



The Apache Junction Rock & Gem Club, Inc.

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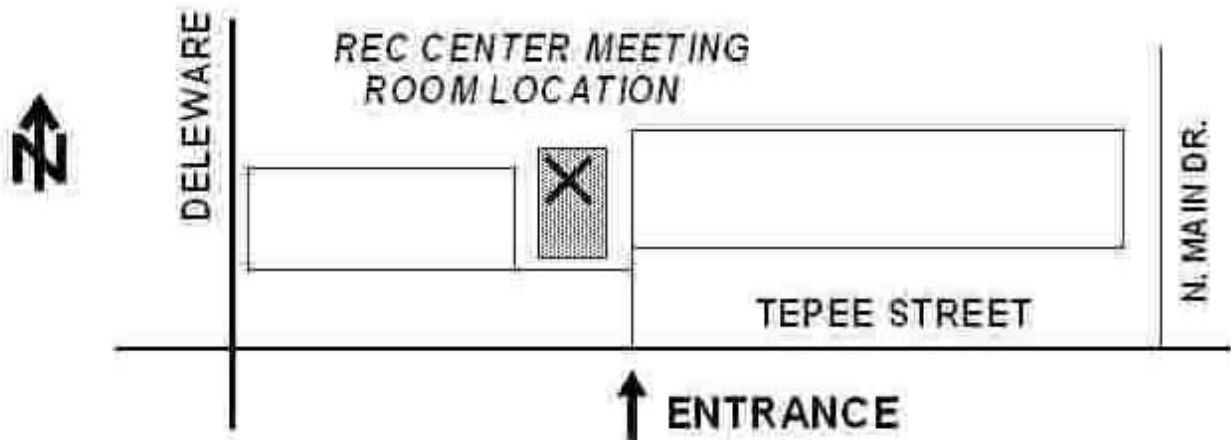
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MEETING PLACE!!!

Nov 11, 2010

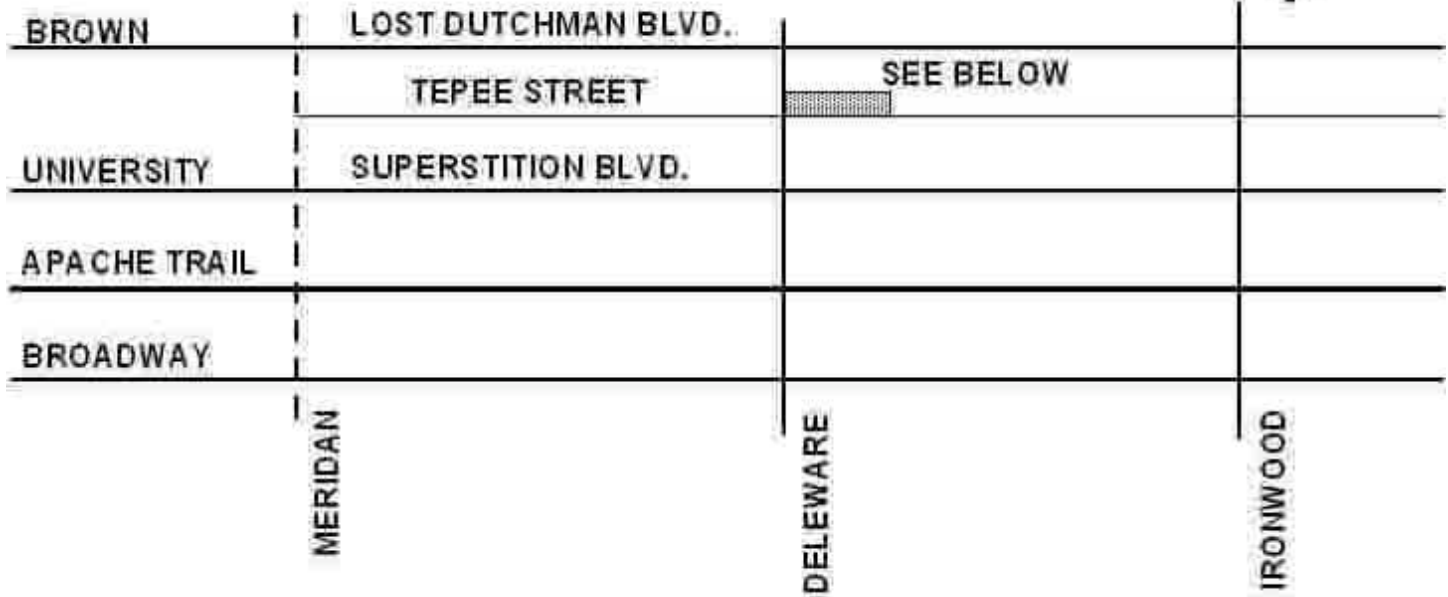
**Carefree Manor RV Park,
at the corner of Tepee & Delaware, Apache
Junction, AZ**

