

## **Summit Gem Newsletter April 2007**

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### **Mission Statement**

*To afford the opportunity to share interest in lapidary knowledge and working techniques*

**Club Meeting: April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 PM**

*Membership: 130 paid members*

**Host:** Mari Takai Manley

**Program:** Club's Annual Auction

### **President's Message** - by David Rich

This is it folks, the month of April is around the corner. This is going to be one busy month for SLC members. Our monthly meeting is the 33<sup>rd</sup> birthday of SLC.

As a club we are very fortunate to have had so many members with enough foresight and strong dedication to acquire a club house. When I travel around to other shows, I find it is a real bonus if a club has a place of its own. April 3<sup>rd</sup> is our club auction. So just like in the past, I am asking all club members to donate something to auction. In fact to get IN you have to bring an auction item.

Attention all new members: this is a great time to get some good deals on some really good rocks. This year, the money raised will be used to provide prizes for a poster contest for children, to be sponsored by SLC and Future Rockhounds of America.

Gemboree is here and all members should be there to work. This is where, as two clubs, we come together and work toward a common goal. To be a member in good standing, all club members must work at the show- regardless of whether you go on trips or not. The Gemboree pays the bills of our club.

Again, we are most fortunate to have had early club members create the Gemboree for us. It is up to everyone in both clubs to protect this vital function. Warren, our show chairman, is eager to hear you ask, "What can I do to help?" This show is somewhat different, because we are leaving on the bus for Arkansas and Mt. Ida, 12 hours after the show closes. So please do your part to ensure that the show goes on. New members, I would encourage you to be a part of the show; you will come to know club members better and become a true part of our organization.

### **SLC Meeting Minutes March 6th 2007** – submitted by Evelyn Tryon

In the absence of most officers, Dave Macseoinin was presiding Chairman, Evelyn Tryon served as Secretary Pro-tem. Warren Salchak served as Treasurer Pro-tem. A quorum was present. Speaker was Joyce Kish with a presentation on the Diamond and Quartz mines in Arkansas, relating to the planned trip.

New member Steve Stagg and guests Lori McElroy, and Dan and Patty Bacik attended. Board Report was presented and corrected by Mari to show that 20 items were donated by nine members for Victim's Assistance.

Minutes of the February meeting were approved and distributed.

The Treasurer's Report was read and approved.

Committees: Sunshine Marvel is in Hospital. Please send cards to her home and Elmer will take them to her. Carl Fry is in Pleasant View in Barberton with a broken shoulder. "Thank You" from the Cramer family for the donation. Shirley thanked us for the box for her grandson.

Library: Mari reported 4 new books were bought. Susan Eberhart reported that books on making Gem Trees are missing. Some of these are out of print. If you have a gem tree book, please contact the Library.

Newsletter: The newsletter went out. All members should have received a copy. Please leave articles in the envelop at the club or send an e-mail to [SLCNewsletter@aol.com](mailto:SLCNewsletter@aol.com).

Classes: Dave Macseonin reported that on 3/24 Bob Flick will teach a bead and wire bracelet class; 4/1 Drake Collins will teach Beginning Silver 1 and 2; Beginning Faceting class on 4/14.

Gemboree: Warren noted that sign-up sheets are out. Please sign up to work at the show. A Gemboree planning meeting is to be held on 3/13. 3/20 post cards will be addressed and mailed.

Supplies: Tom and Warren have faceting books for sale.

Safety: Al Kramer reminded us to wipe machines and clean the floor. It can get slick. Be careful with saw lids. They are heavy and could pinch a finger. Stay away from the belts and pulleys.

New guards are being made. Al is preparing medical forms for the upcoming trip.

Property Maintenance: Bob Powers reported that contractors are being contacted for estimates for repair of the leaking west basement wall.

Trips: Sue Barnett reported on the progress of the Mount Ida trip. Get your money in.

The Chairman thanked our hosts – Bill and Sandy Bandy.

Larry Paserba moved for adjournment. Motion was seconded and passed.

