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Apache Junction Rock & Gem Club, Inc. April 2014

Next Meeting: October 9, 2014

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The Club meets on the second Thursday of every month October thru April at 7:00 pm at the Lapidary Shop, at the corner of Superstition & Ocotillo, Apache Junction, AZ

Club Dues - \$24 a year per member prorated to first of month of joining.

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President's Message

By Bill Jonas

Well, we have just completed our last club business meeting before the summer season sets in. This means our snowbirds have or are heading back to their summer homes and the rest of us are preparing for the up-coming warmer weather. I want to thank everyone for their club participation, contributions, and friendship that helped to make these past 6 months active and enjoyable. For those snowbirds traveling home, please be careful and return this coming fall for the beginning of our new season and more fun. For those of us who are remaining, we have published a summer shop schedule with shorter hours that are in effect until October. The new schedule is posted on our website at <http://www.ajrockclub.com>.

Our roof repair is now complete. We accomplished this repair for \$4,200 which is \$800 under the supplemental budget approved by the membership. The entire building should be a little cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter as a result of the foam insulation installed under the moisture proof coating.

We have completed our first season of our shop orientation classes. While it is hard to document the accomplishments of the orientation, many comments from the participant members and from the shop monitors have been very positive. Many of our members have thanked us for the information provided and some members made suggestions for improvements. This has shown us that it is an important hands-on communication tool to keep everyone informed of the rules and important changes and issues associated with the club's shop operations. One suggestion is that we include field trips as part of our new orientations for this up-coming year. We are looking at that very seriously. We also will have orientations scheduled at a standard time and day each week in the future. This coming year everyone will be able to use the shop immediately after joining the club or members arriving back in the area as long as they attend the NEXT standard scheduled orientation meeting. Those standard weekly meetings will begin sometime in October. Failure to do so will result in denial of shop usage. Remember, members who want to use the shop must attend orientation each year. This policy should make scheduling much easier for everyone. The few needed exceptions to this rule will be handled on an individual basis. I want to thank all those members who attended the orientation sessions this past year (and the tolerance of a few) for helping us in making our shop operations more efficient and safer. Details of these changes and the new schedule will be provided on our website before our next meeting in October.

Please enjoy your summer. Come back in the fall to enjoy another successful season!

Thanks,

Bill Jonas
President

Minutes of the April 2014 Meeting

By Barbara Bayer

- The President, Bill Jonas, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. He led the Pledge of Allegiance. Katy Tunnickliff was introduced as the new Chairperson for Membership. She will take Ron Ginn's position after December of 2014. Seven guests introduced themselves at the meeting.
- Kelly Iverson was recognized for his contribution to the club as Rock Show Chairman, Lapidary Shop Manager, and Newsletter Editor.
- Bill Jonas, reported that the roof repairs were completed for \$4200.00. These funds were taken from the Rock Show checking account.
- The new summer hours for the Lapidary Shop will be 7 am until 11:30 am Monday through Friday. Please call the monitors to arrange Saturday hours. Winter hours will end on April 13, 2014.
- The Vice President, Dave Webber, reported that the four April field trips had 50 participants. There have been 19 field trips to date this season with a total of 299 participants. There will be 5 more field trips in April; please consult the website (<http://www.airockclub.com>) for dates and locations.
- The Secretary's, Barbara Bayer, minutes of the last meeting were accepted by motion and vote.
- The Treasurer, Lois Perkins, gave her report as follows as of March 2014: Show checking account \$11,767.24, Show savings account \$8,935.04, General checking account, \$1,887.84, General savings account \$171.49, CD-Wells Fargo Bank \$6,383.94, CD Compass Bank \$10,655.91 with a total of \$39,801.56. The annual interest for the building was paid for the amount of \$3300.00. Funds from the November Rock Show will be directed to the building payment.
- Ken Perkins, Trustee, announced that the club has purchased 156 shirts in various colors and sizes. The new colors are blue and berry (red). There also are two styles of caps. Both the shirts and caps sell for \$15.00 each.
- Jack Pawlowski, Trustee, reported that the Trustees are reviewing the Constitution, By-Laws, and Article of Incorporation. Please send your comments to the Trustees as they conduct this review. These important papers form the basis of operation for the club.
- Katy Tunnickliff, representing the Membership Committee, reported that we have 261 current club members and 22 members joined since the last meeting.
- Laurie Jonas, Newsletter Editor, encouraged us to send articles for the Newsletter.
- Kelly Iverson, Rock Show Chairman, has sent contracts to both high schools for the future shows. Sharon has sent the contracts to the vendors. Plans include having 23 vendors for the Mesa show and 22 vendors for the Apache Junction show. He reported spaces for the Mesa show were sold out one week following the 2014 show.
- Wally Frlich, Publicity Chairman, listed the businesses that distributed coupons for the Rock Show. These businesses are listed in the March 2014 Newsletter. Wally also recognized member Al Koberna who walked in the February parade with the float. There will be a second Rock Show to be held November 22-23 at the Apache Junction High School. This season the club activities of the shows will be divided as follows: Door Security (Chuck Narveson), Greeters (Cindy Koontz),

