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V.P. Programs

Digging for Blue Barite at Stoneham, Colorado

By Mike Sanders

This talk will describe two mining projects to recover blue barite specimens at the famous Stoneham barite location in northeast Colorado in 2008 and 2010. The geologic setting, exploration work and specimen recovery procedures will be discussed.

About the Speaker:

I've spent most of my life in New Mexico, and with so much empty country, dramatic scenery and bare rocks to see, becoming interested in rocks and geology in general as a kid was a natural. I began mineral collecting as a geology student at the University of New Mexico about 1971, where I met Tony Potucek who introduced me to the mineral world. Tony and I made multiple field collecting trips in New Mexico and Arizona during that time and I was hooked for life!

As a geologist my professional career included jobs in the exploration and mining industries for about 12 years and then environmental assessment and cleanup work for the remaining 25 years, ending in 2013.

My primary focus has been field collecting at numerous localities in New Mexico. In 1994 I had the good fortune to join Ray Demark and Brian Huntsman as a claim owner at the famous Blanchard mine, and needless to say I have many fine specimens (primarily fluorite and also linarite) from that location. The mineral hunt has taken me to many marvelous remote places (some also in adjoining states, including northeastern Colorado) that I never would have gone to otherwise. I also have developed a fine circle of long-time mineral friends centered around the common passion of mineral mining and collecting.

Junior Club News

The junior club will be resuming meetings in February! We would love for you to bring your favorite specimen and some interesting facts about it. Kerri Costantino will be facilitating the Junior Club, with much appreciated support from Doug Johns, this year and would love to learn more about your interests and ideas of what you would like to explore in the coming months.

In the February meeting, we will be sorting, categorizing, and discussing different rocks in preparation for the junior club's participation in the upcoming March TotE show.

Looking forward to a great year of exploration and fun!

Kerri Costantino

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President's Message

Dean Klassy, President
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I will start this off with some great news! At the January General Meeting Kerri Costantino volunteered to be the Junior Club Chair and Doug Johns offered to continue assisting with the group. Parents and Junior Club Members please be on the lookout for more information from Kerri and Doug. THANK YOU both for your help in getting us started on the Junior Club again. On Feb 1, the President with concurrence from the Board appointed Kerri Costantino as the Junior Club Chair and we welcomed her as a new Board member.

Some sad news, Pam Costello has decided to resign from the Board effective Jan 31, 2024, as the Membership Chair. I would like to Thank Pam for her hard work as Membership Chair and wish her luck moving forward.

With that being said, we will have some business that needs to be taken care of at the Feb 22 General Meeting. According to the By-Laws this serves as notice that we now have an open position on the AGMC Board, as Membership Chair. At the Feb 26 General Membership meeting we will take nominations/volunteers from the floor and at the March 28 General Meeting we will call for a vote of the membership for Membership Chair. This appointment as Membership Chair will serve the rest of the term of the Board, until the December Holiday Party where the induction of New Officers is held.

If you are interested in becoming the Membership Chair, please let me know and we can talk about the job and its duties. For us to be able to vote for the Membership Chair in March, we first need to have someone stand up and volunteer. Please read this month's News Nuggets for details on the job and duties.

At the Board Meeting we heard from Bob Regner, VP – Programs about the talks that are already scheduled for the year, we have members who have volunteered to bring refreshments for most of the year and in the past Board meeting we heard from Grant Kuck, VP – Field trips the trips that are planned for the first half of the year. Grant is looking for people who would like to lead one of the suggested field trips or others. If you are interested, please let Grant know.

You will also find in this News Nuggets an article about the proposed Mimbres Peak National Monument for your information.

For the Lapidary Studio, we are working through the issue of warming up the water, one steward said it is not fun cabbing a stone with 45-degree water. We have also made some changes to help with the heating.

TOTE Show is coming soon, it is March 15-17 at State Fair Park. As was announced at the past General Meeting we are looking for volunteers to help in many positions. The sign-up sheets will be out again at the February Meeting. Please check in this News Nuggets for more information.

Keep looking at the ground, you never know what you will find.

Dean



NEXT AGMC MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024 AT 7:30 P.M.

MONTE VISTA CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

3501 CAMPUS BLVD. NE, ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87123

PUBLIC AND GUESTS ARE WELCOME.