April		April			April	
Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 Beg. & Advanced Silver	2	3 SLC Meeting 7:30PM	4	5	6	7 Social Saturday
8 Easter	9	10	11	12	13	14 Sphere Group 9AM Beg. Faceting 10AM
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Sphere Group 9AM
22	23	24 Board Meeting 7:30PM	25	26	27 Gemboree Setup 8 AM	28 Gemboree
29 Gemboree & Tear down	30 Mt. Ida Trip	31				

Sign up sheets for March SLC Classes are posted at the club. Class instruction by SLC members are free; there may be a fee for supplies.

**Up-Coming Arkansas Trip** - by The Trip Czarina, Sue Barnett

Talking around the table at the club usually brings up a lot of B.S. and an occasional nugget of information that actually could come in handy.

It was suggested that those going on the Arkansas trip have a separate small overnight bag to carry into the hotels on the way down and back, so our trusty bus driver, Glen, does not have to un-load and re-load the entire contents of the bus for the overnight stops. You could either let him know that this bag will come out at the stop, so he can load it last, or you could fit it in an overhead bin.

Also, stopping for lunch at a restaurant will probably not happen while the group is mining for the day. Please be aware that once you have breakfast and leave the hotel, you may not be able to purchase food until suppertime. You will need something easy to eat and drink while you are mining. It may be a good idea to bring energy bars, candy, trail mix, fruit, or the like with you to hold you over in case there are no lunch stops. So, please use your common sense and take care of yourself and plan ahead.

### Itinerary for Mount Ida Arkansas Trip April 30<sup>th</sup>-May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup> 6AM

The group will be leaving from our usual departure location. This is the public parking lot across the street from the Cuyahoga Falls Sheraton Suites, located at the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> St and Falls Ave. Please park toward this corner and plan to arrive by 5:45AM so you have plenty of time to have your luggage and equipment stowed, so the bus can leave at our scheduled time. Also, please note that the group does not wait for stragglers, if your face is not on the bus by 6AM your face is not going to Arkansas.

Driving time is a little over 10hrs, so bring your favorite book, some beading, cards, or just a comfy pillow so you can sleep the miles away. Food and comfort stops will be made as needed.

The group will be staying overnight on the way to Mount Ida, in Jackson Tennessee. Rooms are reserved at the Quality Inn Jackson, located at 535 Wiley Parker Road. Phone #731-668-14100. Glen, our favorite bus driver, tells me there is a great breakfast buffet located in Casey Jones Village and if he is willing to drive 10 hours for a breakfast, it must be good!!

Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>

Driving time into Mount Ida will be just about 5 hours. It will be very important for you to listen to the person manning the microphone on the bus, who will be for this trip, Joyce Kish. She will give you the departure times of the bus and other important information, so please listen carefully and follow her instructions, as we do not want to leave anybody behind. It is a long walk home.

The home base for the group while in Mount Ida, Arkansas will be the Royal Oak Inn. It is located at 930 Highway 270E in Mount Ida. Phone #870-867-2169. The very friendly proprietor, Phyllis, has asked that we do not wash rock material in the rooms; she will provide an outside hose for this purpose. There is no longer a Laundromat in Mount Ida, but Phyllis has graciously offered her own laundry should you need to do clothes washing. Please do not abuse this privilege by washing clothes that you have mined in, throw these items away, or carry them home to wash. Also, there are no coffee pots in the rooms at the Royal Oak Inn, so if you need coffee first thing in the morning, you may need to pack one. They do have a pool, so pack your swimsuit.

The Crystal Inn, located at 3489 Highway 270E, Mt Ida, Arkansas will serve as our satellite hotel. Phone #870-867-2643. They seem to be a little more self-sufficient since they are located further out of town. Elizabeth, the manager, proudly tells me, that they do have coffee pots, microwaves and fridges in their rooms. They also have a pool, a bakery, computer hookups, a deli and a grocery next door. She also requests no rock washing in the rooms. Are you starting to notice a pattern here?

Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> thru Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

Information about times and activities will be provided by Joyce Kish. Please listen to her daily, as the plans may change due to weather or unforeseen circumstances.

Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

Departure time will be 8AM. Please be ready prior to that time as the group leaves promptly. The group will be staying at the Comfort Inn Franklin, in Franklin Kentucky on the way home. They are located at 3794 Nashville Rd. and the phone #270-586-6100. Driving time will be approx 8hrs.

Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Departure time will be 8AM. Again, please be ready to go on time. Driving time is approx 8hrs and allowing 2hrs for stops, you should roll in to Cuyahoga Falls about 6PM.

Just some general reminders, you may want to pack safety equipment for mining. Goggles are always a good idea, sturdy boots or shoes, and work gloves. Sunscreen, bottled water, and small coolers are also recommended. Pails or buckets for your specimens and claw diggers and rock hammers are handy to have for mining. Please, just use good old common sense and think ahead about how dirty you can get mining and what you may find handy for this trip. Folks from the area tell us, just plan on getting wet and muddy and discarding your mining clothes when you get done.

So, be safe, have fun mining. And all of us not going, want to see lots of crystals!!

### **Arizona Snowbirds Adventures** – by Wally and Oma Frlich

As of today, this is a list of the 16 rock-hunting trips Oma and I have gone on this winter.

- 11-25 Date Creek near Wickenburg, AZ - quartz crystals
- 12-1 Woodpecker and Ajax Mines near Florence Jct., AZ - lavender amethyst
- 12-6 Diamond Point near Payson, AZ - small quartz crystals
- 12-19 "green rock" site near Box Canyon near Florence, AZ - chrysocolla and malachite in white quartz
- 12-29 Hewitt Canyon near Queen Valley, AZ in Superstition Mts. - candy-striped marble or Hewitt Canyon marble
- 1-6 Burro Creek near Bagdad and Nothing, AZ - Burro Creek agate
- 1-13 Empire Travertine Quarry near Camp Verde, AZ - banded-honey(amber) travertine
- 1-20 Seven Springs Road near Cave Creek, AZ (three sites) for red jasper and red-tan-translucent banded onyx and agatized jasper which we didn't find much of..... This trip was special for us because Cheryl Kontor drove to our house in Apache Junction from Quartzsite, stayed two nights, and joined us on this trip. When we met the rest of 20 other Apache Junction Rock and Gem Club rockhounds north of Scottsdale, it was pouring rain and was cold. As we drove north on Seven Springs Rd., it turned to snow and it was accumulating. By the time we got to our first collecting site, all precipitation ended for the rest of the day, and the sun eventually came out. Cheryl took pictures of how muddy our Jeep Cherokee got. We had a successful collecting day overall.
- 1-27 Sunflower, AZ - red jasper with white quartz veins
- 2-3 Abe Lincoln Mine near Wickenburg, AZ - azurite, chrysocolla, pyrite, black granite, white-black granite
- 2-21 Haystack Rd. north of Globe, AZ - banded Globe onyx
- 2-27 Barry Goldwater Military Range south of Gila Bend, AZ - black-tan-spiderweb obsidian and pink banded agate
- 2-28 Brenda area near Quartzsite, AZ - tan and brown jasper, agatized red jasper
- 3-4 Pinedale near Show Low, AZ - black petrified wood
- 3-8 Deming, NM for the Rockhound Roundup for Deming agate We spent most of two days with David and Maryann Rich there where David showed us Deming rookies how to collect good Deming agate.
- 3-18 Houston Mesa area near Payson, AZ - coral fossils and red-and-purple agatized jasper

Cheryl plans to join us for another rock-hunt this weekend near Jerome, AZ for Perkinsville agate which has similar colors to regular petrified wood. Warren, we've put 4000-5000 miles on our Jeep on rock-hunt trips thus far, and it has always gotten us back home. We developed a waterpump problem on our way back to our motel in Deming, but we made it to the motel. We've missed our Ohio club members this winter. It was sure nice to see Cheryl Kontor and David and Maryann Rich out here. We'll see you in time for the Gemboree.

### **GEMBOREE News** – by Warren Salchak

We had our Gem meeting in March, about 40 were in attendance. All the dealers are ready, and as usual we have a waiting list of those wanting to get in. We went over the job list, and the first one I wish to discuss is the need to have someone take over the filing of membership and dealer names and to press the ribbons that we wear at the show.

This show is all ready, but we'll need this position filled for the fall show, but wise to have information shared by Rosemary who has been doing this job for sometime now.

We have 25 job position that need to be filled all day sat and sun although the sign up sheets look good now, each day problems unforeseen seem to arise. We need people to volunteer to fill a display cases please See Susan Barnett. Display cases are to be set up by 9:40AM Saturday and remain locked to the end of each day or hopefully till Sunday 6PM  
PLEASE NO SELLING & NO TAILGATING!

