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BUSINESS MEETING

5:00 P.M. April 13, 2012

Mt. Olive Parish Center
2170 Havasupai Blvd.
Lake Havasu City

Everyone is asked to bring a wrapped rock for a gift exchange at the April 13, 2012 General Meeting.

This will be the "Judy Cano Commemorative Gift Exchange".

- 1) rock identification - bring some rocks and find out what they are and what can be done with them.
- 2) beaders and wrappers, bring things you have made to show others, bring supplies to make things or help others learn how to bead and wrap
- 3) Ron Murphy will bring examples of faceted stones and explain how that is done.
- 4) Wrapped rock exchange table. Those who bring a wrapped rock may choose another wrapped rock and trade it with others.

GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

Friday, April 13, 2012

**Mt. Olive Parish Center
2170 Havasupai Blvd.**

Lake Havasu City

Meeting begins @ 7:00 p.m.

Visiting @ 6:30 p.m.

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April 8, 2012

**Easter Prayer Service
LHGMS MEMBERS ARE
INVITED**

**TO JOIN THE YUCCA
ROCKHOUND
CLUB FOR EASTER SUNRISE
AT 6:30 A.M.**

**(Bring Flashlight)
FOLLOWED BY LOOKING
FOR BANDED BASALT
Exit 20 on I 40
Park at edge of pavement**

April 14, 2012

**Meet at Golden Corral in
Kingman 9:00 a.m. for
breakfast.
Attend Kingman Gem Show**

**Bar-B-Que following Gem
Show at "C" and Nan
Russell's at 3:30 p.m.
(Please RSVP for Bar-B-Que
928-846-0927)**

**(Directions For Gem Show and
Russell's Page 7)**

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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editor@lakehavasugms.org

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 Group Site Moderator: Bruce Wilhelm

OFFICERS and DIRECTORS

Jay Brown	President	408-251-4256
Kathy McCauliff	Vice President	
Eric Hynes	Secretary	
Liz Porter	Treasurer	
Open	Sgt. at Arms	
Homer Rhodaback	First Year Director	
Sharlene Hellberg	Second Year Director	
Ron Murphy	Third Year Director	
"C" Russell	Past President	

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President's Message—

Due to unforeseen circumstances, there is not a President's Message for April.

General Meeting Minutes

March 2012

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

Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society
General Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2012

President Jay Brown brought the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

His announcements were:

Alberta Wiederrick is not here due to illness.

There were no visitors at the meeting.

He listed those having anniversaries and birthdays as listed in the Rocky Tales.

Our new one year Director is Homer Rhodaback and the new two year Director is Sharlene Hellberg.

There is a cake for Helen Milne's 93rd Birthday.

Don Winner has resigned as Sgt. at Arms. Nominations to fill that post were:

Dustin Hart and Jack Fritchey.

Edith Walden resigned as Greeter.

April 13 at the General Membership meeting at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church everyone is asked to bring a wrapped rock for a gift exchange. This will be the "Judy Cano Commemorative Gift Exchange". Sam Cano approved of this remembrance.

The MCC Workshop will not be open due to Spring Break on March 14th.

The Rocky Mountain Federation Mineralogical Society is having their annual meeting on March 16 in Albuquerque, NM. In their letter was information about DVD's and other materials useful to the club.

General Meeting Minutes, Cont.:

Beaders and Wrappers meet the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month

Snowbirds should bring examples of rock related items from their home states.

The pledge of allegiance was lead by Jack Fritchey.

New committee chairmen appointees were:

Refreshments, Helen Reyes

Show, no volunteers – C Russell stated he would help set up the show floor plan.

Greeter, Nan Russell

Field Trips, Howard Wicks

Social Director, Lois Ediger

By-Laws and Standing Rules – no volunteers

Field Trips: Contact Howard Wicks for more information. 928-566-4138

There is to be a trip on March 31st to the Honey Onyx claim in Kingman. Don Careasy and C Russell will bring saws.

April 14 Anyone wishing to go as a group to the Kingman Show may meet for breakfast and then to the Show. Everyone has been invited that afternoon to C and Nan Russell's home for a BBQ may meet there after 3:30PM. Please RSVP!!

Directions to Kingman Gem and Mineral Show in Kingman and to C and Nan Russell's home:

To Kingman Academy of Learning for the Show:
Coming from the South – take Stockton Street off ramp – turn Right on Stockton, turn Right on Airway at corner of Smith gas station and Walmart sign, turn Right on Burbank and L into Academy parking lot.:

To C and Nan Russell's:

From Academy turn Right on Airway – continue across Andy Divine and go under railroad tracks – take first Right on Diamond and go one block, turn Right on Kenwood – you will come to a left bend in the road and now it is Eastern – go about 1.5 miles down Eastern – turn Left on Broudy – they are the second house on the Left.

General Meeting Minutes, cont.

