

ROCK CHIPS

President's Message

Seems that recent events have now hurt this club in a way I'm unable to fix. What I'm talking about is the closure of the Baker Egg Ranch to Club Members, and the public damage done to property, and people filing claims for personal gain has forced Paul to remove his offer of access to his claim. So be advised that ANYONE now going out to the Baker Ranch to hunt Geodes will be in violation of mining law and will be arrested!

There will be a silent auction before the general meeting. It will close at 1:30 p.m. and items must be paid for before the meeting begins at 2:00 p.m.

Jim

Shop Notes

The shop will be open on Thursday and Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. until noon. As attendance picks up, we will once again increase the days we're open.



Roy

Sunshine Greetings

A card of sympathy was sent to Judy Anderson for the passing of her husband, John. A card of well wishes was sent to Geneva Haworth and Fred Beem (both having recent surgeries), and a thinking of you card to Leora Davis.



If you know of someone who could use a little sunshine greeting, please call Grace at 546-2906.

Fair Time - Just Around the Corner

September 24-28th is the date this year of the SWNM State Fair in Deming. Our club participates in the Fair with displays and even competition as one of our Club's "Good Will" functions. We

need lots of . . . To set down, be at the an eye on things people. So be



club participation and/or tear display to keep and visit with ready to take

Upcoming Program

This month's program, at the general meeting, will be a slide show and talk on Volcanism in New Mexico. It will be presented by Nelia Dunbar of the N.M.B.G/E&ES Department at New Mexico Tech. It promises to be a very interesting and informative presentation.

Be sure to come and enjoy, and bring a friend or two. We also encourage the public to join us.

The meeting will begin at 2 p.m. on Thursday, August 28th at the Deming Gem & Mineral Society's clubhouse located at 4200 Raymond Reed Blvd. (next to the fairgrounds). There is no charge to attend. If you would like for information, call me at 575-544-8831

Field Trips

There will be no formal field trip by the club in August, the September Field trip is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, September 20th. The destination will be announced at the August membership meeting. I will keep the gas situation in mind when selecting sites.



 **Refreshments**
for our AUGUST meeting
will be furnished by
Jim Hoag and Lou McBride

Congratulations. . . 
to Lou McBride and Doris Miller.

Once again they've won gold medals, in horseshoes, at the New Mexico State Senior Olympics .

This is Doris' 10th straight year winning the gold, and Lou has won several golds and a couple of silvers.

Deming Gem & Mineral Society General Membership Meeting June 26th, 2008

The meeting was brought to order by First Vice President, Harold Buck at 2:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no guests present.

Two new members, Susan and Robert Schiffner of Deming, were welcomed.

There was no Secretary's report. The minutes were approved as published in the July Chips.

Treasurer's report: It was reported that all the bills have been paid to date.

Sunshine: A *Thinking of You* card was sent to Leora Davis. The passing of John Anderson was announced, as was the upcoming surgery for Geneva Haworth.

Historian: Elaine said there were not many pictures coming in at the present. Please send pics of your summer trips.

Shop: Roy announced that since it is still slow, the shop will only be open on Thursday and Saturday mornings (9 a.m. until noon)

Library report: Two books were donated by Bill Baker.

Roundup report: Carolyn stated that Roundup is on track. She also said that when it's time for the signs to be put up. . . Watch for NEW ones!

Web site: Bud Daily requested that the dates for the 2009 Roundup be confirmed on the Club web site.

Field Trips: There are none planned for the hot month of August. A September trip is tentatively planned for the 20th.

Membership: No report

Claims: Bill Haworth sent word the paper work is in.

Bulletin: Carolyn asked that she have a volunteer(s) to help with the mailing of the Chips bulletin. Please contact her if you can help with this.

New Business:

The August Board meeting will be on Wednesday, the

6th and the General meeting will be on Thursday the 28th.

There will be a beginning wire wrapping class on September 10th from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Marilyn Corcoran will be the instructor, and the 1st project will be a pin. No stones required, but you will need wire. Call her at 575-546-7009 for more information on the class.

