



The Rock Rattler

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President's Message

Hay guys

This comes to you as I am kicked back in The Big Easy, so please forgive the shortness of it. The work is coming along at the clubhouse thanks to the hard work of dedicated members. But we still have a way to go so please help our club to grow. We need this to have classes. The show is just around the corner and Del tells me have a full list of vendors. It will be the best.

See ya'll on Tues.

ps. Bring something for show and tell.

Larry

Next Meeting

When:	July 1, 2014
Time:	6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Where:	Bossier City Library Historical Building Bossier City, La
Program:	An Introduction to Minerals
Refreshments:	Susan Fortenberry
Door Prizes:	Nina Hustus

Minutes of Meeting

June 3, 2014

Opening: Larry Maguire
Pledge of Allegiance Del Glasner
Prayer: Larry Maguire

Business Discussed:

- Building Update
 - Work day 6/14/14 @ 8 am
- Field Trips
 - Cancel to do a work day
- Treasury Report given by John Autry
- Lyn gave update on printing
 - Cards
 - 2600 yellow cards (mail out)
 - 400 blue cards (pass out)
- August 16, 17 Show Update
 - Del Glasner will be the Show Chairman
 - 40 dealers have been invited
 - 32 confirmed
 - Looking for additional demonstrators
 - Suggestion was made for an NPR ad on Red River Radio
 - Sue requested donation for the kids booth
 - Location of signage was discussed.
 - Tony will be in touch with Lamar for location and cost
 - Suggestion was made to have t-shirts made for workers and members.
 - Workers will receive a free shirt
- Cub Scouts update
 - Linda Leedom volunteered to educate Cub Scouts and helped getting their geology belt loop
 - Del supplied the rocks
 - Was suggested that we be able to teach a class to cub scouts
- Program was on Geomans Mineral and Rock Glossery

Members in attendance: Del Glasner, Sharron Thomas, Sue Autry, Nina Hustus, Antony Thomas, John Autry, Gwynne Lowe, David Lowe, Lyn Simms, Larry Maguire, Marjorie Thomas, Linda Leedom, Bill Bacle, Susan Fortenberry, Susan Papp, Jerry Thomas, Miguel Pacheco, Sara Hollingsworth, Gay R., Leland White, Jeanette White, Leonard Hollar, Gloria Taylor

New Members: Michael. Debra. James and Allison Clark

tips and tricks

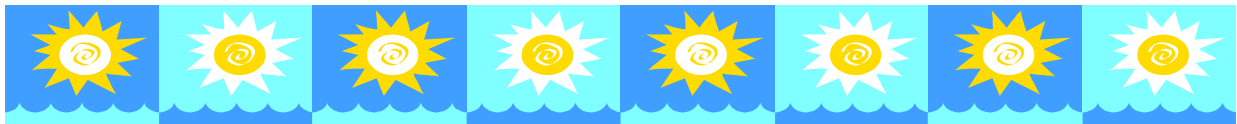
Installing 'sizing balls' in a ring,

Have you ever had a customer bring back a ring you sold them saying, "Well it fits my knuckle but it flops around my finger"? The problem is commonly caused by arthritis whereby the knuckle swells but the lower part of the finger remains smaller around. The solution to this problem is to install 'sizing balls'; small balls of the same metal as the ring placed at the 5:00 and 7:00 positions inside the ring band. This allows the ring to be slipped over the knuckle but helps to hold it in place during wearing. There are two ways to easily install the balls.

1). If the ring is plain metal or there is a stone(s) already in the ring, ensure that it is not heat sensitive (such as diamond, sapphire, ruby....most others are heat sensitive). Take an old chain (I always have old chains laying around the shop) and clip 2 or 3 links out of it, place them on your soldering pad and heat till they fuse into a ball. If they do not appear large enough, add a link(s) until they do. When they are the proper size, cut the same number of links and make a second ball. (Note, you can also make jump rings on a mandrel if you don't have an old chain – the results will be the same).

Now mark the 5:00 and 7:00 positions on the bottom of the ring shank with a Sharpie. Use a small ball bur and make a divot centered on the inside of the shank at the marks. Lay the balls on the soldering block, flux add a snippet of solder and heat until the solder flows onto the balls. Now flux the divots, warm until the flux whitens, holding the ring with self-locking tweezers place the balls into the divots and heat until the solder flows. Of course, never put a hot ring with stones in it into water or pickle as it will crack the stone(s). When cool, pickle, polish and you are finished!

