



Smoke Signals

Next Meeting: November 12, 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 October 2015 Meeting

By Ruth Flynn

President, Bill Jonas

- 6:35, called meeting to order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduced Board of Directors members
- Welcomed new members
- Welcomed guests
- Announced 50/50, door prizes and silent auction

Cloe Fry, Junior Member

- Gave a highly entertaining presentation of the rocks she is working on
- Has agreed to be the club’s Junior Ambassador – she will be at the rock shows telling other kids how much fun lapidary is and displaying some of her work

President, Bill Jonas

- Announced that meetings are going to be geared more for fun and social events
- Requested presenters for “Show and Tell” for November meeting. If you’re interested in presenting, please contact Ruth Flynn at 480-694-9163 or reflynn@cox.net to be added to the agenda. We’d love to have you share your creativity!
- Introduced Terry Smith as Lead monitor and monitor trainer.

Terry Smith, Lead Monitor

- The shop always needs more monitors. If you're interested in monitoring, please contact Terry at 989-274-5367

President, Bill Jonas

- Introduced Connie Smith, our Class Coordinator and new Membership Chairperson. Ron Ginn will continue working with Connie till the end of the year. If you're interested in teaching any classes, please contact Connie at 989-860-1895
- Elections were held. Our new President is Chuck Larson; Vice President is Ken Perkins; Secretary is Ruth Flynn; Treasurer is Linn Mistrot. Our new Trustee is Con Higley, who will join our other two Trustees, Tom Sundling and Phil Gadd
- Acknowledged the monitors who attended the meeting and thanked them for all their hard work. Our monitors are the nuts and bolts of the organization – they keep things running on a day to day basis

Linn Mistrot, Treasurer

- Requested an increase in the budget to cover increased costs. Membership has grown much faster than anticipated and costs have risen as well. Increase to budget was approved by the general membership
- Badges are required as of 10/1/15. If you have not yet ordered your badge – cost is \$6.00 and they are good for four years – please come into the shop and order one. Badges are now required at all club functions, including all meetings

Ted Montague, Trustee

- Read the proposed additions and changes to the club By-laws. These changes will be voted on by the general membership at the November General Meeting

President, Bill Jonas

- Requested that a club member step up and take over the Shop Manager position. This position will require about 20 hours per week. Training will be provided
- Reminder that club members may attend Board of Directors meetings, but as observers only. Notification of dates and times of Board meetings will be sent by email and also posted at the shop

Ken Perkins, Vice President

- T-shirts and hoodies for sale
- Will be scheduling educational speakers for General Meetings. Please contact Ken at 425-345-7755 or 425-343-5617 if you would be interested in giving a 15 or 20 minute presentation

Secretary, Ruth Flynn

- Minutes from previous General Meeting approved

Show Co-Chairs, Phil and Mattie Gadd

- Need members to lead each area for the November Rock Show at Apache Junction High School – November 21st and 22nd. Those areas are: Raffle, Raffle prizes, Wheel of Fortune, Egg Cartons, Ming Trees, Admissions, Door prizes, Door security, Announcer, Electrical setup, general setup and tear down. Please contact Phil at 503-705-3933 or Mattie at 503-201-5783 to volunteer for these positions
- Our two rock shows – one in November and one in February – bring in the majority of the money required to keep the shop open and running. If you'd like to keep the shop open, please show your support by volunteering
- Volunteers are also needed to man the booth at the Festival of the Superstitions on November 7th and 8th. This booth is all about handing out flyers advertising our fall rock show.
- Requested donations for the club's booth at the Festival of the Superstitions. Donations must be turned into the shop by the end of October. These items will be used as raffle prizes
- Listed the requirements for sales at the shop over the winter. Mattie will get the Event Permit from the city. Members who choose to sell will need an Apache Junction business license or pay \$15.00 each weekend for a one time permit. Members will also need an Arizona sales tax license. Will need a volunteer to collect forms each weekend and turn them into the city

Ron Ginn, Membership Chairman and Webmaster

- Membership stands at 394 members, eight of those being junior members
- Will work with Connie Smith to create a schedule of classes available and will post that schedule on the club's website
- Need one person to help at the membership table for the fall show. If you're interested, contact Ron at 480-294-0731
- Offering a 20% discount for club members to his website – a great website if you're looking to make a field trip. You can check out the website at www.arizonarockhound.com. Website includes a tremendous amount of information, including maps and pictures. Pricing is \$15.99 for one year, \$27.98 for two years and \$37.98 for three years for members only
- The AJR&GC website will have a link to Ron's website as of Monday, October 12th. The link will be in the Members section, under the Field Trips heading.