Programs: We will be having a series of instructors from the New Mexico Bureau of Mines at our meetings beginning on August 28th. This one will be given by Neidra Dunbar, on Volcanism in New Mexico

It was suggested we have our programs published in the local newspaper and on the local radio stations to invite the public.

Old Business:

The July 4th BBQ get together and fireworks was well attended. . . 80+ people enjoyed the viddles, visiting and great fireworks display. And.... The weather cooperated!

Our Lawyer is working on the ByLaw changes, and any suggestions that you may have should be given to him by the end of July.

It was announced that John Anderson's wife Judy is considering disposing of a huge amount of assorted rock. Bud Daily looking into it and will get back to the club. *

Door prize (a mystery. . . To be presented at the August meeting) was won by Debra Rorick. The 50/50 drawing was won by Bill Sutton.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. Refreshments followed.

Submitted by Carolyn Abbey for

Judy Crawford, Secretary

**Editor's Note: Shortly after the meeting Judy Anderson notified Bud that she is NOT consider-*

Be willing to give your best - before expecting it of others.

Happy August Birthdays to:

Elaine Angstman, Byron Ashworth, James Beals, Fred Beem, Mikki Bonila, Brian Beringer, Julie Burgess, Jesse Daily, Carol Duncan, Charles Gilbert, William Grieve, Barry Jones, Wayne Kidd, Randy Newman, Kim Nielsen, LeeRoy Rivers, Larry Rogers, Norman Skrzypczak, Dureta Stanley, and Steve Travis



August's Birthstone — Peridot

Peridot is the gem variety of olivine. Peridot, pronounced "pair-uh-doe," gets its name from the Arabic word faridat meaning "gem." It is also known as chrysolite, which comes from the ancient word chrysolithos, meaning "golden stone." Until the eighteenth century it was called topaz. No matter what you call it, peridot is a special stone.

Peridot is unique in that it is a volcanic gem. You can find small crystals of peridot in volcanic rock like basalt, gabbro, and material that is explosively thrown out of a volcano like pyroclastics. It is also an "extra-terrestrial" rock, found in meteors that fall to earth.

Peridot is a silicate of magnesium and iron. Its color ranges from green to yellow-green, are very rarely, brown. It has a hardness of 6.5 to 7 and is found in orthorhombic form, usually glassy rounded grains, and rarely in crystal form. Peridot found in crystal form is usually kept as mineral specimens rather than being cut, because of their value. It has an oily look which looks something like olive oil. Its cleavage is imperfect and is brittle.

Peridot was called "evening emerald" by the Romans because its color didn't darken at night. The color was still visible when viewed by artificial light. It was believed that peridot had many powers that could ward off evil spirits. It was also powdered and used to treat asthma, and was held under the tongue to lessen thirst during a fever.

Peridot comes from numerous places around the world, including Burma, Egypt, Norway, Kenya, Mexico, and the United States. Much of the Peridot mined in the U.S. comes from the Navajo Reservation in New Mexico and Arizona.

So, those of you that have a birthday in August, can be assured that others will be "Green" with envy to know that

Welcome New Members

Robert & Susan Schiffner – Deming, NM
Bonnie King – Deming, NM

August Wedding ANNIVERSARIES



Art & Patty Gallagher, Darlene & Jim Hatley, Ted & Janet Rupp, Steve & Nancy Vanbeusekom, Herb & Wilma Webb, Willie & Marty Willis, Bill & Jane Wellons, and Armand & Janet Zahn

Club Badges

Our new club badges have arrived.



Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

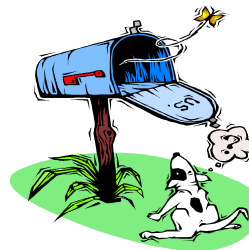
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They will be for sale at the general meetings. The cost will remain at \$3.00 each.

To Buy or Sell...

If you have an item to sell or are looking for one to buy, write to the Chips Editor at P.O. Box 1459, Deming, NM 88031

OR send it via email to demingrama@yahoo.com. Be sure to include the words Rockhound Classified in the "subject" line of the email.



