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From the Front Desk— President —Bob Patterson



Subject: Dog Days of August

This is the time of the year that we all just want to stay out of the hot sun and do as little outside as possible. One way to keep cool is to head to the mountains. This is exactly what Tony Steele has in mind.

He is proposing a field trip to Apache Creek, NM during the middle of September. This is a pretty good spot in west central New Mexico well off the beaten track with a lot of interesting possibilities.

There is a free campground just east of Apache Creek that has lots of room under big trees for primitive camping. For those that want to camp in a nice RV park there is one at Cruzville. It has full hookups and showers, tent spots and as I recall it is reasonably priced. What is available for hunting? There are a number of possibilities, the principal ones are Luna golden agate nodules, a light colored Carnelian agate. Most of the material that we collected was small but very nice.

Tony or Don ought to be writing this because they have more experience in this area. The other type of rock is Apache Creek agate. This area is a few miles North of Apache Creek store and west of the highway in Lee Russell Canyon. Maybe the guys could bring some of the material to the club for a show. There are several other possible locations. I will try to get some maps from Ray Tyler from Lubbock. He has given me several large nodules of Luna Gold over the years.

So far as timing is concerned; I think Tony is planning on the 12th of September. When plans are firmed up on this we will pass the specifics on..

September Business meeting has been moved to September 14th due to the Labor Day Holiday

Also, a pot luck is being planned by Randy at Don Brenholtz place in October. I think the date is Oct 10th. Don has a nice place, lots of room and lots of rocks to look at and there is some pretty good rock hunting on his place. If there is any interest, there will be a rock swap as well. Details, a map and specifics will be forthcoming later.

Good by for now. Maybe when some of these things materialize it will be cooler.

I only wish I was as good at execution as I am at imagination.

Bob

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She was in the bathroom putting on her makeup under the watchful eyes of her young granddaughter as she'd done many times before. After she applied her lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "Grandma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!" I will probably never put lipstick on again without thinking about kissing the toilet paper good-bye...

My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him 62. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"

A second grader came home from school and said to her grandmother, "Grandma, guess what? We learned how to make babies today." The grandmother, more than a little surprised, tried to keep her cool. "That's interesting," she said, "how do you make babies?" "It's simple," replied the girl. "You just change 'y' to 'i' and add 'es'."

EQUIPMENT AUCTION

If you are interested in any of these items you can see them at the clubhouse any Monday night. We will be holding a live auction at the October business meeting. MEMBERS ONLY!

If you are unable to attend, you can send a bid by mail or email to ctgms50@clearwire.net.

2 -- 14" SLAB SAWS---these are "kit" saws made in the 60's & 70's. They are plywood boxes with the saws mounted inside. These have been out in the weather and will require a lot of cleanup new retail \$1500
TOP BIDS RECEIVED...\$100 saw with broken leg,....\$150 saw with all legs

10" TEXAS ROCKS SLAB SAW--- This is the saw that has been used in the shop for a long time. We need the room for a 24" saw. It has to go. Needs a good blade and some TLC. Gravity feed New retail \$600
TOP BID RECEIVED \$55

TUMBLER BASE--- There are no barrels with this item. It has a motor will hold 4—12 pound barrels
TOP BID RECEIVED \$35

LARGE VIBRATING LAP 20"---
MIN BID \$50 new retail \$1600

2 WHEEL ARBOR WITH WET TRAY--new retail \$220
TOP BID RECEIVED \$55

LARGE 40 + + LB. ROCK TUMBLER—This is a heavy duty machine that will tumble some very large rocks. New retail \$800
TOP BID RECEIVED \$55

4 WHEEL WET GRINDER/POLISHER
Cast Iron base with cover and 4 wheels
Minimum Bid \$35

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Minutes of CTGMS meeting held Monday, August 3, 2009:

President Bob Patterson called the meeting to order. Approximately 24 members were in attendance. After the pledge of allegiance and prayer, the secretary read the

minutes of the previous meeting. The financial report was read and accepted.

Bob read thank you cards for the memorial gift in the memory of Kathryn Hoy, Grace's mother. He also read an e-mail from Bruce and Judy East. They advised they have been away from the clubhouse because they've been caring for their injured daughter. They live in San Angelo and hope to be back with us soon. Jerry Davis also e-mailed regarding the recent trials the Davises have endured, including injuries and damage to their homes and camper trailer from hail storms and fire. He says they are just waiting for a new roof to be put on the house.

Old Business: The new storage container was delivered Saturday and set in place after the space was cleared and leveled by Tony, using Bob's tractor. About a dozen club members showed up for a general clean up of the clubhouse and the yard. Now we'll need to build shelves for the unit. If anyone has materials they'd like to donate for shelves please bring them to the clubhouse. We'll also need a ventilation fan for the container.

