



The Rock Rattler

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President's Message

April is here!! Time to get working on our workshop. I challenge each and every member to make an effort in completing our project. It is also the season for yard work and rock hounding!!!! Watch out for snakes. I personally killed 10 copper heads while weed eating. Be safe and I hope to see you at our monthly meeting.

Tony

Next Meeting

When:	April 7, 2015
Board Meeting	6:00 pm – 6:30 pm
Member Meeting	6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Where:	Bossier City Library Historical Building Bossier City, La
Program:	Air Chasing Copper
Refreshments:	Kathy Haney
Door Prizes:	Nina Hustus

Minutes of Meeting

March 3, 2015

Opening: Antony Thomas

Pledge of Allegiance Antony Thomas

Prayer: Antony Thomas

Business Discussed:

- Building Update
 - Saw shop has been organized
 - Main Building
 - Carpenter is being scheduled
 - Securing the building is being scheduled
 - Leland is working on the electrical issues
 - Nina and Douglas are going to complete the ramp
- Finance Committee report
 - 501 (c)3 info was given to board members and people on the finance committee
- Insurance
 - It was suggested that we look into liability and risk insurance for members and structure while shop is in use
- Treasury Report
 - Treasury report given by John
- Classes
 - At this time all classes are at a standstill until the class room is at a point that it can be used.
- Field Trips
 - April-Metal Detecting
 - May-North Sulfur river
- Other Business
 - Website-Lauren is working on the design of the website
 - Jeannette made bracelets with the local brownie troupe at Southfield school
- Show
 - Dates are Aug 15 and 16
 - 9 vendors have confirmed
 - Looking into the requirements for Boy Scouts Geology badge
 - Possible scavenger hunt for kids
 - Display boxes will be used by Lyn, Del, John, Tony and Marjorie
- 22 members attending meeting and 1 guest

PICS from March Meeting



RING AND NECKLACE MADE WITH HELENITE







Field Trips for 2015

Anyone planning to attend a field trip must notify field trip coordinator that you will be attending. If you are unable to attend a field trip but would like something brought back just ask. Arrangements can be made.

April 18, 2015	Ida, Louisiana	Metal Detecting
May 9, 2015	N. Sulfur River	Marine Fossils
June 12-14, 2015	Andaloussa, Alabama	Marine Fossils
July 11, 2016	Murfreesboro, AR	Diamond Mine (weather permitting)

Class Schedule Update

The class schedule is available. If you would like a copy emailed to you, email Sharron at adslthomas@gmail.com to request a copy. At this time, the classroom needs to be completed before dates for classes can be confirmed. If you have questions about the classes, you can contact Tom Stringfellow at tomstring@aol.com.

Upcoming Show Dates

April

11-12—SILOAM SPRINGS, ARKANSAS: Annual show; Northwest Arkansas Gem and Mineral Society, Community Building of Siloam Springs Arkansas; 115 S Mount Olive; Sat. 9:00am-5:00pm, Sun. 10:00am-4:00pm; Adults \$3, Seniors \$3, Students \$2, Children Free under 8; Like us on Facebook; contact Dave Leininger, 14029 White Oak Lane, Bentonville, AR 72712, (479) 721-1579; e-mail: hulagrub@aol.com; Web site: www.nwarockhounds.org

17-19—ALPINE, TEXAS: Show and sale; Chihuahuan Desert Gem & Mineral Club, Alpine Civic Center; 801 W.Holland Ave. (Hwy.90); Fri. 9:00 am-6:00 pm, Sat. 9:00 am-6:00 pm, Sun. 10:00 am-4:00 pm; FREE Admission!; contact Judith Brueske, PO Box 1111, Alpine, TX 79831, (432) 244-9503; e-mail: jbrueske@sbcglobal.net