Raffle (Jeannie Sipes), Wheel (Cheryl Sterns), Silent Auction (Tom Sundling and Paul Sterns), Ming Trees (Oma Frlich), Admissions (Dorri Kapki), Set Up and Tear Down (John Sipes), Announcements (Julio), Misc. Jobs (John Sipes), T-shirts (Jolene Stephens), and Membership (Katy Tunnicliff).

New Business

- De Wright asked for volunteers to paint the exterior of the building. Three members have volunteered. It was suggested that we contact Rick for this activity. De would also like volunteers to help install the flag pole. Kelly Iverson made the suggestion that we have the United States flag, an Arizona State flag, and the club flag on this pole.
- Nancy is going to paint the bathroom a light blue and install a mirror.
- Club member Alan Kibera lost a rock hammer with a blue handle during the Box Canyon field trip. If found, please call him at 602-579-0228. Thank you.
- There were four door prizes distributed. Bill Bachmann won the 50:50 raffle for \$27.00.
- The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.
- Brian Fermoye thanks all who donated rocks for the silent auction and those who participate in this activity.

Thanks to you, our show was a success!

By Wally Frlich

Kelly Iverson and I want to recognize and thank the many club members (and even some non-club members) who worked at the Spring Show at Skyline High School, worked on our parade float, and participated in the parade. All of these people helped make our show a success. Below are the additions and corrects to the March newsletter:

Mac Borden (2) (Float Builder) (Parade)	Lynn Carlson (3) (Float Builder) (Parade Walker)
Sue Craft (1)	Bill Jonas (Float Driver)
Jim Meier (2) (Float Builder) (Parade)	Pam Meier (1) (Float Builder)
Linn Mistrot (Parade Walker)	Jeannie Sipes (8) (Float Builder)
John Sipes (9) (Float Builder)	Nancy Suthann (2) (Float Builder) (Parade Walker)
Ann Wisner (3) (Parade)	Hilde Zahm (1)
Al Koberna (Parade Walker)	June Boney (Parade)

Jewl Box Gathering

By Cindy Koontz

To all the participants of the Jewl Box Gathering and the members who led the gathering: I would like to say thank you for a season of great sharing of all your many talents and wisdom and invite those of you who don't live in the area to come join us again next season.

For those of you who are local, we will still meet during the summer at certain cool locations that will be sent out by email. Make sure you check your email and come join us!

If you have any questions about the Jewl Box Gathering, please contact me at cjkoontzlorner51@yahoo.com or by phone 480-406-5367.

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Field Trip CDs

A computer disc format of the entire Apache Junction Rock Field Trip Manual is available for members only at the Lapidary shop for a fee of \$10.00. All proceeds of the manual sale go to the club. Also available in printed form are directions for using the disc.

The sections of the manual include: rules and regulations for BLM and National Forest sites, plus details of 25 sites to include locations and type of land, vehicle difficulty, personal difficulty, and a picture of a typical specimens at site. The final portion of the manual focuses on injury or illness situations one may find on a field trip. This includes description, first aid, and prevention tips.

For information, contact the Shop Manager or a Monitor.