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The Shawnee Gem & Mineral Club is a non-profit organization. The purpose is to promote the study and appreciation of rocks, gems, minerals and fossils. We teach any and all relevant techniques and the AFMS CODE of ETHICS. We have a club library that is listed in the club directory. These books can be checked out on club nights by prior arrangement. Kept for a month and returned or pay an overdue at rate agreed on by the club.

When you are hiking or rock collecting and you run into an area of suspected illegal marijuana growing, Take a GPS reading and leave the area immediately. Gowers are armed and dangerous. Telltale signs are trash and 1" size black plastic tubings on the ground used for irrigation. Report the findings to the local Department of Public Safety.

Meetings

Regular meetings are the second Tuesday of each month, held at the First United Bank conference room. 5:30 for juniors and 6:30 for the regular membership meetings. The First United Bank is located at 912 E. Independence Street, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

The Shawnee Gem & mineral Club is one of the clubs that make up the **OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL of MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES.**

It is a member of **THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN FEDERATION of MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES** and **THE AMERICAN FEDERATION of MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES.**

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Family membership.....	\$20.00
Junior membership.....	\$6.00
Newsletter only.....	\$9.00

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**Shawnee Gem & Mineral Club
Web Site**

<http://www.sgams.net>

President's Message Howdi Wonderful Rock Peeps!!!

Cooler Temps are Here!!!! Happy Days and Hallelujah!!!!

Sadie the Sunrader and I joined the list of SGAMers to toodle to Hochatown, to meet up with the adorable and world renowned rockhound Cepheus Hall this weekend to hunt crystals along side our McCurtain County Club friends. (Love those guys!!!) I watched as Kevin's divining rods crossed time and time again along the vein on the side of cleared mountain road. That was so cool!! Beautiful tiny clusters of clear quartz crystals glistening under the cool cloud cover. Misty drops of light rain dancing by in waves as though to say, "Keep digging, we'll let loose when you're done." ...and they did. (Next time, we'll plan a 2 day gathering so we can spend more time with our McCurtain County friends).

Saturday evening, Tony, Elva, Tara, Brett, Sadie and I made a small caravan and headed to Murfreesboro to rest up before our diamond hunting expedition to the Crater of Diamonds State park on Sunday. The others stayed in town, and Sadie and I went on to the park where Ken and Barb greeted us with hugs and smiles. (They'd actually spent their day hunting crystals in Mt Ida). Marcus and Zach soon joined up with us and stretched a tarp from the rv to various sturdy things to make a shelter so we could cook hotdogs and play some music. I played fiddle. M played guitar, and we did a pretty cool rustic rendition of John Anderson's "Seminole Wind". All the while, I was thinking, "Okay, this rain should really uncover all those diamonds". (Oh, how I make myself laugh).

Early the next morning, after Tony, Zach and Marcus repaired Zach's flat tire, we joined up with the rest of the group at the diamond crater. It was a muddy, mucky plowed mess of jasper, agate, ash clay, and assortment of other minerals and gunk, but for me and everybody else (that I could tell) the diamonds were elusive. I think the little ones had the most fun slipping and squishing through the mud. I sluiced for about 3 hours and then decided to just start collecting yellow and rust colored jaspers. (I was not going to leave empty handed). Still, all in all, I had a lovely time.

Murfreesboro is a fun little town, and there were several antique shops to visit (if I hadn't been so muddy) when I left the crater. I might have even toured the restored Native American village South of town, if I'd stayed one more day, but I was ready to head home and the sun had come out and the sky was blue and the road was calling me. The whole drive was beautiful and completely fulfilling: the trees, the rolling hills, the small towns, the fresh air, the fellowship with nature and reconnecting with my peace of mind. It's good to be in a rock club! Hope you all have an amazing Fall!!!!!!

Big hugs!!! Shanda

PS. Don't forget our booth at Boo on Bell at the end of the month. We'll talk about that at the

More Up Coming Events

**TULSA ROCKS ROCK SWAP BUY, SELL AND TRADE
OCTOBER 5, 2013 141ST AND 241ST ST**

(1/4 mile south of 141st on east side of road, first house on left from that intersection)

BETWEEN BROKEN ARROW AND COWETA, OK

7:00 am till ??????. Bring your rocks and equipment, a picnic and let's talk rocks. If you have any questions please call:

Finis Riggs at 918-587-4400 Ben Thomas at 918-557-2335

Nov.8-10—TULSA, OKLAHOMA: Wholesale and retail show; The Bead Renaissance Shows; Expo Square, Central Park Hall; 4145 E. 21st St.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; free admission; dealers, vintage, silver and gold findings, semiprecious and precious stones, crystal and lamp work beads, designer beads and jewelry; contact Joan Johnson, PO Box 420, Williamsburg, NM 87942, (575) 894-1293; e-mail: beadshow@aol.com; Web site: www.beadshow.com

Shawnee Gem and Mineral Club

Meeting Minutes September 10, 2013

Members Present 14 Juniors 7 Guests 6 A quorum is present

President Shanda McDonald called the meeting to order by welcoming our guests, Kerbie and Amber, Kyle and Sarah, Alexis and LaDonna. We are glad you all came and hope you will be here next month.