May

22-24—BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI: Annual show; Harrison County Gem and Mineral Society, Inc., MS Coast Coliseum and Convention Center; 2350 Beach Blvd.; Fri. 10 am-6 pm, Sat. 10 am-6 pm, Sun. 10 am-4 pm; Adults \$5, Children under 10 free; Free Parking; contact Lynn Tate, Harrison County Gem and Mineral Society, Inc., P.O. Box 10136, Gulfport, MS 39505, (228) 342-2963; e-mail: GulfportGemShow@gmail.com

June

13-14—GRAPEVINE, TEXAS: Annual show; Arlington Gem and Mineral Club, Grapevine Convention Center; 1209 South Main ; Sat. 10 am-6 pm, Sun. 10 am-5 pm; Adults \$6.00, Seniors \$3.00, Students \$6.00, Children \$3.00; Annual Show, Jewelry, Gems, Minerals, Crafts, Exhibits, Classes, Memberships, Junior Activities Active Military and Scouts free admission; contact anastasia chaparro, 2817 Hunter Street, Fort Worth, TX 76112, (817) 739-3833; e-mail: anastasi.chaparro@att.net; Web site: www.agemclub.org

August

22-23—MOUNTAIN HOME, ARKANSAS: Annual show; Ozark Earth Science Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Club, Baxter County Fairgrounds, (Educational Bldg.); 1507 Fairgrounds Drive; Sat. 9 am-6 pm, Sun. 9 am-4 pm; Adults \$2., Seniors \$2., Children under 12 FREE; Ozark Earth Science Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Club is sponsoring it's annual show this year at our NEW LOCATION at the Baxter County Fairgrounds located at 1507 Fairgrounds Drive, Mountain Home, AR. Admission is \$2, active military with ID, Scouts in uniform, & Children under 12 yrs. FREE! Gems, Minerals, Fossils, unique crafts, jewelry, games, hourly door prizes, grand prize drawing, displays, AR. State Geologist for mineral/fossil information, DVD educational programs. Concession on location. Contact Sharon Waddell, 6463 US Hwy. 63, West Plains, MO. 65775, 417-274-8712 or Ernie Confer 870-425-1311; Website: www.ozarkearthscience.org/news.htm; contact Ernie Confer, AR, (870) 425-1311; Web site: www.ozarkearthscience.org/news.htm

October

9-11—MOUNT IDA, ARKANSAS: Annual show; Mount Ida Area Chamber of Commerce, Montgomery County Fairgrounds; Fairgrounds Rd; Fri. 9 am-6 pm, Sat. 9 am-6 pm, Sun. 10 am-5 pm; Admission is FREE; Annual Quartz, Quiltz and Craftz Festival. Inside and outside dealers. Held in conjunction with the Annual Amateur World Championship Quartz Crystal Digging Contest Hi Lynn, JohnBe the Crystal Guy here! Yes, we are having the show and Dig again this year. The hours at the Chamber are shortened during the winter, so there may not be anyone there to answer if you call. That is why I am giving you the heads up! We would like to get this listed online as soon as possible, so people can start making plans now.; contact Sherrie Ellison, Mount Ida Chamber of Commerce, Hwy 270 West, Mount Ida, AR 71957, (870) 867-2723; e-mail: director@mtidachamber.com; Web site: www.mtidachamber.com

November

21-22—MESQUITE, TEXAS: Annual show; Dallas Gem & Mineral Society, Mesquite Rodeo Center Exhibit Hall; 1800 Rodeo Drive; Sat. 10 am-6 pm, Sun. 10 am-5 pm; Admission is \$8, Children 3 and under are Free; Adults: \$8.00 12 & under: \$3.00 3 & under: FREE! Family of 4 or more: \$20.00 Scouts & Leaders in uniform FREE! Rocks/Mineral Specimens Polished/Faceted Gems Fossils Lapidary Equipment Jewelry Supplies Games & Demonstrations Fluorescent Display Prizes & Silent Auction; contact Darrell Harrison, P O Box 742033, Dallas, TX 75374-2033, (214) 454-0945; e-mail: bravo1bravo@sbcglobal.net; Web site: <http://www.dallasgemandmineral.org/>

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