



Apache Junction Rock & Gem Club
Next Meeting: May 12, 2016

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Minutes of the April 2016 Meeting

By Ruth Flynn

General Meeting minutes

Chuck Larson, President

- Meeting called to order at 6:35
- Led Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduced members of the Board of Directors
- Welcomed new members and guests
- Announced 50/50 and door prizes – no silent auction tonight
- Welcomed Ed Lindsey to the Field Trip Coordinator position
 - Please contact Ed with field trip ideas or if you're willing to lead field trips
- Thanked Bob Blizman for buying our new American flag

Ruth Flynn, Secretary

- Minutes were accepted for previous General Meeting

Linn Mlstrot, Treasurer

- Gave Treasurer's report – please contact Linn with any questions regarding club finances

Con Higley, Trustee

- Thanks to all for being a member of the club and attending the meeting

Connie Smith, Membership

- Currently have 351 members, 12 of them are junior members

Connie Smith for Karen Moschinger, Class Coordinator

- Thanked Dan Jarvis for a very well attended tumbling class
- Listed upcoming classes – check your email or at the shop for classes
- Need people tomorrow to help Oma Frlich make Ming Trees

Ed Lindsay, Youth Program and Field Trip Coordinator

- Thanked Terry Smith for always being willing to open and close the shop for classes
- Announced upcoming field trips – check your email or at the shop for the schedules
- Combining adult field trips with youth field trips
- Need field trip leaders – four wheel drive is not a requirement
- Carpooling information for field trips is on the website
- Intending to schedule two field trips per month over the summer and two field trips per week during the winter
- Thanked Wally and Oma Frlich for donating 150 pounds of rock for the youth group

Nicole Fry, Scholarship Chair

- AJHS awards ceremony will be 4/20/16 at 7:00 PM
- Charles Fry will be presenting a scholarship for \$1500 to Matthew Link

Terry Smith, Shop Manager

- Thanks to all those who have volunteered this year
- Looking for monitors – all our winter visitor monitors will be gone by the end of the month – contact Terry or Charles Fry, Lead Monitor

Wally Frlich, Advertising

- Thanked Susan Colby and John Philpot for all their help
- Leaving for home and will not be back till just before the fall show
- Susan Colby will need lots of help passing out flyers in the fall – please volunteer

Drawings held for the 50/50 and LOTS of door prizes.

Ed Lindsay donated his 50/50 winnings back to the Youth Group – thanks Ed!

Chuck Larson, President

- Introduced the speaker – A J Lombard – geologist and teacher

A J gave a fascinating Power Point presentation of the volcanology of the Superstition

Mountains. We hope to see him come back many times in the future with other presentations!

Chuck Larson, President

Meeting adjourned at 8:10

Upcoming Scheduled Events

by Connie Smith

As we come to the end of April, we have a couple of great days of events for the young and the old at heart.

On Saturday, April 30th from 9am - noon, Ed Lindsey has scheduled a Youth's Slab and Cab day. There will be members there to help our youth to learn how to properly make a cabochon and how to properly use the machines. So we hope that Saturday all of our youths and their parents come to Slab and Cab day.

Also on Saturday there will be a field trip to Agate Mountain. But that will depend on the weather and the amount of members interested in going on this trip.

Please keep an eye on the emails for any cancellations.

A monitor's meeting is scheduled for Saturday at 6:30pm. This has been on the calendar since the first of the month in hopes that we will have a great turn out. If you have been thinking of becoming a monitor, this is a great opportunity for you to start on Saturday. Come and check out what it takes to become a monitor. We have some top notch monitors so why not come and be a part of a great team. Monitors, these meetings are set up for you. So please come to your meeting at 6:30 on Saturday. We appreciate any and all comments that you may have.

As Karen Moschinger prepares for May's calendar of classes, if you have any ideas for a class or are interested in teaching a class, please contact Karen at classesajrockclub@gmail.com.

Goodbye Snowbirds Potluck

by Nichole Fry

We had an amazing goodbye potluck on March 13th. About 30 members attended and enjoyed bonding and talking with fellow rock club members. We had delicious pulled pork sandwiches, side dishes, and mouth watering desserts. I would like to give a huge thank you to everyone

who came out and participated. A special thank you goes to Susan Colby for her beautiful table decorations. I can't wait to start planning another potluck!

Cave Creek Museum

The Cave Creek Museum has on display the pre-history and history of the north desert foothills. It was opened in 1970, but actually started as a Historical Society in 1968. The Museum took form when land was donated by Frank and Hazel Wright, and the old Episcopal Church was relocated to the present museum site. For more information about the museum, see <http://cammaz.net/2016/01/20/rocks-between-two-hard-spots/>.

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.