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Annual Dues: Family, \$25; Individual, \$18;

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.



*Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year*

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President's Message

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas with all the outdoor lights and tree decorations around Hickory. The red kettle bell ringers are out in force. It is that wonderful time of year!

Our annual Christmas Club Party will be held on Tuesday December 13 starting at 7 pm in the club room in St Aloysius Catholic Church. Only a few people have signed up to bring a snack. Please, please sign up at PerfectPotluck.com. To sign in, please use: Coordinator – **Russell**, Password – **Rockhound**. If you are having trouble signing in or wish for me to sign in for you, just call me at (828) 612-4469). I will be glad to list what you are bringing under the club name.

The November program by Shields and Francis Flynn titled Documenting, Storage, and Photographing your mineral collection with handouts was very informative. One of the reference books mentioned in the talk was *Care and Documentation of Mineral Collections* by Jean F DeMouthe and sold by Mineralogical Society of America. This book is a "MUST HAVE" if you want to be able to sell your collection at some point in your life. It lays out in simple steps what should be done to allow your collection to be sold or passed on to someone.

Our Club auction will be held on a Saturday in May of 2022. We will be extending an offer to all NC Gem and Mineral Clubs to attend and they may either buy and/or bring items to sell. We are in negotiations with the Hickory Metro Center to rent a small meeting room to hold this auction.

More to follow as details are finalized.

Merry Christmas and a Happy new Year to ALL! May Santa bring you your one special mineral present.

Till next month, keep on rockhounding. Don't forget to keep some Dr Pepper on hand. In this cold weather try heating it up with a slice of lemon in it. Oh my ... what a treat!

Larry

CATAWBA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC. - November MINUTES

CVGMC minutes for November 9, 2021

The November 9, 2021 meeting of the CVGMC was called to order by President Larry H. at 7:00 PM.

Visitors – Brad H., Cooper H., Kim W., Glenn W. and Ben V.

Minutes: A motion was made by Harry P. and seconded by Becky S. to accept the October 12, 2021 minutes. Motion was passed by the Club.

Program: “Documenting, Storage and Photographing Your Mineral Collection” by Shields F.

Treasurer Report: Was reported

Education Committee: None

Show Committee:

1. Thank you to Larry & Brenda H for getting the snacks for the vendors. Terry R. for organizing the ticket sales and all the work that goes with it. Also, all the Club members who volunteered to sell tickets.
2. There were 1103 paid attendees.
3. 2022 Show is scheduled for March 25-27, 2022. Hopefully we can put on a full show.
4. Possible 2022 EFMLS Symposium to be held during the show.

Field Trip Report: None scheduled at this time.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Motion by Warren H., seconded by Shelda A., to nominate and elect the officers for 2021 CVGMC year:

Larry Huffman – President
Rick Glover – Vice President
Terry Russell – Treasurer
Dean Russell – Secretary and Show Chairperson
Slade Harvin – Past President
Richard Aultman – Director at Large
Harry Polly – Director at Large
Keith Padgett – Director at Large
Brenda Huffman – Editor

Motion was passed by the Club.

2. Shields and Francis F. donated two flats of minerals to the Club to be used as children door prizes.

Announcements: The CVGMC Christmas Party will be during the regular December meeting. Please sign up to bring some treats to eat at PerfectPotluck.com. To sign in, please use: Coordinator – **Russell**, Password – **Rockhound**.

Closing of Business: The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Dean Russell, Secretary

A few gems from Dean Russell

(CVGMC Auction Co-coordinator, CVGMC Show Chairperson, CVGMC Secretary)

CVGMC 2021 Christmas Party: The December CVGMC Club meeting will be the Annual CVGMC Christmas Party. Please sign up to bring some treats to the party at: PerfectPotluck.com. To sign in, please use: Coordinator – **Russell**, Password – **Rockhound**.

Normally the Club has its annual auction in conjunction with the Christmas Party, but Terry and I have a date with grandbaby number four that day. We are working on having a bigger, better auction next May. Stay tuned for more details in the future.

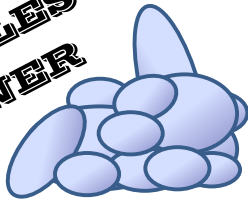
CVGMC 50th Anniversary Show – March 25-27, 2022 (A couple years delayed.) I am hoping that the Club can once again have a full show next March. The Kids Table, Mini Mine, Exhibits, Demonstrations and much more, will return. To have all this, the Club will need many volunteers to make this happen. Please think where you can help out during the 50th Anniversary Show and be ready to volunteer.

CVGMC Monthly Meeting Programs: If you have any suggestions for a program or speaker for our monthly meetings, please contact Rick G. with your ideas. I know for myself, that Shields F. presentation at our November meeting has spurred me to start cataloging my collection.

Keep on rockin'

Dean

THE PEBBLES' CORNER



Dino-Trivia:

- The word “dinosaur” was coined by English botanist Sir Richard Owen in 1842. The term “Dinosauria” is from two separate Greek words: ‘deinos’, which means ‘terrible’, and ‘sauros’, which means ‘lizard’. Therefore ‘dinosaur’ means ‘terrible lizard’
- The smallest adult dinosaur was approximately the size of today’s chickens
- The tallest dinosaur belonged to the Brachiosaurid group of sauropods, with very long necks. The average dinosaur in this group was approximately 43 feet. However, Sauroposeidon was probably close to 60 feet tall. Imagine the dinosaur as being close to the size of eleven-point star foundation of the Statue of Liberty which is 65 feet tall. (The total height of the Statue of Liberty is 305 feet; with the statue 151 feet and the stone pedestal 89 feet)
- The heaviest dinosaur was the Brachiosaurus at over 85 tons - or 170,000 pounds. My car an Elantra 2013 is approximately 2,700 pounds - so you would have to imagine the weight of 63 of my cars equalling the Brachiosaurus’ weight!
- The largest dinosaur is the titanosaur Argentinosaurus huinculensis, who reach a length of approximately 130 feet, found in Argentina
- Characteristics of a dinosaur:
 - Reptilian
 - Straight legs projecting downwards from body.
 - Lived on land.
 - (Most) could not fly.
 - Lived from the early Triassic period to the end of the Cretaceous period.

• There are two main types of Dinosaurs- which are classified as reptile, based on the structure of the hip ♣ Lizard-like hip - Saurischia o Bird-like hips - Ornithischia o The prominent visible difference between the two types of hip is the orientation of the pubis The two types of dinosaur were identified by British paleontologist Harry Seeley • Dinosaur remains have been found on every continent

• During the Triassic period the climate was dry and warm. There was only one supercontinent known as Pangaea, which means “all Earth.

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Club Meeting

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