Change your address?

Please let us know!

Send the changes to DGMS Membership, P.O. Box 1459, Deming, NM 88031



If you are not already saving your Peppers cash register receipts for another non-profit organization, please **SAVE THEM FOR OUR CLUB.**

Peppers will pay us 1% of the total receipts turned in. This is a Community Project that they sponsor for non-profit organizations and an easy fund raiser for our Club.

Our Treasurer will collect them at each Membership Meeting and will turn them in to Peppers.

Deming Gem & Mineral Society Board of Directors Meeting – August 6, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 2 p.m. by President Jim Hoag. Board Members present were: Jerry & Carolyn Abbey, Ernie Bent, Harold Buck, Jim & Sheila Hoag, Roy & Emilie Smith, and Elaine Smith. Member present was Grace Bent.

No Secretary's report.

Treasure reports that our CPA is finishing the new incorporation paper work. Shop checking account to be closed and put into general fund account instead of having several accounts each having different members able to sign checks. Also recommended is a Budget Committee to oversee spending. The committee to be composed of 3 members, the Treasure and 1 each from the board and general membership.

Chips Editor reports that other than the President's message the Chips is ready to go. Amount of postage has gone down because many members now receive the newsletter via email. (*Thank you to those who help save time, labor and \$.*)

Historian reports no additions this month to the scrapbooks.

Shop reports that approximately \$2,800 for supplies is needed to open shop this fall. This will be brought to the general membership for approval. Roy is continuing to get prices on a separate storage building for the flammable items. Shop is currently open on Thursday and Saturday from 9 a.m. till Noon.

Program at this coming August meeting will be provided by Nelia Dunbar, from New Mexico Tech, on Volcanism In New Mexico.

November general meeting will be held on the 20th and will feature William Chavez speaking on Base Metals (gold and silver). As always programs are open to the Public so bring a friend.

Roundup will have a work party on the 9th to prepare for the State Fair. We need members for the fair committee as the NM STATE FAIR is in September (24th – 28th).

Membership needs to appoint a Nominating Committee leader at this months meeting as the election process starts next month.

Claims paperwork is filled out and ready to go, Thanks to Bill and Geneva Haworth for doing this once again for us.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Hoag for Secretary Judy Crawford

SHOP STUFF

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The source of these tips and hints are other club bulletins. Be careful when trying out any new idea. They have not all been tried by this editor.*

IS IT AMBER OR PLASTIC?

Distinguishing between Amber and plastic is quite simple. Amber, because of its extremely low specific gravity, will float in salt water. Plastic will not!

Make up a saturated solution of salt in a bowl of water until no more salt will dissolve. Put the article of question in the water. If it sinks, it is plastic. If it floats, it is Amber.

Note: A clasp on a bracelet or necklace will cause the ends to sink but the beads will float.

SILVERSMITHS TRY THESE:

Draw your jeweler's saw through an old candle. It coats the blade and you can saw faster. Wipe a piece of chalk over your jeweler's files. It keeps metal slivers from clogging the file and you can blow them out. Avoid scratches in silver you are working on by covering it with transparent contact paper. You can mark and saw with the paper on.

Source of all three items: Gulfport Gems –July 2008

SUMMER ROCKHOUND

By Cindy Lind

The 'Skeeter and the Rockhound both,
Went out to hunt one day.
The Rockhound wanted specimens,
The 'Skeeter wanted prey!
The Rockhound found a likely spot,
and settled with his gear.
He'd dug a short time when he heard,
A buzzing in his ear.
The Rockhound swatted at the noise,
And stood to look around.
He missed the Skeeter, but he saw,
A great stone on the ground!
The Rockhound bent to lift the stone,
His backside in the air.
The 'Skeeter took advantage then,
And bit the Rockhound there.
The Rockhound jumped and squashed the bug,
His bottom to defend.
The Rockhound and the Skeeter had,
Both got it in THE END!



