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Organized to foster the development of amateur lapidary and jewelry craftsman, to foster an interest in mineral collecting, to present educational programs designed to improve knowledge, craft skill and to promote public interest in these areas.

Affiliations:

- AFMS – American Federation of Mineral Societies www.amfed.org
- RMFMS – Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineral Societies www.rmfmts.org
- AZC - Arizona Coalition of Rock Clubs

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ANNUAL DUES

- Individual Membership.....\$ 12.00
- Family Membership\$ 18.00 (A family consists of people living in your household, at the same address)

Membership dues will be used to fund the Club, to pay for membership in the Rocky Mountain and American Federations. (\$1.50) per member and for liability insurance (\$.75 per member)

It's time to pay your 2010 club dues. You may either mail them to me or pay them at our meeting. My mailing address is :

Cathy Gessner
 PGM Membership Chairman
 1942 Upper Crestview
 Prescott, Az. 86305



New Members

Prescott Gem and Mineral Club rolls out the welcome mat to the following new members.

Maurine Haerberlin - Jerry Jensen - Dolores Jensen - Michael McDevitt - Andrew Norris - Brenda Norris - Rodney Norris

Bring a potential new member to our next meeting!!!

Don't forget our **Show and Tell** opportunities. If you have an item or items that you would like to share with the entire club, please contact Marguerite Ahl at 775-2934 prior to meeting day so we can schedule time.



FOR SALE

Use the column to let other club members know about the great stuff you have regrettably decided to sell. In other words, list whatever equipment or other paraphernalia, rock related only, you have for sale. Send your information to maggiscratch@msn.com by NLT the 25th of the month for insertion into the newsletter.

Photos Wanted: We are always looking for new photos of our club in action; Christmas pot luck, meetings, field trips, etc. If you have any photos that you think represent our club in action, please email them to either myself at maggiscratch@msn.com or to our club historian, Frank Oxborrow, at oxborrow36@cableone.net

TIPS of the TRADE!

Hey folks, you'll notice that there is no "tip" here this month. That's because you fellow rockhounds want to keep all the handy info as a secret. Shame on you. Come on now, what did we all learn in kindergarten, "How to Share". So loosen up and share those secret sauces, rock hounding tips or lapidary procedures with the rest of us poor low lifes.

Program Meetings: The club meets on the 1st Saturday of the month at 10:00 AM at the Prescott Public Library on Goodwin Street in Prescott, Az. The meeting takes place in the Founders Suites A & B on the lower level of the library. Lectures, slide shows, guest speakers and videos on a variety of subjects. Be sure to verify meeting dates and times as occasionally dates and times change. Any questions, call President Ron Whorton at 928-925-8911.

New Mentoring Program to Help New Members Feel Like Old Members!!!!!!!!!!

Our ever thinking Ex-President Don Crenshaw proposed a new program that should help our new members feel right at home. You should have received an email with a letter explaining the program and a form to be filled out and returned to the club, either at the club mailing address or at the meeting. Please help to make this new program a success. Do your part and fill out the form.

Next Regular Meeting: Saturday, Saturday Feb 6th at 10:00A.M. at the Prescott Public library on Goodwin St. Prescott.

Future General Meeting Date: Feb 6, 2010
 Mar 6, 2010
 Apr 3, 2010
 May 1, 2010
 June 5, 2010 (Tentative Date for Our Spring Fling!)

Future Board Meeting Dates: Feb 18, 2010
 Mar 18, 2010
 Apr 15, 2010
 June 3, 2010

Anyone who plans to attend a board meeting should call President Ron Whorton at 925-8911, to be sure and get on the agenda.
 Board meetings are held in the Elsea Rm on the main level of the library.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Checking/savings	
Cash	
Investments (CD)	\$ 15,000.00
Checking Az State Credit Union	\$ 9,384.00
Savings Az State Credit Union	\$ 53.71
Petty cash	\$ 28.69
Totals (A)	\$ 24,467.31
Fixed Assets (B)	\$ 12,909.00 (furniture/equipment)
Total fixed Assets	\$ 37,951.62 (Total A & B)
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 37,951.62



Submitted by Frank Oxborrow: Treasurer PG/MC.

