



# Smoke Signals

Next Meeting: October 8, 2015

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

**AJR&GC Clubhouse  
2151 West Superstition  
Blvd  
Apache Junction, AZ**

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

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## **Minutes of the September 2015 Meeting**

By Ruth Flynn

Meeting called to order at 6:35

Pledge of Allegiance

Bill Jonas, President

- Welcome back to all
- Club has new goals; growth has been too much too fast and not actively searching for new members
- Will not be adding cooling or silversmith shop
- Working on better processes, training and upgrading machines

Ed Lindsey, Youth Program Chairman

- Two-prong approach
- School presentations – dropped off flyers today with AJ & Mesa school districts
- Shop programs – field trips, cutting, cab making
- Dedicated shop time on Saturdays for kids
- Please contact Ed if you’d like to volunteer – he’ll need lots of help – 480-380-7400 or [sealindsey@comcast.net](mailto:sealindsey@comcast.net)

Members would like to see a school presentation

Ruth Flynn, Secretary

- Introduced Connie Smith, our new Class Coordinator. If you’d like to teach classes or provide education, please contact Connie at 989-860-1895 or [writingonthewall4u@att.net](mailto:writingonthewall4u@att.net)
- Introduced Terry Smith, our new Lead Monitor. Contact Terry at 989-274-5367 if you’d like to be a monitor – he will be providing training. He has also extended shop hours – Wednesday evenings from 5:00 – 8:00 and Saturday mornings from 7:00 – 12:00

Linn Mistrot, Treasurer

- New badges will be required as of 10/1/15. Badges are \$6.00, are good for four years and show membership fee paid, shop fee paid, waivers signed and orientation taken
- Compass Bank has a special program whereby club members can open an account, mention they are members of AJR&GC and the club will receive \$50.00. Free checking, no monthly fees

Bill Jonas, President

- Membership fees are due by 1/1/16
- Shop fees will be raised as of 1/1/16 - \$100 for individual, \$150 for a couple

Phil Gadd, Show Co-Chair

- Work party in October to get ready for the fall show – date to be published soon. Shop will be closed to everyone till work party is finished. Need volunteers.
- Sold old vendor spots – 24 vendors
- Advertising will be released soon
- Will need people to volunteer for all areas of the show – admissions, membership, Ming trees, wheel, silent auction, egg cartons, etc. Will have sign up for volunteers at October general meeting

Bill Jonas, President

- Our two rock shows provide scholarships for students at both high schools and provide operating income for the club – crucial that the shows do well
- The Board of Directors may be asking the membership for more money at the October meeting in order to replace the 10” saws with 12” saws and to buy the oil separator. Club is spending way too much money on oil – the separator will solve that issue

Ron Ginn, Membership

- Club is currently at 390 members
- Currently both Membership Chair and Webmaster. Would like someone to take over as Membership Chair or at least act as assistant. Please contact Ron at 480-294-0731 if you’re interested in helping – would only take about five hours per week to handle Membership duties
- Has put Youth Program information on website

Laurie Jonas, Nominating Committee

- Nominations for Board members are: Chuck Larson, President; Ken Perkins, Vice President; Ruth Flynn, Secretary; Linn Mistrot, Treasurer; and Con Higley, Trustee
- If you’d like to nominate anyone, please contact Laurie at [jonas.laurie@yahoo.com](mailto:jonas.laurie@yahoo.com)
- Voting for the new Board will take place at the next general meeting on 10/8/15

- The new Board will be installed on 11/1/15
- Will continue publishing the newsletter – please contact Laurie to place ads or information

Dan Jarvis, Member

- Will be making a camping trip next week to the St. John's area to look for new field trip sites. Is willing to take one or two people with – contact at 480-834-0813 or [danjar1947@gmail.com](mailto:danjar1947@gmail.com)

Bill Jonas, President

- Looking forward to organizing some ATV trips this year to collect stone that is difficult to get to
- No longer able to hold meetings at this location – please contact Bill at 480-258-0941 if you have another location that is available and large enough to handle the winter crowd

Ken Perkins, Vice President

- Ordering more T-shirts and hoodies
- T-shirts are \$15, hats are \$17 and hoodies are \$35
- Received club flag over the summer – it looks great hanging in front of the club
- Looking for an Arizona state flag – Mattie Gadd will provide

Ruth Flynn, Secretary

- Looking for a Shop Manager. Position is part-time and we will train. Please contact Ruth at 480-694-9163 if you would be interested

Jyl Weeks, Member

- Question regarding outside sales over the winter
- Required: Tax ID number, Apache Junction business license
- Jyl will check to see if the Apache Junction business office requires an event form

Ken Perkins, Vice President

- Saturday field trips will need to meet at WalMart or McDonalds or some other location in order to not interfere with outside sales

We need lots of small rocks for the egg cartons and the wheel for the fall and spring shows. Please sort and label your rocks and bring them into the shop or to the October meeting. Thank you!

Meeting adjourned at 7:20

## Updated Meeting Location

By Laurie Jonas

Unfortunately, we will not be able to meet anymore at the Casa Serena Clubhouse. Until a better location is found we will meet at our clubhouse:

AJR&GC Clubhouse  
2151 Superstition Blvd  
Apache Junction, AZ

## Newsletter Information

By Laurie Jonas

You can place ads in our newsletter for free. The ad does not necessarily need to be about rocks or rock-related items. It can be anything. Please send your ads to me at [jonas.laurie@yahoo.com](mailto:jonas.laurie@yahoo.com).

## Scholarship Criteria

By Elise Mitchell

The following information was published in our last newsletter, but it's worthy of repeating.

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.

### **AMOUNT OF AWARDS**

Varies - Based on the availability of funds.

### **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**