The Albuquerque Gem & Mineral Club meets on the
4th Thursday of the month.

The meeting begins at 7:30 P.M.

There is a short business meeting prior to the evening's presentation.

Junior Club meetings resume this month, 6:30 P.M..

Door prize drawings begin after the presentation.

Be sure to get a ticket as you enter the room.

Get extra tickets for wearing your name badge and/or club vest!

Attend club meetings for all the latest details.

Have some rocks you want to get rid of? Maybe some lapidary equipment or tools you no longer need? Did you know that as an AGMC member you can place a **rockhound-related classified ad** in the News Nuggets for **free**?

Have a business that deals in rocks, gems, minerals, geology tools, lapidary equipment and the like? You can place a **commercial ad** in the News Nuggets. **Reasonable rates**
Send an email to editor@agmc.info

Next Board Meeting -- Thursday, March 7th, 6:30 p.m.

Via MS Team - contact Dean Klassy for sign-on details.

All members are welcome to attend.



February Field Trip

Feb. 17 -- Artesia for Pecos Diamonds

Grant Kuck, VP, Field Trips
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On the third Saturday of this month the Albuquerque Gem and Mineral Club will head south in search of Pecos Diamonds. These little quartz crystals are found over a 140 mile area from Eddy County to De Baca and Guadalupe. The club will follow in the footsteps of our Junior Club, who went to Artesia for Pecos Diamonds in 2023. The trip will be led by AGMC Treasurer Denise Barrett and member Lora McKown.

Meeting Time and Place:

On Saturday, February 17, plan to meet at 12 noon at Eagle's Draw Park in Artesia. At 12:30, follow field trip leaders Denise and Lora to the collecting site.

Directions:

Go east on I-40 to Clines Corners

Take exit 218 (Clines Corners) and go south on 285

Go through Roswell and drive 41 more miles on 285 to Artesia.

In Artesia, look for a park with a jet plane in it. The fighter jet is in Eagle's Draw Park and you have just reached the meeting place.

If you need to contact Denise Barrett, please feel free to call her cell, 602-909-2049.

What to Expect:

First, expect some rough roads, That being said, 4WD is not necessary for this outing. The trip itself will probably take you 4 1/2 to 5 hours, so you may want to find another member and carpool. It will also make the excursion more affordable if you share the cost of gas.

Secondly, you know what to expect in a hot desert so wear a hat with a board brim, long-sleeved shirt, a good pair of pants (no shorts) and a sturdy pair of shoes. Cactus needles will go right through tennis shoes.

And of course expect the unexpected, so pack some snacks, food, water, and even a little first aid kit.

Tools:

I would recommend a screwdriver to pry specimens out of the ground if needed. Bring a good zip-lock bag (think freezer) to store your treasures. You may also want to bring your rock hammer so you can break open gypsum rocks to look for matrix specimens. Of course you will then need a much bigger bag to carry your specimens.



Potential 2024 Field Trip Schedule

January	Socorro Peaks / ??	July	???
February	Pecos diamonds near Roswell	August	Jones Camp
March	Paradise, Arizona	September	Nacimiento Mining District
April	Petrified Wood, Arizona	October	Blanchard Mine
May	Battleship Rock, Jemez Mtns.	November	Apache Mine
June	Last Chance Mine, Creede, CO	December	Rockhounding at the Holiday Party

TOTE* SHOW -- March 15-17

Tom Katonak and Doug Johns

silentauction@agmc.info

TOTE Show Silent Auction Update

We need your participation in the silent auction - one of the major fund-raisers during the TOTE Show. In the past two years, the silent auction made over \$4,000 each year and the proceeds went directly to the AGMC. No experience is necessary to volunteer. It's a wonderful way to meet club members, learn about rocks and minerals, and add to your collection.

Set up/Break Down Volunteers

For starters, we need two or three more people to set up the auction area after the Thursday evening potluck starting at 7pm. The tables need to be covered and skirted, and the lighting set up. This takes about two or three hours. And...we also need volunteers to break down the auction area on Sunday afternoon at the show's close.

Table Rentals

Maybe you have minerals you'd like to sell; if so, you can rent a table for one or more of the nine scheduled silent auctions. Rental cost is \$20 per auction per table on a space-available basis. There are nine auctions (three each day) over the course of the show. Only a few open table spots remain, but they can be yours!

