

# Rock Chips

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The Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

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## President's Message

Hope everyone had a good, safe Memorial Day weekend. The weather here was as usual; windy. We had a quiet weekend. Wishing all fathers a Happy Father's Day.

We did something new at the board meeting this month and that is to record it. I am pleased to report that it went very well.

Because of the discussion on our non-profit status, I am having the excerpts that were read at the board meeting put in the Chips. One is from the IRS Publication 4221-NC, and two are from lawyer sites on the internet. Please read.

I want to thank Ben and David Coffey for helping with the cleanup day on June 3. We did not get a whole lot done, but every little bit helps.

There will be no general meeting in June and July. Due to vacations, heat and lack of people using the shop, it will be closed for the month of June. The next board meeting will be July 6 at 3 pm. Don't forget the July 4th Ice Cream Social and silent auction. See some of you then.

Barb

Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.  
General Meeting – May 23, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Barbara Staff who then led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our armed forces.

There were no guests present and one new member, Dave Coffey.

There were 16 members present, which does not constitute a quorum, so no business could be voted on.

The minutes were approved as published in the Chips Bulletin, 1st by Kay Green and seconded.

Treasurer's report given by Ben Staff. Approval was given by Linda Edwards and seconded.

There will be a Club clean-up day on Saturday, June 6th. Meet at the clubhouse at 9 a.m.

The President announced that there will be no general meetings in June and July. There will, however, be Board meetings as usual.

There are no field trips scheduled for June. Sometime in July we will need to seed and mulch the ground at Big Diggins, per BLM.

A get well card was sent to Fran Chavez.

There will be an Ice Cream Social on July 4th at the club house. The club will provide ice cream. Bring your snacks and drinks, and lawn chairs. Arrive around 7 pm. The fireworks will begin at dusk.

There was a discussion on giving a brochure describing DGMS to the Museum, Visitors Center, rock shops and RV parks rather than the newsletter. Scott to get prices.

The TDC has granted our budget request for the 2016 Roundup Advertising, in its entirety. Thank you TDC.

There was a discussion on the possibility of changing the Club's logo from the current dog logo which was adopted by the club in 1998. Anyone interested in submitting a new design for the logo, is encouraged to do so. The Roundup Dog logo would not be changed.

Discussion on Scholarship money. Will place an ad in the paper for schools and library to apply for funds to buy educational materials. Tabled till a quorum is present.

Cindy Jordan told us about one of our Roundup Vendors from Nepal, Rakche Tamang, who lost

everything in their recent earthquake. And suggested the Club participate in the support of their rebuilding efforts. More info to come.

A door prize was won by Norman Martin, and the Name Badge drawing was won by Kay Green. The 50/50 drawing was won by Cindy Jordan. The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 pm.

Maria Ehlers conducted a workshop following the meeting for making a braided bracelet. Respectfully submitted by Carolyn Abbey, standing in for Secretary

### Deming Gem and Mineral Society Board Meeting June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2015

Board Present: Barbara Staff, Ken Sholar, Ben Staff, Scott Ehlers, Marilyn Page, Cindy Jordan, John Edwards, and Carol Duncan

President's Report: The minutes are being recorded. Along with the July 4th Social there will be a Silent Auction. The July board meeting will be on July 6 at 3 pm.

May Minutes were approved as printed in the Chips.

Secretary's Report: Need a Secretary

Treasurer's Report: Ben gave a financial report. Bills to be paid were approved. He also gave a report on the property tax status. The tax office sent a form that will have to be filed in January or February, so we will have to pay this year's taxes.

#### Committee Reports:

Nothing to report from Bulletin, Field Trips, Membership, Sunshine, and Shop.

Bylaws: Due to vacations, committee will resume in July.

#### Unfinished Business:

Color brochure - Ongoing.

Recording meetings - The meeting is being recorded. If it works out we will continue doing this.

Donation money - Barb has talked to WNMU, School Administration, and Library. They will get back to us.

#### New Business:

Jeopardizing Non-Profit tax-exempt status - After a long discussion on how our non-profit status could be in jeopardy, it was decided to contact the IRS to have someone come and talk to the board. It was moved by John Edwards to have Ken contact the IRS in Las Cruces. Seconded and approved.

Ken presented an idea for the auction at Roundup for cut rock.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Submitted from recorded minutes by Barbara Staff, President

#### Sunshine Update

April Sunshine: A get well card was sent to Bob Sprong. A sympathy card was sent to the Schuyler Alverson Family for their loss.

