



ROCK TALK

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President's Message

However you Celebrate the Season, I hope you ALL have Happy and Festive times. May your Spirits be Joyful and Bright.

This year seems to have gone past quickly, and I thank everyone for making it both Fun and Educational. Lots of good memories to keep!

There are changes for next year that I believe will make it even better. Our new meeting place at the VFW on Central St. has shown a welcome really appealing. Our new day and time for the meeting, on the first Sunday of the month(unless it's a holiday) and at 1pm, I think will allow all our still working members a better chance of attending without conflict and the daylight hours will make it easier for travel and weather allowances. Let's all keep positive thoughts about this important decision.

I want to offer my deepest thanks to all our new officers and volunteers for next year. You show an enthusiasm I look forward to enjoying throughout 2012.

Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year Ahead!
Rock On!
Nanz

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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
December 10, 2011

In the absence of President Nanz Marshall and Treasurer Larry Legge, the meeting was called to order by Secretary Tonie MonDragon at 1:05p.m. There were 14 members present.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the November meeting minutes as they were published. The vote was unanimous.

An announcement was made of the new meeting date and time at the VFW Hall. Eunice circulated cards for Larry and Nanz. The January fieldtrip will be to the Gila County Gem & Mineral Show to be held at the Gila County Fairgrounds on January 21st. The show starts on Friday the 20th.

Tonie called for a Board meeting at her house on Saturday, January 7th at noon to prepare the 2012 budget which will be presented the next day at our January meeting.

Upon motion, second and unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 1:10p.m. and the party began. The year end prizes were drawn and awarded. There followed the annual gift exchange. The food and ambience were wonderful and cheery. We missed those who could not attend but look forward to seeing them in January. Thanks to Bill and Linda Stalder for opening their lovely home and all the work they did to make us welcome. HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Respectfully submitted,
Tonie MonDragon, Secretary

Field Trip Report

Payson Show on November 19th and Shoofly Village Archaeological Ruins

A few people came out to the Payson show. Eunice, Karen, Charlene and David attended. The show was in the casino this year but it was set up rather nicely. The kid's area was on the stage along with the silent auction. They had several vendors along with the Gold Panning club. There were many beautiful specimens to be seen and some beautiful jewelry to be enjoyed.

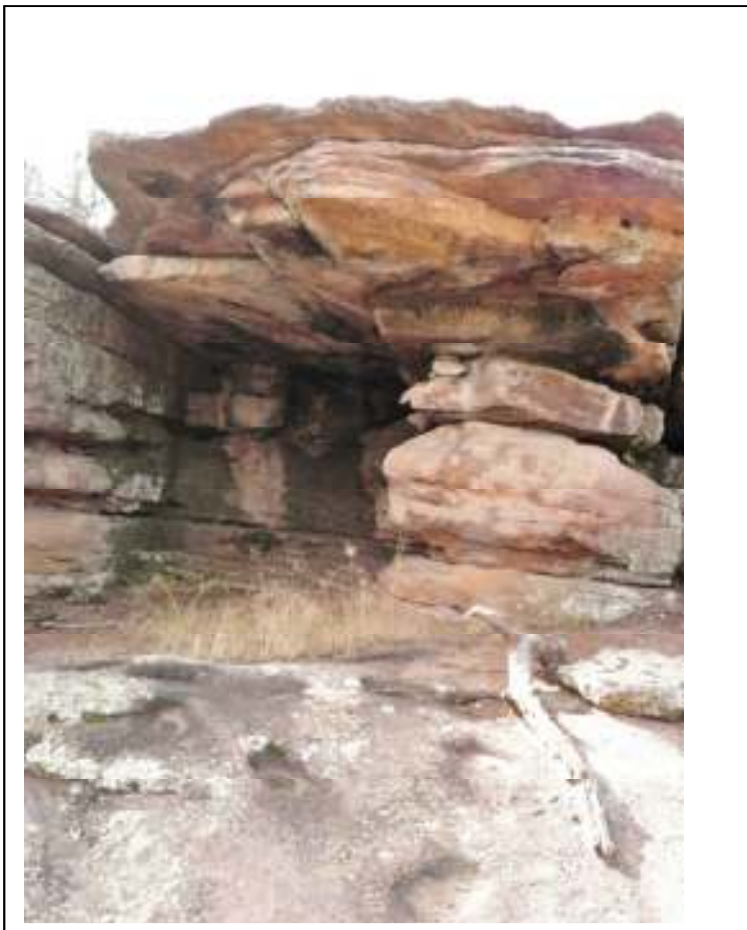
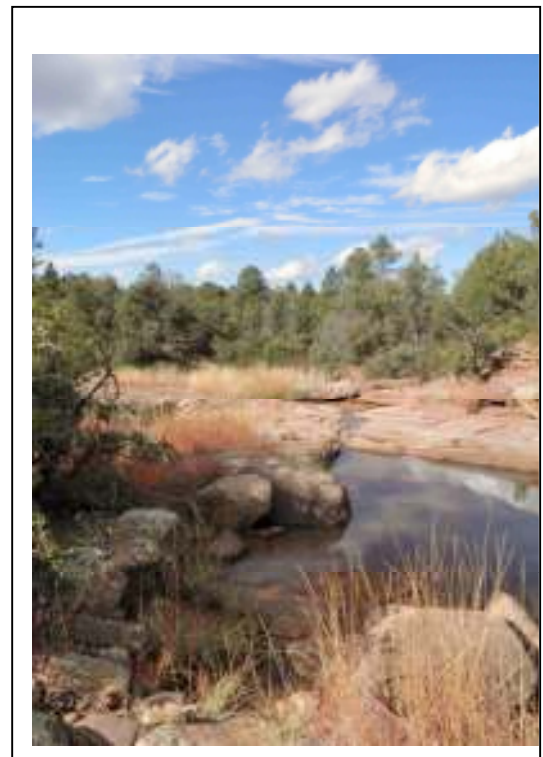
Eunice took us on the Shoofly Indian Ruins where she protected the cars and her son led us on for a hike up to the ruins. They were wonderfully hidden in the river bed area where we hiked.

