



Rock Talk

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President's Letter

Welcome to our club, Roland and Aimee Webster! The Webster's attended our Show, came to the June meeting, and joined. We look forward to getting to know them.

We had several guests at the meeting. We are very appreciative of George Lueras, Peter La Barbera (guest), and Clete Hinton for donating rocks to the club.

As I mentioned at the meeting, Karen Stokes has arrived safely in her new home. She is settling in and getting together with old friends. She misses us already. We miss her but we know Georgia is where she needs to be and we wish her much happiness.

Our Show was a success thanks to the efforts of many. Although our attendance was low this year, we are hopeful that by returning to Hondah next year, we can improve on the number of visitors. Did you know you can search www.rockngem.com to get a complete listing of upcoming shows? All clubs need support for their shows and if you can, make plans to attend a show outside of our area.

For the group going to Kemmerer this month, we wish you a safe and wonderful trip! For those staying on the mountain, details of our local outing are elsewhere in this newsletter.

IMPORTANT: The July meeting will be on July 10.

As of this month, we have 89 members! Of course, we are always on the lookout for people that can volunteer some extra time to help throughout the year. Please contact me or any Board member if you can help.

Happy Father's Day to all you dads! Have a great Fourth of July weekend!



Rose Fowers, President

For All the Rockhounds in the area!

Rock Talk is published monthly by the White Mountain Gem & Mineral Club, Inc. Any info or comments that members wish to have included in the monthly newsletter must be turned in to the editor at the General Membership Meeting or call the editor prior to the following weekend after the meeting.

Membership Dues: \$15 for a single membership, and \$20 for a couple/family. Dues are due the 1st of January of each year along with a completed application. If you join in November of the previous year, your dues will be good for the following year.

Meetings: 1st Sunday of the month (unless it falls on a holiday weekend), at the VFW Post 9907, 381 North Central Ave, Show Low. Turn north off the Deuce of Clubs at the Burger King. Social half-hour at 1:00pm, meeting starts at 1:30pm.

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Membership Meeting, June 5

The meeting was called to order by President, Rose Fowers at 1:27 PM. She welcomed everyone and asked our guests to introduce themselves: Peter LaBarbera, Cameron Diakoff filling in for Yvonne our Librarian, Denny Humphrey, Bart Woodworth and Roland and Amy Webster.

A motion was made by Gator/John and seconded by Stan for the approval for the minutes for last month and the motion was carried by the members.

Suzanne, the Treasurer gave May's report – our income was \$1751.77 and our expense were \$326.14.

David, Vice President/Educator explained that the presentation today would be pictures of South Africa including some geography and gemstones and gifts to follow.

No report from the Secretary.

Board Members-

1. John/Gator made a list of important things to remember if you are going to attend the fieldtrip in Wyoming. Please pick up a list if you are going to attend.

2. Sandra mentioned if you do anything extra for the club please write your name in the book that she brings every meeting and you will qualify for yearend prizes.

3. Ursula no report.

4. Stan stated that if there are ever any complaints from a vendor at the show please direct them to the President or the Show Chair or to Stan.

Rose mentioned that there will be a field trip run by she and Rick Palmer on June 25th for those who are not attending the trip in

Wyoming. Details will included in Rock Talk. Rose will also be calling a board meeting to go over show issues and is creating a list of items that we will discuss on what worked and what did not work, etc... Please let her know if you have any ideas or comments that you wish to pass on.

Rick, Show Chair and Field Trip Coordinator discussed the show, which he thought went very well. This was small venue but we still made money about \$1000.00 after expenses. Also, we should be receiving a refund for the cleaning deposit paid to the Elks Lodge.

Sandra had taken the survey sheets filled out by Show guests, and she mentioned there was a section for them to draw how they were feeling- there were a lot of smiley faces and most of the vendors were satisfied. Everyone agreed the kid's area was done very well and the kids enjoyed the area.

Rick mentioned there will be a post-show meeting in July. The next show next year will be Memorial Day weekend at the Hondah Casino.

Another Fieldtrip coming up is by MSA the

Mineralogical Society Assoc. and they are going to Agate Mountain in Payson on the 11th of June. They will be meeting the Circle -K in Star Valley at 8 Am. There is usually a fee to attend their field trips, but they have PhDs who attend.

