Salute to ALL OUR VETS! Imagine I'm teary, because I am. Your service means more than you can know, and more than we can express our appreciation!

I hope you get to the Payson Show, both to get your Christmas exchange, if you haven't done it already, and to enjoy all the goodies on display and the after Show trip to the archeological site nearby. It should be an interesting day!

And Don't Forget the Happiest of Thanksgiving To All!!! Gobble, Gobble!!
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 VFW in, Show Low, Az., 1st Sunday of the month, beginning 2012 - 1 Pm **January's meeting 2012 will be January 8.**

Minutes of General Meeting
White Mountain Gem & Mineral Club
November 1, 2011

President Nanz Marshall called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. There were 21 members present, including two new members we welcomed, Jeannie and Stan Arneklev.

A motion to approve the October, 2011 minutes as published was made by Ursula Wilson and seconded by Ruth King. There no additions or changes and the motion passed unanimously. Nanz mentioned however that the photos should have been identified as from the September outing.

The ballot to elect new officers for 2012 was passed out and collected and tabulated. Your new officers are Tonie MonDragon, President, no Vice President elected, Secretary will be Annie Koran, Treasurer will be Larry Legge, Editor will be Karen Stokes, and Field Trip Chair Sumner Christie. The Board Members at Large are Nanz Marshall, Ron Ginn and Ursula Wilson.

Other appointed and volunteer positions were filled and will be listed in the January newsletter.

Tonie called for a Board meeting at her house on Saturday, January 7th at noon to prepare the 2012 budget.

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. The Lake Havasu City club show will be November 12 and 13. Tonie mentioned the Merry Beary Christmas Boutique will be November 15-19 at the Armory and she and Karen will be participating.

Nanz also told members that the new Field Trip Chairman, Sumner, wanted to create a schedule of fun and interesting fieldtrips so invited input from members of their favorite old on new places to go.

Nanz also took a hand count on who would be interested in buying an Arizona Minerals 2012 Calendar for \$5. The Club will purchase 25 for resale at \$5 each. Nanz also took a count of members who wanted to order a mineral theme coffee mug for \$12.36. Upon motion by Bill Stalder and seconded by Karen Stokes, and passed by a quorum, Nanz will order a case of mugs for resale.

Next Nanz called for Board reports: Nanz gave the October Treasurer's Report as Larry was working. Tonie MonDragon, Secretary, thanked the 11 people who joined her in the Highway Cleanup on October 8th. Ursula reported on the October field trip St. Johns and passed around samples of the phytosaur teeth and bone that was collected.

The November field trip will be to the Payson Show on November 19th. Eunice will meet members there at 10 am and after viewing the show take members to an interesting Native American dig site for photo opportunities... no collecting allowed.

There will be no December field trip; however the December meeting will be the Christmas Party. Bill and Linda Stalder are hosting the party at their home on December 6, beginning at 6p.m. If you want to participate in a gift exchange, bring a wrapped rock-related gift up to a \$10 value. Eunice is accepting donated prizes for the year end drawing taking place that night.

Nanz reported on New Business. We need to decide on a meeting place. Nanz has secured an agreement to use the VFW Hall on the first Sunday of the month (or the second Sunday in the case of inclement weather or holiday falling on the first Sunday) from 1 pm to 5 pm at no cost to the club except if people want to order beverages. Tables and chairs are provided by the VFW and we may bring in our own food refreshments. Tonie MonDragon made a motion to change the place, date and time of our Club meetings to the first Sunday of the month at the VFW Hall beginning at 1 p.m. The motion was seconded by Karen Stokes and approved by a quorum.

An exception is the January 2012 meeting. Since the first Sunday is the 1st, the meeting will be on the 8th. Tonie's motion provided that members with last names beginning A-L bring snacks to the meetings occurring in even months and with initials M-Z in odd months. Therefore, the January meeting will have snacks from members whose last names start with M-Z.

Eunice will arrange for the reprint of the Club brochure with the meeting changes.

Nanz acknowledged the Veterans present at the meeting as they stood and were applauded for their contribution to our country.

David Bingell asked why there is not going to be an annual show and he was reminded of the fact that no one had volunteered to Chair the show, the fact that we have a problem securing a location that isn't changed every year and the licensing difficulties we have encountered.