YOU KNOW YOU’RE A ROCKHOUND IF.....

* Your teenager calls you an old fossil and you take it as a compliment.

HELP WANTED

The following volunteer club position is in need of a body to fill it. If you think you would like to take this position, please give the current job holder a call to find out what the position entails.

Maggi Lieber 520-831-0017 Show Raffle Prize Chair Person



Margeurite Ahl - VP Programs

The program this month will be part two of a DVD of a tourmaline mine that belongs to a friend of Clyde Griffith. This DVD gets interesting with the kids actually down in the mine and finding crystals. Boy, would I like to be one of them! Next month Keith Horst will be showing us a video on amethysts and giving us a little talk about this beautiful purple stone.

In April we hope to have a gentleman from the Yavapai County Fair Board talk to us concerning the fair facilities and their plans for the future.

Marguerite Ahl
V.P. of Programs.



Sunshine Lady

A card went out to Maggi Lieber in sympathy for the passing of her brother.

If you know of someone that is having surgery, has had a major trauma, is seriously ill or has lost a close loved one, please let me know so that I can send a card from the club.

Thank You, Maureen Haerberlin

Minutes of General Meeting of the Prescott Gem and Mineral Club - January 2, 2010

Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM, Saturday, January 2nd, 2010. All club officers present.

Agenda:

Pledge of Allegiance to flag.

Minutes of last general meeting and last board meeting were approved as printed in the January PGMC Newsletter.

(Note: Only Xmas Party, no general meeting and board meeting in December.)

Next Club Meeting: February 6th, 2010

Treasurer's Report: Frank Oxborrow - Information not available. (See above Treasurer's Report)

VP Field Trip: John McArthur deferred to Earl Bolkan. The pit at the Arizona Agate Mine was full of water due, so proceeded to Sheep's Bridge to collect Sagenite, successful. January field trip on the 16th to Perkinsville area. Meet at the Safeway in Chino Valley at 8:30 AM, leave at 9:00 AM sharp. Easy, regular car OK.

Old Business: None

New Business: President Ron Whorton wanted to change publishing date of "Tailings" Newsletter to earlier in the month. Maggi Lieber, Editor, explained not enough time to get all information together. Topic dropped.

A motion was made by Judy Sullins, seconded by Maggi Lieber, after debate and amendment, a show of hands vote was requested by President on each of the three parts of motion. 1) To have the next years Xmas Party at the Chino Valley Senior Center for a donation of \$75.00 (Vote Majority). 2) Leave the Spring Fling at the Heritage Park (Vote unanimous), and 3) the dinners to be pot luck, not catered (Vote majority). Doris Edelman to reserve the Ramada for Spring Fling.

Scholarship Report: Keith Horst says still unable to get a straight answer from college. Pam Jackson, Alice Harris and many others spoke on findings and ideas. Still no resolution, so tabled to perhaps go to committee.

Tailgate Party: President Ron Whorton asked for a show of hands on interest, discussion begun, but need more information, so tabled.

Volunteers: President, Ron Whorton, reported that three people have volunteered for 1) Sales-Joan Fillmore 2) Federation Liaison Officer - Brad Balue and 3) Sunshine Lady - Maureen Haerberlin. Thank you!

Membership Report: Guest Mike Elstrum. New Members: Maureen Haerberlin, Jerry and Dolores Jensen, Michael

McDevitt.

Show Dates: Mr. Paulsen asked Editor to add Tucson Show Center dates of Feb 10-14th. (Ed. Note: I can not find any listing for a Tucson event of those dates, so I took a guess and added the 11th through the 14th show)

Historian: Frank Oxborrow invites all to see yearbook on display for the next three meetings.