The Mineral Mining Museum inventory is being moved from Tempe to Tucson and they are looking for volunteers to help with the move. They are moving 6/13-6/16 and unpacking 6/22-6/30. You can call the Heritage Museum in Tempe for additional information.

July's fieldtrip will be to our Claims in the Escudilla Mountain. More details to come.

Linda and Bill Stalder presented rock education for 6 different 5th grade classes at Blue Ridge School. Rick also brought his black light display and Stan came to take pictures. It is part of our goals to participate in educating the community. Also, on June 4, Rose, Suzanne, Stan, Jeannie and Rick "manned" a booth at the Nature Center to educate the people coming through. They had brochures and newsletters and information about our club. Rose added it is our duty to inform everyone about the collecting laws, as no vertebrate fossils may be collected, and part of our role is to educate, preserve and protect our geological resources.

The 50/50 drawing and door prizes were explained for the drawings at the end of the meeting.

A break was called at 2:00 pm and we resumed at 2:20.

David and Charlene presented pictures of their trip to South Africa and Swaziland. Tanzanite specimens, rough and cut, Kimberly Mine- the Big Hole- Diamond mine, and various geographic features, along with wildlife and fauna were shown. They also brought a display of items that they purchased along the way.

David gave away small gifts to all in attendance.

Rose had a few more announcements: Chuck Bingham joined the club. Also Brookie discussed the highway clean up and that 6 people were in attendance. The clean up took a little longer than normal with the small turn out. Please think of donating your time in May and September to help with cleaning up our stretch of the highway as it only takes about 2 hours of your time.

Rose is trying to get a hold of Beckie Parker who agreed to be our "Sunshine". So for now if you know of anyone who needs a card sent please contact Rose.

The winners of the door prizes: Dave Adams, Ursula and Hope.

The winner of the 50/50 cash \$41.50 was Roland Webster – additional prizes won by Cameron Diakoff, Blue, Bill Todd, Sandra, Ginger and Brookie.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 Pm. An impromptu meeting was held after the General Meeting for those attending the trip to Wyoming.

Respectfully submitted, Charlene Bingell, Secretary



JUNE

- 09 – Ken Marks
- 09 – Rick Palmer
- 14 – Yvonne Garrett
- 18 – William Todd
- 19 – Sandra Angelo
- 19 – Roy Lovato
- 22 – Karinita Hansen
- 25 – John Davis
- 27- Larry Embry
- 30 – Stan Arneklev

JULY

- 03 – Tonie Mondragon
- 12 – Steve Miller
- 15 – Mary Ann Moseley
- 15 – Tony Poiriez
- 22 – Steve Fowers
- 25 – Charlene Bingell
- 27 – Blue Thompson
- 31 – Peggy Lancaster

JULY MEETING

**Our next meeting is Sunday, July 10
For those of you whose last name
Begins with A – H,
Please bring snacks and remember cleanup duties!**

Rock Hounding & Prospecting Equipment & Supplies

are available at the Red Door Consignments
in Lakeside. 2 booths of Rock books, picks, tumblers,
and other wonderful things the rock collector might want.
Gold books, pans, classifiers and things for
the prospector are also available, as well as many other things.

e-mail: Loren Wright, booth owner at
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Club Field Outings, Coalition Trips & Shows

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June 25 WMGMC Field Trip – info from Rose Fowers

If you are not going to Wyoming, please join Rose & Rick Palmer. We'll be going to a ranch just north of Springville. We've received permission from a rancher to surface collect on his land. In the past, material found there was pyrite, Sulphur, chert, petrified wood and ???. The terrain is mostly flat, so 4 wheel drive is not needed. Bring sun protection, water and collecting tools; also lunch, lawn chairs and whatever else you usually take. We'll meet at Safire Restaurant in Springerville at 8AM. We'll leave from there at 8:15am to drive to the ranch. To minimize vehicles on private property, we'd like to carpool when we leave Saffire parking lot. Please use the restrooms in the restaurant before we leave. I'd like to hear from you if you are attending in the event we have to cancel for any reason. We don't want to leave you behind! Call me at 928-537-2195. On the day of the outing only, you can reach me at my cell 928-358-9030. See you soon!

