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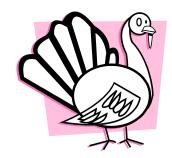
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Please join us on November 11th for the next meeting which begins at 9:00 AM, optional social hour begins at 8:00 AM.







Articles or news to be included in the *Cutting Remarks* should be emailed to your Editor, Wayne Klement (**wayneklem@aol.com**), or feel free to call him at 520-954-6298. Submission deadline is the 25th of each month. Thanks!

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THE PREZ SEZ.....by Don Rittenberry

Well it's that time of year, no, not the smell of cooking ... we have several events coming up for the Club and for the members.

First, we have the Silent Auction on the 4th of November. Everything is pretty much in place thanks to Danny Harmsen. We are also going to be selling food and drinks at the event to help bring money into the Club. My wife Charlotte, has volunteered to take charge of the kitchen with the help from Jo Ann Sam, Maribeth Terry, Norma Lackow, and whoever else wants to volunteer. So come on out and support your Club by buying rock, equipment, food, or anything else the Club has to offer. you can also come out and socialize with us and meet the members or get reacquainted with old friend (no pun intended) and there is the smell of food!

Second, we will have another jewelry contest at the next general meeting. For the November meeting, the item must be a bracelet that has to have been hand-made by the member, with or without stones. The prize is a punch card for open labs or a future T-shirt with the new logo. No, we didn't get rid of Rocky, just

updated it a bit (this tidbit is for Hazel Battiste, thanks for your concern). Last month we had several entries and I hope we have several for the November meeting. It was also decided by the Board that the items in future contests should be on a list, so

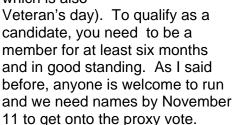
DON'T FORGET.....

1st Annual Gem & Jewelry Show at Ryan Airfield 7:30am—2:30pm on November 18, 2006. See the October issue of *Cutting Remarks* for show details and contact information.

everyone will know about it, especially if they couldn't make it to the meeting. So good luck to the contestants and come out and vote for the best looking piece. It could be yours or one of your friends.

Third, talking about voting, we have an election coming up. We have candidates that are running for Board members and Officers. If you would like to be a candidate, please contact Jaime De Zubeldia at 616-9344. He is the Nominating Chairman and he

needs your name by the November 11th (funny, that's our meeting day which is also



Fourth, we have an outing coming up at Ryan Airfield the 18th of November. This is basically for the members of OPLC to sell their wares. We also will have a booth there to promote our Club and hopefully recruit new members. This event is pretty much set up due to the efforts of Jo Ann Sam. At last count we have about 20 venders that are going to be there. This is the first year that we will be there and hopefully, it won't be the last.

Fifth I would like to see all members come to the general meeting to discuss business at hand. We need to discuss plans

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NOVEMBER PRESENTER

Big John Duhanich will be the presenter at the November meeting. He will explain the fine art of gold recovery and have some samples of nuggets from the Santa Rita's to show. Unfortunately the samples will **not** be free. He will bring a dry-washer that he uses to recover gold and will demonstrate its operation. He will also have some gold impregnated black sand for those that would like to try their luck at panning. Some mining artifacts recently recovered from an out of the way dump near Ruby will be on display and he'll have some literature, including a book that has information on Brunckow's cabin, which may have been

the beginning of Tombstone AZ. He also writes a cooking gourmet column for the *Gold Prospectors* magazine and is always looking for new recipes, so bring one of your favorites to the meeting.

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for the upcoming events in January and February, the Beaudry Show and the Tucson Convention Center Show with Tucson Gem and Mineral Society. We also need to plan for the January picnic and the contests for it. These are just a few good reasons to come to the meeting to help make decisions by providing your input. You have to remember that this is your Club and we need you, as members, to provide your input, help out on events, and help with other things around the Club. This is OUR Club and we need

YOUR help!!!

Hope to see everyone at the general meeting the 11th of November. We will have another great door prize and birthday cake to celebrate birthdays of the month **and** Veterans Day.

