

# 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**

*Hello Gemstoners,*

*Unfortunately, this will be my last meeting as president. Due to work and school I will be moving to North Dakota and will not be able to fulfill my office as president. Fear not, the board is going to replace me when I leave! September is a great month; things start cooling down and going outside is bearable, so why not enjoy it! I have been approached by the alpaca farm east on I-40 and they invited the club to have a free booth to share our interest in rocks and minerals with the attendants at their open house, but we also get to sell our wares! If you are interested in running a Gemstoner table contact: Ron at [rocklook@aol.com](mailto:rocklook@aol.com)*

*That is about it for me, the past year has been great! I will be using all these experiences for the rest of my life and would like to thank all of you for giving them to me!*

*Stay well,  
Trent Szabo*

## **MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING – 13 AUG 2013.**

An excellent presentation by Ed & Aleta Huskinson on silver ores with samples to pass around and examine. Ed is a geologist who has traveled around the world and has an extensive collection of minerals.

The meeting was called to order by President Trent Szabo at 7:45 PM. The flag salute was led by Secretary.

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 50 paid members for 2013. Those with birthdays and anniversaries were introduced as well as many visitors who were present.

Show – nothing to report.

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 – nothing to report.

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. Nominating Committee for 2014 officers. Tom Beilman, Gary Boles and Danny Schact were appointed to find nominees for 2014. Suggested advertising of activities in various publications to gain more interest.

New Business: (NONE)

Good of the Order:

1. Door prizes.
2. 50/50 – Louis Lomerson won \$9.

Adjournment: As there was no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:00PM.

### **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.*

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#### **\*\* 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

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHSTONE(SAPPHIRE)**



*SAPPHIRE*, is taken from the Greek work Sapphirus which means blue. Sapphires have been a favorite of kings and priests, who consider them symbolic of wisdom and purity. Sapphires in powder form, was believed to cure colic, rheumatism, mental illness, and to strengthen eyesight.

Sapphire is a variety of corundum, which comes in every color of the rainbow, with red being Ruby and all other colors are various shades of Sapphire. Deep blue is the most desired color. Today sapphires are found in Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Thailand, Australia, Nigeria, Kenya, Tanzania, China, Madagascar and the United States. The largest specimen is the 563 carat Star of India.

Sapphire is second only to the Diamond in hardness.

**SEPTEMBER  BIRTHDAYS**

Tom Beilman      Trent Szabo

**SEPTEMBER  ANNIVERSARIES**

Ed & Aleta Huskinson

## **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:**

#### **September 2013**

**2<sup>nd</sup>** - Windy Point picnic

Meet Grasshopper Junc. on 93 hwy at 9am

*As members go on the outings, it would be appreciated if someone would write a summary of the outing and/or take pictures to be added to the newsletter and website. Send to: [littlegemsmc@yahoo.com](mailto:littlegemsmc@yahoo.com)*

# SEPTEMBER 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	Windy Point Picnic (Labor Day) 2	3	4	5	5	7
8	9	BRD.Mtg 6pm 6:30 Potluck Gen.Mtg 7 pm 10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	18	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

# OCTOBER 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	BRD .Mtg 6pm Gen.Mtg 7 pm 8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	HAPPY HALLOWEEN 31		