



**LAKE HAVASU
GEM & MINERAL
SOCIETY**

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BOARD MEETINGS

5:00pm 1st Friday of the
month (Sept. - May) at
Mohave County Library
Executive Conference
Room

**FIELD TRIP
COMMITTEE**

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

Future meetings will be
held at David Frybarger's
house at 2510 Angler Dr.

928-230-9080

Rocky Tales

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GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

Friday, October 9, 2009

Mt. Olive Parish Center
2170 Havasupai Blvd.
Lake Havasu City, AZ. 86403
Large Building Next to Church
Meeting begins @ 7:00pm
Visiting @ 6:30pm

October Program

Off Roding in the Desert

Presented by

Mohave County Sheriff's Department
Search and Rescue Squad

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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 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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Scholarship: Lou Porter
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Sunshine: Madge Klinger
Webmaster: Bruce Wilhelm, Barbara Wiggins

President's Message

Nice turn out for the September meeting! Thanks to all the attendees and guests for their enthusiasm!

The annual Show is upon us (Nov. 14 & 15), and it's time for all able Gem & Mineral members to roll up their sleeves and volunteer some time to help make this a great show! Volunteers are needed for raffle ticket sales, greeters, security, kitchen, table set-up, tear down, trailer maintenance, as well as donations for door prizes and raffle ticket prizes. And don't forget to sign up to put up a display case to show off your collection and your talents. Contact C Russell at 846-0927 or me at 680-4535.

Another agenda item coming up for our club is our annual election of officers. The vote will be taken in December. Marie Cole is the Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Contact her if you are interested in running or if you know someone you would like to see run for an office. She would also like to have some fellow members join her on the committee. Call her at 764-2854.

Thanks once again to Mike Riddle for the presentation at the September meeting. He generously volunteered to work with David Frybarger to conduct a guided tour of the ghost town Swansea as a field trip for our club.

The October program will be presented by the Mohave County Sheriff's Department Search and Rescue Unit. Should be informative for all of us.

The Board will meet at the library on October 2; the next general meeting will be October 9 at the Mt. Olive Parish Center

Stan



Lapidary and Silversmithing Classes

Becky Frybarger has a sign-up list for anyone who wants to take **Lapidary** or **Silversmithing** at the college. If enough people sign up, Becky will present the list to the leisure studies administrator and they will offer the classes if they can find an instructor. You can contact Becky at 855-6757.

General Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2009

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church
2170 Havasupai Blvd.

Lake Havasu City, Az. 86403

Submitted by Secretary Kathy Ernst

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

Stan led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Stan welcomed our guests for the evening.

The September minutes stand approved as published.

Treasurer Ed McCauliff thanked Stan for covering the treasurer's duties during the summer. Ed gave a brief financial report.

Membership Chairman Roberta Gordon presented Carl and Pat Kilefner with their 10 year membership badges.

Liz Porter asked members to sign up for refreshments especially for the next couple of months.

Stan introduced the program presenter Mike Riddle. Mike is a volunteer for the Bureau of Land Management where he manages cultural resources. The evening's talk focused on mine safety with a detailed history of gold mining.

After the refreshment break, the following committees reported:

(September minutes cont.)

Secretary Kathy Ernst read a summary from the September 4, 2009 board meeting.

Scholarship Committee Chairman Lou Porter read a thank you letter from our scholarship recipient Jennifer Boswell.

C Russell Show Committee Chairman announced that help is needed for the show November 14th & 15th. Specifically, members are needed to set up on Thursday, November 12th. Also, three volunteers are necessary to solicit businesses for donations. Contact C directly to volunteer. For other needs during the show members were encouraged to sign up at tonight's meeting. The idea of a silent auction during the show was discussed.

David Frybarger, Field Trip Chairman, announced that field trips will resume in December. Anyone interested in a lapidary class at the college was encouraged to sign up.

Two long time members recently passed away: Pat Naylor and Smokey Tom.

Old Business

Kathy Ernst read the proposed amendment to the Standing Rules Section 14 Item B pertaining to scholarships. The members passed this amendment to the standing rules.

New Business

Stan asked for the formation of a nominating committee for this year's officers and board member election. Contact Stan.

The newly formed By-Laws and Standing Rules committee headed by Harry Kilb is in need of members.

There were 36 members in attendance and 8 guests.

Five lucky attendees won door prizes.

The 50/50 ticket sales netted the club \$41 and the following prizes were awarded: \$25 to Lyle Ernst and \$16 to Kathy McCauliff.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P. M.