We're head'en to "AGATE RENDEZVOUS 2008"

The "Chaparral Rockhounds" of Roswell, NM, would like to cordially invite all Rockhounds of all ages to "AGATE RENDEZVOUS 2008", our annual ten-day, nine-night fieldtrip campout through the Labor Day weekend held at Apache Creek, New Mexico, from August 23RD to September 1ST, 2008. This is an "Inter-Federation Campout & Fieldtrip Event" for the whole family with the Rocky Mountain, California and the South Central Federations (and all other Federation who wish to attend).

We have very adventurous and interesting fieldtrips every day from 50 to 200 miles roundtrip from our base camp. Each day we leave at 8:30 AM with a picnic lunch to different areas in the region to collect a very wide variety of rocks, minerals and/or crystals that can include: Agate, Banded Agate, Blood Stone, Chalcedony, Crystalline, Flat Band Agate, Geodes, Golden Luna Agate, Hematite, Jasper, Lava's, Luna Blue Agate, Obsidian, Plume Agate, Quartz Crystals, Red Luna Agate, Snowflake Agate and Thunder Eggs just to name only a few. A couple of our fieldtrips might be into the eastern portion Arizona along the state line. Several of the areas that we travel into, one will need a high-clearance or 4WD type vehicle. If you do not have this type of vehicle, don't worry, someone would be happy to carpool with a little "\$\$\$\$" help for gas.

The very small town of Apache Creek is located in the central-western part of the state about 117 miles west of Socorro, NM, on NM-12 southwest of the small town of Datil, NM. Apache Creek campground, used as our base camp, was once a CCC Camp back in the 1930's. It is a beautiful and tranquil camping area with tall majestic pine trees towering over the entire camp area for plenty of cool shade during the warm days of August. The area is large and spacious enough for the largest of RV's to the smallest of pup tents and everything in between. Being a rustic camp area, there are no facilities, water or electricity, just one coed chemical toilet, so you must come prepared. There is no cost or camping fees at Apache Creek campground. The town of Apache Creek has one main structure in town, a small country store where one can buy the "very basics" and is where we get our spring water and take showers. The small town of Reserve is eleven miles to the southwest and has a grocery store, bank/ATM, garage/gas station and a small motel for anyone who does not want to campout. The majority of the time, Mother Nature cooperates. The weather in August has warm days in the upper 70's to 80's and cool nights in the 50's with some possible 40's and even 30's. Occasionally, late summer thundershowers may wonder through the area to put a damper on things, so come prepared for the unexpected. The elevation of our base camp is about 6400 feet with day outings that can be up to 8500 to 9000 feet.

Every afternoon about 4:30 or 5:00 PM after a day of collecting, most of the rockhounds get together and have a happy hour to socialize and talk about the day's findings. Then everyone has supper on their own around 6:00 PM. Afterwards, we sit around the campfire and tell TALL stories of old mining, prospecting and Rockhounding glory days. The nighttime skies at Apache Creek are breathtaking. With no light pollution, one can see millions of stars. So, if you have a good pair of binoculars or a telescope, be sure to bring them too for some spectacular stargazing. On both Saturday afternoons after returning from our outing, we all get together for our traditional "Apache Creek Group Photo" at 5:30 PM. Afterwards, we all get ready for our traditional potluck supper at 6:00 PM. Everyone makes their favorite camp dish and we share them while telling more stories around the campfire. On each Sunday morning at 8:00 AM, we will have a Rollin' Rock Club meeting if we have enough folks interested.

Rockhounds that show up can camp-out anywhere from a couple of nights to the entire campout. Some just come for the last weekend to visit and see old friends. Some Rockhounds camp out for over two weeks. Everyone that comes always has a great time with all the camaraderie and collecting, and everyone **ALWAYS** goes home several pounds heavier. Each year, it only gets better. We really hope that your club members can join us this year to make some new friends and really have some good old "**Rockhounding Fun and Adventure.**" For the last 10 years, we have averaged about 40 Rockhounds that have attended the campout from at least half a dozen states. Just the right size for a Rockhound get together. And folks, if you have any good unique swapping/trading material from your area, be sure to bring it. And in addition, if you have a CB Radio, be sure to bring it along. We use CB Channel 7 on all our fieldtrips. When you arrive at the campground, just look for the "White Framed Canopy", that's our HQ.
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Saturday and Sunday on the last weekend are open days. For those not interested in going out rock collecting, there are several other things to see and do in the area:

New Mexico Bureau of Mines Mineral Museum is located in Socorro, NM on the campus of the New Mexico Bureau of Mines. The museum is one of the “Top Five Mineral Museums” in all of North America and well worth the trip.

