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BOARD MEETINGS

5:00 P.M. Prior to
GENERAL MONTHLY
MEETING (Sept.-May)
At Mt. Olive Parish Center
2170 Havasupai Blvd.

FIELD TRIP COMMITTEE

The committee meets the second
Monday of each
month at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting will be held at David
Frybarger's house at
2510 Angler Dr.
928-9080

POTLUCK
6:15 P.M.
FEBRUARY 11, 2011
Bring own place settings & Club
will provide drinks.

Please bring a dish according to
your last name:

A – G Salad
H – O Desert
Q – Z Main Dish

GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING
Friday, February 11, 2011
Mt. Olive Parish Center
2170 Havasupai Blvd.
Lake Havasu City
Meeting begins @ 7:00 p.m.
POTLUCK @6:15 P.M. (see below for info)

Feb. 11, 2011 Program
Mining in Lower Colorado River
Mike Riddle, Volunteer with Lake Havasu Museum
& Archaeologist with B.L.M.

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Please remember to sign up to bring refreshments for the March Meeting!

CLUB INFORMATION

The Lake Havasu Gem & Mineral Society is a member of The Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies (RMFMS) and associated with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS).

The purpose of the Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society is:

1. To increase our appreciation of the beauty and value of the land in which we live.
2. To foster good fellowship among the members while pursuing the Club's activities.
3. To foster knowledge of the earth sciences.
4. To provide educational scholarships in scientific fields.
5. To procure and improve club equipment.

The Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society meets the second Friday of each month from September through May at Mt. Olive Parish Center 2170 Havasupai Blvd., Lake Havasu City, AZ. The membership typically votes to eliminate the June, July, and August meetings.

Fiscal Year: January 1st– December 31st

Name badges are required for all members.
 One time or replacement badge cost - \$8.00
 Single membership cost - \$16.00
 Family sponsored Junior membership cost - \$8.00
 Family membership cost - \$16.00 for the first member and \$8.00 for each member thereafter with a maximum of \$25.00.

Annual Membership dues are payable on January 1 and shall be delinquent after the February meeting.

Please remit payment to:

Lake Havasu Gem & Mineral Society
Attn: Membership Chairperson
P.O. Box 990
Lake Havasu City, AZ 86405-0990

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 Group Site Moderator: Bruce Wilhelm

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Vacant	Secretary	
Liz Porter	Treasurer	
Don Wininger	Sgt. At Arms	
Jack Hodges	First Year Director	
Tom Henderson	Second Year Director	
Rick Gilpin	Third Year Director	

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President's Message---

Well here we go again! This is the time of year when we hear about the state of the union, the state of the state and so on. So I suppose I should give a state of the club!

The treasurer audit is complete, and as you heard at the January meeting the club is in good financial shape. The budget should be ready for the next meeting and the annual potluck dinner and silent auction dates have been set.

At this time the board is working on new ideas to promote the gem and mineral society. The first one has already taken place. This was the booth at the first Lake Havasu Balloon festival. We made a lot of new friends and even sold some rocks. Some of other things that have been talked about are things we did many years ago that were dropped over time. Some are new opportunities that may be available to use that will allow us to give back to our members. Hopefully the booth at the Sunday craft fair will continue until it gets too hot to be out there and resume again in the fall.

Our program director has been busy lining up programs for our monthly meetings that you won't want to miss. Watch for this on the website and in the newsletter.

The field trip chairman and the trip leaders are lining up trips to get us out collecting until that Arizona heat and the creepy crawlers get too much to be safe.

Last but not really least because you'll be hearing this on a regular basis is we need members to get involved. The show will be here before we know it. We need a show chairman and committee people.

The more you put into the club the more the return!
Looking forward to a very active 2011!

"C" Russell



"Remember, we agreed. I'd carry the canned goods in if you'd carry the rocks out."

by Ebners from Dust & Grit 2/00
via Golden Spike News 3/00

General Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2011

Mt. Olive Parish Center
2170 Havasupai Blvd
Lake Havasu City, Az. 86403
Submitted by Acting Secretary
Carol Rhodaback

President Stan Sutton called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Sergeant-at-arms Ella Palmquist led members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Stan welcomed guests for the evening.

The December 2010 minutes stand approved as published.

Treasurer Ed McCauliff presented a detailed financial report with final figures from the Nov., 2010 Show and general year end balances. A book is available at every meeting with all the current financial information for any member who wishes to know the specifics.

Membership – Gail Gilpin distributed Standing Rules, By-laws and badges to new members who were in attendance.

Pres. Stan Sutton assembled the new officers for initiation for 2011.