We'll be bagging rocks on April 21, at 9:30AM. This only takes about an hour. Also on April 21st the big sign is put up on the corner of Bath and State Roads.  
We'll put articles out Tuesday. Evening that is to be taken out Friday.

I know this may sound redundant to our older members, but these are a lot of the things that go on behind the scenes and this is for the benefit of newer members.

Set up will begin at 8:00 AM Friday at Emidio 's, we'll have coffee and donuts around 9:15, and usually we're pretty well done by 11:15AM. Again this year we'll have salad, pizza and beverages for lunch. At this time dealers will be coming in to set up. If you have a case you may start now to fill it.

Tom and I will have presale tickets, for family and friends .You must work the show for four hours. If you signed up to work at a station, please DON'T leave to go shopping, this is very unfair to those who remain to work for you, yes even when you say I'll just be a minute.

We have such a good club and we put on one of the best shows in the State. I really have a hard time finding the right terminology in saying THANKS; it really doesn't express my deepest gratitude to each and every one of my fellow club members for all the work that gets done.

If any questions, comments, or concerns please call me at 330- 928-0181 or Email.

### **Sunshine News** - by Pat Smeal

- Carl Fry is recuperating from a broken shoulder.
- Marvel Schafrik is doing better and now in a facility closer to home - quite convenient for Elmer's frequent visits.

- Keep Bob Franks and Kevin Powers (our adopted soldier) in your thoughts, as well as Marvel, Carl and their families.

HAPPY SPRING EVERYONE -- These warm days and sunshine are good for all of us -- Enjoy!

Tidbit: "It often requires more courage to dare to do right than to fear to do wrong." (Abraham Lincoln)

### **"BOBSERVATIONS"** - by Robt. Spore

'Hardware Cloth?'

Here's the story....

At the end of every Gem Show, I end up taking one or two of the screens used in the Gem Mine back home to replace the screen material, due to "structural failure".

In other words... they break.

This gets to be a bit of a pain because the screen material is affixed with small brads and glue and tape and sometimes sweat and blood.

It also doesn't help that I consistently forget that I have to do the repairs until the weekend before the show. But that's a whole different thing.

So, I was down in the sanding room with Tim a few weeks ago and we were changing out a load of flint from the tumblers and I noticed the small screen we used to use before we changed over to a metal colander. It had some tough wire mesh on the bottom, not unlike chicken wire, but with 1/4" gaps.

I asked Tim, "Boy, I sure could use some of this. I wonder what it is."

"It's hardware cloth."

"Hardware *cloth*???"

"Yeah... hardware cloth. It comes in different sizes."

I didn't say anything to Tim. I didn't want to point out to him that this was definitely not cloth, that it was metal and so, by definition could never be called cloth.

Because he'd probably yell at me.

Thinking that Tim might have partaken of some odd mushrooms, I put it out of my mind until this last Saturday, when I went over to Henry Bierce Hardware to pick up wood bleach to use on some quartz crystals I was going to clean.

While I was there, I hesitantly asked one of the guys if they might have... hardware cloth.

"Oh yeah... just ask one of the girls at the counter and she'll fix you right up."

OK... One of the GIRLS at the counter? (Sure, sometimes I'm gender challenged. It happens to the best of us.)

I figured they'd pull out some swatches of material or even bolts of some... I don't know... industrial strength muslin, but I was shocked and amazed when they pulled out samples of the exact wire I was looking for!

I was a happy camper.

So, I went out back to the storage area and tried to look all knowledgeable when asked for how much I wanted and I think I looked pretty darn butch when I held my hands out so far.

It just never ceases to amaze me how much worthwhile information you can pick up at the club.

But I still think that hardware cloth is poorly named and I'd like one of you people to do something about it ASAP. Thank you.

### **Just A Quick Note From Me...** - by Pat Powers

Maybe we can persuade Wally and Oma Frlich into giving a presentation on their travels and collecting at an upcoming meeting. I'm sure they will have many fascinating stories about their adventures! Kevin is planning a surprise gift for the club. Stay tuned. Bye and see you next month!