



**LAKE HAVASU
GEM & MINERAL
SOCIETY**

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BOARD MEETINGS

5:00pm 1st Friday of the
month (Sept. - May) at
Windsor Square
Meeting Room

**FIELD TRIP
COMMITTEE**

Meets 3rd Monday of
the month at
2800 Cumberland Drive
Call David Frybarger
for time.

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GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

Friday, March 14th, 2008

NEW LOCATION

MT Olive Lutheran Church

2170 Havasupai Blvd

Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

Large Building Next to Church

Meeting Begins @ 6:00pm



Silent Auction - Potluck Dinner - Brief Meeting

Potluck Dinner

Members are encouraged to
bring a dish to share, and to
bring their own utensils.

Silent Auction

Bring Items to Sell &
Money to Buy!!



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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 Mohave County Library 1770 N. McCulloch Blvd., Lake Havasu City, AZ. The membership typically votes to eliminate the June, July, and August meetings.

Fiscal Year: January 1ST– December 31ST

Single Membership: \$16.00

Family Membership: \$24.00

Badge: \$8.00 per person

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

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Property/Inventory: OPEN

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Refreshments: Liz Porter & Lee Mulligan

Show Chairman: "C" Russell

Scholarship: Nancy Hess & Roberta Gordon

Social Director & Special Events: OPEN



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'm looking forward to the March meeting as it will be a short one. Remember it is at the ***Mt. Olive Lutheran Church meeting building at 6:00pm***. Bring a dish to share, utensils, and something for the ***Silent Auction***. Last year was a great success; let's make this year's even better.

We still need volunteers for ***Program Director*** and ***Social Special Events Director***. Both are fun and a great way to meet other members. Without people to head and work on these two committees, we will not have any programs at meetings or any social events. Often I have heard members saying we don't have enough programs, to learn more about rock and minerals, or other activities other than field trips. However; none volunteer to do any work. A club is only as good as the members make it.

If you want programs at the meetings, someone will have to order and set them up. The same with social events, such as picnics, the Christmas party, etc... Hopefully some of our newer members will step up to the plate and volunteer. The few older members, who have over the years worked so hard to build this club, are tired and it is time for others to take over. Please volunteer to help, as the more people volunteer, the less work it is for any one person.

Let's make this the best club, and the most active, in the ***Rocky Mountain Federation***. We have the members, a very committed Board, a great Education Director, Refreshments, Finance, and By-Law Committees. Now we need the Fun Committees.

Your President,

Nan Russell

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**FEBRUARY 8TH, 2008
Lake Havasu City Library
1770 N. McCulloch Blvd.
Lake Havasu City, AZ 86406**

Submitted by Secretary Stan Sutton

President Nan Russell called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Sgt-at-Arms Ella Palmquist led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Stan Sutton offered corrections to the January 11 minutes as follows:

Ella Palmquist led the Pledge of Allegiance instead of C Russell.

The 50/50 sales amount was \$165, not \$155.

Larry and Mary Brown are current members, not former members.

The minutes were approved as amended.

Marie Cole gave the Treasurer's Report.

Stan Sutton read a flier from the Arizona Mining & Mineral Museum relative to an upcoming estate sale of rocks in Apache Junction.

Marie Cole explained the new check voucher system to the members; Nan stated that only committee chairmen were allowed to approve purchases.

Ella reported that \$6.50 had been collected in badge fines for the previous month.

Roberta Gordon announced Mike and Theresa Mabin as new members to the club. Betty Hacke was awarded her 10-year membership pin.

Kathy Sullivan thanked everyone for their support to her as Editor of the Rocky Tales; Bruce Wilhelm is the new Editor.

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David Frybarger gave the field trip report. He reviewed the upcoming February field trips and previewed two March trips: Planet and Topock.

Liz Porter requested that members share any old club information or items with her to be included in the History of the LHG&MS.

Carol Stone, Publicity, reported that she will go to the newspaper to have them correct the location of meetings.

C. Russell, Show Chairman, stated that the set-up for the show will now be Thursday, Nov. 6. The show dates are November 8 and 9. He also is asking for members to sign up for subcommittees, either as a chairman or a worker. In conjunction with the show, Nan reminded the group that the Board Meeting will be November 7 and the regular meeting will be November 14.

Becky Frybarger gave the Education Report. She discussed working with the junior and senior high schools for exposure to rocks and minerals, perhaps in the classrooms. She has purchased DVDs that can be loaned to the schools.

Becky also requested members save small rock pieces, sand from other areas, etc. to be used in the Knowledge Room at the November show. She also needs egg cartons for use at the show.