A silent auction of donated lapidary equipment will be held at the October 5th business meeting. The equipment includes 2 14" slab saws, a 10" Texas Rocks slab saw, a tumbler base, a large 20' vibrating lap, a 2 wheel

arbor with wet tray, and a large 40-plus pound rock tumbler. The jewelry tools and supplies that were mentioned in the newsletter will NOT be auctioned. The club still has use for them. More details are provided in the August issue of the Informer. Bids may be placed by mail or e-mail if you are unable to attend the business meeting.

New Business: Bob will be bringing a free-standing shelf for the silversmithing room. Gary has ordered more non-abrasive ceramic media that should be here next week. Zack Stockton said that our friend and life member Stella Chalmers is living at the same facility. He's chatted with her and tried to get her to come with him to the meeting.

Bob said we need to begin thinking about conducting new classes soon. Jim Owens said that the Silversmithing I class takes three Saturdays in a row and the Level II class takes 6 Saturdays in a row.

Gary is planning to go to New Mexico and Arizona soon. He plans to attend the gem and mineral show in Silver City and will be going to the Grand Canyon.

Illnesses and deaths: Lou Jane Davis' injury compounded with Parkinson's has required Jerry and some home health workers to care for her until she can do everything for herself. She hopes to be in therapy soon for her broken arm.

The September business meeting will be held on September 14th because the first Monday will be on Labor Day.

Helen Patterson, Grace Hoy and Joyce Talley will provide refreshments for the meeting in September.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, Beverly Vargo

The Shop Report — Foreman - Tim Walker

I will be running a new electrical plug on the back wall for the 24" saw before moving the saw inside. I will then clean up the saw and get it ready to use. A new 220 wheel has been ordered for the blue polishing machine in the Northeast corner. I hope to get these things done in the next two or three weeks. Parents need to be reminded once again their children are to be supervised in the shop. There is also a rule of no food or sodas in the shop. We don't want to invite unwanted guests such as fire ants and mice

Tim



STORAGE BUILDING & WORK DAY

Our new storage building (40' sea container) is in its resting place behind the Club House.



A work day was called for 8:00 am Saturday, August 8th. Tony Steele brought his Branson Tractor with a box blade and a front bucket. That is the first time I had seen one of them, the tractor, in operation. Tony really knew how to operate it. Maybe if I butter him up real

good, he'll let me use it some time.



I brought my engineers level and rod to use in leveling a spot to set the building. Under Bob Patterson's

watchful eye, Tim Walker and I took the shots and set the grades for Tony. We also leveled up a crossing in the ditch next to the



county road for access. Don Brenholtz was there as well to do the inspection work along with Bruce East.



While this was going on, Ricky Alaniz did the weed eating around the building. Bob and Carlos went to Carlos' house

and picked up our lawn mower. Carlos had tried to load it in his pickup using a couple of boards for ramps. Just as the front wheels got to the tail gate, one of the boards broke, and Carlos wound up with the lawn



mower on top of him! He said he kicked it off of him, got up, shook one leg and the other, moved his arms, and twisted his head side to side. He said everything worked, so no harm was done. That was a close call!

Bob was loading his 4 wheeler and spray rig on his trailer and took a tumble himself. After getting it on the trailer, he took a step back, tripped on the railing



on the trailer and wound up flat of his back on the ground! Luckily, he wasn't hurt either. Lady luck was on their side. It just proves you can't be too careful.

Jim Owens took the lawn mower and cut the grass and weeds.



The others that showed up were Beverly and Dave Vargo, and Randy Ward. The inside and outside of the Clubhouse

was cleaned up and put in order. Helen and Bob provided sandwiches, chips and drinks. Tony brought watermelons.

We also moved the equipment for the auction into the





Editor's Notes:

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If you have a story or a news item please email it to me at ctgms50@clearwire.net

Send it in email or as a Microsoft Word document attachment. Remember to get it to me by the 20th of the month.

Many thanks to Bob and Helen Patterson for having the newsletter printed each month.

In case you haven't gone outside in the last month, it's been HOT!. We've had several mild summers and I knew it would happen soon.

I took my grandson and his dad to the ranch this past weekend. There was only one problem....it was HOT and there wasn't a shade tree in 10 miles. We made some repairs on the place and cleaned up after a wind storm blew one of the campers away. It wound up about 100 yards down the hill against a little mesquite bush. Stuff is scattered all over. This was the tool shed and it was full of "important stuff".

We watched the stars Friday and Saturday nights and saw several meteors. Saturday night we saw a really bright one. It strung a vapor trail over half the way across the night sky. It was one of the largest I have seen.

Even with the work, we did manage to stumble across a few fossils and some flint chips. Going to keep looking.

If you were at the work day and I missed your name, please forgive me! I tried to remember everyone but I'm getting that old timers thing more and more often.

I'll miss the September Business meeting on the 14th. I'll be back for the October meeting. Taking a trip to New Mexico and Arizona. Maybe there will be a report on that in the near future.