There were many rock treasures to be seen along the way and there was water in the river which is such a beautiful sight to see in Arizona.



Above Right- Stone bead- Charlene's treasure- She lovingly calls "Patrick" after SpongeBob. Above Left – A matate- While varying in specific morphology, metates adhere to a common shape. They typically consist of large stones with a smooth depression or bowl worn into the upper surface. The bowl is formed by the continual and long-term grinding of materials using a smooth hand-held stone (known as a *mano*). This action consists of a [horizontal](#) grinding motion that differs from the [vertical](#) crushing motion used in a [mortar and pestle](#). The depth of the bowl varies, though they are typically not deeper than those of a mortar; deeper metate bowls indicate either a longer period of use or greater degree of activity (i.e., economic specialization).

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Metate>



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).

Thanks Eunice for the information- report and pictures from David and Charlene Bingell

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.

Both days we will meet at Midway and collect at several sites near Midway as well as sites SW of Bouse along the Plomosa Rd. After

Sunday Ellen and I will move down to Quartzsite where we will spend a couple of days at the various shows. It's a little early at some venues, but there should be a lot to look at (and buy).

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 °.

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No Field trip for the Club in December

We do not schedule a field trip in December. Please have a safe and Blessed HOLIDAY Season. Remember HOLIDAY means Holy Day- so celebrate how your spirit requires. Merry Christmas, Happy Hannukah, Enjoy Kwanza and to any one I have missed please enjoy your holidays and Happy New Year!

Editor's Note:

I wanted to Thank You for allowing me to serve you over the last few years. I hope that I performed my job well and that you have enjoyed the newsletters that I have put together for you. I hand the reigns over to Karen Stokes in January and I know she will do a wonderful job for you as well. Thanks to all the members that have given input and trip reports and other ideas towards the newsletter. Eunice I can't thank you enough for constantly providing pictures and the updates needed to keep a newsletter full of information and entertainment. I hope to see you all at the meetings and upcoming field trips.

I hope that 2012 is a beautiful year full of fun rocks, gems, minerals and jewelry.

Charlene

REMEMBERING 2011...



Board meeting January 22



Hewitt Canyon Marble March 19, 2011 Gary Larry Nanz



April 23 Group Field Trip



Brookie & Ruth on the pile Dobell's April 23, 2011



Kathy and Gary A. - Show Low Park – Potluck - June



Tonie and her Jasper at potluck June



Fossil teeth St. Johns landfill Oct 22



Christmas Bonus prizes Dec 10



Christmas Party Dec 10



David B at Christmas party



Christmas Party Chow Down !!



The yummy food at the Christmas Party !!

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