Madge Klinger, Sunshine Committee, announced she had sent a card to Gloria Breckenridge and family. Get-well cards were sent to Clyde Hathaway and Joy Lake. Nan Russell said that Jeri Markinson is recuperating at home.

After a break to enjoy the "Ice Cream Social," the meeting was reconvened at 8 PM.

Liz Porter, Refreshments Chair, thanked Diane Lynch, Kathy Sullivan, and Betty Hacke.

Nan Russell announced the March meeting and meeting location would be discussed later. She also asked for volunteers to chair the Social and Special Events Committee and Program Committee.

Helen Milne presented past-President C Russel with a gift for his service to the club.

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A discussion was held regarding the March meeting and meeting location. Mike Palmquist moved, and seconded by David Frybarger, that the meeting location be changed for March to the Mount Olive Lutheran Church Parish Center (corner of Havasupai and Acoma) and that the meeting include only the Silent Auction. After discussion, the motion was turned down.

After more discussion, Frank Loncto moved, and seconded by Ken Diehl, that the March meeting be held at the above-mentioned location and to include both the Silent Auction and the Potluck dinner. This motion was passed. Everyone is reminded to bring their own utensils and plates.

The March meeting time will be 6 PM rather than the normal 7 PM.

Nancy Hess, Greeter, announced that 91 members and 10 guests attended this meeting.

Door prize winners were: Gayle Gilpin, Tamara Wilhelm, Marge Husby, and Bob Schnick.

Anne Roberts announced that \$126 was collected for the 50/50 raffle. Winner of \$40 was Lee Fee; winner of \$23 was Jerry Monk.

There being no other business, Mike Palmquist moved, seconded by Jay Cole, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Stan Sutton, Secretary-LHG&MS.

2008 Membership Dues Are Now in Effect
If you still have not paid your dues refer to page 2 to for
rates and payment instructions.

BIRTHSTONE FOR MARCH IS AQUAMARINE



Derived from the Roman word "Aqua", meaning water, and "Mare", meaning sea, this pale blue gem does indeed resemble the color of seawater. Aquamarine (along with bloodstone) is the birthstone associated with March. It is also the gemstone for the 19th Anniversary.

Aquamarine is a popular and well known gemstone, and distinguishes itself by many good qualities. It is almost as popular as the classics: ruby, sapphire and emerald. In fact it is related to the emerald, both belonging to the beryl family. The color of aquamarine, however, is usually more even than that of the emerald. Much more often than its famous green cousin, aquamarine is almost entirely free of inclusions. Aquamarine has good hardness (7.5 to 8 on the Mohs scale) and a wonderful shine. That hardness makes it very tough and protects it to a large extent from scratches. Iron is the substance which gives aquamarine its color, a color which

ranges from an almost indiscernible pale blue to a strong sea-blue.

It occurs at most localities which yield ordinary beryl, some of the finest coming from Russia. The gem-gravel placer deposits of Sri Lanka contain aquamarine. Clear yellow beryl, such as occurs in Brazil, is sometimes called aquamarine chrysolite. When corundum presents the bluish tint of typical aquamarine, it is often termed Oriental aquamarine.

In the United States, aquamarines can be found at the summit of Mt. Antero in the Sawatch Range in central Colorado. In Brazil, there are mines in the states of Minas Gerais, Espírito Santo and Bahia. Zambia, Madagascar, Malawi, Tanzania and Kenya also produce aquamarine.

People in the middle ages thought that aquamarine could magically overcome the effects of poison. Ancient sailors traveled with aquamarine crystals, believing that it would ensure a safe passage, and guarantee a safe return; they often slept with the stones under their pillows to ensure sound sleep. They believed the siren's (mermaid) fish-like lower body was made of aquamarine.

BULLETIN BOARD

SILENT AUCTION

One of the fund raisers to support our club is our annual Silent Auction, which will take place at our March meeting.

Members are requested to look through their holdings and find some nice items to donate, and to bring some money to buy.

The Silent Auction is a good time for everyone, so get involved and share in all the excitement. Remember this is *YOUR CLUB!*

EDUCATION

We are hoping that with new families joining the club, that the merit badge program will be started again soon.

GRAB BAG BOOTH

Members are asked to donate the following for the November show Grab Bag Booth: tumbled rock, prize items, and grit for tumbling. Members are also needed to sew grab bags. Please donate if you can.

For more information call
Nancy Hess 855-6941

Wrappers & Beaders

Meetings now take place at the Mohave County Library in room A. (K-Mart shopping center)

1:00pm - 4:00pm

Newbies to wire wrapping are welcome. This is a sort of "open lab". Usually everyone has his/her own projects going on but demos are available. No Cost but donations for coffee are welcomed.

Please Come - learn something new to show off those field trip finds!