President – "C" Russell
Vice President – Pat Guilmet
Secretary – open
Treasurer – Liz Porter
Sergeant-of-arms – Don

Winniger

First Year Director – Jack

Hodges

Second Year Director – Tom

Henderson

Third Year Director – Rick
Gilpin

Harry Kilb read job descriptions for the officers from the By-Laws. All officers were sworn in.

MINUTES, cont.

Dave Frybarger presented past President Stan Sutton with a plaque in appreciation for his dedication to the Society as 2009/2010 President.

The new officers took over the meeting at this time

President “C” Russell presented a plaque to Kathy McCauliff in thanks for her involvement in many and various projects for the Society this past year.

Guest speaker Ed Hutchinson did not make it to the meeting as planned.

Committees:

Field Trips – Dave Frybarger – all field trip information is printed in the Rocky Tales every month with details of conditions for each trip. Tom Henderson will lead the trip tomorrow, 1/15/11, to search for chrysocolla at Planet mine.

Information Booth – Kathy McCauliff asked for volunteers to help with the booth on Sundays at the Swap Meet or just come by with samples or stories of our trip experiences rock hunting and other associated activities. Specimens and jewelry donations would be greatly appreciated.

The Balloon Fest Booth, January 21-23 will be at the Nautical Inn. Booth #81.

The hope is to increase interest in our club. A 50/50 raffle will be held at our Booth.

Old Business:

Gail Gilpin distributed 10 year pins to Jerry and Carol Monk. Members not present to accept their pins were Bess Terrell and William Houppert.

Special Events coming up at General Meetings:

February 11 – Pot Luck at 6:00 PM.

March 11 – Silent Auction – Set up of items will be before the regular meeting time.

New Business:

An audit committee has been set up. The members are Judy Cano, Ken Diehl and Ella Palmquist.

MINUTES, cont.

The Budget Committee: It was requested that Committee Heads put together their individual budgets for next year. Dates for the Committee meetings will be announced.

Sunshine Committee: After discussion among the members a motion was made by Pat Kilefner to change the name to “Friendship Committee”. The motion was seconded by Judy Cano. The motion was passed.

Jack Hodges will be teaching lapidary classes held at the MCC Annex on San Juan Drive starting on January 20th at 5 PM. The classes will be held once a week for six weeks. He also spoke of a possibility of the Club using the Lapidary Room at the college in the future. There are many details to be discussed before the membership will make any further determination on the project.

Linda Gromov announced that starting January 29 through February there will be a Leisure Studies Art Show. This will be held during the College regular business hours.

Door Prizes:

Connie Furlaw	geode
Norm Dlumais	geode
Carol Kilefner	polished stone
Georgia Hapsburg	ring
Paul Cleveland	sodalite

50/50 Drawing

Ed McCauliff	\$50.00
Ella Palmquist	\$40.00
Ed McCauliff	\$25.00
Mike Miller	\$18.00

There were 89 members and 26 guests present.

The meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Rhodaback, Acting Secretary
Lake Havasu Gem & Mineral Society



**Diana Brown
Sally Beyer
David Christiansen
Paul Fee
Jack Fritchey
Roger Frybarger
Betty Hacke
Cathy Hilland
Donna Keil
Lee Mulligan
George Murga
Mike Nelson
Homer Rhodaback
Carol Rhodaback
Fred Strammer
Cheryl Westerguard
Sheila Bandaruk
Louise Hagan
Neil Raine
Warren Jones
Walter Akin**

Happy Anniversary

**Tom & Marlene Henderson
Clark & Donna Keil
Teddy Page
Ken & Mary Roberts**



A POEM

by Irene Westbeld

Members, please tell me – what's new?
Anything – Funny? Dull? Or Blue?
Did you give an interesting talk?
Did you take a cold winter walk?
How about a vacation trip?
Or fall on the ice and bruise your hip?
Were you sick and confined to bed?
Were friends visiting at your homestead?
Did you drop a rock on your big toe?
Any of these things – I'd like to know.
This valuable space is filled with a verse –
Please tell me your news, as the next one
could be worse!



*by Erston Barnhart
Rock Buster News
Central PA Rock & Mineral Club
via Golden Spike News 5/00*

Rock & Gem Shows

February/March

For a listing of the satellite Tucson shows that run from January through February 2011: Website:

www.tucsonshowguide.com or
www.VisitTucson.org

February

February 4-13, 2011 Quartzsite Tyson Wells Arts and Crafts Fair

P.O. Box 60, Quartzsite, AZ 85346
928-927-6364, SW Corner I-10 Freeway &
Highway 95, Quartzsite, AZ

Website: www.tysonwells.com

Admission and parking: Free

February 10-13, 2011 Tucson Tucson Gem and Mineral Show

Theme: "Minerals of California"

Tucson Convention Center, 260 S. Church St. Tucson,
AZ 85701

Website: www.tgms.org

E-Mail: tgms@#tgms.org

Sponsored by: Tucson Gem and Mineral Society,
Inc.

