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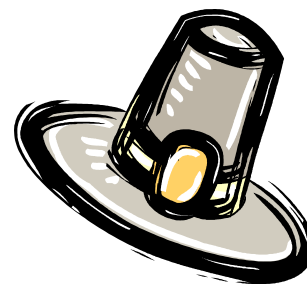
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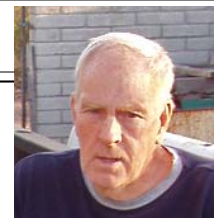
Please join us on November 10th for the next meeting. Optional social hour begins at 8:00 AM, followed by the monthly educational program at 9:00 AM, and ends with the monthly meeting at 10:00 AM.



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THE PREZ SEZ by Ron Davidson, President



I just talked with Ron to see what he wanted included in the Prez Sez comments for this month. He said he is really happy to be out of the VA Hospital and back among us. His knee has a new, super-long scar on it now. Let's hope that it doesn't get inflected again, ever. He gets around pretty well. He has gotten most of his flexibility restored and is just waiting for it to get strong again so we can go rock hounding.

He said to be sure and tell

you that the silver smithing room and lapidary labs are open on Saturday from 10 AM to 3 PM and Tuesday 9 to 12 PM with him at the helm again. He is looking forward to a good turn out for the Silent Auction and forward to seeing everybody at the monthly meeting on November 10th.

Ron is pleased to see that the electrical work has been done, that we have a new air conditioner in the casting room, and a new

refrigerator in the club house. Things just get better and better.

I have been pleased to see so many cars in our parking lot over the last several weeks. Our snow birds are back and things seem to be bustling around here (as they should).

See you at the auction.

Bill Carmody for Ron Davidson



A huge GOODBYE to Billy Bob Riley. For those of you who don't know, Billy Bob is leaving Tucson November 3rd for Woodbine, Georgia. Billy Bob is leaving us to pursue other business opportunities and we wish him Godspeed on his new endeavor. Billy Bob will be greatly missed as he has unselfishly donated a lot of time teaching cabbing and imparting his wisdom and machining skills making improvements around the Club. He wants to thank everyone for their help and friendship over the past years during his time at the Club.

A BIG THANK YOU goes to Keith and Barbara Alrick for generously donating an upright vacuum cleaner to the Club. It should be noted that it was refurbished to ensure that it would be in 'good as new' condition.

MONTHLY MEETING PRESENTORS

NOVEMBER - - Chris Riley will give a talk about glass blowing entitled "Flame Working".

DECEMBER - - No program this month due to the Christmas party.

JANUARY - - Our own Abe Lackow will give a program on the fascinating art of silversmithing.

FEBRUARY - - No meeting due to Gem Show activities.

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OCTOBER BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

By Diana Hara, Secretary



The meeting came to order at 10:00 AM. A quorum was present.

Minutes from September were approved. It was mentioned that Jerry Foley's name needed to be corrected in the minutes (note from Secretary – Jerry's name was misspelled on page 5 in the newsletter under the photo for Abe's silversmithing class rather than in the minutes.)

There were no guests this month. The club welcomed new members Phil Muir, and Ken and Gwen Folsom. Phil is interested in everything going on at the club. He works at the mirror lab at the University of Arizona. He will be presenting one of next year's programs to us and wants to provide the club with a tour of the mirror lab next year. Ken and Gwen Folsom are Dan Harmsen's brother-in-law and sister. Gwen went through Harrison's rock hounding course at Pima County. Ken is interested in lapidary arts. Welcome!

Abe Lackow and Jenny Coniglio are celebrating birthdays in October. Happy Birthday!

Thank you to Ginny Peterson, Norma Lackow, and Bill Carmody for refreshments

this month! There were so many goodies that there may have been some other mystery donations. Sorry if we missed your name, but we thank you for the treats.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ron Davidson is still in the VA hospital but is scheduled to be out on October 18th. If you would like to give him a call, the most recent number you can reach him at is 792-1450 x1-5359.

