



The Rock Rattler

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President's Message

Can you believe it is November already, well not me. Wow, where did the summer go.

I missed the last meeting because I was trying to unwind from my trip to the Owyhee's and getting ready to have a sudden hospital stay. I am on the mend I am glad to say and ready to try to get back to my rocks. It will be slow going but I am determined to get back.

I hope everyone has big plans for the club and the coming winter months. Cold weather means we will all want to do things inside for the most part. But I feel sure Tony has other plans for us.

We will be electing officers at this Tuesday meeting so think who you want to elect to be that person in charge of our club into 2015.

And we will need to make plans for our Christmas party.

God bless America.

Larry

Next Meeting

When:	November 4, 2014
Time:	6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Where:	Bossier City Library Historical Building Bossier City, La
Program:	
Refreshments:	Larry Maguire
Door Prizes:	Antony Thomas

Minutes of Meeting

Oct 6, 2014

Opening:	Tony Thomas
Pledge of Allegiance	Tony Thomas
Prayer:	John Autry

Business Discussed:

- Building Update
 - Work day 10/11/14
- Treasury Report given by John Autry
- Tom gave an update on classes. At this time all classes are at a standstill until the class room is at a point that it can be used.
- Suggestion was given again to go through geodes that we have acquired to give to local schools.
- Field Trip
 - Wegner Mine in Mt Ida, AR
 - Scheduled for Oct 18
 - Will meet at library at 5:30 am
 - \$30/person
 - Midlothian/TXI Field Trip
 - 24 people max
 - 7 year olds and up may attend
 - Must be at gate at 8:30 am
 - Leaving library at 5 am
- December 2 is club Christmas Part
 - Ideas were given for places to have the party
 - Texas Roadhouse
 - Podnuh's on Mansfield Road
 - Shane's on Mansfield Road
 - Teresa Crawford volunteered to call and check on availability for 70 people
- Need nominations for 2015 officers. November meeting is the month to bring nominations to the meeting. We will vote at the December meeting
- Video on cleaning quartz crystals was shown
- 35 members attending meeting
- 1 new members attending meeting

tips and tricks

How to figure the length of a ring shank to make a certain size ring when the shank will be a “U” or “oval” shape:

First let's handle the 'oval' shape ring shank because it is the easiest. Simply make the ring to the proper size round and then gently squeeze it into an oval shape before soldering it to the setting. The cross section size of a finger remains the same whether round or oval. The problem with an oval ring shank is getting it over the knuckle which is normally more round than the metacarpal portion which is more pillow shape (rounded edges). When we wear an “O” ring it tends to force the finger into a round pattern. That is why when we wear a ring long enough, the metacarpal portion becomes slightly thinner and rounded.

Measuring for a “U” shaped shank slightly different. Say you are aiming for a size 7 ring. You first figure the ring blank length, in this case using 1.5mm thick stock, 59mm - then subtract the inside distance you plan between the top points of the “U” when soldered onto the setting. Say the distance between the tops will be 10mm. Cut the ring blank to 49mm. When making the first cut I like to leave them just a bit longer then file down to the exact fit.

Field Trips for 2014

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.

November 15, 2014---TXI Plant

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

November

7-9—HUMBLE, TEXAS: Annual show; Houston Gem & Mineral Society; Humble Civic Center; 8233 Will Clayton Pkwy.; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$8, seniors and students \$7, children (10 and under) free; Kids Daze Fri., fluorescent exhibit, lapidary demonstrations, swap area special kids' area, Dino Dig, Youth Section; contact Michele Marsel, Houston Gem & Mineral Society, 10805 Brooklet, Houston, TX 77099, (281) 530-0942; e-mail: show@hgms.org; Web site: www.hgms.org

22-23—MESQUITE, TEXAS: Annual show; Dallas Gem & Mineral Society; Rodeo Center Exhibit Hall; 1800 Rodeo Dr.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$8, family (4 or more) \$20, students (4-12) \$3, children (3 and under) free; rock and mineral specimens, polished and faceted gems, fossils, lapidary equipment, jewelry supplies, games, demonstrations, fluorescent display, prizes, silent auction; contact Mark Hall, PO Box 742033, Dallas, TX 75374; e-mail: mark_a_hall@yahoo.com; Web site: www.DallasGemAndMineral.org



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Pics from Field Trips to Wegner Mine

(thank you to all who sent pics especially Douglas)











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