Nanz called for a ten minute break. When we resumed at 8:10pm we proceeded with the prize drawings. The 50/50 for \$10.50 was won by Linda Stalder, the 2nd prize of a crystal specimen was won by Tonie and the 3rd prize of petrified wood was won by Bill Stalder. The door prize of a necklace was won by David Bingell.

Upon motion by Brookie Embry and second by Larry Embry the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. There was no silent auction this meeting as we had been told by JB's management we would be in a smaller room, but were switched to the regular room at the last minute.

Respectfully submitted,
Tonie MonDragon, Secretary

Field Trip Report

October Field Trip Report- St John's Land Fill Area

We had a good trip. The weather was ideal. St Johns can be unpredictable, but not that day...not too cold, not too hot, and NO wind. Thanks to Larry and Nanz we had shade with the pop up tent to rest, eat lunch, and share our finds. Eunice led us, 12 in all, to the regular "hunting" location in the land fill. It turned out to be a VERY good spot to find phytosaur teeth. Dave was a big help in locating the teeth. He would sit down and his "butt-o-meter" would activate and "VIOLA" there they were. Thanks Dave! You will have to ask Dave for more information on his special talent. Nanz found an exceptionally good specimen. There were nice small chunks of agatized wood, fossilized bone and florescent calcite found. All in all a fun day.

Ursula Wilson



Phytosaur teeth
Pictures by Eunice



Field trip groupies

Field Trip News:

November Field Trip:

The November field trip will be to the Payson Show on November 19th. Eunice will meet members there at 10 am and after viewing the show take members to an interesting Native American dig site for photo opportunities... no collecting allowed.

Information on the Native American Site:

Shoofly Village Archaeological Ruins offers visitors a self-guided tour back into another era. At one time, the Rim Country was home to probably 1,000 different sites, the very heart of the prehistoric cultures in the Southwest. The people who lived in the Rim country -- known variously as Mogollons, Ancient Ones or Bunheads -- were literally surrounded by the Sinagua to the north, the Anasazi to the northeast, the Mogollon to the southeast, the Salado to the south, and the Hohokam to the southwest.

The Shoofly Indian Ruins were believed to have been occupied between A.D. 1000-1250. At an elevation of 5,240 feet, Shoofly Village once had a total of 79 structures of which the rock outlines, once the base of the walls, are still visible. At the center of this site is where a larger structure once existed, believed to have been a building with 26 rooms averaging 37.4 square meters each, and part of this structure was perhaps two stories high. In clusters around the core area were 39 smaller structures and 14 more were scattered about the general area and at least one of these structures had a curved wall. The entire compound of approximately 3.75 acres (1.5 hectares) is enclosed by a small rock fence.

Located atop the northern edge of Houston Mesa, the immediate area is comprised of grassland and sparsely populated with Juniper and Chaparral. The average annual rainfall for the area is about 20 inches. Shoofly Village Ruins is easily accessible...a mere 100 yards off Houston Mesa road (all paved).

This site was first recorded in 1930 by archaeologist John Hughes but full scale excavations did not occur until 1984. These excavations were conducted by Dr. Charles Redman from Arizona State University, as a field school program, over a four year period. More excavations are being considered.

The people who once occupied the Shoofly Village appeared to have been similar to those who once occupied the Flagstaff, Arizona area and also the Sinaqua from the Upper Verde Valley but with notable differences. It is believed the Shoofly residents possibly had, or once had, Hohokam ties. As both farmers and hunters, they grew corn, beans, squash, possibly cotton and successfully hunted deer, elk, rabbits, rodents, birds, and migratory

fowl (ducks and geese). It is also believed they may have raised turkeys (wild turkeys are indigenous to the area). Their brown clay pottery were mostly jar-shaped vessels but were not decorated with designs. The decorated pottery found was believed to have come from the Little Colorado and Flagstaff areas. The arrowheads located were very small, less than an inch long (likely arrowhead hunters over the years found the bigger ones).

Coalition Field Trip for November 2011

Rockhounds West will lead the Coalition trip on Saturday, November 12. We will look for jasper – red, yellow and green.

Meet at 9 o'clock on Table Mesa Road, Exit 236 from Hiway I-17. The exit is between New River and Black Canyon City. At the west end of the overpass above I-17, turn north on the "frontage road" and follow it as it veers north west. The meeting spot is about half a mile from I-17. There are no rest rooms.

There are gravel pits in this area. Be careful to park off the road because the gravel trucks are bigger than your car (and go faster too)!!!

