

TAR HEEL



ROCKHOUND

AUGUST 2016

Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.

2016 Officers and Committees

President: George Brown
828-292-7407
Vice President: Joan Glover
828-446-7633
Treasurer: Terry Russell
828-303-1563
Secretary: Dean Russell
828-303-1448

Editor: Slade Harvin
252-702-7299
Field Trip: **OPEN**
Education: George Max
828-328-9107

Show Chairman: **OPEN**
Scholarship: George Max
828-328-9107
Eastern Federation Liaison: Larry Huffman
828-612-4469

Club Address: PO Box 2521, Hickory, NC 28603-2521
Regular Meetings: Second Tuesday, 7:00 PM
St Aloysius Catholic Church
921 2nd St NE Hickory, NC
Annual Dues: Family, \$18; Individual, \$12; Junior, \$6

The purpose of the Club is to increase the individual's knowledge of the earth sciences and to aid in the development of lapidary and related arts and skills; to promote fellowship and exchange of ideas; to hold exhibitions, contests, lectures and demonstrations for educational purposes; to help interest more people in the gem and mineral hobby; and to capture and preserve the beauty of nature, the arts, and the works of man.



INSIDE

President's Message	2
Minutes	2
Program	2
Field Trip News	3
Safety Reminder	3
The Corner Pebble	3
Announcements/News	4
July Field Trip Photos	5
Recent Finds	6

CATAWBA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC.

<http://www.gvgmc.com>

Web Master: Mike Streeter

A. Slade Harvin, Editor
2919 8th Street Court NE
Hickory, NC 28601
sharvin@thewootencompany.com

President's Message

It's HOT, HOT, HOT!
Think WATER, WATER, WATER.
Feel drained, get in the shade and drink.
Dig smart and live to dig again!

!!!DIG IT!!!

George



Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club, Inc. Minutes for July 12, 2016

The July 12, 2016 meeting of the CVGMC was called to order by President George Brown at 7:00 PM. There were 25 members and 3 guests present.

Minutes: Motion by Larry H., seconded by Rick G., to accept the minutes for the May 10, 2016 meeting. The motion was passed by the Club membership.

Treasurer Report: Bank balance given.

Education Committee: None

Field Trip Report:

- 1) Presnell Mine for Kyanite on July 16th.
- 2) Need someone to lead a field trip for August.
- 3) USFG Franklin Faceters Frolic is July 28-30, 2016
- 4) Kentucky Geode Trip is Labor Day Weekend.
- 5) Wearing eye protection when collecting was stressed by Zan R.

Old Business: Possible clubhouse site may be available in November. More information to come.

New Business:

- 1) Discussed meeting with the family about Probst Farm. Larry H., Harry P., and Dean R. to try to set up meeting.
- 2) Grassy Creek, Franklin and Spruce Pine Shows the week of July 31st.

Announcements:

- 1) Velda M. is retiring as the Tar Heel Rockhound editor. A plaque was presented to Velda as a thank you for the many years of putting out an excellent newsletter.
- 2) Slade H. has volunteered to take over the newsletter.
- 3) Warren H. talked about Megalodon Shark Teeth donated to the Club.
- 4) R. Sipe talked about a Ruby Corundum he purchased from India.

Closing of Business: The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM

Program: Club member, Harry P. talked about Kyanite.

Respectfully submitted,
Dean Russell, Secretary



***Thank you,
Velda!***

***We want to thank
you for all your hard
work over the past
years as the editor
of the club's
newsletter.***



July Program

Joan Glover, Program Director

This month's program will be on the Crate of Diamonds State Park in Murfreesboro, Arkansas.

Joan



Field Trip News

Dean Russell, Acting Field Trip Coordinator (cvgmcsecretary@aol.com)

August Field Trip: With the newest future rockhound arriving July 28th to Meg & Ryan S. I am asking someone else to lead the August trip. I will be starting my training as "Grandpa Nanny." Please let me know if you are interested and I can get the information out in an email and it can be discussed at the meeting.

September - Kentucky Geode Trip: It is time to think about making your hotel reservations for the Annual Kentucky Geode Trip to be held September 2-5, 2016. Harry Polly is being kind enough to lead this trip.

I have blocked 10 rooms off at the Days Inn, Harrodsburg, KY. The address is 1680 Danville Road; phone 859-734-9431. Rooms reserved under Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club. The price of the room is about \$79.99. If you are planning to go, call now and reserve. They did ask that if you decide to cancel, give a 7 day notice. We stayed at this hotel last year. It is right next to a golf course with a very nice buffet. Make your reservations now.

****If you have AAA, mention that for a possible discount. (Thanks to Ken T. for that information, it reduced my cost about \$13.00 a night.)