Auction Volunteers

Or maybe you just want to help with the auction itself. It takes several people to get specimens out on the club auction tables and to answer the endless questions from bidders. And workers need to collect money when an auction closes and give it to the auction cashier.

Benefits to Volunteers

When you volunteer for auction duties, they are three-hour shifts. This means that you will have plenty of time to go to the retail booths - or volunteer for other activities. There's a BIG benefit for volunteering for three hours: You get free parking passes and gate admission to the show.

We Need Donations!

Finally, here's an important thing to consider: All the minerals the club sells in these auctions come from donations - so if you have duplicate mineral specimens that aren't in your cabinet - think about donating them to the auction. Or maybe you know someone who has a collection they would like to donate? Call Tom Katonak (cell: 505.933.0297) to make arrangements to transfer the material.

If you'd like more information about the silent auction or want to volunteer for one of the jobs, please send email to silentauction@agmc.info, sign up at a general meeting, or talk to Tom Katonak or Doug Johns in person.



Treasures of the Earth Gem, Mineral, Jewelry Expo

Vanadinite on Mottramite
Red Cloud Copper Mine
Lincoln Co., NM
Photo by Scott Braley
FOV 8mm



Albuquerque, NM
March 15-17, 2024

**Treasures of the Earth
TotE - 2024, 53rd Annual
Gem, Mineral, Jewelry Expo**

March 15 - 17, 2024

Friday 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Saturday 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Sunday 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

**Creative Arts Center
Expo New Mexico
(State Fair Grounds)**

**Admission \$5.00
Friday is \$2 day
Free for kids under 13**



**Door prizes, raffle, silent auction,
kids table, displays, and more!**

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Your help is needed for the TOTE Show in March

Volunteers get free entrance to the show and a free parking pass. You will receive a staff badge at the entrance when you arrive at the show. The sign up sheets will be at the February meeting on the 22nd. If you cannot be there or if you have questions, you can email me at staggfarm@gmail.com.

Vicky Stagg

Positions needing help are:

Set Up	
Skirting Tables	Thursday 14th
Club Equipment	
Pick up from storage	Thursday 14th
Return to storage	Sunday 17th
Display Cases.	
Set Up	Thursday 14th
Tear down.	Sunday 17th
Pot Luck	
Set up food	Thursday 14th
Distribute chairs	Thursday 14th
Silent Auction	
Set up	Thursday 14th
Tear down.	Sunday 17th
Work at tables	Friday 15th Saturday 16th Sunday 17th
Junior Club	
Set up.	Thursday 14th
Tear down	Sunday 17th
Work at tables	Friday 15th Saturday 16th Sunday 17th
Admissions South Door	
	Friday 15th Saturday 16th Sunday 17th
Admissions North Door	
	Friday 15th Saturday 16th Sunday 17th

- We cannot produce this show without you.
- Please sign up to help!
- Plan to attend the dinner Thursday night, and bring a dish to share. Dealers eat first, so be prepared.
- Remember to wear your club vest to the show to let visitors and dealers know you are there to help.
- Re-read the meeting minutes on p. 7 for more info.



Request for Exhibits

Mike Sanders

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I'm once again recruiting mineral and mining artifact collectors to put in displays at the upcoming Albuquerque Gem and Mineral club show, happening Friday-Sunday March 15-17 this year, with setup on Thursday March 14. The show is held at the Expo New Mexico facility, in the Creative Arts building. We should have cases ready to start loading by about 1 pm on Thursday.

The club display cases were extensively modified in 2019 to address issues including case and lighting parts potentially falling on delicate and prized mineral specimens and other display items. All cases now have modern LED lighting strips—a big improvement over earlier halogen and incandescent lights that were previously used. All cases can also now be securely locked, although in all my years of organizing and doing displays at our show, there has never been any kind of theft issue, fortunately. Hired security personnel will be present during show hours, and the building will be securely locked at night while the show is taking place.

Interior dimensions of the revamped cases are: 42.25" wide, 21.5" high, 20.0" deep. Displayers will need to provide their own bottom risers and case liners (if used). Remember to make your side and back liners a bit smaller than the interior case dimensions provided herein to be sure they fit.

Also, I don't reserve cases—first come, first served.

Attached are examples of three displays presented at previous AGMC shows, to give an idea of what these displays look like. We ask that you display high-quality items that would be of interest to folks who attend our show.