Bill Jonas, President

- Need a volunteer to handle the scholarships for Apache Junction High School and Skyline High School. Our previous chairman is no longer able to perform this function
- Lynn Carlson has agreed to be in charge of the parade float – used twice a year for parades in Apache Junction.
- Field trips will soon be starting – twice a week

Dan Jarvis, Member

- Just returned from a trip to Mexico. Visited with a friend of the family who has a large piece of property that has never been touched by rock hounds
- Displayed some rocks from that location that are not found in Arizona
- Requested a show of hands by those who may be interested in making a trip to Mexico to explore that area

Kathy Barr, member

- Announced that the Treasure Box Boutique, 950 Apache Trail, will be holding a Trunk & Treat on 10/24/15
- Club members are welcome to sell their own lapidary items at the Trunk & Treat event

Wanda Sisk, Youth Group member

- Presented the program she will be providing to grade school kids. It was a lot of good information regarding igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks. We all learned something new and enjoyed the presentation!

Mattie Gadd and Cloe Fry held the drawings for the 50/50 and door prizes

Meeting adjourned at 8:15

Proposed Changes to Club By-Laws

By Board of Directors

Our Board of Directors has proposed making the following changes to our club by-laws. These changes were read at our October club meeting and will be voted on at the November club meeting. If you have questions about these proposed changes, please contact our Secretary Ruth Flynn at 480-694-9163 (reflynn@cox.net). She will ensure that your questions will be addressed by the Board.

Adding to Article 3, Section 5

All members are expected to work together in a courteous and considerate manner. The AJR&GC will not tolerate any harassment against any member on the basis of gender, race,

color, national origin, religion, disability, age, sexual orientation or any other factor protected by law. This includes any verbal statements, written materials or physical contact. Any complaints to the Board of Directors must be made in writing and will be investigated immediately. As part of the discipline process, the Board of Directors may take any action up to and including permanent removal of any member who displays misconduct. Misconduct may include, but is not limited to:

- Displaying rudeness or other acts of disrespect toward other members, including the use of vulgar or abusive language or profanity
- Behaving in a threatening manner, whether verbally or physically
- Deliberately inflicting physical or emotional harm on any other member
- Using or possessing or being under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances while on the premises
- Possession and/or use of dangerous or deadly weapons on the premises
- Appropriate attire is required. Low cut blouses/shirts or shirts with sexual or obscene pictures or messages are not allowed

Changing Article 8, Section 5 to become Section 6 New Section 5

The club will limit itself to three bank accounts: one checking account; one money market account and one investment account for the building fund.

Our 2015-16 Club Officers

By Laurie Jonas

Officer elections were held at our October club meeting. The following people are our officers for 2015-15:



Pictured: Ruth Flynn, Secretary; Linn Mistrot, Treasurer; Chuck Larson, President; Ken Perkins, Vice President; Con Higley, Trustee; Phil Gadd, Trustee. Not pictured: Tom Sundling, Trustee.

New Badges are Mandatory at All Club Locales and Functions

By Laurie Jonas

Immediately, our new badges are required at all our club locales and functions. This means that if you want to use the shop, attend a meeting, go on a field trip, etc., you must wear or have your badge visible in some way on your person. You can purchase your badge at the clubhouse. The cost of the badge is \$6.00, which includes your choice of lanyard, magnetic back, or clip. If you want an additional lanyard, magnetic back, or clip, you can purchase an extra one for \$2.50 each. The badges are good for four years. They contain the following information:

- Membership paid
- Shop dues paid
- Shop Orientation
- Waiver signed
- Lapidary
- Silversmith
- Field Trip Orientation



Your badge will be punched for each of the above items when you qualify for them. Note that you are only required to take Shop Orientation and Field Trip Orientation once during the four year period of the life of the badge. If you lose your badge, you will be required to purchase another badge for the same price of \$6.00.