Program: VP Programs, Margeurite Ahl, introduced the 1st half of DVD on Tourmaline Mining from Clyde Griffith. Ran about ½ hour.

Meeting adjourned at 12 Noon, raffle followed.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
Secretary, Heather Redden.

Board Meeting Minutes 1-14-2010

Meeting called to order at 5 PM, January 14th, 2010. All Board members present; Club members present Maggi Lieber - Show Co-Chair and Newsletter Editor, Judy Sullins - Show Co-Chair and Chamber of Commerce Liaison.

President Ron Whorton made a motion that the list of new signers; Ron Whorton, Margeurite Ahl, Frank Oxborrow and Maggi Lieber, for the club checking account located at the Arizona State Credit Union to be published in the newsletter. Motion seconded by Max Hatch and passed unanimously.

Judy Sullins volunteered to be assistant secretary.

Max Hatch, Independent Director, reminded everyone that the club needs to provide a certificate of insurance to the city in order to use the facilities at Heritage Park Ramada for our spring fling. Frank Oxborrow, Treasurer, will handle getting the certificate. The same applies for our annual show at ERAU. Frank Oxborrow will also be handling this need.

Frank Oxborrow reported that after meeting with the previous treasurer, John Munday, and reviewing the November and December finances, everything balances and he now has everything he needs to proceed. An up-to-date report was distributed to the board.

It was discussed and decided that the newsletter would list a few months out for both the programs for our general meetings and any up coming field trips. Both the VP Programs, Margeurite Ahl, and the VP Field Trips, John McArthur, were asked to try and provide this information earlier and for a few months in advance.

John McArthur stated the he would like to see the 5 - 10 minute talks that we used to have at our general meetings come back.

Ron Whorton stated that we need an additional 8 ft. of shelving in the trailer in order to better organize and protect those items stored there. Max Hatch estimated that the cost will be \$120.00 plus tax. Max also volunteered to pick up the shelving after Quartzite. Once the shelving is picked up, a work party of 4 will be needed to assemble and load the shelves. At this time a better inventory list of the trailer contents can be made. Frank Oxborrow to do the inventory.

Ron Whorton asked if a monthly board meeting was necessary. After discussion by the board it was decided that for the first few months of a new board, monthly meetings were necessary and for the months leading up to our show monthly meetings were necessary. Otherwise, meetings will be held at the discretion of the President, Ron Whorton. Margeurite Ahl volunteered her home for the next board meeting. 7131 E. Summer Vista, Prescott Valley.

Max Hatch read a letter from a club member, Clyde Griffith, asking why the club is limiting the scholarship to just the studio arts and not expanded to Geology and Earth Sciences. It was suggested that PGM offer 2 scholarships per

semester, 1 in the studio arts and 1 in the earth sciences. It was reported that the Foundation Office at YC handles scholarships and Steve Walker in the director. Frank Oxborrow volunteered to do further research in to the subject. President Whorton would also like the future committee to handle doing presentations in the locals schools.

A question was raised regarding the one time, Transaction Privilege Tax (TPT) of \$25. Judy Sullins, Show Co-Chair has researched and states that the city does require this for every booth at our show. The \$25 will be collected by the club and then a check written to the City Of Prescott along with a list of vendors who have contracted for a booth. If a vendor allows others to sell out of their booth, that is between the contracting vendor and that individual. One TPT fee per booth.

Max Hatch made a motion that the 2 Show Co-Chairs be given standing invitations to all future board meetings, but only one vote. Seconded by Frank Oxborrow and passed unanimously.

Ron Whorton asked who has the final say on whether there is to be a club sale table at the show. It was decided that the decision belongs to the Show Co-Chairs.

Ron Whorton asked who decides what meats the club will provide as entrees at both the spring fling and the Christmas Potluck. It was decided that the matter will be brought to the members at the next general meeting.

Meeting Adjourned 6:10 PM.