Hours: Thurs.- Sat. 10 -6, Sun. 10 - 5

Admission: \$9.25, 14 and under with paying adult

Parking : Fee \$8.00

Dealers Contact: Show Chairperson, P.O. Box 42588,
Tucson, AZ 85733, 520-322-5773

February 11 -13, 2011 Wickenburg Gold Rush Days, Annual Gem & Mineral Show Sale, Wickenburg Community

Center, 160 N. Valentine, Wickenburg, AZ

Website: www.wickenburgchamber.com

Hours: Fri., Sat., 9-5, Sun, 10-4

Admission and Parking: Free

Dealers Contact: Chamber of Commerce
800-942-5242

February 19, 2011, Phoenix

**Prospectors' Day, Arizona Mining & Mineral
Museum, 1502 W. Washing, Phoenix, AZ 85007, 602-
771-1611**

Gold panning demos, gold panning equipment, and
more, activities for children.

Sponsored by: Arizona Mining & Mineral Museum and
Arizona Prospectors Association with the

Rock & Gem Shows, cont.

Maricopa Lapidary Society

Hours: 10-4

Show Chairperson: Charles Connell, 12912 W.
Solano Dr. Litchfield Park, AZ 85340, 623-935-
2007

February 19-20, 2011, Mesa Apache Jct. Rock & Gem Club Show

Skyline High School, 845 S. Crismon Rd., Mesa,
AZ 85208

Sponsored by: Apache Junction Rock & Gem Club,
Inc.

Hours: Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4

Admission: \$3.00, Senior \$3.00, Students \$1.00
with student ID, children under 12 free

Parking: Free

Show Chairperson: John Frary

Dealer Chairperson: Sharon Szymanski

February, 2011 TBA, Queen Valley Queen Valley RV Resort Wood Carvers & Rockhounds

Queen Valley RV Resort Activity Center

50 W. Oro Viejo Dr., Queen Valley, AZ 85218

Phone: 520-463-1885

March

March 11-13, 2011 Cottonwood Verde Valley Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show

Verde Valley Fairgrounds, 800 E. Cherry St.,
Cottonwood, AZ 83626

Sponsored by: Mingus Gem and Mineral Club

Website: www.mingusclub.org

Hours: Fri., Sat 9-5, Sun. 10-4

Admission: Fri. \$1.00, Sat. - Sun. \$3.00, Children
Free

Show Chairperson: TBA

Dealer Chairperson: TBA



Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Announces Historic Decision

BOISE, ID (January 14)--Today the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals announced an historic decision to abandon its so-called "federal defendant" rule. The rule categorically prohibited private parties, as well as state and local governments, from intervening of right on the merits of claims brought under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Paul Turcke, who argued the case and has long served as lead counsel for the Blue Ribbon Coalition's Legal Program, said, "Today's decision will positively affect all nonfederal interests who rightfully seek a meaningful role in public lands litigation affecting them. These positive effects extend, ironically, to the preservation groups who opposed our intervention here and provided the foundation and fuel for this appeal."

The decision follows an en banc hearing of the Court held on December 13, 2010. The underlying case was originally brought in the U.S. District of Idaho when The Wilderness Society and Prairie Falcon Audubon, Inc. sued the Forest Service seeking greater restriction on motorized vehicle access to the Minidoka Ranger District in the Sawtooth National Forest. The Blue Ribbon Coalition, the Magic Valley Trail Machine Association and the Idaho Recreation Council were denied intervention on the side of the Forest Service in that case. The district court determined, in large part, that intervention was prevented by the Federal Defendant Rule.

The recreation groups appealed the decision with initial arguments presented in March of 2010 to a three-judge Ninth Circuit panel by Turcke and the Western Environmental Law Center. Rather than issuing a decision, the three-judge panel asked for further briefing on the question of whether the Court should convene en banc to consider abandoning the Federal Defendant Rule. In September, the Court issued an order to hear the appeal en banc.

In addition to the recreation groups, thirty-seven other parties filed "friend of the court" briefs on the issue-including conservation, recreation, commercial groups, state and local governments, Indian tribes, regional water authorities and the federal government.

The underlying case remains pending in the District of Idaho. Today's decision marks the elimination of the Federal Defendant Rule, offers guidance on the proper test for intervention in NEPA cases, and remands the matter to the District Court "to consider anew" the Recreation Groups' motion.

2011 Officers



Jack Hodges, Liz Porter, Don Winger, Pat Guilmet, C Russell



C Russell receiving gavel from Stan Sutton



C Russell presented plaque to Kathy McCauliff



Stan Sutton receives plaque.