So, please let me know via this email (sandstonenm@gmail.com), text to my cell at 505-554-6110 or in person if you would like to display at our show this year. I know it's an effort, but speaking from experience, it's worth getting your prized specimens out where our show attendees can enjoy them, and displayers get some pride and bragging rights about our prized material!

And of course please let me know of folks that I don't know about that would be interested in displaying at our show so I can contact them.

See you at the show!

Mike Sanders





AGMC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES — JANUARY 21, 2024
MONTE VISTA CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Dean Klassy, President, opened the meeting.

Dean introduced Margie Mock, the new Refreshments chair, and Greg Peretti, the new Web Master. Megan Lindstrom, the new Social Media Coordinator, was not present. The Social Media Coordinator is a newly created, non-voting position on the AGMC Board.

As Dean was discussing the fact that we did not have a Junior Club meeting this evening due to the lack of a Jr. Club Chairperson, Kerri Costantino volunteered for the position. Doug Johns, a former Jr. Club Chair, assured her that he would be very much involved with the programs, the field trips, and whatever else she needed help with.

Dean was contacted by the New Mexico Museum of Natural History & Science to ask if the Club would be interested in participating in either their “Fall in Love with Science Night” in the evening of February 2nd or their Naturalist Center. See Dean if you are interested.

Doug Johns reported on field trips. There will be a field trip in February to the Roswell/Artesia area to collect Pecos diamonds. It is planned as a one-day trip, but an overnight can be arranged if anyone wants that. However, since both Grant Kuck and Doug will not be available, a field trip leader is needed. Details TBD.

TotE Show

The Treasures of the Earth (TotE) show is coming up on March 15-17 with set-up on the 24th, and volunteers are needed. It's at Expo New Mexico. Paul Hlava discussed the need for volunteers; Vicky Staggs had sign-up sheets for volunteer positions at the back of the room.

Parking at the Expo on Fri – Sun is \$10. BUT, if you volunteer to work at the show, you'll get a pass for free parking! On Thursday during the day, you can tell the ticket booth attendant that you are working set up and get in free. Parking for the potluck will be free also.

Joan Karrie talked about the Thursday pot luck for the dealers and members. The dealers are our guests, so all members that attend should bring a dish to share – enough to feed four other people for each person in the member's party. Remember that the dealers eat first! We also need volunteers to help set up and manage the flow of food, hungry diners, and cleanup. Details are noted elsewhere in the News Nuggets.

Tom Katonak and Doug Johns discussed the TotE Show Silent Auction. The club auctions off donated rock and mineral specimens at affordable prices at three silent auctions on each day of the show to benefit the Club. In addition, members can rent tables for \$20.00 per table per auction to sell their own rock and mineral items; they then get to keep the proceeds. Volunteers are needed to help set up on Thursday and to help man the auctions during the show itself.

Dean said that there is still an issue with the Lapidary Studio: cold water and cold air! Dean and Bob are working on it. Dean asks the Lapidary Studio Stewards to contact him about visiting the Studio to give him any advice they may have about the issue and/or the setup.

Megan Holden told us about the Sierra County Rock & Gem Society (SCRGS) club show coming up on March 23 & 24, the weekend after the TotE show, and urged us all to attend. They will have vendors, field trips, presentations, rock and gem identification, and rock painting for the kids.

Lora McKown discussed the Albuquerque Senior Rock Hound group that meets at the Palo Duro Senior Center. Meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays; field trips are on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays. You must be a member of the City of Albuquerque Senior & Multigenerational Centers and be 50 year or older to attend the meetings and trips.

Dean thanked Jan Burrows for providing the refreshments. He introduced Margie Mock as the new refreshment coordinator and said that we still need volunteers to provide refreshments at meetings throughout the year. A signup sheet was provided. Volunteers are reimbursed up to \$100.00 for the refreshments.

After the business meeting ended, Bob Regner introduced Paul Hlava, who spoke on “The Igneous Rock Types – a Primer.”

MICROMINERAL CLUB REPORT – JANUARY 2024

Doug Johns

What's better than a micromineral meeting? How about a micromineral meeting with a UV light!? Do I hear an Austin Powers' "Yeah, Baby!"

