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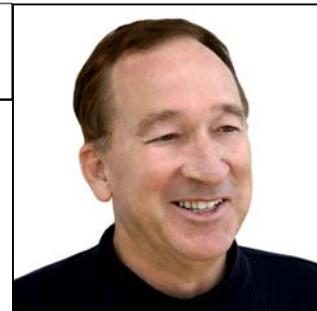
Please join us on September 10th for the next meeting which begins at 9:00am, optional social hour begins at 8:00am.



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 248-969-8556. Submission deadline is the 25th of each month. Thanks!

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THE PREZ SEZ.....by Bill Carmody



As we move into September, it is time to visit some topics and start our planning.

As you recall, I suggested we start planning for the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show (TGMS) this month. The TGMS President, Bill Hodgson, indicated that they would provide OPLC with a 10-foot booth on the east wall of the Exhibit Hall at no cost. It will probably be close to their information booth which suggests it will be in a high traffic area. There will be electricity for our faceting and cabochon creation demonstrations and other display equipment. At the September business meeting, I would like for us to decide what our booth will include, get some volunteers for conducting this activity, and possibly, identify a chairman to spearhead our effort. We should consider, as a minimum, a replication of this year's Fair setup.

Speaking of Fair, I would like to meet this month with the Club members who were involved in this year's Fair demonstrations and displays. At the business meeting we will establish a date and time when most of us can attend. We'll look at lessons learned and ways to improve our effectiveness. So, start thinking about these things and be ready to set a date.

I didn't see every single OPLC member at the recent OPLC/TGMS joint potluck. In

spite of this I was reassured by those in the know that it was an unqualified success. Seriously, there was a big turn-out and everyone I talked to wants to do another one. It's our turn to host. Preliminary talks with Bill Hodgson indicated that November 12th at 5 PM would be the best time for it this fall. As you remember, the past one was organized and coordinated by Ursula Wilson (OPLC) and Carol Johnston (TGMS). They did so splendidly that I have gotten them tentatively on the hook to do this one. Initial brainstorming came up with a possible country and western theme. So, let's discuss it at the meeting and yeah or nay it. If we yeah it, please have some ideas for theme, food, and if we need to find some funds for it.

Speaking of funds, it is time to be considering the November Silent Auction as a club. Some of our members have been thinking about it individually all along since last year's ended. I know this because, among other things, I have seen objects being donated, arriving at the Club, and being squirreled away in anticipation of this year's auction. Now, we all need to be thinking about how to garner donations, help plan, set it up, and conduct it. Even though the auction went very nicely last year and to get us started for this year, I want to meet with all of the people who participated last year and want to participate this year. Some of the

objectives of this meeting include how to be more efficient, remove rough spots, beef up security, and firm up leadership.

TGMS member Connie Clark reportedly has been directed to us with a lot of Lapidary Journals for the auction. So, be watching for them.

At this point, we need to build and sustain momentum to have these activities unfold properly. I have seen you in action and I know you can do it.

Don Dupue, Technical Director at Diamond Pacific generously donated Titan replacement wheels to the Club. Our Tom Stout had helped him with a project and when Don wanted to do something to show his appreciation, Tom suggested a donation to the Club. My rough guess, without going to a catalog, is that the donation is probably in the neighborhood of \$2,000 to \$2,500. So, on behalf of the Club, I extend a sincere thank to both Tom and Don. With careful husbanding, these wheels should last us a long time.

Speaking of donations, we send a thank you also to Marion Russell for his donation of scrap silver. (You know, I think some of the jewelry I have made has been called scrap silver..

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Murray Hiller

Odds and Ends: The Board of Directors voted to donate three of the club's unused display cases to Sheila Powell's educational project. The Board and I don't see the Club getting involved again in the sponsoring of a gem and mineral show. The shows in the past involved mammoth work and brought in very little cash. So, the Club doesn't need these cases.

recently fixed the lights in the kitchen. Thank you, Murray.

Here is some interesting information. The TGMS is conducting a mineral sale in December. Sadly, non-TGMS members aren't eligible to sell their wares there. However, if you want to sell something there, consider this: an OPLC member could join TGMS for \$15. In addition to being able to participate in the mineral sale,

you get in free to the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show (\$7 value), go to their Christmas party (entertainment), go to the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum in August for a tour of the minerals that are not on display to the general public, and tour the rest of the museum (\$12), go on field trips, etc. You get your money back, plus. Then, you will have your feet firmly planted in the two clubs (OPLC and TGMS) that span the mineral spectrum.