WARM SPRINGS WASH FIELD TRIP By David Frybarger

A clear, sunny day brought out 33 rockhound members and 10 guests to follow Ken Diehl to Warm Springs Wash to look for Selenite crystals. I was the last vehicle out of the parking lot and the line of cars stretched for at least a half mile. Most of the people followed Ken into the wash area while I continued on to the ridge to find a new spot to find other gemmy stuff. I stayed in touch with Ken and around lunch time his group joined us on the ridge where we found agate, chalcedony, fossils and banded river rocks



PLANET MINE TRIP -by Tom Henderson

Saturday January 15, 2011

13 vehicles with 32 members, 1 guest, 5 dogs and 1 cat left South side Bashas' a little after 9 am for the Planet mine field trip. After a brief stop at Parker for relief and refreshment off to the mine we headed. Arriving around 11 am we scattered over the mountain in search of treasure. In about 3 hours of climbing and sliding on the hills we regrouped with what seemed to be a few pounds of Chrysocolla and Malachite attached to hundreds of pounds of Hematite. The day was beautiful, the scenery was wonderful and a good time was had by all.

BAT CAVE FIELD TRIP By David Frybarger

On the morning of January twenty second, 17 members and 7 guests followed Gary Mortimer to the Bat Cave. Mike Palmquist used to lead field trips here several years ago but the local quarry cut off the access road. Wanting to go back, Gary and I went out a few days before the field trip and found a detour route around the quarry that goes to the Bat Cave. The road is rough but passable with 4WD and good clearance. After a tour of the cave and some picture taking Gary lead the group up to the ridges where agate, jasper, opalite and quartz crystals were collected.

Feb.-Mar. 2011 Field Trip Calendar
Field Trip Committee Meets 2nd Monday of each month @ 7 p.m.
David Frybarger Committee Chair

SIGN IN TIME: 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO SCHEDULED DEPARTURE & WEAR YOUR BADGE

<p>SATURDAY FEBRUARY 5 To: McCracken Mtn. Leader: Gary Mortimer 505-1786 Distance: 160 miles RT Vehicle: 4WD</p>	<p>LOOKING FOR: Amethyst Departure: 8 AM Meet: Lowe's parking lot Tools: Hammer, chisel & bag Bring: Lunch & Water</p>
<p>SATURDAY FEBRUARY 12 To: Helen Milne's house 3731 Tecumseh Dr. LHC Don Winingers house 3411 Hound Place LHC</p> <p>This is a chance to purchase Lapidary material and Minerals collected long ago.</p>	<p>SHOW & SALE 9AM - 3PM</p>
<p>SATURDAY FEBRUARY 19 To: Green Streak Mine Leader: Ken Diehl 541 420-0960 Distance: 120 miles RT Vehicle: 4WD</p>	<p>LOOKING FOR: Augite, Chrysocolla Departure: 8 AM Meet: South Side Basha's Tools: Hammer & bag Bring: Lunch & Water</p>
<p>SATURDAY FEBRUARY 26 To: Keenan Camp Leader: David Frybarger 230-9080 Distance: 180 miles RT Vehicle: 4WD</p>	<p>LOOKING FOR: Fluorite, Quartz Crystals Departure: 8 AM Meet: Lowe's parking lot Tools: Hammer & bag Bring: Lunch & Water</p>
<p>SATURDAY MARCH 5 To: Near Oatman Leader: Jerry Monk 846-9217 Distance: 170 miles RT Vehicle: 4WD</p>	<p>LOOKING FOR: Squiggly Jasper Departure: 8 AM Meet: Lowe's parking lot Tools: Hammer, chisel & bag Bring: Lunch & Water</p>
<p>SATURDAY MARCH 12 To: Pick & Shovel Claim Leader: Gary Mortimer 505-1786 Distance: 160 miles RT Vehicle: 4WD or SUV</p>	<p>LOOKING FOR: Honey Onyx Departure: 9 AM DIGGING REQUIRED Meet: Lowe's parking lot Tools: Pick, shovel & bag Bring: Lunch & Water</p>
<p>SATURDAY MARCH 19 To: Plomosa Mts. Leader: Tom Henderson 486-0238 Distance: 150 miles RT Vehicle: 4WD</p>	<p>LOOKING FOR: Banded Jasper/Barite Departure: 8 AM Meet: South Side Basha's parking lot Tools: Hammer, chisel & bag Bring: Lunch & Water</p>
<p>SATURDAY MARCH 26 To: Rawhide Mine Leader: David Frybarger 230-9080 Distance: 170 miles RT Vehicle: 4WD</p>	<p>LOOKING FOR: Copper Minerals Departure: 8 AM Meet: Lowe's parking lot Tools: Hammer & bag Bring: Lunch & Water</p>



Please send exchange bulletins to

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