Minutes Submitted by Heather Redden, Secretary

President's Message 02-2010

Our last meeting was a little out of the norm to say the least ,since it was the first time as Pres it doesn't count so don't shoot me yet! Our next meeting will be better. Tune in or stop by and see what happens, you don't know if you don't show!

I'm looking forward to Quartzsite Rock Show , I've waited all year for this event. Last year I spent way over my budget my wife gives me for my allowance, so I spent some time in the poor-house, nothing new to me. Hope to see all of you there, If you can't make it send me money I'll spend it for you. ha ha

Pres Ron

PS

I would like to make a public apology to Brad Balue for the off handed remark I made. Sorry Brad
Ron

PSS

I have some GOOD news for the club but I can't tell you yet!!!



John McArthur - VP Field Trips

The first Field trip for 2010 was to the Perkinsville area on Jan 16. We had 22 members in 12 vehicles enjoy the great cool weather and all I believe were able to fill their buckets.

At the first area there was Strawberry colored Agate over a large area. After lunch we moved back towards Chino Valley and stopped to get brecciated Jasper in a wash and up a bank, next to the road. There was also some Jasper

found in the stream bed. The last site had brown – yellow Jasper, some of which had dendrites in it.

The next Field trip will be on February 20, to the Garnet area and will depart at 07:00 am sharp from the Waffles and Moore parking lot. The Garnet hunting area is known as Wildcat Canyon and is just a little way down the Northern Burro Creek road. However, 4-wheel drive will be required to actually climb the hill to the collecting area. Garnet may be found in the Ryolite wall face or broken out of the plentiful Ryolite rocks and boulders laying about. Garnet color is deep red and unbroken stones show perfect crystal faces.

This trip is being led by Gary Pope - See you there.

Be sure to bring the usual field trip items, (lunch, rock hammer, water etc).

The Mingus Club is hosting a coalition field trip on February 27th to our Cottonwood Slag heap. Some of you may have been there before, but it will soon be gone. Many of our members have made beautiful cabs from the "slagatite", which contains traces of precious metals leftover from the copper smelting processes.

The big black mountain is easy to see behind the Verde Valley Fairgrounds. Turn right on 12th St. off 89A in Cottonwood. Turn left on Aspen, turn left at the VFW sign at 705 E. Aspen, and proceed through the gates to the bottom of the heap. There's plenty of parking.

We will meet at 10am. At the slag heap. Be sure to bring good gloves because of sharp and jagged pieces.

If you have any questions, contact me.

Thanks,

Sue Valek

President, Mingus Gem & Mineral Club

queen3bbas@aim.com

928-634-7452

(Ed. Note: Prescott Gem and Mineral Club is a coalition member and as such all of our members are welcome on all coalition field trips.)

Future possible trips are Brenda, Mingus, Utah, Anderson Mine and Rodeo Flats.

If you have a place that you would like to club to visit – please contact me – John McArthur at johnkiwi@earthlink.net or any member of the field trips committee.

RAFFLE ITEMS

We are in need of quality materials for our raffle table. These donated materials, that are raffled at our meetings, help defray the operating costs of the club and help us to keep our dues as low as possible.. Please bring a donation to the next meeting. Make sure your donation is marked as what it is and, if known, where it came from. Your continued support is needed and much appreciated.

Linda Loschke and Cathy Huntress

SHOWS IN ARIZONA AND VICINITY - 2010

January-February

30-12--TUCSON, ARIZONA: Business to Business Gem Trade Show; Gem and Lapidary Wholesalers Inc.; The Gem Mall, 4475 S. Country Club Rd.; daily 10-6, last day 10-3; contact Gem and Lapidary Wholesalers Inc., P.O. Box 98, Flora, MS 39071-0098, (601) 879-8832; e-mail: info@glwshows.com; Web site: glwshows.com

30-12--TUCSON, ARIZONA: Business to Business Gem Trade Show; Gem and Lapidary Wholesalers Inc.; The Grant Inn, 1365 W. Grant Rd. (I-10 and Grant Rd.); daily 10-6, last day 10-3; contact Gem and Lapidary Wholesalers Inc., P.O. Box 98, Flora, MS 39071-0098, (601) 879-8832; e-mail: info@glwshows.com; Web site: glwshows.com