Till next month.....Gary



BIRTHDAYS

Michael Walker	September 9
John Sparks	September 12
Tony Steele	September 16
Frances Tunnell	September 18
Charles Lightfoot	September 26

ANNIVERSARIES

Elaine & Gary Hudson	September 25
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GET WELL SOON!



Note sent to Lou Jane & Jerry Davis. Lou Jane recovering from a broken shoulder and Jerry was kicked by a cow. Both doing better



SUNRISE AT THE HUDSON RANCH



Upcoming Shows

SEPTEMBER

5-6--ARLINGTON, TEXAS: 51st annual show, "Nature's Kaleidoscope"; Arlington Gem & Mineral Club; Arlington Convention Center, 1100 Ballpark Way; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$6, seniors and children \$3; dealers, jewelry, beads, gems, minerals, fossils, Kids' Korner, Rock Food Table, professional gem identification, silent auctions, hourly door prizes, ; contact Karen Cessna, 1408 Gibbins Rd., Arlington, TX 76011, (817) 277-2286; e-mail: cessnak@ont.com; Web site: www.agemclub.org

5-7--SILVER CITY, NEW MEXICO: 26th annual show; Grant County Rolling Stones Gem & Mineral Society; Silver City Recreation Center, 11th St. and Gold St.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5, Mon. 10-4; free admission; more than 60 dealers from the U.S., Mexico and Asia, free daily field trips, silent auction, Wheel of Fortune, raffles; contact L. Lett, (575) 538-3216; e-mail: show09@stockmanfamily.net; Web site: <http://rollingstonesgms.blogspot.com/>

16-20--DENVER, COLORADO: Wholesale and retail show, "Coliseum Mineral, Fossil, Gem and Jewelry Show"; Eons Expositions, LLC; Denver Coliseum, 4600 Humboldt St.; Wed. 10-6, Thu. 10-6, Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; adults \$4, children under 8 free; more than 100 dealers, minerals, fossils, gems, jewelry; contact Lowell Carhart, 7514 Antelope Meadows Circle, Peyton, CO 80831, (719) 886-7046; e-mail: lowellcarhart@yahoo.com; Web site: <http://eons-expos.com/>

SEP. 30-OCT. 4--IDABEL, OKLAHOMA: Annual show and sale: McCurtain Gem & Mineral Club; Museum of the Red River, 812 S.E. Lincoln Rd.; free admission; Wed. 9-5, Thu. 9-5, Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; contact Cephis Hall, (580) 494-6612

OCTOBER

10-11--TEMPLE, TEXAS: Show; South Central Federation, Tri-City Gem & Mineral Society; Frank Mayborn Civic & Convention Center, 3303 N. Third St.; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$2, children under 12 free; faceting demonstrations, grab bags, treasure wheel, silent auction, displays; contact Leslie O. Connally, 875 N. Wheat Rd., Belton, TX 76513, (254) 939-7015; e-mail: lconnally@clearwire.net

NEWS LETTERS FROM OTHER CLUBS ON THEIR WEBSITE

FREDRICKSBURG, TX <http://fredericksburgrockhounds.org>

ARLINGTON, TX www.agemclub.com

DALLAS, TX www.dallasgemandmineral.org

MIDLAND, TX www.mgms-tx.com

Children's Logic: "Give me a sentence about a public servant," said a teacher. The small boy wrote: "The fireman came down the ladder pregnant." The teacher took the lad aside to correct him. "Do you know what pregnant means?" she asked. "Sure," said the young boy confidently. "It means carrying a child."

My Grandparents are funny, when they bend over you hear gas leaks, and they blame their dog.

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GEMSTONE OF THE MONTH



MADAGASKAR RAW SAPPHIRE

Sapphire is often associated to the color blue, however Sapphires comes in various colors. When it's red color we called it Ruby. Sapphires and Ruby's are actually the same minerals. The word sapphire comes from the Greek Sappheriros which means blue in Greek. The current production of Sapphires comes from Sri Lanka, Burma, Thailand, Montana (USA), Australia and Africa, the most valuable color is orange-pink or pinkish-orange which is called Padparadscha sapphire, this can be more expensive than diamonds. The Persians in ancient times believed that the planet Earth rested on a gigantic Sapphire whose reflections gave the sky its blue color. The people from Sri Lanka believe that the star Sapphire protects them from Witch crafting, it's also believed that Sapphires protects from envy and attract favor, Sapphire was considered as the gemstone of truth and sincerity. It is also believed that wearing a blue Sapphire balance your soul with your body.



SEPTEMBER FLOWER

MORNING GLORY

MISSION STATEMENT

The Central Texas Gem and Mineral Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to the study of rocks, minerals and fossils. We offer field trips and provide educational opportunities and instruction to members in a variety of areas related to the Lapidary Arts and Jewelry making. We also award a scholarship to a student enrolled at a local college in a field closely related to geology. We provide educational displays related to this hobby at shows of a similar interest. — Jerry