Your President,

Don Rittenberry

TID - - BITS

- **By-Laws** The Board of Directors has extensively researched prior By-Law activity and has established a valid document. This official By-Law document will be stamped with the Club seal and posted on the Club web site and the Club bulletin board in the General Meeting Room.
- **Fire Extinguishers** For safety reasons, all of the fire extinguishers at the Club have been replaced. The current extinguishers have greatly exceeded their life expectancy and no longer meet NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) standards.
- **Did Ya Notice???** At last month's meeting a new logo was selected by members of the Club.....and.... it's incorporated on the cover page of this issue of the newsletter. The design for this logo was submitted by Diana Hara. Thanks, Diana, for a job well done!

DON'T FORGET

Don't forget to bring in **YOUR** aluminum cans to the Club for recycling. Your contribution would be greatly appreciated to help add \$'s to the Club's treasury. **Thanks!**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Nancy Curtis
Patricia (Trisha) Gibson
Lorraine Huey
Justin Hunt
Dave Sandager



ADVANCED FACETOR'S CORNER

In case you missed the answer to the October question of the month: What do you understand a synthetic stone to be? Name three examples of synthetic stones.

The answer: Three examples of synthetic stones are corundum, spinal, and cubic zirconia.

NOVEMBER QUESTION OF THE MONTH

What important gems are not minerals?

Come to the November meeting to hear the answer.



OCTOBER BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

..... By Diana Hara

Meeting came to order at 9:05 AM. A quorum was present.

New members in attendance were Ray Martin from Hereford and Cody Sam from Tucson.
Welcome!

The Club recognized members with birthdays in September: Rosie Page, Abe Lackow, Gretchen Arnaiz, Jenny Coniglio, and Larry Gallagher.

OLD BUSINESS

The nominating committee is still looking for someone to run for Secretary. If you are interested in running for any position, please contact Jaime de Zubeldia.

It is finally cooling off and time to clean the trailer out. Don needs volunteers to help out. If you are available and interested, please contact him.

The Silent Auction is coming up soon. Danny Harmsen needs volunteers to help him setup on Friday, November 3rd. Gretchen Arnaiz volunteered to man the kid's table and the magazine table. Charlotte Rittenberry is the Silent Auction Kitchen chairperson, and she needs volunteers to help out in that area. She also needs donations of food that is already prepared. If you can help, please contact Charlotte.

JoAnn Sam gave the status on the Ryan Airfield show. Most spaces are taken, but there are still four spaces available in the

outdoor covered area. There is also space available outdoors if you want to put a tent in the open. Please call Shari, from Todd's Restaurant, ahead of time if you would like to setup on Friday. There will not be any security overnight, so keep that in mind. Otherwise, setup will start at 6:00am on Saturday, and the show is open from 7:30am-2:00pm. There will be 5-foot tables to rent if you need one, and JoAnn still needs volunteers for the OPLC booth. The event is being advertised on television, radio, and in papers as far north as Oracle. Someone mentioned that they had sent their form in, but have not received confirmation. If vou need confirmation and have not yet received it, please contact Shari at 883-7770.

All outstanding issues regarding the Club By-laws have been researched and resolved by the board of directors. Regarding publishing the By-laws, Dave Witwer read the definition of 'publish' from the Miriam-Webster Dictionary: 'to make generally known'. The Club operates under the 2004 version, and it has been published on the bulletin board in the clubhouse and the shop. If you have any further questions or would like a copy, please contact one of the officers or board members for further information.

NEW BUSINESS

The new casting class taught by Chuck Lundstrom is in full swing. Jaime de Zubeldia just started a faceting open lab on Friday evenings from 6-9pm. He can teach a couple of beginners during the open lab. Contact him if you are interested. There is also an open cabbing lab on Sunday afternoons from 1-4pm.

The Club will have a contest for bracelets next month. Bring your entry to the next meeting and members will vote for their favorite! Winners will receive their choice of a lab card or a T-shirt with the new logo.

