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TRIBAL RITES

The board of Directors meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 6:00 P.M. and the General Meeting is held on the same Monday at 7:30 P.M.

The Meeting will convene at

FARMERSVILLE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

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TULE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

MONTHLY MEETING FEBRUARY 7, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Marshall Havner followed by the flag salute by Bill Bingaman. There were 46 members and 8 guests present. Sherry Honnold won the monthly meeting door prize.

A motion was made and seconded that the Minutes of January 3, 2011 meeting be accepted as read. Motion carried.

A Treasurers report was made by Patrick Harrison. A motion was made and seconded that the Treasurers report be accepted as read. Motion carried.

Janet Loyd, Membership chairperson, asks that all Members please pay their membership dues by March 1, 2011.

Debbie Havner, SunshineGirl, reported that she will be sending a sympathy card to Janice Robertson whose mother passed away.

Debbie also announced that she has banquet tickets available, she requests that all that wish to attend please purchase their tickets before February 28, 2011, so she can notify the caterers as to how many there will be. Will all Members that have volunteered to help set up for the banquet please be there by 5 PM on the night of the banquet, March 7, 2011. The banquet will be held at 6 PM.

Charles Reed reported that all went well at our 2011 Gem Show. Everyone pitched in to help set up on Friday, worked well together Saturday and Sunday and take down and clean up on Sunday evening, GOOD JOB CLUB MEMBERS.

Marshall Havner will be conducting Rock talks at the following schools in February and March. He asks that all Members that can do so please attend to help with questions, etc.

TUESDAY—Feb. 8, --Royal Oaks in Visalia, March 1,---PORTERVILLE CUB SCOUT, Mar. 15—Three Rivers School in Three Rivers. Contact President Havner for time and directions to attend this rock talks

Corene Keys reported that \$45.25 was collected for the CFMS/AFMS scholarship fund. Thanks to all .

President Havner announced that he will be attending a ALAA meeting, he is our Club Representative, in Sacramento on April 11, 2011. PLEASE see Debbie Havner if you are interested in purchasing a \$5.00 ticket for a chance to win a trip to Camp Paradise. Refreshments for the meeting were supplied by Gayle Bingaman, Charles Reed, and Corene Keys . Thanks to all.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted by-----Corene Keys, Secretary

TULE GEM SHOW EVALUATION

The 2011 gem show was a complete success. At the show evaluation meeting, Show Chairman Charles Reed, was presented with reports by the different committees of the gem show. The Show Chairman, thank all of the Tule members for putting all the great effort to make the Gem Show a great success. From the set-up on Friday and working together on Saturday and Sunday. Also the take down and clean up on Sunday evening.

It would take all of the newsletter to thank and name all of the different committee chairpersons individually and the persons who help them.

Some interesting facts about the Gem Show, about 2000 persons registered for Saturday and Sunday. There were persons from Nevada, Oregon and from Texas that came to the show.

The Wheel of Fortune, the Treasure Hunt, Grab Bags, the Silent auction, selling of tickets for the Ways and Means auction, the half/hour drawings /door price, the 40 member/guest show cases, the demonstrations of lapidary/hobbies, the Snack Bar with food prepared by the kitchen staff and all the Dealers with beautiful items for sale made for a successful show.

I would like to extend a big thank you to those who helped in the in the kitchen; Janet Loyd, Bill Herman, Kim Givich, Hiley Wallis, Gayle Bingaman, Roxie Olmstead, Pepper Okada, Steve Hayward, and Tony Hart. I really appreciated your tremendous assistance. You were great. Many others stopped by to offer assistance. Also I would to thank those who donated money to purchase pies.-----THANK YOU Margaret Buchmann Chairperson

Thank you for all who generously donated prize for the WAYS AND MEANES RAFFLE: David Scott, Marshall and Debbie Havner, Laura Heberling, Roxie Olmstead, Margaret Buckmann, Raul Gonzales, Fereleen Schultz, Emmett Schultz, Charles Reed, Leila Parkinson, Pat Aharonian, Hiley and Neal Wallis, Don and Virginia Sheldrick, Joe Navarro, Dan Franco, Tony and Kathy Hart, Janice and Gary Robertson, George Silva, Dick Bowman, Pepper Okada, John McKay, Russ Gems, The Delongs, NC Nagle, The Kleins, Janu Gems, Mike and Nora, and Kelly's Treasures.

Thank You to all who helped sell tickets during the show: Don Sheldrick, Mike Obert, Pat Aharonian, Hiley and Neal Wallis, Laura Heberling, Raul Gonzales, and many others who stopped by.

Thank You to all who supported the raffle by buying raffle tickets . And a special Thank You goes to Debbie Havner for announcing for raffle drawings'

Pepper Okada-----Chairperson

CALENDER OF EVENT

BIRTHDAYS

MAR.-6-Paul Kellam
MAR-17-Blaze Frauenholz
MAR.-21-Janice Robertson
MAR.29-Rick Ellison
MAR-31-TonyHart
Ignacio Rojas

BANQUET

Banquet for the instillation of
TULE CLUB OFFICERS will be at
March meeting. Starting at 6:00
o'clock. If you don't have your
tickets for the banquet call Debbie
Havner at (559)562-4133

NEW OFFICERS FOR 2011- 2012 TULE CLUB YEAR

President--Laura Riggs
Vice-President--Bill Manser
Second Vice President
Bill Bingaman
Past President-Marshall Havner
Recording Secretary-Corene Keys
Treasurer--Patrick Harrison
Auditor---Robert Goddard
Corresponding secretary--
Debbie Havner
CFMS Director--Marshall Havner
Alt. CFMS Director--Janice
Robertson
Club Director--Fereleen Schultz
Club Director--Charles Reed
Historian/All American--
Donald Sheldrick
Parliamentarian--Don Lieb