AUGUST BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES By..... Ursula Wilson

President Bill Carmody called the meeting to order at 9:02. A quorum was present.

There were no corrections to the minutes of last months meeting. They were approved as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Harry Strauss, Harrison Yocum, and Ralph Giehls have become lifetime members of the OPLC. Congratulations to Harry, Ralph, and Harrison. The criteria for becoming a lifetime member are being 80 years or older and have been a Club member in good standing for at least five years. Lifetime members are not required to pay dues. If any of you qualify, please notify Jim Griffin, Membership Chairman.

Bill talked with Larry Gallagher on Thursday. He sounds good. He is on dialysis 3 times a week which limits his activity. Therefore, he will not be able to do his opal class. Please give him a call if you have a chance.

Anna Domitrovic, from the Desert Museum's Earth Sciences Center, sent us a letter announcing her retirement after 28 years of service. Donna Pugh read the letter to the attending members. We congratulate Anna and wish her luck.

Donna Pugh gave us a list of up and coming rock and gem shows. The Dallas Gem and Mineral Society, Dallas Texas, presents their 48th annual show November 19 & 20, 2005. The Flagg Gem and Mineral Show, Mesa, Arizona, presents their 34th annual show January 6, 7, & 8, 2006. The details will be posted on the bulletin board.

The Friend of Saguaro National Park are asking for donations. They are celebrating the 100th year of Manning Camp in the Rincon Mountains on October 23. Bill feels although the cause appears worthy, it appears historical rather than relating to minerals per se. No Club donation will be made.

Sheila Powell asked the Club for the donation of 3 show cases for school displays. Paul Head said there are 2X2 cases available. It will be discussed at the next board meeting. Maribeth Terry announced that she would like to volunteer to help with our educational program by going to the classrooms and speaking about gems and minerals. Gretchen Arnaiz will appreciate the help.

Maribeth Terry is putting together a wire wrapping class for 6 people late in September. It will be held in the evening in the silver smithing room. The date and time will be announced later.

Jim Griffin announced Sharon and Sam Walker as guests. Ron Davidson volunteered to give them a tour of the facilities.

OLD BUSINESS

We still have the inventory hanging over our heads. It will be postponed until cooler weather arrives.

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AUGUST BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES continued from prior page

Paul Head and Billy Bob Riley have not gotten together to discuss the updating of the Facetrans with dial indicators.

In regard to our kitchen screen door project, Ron Davidson told us he needs to look into it a little more.

Rim Tallat-Kelpsa gave us an update on the Silverbell trip. The Mine is on strike and it looks like there will not be a field trip.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to indicate that you would be interested in going to the Silver City Rock/Gem and Mineral Show on Sept. 3-5. This isn't a Club trip per se, but just to find out who else is going to do it to possibly arrange or coordinate with other people who are going. Bill talked to Jim Lett, the Show Chairman, a couple of weeks ago about field trips. He said he had not gotten any volunteers to lead a field trip, but was sure they were going to do at least one for

geodes.

There still are questionnaires on the back table. If you haven't filled one out, we would greatly appreciate it if you would. Bill is still threatening to come to your house for those pork chops.

Bob O'Donnell asked if everyone got their Newsletter. Gary Voss did not receive his. If you did not get your Newsletter let us know and we will make sure you will receive one.

NEW BUSINESS

Jaime De Zubeldia will start a new 7 week casting class on August 31.

Billy Bob Riley has put up a list on the bulletin board for Monday night capping classes. He has rebuilt the flat lap in the capping room. We give Billy Bob an official THANK YOU for all the work he has done for the Club fixing a lot of the equipment over the years.

Paul Head is having a beginning faceting class on Mondays at 1:00 PM for 2 people starting immediately. We are looking for a faceting instructor for Friday evenings to replace Ron Kulakofsky.

We would like to welcome new members Jenny Coniglio, Dave Thompson, and faceter, Frank Gonzalaz.

Sylvia Czayo, our Historian, has started a binder with our Club history. If you are interested in reading it, she will bring it to each meeting. Thank you again, Sylvia, for a job well done. Maribeth Terry has offered to take photos for us for a year book. She has a digital camera and is willing to come to your home to take photos of you and anything that is of historical value to the club.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40.

The raffle was held after the meeting.