30-13--TUCSON, ARIZONA: Show, "Arizona Mineral & Fossil Show"; Martin Zinn Expositions; Inn Suites Hotel, 475 N. Granada Ave.; Sat. 10-6; free admission; AMFS Treasure Hunt: win prizes for visiting show locations, pre-register online or at the Inn Suites Hotel; daily drawings Feb. 1-10, more than 400 vendors in four locations; contact Regina Aumente, P.O. Box 665; Bernalillo, NM 87004, (505) 867-0425; e-mail: mzexpos@aol.com; Web site: www.mzexpos.com

30-13--TUCSON, ARIZONA: Show, "Arizona Mineral and Fossil Show"; Martin Zinn Expositions LLC; The Inn Suites Hotel (475 N. Granada), The Mineral & Fossil Marketplace (1333 N. Oracle Rd.), Quality Inn (1025 E. Benson Hwy.), and Ramada Ltd. (665 N. Freeway); 10-6 daily, final day 10-5; free admission; more than 400 dealers from all over the world, Artists' Gallery (Inn Suites Hotel); contact Martin Zinn Expositions, P.O. Box 665, Bernalillo, NM 87004-0665, fax (303) 223-3478; e-mail: mzexpos@aol.com; Web site: www.mzexpos.com

February 2010

4-12--TUCSON, ARIZONA: Business to Business Gem Trade Show; Gem and Lapidary Wholesalers Inc.; Holiday Inn Palo Verde/Holidome, 4550 S. Palo Verde Rd. (I-10 at Palo Verde Rd.); daily 10-6, last day 10-3; contact Gem and Lapidary Wholesalers Inc., P.O. Box 98, Flora, MS 39071-0098, (601) 879-8832; e-mail: info@glwshows.com; Web site: glwshows.com

5-8--TUCSON, ARIZONA: 9th annual show, "Westward Look Show 2010"; Fine Mineral Show; Westward Look Resort, 245 E. Ina Rd.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-6, Mon. 10-5; more than 25 of the world's top dealers, "Collector Day" Sat., featuring Will Larson's private collection, Sun. evening cocktail hour, mineral art gallery, and artist panel, including Eberhard Equit, Hildegard Knighofer, Susan Robinson and Wendell Wilson; contact Dave Waisman, P.O. Box 8543, Spokane, WA 99203; Web site: www.finemineralshow.com or www.westwardminerals.com

2010 Tucson Gem and Mineral Show™

February 11-14, 2010

"Gems & Gem Minerals"

Thursday, Friday, Saturday; 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.,

Sunday; 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Admission: \$8.25 plus a \$1.00 TCC ticket tax

March 2010

12-14--COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA: Show, "Verde Valley Gem & Mineral Show"; Mingus Gem & Mineral Club; Verde Valley Fairgrounds, 800 E. Cherry St.; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$1 (Fri.) and \$3 (Sat./Sun.), children free with adult; worldwide minerals and gems, fine and costume jewelry, gem and mineral displays, raffles, silent auctions, jewelry, lapidary tools, supplies, equipment, children's activities, free mineral and gem identification; contact Sue Valek, (928) 634-7452

April 2010

10-11--KINGMAN, ARIZONA: Show, "Gems of Arizona"; Mohave County Gemstoners; Kingman Academy of Learning High School, 3420 N. Burbank St.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; free admission; demonstrations (obsidian knapping, faceting, wire wrapping), mineral displays, silent auction, dealers, cash raffle, hourly door prizes, children's activities; contact Nan Russell, (928) 846-0927, or Donna Robinson, 3202 E. Leroy Ave., Kingman, AZ 86409, (928) 263-1480; e-mail: gemstoners@live.com; Web site: www.gemstoners.org