May Sunshine: A thinking of you card was sent to Louise Treanor. A get well card was sent to Fran Chavez.

If you know someone who needs a little sunshine call Barbara 575-494-6238

#### Announcements-Lost and Found

We still have not found the owners of a small digital camera, lost at the Rockhound Roundup, so if you know or hear about someone who lost one call number below, also pass this on ...

1 Pair of black-rim glasses (prescription) also from Rockhound Roundup.

Would the person that accidentally picked up a blue tray with cabs and geode slabs w/ sword design in one, Please return them to DGMS the lady that purchased them would like them back.

Call 575-544-9019

#### We Have T-Shirts !

Rock-Hound Roundup 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

All Colors and All Sizes

ONLY 10\$ Each!

Tax-exempt status  
*This excerpt is from Jer.co*

## The Inurement Prohibition & Non-Profit Organizations

Non-profit organizations are subject to what is known as the non-distribution constraint. Simply stated, this means that non-profit organizations cannot distribute profits to those who control it. The non-distribution constraint is the fundamental distinction between non-profit organizations from for-profit organizations.

In the Internal Revenue Code, the non distribution constraint is embodied in the prohibition against inurement. "Inurement" is an arcane term for "benefit." The inurement prohibition forbids the use of the income or assets of a tax-exempt organization to directly or indirectly unduly benefit an individual or other person that has a close relationship with the organization or is able to exercise significant control over the organization.

*This excerpt is from nolo.com*

It should go without saying that the money and other assets a nonprofit obtains are to be used only for the organization's nonprofit purposes, not for the private gain or enrichment of those who run the nonprofit, founded it, work for it, contribute to it, or are related to it in any way--we'll refer to these individuals as insiders. The tax law provides that an organization is entitled to tax-exempt status only if it is organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific and a few other specified purposes. Obviously, this requirement is not satisfied where a nonprofit's money is

used to benefit insiders, instead of furthering its exempt purposes.

Lawyers have coined the confusing term "private inurement" to describe when a nonprofit's money or other assets are devoted to private uses by insiders instead of the charitable purposes they were intended for.

July 4<sup>th</sup> ICE CREAM SOCIAL  
 and the best place in town to watch the fire works!  
 And a silent auction to boot!! What a great way to spend the 4<sup>th</sup> !!!

## Chuckawalla Slim-Rockologist

Discovery of the old photograph, while searching the web started my search. I then found the article "How salesman Chuckawalla Slim came to Tempe, Jay Mark, Special for The Republic 10:27 a.m. MST October 27, 2014" and a few of my questions were answered. Edwin Vose—also known as Chuckawalla Slim—was a colorful character who sold minerals by the roadside in California and Arizona beginning around 1925. Edwin Howard Vose II was born in Hyde Park, Massachusetts on February 27, 1902, the son of Lillian Louise Lewis and Henry Goodnow Vose. His parents moved around, from Maine to Norfolk, Massachusetts, to New Haven, Connecticut. In 1919, at the age of 17, Slim joined the Navy (where he was given the nickname of "Slim" as he only weighed 90lbs at the time.), and then rejoined his family in Connecticut after his discharge in 1921. That same year he and his parents and sister Elise all moved to Washington State, camping out all the way for 28 days across the U.S. (He later claimed that he had moved west at the age of 12, in a covered wagon pulled by burros.) He attended school for a while in Washington, then tried the Merchant Marines until seasickness forced him to realize he would never have a seafaring career. In the early 1920's, Slim found two moonstones, and



from then on was fascinated by minerals and rocks. Soon he decided he could make an enjoyable living collecting odd rocks and specimens in the desert, and selling them to tourists. He sold specimens from a mule-drawn wagon or from the back of his pick-up truck, which he would park at the side of the highway or in places frequented by tourists, such as Papago Park near Phoenix. In those early days he sold Indian bead work, "petrified apples" (a kind of fossil), animal-skin rugs, skulls and rattlesnake skins as well as minerals. On the 1940 census Slim listed his occupation as "dealer, mineral specimens."

By the 1940's Slim was operating out of a mobile mineral shop in a 30-foot yellow trailer (pulled at first by an old Willys pickup truck and later by a Model T Ford). As the customer entered the trailer he saw cabinets of drawers on either side, with choicer specimens displayed on top of the cabinets. He was married to a woman whom he called "Chloride Kate" and they would park his "trailer rock store" along the roadside south of Cathedral City, California during the winter

months, and sell mineral specimens to passing motorists.