April 8 there will be a trip at 6:00 AM for Easter Sunrise.

April 14-15 is the Annual Gem and Mineral Show in Kingman.

Publicity

There is an article in "Today's News-Herald" written by the Publicity and Scholarship Committees. See article attached to these minutes in the Secretary's Book. Jay stated he is working with Harry Kilb on publicity for the displays intended to be shown around town. The Board had no knowledge of the displays or contacting businesses.

The club voted to have one club swap meet a year.

Kathy McCauliff was contacted by a Ms. Fisher. She has 125 belt buckle bezels to sell if the club is interested. She is asking \$30.00. It was voted to purchase the bezels. Kathy also asked if additional honey onyx could be collected and given to Mark to slab for anyone wanting to make cabochons for the bezels. Club members may purchase these bezels at twenty-five cents each.

Jay read a letter of "Thanks" from the Carpenters to the club stating their appreciation for the club.

Jay stated that the unpleasantness toward Kathy McCauliff needs to be addressed. He asked for a vote if the Swap Meet and Balloon Fest concessions be continued as a means to make money for the club. The vote was unanimous.

Rick Gilpin asked where it is stated in our Charter concerning the designations of 501C3 or 501C7 that allows us to make money as a club. The club must derive 65% of its revenue and 35% from outside the club. The Board will be looking into this to clarify the facts.

Vereen White is helping Madge Klinger with the Friendship Committee. If you need to contact Vereen concerning this committee you may reach her at 928-706-6671 at any time.

C Russell announced that on May 17, Jay Cole will be having a sale of beads and findings at Desert Hills. For more information contact C.

General Meeting Minutes, cont.

Membership

Gayle Gilpin stated that we now have 190 members and handed out the new Roster for 2012.

C Russell made a motion to put the Field Trip Schedule in the Rocky Tales on the internet. Lou Porter seconded. The motion was defeated.

Scholarship

Lou Porter will be picking up the scholarship applications on March 12 and prescreening them on the 15th. He would appreciate one or two people to help.

Jay Brown asked the membership if they would prefer that the Board Meetings be attended by the membership and the General Meeting become more like a social time.

The membership voted yes by a majority.

Jay stated that the next Board and General meetings will be held Friday, April 13th.

President, Jay Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Rhodaback, Acting Secretary

re: lhgmgeneral03092011

Gem Show Anyone!

We still need a Gem and Mineral Show Chairperson!

Here are a few things that occur and where we need help: Kitchen, Security, Set up and Tear Down, Advertising/Brochures (handed out), Game Booth, Raffle/Door Prizes. It will all work out! Step up and get involved!

Rock & Gem Shows

April

14-15—KINGMAN, ARIZONA: Annual show; Mohave County Gemstoners; Kingman Academy of Learning; 3420 N. Burbank St.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; free admission; educational displays, kids' activities, raffle, door prizes, silent auction, dealers, demonstrations, rough rock, slabs, minerals, jewelry, silver- and goldsmithing, fire agates, artwork; contact Mary Gann, PO Box 3992, Kingman, AZ 86402, (928) 757-8121; e-mail: quadpol@aol.com; Web site: www.gemstoners.org



News Flash!

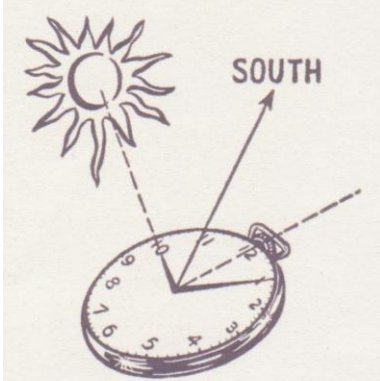
Collecting items for Raffles and Door Prizes brings us to clarify some confusion about when items are donated, whether it is for the Raffle or to the Show/Club. We try to get everyone a receipt for their donations. Some items can be pricy. We have had some questions in the past about where the items go. (If you want it to go to a specific area, please designate that upon donating the item!) I hope this clarifies it for all of you: The items donated by members are mostly given away as Door Prizes. Some items go to the Game Booth and other items are designated to the Raffle. We give 5 to 10 Door Prizes away each hour. A few items are set out and the people get to choose the item they want. It can be a rock that was collected or a pricy piece of jewelry. The Door Prizes have been graciously monitored by Helen Milne and Stan Sutton. Helen Milne, a very special member has stated that she will be unable to do that again this year so we will need a new Door Prize monitor! Any one want to help???

