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Please join us on
June 9th for the next meeting.
Optional social hour begins
at **8:00 AM**, followed by the
monthly educational program
at **9:00 AM**, followed by the
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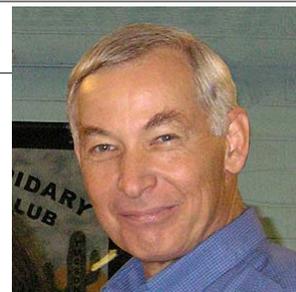
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new meeting
format!!



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THE VICE PREZ SEZ by Dave Witwer, Vice President



Our president, Ron Davidson, is back in the VA hospital. He had surgery to remove his artificial knee on Friday, May 11. According to Ron, he will be in the hospital for 6 weeks before returning home for a month and then going back for 3 more weeks to have a new knee implanted. Please keep Ron in your thoughts. His phone number is: 792-1450 and extension: 5294.

At the May meeting attendance was down noticeably. I can think of two reasons for this. First, most of our snowbird members have left for cooler climes for the summer. We'll be looking forward to their return in the fall. On days that it gets up to 110

degrees around here I'm tempted to think they're the smart ones. Second, there was a TGMS field trip to the ever popular Ray Mine that some of our members attended. I heard that it was quite hot down in the pit that day.

All members need to be aware of a change in meeting protocol that was approved by the membership at the May meeting. The meetings will start with the program at 9:00 and proceed to the business meeting afterward. This will be done on a trial basis for the remainder of the year.

Special thanks are in order for Murray Hiller for organizing another successful booth at the Fair and Bill Carmody for his

continuing hard work on the plumbing problem.

Finally, if members have ideas for programs, activities or shop improvements, please contact any officer or board member. The ideas can be discussed at a board meeting and then brought before the general membership as needed. Something similar to this had been done in the past and a number of good ideas had been instituted. Thank you all for your continuing support.

Your Vice President,
Dave Witwer

REMINDERS - - SUMMER LAB CLOSINGS

- **Danny will be closing the Friday open cabbachon lab May 18th and it will re-open October 5, 2007.**
- **Lou Akerman will be leaving town for the summer so the Monday afternoon open Silver Smithing Lab is closed and will reopen on September 17.**

MONTHLY MEETING PRESENTORS

JUNE

Dick Zimmerman from the Arizona Mining and Mineral Museum will talk about the history of the museum, interior and exterior displays, and what projects are underway for the future.

JULY

Shipherd Reed will talk about the Miner's Story Project. (Ed. Note: You may recall, if you went to the gem show at the TCC, there was a display depicting this topic).

AUGUST

Anna Domitrovic will give a talk about the copper minerals of the Sonoran Desert region.

SEPTEMBER

Debbie Colodner will speak about the Geology of the Gulf of California.

OCTOBER

Jenny Coniglio will speak about having fun with beads.

MAY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

By Diana Hara



The meeting came to order at 9:01 AM. A quorum was present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dave Witwer began the meeting with an announcement regarding Ron Davidson. Ron was having trouble with his knee again and asked Bill Carmody to take him to the hospital on Tuesday night (5/8). He had surgery to remove his new prosthesis on Friday night (5/11), so Dave is acting for Ron while he is out. Ron may be in the hospital for a few months again. They have to make sure they get all the bacteria out of his leg before putting his prosthesis back in. You can contact Ron at (520) 792-1450 extension 1146. He is in room 115 at the VA hospital.

The door prize this month is some turquoise donated by Ron Davidson.

New members in attendance were Bob and Bette Powell from Vail. They are interested in all aspects of the lapidary arts – faceting, cabbing, and silversmithing. Another new member, Jerry Foley from Marana, and guests Carol Huntington and her friend were also in attendance. Welcome new members and visitors!

Birthdays to celebrate this month are for Bob O'Donnell and Phil Babcock – Happy Birthday!