Shanda recapped our experience at the Pottawatomie County Fair. Everyone who participated by manning the booth had a wonderful time, especially the kids. Many people visited our booth. Our treasurer, with the help of Tom Morris (our former treasurer), reported that the club netted \$400.81. Very nice! Tracie then gave the treasures' report.

Minutes for the August meeting was voted on and accepted by the members. Shanda suggested that we build a booth of some sort with a black light so visitors to our booth can see rocks that fluoresce. Hopefully some of our members will take up the gauntlet on this idea and make it happen.

Mandie gave the field trip report. Particulars will be included in the newsletter in addition to a handout that Mandie provided at the meeting. If you need information about the upcoming trip, contact Mandie Briant. Marcus and LaDonna, a guest, shared some particulars about the upcoming field trip as they have visited this site before. There was more energetic discussion about this field trip. It is going to be a fun place to visit!

Correspondence: Colorado Mineral and Gem Show Sept. 10-14

The Boo on Bell activity was discussed. Saturday, October 26. Everyone is excited about this activity. It was suggested that the Juniors get together to make up flyers with club information to hand out at Boo on Bell. Several members made suggestions for items. Tom made a motion for the club to purchase a booth with electricity at Boo on Bell with a second by Kenneth. Members voted in favor of this motion.

The silent auction will be held at the November meeting. In the past, members have brought rocks, plants, candy, cookies, beads, cocoa, etc. to donate for the auction.

Our December meeting will be a Christmas gathering at Shanda's house. Yeah!!!

Minutes for the June meeting were never accepted because of discussion about a particular subject. Even though a motion and a second were made, the club never voted to approve the minutes. The June minutes will be read at the October meeting and a vote will be held at that time.

Kenneth led the club in extending birthday and anniversary wishes for the month of September. Meeting was adjourned by Shanda and snacks and fellowship was enjoyed by everyone.

Humbly submitted by your club secretary, Robin Elliott

Pottawatomie County Fair Report

By Llewellyn

I do believe as far as member participation, this was the best turn out in all the years I have been working with the booth. It would be a much shorter list to say who didn't make, it than to list all those who came to help. Thanks to all of you for the tremendous support!!! We missed those who were sick and for whatever reason could not join in on the fun. It was a really interesting and fun three days. The set-up was done in record time, less than two hours!!! Also there was ample help for the take down and everything went very smoothly. Our Fair Chairman, Mr. George braved it almost all day every day, Thank You George for your leadership, We Love You.

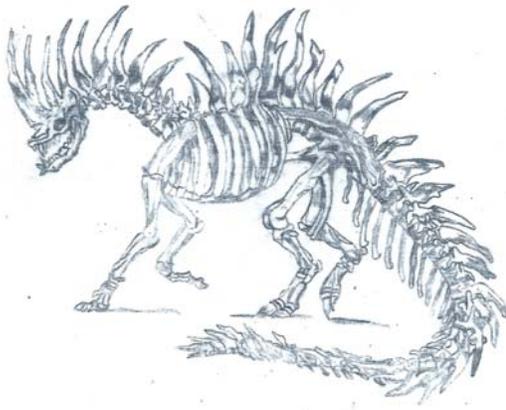
Special thanks from me, to Lynda and Alan who came to my house and hauled the large display case and two long tables to the fair for me and back to me after the fair. Also Thank You to Tony for volunteering to store the large display case, so it is in Shawnee, not in Konawa. Thank You! Thank You.

There did not seem to be as many visitors at the fair as in previous years, and there were a lot less demonstration booths in our building also. We had enough folks manning the booth that everyone got to roam around and look at everything while they were there. We all took advantage of the generous offers in the Avon booth, the balloon animals and flowers, along with all the other freebies. Robin, Tracie and I even tried out acupuncture for our various painful areas. Think Robin and Tracie got better results than I did. The fellow doing it said I talked too much and the needle he injected right under my nose fell out. But he should have told me to be quiet.

Tony took Joshua over to the animal area and he was quite pleased to get to ride a horse. Mandie, Elizabeth, Rebekah, Lillian and Joshua all won various ribbons on entries they had in the home demonstration room. Congratulations to all of them. Our Juniors were very active in helping with the booth, I think Lillian sold more grab bags than anyone. Anna and Sean set up their demonstration poster, Anne had her rock collection on display and offered the visitors some "rocks" in the form of candy that they could eat.

I am sure a lot of other events happened in the three days because I was not there the entire time, so can only write about the things I saw. It seemed everyone was enjoying the visiting with fellow members. At the meetings there is too much going on to get in all the fun chatting. In spite of all the fun we may have recruited a few new families to our group, we always hope for new members. I talked to Tracie and found out we made \$600.81. That is a nice sum of \$400.81 after booth expenses, for the club bank account.

