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Please join us on **August 13th** for the next meeting which begins at **9:00am**, optional social hour begins at **8:00am**.



Articles or news to be included in the *Cutting Remarks* should be emailed to your editor, Wayne Klement ([wayneklem@aol.com](mailto:wayneklem@aol.com)), or feel free to call him at 248-969-8556. Submission deadline is the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. Thanks!

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# THE PREZ SEZ.....by Bill Carmody



Well, here we are with the monsoon upon us. When they established the criteria to determine the start of the monsoon, I think there was probably no television. Being bored with no TV to watch, someone must have said, "I'm tired of Parcheesi, let's make up some really complicated rules to determine when the monsoon officially starts." Anyway, these criteria have been met and we are in it and we are setting the record for the longest string of days exceeding 100 degrees. This is not great rock hounding weather. But, you already knew that.

The joint OPLC— TGMS potluck was a success! There were a lot of members from each club and some from both. TGMS hosted the event and provided the main course: pizzas, which were excellent. But, what amazed me, was the great selection of salads and desserts. One thing became apparent that evening. As we get older, we have determined what we like best for dessert and have learned to make it perfectly. The dessert table displayed a cornucopia of the best imaginable. I enjoyed conversing with the other guests as much as eating the food. I am definitely in favor of doing this again. If you agree, we'll host the next one in cooler weather. A big thanks to all who came, your food was great. It couldn't have happened and been so superlative without the

planning and work provided by Carol and Ursula. Also, thank you, Bill Hodgson, for the concept and hosting. (Thanks to me for reducing the take-home food to a manageable amount.)

Jaime De Zubeldia has the casting class up and running. This is our Club's first casting class in quite some time. Class size is four students and the length is currently six (6) weeks. We are considering adding a seventh week for grinding and polishing the casting products. In addition to adding a week, there are some other changes we are discussing. In view of the huge amounts of electricity used by the furnace and air conditioner (burnout day is about ten hours long) and coupled with other expenses, Jaime suggested raising the cost of the class from \$30 to \$45. This makes sense to me and I plan to take it up with the board of directors at the next meeting. (We struggle to keep these classes affordable and as close to break even as we can get.) The waiting list currently has 16 people on it. Jaime plans on starting a new class after this one. We may want to gap its start by a week as we work the air problem in those rooms. The room between the furnace room and the hallway gets extremely uncomfortable.

Another thought has just struck me. Once the air situation has been solved for the

casting rooms, Jaime could start a new class the seventh week if we had another volunteer to handle the grinding and polishing class. (Any volunteers?) I don't want to get too efficient or we will end up working Jaime to death.

I must say that I never worked with anyone more thoughtful, enthusiastic, energetic, and professional than Jaime. Thanks, Jaime. It's great to be working with you.

That's it for now. See you at the August business meeting.

## CONDOLENCES

Art Kavan's father passed away recently after a long illness. Art and Sandy, on behalf of the OPLC membership I extend our sincere condolences. — One of my favorite stories about Art's dad was when everyone thought it was the end for him. They stopped medication and removed all life support systems last October. A short time later, he promptly came out of his coma and said, "I want some fried chicken" and he ate it.

# JULY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES By.... Ursula Wilson

President Bill Carmody called the meeting to order at 9:05am. A quorum was present.

There were no corrections in the minutes of last month's meeting. They were approved as submitted.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We have put the newsletter on our website. We encourage you to check it out. Thanks to Wayne Klement, Rob Kulakofsky, and Bob Keller for their good work in setting this up.

Jaime De Zubeldia said that the casting class was going very well, and was not in need of new supplies at this time.

On June 25 Bill Carmody, Paul Head, Murray Hiller, Billy Bob Riley, and Phil Babcock started inventory in the South building. Next will be the work shops. If anyone would like to help with this task, please contact Bill Carmody.

Donna Pugh and Murray Hiller worked very hard to make it possible for us to use the computer with the TV for slide presentations. If you would like to set up a presentation, please let us know.

Bill Carmody has recently gone through the safe and came across the Club's Articles of Incorporation. He briefly read from the Articles the general purposes and objectives for which this corporation was formed.

A reminder to everyone to keep the communication channels open when moving equipment or taking it home for repair. Let others know so there will be no misunderstandings or mistrust.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Phil Babcock went to Home Depot to check on a screen door

for the kitchen. They only have standard doors. We would have to have the door modified 3" or have one made to order with a cost of \$300.00. Ron Davidson knows where to get used doors and will check on it. We will vote on this at a later date.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Rim Tallat-Kelpsa has retired from monitoring. We thank him for all his hard work and really appreciate his volunteering his services. Rim is still working hard for us in the Field trip department, and has a trip planned for the Silverbell Mine in October. He will not be able to firm up a date until September.

Paul Head surfaced the need to upgrade three Facetrans with dial indicators. We are going to check with Billy Bob Riley, a superb machinist, to see if he could do the job for us at a much cheaper cost. When he comes back from vacation we will talk with him. Until then the upgrades will be put on hold.

Welcome new members JoAnn Sam, George & Linda Palmero, and James McGuire. Sylvia Czayo told us James McGuire has moved his jewelry store to a new location at 3200 E. Grant Rd. If you are in need of diamonds, he is an expert. Ron volunteered to give the new members present a tour of our facilities.

Donna Pugh announced there will be a Gem and Mineral Show in Silver City, New Mexico, September 3-5 at the Silver City Recreation Center. The brochure will be on the bulletin board.