Sylvia Czayo gave the answer to this month's Faceter's Corner: Jade is tougher than topaz – True or False? The

answer is True.

The board is going through the process of updating the key log. If you have any keys to the club, please contact Diana Hara at 572-0339 or info@dianahara.com.

Bob O'Donnell announced that he had CD's of the presentation that Ryan Dewitt made to the club a few months ago about rockhounding in Arizona. There are copies in the clubhouse for anyone who wants one.

Bill Carmody made an announcement about cleaning the trailer out. Dan Harmsen, Murray Hiller, and Dave Arens went through the trailer and the storage room and did some cleaning. If you want any of the display cases or tables, you have until Tuesday to pick them up. Tables are \$5 each. Display cases are free. If anyone is available to help with the final cleaning out on Tuesday, please contact Danny Harmsen.

Lou Akerman announced that he would be taking over Ron Davidson's lab monitor duties on Tuesdays and Saturdays through May. He will be leaving town for the summer on June 4th.

Sylvia Czayo took the floor and recognized Diana Hara for the work that she has done as secretary in the last month. Thank you, Sylvia!

Phil Babcock announced that he has taken over the Library duties for Cathy Van Atta for the

summer, but he will be gone in July and August. If you would like to check something out, please see Phil before then.

Dave Witwer announced that we still need a volunteer to assume the role of Treasurer. Donna Pugh has been gracious enough to fill the position temporarily, but we need someone to fill the role permanently. Contact any board member if you are interested.

On the same topic, Bill Carmody took the floor and announced that the club needs to plan for next year. He is the Nominating Committee Chairman for the next election. He said that Donna has been wonderful, but she needs to move on and have someone else take the reins. She has done an excellent job, and anyone new taking over would have a seamless transition at this point. He asked the membership to think about whom they would like to see as officers and board members next year. He also said that Ron Davidson does a great deal for the club. He is going to be out for awhile, and we need some volunteers to step up and help with some of the things that he does. Billy Bob Riley has also been a lab monitor and an

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instructor for a few years now, and we need someone to step in and give him some relief. If anyone is interested in volunteering to be a lab monitor or an instructor at the club, please contact one of the board members or officers.

OLD BUSINESS

Dave Witwer asked Bill Carmody for an update on the plumbing project. Bill said that the drain was snaked out last month and has been draining into the septic tank properly. We still need to get the pipes to drain through a sediment trap. His plumber has not been able to find a trap that is suitable for our needs yet. A second plumber is coming in on Tuesday, 5/15, to provide a second bid for the club to consider. Bill has a call into 'Busy D' to see where Tucson Parks and Recreation obtained their sediment trap. He said that this project would be taken care of over the next few months. He has to go to New York for a few weeks to take care of some family business, so there won't be too much activity on this until the end of June. It looks like it can be done for about \$1400.

NEW BUSINESS

Dave Witwer stated that there have been some concerns expressed by club members regarding the wiring in the shop. There have never been any problems in the past, but the

board has decided to have a licensed electrician come in and take a look around. In the event that any wiring upgrades are needed, the board may be asking the membership for funds to cover it.

Dave said that the board discussed switching the business meeting and educational program times. After discussion from the floor, a motion was made to switch the business meeting and the educational program times on a trial basis for the remainder of the year. A vote was taken and the motion passed. The Club's social hour will be from 8:00-9:00am, the educational program will be from 9:00-10:00am, and the business meeting will be from 10:00-11:00am.

Dave announced that we need new shop monitors. He asked the members to please think about it and consider volunteering. Billy Bob Riley mentioned that he has not had anyone attend the last three Tuesday night silversmithing labs that he monitors, so he is considering closing it for the summer. Lou Akerman's Monday afternoon lab will be closing for the summer beginning in June. Depending on volunteers, Ron Davidson's Tuesday AM and Saturday open shop may close for the summer.

