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**July 11th at 9:00am
for the next monthly
meeting. There is an
optional social hour
that begins at 8:00am
followed by the
monthly business
meeting. Visitors are
always welcome.**



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

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THE PREZ SEZ by Dave Richardson, President

The fourth of July is here and with it, the celebration of the country's 250th birthday. I hope everyone enjoyed this special event.

The summer is here and with it a reduction in club members' activity. The labs have open spots and the indoor field trips are not well attended. Many opportunities are available for members to take advantage of the club's amenities.

One amenity we have is the soda refrigerator in the lab building. It has come to the Board's attention that many members are not honoring the soda purchases by paying for them. If this continues, we will need to remove the ability to buy sodas at a great price. Options considered are to eliminate the refrigerator requiring members to bring their own refreshments or hire in a vendor to install a vending machine (that will increase the cost of sodas substantially). I regret needing to bring this to the members attention but the abuse of a few is going to hurt everyone. Please help police this and let me or a member of the Board know of any abuses. If the honor system does not work, then the benefit will be lost for all.



July 11, 2026, OPLC speaker - Jeffrey W. Martz, PhD

Late Triassic vertebrate faunal succession in the western United States and its connection to climatic and tectonic change: 2026 status



Dr. Jeffrey W. Martz, Museum of Texas Tech University booth at the 2025 Lubbock Gem & Mineral Society Club, and at TTU; Photos © HSH

We are in for another great treat for our July 11, 2026 OPLC monthly meeting, with a our returning speaker who is currently visiting/working in Arizona, Dr. Jeffrey W. Martz, Curator of Paleontology Museum at the Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas, and Director of Antarctic Research Center. He will be talking to us about the **Late Triassic vertebrate faunal succession in the western United States and its connection to climatic and tectonic change: 2026 status**.

Here is a description of his presentation:

The Upper Triassic Dockum, Chinle, and Chugwater groups of the Four Corners states,

Speaker Information cont'd on top of next page.....

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.....*Monthly speaker information cont'd...*

Wyoming, and Texas, contain one of the most complete records of ecological change in the western United States during the last 30 million years of the Triassic Period (the Carnian, Norian, and Rhaetian stages). Correlating and dating these units to work out the sequence of vertebrate fossils in the region and combining this with information on climate and geologic changes, reveals how environmental changes may have been linked to ecological change. Middle to Late Triassic changes in the vertebrate fossil record involve a loss of diversity for some groups but an overall explosion in archosaur diversity and the appearance of many characteristic Mesozoic and Cenozoic clades. These faunal changes are tied to increasingly wet climate: the initiation of Upper Triassic sedimentation followed the Carnian Pluvial Episode, with wet conditions persisting into the Late Carnian and Early Norian before shifting to increasingly arid conditions during the latest Triassic. Sequence stratigraphy became more strongly coupled across the western United States during the Middle Norian (after ~217 Ma), beginning with localized Tr-4 incision and progradation of the Sonsela and Trujillo distributive fan systems (DFS) during low accommodation. This was followed in the Late Norian by subsidence and DFS retrogradation across the western United States, accompanied by increasing tectonically driven aridity in the region and the appearance of Revueltian and Apachean vertebrate faunas, which were generally less diverse than Otischalkian and Adamanian faunas.

Dr. Jeffrey W. Martz is a geologist and paleontologist, who studies the animals and environments of the Late Triassic, the beginning of the Age of Dinosaurs. He obtained his Bachelor's degree in Zoology from Colorado State University in Fort Collins in 1999 and conducted his graduate studies at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, where he began to specialize in the study of Upper Triassic stratigraphy and vertebrates. Dr. Martz received his Master's degree and PhD in Geosciences from Texas Tech University in 2002 and 2008 respectively.

