



The Rock Rattler

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President's Message

Another month has flown by....here we are in February already. I hope all of you are well. Time for getting out and getting dirty digging is here. Feb 14th will be our 1st fieldtrip and we are going to the Diamond Mine in Murfreesboro Arkansas. I am ready to get some digging done. Progress on the shop is creeping along but we are making progress. I want to thank Tom for offering our members a place to stay at the recent trip to the Tyler show that was very nice of him. Unfortunately some of us were unable to make the trip. I am sure lots of goodies were found at the show and for those that may have made it over to Toms.....I can only imagine. I would like to ask those of you that have lapidary experience and have the time (make time please) to please help our club get more involved in the teaching aspect within our community. Tom has some great ideas that really need to be focused on this year to help us accomplish this. There is a lot of valuable knowledge our members have that needs to be shared with our youth and the young at heart.

Tony

Next Meeting

When: February 3, 2015
Time: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Where: Bossier City Library
Historical Building
Bossier City, La
Program:
Refreshments: Lauren Brown
Door Prizes: Del Glasner

Minutes of Meeting

January 6, 2015

Opening: Antony Thomas

Pledge of Allegiance Deferred

Prayer: Antony Thomas

Business Discussed:

- Building Update
 - Work Day was postponed due to possible bad weather
 - All rooms have been painted
 - Some items have been moved in but need to be assembled
 - Ramp and deck are almost complete
 - Club needs to have an agreement between the Autry's and the club on rental of the property where the building sits
 - Where is the title to both trailers
- Finance Committee report
 - 501 (c)3 renewal date is being researched
 - Our 501c3 requires we be more involved in community
 - Suggestions were made to get involved with Boy and Girl Scouts
- New Committees
 - Program Committee
 - Finance Committee
 - Shop Committee
 - Field Trips
 - Field Trips will be coordinated between Moses Chatellier and Antony Thomas
 - Suggestion was made to go to Perot Museum when we go to the Arlington Show
 - Metal Detecting Field Trip has been moved to April 18
- Treasury Report
 - Treasury report given by John
- Classes
 - At this time all classes are at a standstill until the class room is at a point that it can be used.
- Other Business
 - Makers Fair is April 11
 - Douglas will be the official photographer for the club. Cindy Free will be the backup.
 - Any one that would like to volunteer for the Science Fair, please get in contact with Sharron.
- 25 members attending meeting

Field Trips for 2015

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.

February 14, 2015	Mufreesboro, AR	Agate and Diamonds
March 7, 2015	open for ideas	open for ideas
April 18, 2015	Ida, Louisiana	Metal Detecting
May 9, 2015	N. Sulfur River	Marine Fossils
June 12-14, 2015	Andaloussa, Alabama	Marine Fossils

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

February, 2015, March, 2015

28-1—JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI: Annual show; Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society, State Fairgrounds; Trade Mart Building; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5, students \$3; gems, jewelry, minerals, fossils, beads, books, lapidary tools, free demonstrations, cutting, faceting, jewelry making, flint knapping, wire wrapping, kids' activities and educational exhibits; contact Ricky Odum, Jr., (601) 750-8765; e-mail: rickyhalffeather@icoud.com; Web site: <http://missgems.org>

March 2015

21-22—SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS: Annual show; SAN ANTONIO GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, SAN ANTONIO TEXAS; 8111 MEADOW LEAF DR [CORNER OF I-410 WEST AND MARBACH; Sat. 10AM-6PM, Sun. 10AM-4PM; Admission \$5, Seniors \$3, Students \$2, Children \$1; 54TH ANNUAL FIESTA OF GEMS; contact ROBERT BOWIE, (210) 860 2830; e-mail: krbotx@gvtc.com; Web site: www.swgemandmineral.org

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