Don received a call from Hazel Battiste before the meeting. She wanted to make sure that the Club knew she wanted to KEEP Rocky in the logo! The rule for the contest was that Rocky had to remain part of the logo, so Rocky stays. Ron Davidson told the members that Rocky's picture actually came from a dog food company many years ago. The Club asked them for permission to use the image, and they agreed.

Wayne Klement received an email from Susan Bakersite at C.E. Rose Elementary School. She thanked the Club for the rocks that were donated to the school. She said they were

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such a hit with the students. She also sent a gift basket for members.

Rim Tallat-Kelpsa has organized a tour to Ray Mine on Friday, November 3rd. There is a sign-up sheet on the board. He needs at least one SUV driver. They will meet at the Trader Joe's Shopping Center at Oracle and Magee at 6:45am. The group leaves for the mine at 7:00am and should be there by 8:30am. You need a hard hat. safety glasses, and durable shoes. Tennis shoes are not recommended. Steel-toed boots are recommended, but not required. The mine will provide you with a hard hat and

glasses if you need them, but the Club strongly recommends that you bring your own. Dave Witwer went to the Ray Mine recently with TGMS and told the members about the trip. There is a place where the mine dumps material that they take the Clubs to. When he went, he saw native copper and chrysocolla. The miners dug trenches for them too. Rim said to bring \$5 to give to the guide as a gratuity, and the group gives the SUV drivers \$10 each for gas.

Sylvia Czayo answered the question from the newsletter this month. Name three artificial stones: corundum, spinal, and cubic zirconia.

Paul Head announced that he will be teaching a new Gem Cad

class starting Thursday, November 9th at 4:00pm. There are four slots maximum. The cost will be \$30 and the class will last six weeks.

The meeting ended at 9:40am. Sylvia V. Elam gave a presentation on beaded jewelry to Club members.

Carl Bowlby drew his own name and won the door prize this month – a free oil change. lube and filter, and tire rotation from BrakeMax on Oracle in Oro Valley. Congratulations, Carl!

There were eight wonderful entries in the pendant contest, and the pendant by Dave Witwer won. The Club had six entries in the logo contest, and the entry by Diana Hara won. Members at the meeting voted on the entries.

MONTHLY JEWELRY CONTESTS

In order for members to better plan for future monthly contests, here is the schedule for each category by month:

October - Pendent

January - Bolo Tie

April - Necklace

July - Charm

November - Bracelet December - Ring

February - Earrings March - Belt Buckle

May - Brooch June - Cabachon August - Faceted Stone September - Chain

And, for October ... Unusual items made of stone, e.g., table top, clock, or anything else.

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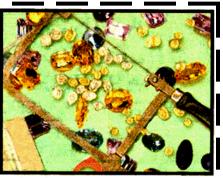
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RAY MINE FIELD TRIP - November 3, 2006

Eighteen OPLC members went on a field trip to the Ray Mine, organized by RimTallat-Kelpsa. Thanks Rim, for taking the time to make the arrangements and organize the trip. Everyone that was luck enough to attend indicated that it was an excellent outing and nobody went home disappointed.



Our guide for the day, Sterling Cook (r), took the group to an area where a crew was doing some drilling to prepare for a blast. By coincidence, this area also had a spot where some pretty nice chrysocolla with druzy was found.



A blasting hole, about 150' deep, add 50' of explosives, fill with dirt, hook all the fuses together for a synchronized blast and stand wayyyy back.



This is what happens when a huge boulder meets up with some avid rockhounds looking for chrysocolla with quartz crystals.



Another spot that Sterling Cook took the group. If this were a color picture, you could see a sprinkling of green on the side of the cut. A lot of beautiful color was picked up by everyone. By the way, Sterling Cook is the Senior Geologist at the Ray Complex and is a most gracious and informative host.



Tired rockhounders done for the day, bags are full and thinking about that hot shower.