October Birthstone: Opal

Opal is a [mineraloid gel](#) which is deposited at a relatively low temperature and may occur in the fissures of almost any kind of [rock](#), being most commonly found with [limonite](#), [sandstone](#), [rhyolite](#), [marl](#) and [basalt](#). The word *opal* comes from the [Latin](#) *opalus*, by [Greek](#) *opalios*, and is from the same root as [Sanskrit](#) *upálá[s]* for "stone", originally a millstone with *upárá[s]* for slab.^[4]

In the Middle Ages, opal was considered a stone that could provide great luck because it was believed to possess all the virtues of each gemstone whose color was represented in the color spectrum of the opal.[11] It was also said to confer the power of invisibility if wrapped in a fresh bay leaf and held in the hand.[11][12] Following the publication of Sir Walter Scott's *Anne of Geierstein* in 1829, however, opal acquired a less auspicious reputation. In Scott's novel, the Baroness of Arnheim wears an opal talisman with supernatural powers. When a drop of holy water falls on the talisman, the opal turns into a colorless stone and the Baroness dies soon thereafter. Due to the popularity of Scott's novel, people began to associate opals with bad luck and death.[11] Even as recently as the beginning of the 20th century, it was believed that when a Russian saw an opal among other goods offered for sale, he or she should not buy anything more since the opal was believed to embody the evil eye.[11]

For Sale

Polaris 2006 Ranger XP 700 4x4: Street legal with many extras. Includes A/T tires on chrome steel wheels and desert tires on original rims. Excellent condition \$8,500.

Polaris 2005 Sportsman 400 Quad: Street legal with saddle bags, turn signals, front mount warn wrench, new battery plus much more. Excellent condition \$4,500.

Contact Ed McCauliff @ cell 928 566-7597 or home 928 680-7698.

GEM SHOW KITCHEN NEEDS EVERYONE'S HELP !



*Thanks to the support of **all** the members of our club, the gem show kitchen has been a tremendous success each year.*

You can help by: donating money for supplies, making chili, or baking home made goodies, especially pies.

You can also help by working in the kitchen for a few hours on Saturday and/ or Sunday and by helping to set up on Thursday.

I will have a sign-up sheet at the October meeting and an envelope for donations. However, I know many of you will not be at the meeting so please let me know how you plan to help. Please give me a call at 928-453-8415, send an email lizynyl@aol.com, or mail a note or donation to 2810 Holiday Dr., Lake Havasu City, AZ, 86403. If I hear from you in advance, I won't be bugging you right before the show and it will give me time to organize a schedule. We always have lots of fun in the kitchen and it is a great way to get to know everyone in the club because everyone stops by the kitchen.

Thanks for all your support. Liz Porter

Show Committee Meeting

C Russell will chair a planning meeting of the show committee on October 8th at 4:00 P.M. at the Mohave County Public Library. All committee chairs are asked to attend.

Editor's Note: The following is a copy of the letter we received from Jenny Boswell. She was selected to receive the \$500.00 scholarship from our club.

Thank you for your investment in my college education. I wish I could express how truly thankful I am that you selected me in your rigorous application process. As you know, I was unable to attend the Gem and Mineral Society meeting on the 8th but would love to attend a meeting before I leave for the University of Arizona. Classes start August 24th. With the most competitive class my high school has ever seen, your choosing me really means a lot. Yours was the only scholarship I received and I will do my very best to make you proud.

Many more thanks,

Signed Jenny K Boswell

Jenny Kathryn Oliver Boswell

Hints about Jasper

Jasper is much more troublesome to polish than agate because many varieties are "earthy" and porous and others contain hematite which in itself is difficult to polish. If you are on a field trip, a good way to test for jasper is to wet it. If it absorbs the water and dries rapidly, throw it away. It will not polish. If it stays wet and does not dry right away, it contains a high amount of chalcedony and will take a good polish. Most jaspers polish well on leather with Linde A, but good results can be obtained with tin oxide on either leather or felt. Always remember that a good fine sanding job is the secret of good polishing.

Source: Chips and Splinters 5/2008 via Del Air

Rock and Gem Shows October-November

Provided by Rock and Gem Magazine

4--FALLBROOK, CALIFORNIA: Show, "Fall Festival Of Gems"; Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society; Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society & Museum, 123 W. Alvarado St.; Sun. 10-4; free admission; vendors, raffle, silent auction, wheel of fortune, gem ID, gold panning, geode cracking, museum and gift shop open; contact Mary Fong-Walker, 123 W. Alvarado St., Fallbrook, CA 92028, (760) 728-1130; e-mail: ikonmining@gmail.com; Web site: www.FGMS.org