** Bring your own tools and supplies. For a list and/or answers to questions call or email

Lee Mulligan at 505-5361

mulls@npgcable.com or

Linda Gromov at 453-3879

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HINTS N' SUCH

LAPPING GEODES

When trying to polish a geode on a vibrating lap, it is difficult to keep the grit out of the center of the geode when it is hollow and filled with crystals. One suggestion has been to fill the center of the geode with Knox gelatin, a product you can buy at any grocery store. It turns to jelly when mixed with warm water and after a while, will set up good and firm. Pour this into the geode before polishing and when you are done, just wash it out with warm water, it leaves no residue.

Taken from: Rock Hound Ramblings North Jeffco G&M Club Arvada Colorado, July 2007

PLACING ADS FOR ROCKS

Placing an ad in the paper looking to buy rock collections is a great way to get some great collections from people that are just not interested anymore, or perhaps got a collection from a relative or something. You have to be prepared to buy, but it's usually WAY underpriced and you might get some really awesome specimens!

Via <http://www.rockhoundtips.com/>

Upcoming Shows

Mar 6-9--DEMING, NM: 43rd annual show, "Rockhound Roundup"; Deming Gem & Mineral Society; Southwestern New Mexico Fairgrounds; Thu. 9-5, Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; free admission; displays, demonstrations, jewelry, rocks, drawings, raffle, field trips, silent auction, auction; contact Bud Daily, P.O. Box 1459, Deming, NM 88031, (505) 267-4399

Mar 7-9--DEL MAR, CA: Show; Gem Faire; Del Mar Fairgrounds/Exhibit Hall, 2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd.; Fri. 12-7, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-5; \$5 weekend pass; contact Yooy Nelson, (503) 252-8300; e-mail: info@gemfaire.com; Web site: www.gemfaire.com

Mar 8-9--SAN MARINO, CA: Show, "50 Golden Years of Rockhounding"; Pasadena Lapidary Society; San Marino Masonic Center, 3130 Huntington Dr.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; free admission; displays, dealers, gem materials, beads, tools, lapidary demonstrations, kids' "sand scoop" game, raffle; contact Kevin Birnbaum, 121 S Chester Ave., Apt. #11; Pasadena, CA 91106, (626) 564-0935; e-mail: birnbaum@gmail.com

Mar 8-9--SPRECKELS, CA: 61st annual show, "Parade of Gems"; Salinas Valley Rock & Gem Club; Spreckels Veterans Hall, 5th St. and Llano St.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; free admission; demonstrations, beads, rocks, fossils, minerals, craft supplies, jewelry, crystals, rough rock, displays, raffle, free hourly door prizes; contact Karin Salomon, 209 Wood St., Pacific Grove, CA 93950, (831) 375-5233; e-mail: kcbakes27@yahoo.com; site: www.salinasrockandgem.com

Mar 14-16--VICTORVILLE, CA: 32nd annual tail gate; Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club; Stoddard Wells, Stoddard Wells Rd.; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; free admission; findings, books, jewelry, slabs, cabs, equipment, tons of rough, field trips, prizes; contact Jo Ann Beal, P.O. Box 873, Adelanto, CA 92301-0873, (760) 217-2628; email: e-mail: info@miningandmore.com; Web site: <http://fosse.schema-root.org/wgmc/>

Mar 21-23--COTTONWOOD, AZ: Show, "Verde Valley Gem & Mineral Show"; Mingus Gem & Mineral Club; Mingus Union High School, 1801 E. Fir St.; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; Fri. \$1, Sat. \$3, Sun. \$3, 3-day pass \$5; silent auction, raffles, kids' area, gem and mineral identification Sat.; contact Doug Evenson, 807 S. Tigres Trail, Cottonwood, AZ 86326, (928) 634-0459; e-mail: dougeverson@verdecomm.net; Web site: www.mingusclub.org

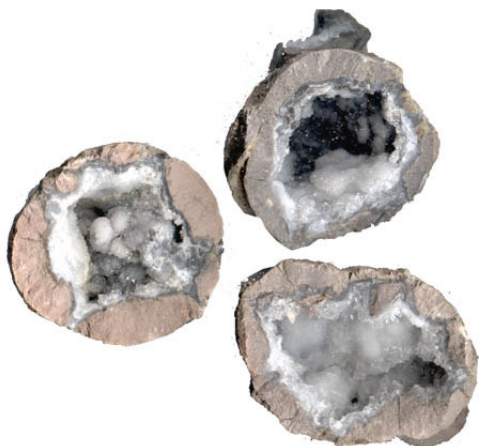
Mar 29-30--TORRANCE, CA: 59th annual show, "Nature's Treasures"; South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society; Torrance Recreation Center, 3341 Torrance Blvd.; free admission; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; contact Larry Hoskinson or Leslie Neff, (310) 318-2170