DUES,DUES

TULE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY ANNUAL DUES

REGULAR MEMBER
\$20.00
STUDENT(JUNIOR)
MEMBER--\$5.00

**The (Membership year)
Coincides with our Fiscal
Year:March1,XXXX to the
last day of February of the
following year.**

**New Regular Members
joining during the year will
have their dues prorated by
the quarter in which they
join.**

DUES PRORATED SCHEDULE

March--May---\$20.00
June--Aug.----\$15-00
Sept.--Nov.----\$10.00
Dec.--Feb.-----\$5.00

**Contact Janet Loyd
Membership chairperson
At --janetmloyd@yahoo.com**

Workshop Schedules And CLASSES

**Cabochon cutting and
polishing--Tuesday
from 6 PM to 8 PM.
Contact Mike Obert at
733-2543 for
information.**

**Cabochon cutting and
polishing--Thursday
from 4 PM to 6 PM.
Contact Don Vieira at
732-7739.**

**Silver-Smithing--
contact Charles Reed
at 784-6394 or Rob
Milner at 359-6174**

**Faceting class-- every
Tuesday from 9 AM to
12 PM. Contact Joe
Navarro at 747-1824 or
opalJoe@sbcglobal.net
The TULE club invites all of
our members or guest to
come and see what is
available at the workshop.
Workshop is located East of
Visalia, Ca. at 29660 RD.
152.**

Slab diving at Quartzsite

The week after our Gemboree we left the fog behind for the sunshine of Arizona. Our destination was that favorite of snow (and fog) birds, Quartzsite. This is a hot but sleepy little town in the summer, but in the winter the population of around 4000 triples or quadruples with people in Rv's and campers. You may ask, "what's the big attraction?" The warmth and sunshine is enough for many, with the average low of 36 and high of 65. There is the abundance of camping locations, with miles of BLM land surrounding the area for dry camping, or many RV parks and resorts with full hook ups. But the icing on the cake is several gem and mineral shows, a sports vacation and RV show, and the "largest outdoor swap meet in the USA"!

Quartzsite is located in the sunny Mojave desert at the crossroads of Interstate 10 and U.S. 95; 40 miles east of Blythe, and 90 miles north of Yuma. The Colorado riverport of Ehrenberg is 17 miles to the west, and the town site was originally a stage station on the California-Arizona line. An adobe stage station was built in 1866 by Charley Tyson at the current site of the Tyson's Well Stage Stop museum, where Tyson had dug a well. The town grew up around it, with a colorful history including that of Hadji Ali, better known as "Hi Jolly"; he was a camel master who came to this country to assist with the War Department's trial use of camels in our southwest desert. There is a monument and pioneer cemetery in town bearing his name.

We traveled to Quartzsite with Laura and Bill in our respective Rv's, and found a parking place in an RV park across the street from the QIA Pow Wow. This is the local rock club's annual gem and mineral show, put on with the assistance of the Quartzsite Improvement Association (QIA). There are over 400 dealers and vendors with everything from raw rock, to slabs, to beautiful finished jewelry, and all the necessary supplies and paraphernalia needed to support a rock hound enthusiast. The Quartzsite Roadrunners Gem & Mineral Club also hosts daily local rockhound field trips.

The Pow Wow runs from Wednesday through Sunday, and the sheer abundance is overwhelming, both to eyes as well as wallets! We coined a new term during our search for the perfect slab: "slab diving". Most of the vendors had multiple tubs of slabs resting in water to make them look their best. After several days of digging through these in windy and often chilly weather, we had some chapped hands!

As if this wasn't enough, Quartzsite also has rock, beads, and jewelry for sale at Tyson Wells Sell-A-Rama, Prospector's Panorama, and the "Desert Gardens International Rock, Gem & Mineral Show", to name a few. It was impossible to see everything in one week; we only got a taste of some of the other areas.

There is directory information available on the different shows, the vendors, and local commerce with a local guide that can be obtained just about anywhere in town. Here are a few web sites and email addresses:

QIA/Pow Wow web site: www.qiaaz.org email: powwow@qiaaz.org or info@qiaaz.org

Desert Gardens: www.desertgardensrvpark.com email: dggemshow@ureach.com

Tyson Wells web site: www.tysonwells.com

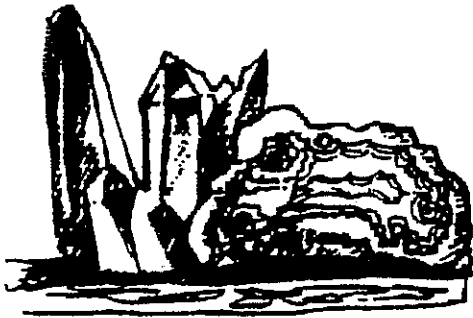
Prospector's Panorama web site: www.prospectorspanorama.com

See you in Quartzsite next year, and happy slab diving!

Debbie Hauer

This is a non-profit organization, founded October 3, 1952, and is a member of the CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES and THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES.

PURPOSE: To study and collect minerals: To provide an opportunity for the exhibition and exchange of minerals and specimens. To promote interest in the art of lapidary and earth sciences.



INDIAN PRAYER: "Great Spirit, grant that I may not criticize my neighbor until I have walked a mile in his moccasins."



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FIRST CLASS

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