Ken Carpenter
Barb Creasey
Rick Gilpin
Shalene Hellberg
Ron Murphy
Jerry Monk
Randy Penn
Charlisse Scott
Pat Wheeler
Bruce Wilhelm
Don Winner
Fenella Sobchuk
Ngairé Hixon
Sandra Girard
Kit Salway
Lee Olsavasky
Philip Manson
Myrna Lattin
Butch Duthie

Happy Anniversary

Gary & Sheri Mortimer
Homer & Carol Rhodeback
Bill & June Smith
Michael & Margy Anenberg
Richard Melvin

How To Use a Watch for a Compass in the Northern Hemisphere



We strongly urge that you never enter strange country without a compass. Remember, NO WHITE, YELLOW OR RED SKINNED MAN HAS AN ACCURATE NATURAL SENSE OF DIRECTION. This has been proven time and time again. Any one who tells you the contrary has been listening to old wives' tales. In Africa most men of pure African descent have a natural sense of direction if their feet are on the ground. If they stand in a truck or automobile or airplane they loose their natural sense of direction. I have tested and proved the fact that men of pure African descent when their feet are on the ground have a perfect sense of natural direction.

Should you loose your compass or break it, you can still find accurate directions.

*Article
Provided by*

*Carl
Kilefner*

Hold your watch flat, assuming of course that it is running and is fairly accurate, so that the hour hand, which is the short needle or hand, is pointing directly to the sun. Halfway between this point and the 12 o'clock point on your watch is SOUTH. This is SOUTH, not north! Remember that if your watch is set for daylight saving time, you should set it back one hour, temporarily until you have once again obtained your directions.

You can find your way by this method, even if the sun is not shining. Wet your thumb-nail and hold a thin stick, or even your knife blade upright in the center of your thumbnail. You will observe a faint shadow that is cast by the sun through the clouds! You can then orient your watch by this faint shadow.

The following is a summery of the **field trip survey handed out at the March Club meeting and pot luck.**

1--Overnight camping or motel lodging at distant locations. = 6 votes 12--Some variety of history, geology, and collecting = 12 votes

2--All day outings = 15 votes 13--Take tours of active mines = 20 votes

3--Half day outings or a variety = 23 votes PREFERRED DAYS FOR FIELD TRIPS ?

4--No field trips due to physical or other problems = 2 votes 14--Saturdays = 24 votes

5--Challenging 4x4 trips = 7 votes 15--Sundays = 2 votes

6--Some moderate 4x4 trips = 19 votes 16--Week days = 7 votes

7--Moderate maintained roads = 16 votes 17--A variety of days =10 votes

8--Routes where a standard family vehicle can go = 13 votes There were three comments added.

INTERESTS IN CONNECTION WITH FIELD TRIPS ? 1--A person wants to tour copper mines.

9--History of an area = 20 votes 2--A person states that lots of us are retired so week days are good too.

10--Geology of an area = 19 votes 3--A person states that some still work so all Saturday trips are not good

11--Just rock and mineral collecting = 21 votes and they need more information about locations.

ATTENTION!

At the Dec.Christmas dinner Shirley Durrett had her photo taken with Santa. She was on the right side of the picture, with short dark hair and eyes and was wearing a white blouse with flowing sleeves. If you took this photo, please contact her at shirleydurrett1@att.net as she would like a copy of the photo.

\$400 Million Emerald

For a glimpse into the emerald gem trade, from South American mines to storefront dealers, the National Geographic Channel is airing a program called "The 400 Million Dollar Emerald". Subject is called the Bahia emerald.

Some say it's the largest ever found, weighing in at 840 pounds and containing roughly 180,000 carats. Unearthed in Brazil in 2001, the Bahia emerald has an incredible history that fits its massive size. It spent months in a submerged bank vault in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina and was even posted on eBay with a buy it now price of \$75 million. Others point out that the real stone is presently in lock-up pending litigation, and the piece shown in the NatGeo story is just a mock-up that is far more spectacular than the real stone. Regardless of what Bahia really looks like, the video gives an interesting view of how emeralds are found cut and traded.

<http://channel.nationalgeographic.com/channel/explorer/400-million-dollar-emerald-pictures/>

Charles Lewton-Brain

Charles Lewton-Brain is one of the most popular writer-innovators in the jewelry/metalworking field. In this video he shares some of the principles that shape his philosophy.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hq_OTqF3u3k

More BenchTips by Brad Smith are at groups.yahoo.com/group/BenchTips/

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*Thank you from
Marla Lindley-Diehl*

*THANKS
to you great people who helped
with refreshments, \$\$\$donations,
clean-up, and those who toted boxes
in and out of my car.
Marla Lindley-Diehl*

Gold, Silver & Gemstone Motor

Hans Meevis shows off a miniature, working motor he built from scratch. It's about 60mm tall and contains 50 grams of silver and 12 grams of gold. Major parts of the assembly are cut and faceted from cubic zirconia. Hans and his wife Anne run Meevis Jewelry in Simpson Bay, St Maarten where he creates unique, fine designer jewelry.

<http://ganoksin.com/blog/meevis/2012/02/19/miniature-cz-motor-finished-and-running/>



Please send exchange bulletins to

The address below

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