Sterling and Rimthanks for a GREAT day!!!!

SILENT AUCTION - November 4, 2006

Another year and another **extremely** successful Silent Auction. The star of the show was Danny Harmsen. His masterful organization kept things humming all day. He was supported by many Club members who helped with getting boxes to store items for each table, clearing tables of unsold items and 'restocking', clean-up before and after, money takers, kitchen wizards, and of especially, of course, the many people who attended and purchased the many treasures that were offered for sale that made it all worth while for everybody.



Part of the Team (I-r) Don Rittenberry holding a Brazilian Amethyst donated by Tucson Gem Centar, Jim Griffin, Danny Harmsen, and Merv Hiller. It was donations like this that helped make the Silent Auction a huge success.

Photograph by Bill Carmody



For most of the day it was elbow to elbow, and the silent bidding was contagious.



A couple of 'wizards' of the kitchen, (I-r) Norma Lackow and Charlotte Rittenberry (Head Chef). Not pictured, Jo Ann Sam and Maribeth Terry.



Photograph by Bill Carmody

Towards the end of the day. Even the kids had a good time bidding on their treasures, some outbidding the adults.

UPCOMING ROCK & GEM SHOWS

NOVEMBER 2006:

9-11--PESHAWAR, PAKISTAN: 13th show, "Pakistan Gem & Mineral Show 2006"; Peal Continental Hotel Peshawar, 2nd floor, Al Jalil Market, Namak Mandi; Thu. 8-7:30, Fri. 8-7:30, Sat. 8-7:30; adults 15000 Pak Rs; contact Mirza Imran Nazir, 2nd floor, Al Jalil Market, Namak Mandi, Peshawar, NWFP 25000, 009291-2213396; e-mail: apceap@brain.net.pk; Web site: www.gems.com.pk.

10-12--FENTON (ST. LOUIS), MISSOURI: 49th annual show; St. Louis Mineral & Gem Society; Stratford Inn, 800 S. Highway Dr., I-44 Bowles exit; Fri. 4-8, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-5; contact M. Perucca, 1307 Mystic Seaport, Fenton, MO 63026.

11-12--LAKE HAVASU CITY, ARIZONA: 37th annual show; Lake Havasu Gem & Mineral Society; City Community (Aquatic) Center, 100 Park Ave.; free admission; Sat. 9-4, Sun. 9-4; exhibits, dealers, working demonstrations, meteorite presentation, micro mineral demonstration, handcrafted jewelry, raffle, hourly door prizes; contact Manny Frisch, (928) 855-9324.

17-19--ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO: Show; The Bead Renaissance Shows; New Mexico State Fairgrounds, 300 San Pedro; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; free admission; retail and wholesale dealers, ancient, vintage and contemporary beads, buttons, jewelry, tools, books; contact J&J Promotions, P.O. Box 420, Williamsburg, NM 87942, (505) 894-1293; e-mail: info@beadshow.com; Web site: www.beadshow.com.

24-26--SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA: Show; Gem Faire; WestWorld of Scottsdale, 16601 N. Pima Rd.; 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.

25-26--BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA: Show; Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Society; 841 Barstow Rd.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; contact Gene Haines, (760) 256-0595.

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Contact Earl Zoeller 886-3518

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Tuesdays 9 AM - Noon

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Tools and equipment available.
Contact Don Rittenberry 682-8317

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Wednesdays 6 - 9PM

Beginning Casting - Class fee charged.

Contact Chuck Lundstrom 577-6446

Wire Wrap (Advanced) - Class fee charged Contact Maribeth Terry - 331-7066

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Fridays 9 AM - Noon

Open Lab - Fee charged.

Contact Dan Harmsen 721-8452

Fridays 6 - 9 PM

Beginning Faceting & Open Lab -Class fee charged.
Contact Jaime De Zubeldia 616-9344

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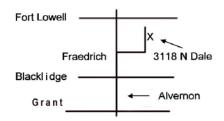
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