Larry Gallagher is ill and would appreciate phone calls from members. If you have a minute or two give him a call at 745-6132.

He would really like that.

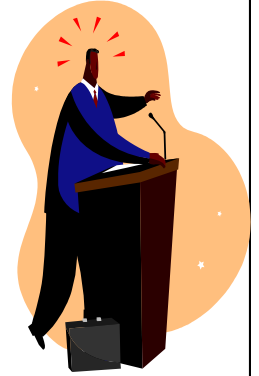
Club questionnaires are on the back table. We have about 25% returned. Please fill one out and let's make it 100%.

Jim Griffin says he needs finished products for the Silent Auction coming up November 5. If you have any to donate, let him know.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35.

The raffle was held after the meeting.

Shad Blair gave a presentation of his handiwork after the raffle. Thank you Shad.



\*\*\*\*\* NOTICE \*\*\*\*\*

An additional open lab is available on Fridays from 9am till Noon. The monitor will be Dan Harmsen and he can be reached at 721- 8452.

## WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

### Mondays 1 - 4 PM

Faceting Guild - Fee charged - experienced faceters only  
Contact: Paul Head 296-0331

Beginning Cabbing - Fee charged  
Contact: Billy Bob Riley 408-3074

### Mondays 6 - 9 PM

Beginning Faceting - Class fee charged  
Contact: Earl Zoeller 886-3518

Beginning Cabbing - Class fee charged  
Contact: Billy Bob Riley 408-3074

### Tuesdays 8 AM Work Groups

### Tuesdays 9 AM – Noon

Open Shop. Fee charged, Beginners welcome. Tools and equipment available.

Monitor – Ron Davidson 749-3157  
Rock Sawing – Dave Arens 749-2113

### Tuesdays 6 - 9 PM

Open Lapidary Lab - Fee charged. Beginners welcome. Tools/equipment available.

Contact: Billy Bob Riley 408-3074 or  
Don Rittenberry 572-8674

Open Silversmith Lab - Class fee charged  
Contact: Bob Keller 808-6546

### Wednesday 6 - 9PM

**NEW CLASS**

**FLASH!**

Beginning Casting - Class fee charged.  
Contact: Jaime De Zubeldia 616-9344

### Thursdays 1 PM – 4 PM

Beginning Cabbing - Class fee charged  
Contact: Billy Bob Riley 408-3074

### Fridays 9 AM - Noon

**NEW**

**TIME SLOT**

**FLASH!**

Open Lab - Fee charged  
Contact: Dan Harmsen 721-8452

### Fridays 6 - 9 PM

Beginning Faceting - Class fee charged  
Contact: **(Pending new monitor)**

### Saturdays 10 - 3 PM

Open Shop - Fee charged  
Contact: Ron Davidson 749-3157

## **WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS**

James A. Bowers  
Frank Gonzales  
James McGuire  
George & Linda Palmero

## COMMITTEES

### BUILDINGS, GROUNDS & EQUIPMENT

Ron Davidson 749-3157

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Phil Babcock 498-5058

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Sylvia Czayo

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Rim Tallat-Kelpsa 760-8704

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### JUNIOR EDUCATION

Gretchen Arnaiz 747-1511

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### LIBRARIAN

Cathy Van Atta 256-6869

### MEMBERSHIP

Jim Griffin 578-3765

### SECURITY

Marion Russell 622-5506

### SILENT AUCTIONS

Jim Griffin 578-3765

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Aug 6 — ISHPEMING, MICHIGAN:** 30th annual show; Ishpeming Rock & Mineral Club; Ishpeming Elks Club, 597 Lake Shore Dr.; Sat. 9:30-4:30; free admission; mineral displays, local field trips
- **Aug 6-7 — SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA:** Show, "The Best" San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society; San Francisco County Fair Bldg. contact Ellen Nott, (415) 564-4230
- **Aug 11-14 — BUENA VISTA, COLORADO:** 22nd annual show, "Contin-tail" Colorado Federation of Gem & Mineral Societies; Buena Vista Rodeo Grounds
- **Aug 12-14 — HOUGHTON, MICHIGAN:** Show; Copper Country Rock & Mineral Club; Portage Township Elementary School, Bridge St.; contact Pamela Hecht, (906) 337-2274
- **Sep 3-5 — SILVER CITY, NEW MEXICO:** 22nd Annual Gem & Mineral Show - Silver City Recreation Center, 11th and Gold Streets, Saturday-Sunday 10:00 - 5:00, Monday 10:00 - 4:00., Special Exhibit by the New Mexico Bureau of Mines

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appointment to preview items desired.

**DONATIONS**

Please contact one of the following individuals if you  
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equipment, etc.) to the Old Pueblo Lapidary Club:  
Art Kavan 297-8798 or Bill Carmody 760-8598

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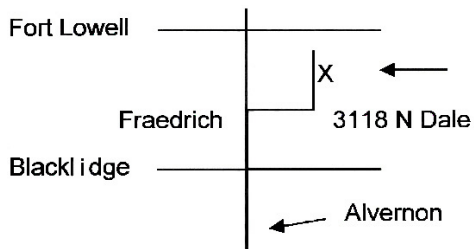
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**Mail to: Membership Chairperson, Old Pueblo Lapidary Club, 3118 N. Dale, Tucson, AZ 85712**



The Business Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month which starts at 9:00 a.m. A pre-meeting social hour is at 8:00 a.m. for those that are interested. Visitors are welcome.