

LITTLE GEMS

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Trent Szabo, president

**General Meeting:
Second Tuesday of the month
Katherine Heidenreich Senior Center
1776 Airway Ave.,
Kingman, AZ 86401
General Meeting
7:00 PM**

Happy Fourth of July everyone! This month is going to be awesome! We have some very fun field trips coming up; a trip to Willow Beach to go fishing then to a deposit of garnets not far away, then a campout to Alamo Road where there is so much to do we need more than one day to experience it all.

Just a few weeks ago I was asked to go onto an internet radio station for an interview about the club and myself. He had asked about the Gem and Mineral show, which reminded me that we need to get a show committee all put together this month! Please offer your help and take your duty.

Please enjoy yourselves for the rest of July and stay cool! It is mighty hot out this time of year! See you next month!

Trent Szabo

To listen to Trent's interview go to the website listed below.

<http://crystalradio.co.za/index.html>

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING – 11 JUN 2013.

The evening began with our quarterly potluck supper.

Following the supper we were treated to an excellent presentation by Jenna Jenkerson on meteorites. Several samples were passed around to view and those bringing in their own samples for review will be contacted at a later date.

The meeting was called to order by President Trent Szabo at 6:32 PM. The flag salute was led by Gary Gann.

Previous Minutes: Minutes were approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Assets and expenses reported to membership.

Committee Reports:

Membership – we currently have 45 paid members for 2013. Those with birthdays and anniversaries were introduced as well as many visitors who were present.

Show – We have staff personnel, but need a Chair.

Web Master – web site is currently being updated.

Newsletter – send articles to the Editor at the e-mail listed on our web site.

By-Laws – Appendix “B” is currently being reviewed for possible revision.

Trip – Check the newsletter and web site for updated trip activities.

Kitchen – need volunteers to bring cookies/snacks for next meeting.

Guest Speakers – Looking at BLM, Mineral Park and a few other speakers in the near future.

Old Business:

1. Obtaining guest speakers – on-going.

2. New Show Chair – still need to get one soon as activities leading up to the Show start very soon.

3. Membership recruitment – a report by Cathy Szabo was given on the Child Safety Fair at KRMC on 01 JUN.

- a. Other ideas being looked at are: visiting schools, demonstrations & samples of work in the lapidary arts, providing classes through the Library were suggested as venues for recruitment of new members.

New Business: (NONE)

Good of the Order:

1. Door prizes.

2. 50/50 – Stephan Szabo won \$15.

Adjournment: As there was no further business, the meeting was closed at 7:57PM.

The Mohave County Gemstoners' Club

Is a member of the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies (RMFMS) and associated with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS).

The purpose of the Mohave County Gemstoners is to:

- 1. Stimulate interest in Mineralogy and Lapidary Arts.*
- 2. Stimulate individual's interest in cutting and displaying of minerals, fossils and gemstones.*
- 3. Stimulate interest in stonecutting, carving and setting of fine gems and jewelry.*
- 4. Stimulate interest in other areas, such as faceting, jewelry design, jewelry fabrication and metalsmithing of jewelry.*

Fiscal year for memberships runs from January 1st thru December 31st.

*Dues are \$15.00 per person, \$20.00 per couple and \$25.00 for family. Junior Membership cost is \$8.00. **Junior members must always be accompanied by a parent.***

Name badges are required, Either Pin or Magnetic style available at cost.

Little Gems is published monthly. It is available online at www.gemstoners.org The Newsletter is in PDF format so it will be necessary to download AdobeReader (free program) to view. Submissions should be to the editor by the 20th the month to:

littlegemsmc@yahoo.com or mail to: **Mohave County Gemstoners PO Box 3992, Kingman, AZ 86402.**

**** 2013 Club Leadership ****

Elected Officers:

President – Trent Szabo
Vice President – Roger Price
Secretary – Fred Bunge
Treasurer – Gary Gann

Board of Directors:

Year ending 2013: John Smith
Year ending 2014: Pete Hansen
Year ending 2015: Mary Gann

Club Committees 2013

By-Laws – Fred Bunge
Field Trips – Mary Gann, John Smith, Gary Bolles
Greeters—Shirley Darga
Membership – Dorothy Bunge
Photographer - *open*

Newsletter Editor- Sue Beilman
Refreshments – John and Laraine Smith
Telephone - John and Laraine Smith
Show Chairman 2013 – Mary Gann
Webmaster – Mary Gann

JULY BIRTHSTONE(Ruby)



Ruby is among the most highly prized of gems throughout history. Its rich color speaks of love and passion. Ancient Hindus call it the "Rajnapura" or Kings of Gems. It was worn as a talisman by royalty to ward off evil. Some ancient tribes used Rubies as bullet for blowguns. Another use was to cure indigestion by grounding it into powder and placing it on the tongue.

Ruby comes from the Latin word *ruber*, which means red. Ruby is a variety of Corundum, which is found as crystals inside metamorphic rock. It is the second hardest mineral, after Diamond.

Mining of Rubies date back more than 2,500 years. It is believed that most beautiful Rubies come from Burma, but quality Rubies also come from India, Sri Lank, Australia, Kenya, Tanzania, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and the U.S.

JULY  **BIRTHDAYS**

David Whited

JULY  **ANNIVERSARIES**

Gary and Lois Bolle

On June 1st, we set up a table for the Gemstoners at the KRMC's Kids' Fair. The Kids' Fair was an excellent opportunity to let families know about our club since the children were accompanied by parents.

We had the rock wheel and an activity where children could make their own pet rocks. Since this was an event sponsored by KRMC, we offered the activities at our table for free. There was a terrific turnout at the Kids' Fair. We had over 80 children make pet rocks and spin the wheel at our table.

We spoke to the parents about the club and some of the activities the club offers. We gave out fliers to 6 families who were very interested in attending a meeting and possibly joining.

Stefan, Cathy and Trent Szabo

We would like to thank the Szabo's for taking the time to set and man a table at the Kids' Fair. I think it is very important to get out into the community and let as many people as we can know about our club and what we do. In order to grow our club these are the types of things we need to do. Hopefully the next time we have the opportunity to have a table at an event, other club members will be available to help out. It's important for all of us to get involved in some capacity.

**FIELD TRIP
INFORMATION**



- Sign in 15 minutes before departure time
- Leader will state relevant information after everyone has signed in.
- Each vehicle is to keep the one behind it in sight. Stop if vehicle is not visible and report situation on radio.
- Always notify leader if you are hiking or driving to another site and your approximate return time.
- If leaving and not returning, notify leader and turn in radio.
- Always take food, water, and first aid kit, full tank of gas.
- When hiking from the group, always take a radio. RADIOS: Channel 3
- Name badges required at all Club functions.
- Maximum of 25 lbs. of rock per trip. Maximum of 250 lbs. of rock annually.

Field Trips:

July 2013

12th - Willow Beach for fishing, then a trip to a nearby canyon for jasper and garnets.

Meet Willow Beach at 5am.

21st-23rd - Alamo Road Fluorite, Amethyst, Agate, and more.

Meet Alamo Road near I-40 at 8am.

August 2013

3rd-5th - Flagstaff and Holbrook Petrified wood and agate.

Meet at Camp Bonito sunset crater Saturday morning.

September 2013

2nd - Windy Point picnic

Meet Grasshopper Junc. on 93 hwy at 9am

July 2013

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August 2013

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