Very Large Array (VLA) Radio Astronomy Telescope is where the movie “Contact” with Jodie Foster was filmed. If you are interested in Astronomy, you defiantly want to check this place out. They have a very interesting, informative and education Visitors Center.

Apache Creek South Mesa has some unique 600-year-old Petroglyphs located on the south side of the mesa. The site is only a two-mile roundtrip hike from the campground.

Catron County Fair in Reserve, NM is the place to be on the first weekend of the campout. On 25 August, the town will be having their County Fair with a Livestock Show, Arts & Crafts and a Rodeo.

Catron County Rock Show during the Labor Day weekend will be at the Reserve Fair Grounds. The local rock club will be having their Rock Show with an Open-Tailgate Rock Swap on Saturday. Bring your Rocks to buy, sale or trade.

Mogollon, NM is an old historic and famous ghost town in the Mogollon Mountains, Gila National Forest. There are Antique Shops, a very interesting Mining Museum, the “Mogollon Rock Shop”, the Old Theater and have lunch in the Old Town Café.

The Catwalk is a very beautiful, tranquil and scenic canyon for hiking. Therefore, if you love hiking, the Catwalk is for you. In addition, there are numerous places to go hiking throughout the Gila and Apache National Forests.

Silver City Gem and Mineral Show in Silver City, NM. The local club will be having their 24th annual 3-day show during the Labor Day weekend. It is only a two-hour drive south and the very beautiful and scenic landscape will make the trip a memorable one.

Lodging: For those folks who do not wish to camp out, or need electricity and water for their RV, there are the following alternatives. Be sure to make any reservations as early as possible due to Bow Hunting season for Elk, which starts on Monday the 1st. The rooms and RV spaces fill up fast.

The Bunk House Bed & Breakfast in Apache Creek is 505-533-6949.

Apache Creek RV located in nearby Cruzville is 505-533-6166. They have a dump station, laundry, propane & showers.

Rode Inn Motel on Main Street in Reserve is 505-533-6661. They have Cable TV, direct dial phones, queen beds and a laundromat.

Dining: For those folks who wish to have a change of diet from camp food, there are the following alternatives.

BBQ Restaurant in Reserve; **Ella's Café** in Reserve; **Little Adobe Café** in Rancho Grande.

The host for AGATE RENDEZVOUS is the Chaparral Rockhounds and is co-sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Rockhounds. If you are planning on coming to AGATE RENDEZVOUS, please try to RSVP no later than the 20th of August. For any additional information about the Rendezvous, please contact Yonis Lone Eagle, RMFMS Vice President & New Mexico/Texas State Director at 505-860-2455 or via e-mail at: All rockhounds that attend will abide by the AFMS “Code of Conduct”.

ROCKHOUND STATE PARK HAPPENINGS - AUGUST 2008

Submitted by Rocky Rockhound

We have a new manager at the park. Robert Apodaca came to Rockhound from City of Rocks State Park. Probably many of you know him on sight, if not by name. He has many years experience with the parks, and will incorporate his good ideas to keep Rockhound and Spring Canyon parks great.

Gabriel Medrano is our new ranger. He is fresh out of college with a degree in forestry, and is anxious to get started in his career with park services.

Art Benevidez is our experienced ranger. He has been here for 4 years, and is not expecting to move anywhere soon. He likes this park best. Sensible man!

We currently have four volunteers who help the staff and take care of the Visitor Center.

