

Rough 'n Tumbled Times



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First 2021 meeting!
Zoom meeting on March 18!
See details below!

Business Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month, March –
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The President's Pen...

President's Message for March 2021

Greetings fellow Rock Hounds,

I hope this finds you, and everyone you care about, well and looking forward to this year and hopefully the end of the pandemic. We are by nature social creatures and that aspect has been the hardest on us. We have Covid fatigue and just want it to end. There is a light at the end of the tunnel which we are fast approaching, but we need to be patient a bit longer. We don't want to undo the gains we have made. In order to keep us all safe, we will be hold our March meeting by Zoom. I have attended many Zoom meetings and Webinars and while they are not perfect, they are a good substitute until we can again meet in person. So.... while I been in on many Zoom meetings, I've never hosted one. I am asking for your patience as my aging brain tries to navigate this new skill. I will be emailing each of you an invitation to meet on March 18th at 7:00 pm. In that invitation you will see a link that you will click on to ['join the meeting'](#) on line meeting. I will open the link a few minutes before 7:00 pm. With a 'free account' meetings are limited to 40 minutes, which really isn't very long. I may have it set up so that when we are cut off after 40 minutes, you can click on the link again and we can continue for another 40 minutes. Apparently you do not have to download the Zoom app to joining the meeting. You can either join the meeting using video (you need to have a built in camera or plug in camera on your PC, Laptop, or Smart Phone), to use this feature. If you don't want to be seen or you don't have a camera on your computer, you can sign in with just audio. When the link opens, you will be given that choice. When you open the video chat or audio chat, you will see a screen of yourself and in the lower left corner of that screen, you will see a microphone. Once you are in the meeting, I would ask you to mute your microphone, otherwise we won't be able to hear or understand if everyone it trying to talk. At the bottom of the window, there is a tool bar which shows emojis, like thumbs up, or a raised hand. When you have something to

say please use the raised hand so that I can see it to let you talk. With either video or audio, you should still be able to see me.

If there is someone out there who is experienced with running a Zoom meeting, I could sure use your assistance. Please call, email or text me to let me know.

In any case, we will give this a try and if it doesn't work for us, we will for sure continue on with the newsletters and I will be announcing when we will be meeting in person. Depending on rates of vaccinations and recommendations from the Center For Disease Control (CDC) and our state Health Department, we will decide when that might be. My best guess is as early as May, but maybe June. I'm really hoping that we can hold our 60th Anniversary Rock Show in August. We do have the building booked.

So there you have it. Watch your email for you invitation to our first Zoom Meeting. Cross you fingers that it goes smoothly. I hope to see you on line soon.

Peace,
Dave

Message from the Editor:

Welcome 2021!

The arrival of the new year brings our desire to return to somewhat normal state closer at hand. Due to current social distancing recommendations, Dave has made plans to offer our meetings by Zoom. Thanks, Dave! This will be a great way for our members to get together virtually and start off the year. Hopefully COVID will be under control later this summer and the club can host our gem and mineral show.

With the new year I have updated the below message on our club's birthday. Notice that the club's age is a nice round number.

Anita

**1961 – 2021 OUR CLUB IS 60 YEARS
OLD!!**

Are You a Rockhound or Just a Mineral Collector?

A rockhound is someone who shows extreme levels of interest in rocks and collecting while a mineral collector is considered someone who just "likes" minerals and rock. So, which one are you? If you're uncertain as to which camp you're really in, here's some surefire signs your level of interest in rocks has exceeded "casual" or "rockpup" levels and you've finally graduated to full-blown "rockhound." Check to see how many of the following signs apply to you, if it's over 10, then watch out! You're a ROCKHOUND!

- The sign on the side of the highway says "Falling Rock" and you pull over to wait.
- Your friend shows you a "pretty stone" they've found, and you work hard to talk them out of it for yourself.
- You care more about what happened to the diamond in the movie "Titanic" than the people.
- You lick rocks to show off the wonderful colors.
- Your family puts the birthday candles on a slab of amethyst instead of cake.
- A truck throws a rock into the windshield of the family car and you examine the rock first.
- You can pronounce the word "molybdenite" correctly on the first try.
- You think the primary function of road cuts is for easy mineral collecting.
- You own more pieces of quartz than underwear.
- You associate the word "hard" with a value on the Mohs scale instead of "work".
- The local university's geology department requests permission to hold field trips in your back yard.
- There's amethyst in your aquarium.
- Your pets are named Rocky, Jewel, and Beryl.
- First on your Christmas list is to attend the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show.
- You've spent more than ten dollars for a book about rocks.
- You find yourself compelled to examine individual rocks in driveway gravel.
- You know the location of every rock shop within a 100 mile radius of your home.
- When they haven't seen you for a week, the shop owners send you get well cards.
- You're planning on using a pick and shovel while you're on vacation.
- You think Franklin, New Jersey might be a cool place to go on a vacation.
- You associate the word "saw" with diamonds instead of "wood".
- You receive a letter from the county informing you a landfill permit is required if you want to put anymore rocks in your backyard.
- Your Internet home page has pictures of your rocks.
- You think pet rocks are a pretty neat idea.
- Your teacher has asked you not to bring any more rocks to school until they

have time
to reinforce the floor.
-You decide not to get married because you'd rather keep the rock.



OUR SUNSHINE PERSON:

Laura Finley

If you know anyone that has been ill or could use some sunshine in their lives – please contact us.

Dirt

Devils

MEETING TIME -- postponed



Dirt Devils Chairpersons:

Kris Martin, Joyce Jacobson

When we are able to meet again in person, please let us know BEFORE the day of the meeting how many youth members will attend so we have enough materials for everyone.

For further information contact Kris at
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***PLEASE PAY YOUR 2021 DUES NOW
THANK YOU.***

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION – pass to anyone that might join

Name

Address _____ City

State _____ Zip _____ PH

Email Address

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(CHILDREN ARE FREE WITH EACH PAID MEMBERSHIP)

**Send \$8 for each adult member to:
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