If the ring has heat sensitive stones in it, try this method. Take a piece of 18-20ga wire and ball each end. Cut them apart. Be sure the balls are nicely formed and round. Mark the places where you will place the balls on the shank. Now, make a small divot on the outside of the shank opposite each mark and drill a hole that is slightly (slightly) smaller than the wire. Flux each ball and the shank. Now apply Kook-Jool to the stones or burry the top of the ring with the stones into wet sand or other heat absorbing material. Slide the wires into the holes (again, they should be tight but not so tight you cannot get them in), apply solder and heat. When cleaned up there will be no visible mark where the wires are.



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.

July 12----Ashdown, AR – Fossils

August 23, 24 (tentative date--waiting on confirmation from host group)

Jasper, Tx – Petrified Wood. If you have not returned the form to attend this dig, you must return it immediately. There are a limited number of spaces.

September and October- Open—if you have an idea give info to field trip coordinator

Upcoming Show Dates

July

26-27—FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS: Annual show; Corporate Employees Recreation Assn.; Brookhaven College; 3939 Valley View Ln., Bldg. H; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; free admission; indoor show; contact Steve Shearin, 860 Stafford Station Dr., Saginaw, TX 76131, (817) 777-1997; e-mail: steve.l.shearin@lmco.com; Web site: www.2oldcurmudgeons.com/cera-show.htm

August

9-10—BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA: 50th Anniversary Show; Baton Rouge Gem & Mineral Society; Marriott Hotel; 5500 Hilton Ave.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; adults \$4, children \$3; demonstrations, cabbing, faceting, wire wrapping, door prizes, silent auctions, Scouts and educational groups welcome; contact Diana Martin, (225) 931-7543; e-mail: Cajunladi@cox.net; Web site: www.brgemandmineral.org

23-24—JASPER, TEXAS: Annual show; Pine Country Gem & Mineral Society; The Event Center; 6258 State Hwy. 190W, 5 miles west of Jasper; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-5; adults \$3, students and children free; lapidary demonstrations, exhibits, dealers, gems, jewelry, rough rock, hourly door prizes, silent auction, raffle, kids' activities, mining sluice, spinning wheel; contact Jonetta Nash, 737 FM 254 South, Jasper, TX 75951, (409) 384-3974; e-mail: jonetta.nash@yahoo.com

October

4-5—JACKSONVILLE, ARKANSAS: Annual show; Central Arkansas Gem Mineral and Geology Society; Jacksonville Community Center; 5 Municipal Dr.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; free admission; 25 dealers, rocks, minerals, fossils, lapidary material, jewelry, beads, displays, demonstrations, kids' dig, door prizes; contact Tom Sharp, 14705 Chambery Dr., Little Rock, AR 72211, (501) 379-8653; e-mail: thom61847@yahoo.com; Web site: www.centralarrockhound.org

10-12—METAIRIE, LOUISIANA: Annual show; Gem & Mineral Society of Louisiana; Best Western Plus Landmark Hotel; 2601 Severn Ave.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; adults \$5, students \$3, children (under 12) free; exhibits, demonstrations, fluorescent mineral room, door prizes, grand prize; contact Levette Carlos, (504) 214-3205; e-mail: gemshow2014@gmail.com

10-12—MOUNT IDA, ARKANSAS: Annual World Championship Quartz Crystal Digging Contest; Mount Ida Area Chamber of Commerce; Montgomery County Fairgrounds; Fairgrounds Rd.; Fri. 7-3, Sat. 9-3, Sun. 2-3; adults \$85; dig quartz crystals, keep all you find, win a prize; contact Sherrie Ellison, Hwy. 270W, Mount Ida, AR 71957, (870) 867-2723; e-mail: director@mtidachamber.com; Web site: www.mtidachamber.com

10-12—MOUNT IDA, ARKANSAS: 30th Annual Quartz, Quiltz and Craftz Show; Mount Ida Area Chamber of Commerce; Montgomery County Fairgrounds; Fairgrounds Rd.; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; free admission; dealers, quartz crystals, minerals, jewelry, quilts, crafts; contact Sherrie Ellison, Hwy. 270W, Mount Ida, AR 71957, (870) 867-2723; e-mail: director@mtidachamber.com; Web site: www.mtidachamber.com

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

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