Picture of the week..... Some desert rats doing their thing....it's called "Going for it".



Ed note: this picture was anonymously emailed to me without explanation.

It appears that nothing will stop this group in pursuit of their quest for whatever it is they're looking for.

A WHITE WATER RAFTER EXPERIENCE By Wayne Klement

Sometimes you just get lucky. My daughter (Nicole) and her family had planned a white water rafting trip in Northern Idaho months ago. Two days before they were to leave I received a call from her telling me that they had an opening...one of their members couldn't make it and no refund was possible due to the late date. She said I could become an immediate member of their family for a week if I could make it to Tucson. Needless to say.....

I flew into Tucson (frequent flyer miles) to meet up with them and assumed the role of "their adopted son" and then on to Spokane, Washington. From Spokane we drove to Clarkston, Washington to meet up with the rafting company. They gave us a pep talk in the evening and handed out waterproof bags. We packed our belongings in the bags that night and the next morning they picked us up at our motel and drove us 2 1/2 hours to the starting point. We floated down the Salmon River which eventually flows into the Snake. The last few miles of the trip (four days later) were on the Snake. All total we rafted about 65 miles.

The food was outstanding. There were 23 guests, 7 river "guides", and 6 rafts. The largest raft was the equipment raft and 2 guides floated it down the river each day ahead of us. They picked out a camp site, set up the tents and eating area (foldable chairs & tables) and port-a-john. Each evening we had a choice of red or white wine and/or beer, soda, or juice. The first night we had chicken breasts, lasagna another night, tacos another, and the last night was prime rib (cooked in Dutch ovens on a propane stove). Lunches were sandwiches (roast beef, chicken, ham), pita or roll-ups w/chicken salad. Breakfasts were either pancakes, sausage, bacon, french toast, (with real maple syrup) or poached eggs and muffins. I believe I put on 2 pounds that week!

The water was so clear and fresh smelling. The temperatures hovered around the 90 degree mark all week. We spent a lot of time jumping off the rafts to keep cool. One of the group was pretty good at doing back flips off the front of the raft and it didn't take long before a bunch of people were trying to do the same. We shot rapids that were classified 1 - 4 (6 being the highest). We all got wet at one point or another shooting the various rapids. Sometimes you got completely drenched, and it felt so exhilarating. They gave us a dry box (ammo box) that was strapped on to the raft to keep our valuables dry (wallets, watches, etc.). I kept my camera in a zip lock freezer bag on my belt most of the time...that worked out really well. I had a belt strapped on over my swimsuit just for my camera. Looked a little strange but it worked. I wore a swimming suit the whole week and only went through 2 T-shirts as I spent a lot of time in the water. I think everybody had brought clothes along that were never worn.

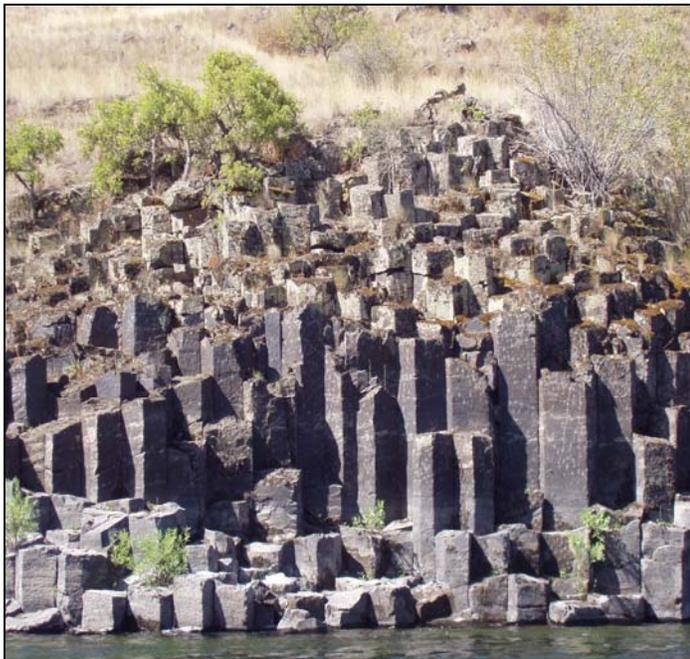
Most of the rafts were "paddle" boats which meant that there was room for six people on each side with a guide manning oars on the back of the raft 'steering' the raft. They had two other rafts that they referred to as "oar" boats which accommodated 3 people sitting up front who didn't have to paddle, just went along for the ride. I rode on one of the oar boats for a half day just so I could take some pictures going down some of the rapids. They also had a couple of one and two person kayak-type inflatables that one could use. Everybody took a turn with those. One of the class IV rapids was a little tense but we all came through soaked but fine. One of the kayak-like inflatables spilled over negotiating one of the rapids but no big deal.