Rim Tallat-Kelpsa took the floor to talk about upcoming field trips. The Ray Mine tour is set for Friday, November 11th. The list of folks going is on the board. He also mentioned that the geologist for the Silverbell Mine quit, so any tours out there are off for the moment. There was mention of going to the Tyrone Mine in New Mexico and the Raleigh Mine. Diane Braswell will find out more about the Tyrone Mine and Ken Ledbetter will look into a tour of the Raleigh Mine. Both will then talk more with Rim.

Billy Bob Riley will be leaving Tucson permanently at the end of October. The club needs volunteers to assume his role as the silver room lab monitor, and the cabbing instructor. Please contact a board member if you

are interested.

Sylvia Czayo gave the membership the answer to the Faceter's Corner question in the newsletter: Zircon does have a high reflective index: 1.93-1.99.

New fans have been installed in the clubhouse. The old fans are free on a first-come, first-serve basis. They are on the table up near the podium. Other new items recently installed are: a new refrigerator in the kitchen, a new air conditioner in the casting room, an exhaust fan in the saw room, and new phones. For those who have been gone, projects completed over the summer were the remodel/upgrade to the bathroom in the shop, phone line repairs, plumbing repairs, and electrical wiring upgrades.

Bill Carmody took the floor to talk about the electrical work. The silver room was re-wired when GFI outlets were installed and some safety issues were found. GFI outlets were also added in the cabbing room. Additional lights were installed in the shop hallway and the casting room, and conduits

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were added to the switch box. All electrical issues have now been addressed and resolved.

The board needs a volunteer to lead the next project: painting the cement floor in the shop. If you are interested and have some time to help, please contact a board member.

Bill also mentioned that we still need volunteers for President and Treasurer in 2008. Please contact Bill ASAP if you are interested. We need to finalize the nominees in November.

Jerry Payne took the floor to announce that Chuck Lundstrom has a new casting class starting this coming Wednesday, 10/17. Please contact Chuck if you are interested.

Paul Head took the floor and announced that he will be starting another GemCad class the second Tuesday in November (11/13) from 9am – 12pm. The class fee is \$40 for 6 weeks.

Donna Pugh announced that there are still quite a few of the

new T-shirts we had made last year. They are \$12.

Abe Lackow asked for a volunteer with the expertise to make torch holders for the silver room. Paul Head volunteered.

Requests for donations were made for working vacuum cleaners. If you have one you would be willing to donate to the club, please contact a board member.

Willa Kleymann took the floor and asked if anyone was participating in the Ryan Airfield Show this year. It is on the same day as the November meeting. She said that they are not offering indoor spaces to OPLC members this year.

OLD BUSINESS

Any old business was covered in the Announcements section.

NEW BUSINESS

Dave Witwer asked for a volunteer to assume the Kitchen Coordinator role for the Silent Auction. Willa Kleymann volunteered and Jim Griffin volunteered his wife to help. Willa will talk to Sheila Powell to see what needs to be done.

There is no educational

program scheduled for December since the club will be holding the election and having the Christmas Potluck. Sheila Powell has generously offered to coordinate the potluck. There is a sign-up sheet at the back table. The business meeting will be held at 10am and the potluck will follow.

Dave mentioned that the board is considering a change to the way membership dues are collected and paid. There will be a presentation to the membership in November.

A final call for volunteers was made. If you are interested in helping with any of the tasks/positions mentioned in the minutes, please contact a board member!

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 am.

October's program presenter was our own Jenny Coniglio. She gave a wonderful presentation on beading.

The door prize this month was a color-changing faceted heart CZ donated by Paul Head. The winner was Jerry Payne.

Chuck Peters was the winner of the pendant contest. Congratulations!

WHEN POLISHING PERIDOT apply a drop of lemon juice or vinegar to speed things considerably. The slight acid seems responsible for the improvement. Rinse laps and splash pans with plain water when finished.