FIELD TRIP REPORTS

February 2nd Geode Field Trip

Submitted by Roger Frybarger

On the sunny, cool morning of February second, thirty four rockhounds gathered in the Northeast corner of Home Depot's parking lot to follow David Frybarger on a field trip to a geode collecting site North of Bat Cave. We parked on the side of the road where it was nearest to the site and then hiked the rest of the way. As we were hiking up the hill we found Jasper, Agate and Opalite. Then we got to the geode site and found the geodes we were after. Some rockhounds got geode pieces and others got whole geodes to cut later. We all had fun and returned home in the early afternoon.



February 9th Wing Mine

Submitted by Layne Walker

34 members, 6 guests, and 2 dogs, showed up ready and eager to find some quartz crystals. The weather cooperated and it was a great day for a field trip. Everybody had a good day and found lots of nice material. 1 member got lucky and found some very nice crystals, and 2 members found crystals with iron pyrite cubes on them.

FEB 16TH NEAR OATMAN

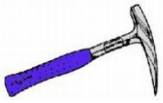
LED BY JERRY MONK

Jerry and a crew of 22 members, 3 guests, and 2 dogs, Left Terrible's at Hwy 95 & 40 at around 9am, in search of squiggly jasper. The destination site was off of Silver Springs road near Oatman. It was a nice day for a field trip and everyone returned with some nice material to show off.

February 23rd Field Trip To Near Alamo Lake

By Roger Frybarger

On the beautiful day of February 23 twenty rockhounds gathered at Terrible's to follow David Frybarger on a field trip to a Geode site off of Alamo Road past Keenan Camp. Recent rains had made Alamo Road muddy and slippery in some spots, however everyone made it to the site safely after a few scary moments. David had shown everyone some beautiful banded aqua green Flourite that he had found the last time we were there and that I had polished. Arriving at the site, David showed everyone where the Geodes were to be found and where the Flourite was, and to his surprise most everyone went looking for the aqua green Flourite instead of the Geodes. Everyone who went after the Flourite found the aqua green material and some rockhounds found banded specimens along with banded Lavender Flourite and aqua green Flourite with veins of Galena. Those who went hunting for Geodes came back with Quartz crystals round rocks that may be Geodes. Everyone enjoyed the warm weather and the new green growth on the hills caused by the recent rains.



March 2008 FIELD TRIP CALENDAR



Field Trip Committee Meets 3rd Monday of each month @ 6PM

David Frybarger Committee Chair

Meeting location to be held at 2800 Cumberland Drive until the sewer in the streets at David's Angler address is completed.

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

SATURDAY MARCH 1ST

Leader: Layne Walker 486-1423

To: Near Oatman

Distance: 140 miles RT

Vehicle: Any

Looking for: Fire Agate

Meet : Terrible's Hwy 40 & 95

Departure: 8am **Return:** Late Afternoon

Tools: Hammer, pick, and bag

Food: Lunch and Water

Special: Private Property. Dig fee to enter.

SATURDAY MARCH 8TH

Leader: Layne Walker 486-1243

To: Danby Dry Lake

Distance: 180 miles RT

Vehicle: Any

Looking for: Salt crystals (selenite gypsum)

Meet : McDonald's in Parker

Departure: 8am **Return:** Late afternoon

Tools: Pick, shovel, and bag (digging involved)

Food: Lunch and plenty of water

SATURDAY MARCH 15TH

Leader: David Frybarger 230-9080

To: Topock

Distance: 60 miles RT

Vehicle: 4 X 4 Recommended

Looking for: Agate, petrified wood, fossils

Meet : Terrible's Hwy 40 & 95

Departure: 8:30am **Return:** Afternoon

Tools: Hammer & bag

Food: Lunch and plenty of water

SATURDAY MARCH 22ND

Leader: David Frybarger 230-9080

To: Planet Mine

Distance: 140 miles RT

Vehicle: 4 X 4

Looking for: Chrysacolla & Malachite

Meet : Basha's South side parking lot

Departure: 8am **Return:** Late Afternoon

Tools: Hammer & Bag

Food: Lunch

Special: Vigorous Uphill Hike required to get the good material

SATURDAY MARCH 29TH

Leader: Jerry Monk 680-1853

To: Burro Creek

Distance: 210 miles RT

Vehicle: 4 X 4

Looking for: Agate

Meet : Terrible's Hwy 40 & 95

Departure: 7:30am **Return:** Evening

Tools: Hammer, pick, & bag

Food: Lunch



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