After departing from Texas in 2008, he spent three years working at Petrified Forest National Park in northern Arizona, which contains one of the most complete records of Late Triassic environmental and ecological changes in the world, producing publications and a revised geologic map. After leaving Petrified Forest, he spent several years doing freelance geology and paleontology work for the Denver Museum of Nature and Science and Mesalands Community College in Tucumcari, New Mexico, and the Utah Geological Survey. This work resulted in publications and open file reports relating to Upper Triassic stratigraphy and paleontology. Dr. Martz was hired as Assistant Professor of Geology at the University of Houston-Downtown in the fall semester of 2019, receiving tenure in 2020. At UH-D, he continued field work in the Upper Triassic rocks of Utah, Arizona, Colorado, and Nevada, publishing on the oldest dinosauromorphs from Colorado, which were collected from the Eagle Basin of Colorado. Dr. Martz took over as Curator of Paleontology at the Museum of Texas Tech University in the fall of 2024.

Please make sure you don't miss this great speaker. For more information about visit [Museum of Texas Tech University | Museum | TTU](#)

Looking forward to seeing you all,

Helen Serras-Herman, OPLC Program Chair

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Minutes of OPLC Membership Meeting
June 13, 2026, at 9:00 am at OPLC
William Penrose, Secretary, wrp0143@comcast.net

The presentation was given by Program Chair Helen Serras-Herman, “Red, White & Blue Gems & Jewelry – A Celebratory & Patriotic Feast”.

Announcements –

Thank you to Wayne Klement for bringing the donuts today.

Minutes of the May 9 meeting were accepted by voice vote.

RMFMS Annual meeting. No one from our club is expected to attend.

A card-key system will be acquired to replace our insecure key locks for main access points.

Treasurer Report – Finances are in good shape. Club activities are slower as usual in the summer heat.

Progress is being made in making it possible for members to pay annual dues and certain other fees by credit card.

Membership Report – Janet Keisler – The membership stands at 399 plus two memberships not yet processed.

New members were introduced.

Lab Facilities – Activities are slower in the summer heat, as expected.

Field Trips – Mo Garrett – The next indoor ‘field trip’ will be on June 27, to the Arizona Natural Science Museum in Mesa. Mo has prepared an event calendar, first draft, which will be made available to members asap.

Door Prizes – Were won by Cindy Baker, Melissa Nobel, Bill Cascio, Helen Ringus, and Dolores Mano.

Adjourned – 10.40 am.

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OPLC SPEAKERS FORECAST 2026

I would like to thank all of our speakers who give us some terrific and diverse presentations that our members have truly enjoyed. They come near and far and we are definitely enriched by their shared knowledge and expertise. And huge thanks to all of our members who come and are great audiences for our speakers.

Here is the latest list for our upcoming speakers:

July 11, Dr. Jeffrey Martz, paleontologist, **Late Triassic vertebrate faunal succession in the western United States and its connection to climatic and tectonic change: 2026 status**

August 8, 2026, Dr. Larry Fellows, **Wings Over Wilcox and Road Scholar Geology programs**

September 12, 2026, Mo Garrett, **Cataloging Your Collection**

October 10, 2026, Bill Gardner, **The Purple Passion Mine & Fluorescent lights**

November 14, 2026, Les Presmyk

OPLC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

An application form can be downloaded from the Club website at: www.lapidaryclub.org

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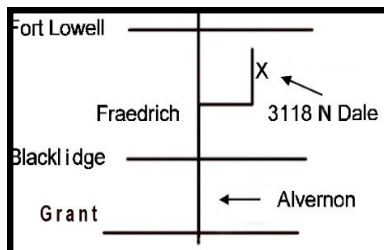
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Attn: Membership Chairperson
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The Business Meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month except for December. A pre-meeting social hour is at 8:00 am, followed by an educational program, and ends with the monthly meeting. Visitors are most welcome.

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Minutes of OPLC Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 30, 2026 5:00 pm
Penrose, wrp0143@comcast.net

Present: Dave Richardson presiding, Chuck Lundstrom, Bruce Noble, Bill Penrose, Mark Dragoslovich, Wayne Klement, Wendy Huber, Giac d'Acquisto, Ray Darragh, Ken Briggs, David Schulte. A quorum was present.