Park on Tepee, east of Delaware and park nose in instead of parking parallel



CAREFREE MANOR MOBIL HOME PARK LAYOUT

CAREFREE MANOR MOBIL HOME PARK
1615 NORTH DELEWARE DRIVE, APACHE JUNCTION, AZ.



The Club meets on the second Thursday of every month October thru April at 7:00 pm at the Carefree Manor RV Park, at the corner of Tepee & Delaware, Apache Junction, AZ

Club Dues - \$10 per new member. Renewals are \$10 per member. This may be paid at the general meeting or by mail to Ron Ginn, 691 N. Velero St., Chandler, AZ 85225.

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Next Meeting – Nov 11, 2010

7:00 pm at the Carefree Manor RV Park, at the corner of Tepee & Delaware, Apache Junction, AZ. See map above

Meeting Minutes Oct 14, 2010

Apache Junction Rock and Gem Club
General Meeting- October 14, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Katy Tunnicliff at 7:06 pm.
The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Membership: Ron Ginn reported that we have 288 paid members in the club. Four more persons joined this evening.

Treasurer: Kelly Iverson reported that as of 10-12-2010: The General Account totals \$2,353.11, the Show Account totals \$365.39, the Savings Account totals \$6,466.65, the first CD totals \$8,400, and the second CD totals to \$3000 and the third CD total is \$10,069.47. The club financial total is \$30654.62. The motion was made and seconded to accept this report, the motion passed.

Secretary: Barbara Bayer read the last general meeting minutes. The motion was made and

seconded to approve the minutes, the motion passed.

Hospitality: Natalie Kirmiel presented a sign up list for snacks to be served at the general meetings.

Sunshine: Gwen Frazer resigned as Chairperson due to her availability to serve until January of 2011. The motion was made that the club secretary could assume the responsibilities of the Sunshine Chairperson. The motion was seconded and approved.

Lapidary Shop: Bill Jonas resigned as Chairperson since he is unable to return to Arizona this season. The shop will be open as follows: Mondays from 7 am to 4 pm, Wednesdays from 8 am to 1 pm, and on Fridays from 8 am to 1 pm. Our current monitors are Walt Gasiorek, Richard Porrett, De Wright, D. Scott Stevens, Wally Frlich, and Jerry Gervais. Rich Griesh volunteered to be stand-by monitor. The trim saw bearings have been ordered and are expected within the week.

We have a new 14" saw. A new pump was placed on the swamp cooler. The new Port-A- Potty has been delivered. Mr. Wright will develop a list of equipment/parts/supplies needed for the Lapidary Shop and present it to the Executive Board. The immediate need for the shop is a 55 gallon supply of oil; this expense will be taken from the shop fund. The suggestion was made to detail the responsibilities of the Lapidary Shop Chairperson in the newsletter and ask for volunteers.

By Laws: The By Laws will come to a vote during the November 2010 General Meeting. It was requested that the revised By Laws be again sent to the membership via email.

Show: The vendor places have been rented for the 2011 Show. The suggestion was made for a separate rough rock show- this suggestion was not approved. The suggestion was made for more vendors to be located in the patio area. Concerns about this suggest involved the weather, the permission from the high school principal, and Sharon who organizes the show. There will be no member vendors for the 2011 show. Mr. John Frary is unable to continue as Show Chairperson. We will detail the responsibilities of the Show Chairperson in the newsletter and ask for a volunteer for this position.

David Bayer presented the first part of "Revisiting Kemmerer, Wyoming" by giving the history of the development of the area. He also presented fossils, carbonized specimens, and petrified specimens from the area.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Submitted, Barbara Bayer, Secretary

Article of the Month

Chupacabra

Barbara Brillhart PhD FNP-BC



The chupacabra (goat sucker) has been reported in Puerto Rico, Mexico, and the United States in the Southwest, Southeast, even up to Maine. The name comes from the animal's habit of drinking the blood and eating organs of livestock and fowl. The chupacabra

has been described as follows: a heavy animal about the size of a small bear, spines from back to tail, mostly hairless, large fangs, long snout, short front legs, longer back legs, and claws. Other reports cite characteristics as leathery or scaly skin, green-gray skin, sharp spines down the back, 3 to 4 foot high, and having the ability to hop like a kangaroo. Scientists investigating chupacabra-like corpses claim they are dogs, foxes, or coyotes with the mange. Other scientists report they are a mutant form of coyotes.