The road to the collecting site is about 4 miles of well-graded, gravel & dirt, some "washboard." It is passable for a passenger car.

Questions: Call Nancy Woods 623-214-9045 or email zzwoods@cox.net

Hope you can join us. Nancy

COALITION TRIP: BUCKSKIN MOUNTAINS- BOUSE, ARIZONA

HOSTED BY : VERDE RIVER ROCKHOUNDS OF COTTONWOOD, AZ.

DATES : SATURDAY- 12/31/2011 AND SUNDAY 01/01/2012

MEETING PLACE(S) AND TIMES :

For both days meeting time is 8:30AM: Meeting place is at Midway which is about 15 miles north of Bouse.

From the intersection of Main & RT 72 in Bouse, turn east on Main, cross the RR tracks, drive .25 mile to Rayder Rd, turn left on Rayder which soon becomes Swansea Rd. and go 2.2 miles to a fork. Bear left (NE) and drive 10.5 miles to Midway, intersection of Swansea, Lincoln-Ranch and Transmission Line roads.

DIRECTIONS TO BOUSE, ARIZONA :

It is 200 miles to Bouse from Cottonwood or about 130 miles from Phoenix. If you're coming from Cottonwood allow about 4 hours driving time to the meeting place. Take Hwy 89A from Cottonwood to Prescott Valley all the way to the intersection with Hwy 89. Continue south on Hwy 89 all the way through Prescott, Kirkland Junction, Yarnell and Congress. At Congress, turn right(SW) onto SR 71 which will go under Hwy 93 in a few miles and continue on to intersect with U.S. 60 at Aguila. Go west on U.S. 60 through Gladden, Wenden, Salome & Hope. At Hope, turn right onto SR 72 and proceed about 20 miles to Bouse.

From any other location consult a good map or use MapQuest.

VEHICLE REQUIRED :

Passenger cars can make it to the meeting place, but high-clearance, 4WD vehicles will be required to get to the collecting sites. Should you need to switch to another vehicle, we can usually find space somewhere for you.

GENERAL ITINERARY:

Ellen and I will be staying in our travel trailer at Midway. We will be parked in a big, flat camping area at Midway (you can't miss it). You are welcome to join us for camping out there Friday & Saturday nights.

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So you can plan on a one or 2-day outing, but if you plan for Saturday or Sunday only, you will have to get up really early to meet us at 8:30AM.

NOTE: *** NEW YEAR'S EVE ***:

For Saturday evening, bring some bubbly to celebrate if you like, but please do not bring any fireworks. The authorities may take a dim view of such activity what with all the drought and fire restrictions in effect.

Let's have a Potluck- everyone bring an item, picnic-style to share with others. It can be a drink, an entrée, a vegetable or dessert. Enough to serve 4-5 people.

We will have a group campfire to gather around, but don't be surprised if we don't make it all the way to midnight to celebrate!

MOTELS IN THE AREA:

1. Bouse, Arizona. Ocotilla Lodge 928-851-2219 36.75/ night.
2. Salome, Arizona. Sheffler Motel 928-859-3001

WHAT TO COLLECT(WE'RE FINALLY GETTING TO THE GOOD PART):

The Buckskin Mountains and surrounding area are honeycombed with old mines and prospect holes, mostly from people looking for gold and silver over the last 150 years. Most of the mines follow fairly rich copper deposits but there wasn't much money in the copper itself. A list of the minerals we will collect include chrysocolla, malachite, jarosite, gypsum, hematite, barite, augite and epidote.

WHAT TO BRING :

gloves, eye protection, rock hammer, sledges, chisels and digging tools(for the energetic treasure hunters), water, lunch and appropriate clothing. Daytime temperatures should be around 80 ° and nighttime around 50 °.

TRIP LEADER :

JIM VAN WERT 928-649-1938 928-202-2177(cell) jerockshop@gmail.com
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Next Meeting in December

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Address is 1085 Flag Hollow Rd- Lakeside
(928) 368-4496

Directions: From Highway 260 in Lakeside turn onto Porter Mountain Road- turn right on Flag Hollow Rd
After a Zig and then a Zag – there house is 1085.

From Show Low Hwy 60 turn onto Penrod headed to Lakeside- go through the circle and turn left onto Flag Hollow RD - After a Zig and then a Zag – there house is 1085

Call with questions- 368-4496

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(Please Print)

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