Let's reminisce. Remember that color spectrum wavelength figure from your old physics textbook? Yeah, the one from the 90s. Or the 80s, the 70s, or earlier... The hot reds were around 635 nm, the cooler greens at 490 nm, the coldest blues and purples dropping off at 400 nm. Well, the ultraviolets, those continuing the cooling trend, drop to 375 nm (relatively longer) and then to 254 nm (relatively shorter). These UV wavelengths of light are able to excite electrons to a higher energy. When they fall back down into their resting, naturally lazy state, they might give off photons, much like a person releasing stress in their lazy boy after a long day at work. This happy phenomenon is happening at impossible to imagine speeds, to millions of atoms at once, making some otherwise rocks fantastically eye popping!

Ray brought in his short wave UV light to our recent micro meeting and we were all able to enjoy seeing some wonderful fluorescent specimens of the Sierra County Dictator mine, namely calcite (bright sherbet orange) and willemite (neon green). Btw, if you are excited about this topic, note that mindat.com has an entire discussion board devoted to the UV active minerals. If you ever want to see your own minerals under UV, please ask an AGMC micro mounter to bring along a light to a meeting for you.

Scott was able to share a glowing report and specimens from the latest (Jan. 06, 2024) field trip to Socorro Peak, Socorro Co, NM...over a dozen minerals were found on this trip such as mottramite, willemite, Hemimorphite, fluorite, chlorargyrite, etc. etc! A great collecting effort...thanks for setting it up, Fred!

Dave shared a wonderful specimen from Bingham, Socorro Co, NM, a selenite with beautiful azurite sprinkles, uh, rosettes.

Finally, our friend Brandon shared with us some good and bad news. Happily, he is heading to greener pastures to the north in Colorado. The bad news is he will be sorely missed by his many friends in the micro mineral group who have enjoyed his company, his adventure stories, and his welcoming smile for years. AGMC is sending Brandon off to, we hope, the Ft. Collins Rockhounding Club, with shout-outs of safe and happy hounding of minerals. Good luck, Brandon!

Our next micro mineral meeting will be held Feb. 20th at the Monte Vista Christian Church, with a topic of "Heart-shaped Minerals." This will include the Japan Twin forms of crystals, so search your collection and show off your unusual specimens!



*Willemite & Calcite
Dictator Mine*



*Selenite with
Azurite nodules*



*Ray DeMark and his
trusty 'scope, with
UV light*

A threat to the hobby.....

On Dec.6, 2023 a group 'The Friends of the Florida's', NM Senator Carrie Hamblen (we are not her Constituents), 'Friends of the Organ Mountains', 'Las Cruces Green Chamber' as well as one Luna County Commissioner Ray Trejo held a Press Conference at Rockhound State Park announcing the Proposal of the Mimbres Peaks National Monument. There was food, banners, entertainment, a logo for a website, an economic study done by a firm in CO and much hoopla. The problem with all of this is that the residents of Luna County knew NOTHING of this proposed monument and had not been included in any public meetings to plan or discuss this.

You may ask 'what's the big deal'?

It's a very big deal for me. I am Lori Lytle Coleman and own the Spanish Stirrup Rock Shop and SS Stone Gallery in Luna & Lincoln Counties, NM. I am a small miner on BLM land in Luna County. This would end my livelihood.

Check the facts:

-The Organ Peaks National Monument to the west of us 50 miles includes an area called Kilbourne Hole. Famous for its Peridot is no longer available to be rock hounded.

-All 4 mountains (Cooke's Peak, The Florida's, Tres Hermanas & Good sight Mountains) included in this proposed monument encompasses 243,000 acres. Prime rockhounding areas in Luna County.

-The Deming Gem and Mineral Society is in its 59th year, this would devastate their show and field trips.

-Both Tres Hermanas & The Little Florida Mountain are home to world class thunderegg and agate beds. Cooke's Peak is home to the Famous Fluorite as well as carnelian.

-To date (2/1/24) the organizations proposing this monument have yet to hold a public meeting. Where's the desire for cohesive community input? How about some Transparency?

-The avenue being used to make this happen is the Antiquities Act of 1906. Intended for small areas to be designated to protect cultural, natural resources of historic or scientific interest on federal lands. Instead of going through congress and having hearings to include the local community.

-No one can yet tell us how this will affect our Rockhound State Park. Monuments don't allow for the removal of plants, animals or rocks.