June 18 Coalition Trip – Daisy Mountain Rock & Mineral Club

We will be visiting the Bullard Mine area north and west of Wickenburg. We will meet up at the McDonald's on Route 60 on the SE side of Wickenburg and leave there by 8:00am. Please BE AWARE that the weather will probably be extremely HOT. To be prepared, bring a wide-brimmed sun hat, sunscreen, plenty of liquids, snacks, gloves, rock hammer, sturdy field boots, a bucket, sample bags or plastic Ziploc bags, and a loop (hand lens) if you have one. The site is approximately 45-50 min from Wickenburg. We will be attempting to collect samples of chalcopyrite, bornite, chalcocite, chrysocolla, and possibly some gold flakes from a couple of veins reported in the area. Just don't get your hopes up too high for supporting your retirement on the gold you might find!

Because of the heat, I would urge everyone to leave the site no later than 11:00a.m. Ed Winbourne and I will co-lead this adventure. We hope to see many of you there.
Bob Salter, DMRMC Field Committee Chairperson

June 17-19 Show: Carlsbad, NM-Carlsbad Gem & Mineral Society

The Living Desert Zoo & Gardens State Park; 1504 Miehls; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-3; Free Admission; 51st annual show! Proceeds from raffle and auctions support scholarships to New Mexico Technical University School of Mines. Contact Jack Sewell, (505)-426-7664; e-mail: information@carlsbadgms.org; Web site: www.carlsbadgms.org

July 8-10 Show: Durango, Colorado- Four Corners Gem & Mineral Club

La Plata County Fairgrounds; 2500 Main Ave; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Admission \$1; Contact Mandy Houpt; e-mail: durangorocks.org

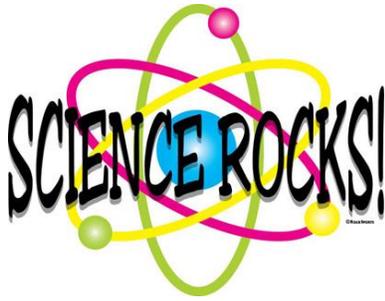
July 9-10 Show: Flagstaff, AZ – GKM Productions, LLC

Flagstaff High School, 400 West Elm Ave.

Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4, Adults \$3, Children under 12 free Contact: Greg Capatch (928-554-4515

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Blue Ridge Fifth Grade Career Day – Friday, May 13

Presentation by Bill & Linda Stadler, with assistance from Jeannie Arneklev, Rick Olson and Skye Castro



Looked like everyone was having a good time and very interested in the displays and presentations!

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES (AFMS)

DID YOU KNOW? The White Mountain Gem and Mineral Club (WGMGC) is a member of AFMS. We are a part of the Rocky Mountain Federation (RMF) group. This includes clubs in Arkansas, Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska/North Dakota, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Utah and Wyoming. A portion of your membership dues with WGMGC is paid to AFMS each year. All RMF officers and committee heads serve without pay. Our membership with the Federation helps support many worthwhile programs such as the AFMS Scholarship Foundation, a Library, the Future Rockhounds of America Badge Program, the AFMS Endowment Fund and numerous contests. We are also provided with liability insurance. Our rock shows are published in the Federation website as well as in their monthly newsletters. The Federation has a Code of Ethics that we must respect as follows:

- I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without permission from the owner.
- I will keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.
- I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.
- I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.
- I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind such as fences, signs, buildings, etc.
- I will leave all gates as found.
- I will build fires only in designated or safe places and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.
- I will discard no burning material – matches, cigarettes, etc.
- I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.
- I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.
- I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.
- I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well, the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.
- I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.
- I will cooperate with fieldtrip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.
- I will report to my club or federation officers, Bureau of Land Management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public education and scientific resources.
- I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.
- I will observe the “Golden Rule”, will use Good Outdoor Manners and will, at all times, conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public Image of Rockhounds everywhere.

For more information on the RMF, see WWW.RMFMS.org

Highway Clean-up Crew – May 14



New Members & Guests at the Meeting June 5



**Acting Librarian
Guest Melody Beatty**

Guest Bart Woodworth



New Members -Aimee and Roland Webster



Guest, Denny Humphrey



Guest, Peter LaBarbera

Our V/P of Education, David Bingell, presented an entertaining and educational slide show of his and Charlene's trip to South Africa, followed by gifts of diamonds from the Kimberly Mines to members



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