They had a port-a-john set up when we stopped at the end of the day and it was dismantled in the mornings. Needless to say you had to condition yourself accordingly. That didn't seem to be a problem for anyone though. The guides gave a general housekeeping talk before we left stating that they didn't want anyone running off into the brush (wasn't much available as you can see by the pictures) due to environmental issues. They did implement a "skirts up and pants down" policy to provide some privacy. Boys "went" into the river downstream and the girls "went" upstream". And nobody drank the river water. And.....while the rafting company provided tents for everyone, some of us slept out under the stars at night....and was it ever nice... looking up at the stars, seeing a satellite or two streaming across the sky, counting the meteors.....and listening to your neighbor occasionally snore.

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Cruising down the Salmon. I gave my camera to the mother (riding on an oar boat) of our guide (manning the oars below) so she could take our picture....



Interesting Basalt formations that appeared periodically along the canyon walls. Most were higher up on the canyon walls. These happen to be down next to the river.

The first night at camp. You can see the port-a-john "tent" in lower left hand corner. They had a 5 gallon bucket next to the port-a-john. Pee in the bucket and dump it in the river and you know the rest of the story..... The climate was desert-like. Not as much vegetation as I thought I'd see for northern Idaho.



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CASTING CLASS

- Instructor: Jaime De Zubeldia (616-9344)
Class size: 4 students (currently 16 people have signed up)
Class fee: \$45.00
Class meets: Every Wednesday, 6pm – 9pm
Class Schedule:
- Week one -- setup/modeling
 - Week two - investing
 - Week three - burnout
 - Weeks four through six are a repeat of one through three for re-enforcement, week four for setup/modeling.
 - Week five - investing
 - Week six - burnout
 - Week seven grinding and polishing

+++++SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS+++++

FRIDAY MORNING OPEN LAB HOURS

The Friday morning open lapidary lab is not being used. Danny will continue to hold it open through September 2nd. If usage doesn't pick up, it will be closed September 10th through 30th. The open lab will re-open on the 7th of October to give our winter Club members a chance to use this open period. If this session shows usage, it will continue. If not, it will be abandoned.

CLUB HISTORIAN INFORMATION

Sylvia Czayo, our Historian, has started a binder with our Club history. If you have information of historical value to our Club, please contact Sylvia (297-8607) so she can include it in our history. You will not have to give up any objects you have. Printed material can be easily copied and photos can be reproduced. Maribeth Terry has offered to take photos of objects or people for the history. She has a digital camera and is willing to come to your home and take photos of you and anything that is of historical value to the club, including you. Let's all strive to make sure our history is robustly complete.

Help Wanted

Member responses to the questionnaire revealed that more open lab times and classes are needed. For this to happen, **MORE VOLUNTEERS** are required to staff instructor and monitor positions. Please contact Phil Babcock at 498-5058 if you would be interested in volunteering Please!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

September:

3-5 — SILVER CITY, NEW MEXICO: 22nd annual show; Grant County Gem & Mineral Society; Silver City Recreation Center, 1016 N. Silver St.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5, Mon. 10-4; free admission; educational displays, more than 40 dealers, rocks, minerals, fossils, gems, beads, jewelry, equipment, books; contact Jim Lett, 2213 Ponderosa St., Silver City, NM 88061, (505) 538-3216; e-mail: jameslett@zianet.com.

14-18 — DENVER, COLORADO: Show, "Colorado Mineral & Fossil Show" Martin Zinn Expositions; Holiday Inn-Denver Central, 4849 Bannock St.; Wed. 10-6, Thu. 10-6, Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; free admission; 200 wholesale and retail dealers on three floors, free shuttle to other shows; contact Martin Zinn Expositions, P.O. Box 999, Evergreen, CO 80437, fax (303) 674-2384; e-mail: mz0955@aol.com; Web site: www.mzexpos.com.

