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Please join us on January 14th for the next meeting which begins at 9:00am, optional social hour begins at 8:00am. There will be a tailgate mineral and craft sale in the parking lot immediately after the meeting.



Articles or news to be included in the *Cutting Remarks* should be emailed to your Editor, Wayne Klement (wayneklem@aol.com), or feel free to call him at 520-546-9404. Submission deadline is the 25th of each month. Thanks!

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THE PREZ'S SEZ.....by Bill Carmody & Don Rittenberry

Outgoing President: It is a new year and we have a new President, Don Rittenberry. He and I talked today (December 28th) as I turned over the records I accumulated over the year and the



keys that I had. We discussed the things I thought he needed to know and the things he wanted to know. It was a fun time looking back over the year. At least I had fun. I think toward the end of our discussion, I saw some blood trickling down from one of his ears – maybe I talked too much.

In last month's Prez Sez, I listed some of the Club's accomplishments. They are quite a few and are things that needed to be done. These accomplishments happened because of volunteers. Volunteers are the life's blood of our organization. I say to all the volunteers a big **Thank you!** Heck, all the club members were great in their own way with their support as well. Let's face it. It's a great club.

Don and I had lunch at the Egg Connection with Billy Bob Riley after our turnover session. How appropriate in the sense of looking back over the year. Billy Bob figured so significantly in the success the Club enjoyed this year. He formed and taught classes, he fixed machinery, he held open labs... He did so much. So did Ron Davidson who shouldered much of responsibility for the day to day operations, maintenance, and plotting the directions the Club needs to go – a

big thanks to you, Ron. Dave Arens, Murray, Donna, Wayne, Ursula, all the other Board of Directors, Jim Griffin, Bev, Sheila, Jaime, Paul, Shad, Danny, Charlotte, Don, Bobo, Sylvia, Rosie, Gretchen and so many others have been heavy hitters this year as well. Thanks, every one of you.

Thanks to all for your help and support. Don is in for a real treat as he works with you this coming year or two. And please remember if you need any help in the future, "it's not my job, man", anymore. (I'm just kidding, of course.)

Incoming President:

A Happy & Prosperous New Year to All.

I thank all the members that participated in the election process and elected me and the other officers and board members of the Club.

The holidays have come and gone now as the departure of one president, and the arrival of another. I can only hope to do as



good of a job as my predecessor and the other past presidents before me.

Congratulations to the new officers and board members that were elected to their new or previous positions. I look forward to working with you all. We will all have our work cut out for us and hopefully have a lot of fun in the process.

We as members of OPLC have a lot going on the first few months of the year. Quartzsite is going on at the time of this writing and will continue till almost the end of the month. The Beaudry Gem & Mineral Show will be the first part of February. The Tucson Gem & Mineral show will run February 9-12, which, we the Club, will be involved in this year with TGMS. And **we are going to have a craft and mineral show in the parking lot of the OPLC directly after the January business meeting.** All members are invited to come and bring their wares to sell for the first and hopefully more craft shows. There will be NO charges for setting up and selling your wares for this event. This one will be a FREEBIE, so I hope to see a good representation out in the parking lot with a lot of members selling and buying (with a lot of CASH to spend :). We will also be inviting the TGMS members to set up and sell their wares and minerals with us. Then, on top of all that, the Hob Nob will be held at OPLC on February 4 for facters from all over the world to meet and talk to each other gathering new ideas and information. **WOWEEEE!!!** How about Deming???? Talk about getting your feet wet!!!

I'll be getting more of my thoughts to you in the next newsletter, but I should mention that Bill Carmody and I had a meeting on the 28th of Dec. (and my new ear is growing out and should be fully out by meeting time) and talked over quite a bit of business that I needed to know. As I told him and I will tell all members, this is a new beginning for all, including me. I hope to see all at the January meeting.

DECEMBER BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

..... By Ursula Wilson



President Bill Carmody called the meeting to order at 9:15am. A quorum was present.

There were no corrections to the minutes of last months meeting as printed in the Newsletter. A motion was made and seconded and the minutes were approved by a majority voice vote.

Bill thanked Gorden Harnack for a truly great presentation on gold prospecting last month. Thanks were also in order to Gordon for the screen door in the kitchen, and to Ron Davidson for installing it. Another thank you to Ron Davidson for putting new mats in the lap lab that Dave Arens got for \$198.00.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill reminded us to remember we have a joint OPLC and TGMS potluck tentatively scheduled for March. Sheila Powell is in charge.

Beaudry Show: Tom Miller has the list for the volunteers to select the days and time they want to volunteer.

Gretchen Arnaiz thanked everyone for donating rocks for the schools. In the future she would like to have more tumbled rocks donated. She is having some difficulty with the schools getting back to her if they want rock boxes.

If anyone would like to have Harrison Yocum's DVD, *Arizona Highways*, the address will be in the Newsletter (see page 6).

Jim Griffin would like to remind everyone to know DUES ARE DUE! If they are not received by February, you will no longer be a member.

Paul Head proposed raffling stones that members donate during the joint potluck. The proceeds would be given to Gretchen Arnaiz for her expenses she incurs putting together her rock boxes. Maybe she could buy more rocks with the donation. Bill said that maybe Gretchen should check out our tailgate sales in January after the meeting.