Harry has invited a fellow rock hound from Missouri to join us for the KY trip. He is going to get us into a quarry and hopefully find some fluorites. We will need hard hats, steel toe shoes, and safety glasses to get in. Please put these on your list of things to bring.

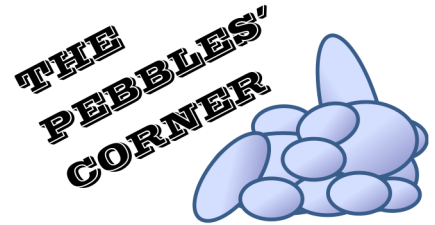
Dean

Safety Reminder

Safety is an important thing to pay attention to while hunting rocks and everything else. The last meeting briefly discussed safety. One of the most important things to remember to bring with you and use is a pair of safety glasses. Sharp rocks are very common when breaking and chipping rocks. Additionally, make a habit to check your tools after and before each trip to make sure they are safe to use. Make sure that chisels were kept in proper working condition, which may mean a grinder is needed to remove any burrs, mushroomed heads, or dull or chipped areas on the chisel.

Some other safety items to bring with you: gloves, hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, plenty of water, proper clothing, and a pair of good shoes. Another safety item that may not always be thought of as a safety item is a buddy. Also, always let someone know where you plan to go and when you plan to return.

Slade

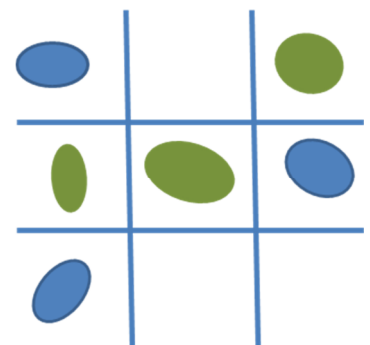


This section of the newsletter is being started to help generate more interest and interaction with younger rockhounds and to have fun in the process.

I encourage everyone to contact a younger person and invite them to play tic tac toe with you using rocks. Instead of "X" and "O" for marking the spaces, use different rocks for the markers.

As an additional activity, schedule an outing at a nearby location that can be walked to or easily accessed to collect your game pieces. This will give you an opportunity to catch up with the person and have fun looking for rocks to use for the game. Also, who knows what you might find or see in the process.

Until next time.....



Slade

ANNOUNCEMENTS / NEWS

Glenn Robert Bolick

Glenn Bolick, long time member/held many club offices/ and past president of the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical & Lapidary Societies died July 27th ---

The club wishes to express its sympathy and condolences to his wife Kathleen and family----

The below is the obituary from the Hickory Daily Record:

HICKORY On July 27, 2016, Glenn Robert Bolick passed from Catawba County, to his eternal home. A son of the late Simon Bolick and wife, Annie Lou Stine Bolick, he was born Feb. 16, 1929, in Catawba County. He was a loyal member of Amazing Grace Lutheran Church and an avid gem and mineral collector for over 40 years. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen Marie Little Bolick; son, Robert Steven Bolick; daughter, Janice DeAnn Bolick; granddaughters, Amber Michelle Bolick and Crystal LeSean Bolick; five great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and great-granddog, Sam. He is further survived by brothers- and sisters-in-law, Ervin and Jewell Bolick and James and Charlsie Bolick; and the mother of his granddaughter, Vera Solomon Bolick. A funeral service will be held at 3 p.m., Friday, July 29, at Amazing Grace Lutheran Church, 4648 Grace Chapel Rd. in Granite Falls, with the Rev. Ryan Ray officiating. Private interment will follow in Woodlawn Memorial Gardens following the service. At his request there will be no formal visitation and the casket will remain closed. It was his wish that any monetary memorials be made to Grace Chapel Lutheran Church Building Fund, 5721 Rocky Mount Rd., Granite Falls, NC 28630. Bass-Smith Funeral Home is assisting the family of Glenn Robert Bolick and online condolences may be sent to www.bass-smithfuneralhome.com.



Glenn Bolick represents all that is good in a person----- He was kind, generous, selfless, highest integrity, fun to be with, and a worker who strived for perfection no matter what the task was-----True, he was a avid rockhound who enjoyed the challenge of finding perfect specimens---but much more than that was his love of family & friends, and sharing his experience/knowledge/skills with those around him---He will be missed by all those who knew him.

Baxter

My thoughts concerning the loss of a wonderful friend and club member:

I have known Glenn Bolick ever since I joined the Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club in 1972.

He taught us many things: on field trips, what to dig for; how to hold a club meeting so business would not detract from the program; how to plan and produce an outstanding Gem and Mineral Show; how to make show cases and exhibits, and how to give programs.