23-25 — HUMBLE, TEXAS: 52nd show; Houston Gem & Mineral Society; 8233 Will Clayton Pkwy.; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6; Sun. 10-5; adults \$5, students/teachers/seniors \$3, children under 12 free; 40 dealers, children's activities, including "Dino Dig," gemstone cutting and jewelry-making demonstrations, T Rex skull, fluorescent rock and other displays; contact Carol Thompson, 10805 Brooklet, Houston, TX 77099, (281) 328-7025, e-mail: show@hgms.org.

23-25 — TOOELE, UTAH: Show, "Artistry of Gem" Tooele County Chamber of Commerce and Tourism, Tooele Gem & Mineral Society; Tooele City Recreation Complex, 400 W 400 N; Fri. 10-8, Sat. 10-8, Sun. 10-5; free admission; silent auction, dealers, grab bags, wheel of fortune, displays, Mountain Man Rendezvous, Native American Pow Wow; contact Larry Higley, (435) 882-3146.

24-25 — HARTLAND, MICHIGAN: 31st annual show; Livingston Gem & Mineral Society; Hartland Community Support Center, M-59, one mile west of US 23; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; adults \$2, students 50 cents, children under 12 free with adult; contact David Riggs, 5829 Cullen Rd., Fenton, MI 48430, (810) 632-7146.

24-25 — ALMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO: Annual Rock & Gem Show, Otero County Fairgrounds, Highway 54-70 and Fairgrounds road; sponsored by Alamogordo Noon Kiwanis; contact Hank Wehmeyer, (505) 434-5393. Note: Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the Balloon Fiesta this week so make your reservations early.

September/October:

30-2 — PRESCOTT VALLEY, ARIZONA: Annual show and sale; Prescott Gem & Mineral Club; Coors Event Bldg., Yavapai County Fair Grounds, 10401 N. Hwy. 89A; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; adults \$2, children 12 and under free with adult; contact Larry Jackson, P.O. Box 345, Chino Valley, AZ 86323, (928) 636-9188; e-mail: lpjack65@cableone.net.

October:

1-2 — KENOSHA, WISCONSIN: Annual show; Racine Geological Society; Gateway Technical College, 3520 N. 30th Ave.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$3, children with adult free; gems, minerals, fossils, lapidary, silent auction; contact John Krolikowski, 1554 S. 56th St., West Milwaukee, WI 53214; e-mail: browniewgs@aol.com; Web site: www.racinegeologysociety.homestead.com.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Mondays 1 - 4 PM

Faceting Guild - Fee charged. Experienced facetors only.
Contact Paul Head 296-0331

Beginning Cabbing - Fee charged.
Contact Billy Bob Riley 408-3074

Mondays 6 - 9 PM

Beginning Faceting - Class fee charged.
Contact Earl Zoeller 886-3518

Beginning Cabbing - Class fee charged.
Contact Billy Bob Riley 408-3074

Tuesdays 8 AM (Work Groups)

Tuesdays 9 AM – Noon

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

Monitor – Ron Davidson 749-3157

Rock Sawing – Dave Arens 749-2113

Tuesdays 6 - 9 PM

Open Lapidary Lab - Fee charged. Beginners welcome.
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Contact **(Pending new monitor)**

Open Silversmith Lab - Class fee charged.
Contact Bob Keller 808-6546

Wednesday 6 - 9PM

Beginning Casting - Class fee charged.
Contact Jamie De Zubeldia 616-9344

Thursdays 1 PM – 4 PM

Beginning Cabbing - Class fee charged.
Contact Billy Bob Riley 408-3074

Fridays 9 AM - Noon

Open Lab - Fee charged.

Contact Dan Harmsen 721-8452

Fridays 6 - 9 PM

Beginning Faceting - Class fee charged.
Contact **(Pending new monitor)**

Saturdays 10 - 3 PM

Open Shop - Fee charged.

Contact Ron Davidson 749-3157

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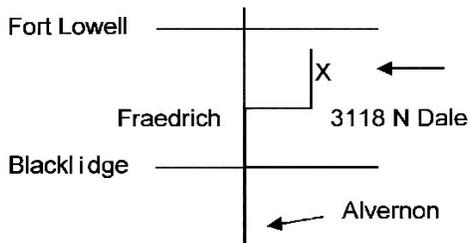
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Mail to: Membership Chairperson, Old Pueblo Lapidary Club, 3118 N. Dale, Tucson, AZ 85712



The Business Meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month which starts at 9:00 a.m. A pre-meeting social hour is at 8:00 a.m. for those that are interested. Visitors are welcome.