



# The Rock Rattler

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## Presidents Message

Our Aug. club meeting will be the last chance for our members to register for the breakfast, and dinner and pay their fees.

Membership cards that will allow members to enter our show without buying a ticket will be available at this meeting.

Souvenir Lapel pins designed for this show by Larry Maquire will be available at pre-show price of \$4.00 ea (\$5.00 show price).

Please be at the Aug. club meeting and help us fill volunteer time slots to work the show. We need your help to pull this off.

Thanks for all of your help

*Del Glasner, President*

### Next Meeting

When: August 6, 2013  
Time: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
Where: Bossier City Library  
Historical Building  
Bossier City, La  
Program: Field Trips

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## **Minutes of Meeting**

July 4, 2013

Opening: Del Glasner  
Pledge of Allegiance Wil House  
Prayer: Wil House

### **Old Business:**

- Federation Show update
  - Show is Aug 17-18
  - Dealers will need help unloading
  - John will need help moving show items from his house to the civic center
- Treasury Report

### **New Business:**

- Field trip to Sulfur Springs—if interested meet at library at 6 am. This is the place to look for fossils, dinosaur teeth and ammonites.
- Class on July 27 will be held at Del's house.
- Lyn gave presentation on Opals

**Members in Attendance** –Sharron Thomas, Antony Thomas, Del Glasner, John Autry, Sue Autry, Leland White, Jeannette White, Nina Hustus, Larry Maquire, Milton Bauldree, Wil House, Dwain Spillman, Edna House, David Lowe, Gwynne Lowe, Marjorie Thomas, Jerry Thomas, William Stevenson, Heather Cregut, Teresa Crawford, Keith Tindell, Nancy Spillman, Suzan Chapman, Lyn Simms, Jacky Roton, Kathy Haney, Grant Swanson, Charly Johns NEW MEMBER—Julie Allande

# tips and tricks

## **FASTER SCORING** - July '13

Hand filing lines for scoring metal is time-consuming and tedious. A faster, easier way is to use a separating disk instead of a hand file. Using the disc in your flexshaft, score a line deep enough in the metal until you can just see a faint impression from the opposite side. Then, use the corner of a square file to "clean up" the scored line before bending.

## **SANDING FLAT MATERIAL** - January '11

Here is an easy way to sand flat, or slightly curved, metal without having to hold it with your fingers. Cut a small piece of rubberized shelf liner, the kind with a bumpy texture. Place your metal on the liner and start sanding. The liner should hold your material in place without you having to use your fingers.

[http://www.contenti.com/resources/tips/index.html?utm\\_source=Contenti+eNewsletter&utm\\_campaign=63ca7f6ca1-October\\_eNewsletter\\_3%2Bstars&utm\\_medium=email](http://www.contenti.com/resources/tips/index.html?utm_source=Contenti+eNewsletter&utm_campaign=63ca7f6ca1-October_eNewsletter_3%2Bstars&utm_medium=email)

## Field Trips for 2013

Anyone planning to attend a field trip must notify field trip coordinator if 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.

*August 24, 2013* - Jasper Gem & Mineral Society show

*September, 2013* - Midlothian Texas. Updates to follow

*October 5, 2013* - South LA with Ike House for river agate

*Nov 3-4, 2013* - Midland Gem & Mineral Society show

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## Field Trip to Sulfur Springs



Ammonite found at Sulfur Springs



Findings at Sulfur Springs



## Mosasaur Jaw Bone found at Sulfur Springs

**Mosasaur**— any of several extinct carnivorous marine lizards from the Cretaceous Period, having the limbs modified into broad, webbed paddles

# Upcoming Show Dates

## August

10-11—BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA: Annual show; Baton Rouge Gem & Mineral Society; Baton Rouge Marriott; 5500 Hilton Ave.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; adults \$4, students (12 and over) \$3, children (6-11) \$2, Scouts in uniform \$1, veterans free with military ID; demonstrations, cabbing, faceting, wire wrapping, door prizes, silent auctions; contact Diana Martin, (225) 931-7543; e-mail: [Cajunladi@cox.net](mailto:Cajunladi@cox.net); Web site: [Brgemandmineral.org](http://Brgemandmineral.org)

24-25—JASPER, TEXAS: 19th Annual Show; Pine Country Gem & Mineral Society; The Event Center; 6258 Hwy. 190W, five miles west of Jasper; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-5; adults \$3, free, students and children free; spinning wheel, silent auction, lapidary demonstrations, hourly door prizes, grand prize raffle, student prize, petrified wood field trip; contact Ann James, 2738 FM 92 S., Woodville, TX 75979, (409) 429-7444; e-mail: [earthscache3@yahoo.com](mailto:earthscache3@yahoo.com); Web site: [www.pinecountrygms.org](http://www.pinecountrygms.org)

## September

14-15—GRAPEVINE, TEXAS: Annual show; Arlington Gem & Mineral Club; Grapevine Convention Center; 1209 S. Main St.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$8; silent auctions, gem identification, demonstrations, door prizes, grand prize, Kids' Korner, displays, class information, 27th annual Grapevine Grapefest nearby; contact Randall Lantz, 1408 Gibbins Rd., Arlington, TX 76011; e-mail: [show@agemclub.org](mailto:show@agemclub.org); Web site: [www.agemclub.org/events.php](http://www.agemclub.org/events.php)

## October

11-13—MOUNT IDA, ARKANSAS: 29th Annual Quartz, Quiltz and Craftz Show; Mount Ida Area Chamber of Commerce; Montgomery County Fairgrounds; Fairgrounds Rd.; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; dealers, quartz crystals, minerals, jewelry, quilts, crafts, Treasure Hunt; contact Mount Ida Area Chamber of Commerce, Hwy. 270 W., Mount Ida, AR 71957, (870) 867-2723; e-mail: [director@mtidachamber.com](mailto:director@mtidachamber.com); Web site: [www.mtidachamber.com](http://www.mtidachamber.com)

18-20—AUSTIN, TEXAS: Annual show; Austin Gem & Mineral Society; Palmer Events Center; 900 Barton Springs Rd.; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5, seniors \$4, students (13-18) \$1, children (12 and under) 50 cents; Wheel of Fortune, gem mine, fluorescent cave, touch table, educational exhibits, demonstrations; contact Susan Postlethwait, 6719 Burnet Ln., Austin, TX 78757; Web site: [www.austingemandmineral.org](http://www.austingemandmineral.org)

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The Ark-La-Tex Gem and Mineral Society is a nonprofit educational organization devoted to promoting interest in the various earth sciences, particularly the art of lapidaries and their related fields. Informational speeches presented at area schools and the presentation of awards and cash prizes at the Public School Earth Science Fair are two of the ways the society achieves its goals. Another contribution to the community is the annual show, held at the Bossier Civic Center, 620 Benton Rd, in Bossier City. This "Jewelry, Gem, & Mineral Show" functions as a fund raiser for our group and a venue for the demonstrations of gold and silver casting, jewelry making, bead stringing, faceting, cabochon making, and flint knapping (the art of flaking stone tools such as arrowheads). The monthly meetings included programs of interest to rock hounds, information from the Rock Rattler, and jewelry making classes complete the educational objectives of the club.

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