Again, Thanks to everyone for a job well done!!!!



Junior Dragons

Our September Rock Hounding Adventures

By: The Briant Kids

Hello! We are so happy that it is fall....we are so happy because we plan on doing a lot of rock hunting this fall.

We had so much fun helping with the clubs booth at the fair. We got to meet a lot of great people and we got to see a lot of happy kids. People love spinning the wheel and getting surprises, spiders, necklaces, rings, and marbles! Plus, they love learning about Oklahoma Rocks!

We were able to go mudball hunting this month on private land. We found a lot, but have not broke them open yet. We hope we got good ones. Our mom also found a really cute, really small boley agate.

The Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club opened the box of rocks that we sent them. They let us know that the Jr members really liked them. They loved seeing the mudballs and boley agates, since they had never seen those before. They were happy with all the rocks and hope to do another exchange next year.

We got to go to Thunderbird Lake this last week and look for bugs and rocks. We found lots of bugs, but we didn't find any rocks. We are doing rock and bug collections for school and 4H this year.

From Miss MandieI was wondering if you could ask people to save for us.

Old pill bottles,
Plastic lids off of bottles,
Box Tops for Education

ROCK QUIIZ

1. What does a rock want to be when it grows up?
2. What do you call a dog who collects rocks?
3. How do you keep a baby rock quiet?
4. What is a rock's favorite kind of music?
5. Where do rocks sleep?
6. What did one rock say to the other rock?
7. What is a rock's favorite transportation?
8. What is a rock's favorite cereal?
9. Where does a rock like to eat best?
10. What is a rock's favorite television show?

Websites: Fossils-facts-and-finds.com; Kids.gov;
Kidsgeo.com; via Rockhound Gazette

No Peeking!! Cover the answers!!

Answers

1. A Rock Star
2. A Rockhound
3. Rock it
4. Rock 'N Roll
5. On Bedrock
6. Nothing it's a rock!!!
7. A Rocket
8. Cocoa Pebbles
9. The Hard ROCK Cafe!
10. "Third Rock from the Sun"

MANIFOLD COOKING—excerpt from The Rock Vein archives, **April 1970**

Note from Llewellyn: Not sure this will work on modern cars, but I thought it was wonderful nostalgia for our more advanced members!)

Next to a bath or a shower and a shave, nothing quite compares to a hot tasty meal after a long road trip. If you're game to try it, here are some tips.

Place the meat and vegetables in at least two layers of heavy-duty aluminum foil. Close the package by folding the foil several times. Now, place it atop the EXHAUST manifold of any six cylinder engine. In the case of a V-8, place it between the cylinders on the block. Drive steadily. Don't stop en route to chat or sight-see for an hour and expect the roast to be done on schedule. But make a point of stopping halfway to turn the foil package over – as any good

chef would. As a novice, your best bet is to begin with something like the following: Hot Engine Dogs: May be wrapped side by side. They get savoury after only 25 miles of driving.

Beefed-up Patties become ditto after about 60 miles of steady driving. Wrap the patties in three layers of heavy foil. Season to taste with salt, pepper, minced onion and barbecue sauce.

Twin-I-Beam Beef and Mushrooms: Calls for about four hours on the manifold of a new Ford pickup. Cut about a pound of lean stewing beef into one-inch cubes. Add half a can of drained mushrooms, one tablespoon each of butter and barbecue sauce, half a package of dry onion soup mix. Place inside two sheets of heavy foil, fold carefully, and cook as before.

Beef Roast a la Detroit: For those drivers who want something more substantial to stick to their ribs, this requires an additional 30 minutes of driving time. This time use the dry onion soup mix to rub a two-inch-thick boneless roast. Add a few slices of butter and several dashes of soy sauce.

The average engine will not produce sufficient manifold heat to bake potatoes. So the trick is to parbroil these first, for about five minutes, then cook them in foil on the manifold. Meals for several days of travelling can be prepared in foil packages before departure, then kept inside a small ice chest until ready for cooking. Carry a pair of gloves to avoid burned fingers.

Finally, we suggest you try to look bright and normal if you stop at a station for a service check. And watch the attendant carefully when he checks your oil. If he discovers a roast cooking on the engine he may want to check your head too! Should he threaten to give you trouble, roll back the foil and let him taste that hot chicken leg. If he doesn't call the police you'll probably have another budding manifold chef on your hands.

BIT OF ADVICE: be sure you place your dinner on the EXHAUST manifold – the intake does not get hot enough for cooking. One Florida family set out on a trip with two chicken halves and a boneless beef shoulder cooking under the hood. Or so they thought. When the time came for the hungry family to stop at a roadside picnic site to do justice to what they expected was a hot and succulent dinner, they found themselves chewing raw meat. By mistake the meat had been placed on the intake manifold.