-Access- the roads will be shut off and motorized vehicles of any kind not allowed.

-Hunting- there is no possession or discharging a firearm in a monument.

WHY DO WE NEED A MONUMENT DESIGNATION? The FLPMA (Federal Land Policy and Management Act) already requires multiple use on all public land. This means that every American has a place on public lands. This land is to be used for every purpose possible to serve us. WE DO NOT NEED A DESIGNATION! IT WOULD END OUR ACCESS.

What can you do?

Sign our petitions at:

<https://chnng.it/gx9lnmgmcy>

<https://www.votervoice.net/newmexicoflb/campaigns/109912/respond>

Email & call our local, state & federal representatives:

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SAY NO TO THE MIMBRES PEAKS MONUMENT & ALL 30X30 LAND GRABS THAT WILL END ROCKHOUNDING ACCESS TO PUBLIC LANDS!!

Signed resolutions NOT backing the Monument to date:

Luna County Commissioners

City of Deming

Columbus Electric Cooperative

Luna County and NM Farm Bureau

Deming Gem and Mineral Society

Note from the editor: This message is printed as received for your information.

MEMBERS AND MEMBERSHIP

As was stated in the President's message, we have a Board Position open for the Membership Chair. Here are some of the duties and responsibilities. If you have any questions, please reach out to the President or any other Board member.

The Membership Chairperson works closely with the Treasurer and Editor to re-enroll existing members and to enroll new members. Existing and new members must fill out a new membership form at the beginning of each year. This allows the club to maintain accurate records. The Membership Chairperson will forward any dues, along with the membership form directly to the Treasurer.

The membership form has the following information: senior member's names, junior member's names and ages, new member or returning member, mailing address, email address, phone number, and date of payment received. It is important to have all members declare on the form whether they want to be listed on the club roster. The Membership Chairperson maintains a copy of the membership list.

Members should be notified that the newsletter is delivered via email only.

A file containing the membership form is maintained for each individual/family. This file is given to the Historian at the end of each calendar year. It is important to maintain an updated and accurate file because the information is used for many club purposes, including club insurance.

The Membership chairperson orders and delivers name badges to the members that pay the appropriate amount. Members fill out a form that has the following information: the member's name as they wish it to appear on the badge, the person's desire for a pin or magnet badge and amount they paid. The Membership chairperson prepares a Welcome to AGMC informational email.

The Membership Chair will provide a membership roster to the Editor for each News Nuggets mailing.

The Membership Chair will turn into the Treasurer all monies received and associated records to the Treasurer.

The new chairperson should feel free to ask for help and assistance with any question or problem that may arise. After all.... this club was created so people of similar interests could interact with each other and have fun in the process.

Dean Klassy, President

A Note from the Editor

Amethyst is the February birthstone. Here are some awesome specimens spotted in Tucson this year.



The Club Newsletter, The News Nuggets, exists to assist the membership in communications and to provide information on club activities. Contributions from all members are welcome for any information that will promote club activities or that would be of interest to club members.

The News Nuggets is scheduled to be sent approximately 7-8 days after the monthly Board meeting (not the general meeting).

You are invited to send news, pictures, articles, or comments to Regina at editor@agmc.info

The Albuquerque Gem & Mineral Club was organized on January 22, 1944. The club is a 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement and enjoyment of the Earth Sciences and associated subjects.

Its primary purpose is the exchange of information and the furtherance of knowledge of Mineralogy, Fossils, Geology, Rock Cutting and Gem Faceting and to stimulate interest in the development of these studies.

The general meeting is held at [Monte Vista Christian Church, 3501 Campus Blvd. NE, ABQ, NM 87123](#) on the 4th

Thursday of the month (unless otherwise noted) at 7:30 p.m. The Junior Club meets at 6:30 p.m. prior to the general meeting. (No Junior Club until further notice.)


The public is welcome at both meetings.

Board of Directors meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month via Zoom. All club members are welcome.

Annual dues are \$30.00 per household.

New members joining after July 1 pay dues of \$15.00 for the rest of the year. All household members must reside at the same address. Only 2 adult members per family. Additional adults must have their own membership. All junior members MUST be under 18.

Send checks to:
 AGMC, P.O. Box 13718, Albuquerque, NM 87192
 or pay the Membership Chair at the monthly meeting.
 All memberships expire on December 31st.



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