We had one guest, Skip Barclay. Ron Davidson volunteered to give him a tour of the facilities.

TGMS Show: Maribeth Terry had no news on the progress with the booth, but will check with Gary Angle.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill Carmody and Donna Pugh should have the 2006 proposed budget for membership approval at the January meeting. They also would like to provide a statement of 2005's income and expenses for membership perusal.

This is a good time to start a list of what we want to get for the Club over the next year. Many suggestions were made such as: absorbent mats for the saw room, cabinets in the silversmithing room, additional equipment for silversmithing,

project lockers for the students in the hall.

Elections were held for our officers and directors to lead us next year. There were 2 nominations from the floor for candidates in addition to those from the Nominating Committee. Ballots were passed out and a count was taken by the Tellers. All candidates submitted by the Nominating Committee were approved: Don Rittenberry, President; Jim Farley, Vice President; Donna Pugh, Treasurer; Charlotte Rittenberry, Secretary; Tom Miller and Jaime De Zubeldia, Board of Directors (two year terms), and Paul Head, Board of Directors (one year term). All will be installed into their respective offices during the next meeting. They will be sworn in and will take over the administration of the Club at that time.

There was discussion that we need to modify the Bylaws regarding the election proforma. Further discuss on the proposal was tabled for the present and Bob Keller was asked to make suggestions on how they should read.

The raffle was held immediately after the meeting followed by the Christmas Potluck.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10am.

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ASARCO SILVERBELL MINE

This field trip has been set for Saturday, January 21. We will meet at the Silverbell Mine at 9:00 a.m. Take I-10 North to Exit 242 and follow Avra Valley Road West for about 27 miles. Avra Road asphalt ends at Silverbell Mine. We will take 4 SUV's into the Mine. Bring hard hats, a bucket or rock bag, tools and water. Those of you who have requested to be included on this trip have been notified. There are still several spaces for additional participants. Call me or see me at the January 14 meeting if you have any questions.

ASARCO RAY MINE

This field trip will take place Friday, January 27. If you are interested in participating in this field trip, please call me or see me at the meeting. We will meet in Trader Joe's parking lot on Oracle and Magee at 10:30 a.m. From there we will take Route 77 to Winkelman and then take Route 177 past Kelvin to the Ray Mine on the north side of the road. We are restricted to 4 SUV's which we will be able to take into the mine site. We plan to be on the mine site from approximately 1 - 4 p.m.

Hey gang, at the time of this printing, Ron Davidson will have knee surgery on Thursday, January 5 at the Veterans Hospital. He is expected to be recovering and receiving rehab in Building 60 for approximately one month and would certainly appreciate some calls & visitors.

WHEN DUES ARE DUE - - MAILING LABEL CHANGE

Some of you may have noticed an addition to your mailing label. A fair number of members have inadvertently overlooked renewing their membership on a timely basis. It was decided that one way to help with this was to somehow remind members when the dues are due. A review of the financial records was made to try to determine when dues were last paid or when members had joined. Based on that review, a "tickler" (your membership expiration date) was placed on each mailing label. For some members financial "tracks" were not to be found. So, for those members a "Dues are Due" comment is shown on those mailing labels.

We apologize in advance for misreading dates or overlooking your information. We're not going to blame this one on computers this time. If you feel the information on your mailing label is incorrect, you may contact any of the following members:

Wayne Klement, Newsletter Editor	546-9404	email: wayneklem@aol.com
Donna Pugh, Treasurer	299-1535	email: najmah2adler@earthlink.net
Jim Griffin, Membership	578-3765	email: momg9231@aol.com

WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS

John Beirle
 Barbara Muntyan
 Janet & Ted Rupp
 Audra Scovil
 Murray Victor
 Steve & Doris Werner
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DONATIONS

You may contact one of the following individuals if you are interested in making a donation (rocks, equipment, etc.) to the Old Pueblo Lapidary Club. Please call Art Kavan 297-8798, Bill Carmody 760-8598, or Don Rittenberry 572-8674.



JANUARY PRESENTOR

Mr. Grady C. Cook, U.S. Ranger, will present rules and regulations for collecting on federal lands. He will also invite a State Forest Ranger to accompany him to cover the State side of the issue.

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Beginning Cabbing - Class Fee charged.
Contact Billy Bob Riley 408-3074

Mondays 6 - 9 PM

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

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

Tuesdays 6 - 9 PM

Open Lapidary Lab - Fee charged. Beginners welcome.
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Contact Don Rittenberry 572-8674

Open Silversmith Lab - Class fee charged.
Contact Billy Bob Riley 408-3074

Wednesday 6 - 9PM

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

Thursdays 1 PM – 4 PM

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

Fridays 9 AM - Noon

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

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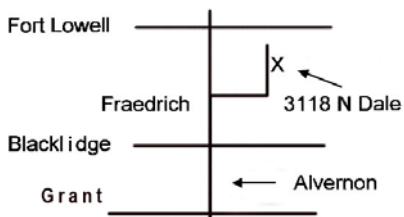
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The Business Meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month which starts at 9:00 a.m. A pre-meeting social hour is at 8:00 a.m. for those that are interested. Visitors are welcome.