### ROCK COLLECTORS — Attention PHANTOM CRYSTALS

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**THE ROCKOLOGIST**  
(Chuckawalla Slim)

Garvey Trailer Park  
941 E. Garvey Blvd.,  
GARVEY 32 P., CALIF.

### *From the Salome Sun*

**I**F THE subscribers to the Sun, both of them, will overlook its being late this time I will try not to let it happen again. It happened this way. I grubstaked Chuckawalla Slim awhile ago to prospect for me over in the Eagle Tails and last week I went down to see how he was getting along. There was nothing in sight around camp except the two burros, so I went up to the tent, thinking maybe Slim had left a note there for me. I peeked in through the flaps and there was Slim on his back fast asleep, snoring away with

his mouth open wide, and a big long-tailed lizard was on his breast catching flies off his chin. Just for a joke I thought I would scare Slim a little, so I threw open the flaps and let out a war whoop. I don't know yet whether I scared Slim or the lizard the worst. The first and nearest hiding place the lizard saw was right in front of him—and he hid. If you've ever seen a real live Arizona lizard hot foot it down the road in front of one of the latest flivvers, you can guess about how long it took this one to disappear. Chuckawalla woke up and moved faster than I could ever get him to before, but all he got was about two inches of the tail. When he spit that out and couldn't see anything else but me standing there in the door laughing my head off he got mad and blamed me for it all without even knowing much about what had happened except that there was something wrong inside that was tickling me and him too. Chuckawalla has the reputation of being about the quickest and straightest shot in Arizona—but there is nothing at all slow about me when I make up my mind to go somewhere and I was out of range by the time he had emptied his 30-30 at me twice—and he missed me both times, being nervous in his stomach. I have been hiding out ever since, lying around in the greasewood nights and watching all the trails daytimes because Slim has been threatening to kill me on sight or make me eat a live raw rattlesnake. I want someone to tell Chuckawalla that I didn't do it a-purpose and if that fool lizard had had any sense he wouldn't have committed suicide that way anyway. Maybe he ain't dead, Slim, and if he was any particular pet of yours I've got a bottle of medicine\*and maybe you can save him yet if you hurry up and call an armistice.

(From the Saturday Evening Post, Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 1922)



left to right: Shows Arthur D. McCain, desert expert on gems and minerals who is known as On de Rocks Mac and Ed Vose, rockologist known as Chuckawalla Slim who is world famous as a desert character  
from the San Bernardino CountryFair 1951 Victorville

As his eccentric character grew, so did Slim's stories. In a 1967 interview he boasted, how he "... (in about 1914) came 'out West' in a covered wagon hauled by burros. When he was a borax pioneer, they called him "Slim" — for he weighed but 90 pounds. In a newspaper article, he claimed that every one from his part of the country was so fat they called him "Slim". So, as "Slim" he has been almost exclusively known — ever since", except for his wife, who called him "Chuck". Slim moved to Pasadena, where he lived quietly until his death on April 29, 1975. He had no children.

I leave you with one of the few tall tales of "Slim's" that was recorded, their was talk that he was writing his life story, but no one knows what may have become of it , if it ever was.

"I was doing a little mining at the time, said Chuckawalla, and had a tin can dump not far from my tent. The tin cans attracted a lot of flies and the flies in turn brought all the lizards out of the surrounding hills. Pretty soon a roadrunner came along, sized up the situation, and decided he'd hit a bonanza. He took up a claim and started swallowing lizards. Pretty soon he was a very fat bird, but the supply of lizards was almost used up. Then one day the roadrunner made a stab at a lizard and only got the tail. That came off and the rest of the lizard escaped into a hole. The roadrunner stood there a minute staring at the wriggling tail and then at the hole. Pretty soon he swallowed the tail. The next lizard he saw, he deliberately made a grab at the tail. It came off, and he gulped it down and made no attempt to catch the lizard. He caught on fast, that bird. He never swallowed another lizard whole; just took their tails and waited for them to grow another crop. He was doing fine when I moved on, and I'll bet he's there yet, living off the produce of his lizard farm."

..so if you are out in the desert and come across an outrageous truck and a teller of tall tales who calls his wife "Cloride Kate" do some trading with "Chuckawalla Slim, Rockologist."

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