Source: Strata Gem — 8/04



JENNY CONIGLIO OCTOBER PRESENTOR

Jenny's presentation was very well received revealing many nice-to-know tid bits on the fine art of wire wrapping.

TO PRESERVE FOSSILS:

After proper cleaning, paint the fossil with diluted Elmer's glue and water (50/50). It dries fast and makes the fossil look sharp and clean. It can also be washed off if necessary with no trouble.

Source: Rock Chips, April 2007

MURRAY'S ON A SHOPPING SPREE FOR THE CLUB



Why is it that the one you want is always out of reach? Murray, shown here, going after an a/c unit for the casting room.



Murray, with Wayne, lashing down a new refrigerator headed for the kitchen at the Club.



What a team. It took 3 people (Wayne, Bill, and Murray) to uncrate and move the fridge into the kitchen.



THE OLD AND THE NEW(ER)

Hannah Rouse at 13 months old, is sitting on some dinosaur tracks located in the Tehran Wash that date back 65 million years ago. It should be noted that this is her third trip to the Tehran Wash, the first when she was 3 months old!

Note: This article was submitted by Michael and Janey Johnson, new members to the Club in January 2007:

NORTHWEST ROCKHOUDING TRIP SEPTEMBER 2007

Day 1 We went to the Rice Museum of Rocks and Minerals, located just west of Hillsborough, Oregon, which specializes on Oregon material. The premier exhibition was the Alma Rose taken from the Sweet Home Mine in Colorado. The Rice family purchased this and the Alma King for \$1M in the early 1990s. The Rose was magnificent and will be on display at the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show in 2008. There were many other specimens on display, including opal, jasper, agate, and others. If you are in the area, it is well worth the trip to view the museum.

Day 2 Traveled to McDermitt, Nevada, to meet our friends (Rupps and Alricks) from Tucson.

Day 3 We went into southern Oregon and collected superb petrified wood that has many colors, including red, blue, yellow, green, olive, and brown. There are many fractures, so it was difficult to get pieces suitable for cutting, but we did find lots.

Day 3 We continued collecting petrified wood and moved to another area to collect wonderstone and something that is called "chicken tracks" because it has patterns on the top that resemble chicken tracks. This is just a novelty, but a few yard rocks spur discussion.

Day 4 We went back to a different area in Oregon and collected some interesting jasper that is red, blue and yellow. We then moved to another area and collected purple cow agate. Janey remarked that it is called that because the first person to find it said, "Holy cow, it is purple." In the same area, we found and collected opalized wood that is yellow, brown, black and white. With this, we finished at McDermitt.

Day 5 We traveled to Caldwell, Idaho. This was a down day because we had to reorganize our trucks to make room for rocks, and we had laundry to do.

Day 6 We crossed the Snake River back into Oregon and went to a private claim to collect blue opal, which is found in geodes. This material is a bright blue and is very pretty. We found a nice amount in the tailings. Our only restriction (from the owners) is not to sell the opal. It is sold by the carat at Tucson and is gem grade quality.

Day 7 We traveled to another claim, by the same owners, and collected many pounds of gorgeous picture jasper. We do not have the restriction to not sell this. We did not have to dig for this, so we went to Graveyard Point in the afternoon and collected some very nice plume agate.

Day 8 We traveled to Prineville, Oregon. This was about a 7 hour drive, which meant no collection.

Day 9 We traveled to the Lucky Strike Claim and collected gorgeous thunder eggs filled with carnelian agate. The geodes varied in size, and the largest we got was about 10 inches in diameter. There were some that were 15-16 inches in diameter, but we did not find those. The eggs sold for \$1/pound. We also purchased Blue Mountain agate which comes from another claim in Oregon.

Day 10 We traveled to Richardson's Ranch and collected thunder eggs. These geodes are filled with Priday agate. These sell for 75 cents per pound.

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Day 11 Said goodbye to our friends, the Alricks, and traveled back to Caldwell starting home. Stopped at Glass Butte (Oregon), and collected some very nice pieces of rainbow and mahogany obsidian.