Show Helpers Needed!

By Connie Smith

As most of you are aware, the Apache Junction Rock and Gem Club Annual Fall Rock Show is close approaching. This event will be held at the Apache Junction High School cafeteria at 2525 S. Ironwood Dr., Apache Junction, November 21 (9am to 5pm) and November 22 (10am to 4pm).

We need Leadership Volunteers to help with the different activities by signing up and taking part in an awesome weekend. There is a sign up sheet at the clubhouse, 2151 W. Superstition Blvd. Apache Junction. You can also contact Phil & Mattie Gadd at gaddaboutrockcreations@msn.com.

Also, on Saturday, October 24, 2015, at 9am we will hold a Work Party at the clubhouse, 2151 W. Superstition Blvd. in Apache Junction. We need to start preparing the Fall Rock Show. Please show up if you can. We really need the help. Hey, whenever you put the words **Work** and **Party** in the same sentence, it has got to be a great time! You won't want to miss it!

Help Make Ming Trees for our Shows

By Connie Smith

Come help make Ming trees for our annual shows on Monday, October 19th at 8am at our clubhouse, 2151 W. Superstition, Apache Junction. No experience required! If you have questions, please contact me at 989-860-1895 or writingonthewall4u@att.net.

AJR&GC Classes

By Ruth Flynn and Connie Smith

The club is indeed blessed to have so many talented and creative people. If you're interested in teaching a class in wire wrapping, beading, cabbing, wand making, scepter making or anything else rock related we invite you to share your gifts.

Connie Smith is our new Class Coordinator. Please contact Connie at 989-860-1895 or writingonthewall4u@att.net to set up your class.

Connie will iron out the details with you: date, time, maximum numbers of attendees, etc.

Connie will notify the club about the class. Anyone interested will then contact you to register and get the list of supplies needed.

Classes are free, though the attendees will be required to provide their own supplies. **Classes are available only to club members.**

We all look forward to seeing the results of these creative endeavors!

Fun with Machines – October 18, 2015 – 9am and 1pm

There will be two classes on Sunday. This class will be taught by Richard Holle. Classes are at 9am and 1pm. Members, this is your chance to know the machines better. Knowing how to use and take care of our machines helps the club save money on costly repairs. If you have not

signed up, you should. And if you forget to sign up, you should still come. I know I will be there and plan on learning some interesting facts that I didn't know. See you there!

Wire Wrapping – October 21, 2015 – 10 am – 1 pm

This class will be taught by Mattie Gadd. You will need to bring the following supplies with you to class:

- Cabochon, any shape is fine (rectangles are more difficult for a first timer)
- 20 or 22 gauge wire, square is best but round is fine (Michael's craft store carries craft wire that will work just fine)
- 26 gauge wire
- Wire cutters
- Flat nose pliers
- Round nose pliers
- Ruler or tape measure
- Pad to work on so cab doesn't get damaged

Orientation – October 22, 2015 – 1pm

For those that haven't gone to a orientation yet or would like to have a refresher, our next orientation will be Thursday, October 22 at 1 pm at the club.

And don't forget there is no cost for the class and it is for members only.

Compass for Your Cause Program

By Linn Mistrot

Are you considering changing banks? Are you thinking about opening a new checking account? If you are please consider BBVA Compass Bank. Apache Junction Rock and Gem Club, Inc., uses Compass Bank and we've been very happy with them.

The Club just signed up for the *Compass For Your Cause Program*. Every time any of our members (or any other supporter) opens a new BBVA Compass Bank Checking Account the Club receives a \$50 royalty. There is **no** cost or charge to you. All you have to do is give Compass Bank the Club's code when you open the account. And if you use the Visa Check card that comes with many of the accounts, the Club will get 0.25% of the purchase amount. Still no cost to you!

The Apache Junction Rock and Gem Club code number is 114303.

Compass has several checking account options available. One that is particularly attractive is the Clear Choice Free Checking account. Features include:

- Minimum opening amount of only \$25.00
- No monthly service charge
- One complimentary Visa Check Card
- Unlimited check writing

There are other benefits and other accounts. Ask your bank representative to explain them to you.

They have several locations but the one closest to the Club is on Baseline near Crismon Road. Be sure to give them **the Club's code: 114303**.

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.