9-11--MOAB, UTAH: 50th annual show; Moab Points & Pebbles Club; Old Spanish Trail Arena, 3641 S. Hwy. 191; Fri. 10-7, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-4; free admission; dealers, demonstrators, field trips, raffle, spin wheel; contact Jerry Hansen, P.O. Box 1459, Moab, UT 84532, (435) 259-3393; e-mail: moabrockclub@live.com; Web site: moabrockclub.net

10-11--PAYSON, ARIZONA: 12th annual show; Payson Rimstones Rock Club; Mazatzal Hotel & Casino Event Center - Bingo Hall, Tonto Apache Reservation; adults \$3, children under 12 free; discount tickets available at Payson Chamber of Commerce, Payson Library, Parks & Recreation Office; contact Barry Jones, (928) 476-3513

10-11--TRONA, CALIFORNIA: Show, "Gem-O-Rama"; Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society; SLGM Show Bldg., 13337 Main St.; Sat. 7:30-5, Sun. 7:30-4; free admission; three field trips to Searles Lake to collect saline minerals, mineral dealers, exhibits, tour of Searles Valley Minerals manufacturing plants, geode cutting and sales, sphere-making demonstration, hourly prizes, grand prize drawing; contact Jim & Bonnie Fairchild, 84830 12th St., Trona, CA 93562, (760) 372-5356; e-mail: slgms@iwvisp.com; Web site: www.I.wvisp.com/tronagemclub/

17-18--SEDONA, ARIZONA: 9th annual show; Sedona Gem & Mineral Club; Sedona Red Rock High School, 995 Upper Red Rock Loop Rd.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; speakers, kids' crafts, meteorite and other displays, raffles, mineral identification, sphere making and other demonstrations, rocks, gemstones, minerals, fossils, beads, jewelry; contact Pat McMahon, P.O. Box 3284, Sedona, AZ 86340, (928) 300-8333; e-mail: pdxprss@earthlink.net; Web site: www.sedonagemandmineral.org

7-8--RIDGECREST, CALIFORNIA: 54th annual show; Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society; Desert Empire Fairgrounds, 520 s. Richmond Rd.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; contact John DeRosa, (760) 375-7905; e-mail: schiller@ridgecrest.ca.us

September October Birthdays

Carol Brown	Becky Costa
Tom Henderson	Bob Heyboer
Jack Hodges	Bill Houppert
Don Lucas	Jeri Markinson
Nancy Metcalf	Ken Roberts
Bernie Sporre	Kathy Sporre
Evelyn Thomas	

October Anniversaries

Art and Kathy Barker
Bernie and Kathy Sporre
Larry Youngberg

FALL SOCIAL

Sunday October 11th

3:00 p.m. to dusk

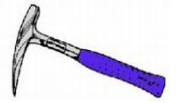
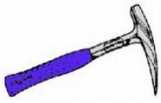
Liz & Lou Porter's
2810 Holiday Drive
453-8415

*Bring your favorite hors d'oeuvres
Soft drinks will be provided by the club*

In Memoriam

Bill Reichel was a charter member of LHGMS who served the club in many ways.

Tom Hodgins was a long time member of LHGMS who loved silversmithing.



October 2009 FIELD TRIP CALENDAR

Field Trip Committee Meets 2nd Monday of each month @ 7p.m.

David Frybarger Committee Chair

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

SATURDAY October 10

To: Water Road

Leader: Layne Walker 486-1423

Distance: 200 miles RT

Vehicle: 4WD

Looking for: Agate, Jasper

Meet: Terrible's I-40 & 95

Departure: 8:00 a.m.

Tools: Hammer and Bag

Food: Lunch and Water

October 17-20

To: Burro Creek

Leader: "C" Russell 846-0927

Distance: 250 miles RT

Vehicle: 4WD

Looking for: Agate, Pastelite

Contact "C" for details

Meet: Burro Creek Campground

Tools: Pick, Hammer and Bag

Bring: Camping Gear

Saturday, October 24

To: Keenan Camp

Leader: Layne Walker 486-1423

Distance: 180 miles RT

Vehicle: 4WD

Looking for: Geodes, Banded Fluorite

Departure: 8:00 a.m.

Meet: Terrible's I-40 & 95

Tools: Hammer & Bag

Bring: Lunch & Water

Saturday, October 31

To: Desert Bar

Leader: "C" Russell 846-0927

Distance: 90 miles RT

Vehicle: 4WD

Looking for: Copper minerals

Contact "C" for Details

Meet: Hwy 95 & Kiowa

Tools: Hammer & Bag

Bring: Water. Buy lunch at Desert Bar

Beaders & Wrappers: We meet on Friday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. at the library. Everyone is welcome. Contact Nancy Metcalf at 854-3109 for more information.



Please send exchange
bulletins to the address below

ROCKY TALES

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