



Apache Junction Rock & Gem Club – December 2016

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Next Meeting: January 12, 2017

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General Meeting minutes for 12/8/16

Chuck Larson, President

- Called meeting to order at 6:30
- Led Pledge of Allegiance
- Announced that shop fees for all adults are now \$100 per year or \$3.00 per hour – no more family discounts. No charge for children under 18
- Signup sheets for the Flagg Show (January 6th, 7th & 8th) and our Spring Show (February 18th & 19th) are available at the shop
- Terry & Connie Smith will be moving back to Michigan in March – need someone to step up and take over as Shop Manager

Phil & Mattie Gadd, Show Co-Chairs

- Thank you to all who volunteered at the Fall Show – it was a great show and the club made a nice profit

Linn Mistrot, Treasurer

- Gave club financial report and Fall Show financial report

Ruth Flynn, Secretary

- Meeting minutes accepted for last General Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 6:40

Important: The club is looking for a trailer to use for our club float in future parades. If you have a trailer (in any condition) that you'd like to donate, please contact Chuck Larson at 480-983-2672 or chuckinaj@gmail.com

Apache Junction Light Parade – pics by Mattie Gadd

Kudos to Lynn Carlson and her crew for creating such a beautiful float for the Apache Junction Light Parade. So cute and great advertising for the club!



Christmas Party Potluck – pics by Linn Mistrot

We had a great turnout for the Christmas Potluck – nearly 100 people. The food was spectacular! We'd like to offer a big, big thank you to Nicole Fry for organizing the event. Thank you, also, to Susan Colby and John Philpot for all the extras they provided to make it an even better event.











Change to credit card processing – by Linn Mistrot

Starting December 1, the club is using a new credit card service - PayPal. It offers secure, simple credit card processing at a rate of 2.7% per transaction with no monthly fees.

There is a change in the rate being charged to members though. In the past if you paid by credit card you paid a flat 50 cent fee per transaction. That is not what the club was being charged. Some people were overpaying and some greatly underpaying what it cost to process their charge. The club was eating that expense.

The PayPal program allows us to add that 2.7% to each transaction. So only the individual member using a credit card pays for the service. It is the same as going on a field trip - if you go you pay. If you don't go you don't pay. This allows us to keep our expenses down and to continue offering the convenience of using your credit card.

Note: the part of the PayPal program that calculates the % being charged shows it on the tax line. Be aware, it is NOT a tax. We do not charge or collect taxes. It is only the fee to process the charge.

If you have any questions, please contact Linn Mistrot, Treasurer.

Compass For Your Cause Program

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 a 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.**