Music in the Park will be held on August 16th at 6 p.m. Music will be provided by Veronika Barnes. Admission is free, but bring your own lawn chairs. On September 25th we will have our annual Mariachi Band and Folkloric Dancers perform for you. Events are sponsored by the 1st **New Mexico Bank**, and the **FRIENDS OF ROCKHOUND**, and we thank them for their involvement with Rockhound. The cost is “**FREE**”, but please bring your lawn chairs.

Another event to circle on your calendar is the Fall Native Plant Sale. It will be held at the park on Sept. 27th from 8 a.m. until noon. Come early for the best selection or you may also pre-order if you know what you want. Call the park and we will put you in contact with one of the **FRIENDS**.

Rockhound State Park is open year around. The Visitor Center is open from 9 a.m. until noon, and 1-4 p.m. daily. Spring Canyon is open Wednesday through Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Our telephone number is (575) 546-6182 for questions about the parks.

THE DEMING GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.

P.O. BOX 1459, DEMING, N.M. 88031

FOUNDED - JANUARY 1965

THE DEMING GEM and MINERAL SOCIETY, INC. *an incorporated, non-profit organization shall be dedicated to the knowledge, advancement and enjoyment of the earth sciences and associated subjects. The Society's primary purpose is the dissemination and furtherance of knowledge of mineralogy, gem cutting and geology, and to stimulate interest in the development of these studies. It is composed of individuals who have chosen gems and the aforementioned studies as a major interest in their lives.*

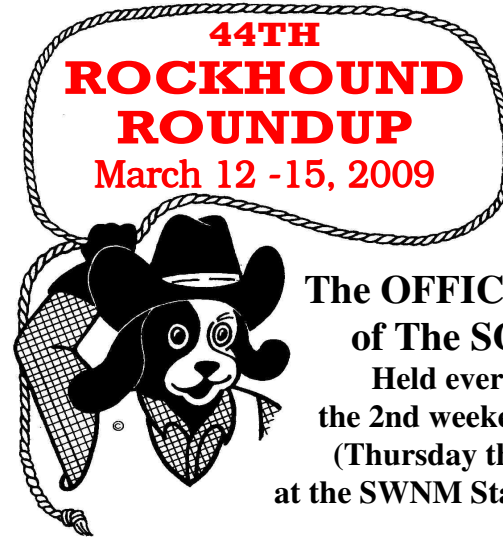
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For Addresses of above, please refer to your membership roster.



**The OFFICIAL SHOW
of The SOCIETY**
Held every year on
the 2nd weekend in March
(Thursday thru Sunday)
at the SWNM State Fairgrounds

The Society presents
the Annual Gem & Mineral exhibition at the
SW New Mexico State Fair
on the first weekend in October..
It is an official society function.

The "ROCK CHIPS"
is the official bulletin of the Society

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**DUES ARE DUE & PAYABLE ON
DECEMBER 1st EACH YEAR**
Membership Dues: \$10.00 per person for Adult Members
Junior Memberships: \$2.00 per person (to 18 years of

Visitors are invited and welcome at membership meetings.

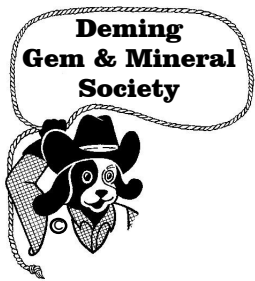
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DGMS Club house phone # 505-546-2554

BOARD MEETING
2:00 p.m.
1st Wednesday of each month

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS
2:00 p.m.
4th Thursday of each month

ROUNDUP MEETINGS
As Needed



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... we all scream for Ice Cream



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

AUGUST

Wednesday, August 6th..... Board Meeting..... 2 p.m.

Thursday, August 28th General Meeting 2 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

Monday, September 1st Labor Day

Wednesday, September 3rd Board Meeting..... 2 p.m.

Thursday, September 25th General Meeting 2 p.m.

**All meetings are held at the Clubhouse (4200 Raymond Reed Blvd.) unless otherwise noted.
Visitors and guests are welcome at membership meetings.**

The richest person is the one who finds pleasure in everyday duties.