Day 12 Said goodbye to our friends, the Rups. Traveled to Moab, and spent one day looking for Dubinque agate and found a few nice pieces. Also found gizzard rocks from dinosaurs and some dinosaur bone. This was the end of a very successful rock-hounding trip for all of us. We look forward to cutting our rocks and showing the pieces to others. We will begin planning our trip for next September.

NOTE: If any club members want more information on locations, contact us at michaeljaney@aol.com.



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From Napa Gems 09/2007 via Petrograph

WHAT IS THE SIMPLEST GEM & WHAT IS THE MOST COMPLEX?

The diamond is the simplest gem — the chemical composition being all of carbon and crystallized isometrically.

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Source: The Glacial Drifter — November 2005

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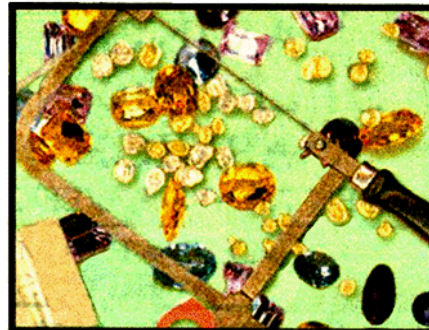
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Please don't forget to bring in **YOUR** aluminum cans to the Club for recycling. Your contribution would be greatly appreciated to help add \$'s to the Club's treasury.

Thanks !!

MEMBERSHIP NOTE

Due to the significant increase in the price of name badges, it has become necessary to charge \$3.00 for members that need a replacement badge.



ADVANCED FACETOR'S CORNER

The October question of the month was: Zircons have a high reflective index True or False?

The answer True

NOVEMBER QUESTION OF THE MONTH: A 1 ct. zircon is larger in size than a 1 ct. emerald. T or F?
Come to the November meeting to hear the answer.



MONTHLY JEWELRY CONTESTS

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

October - Pendant	January - Bolo Tie	April - Necklace	July - Charm
November - Bracelet	February - Earrings	May - Brooch	August - Faceted Stone
December - Ring	March - Belt Buckle	June - Cabochon	September - Chain

The winner of the jewelry contest for October was Chuck Peters. Congratulations Chuck!



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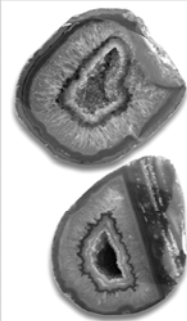
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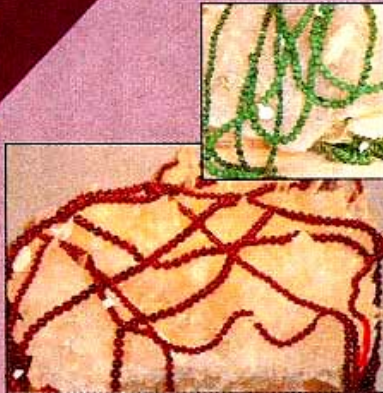
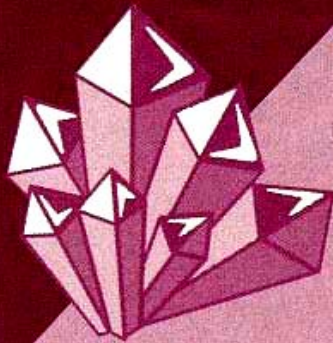


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Mondays 6 - 9 PM

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Contact Earl Zoeller 886-3518

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~~Contact **Billy Bob Riley 668-1082** (TBD)~~

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Tuesdays 10AM - 1PM

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Monitor - Jim Baker 886-2126

Tuesdays 6 - 9 PM

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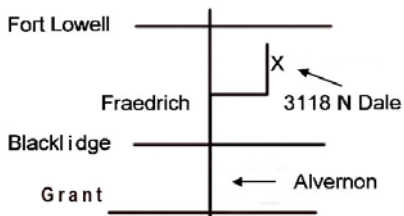
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