To date, there has been no human attacked by the chupacabra. However, they have been known to kill 34 hogs, 69 goats, 300 sheep, chickens, geese, turkeys, ducks, and a cat. Attacks by chupacabra are reported to occur at night. Our concern is that it could attack a small child participating in a hike or rock specimen field trip, especially at dusk or at night.

Prevention of injuries by the chupacabra:

- Be watchful of strange, dog-like animals especially at dusk or during the night.
- Conclude the hike or field trip before dusk.
- If a chupacabra is sighted, frighten it away with shouting, making noise, focusing lights on it, and throwing rocks at it.
- Shoot the chupacabra if it threatens a child or adult. Keep the body for disease and DNA investigation.

Field Trips in October

If you want to go on a field trip, contact Harry Warren at rockharry@netscape.com or 480-986-5852.

Rock Shows in November & December

November

November 5-7, 2010 Black Canyon City Rock-A-Rama, Albin Civic Center, K-Mine Rd., Black Canyon City, AZ
Sponsored by: Braggin Rock Club
Hours: 9 to 4
Admission and parking: Free
Show Contact: Don Ingels, 623-374-0202

November 6, 2010 Tucson

Old Pueblo Lapidary Club Silent Auction
3118 N. Dale, Tucson, AZ 85712
Sponsored by: Old Pueblo Lapidary Club
Website: www.lapidaryclub.org
Hours: Sat. 9-2
Admission and parking: Free
Show Chairperson: Danny Harmsen, Tucson, AZ, 520-721-8452
Nine tables will be randomly called & replenished every 15 minutes and equipment will go in the last hour.

November, 13-14, 2010 Lake Havasu City

41st Annual Gem & Mineral Roundup
Community (Aquatic) Center, 100 Park Ave., Lake Havasu City, AZ 86404
Sponsored by: Lake Havasu Gem & Mineral Society
Website: www.lakehavasugms.org
Hours: Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4
Admission and parking: Free
Demonstrations, raffle, hourly door prizes, games & prizes for children.
Show Chairpersons: Carol Stone, Kathy Ernst
showchair@lakehavasugms.org

November 19-21, 2010 Green Valley

Green Valley Artisan's Festival
West Social Center, Green Valley, AZ
Sponsored by: Green Valley Lapidary and Silversmith Club
Hours: Fri., Sat. 9-4, Sun. 11-4
Admission: Free
Festival Chairman: Margi Smith, 520-393-1228

November 27-28, 2010 Bisbee **Bisbee Mineral Show**

Sponsored by: City of Bisbee, Bisbee Mining
Historical Museum, and Bisbee Chamber of
Commerce, www.bisbearizona.com
Hours: Sat. Sun. 9-5
Website: www.queenminetour.com
Phone: 520-432-2071

November 27-28, 2010 Wickenburg

10th Annual Gem & Art Fair,
Wickenburg Community Center,
160 N. Valentine St., Wickenburg, AZ
85390

Sponsored by: Wickenburg Gem & Mineral
Society

Over 40 vendors, with gems, minerals, jewelry,
artists, photo exhibit, door prizes, grab bags,
spinning wheel, food and more

Raffle drawing Sunday: Tickets \$2 ea. or 3/\$5

Admission and parking: Free

Hours: 9-5

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Show Chairperson & Dealers Contact: Beth
Myerson, 21825 W. Date Creek Rd.,
Wickenburg, AZ 85390, 928-684-0380,
myerbd@gmail.com

December

December 10-12, 2010 Tombstone

**Tombstone Gem Show's 1st Annual
Miners' Mania** Tombstone Territories
RV Resort, 2111 E. Hwy. 82

Sponsored by: Rhinestone Cowboy,
520-457-9505

Website: www.tombstonegemshow.info

Admission and parking: Free

Lapidary Shop

Apache Junction Rock and Gem Club
Lapidary Shop, 5130 East Superstition
Apache Junction, AZ

Summer Hours of Operation

Mondays from 7 am to 4 pm, Wednesdays from 8
am to 1 pm, and on Fridays from 8 am to 1 pm.

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