Barb Mostoff took the floor and suggested that the club create a brochure for new members with little or no lapidary experience explaining what was offered at the club. She said that those with little

experience don't really know what to do once they join. The brochure could explain what is in each shop and what is taught in each class. Bill Carmody said that was a topic that should be discussed in the next board meeting. He said that he started that when he was President, but it was not completed.

Dave Witwer said that there is now a sign-up sheet for volunteers to bring refreshments. This will start at the June meeting, and Sheila Powell will be the coordinator of this effort. We need a few people each month to sign up to bring treats for the social hour. The sheet is in the back of the meeting room on the table where the sign-in sheet is located.

Dave also mentioned that the board would like to get ideas from the membership on what kind of activities they would like to have. The board also wants to know what kind of tools and equipment are lacking in the shops that you would like to have. The board will take all the information, prioritize it, and use it as a list to work from when there is money to buy new things or when planning social events.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40am.

May's program presenter was Constance Harmon on dichroic glass. Thank you, Constance!

Murray Hiller won the door prize. There were no entries in the jewelry contest this month.

BEHIND THE SCENES VOLUNTEER WORK

Thanks goes out to Sheila Powell for preparing and donating flats of mineral flats in the Club's name to the following schools:

- Hohokam Middle School
- Pistor Middle School
- Elvira Middle School
- Santa Clara Elementary School
- Sahurita Middle School

And thanks also go to Gretchen Arnaiz for her continued education programs with young people in local schools promoting rock collecting and related activities.

SPECIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

1. **If anyone has a key to something at the Club and haven't done so already, please call Diana Hara at 572-0339 and tell her what key(s) you have.**
2. Donations for Silent Auction - Due to the number of items or categories of specimens received, some of those items may be held over for the Silent Auction in the next year. And, some donated items do not go to Silent Auction if the item is better suited for use by the Club.

HOW TO SPOT A ROCKHOUND

- You can tell him by his honest face, and his willingness to share.
- You can tell him as he saunters by, his eyes glued to the ground.
- No matter where he goes, there's gemstones to be found.
- You can tell him by his friendly smile, he's an all-around pleasant guy.
- But the sure way to spot him, is the flashy bola tie!

Source: Rock Chips, June 2006

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ROCK SHOWS — June

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9-10--FRANKFORT, MICHIGAN: Rockhound seminar; Michigan Geology & Gemcraft Society; Frankfort High School, 534 11th St.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; contact Don Brown, (734) 421-8159.

16-17--GEORGETOWN, INDIANA: Treasure hunt; Down n' Dirty Diggers, Hoosier Hills Treasure Hunters Club; Mike's Metal Detecting Shop, 9350 Indian Bluff Rd.; call or write for entry form and fees, 10 different hunts, plaques awarded, raffles, prizes; contact Mike Byrn, Mike's Metal Detector Shop, 9350 Indian Bluff Rd., Georgetown, IN 47122, (812) 366-3558; e-mail: wooley@digicove.com.

22-24--SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO: 2nd annual show; Palace of the Governors Museum; Palace Ave. and Lincoln Ave.; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; free admission; guest speakers, children's beading workshop; contact Carlotta Boettcher, 120 Lincoln Ave., Santa Fe, NM 87501, (505) 476-5112; e-mail: carlotta.boettcher@state.nm.us; www.palaceofthegovernors.org.

23--24--COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO: 43rd annual show; Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society; Phil Long Expo Center, 1515 Auto Mall Loop; gems, minerals, jewelry, fossils; contact Kaye Thompson, (719) 636-2978, or Roger Pittman, (719) 683-2603; e-mail: rpittman@netzero.net; Web site: <http://csms.us>.

29-- July 2--FARMINGTON, NEW MEXICO: Show, "San Juan County Gem & Mineral Show"; San Juan Gem & Mineral Society; Farmington Civic Center; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5, Mon. 9-5; free admission; silent auction, door prizes, free rocks for kids, wheel of fortune; contact Mickie Calvert, (505) 632-8288, or Ruth Rightmire; e-mail: ruthrightmire@msn.com.

