



Smoke Signals

Next Meeting: May 14, 2015

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The Club meets on the second Thursday of every month September thru May at 6:30pm at:

Casa Serena Mobile Home Park
 Recreation Center
 661 S Hawes Road
 Mesa, AZ

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

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Minutes of the April 2015 Meeting

By Ruth Flynn

Meeting called to order at 6:30

Bill Jonas, President

- Introduced 3 new members, there were no guests
- Reminder of 50/50 raffle
- Notified members that shop now has garbage/recycle service
- Discussion of new badges that will come out in September. Members will need to wear them in the shop and at any club event – fields trips, etc. Badges will be good for four years with punch-out spots for membership, club dues, orientation, waivers, etc. Members will be required to pay for badges, approximately \$7.00. Badges will come with a breakaway lanyard for safety. There was a discussion regarding the safety of lanyards. Linn will check into the cost for magnets.
- The storage sheds cost more than was budgeted so a cooling system will have to wait for next year. Also delaying installing the wall for the silver smithing area.
- Introduced Phil and Mattie Gadd, the new Show Co-Chairs. Phil has been appointed as a trustee as well.
- Presented plaque to Richard Porrett for all his years of service. He's been with the club for many years and has spent many hours repairing equipment. Thank you, Richard!
- Thanked all the members of the work party. The sheds were repaired and lots of other things were done to clean up the building and grounds.

Ruth Flynn, Secretary

- Entertained a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting. Motion made and passed.
- No cards were sent out in the past month.

Linn Mistrot, Treasurer

- Gave Treasurer's report. Encouraged anyone with questions to contact her.

Tom Sundling, Trustee

- Introduced Richard Grzych, owner of The Treasure Box Boutique. The rock store is located at 950 W. Apache Trail, Suite 7, Apache Junction.

Mattie Gadd, Show Co-Chair

- Currently working with the city to get all permits for the November show.
- Will be meeting with Skyline High School officials to hopefully get approval to use the gym for the spring show.

Elise Mitchell, Scholarship Chairperson

- Received four applicants from Apache Junction High School. The top choice will receive a \$1,000 scholarship; the other three will receive a \$500 scholarship. Anyone who is interested in attending the awards ceremony at AJ High School is welcome to attend. Contact Elise for details.
- Will be setting up a scholarship booth at the fall and spring shows. The club booth at the Flagg show will have information as well.
- Will be placing an article in the newspaper announcing the scholarships.
- Scholarship money is based on show sales.
- Skyline High School has their own scholarship committee. They will handle the applications and give the top choices to Elise on 4/17/15. Their awards ceremony is in May.
- The Scholarship Committee will be meeting to firm out the scholarship process. Members are Elise Mitchell, Chairwoman, Lynn Carlson, Natalie Kirmiel and Tobia Eaks. If anyone else is interested in being involved, please contact Elise.

Wally Frlich, Publicity

- The fall show will be November 21st and 22nd at Apache Junction High School.
- Need all the volunteers we can get.
- About 4,000 flyers have already been distributed. There are more in the shop. Please take some and pass them out.

Bill Jonas, President

- Announced a change to procedures. It is now acceptable to be cutting and grinding at the same time. This is only allowed if you have an experienced person in the saw room who is willing to watch your saw.

Paul Stearns, Field Trip Leader

- Yesterday's field trip to Diamond Point was good for everyone – 23 people attended.
- Local members would like field trips during the summer. Will need locals to lead field trips and be monitors.

Dan Jarvis, Member

- Passed around a sign-up sheet for those who would be willing to lead field trips during the summer and for those who are willing to be monitors.

Laurie Jonas, Membership

- There are currently 361 members, 26 of whom joined since the last General Meeting.
- Syd Kyle will now be doing the newsletter.
- Please send articles/advertisements for the newsletter to both Laurie and Syd. Email addresses are on the roster on the website.

Bill Jonas, President

- Introduced two new junior members.
- A committee will be established to encourage junior membership.
- Reminder of 50/50 raffle.

Brian Fermoye, Silent Auction

- Auction will close at 7:40.

Natalie Kirmiel, Hospitality

- Provided good-bye (for now) cake for winter visitors who are leaving.

Cindy Koontz, Jewel Box

- Wanted to thank all who came for the special ring classes. Everyone had a great time. There is one more special class and then will return to the regular schedule at 10:00 every Tuesday morning.
- There will be a basket weaving class at the end of April.

Nancy Suthann, Door Prizes/Raffle

- Three door prizes were awarded.
- Pat Jetter won the 50/50. He donated it back to the club to redraw. Lynn Carlson won \$48.00 on the second draw. Congrats, Lynn!

Congratulations to Chuck Larson for his winning cab in the cab contest! He will receive a free club t-shirt.

Scholarship Criteria

By Elise Mitchell

The following information is provided to students at Apache Junction High School and Skyline High School who want to apply for one of the scholarships that our club provides. If you have any comments about these requirements, please contact Elise Mitchell at 480-567-8729.

Apache Junction Rock and Gem Club Scholarships

The Apache Junction Rock and Gem Club Scholarships provide scholarship assistance to deserving senior high school students at specific schools in the Pinal and Maricopa Counties of Arizona. These scholarship funds come from our Rock and Gem Shows and the amounts vary due to community participation. Support our shows and you are supporting our most valuable asset, our future generation.

Scholarships are available for students pursuing a degree in earth sciences (geology – study of planet earth and other planets as well, oceanography and meteorology).

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be considered for this scholarship, you must:

1. Full time student of <either Apache Junction or Skyline High School> (minimum of one year)
2. Be accepted for full time enrollment to attend:
An accredited junior or community college, or an accredited four-year college in any state
3. Cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher

SELECTION PROCESS

The Scholarship Committee will consider these criteria in making their selection based on a point system:

1. Academic achievement
2. Financial need
3. Letter of recommendation from school (teacher, principal or counselor) and a community resident (not family)
4. Statement of educational goals, career objectives, and needs, type written (not to exceed 300 words – essay style)

DEADLINE TO APPLY

The deadline date is to be determined by Scholarship Committee. Any applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

NOTIFICATION

All applicants will be notified of their status by a date to be determined by Scholarship Committee.

NUMBER OF AWARDS

Varies - Based on the availability of funds.

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METHOD OF DISBURSEMENT

Awards are made payable to the college or university in name of the recipient.

REVOCAION OF SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship may be revoked by the Board of Directors of the Apache Junction Rock and Gem Club for any of the following reasons:

Any act of misconduct that would bring discredit to the image of the scholarship is subject to review by the Board of Directors and possible revocation.

HOW TO APPLY

Application details will be determined by the Scholarship Committee.

Incomplete Applications Will Not Be Considered

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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.