Glenn had a good sense of humor and was a great story teller. When we needed advice about a problem, Glenn was humble in offering a solution. Glenn was a friend to many, a strong Christian, devoted to his family and to our club.

To say we will miss him is a great understatement.

George Max

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Meg and Ryan Sims are now the proud parents of a baby boy, Carter Ryan Sims, born on July 28th weighing in at 8lbs 5oz and 21 inches long. Dean and Terry Russell are the proud grandparents. Congratulations to all!!



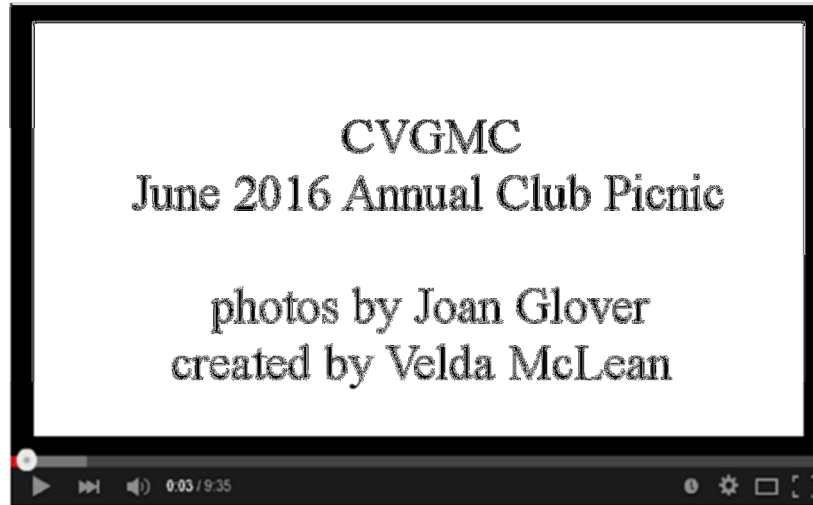
PRESNELL MINE FIELD TRIP, JULY 16, 2016

Photos by: Dean Russell



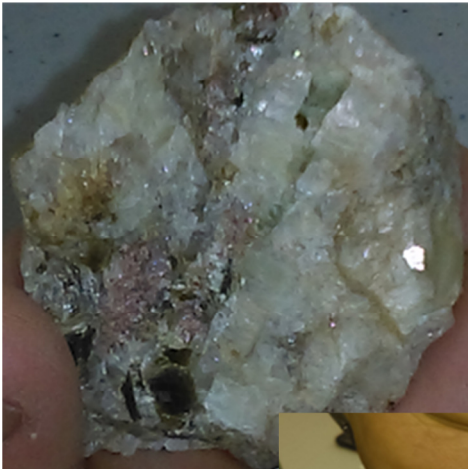
June 2016 Club Picnic Video

Click Link to View



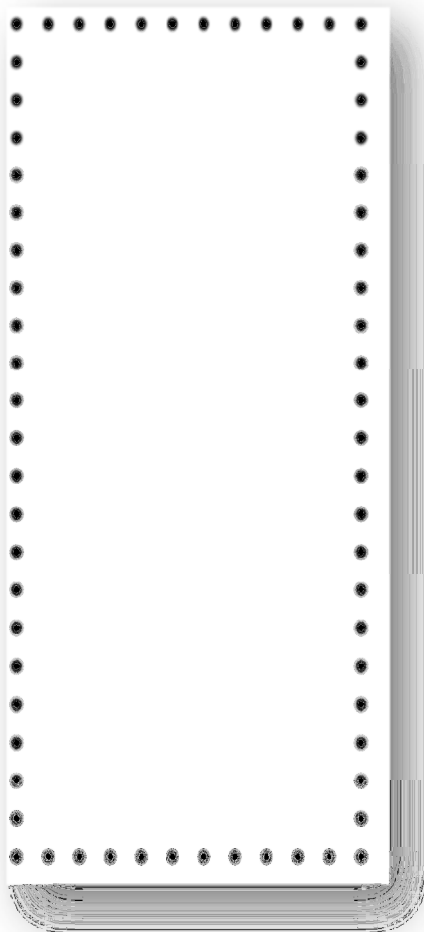
https://youtu.be/6x_GpYfH9K8

RECENT FINDS FROM CLUB MEMBERS



First Class Mail

Tar Heel Rockhound
Slade Harvin, Editor
Post Office Box 2521
Hickory, North Carolina 28603-2521
<http://www.cvgmc.com/>



Tar Heel Rockhound

Official Publication of

**Catawba Valley
Gem and Mineral Club, Inc.**

Volume 45 Number 8

Club Meeting

**Tuesday
August 9, 2016
7:00 PM**

**St Aloysius Catholic Church
921 2nd St NE
Hickory, NC**