Treasurer Report – Bruce Noble – There is net positive cash balance for last month. The Square account has been opened with Bruce and Dave Richardson as principal contacts. It still has to be tested and instructions distributed to club members who normally accept payments on behalf of the club.

Membership – Jan Keisler – currently 405 members in good standing.

Lab Reports –

Cabbing lab – Ken Briggs – All OK. Mark Dragoslovich is now a monitor on Mondays.

Silver lab – There is a new monitor for Wednesday nights.

Saw room – Ray Darragh – Slow but steady.

Casting – Chuck Lundstrom – All okay. A new class starts tomorrow. The Saturday monitor has moved to Sunday.

Faceting – Dave Richardson – A quote has been received for upgrading one faceting machine. It falls within the lab's budget for the year.

Donations – Chuck Lundstrom - No activity.

RMFMS Convention – Proxy form has been prepared, since no one from the club will be attending.

Security – Dave Richardson – Dave Richardson will be experimenting with a card key system in the coming month.

Field Trips – Mo Garrett –Eight members attended the trip to the museum in Mesa. The next trip will be July 18 to the Pinal Country Geology and Mineral Museum in Coolidge.

OPLC Bylaws – Dave Richardson – The bylaws are out of date and in need of revision, particularly in the area of elections. Elections are too compressed into the last weeks of each year. Dave R. will draft some changes.

Compensating Monitors – Monitors teach classes as volunteers but some incur significant out of pocket expenses in doing so, for example, in gasoline costs. Discussion broadened to the general issue of compensating monitors. A suggestion was made to issue a special shop card to monitors monthly (for example) rather than allow monitors to freely use labs. Rather than decide on the spot, a committee of Ken Briggs, Mark Dragoslovich, and Dave Richardson will meet to draft suggested changes to the monitor compensation policy.

Soda Dispenser – Wayne reported that soda is disappearing from the refrigerator and not being paid for. A warning will be placed on the refrigerator that an outside vendor will be contacted to put in a vending machine (which will charge a much higher price). In the meantime, Bruce will inquire about vending machine operators.

Adjourn – 6:05 pm.

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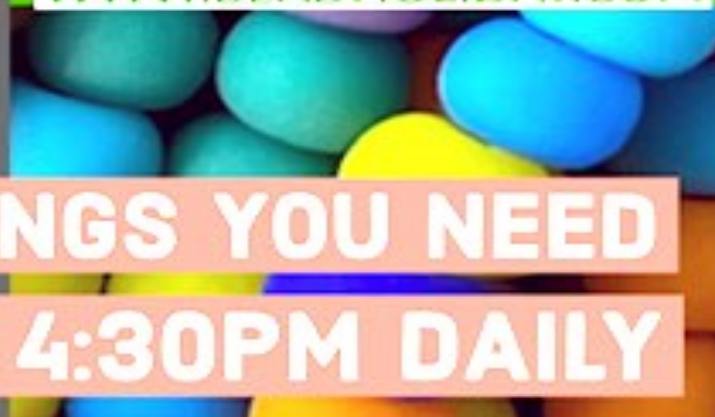
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Friday	10am-2pm Giac D'Acquisto (520) 444-4143	
Saturday	9am-12pm David Schulte (520) 954-8554	
Sunday	10am-2pm Giac D'Acquisto (520) 444-4143	

Faceting

Monday	9am-12pm Dave Richardson (520) 245-2172 Class & Open Lab
Wednesday	5:30pm-8:30pm David Schulte (520) 954-8554 Open Lab
Thursday	4pm-7pm Chuck Lundstrom (520) 241-9262 Class
Sunday	12:30pm-3:30pm Dave Richardson (520) 245-2172 Class & Open Lab

Casting

Upcoming casting classes sign up outside the Casting Department clip board outside the lab door. Chuck will teach Lost Wax casting classes every other month starting in January.

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Thursday	9am-12pm Mark Dragoslovich (520) 906-4657
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Friday	9am-12pm 3rd and 4th Friday of the month Trevor Mock (520) 461-5902
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