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MONEY SAVING DISCOUNTS

- **DAH Rock Shop** - 10% on most items. See ad on page 8 of this newsletter
- **Colorwright** - Amount of discount depends on item(s) being purchased
- **Jay's of Tucson** - 10% discount
- **Jed's Rock Shop** - 20% on all items
- **Copper City Rock Shop** - Bring in ad from page 9 of this newsletter and get 10% off on all purchases
- **Kent's Tools** - 10%
- **Tucson Mineral & Gem World** - 10%

DON'T FORGET

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 May question of the month: Jade is tougher than topaz - - True or False??

The answer TRUE

JUNE QUESTION OF THE MONTH:

Amber is an organic substance? - - True or False?

Come to the June 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 - Cabbachon	September - Chain

Each issue of the newsletter will print a reminder for the next month's contest.

NOTE:: There were no entries for the May jewelry contes.



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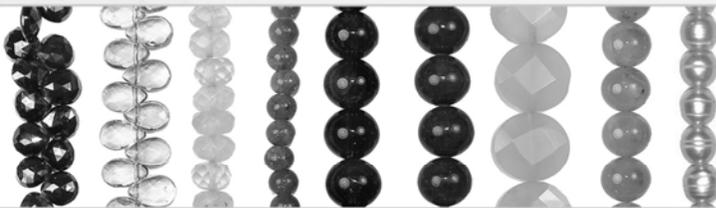


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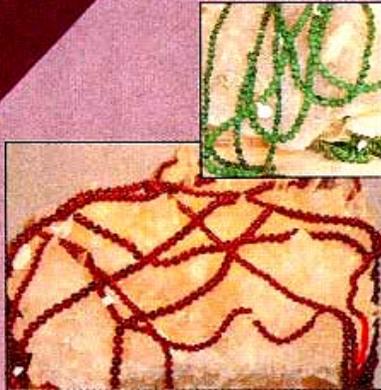
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Contact Lou Akerman 290-6968

(Lab will be closed June 4 and will reopen September 17)

Mondays 6 - 9 PM

Beginning Faceting - Class fee charged.

Contact Earl Zoeller 886-3518

Beginning Cabbng - Class fee charged.

Contact Billy Bob Riley 408-3074

Tuesdays 9 AM – Noon

Open Shop. Fee charged. Beginners welcome. Tools and equipment available.

Monitor – Ron Davidson 749-3157

Rock Sawing – Dave Arens 749-2413

Tuesdays 6 - 9 PM

Open Lapidary Lab - Fee charged. Beginners welcome. Tools and equipment available.

Open Silversmith Lab - Class fee charged.

Contact Billy Bob Riley 408-3074

Wednesdays 6 - 9PM

Beginning Casting - Class fee charged.

Contact Chuck Lundstrom 577-6446

Wire Wrap (Advanced) - Class fee charged

Contact Maribeth Terry - 331-7066

Thursdays 1 PM – 4 PM

Beginning Cabbng - Class fee charged.

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Fridays 6 - 9 PM

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Contact (To Be Determined)

Saturdays 10 - 3 PM

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Contact Ron Davidson 749-3157

Note - It is advisable to call before showing up for a lab in the event it was closed due to limited (no) summer attendance.

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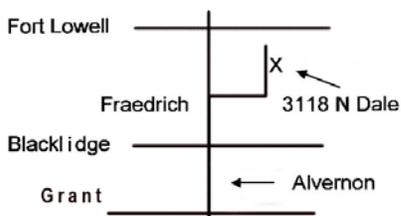
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Mail to: Membership Chairperson, Old Pueblo Lapidary Club, 3118 N. Dale, Tucson, AZ 85712



The Business Meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month. A pre-meeting social hour is at 8:00 a.m., followed by an educational program, followed by the monthly meeting. Visitors are welcome.