



The Rock-It

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Meetings: Mt. Hood Rock Club meets the second Tuesday & the fourth Monday of each month. Meetings are held in the basement of the United Methodist Church in Gresham. The Church is located at 620 NW 8th St, Gresham, OR. Regular meetings start at 7:00 pm. Juniors are welcome!

Mt. Hood Rock Club: Phone No. (503) 760-1825

Dues are due before January 31st if you want to be included in the club's roster for that year.

Dues: \$10.00 per adult, juniors \$1.50 family membership same household \$15.00.

Oregon Council Web site:

www.oregoncouncilrnc.org

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Website: check us out on our new web site.
<http://www.mounthoodrockclub.com/>

“Attention”

I have started an email list if you wish to get your newsletter by email please send me an email to packrats2@msn.com Some of the newsletters depending on the size will be mailed.

“Christmas Party”

Our club Christmas dinner will be December 12th starting at 6:00 PM The Turkey & Gravy are supplied please bring a salad and hot dish or hot dish and a dessert. Bring your own plates and silverware. Hope to see you there. Also a reminder, we do not have any meetings in December we just have our dinner.



Novembers Birthdays

Keene Clay



November Birthstone: Citrine

Birthstone Color: Yellow Gold

November's gemstone, Citrine, is as warm as a Van Gogh painting of sunflowers. The name Citrine comes from an old French word, "citrin", meaning lemon. One of the more rare forms of quartz, this gemstone ranges in color from the palest yellow to a

dark amber named Madeira because of its resemblance to the red wine.

Perhaps because of its scarcity, there is little mention of Citrine used as a gemstone prior to the first century B.C. The Romans were thought to be the first to wear the yellow quartz, crafting it into cabochon, or highly polished but uncut facets of stone set into jewelry. Citrine became more popular during the Romantic Period, when artisans often favored these warm colored gems to enhance gold jewelry. Citrine, like all forms of quartz, was believed to have magical powers and was worn as a talisman against evil thoughts and snake venom. It was also considered to have medicinal properties and was commonly used as a remedy for urinary and kidney ailments.

Sister stone to the purple quartz known as Amethyst, Citrine crystals are found in igneous metamorphic and sedimentary rocks. It is believed that some Citrine may have actually begun as Amethyst, but heat from nearby molten rock changed it to the yellow form of quartz. Citrine is known to change color when subjected to heat and is routinely heated in the jewelry-making process to intensify its color. For this same reason, though, this gemstone should not be left in direct sunlight for a long time because it will permanently alter the color. Most Citrine is mined in Brazil, but other sources of the quartz are Bolivia and Madagascar.

A gift of Citrine is symbolic for hope and strength. With its sunny brightness, this gemstone is ideal for helping anyone to get through the tough times in life!



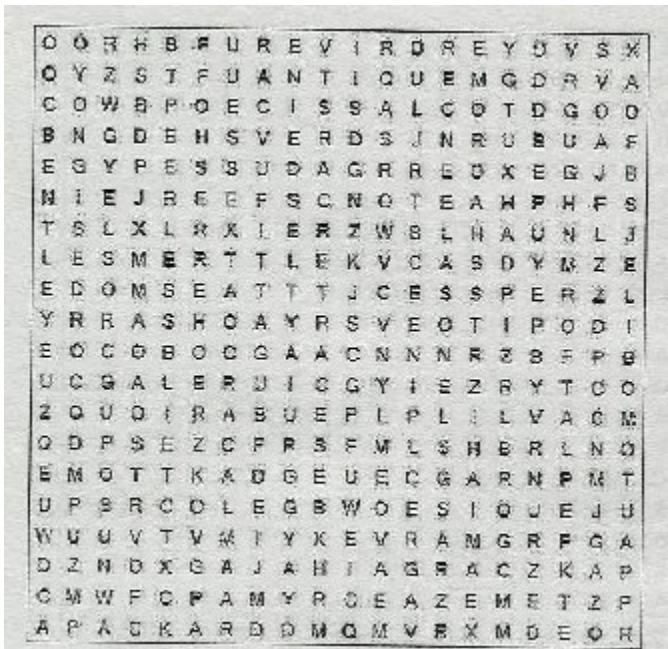
Alternate Birthstone

Yellow Topaz is an alternate gemstone for those born in November. Its golden color was believed by the Egyptians to be the glow cast by the sun god Ra. Yellow Topaz ranges in color from a peachy blush to a deep cognac. A gift of this gemstone is said to symbolize friendship and to strengthen one's capacity to give and receive love.

METZ
PAIGE
PEERLESS
PLATFORM

PACKARD
PASSENGER
PHAETON
REO

OLD CARS



ANTIQUE	AUBURN
AUTOMOBILE	BENTLEY
BRISCOE	BUGATTI
BUMPER	CARCOAT
CARRIAGE	CARS
CARTERCARE	CLASSIC
COLE	COUPE
CROSLY	CUSTOM
DESIGN	DORT
DRIVE	DRIVER
DUSTER	EDSEL
ELMORE	ESSEX
FLINT	FORD
GALE	HERRESHOFF
HUDSON	MARMON
MAXWELL	MERCER

All-In-One Deluxe Winter Car Kit

Reflecting Triangle

- Easy Setup. Great Visibility in bad weather conditions.

Folding Snow Shovel

Or any shovel you might have.

12' 6 Gauge Jumper Cables

-Heavy-duty 6 gauge jumper cables provide enough current flow to jump start in the coldest conditions.

Revolving Signal Light

-This 12V light has a magnetic base and plugs directly into your cigarette lighter. The light revolves and can be seen 1 mile away.

Flat Tire Fixer

-Tire inflator inflates tires immediately and seals most punctures.

Tow Rope

-Tows up to 6500 lbs. Great for getting out of bad situations that require a tow.

First Aid Kit

25 - Adhesive Bandages of various sizes
1 - Butterfly Closure Bandage
5 - Cotton Tip Applicators
1 - First Aid Guide
2 - Sterile Gauze Pads
1 - Burn Ointment
1 - Antibacterial Ointment
6 - Alcohol Prep Pads
6 - Antiseptic Towelettes
2 - Non-Aspirin Tablets
2 - Antacid Tablets
2 - Aspirin Tablets

High Visibility Yellow Highway Blanket

-Can be used as a blanket for injured that are in shock. Also makes good ground cover for changing a tire.

Safety Vest

-Neon mesh vests with reflective stripes. Perfect to be seen day or night by other vehicles. One size fits all.

Distress Banner

- Waterproof. This 36" x 15" "Emergency Help" can be seen at long distances.

Other Items

One each:

- Utility Knife
- 14 in 1 Pocket Tool
- Heavy Duty Work Gloves
- 10 yds of Duct Tape
- Ice Scraper with Glove
- Flashlight w/ 2 D Alkaline Batteries
- Body Warmer
- Solar Blanket
- Adult Poncho
- 10" Adjustable Wrench
- 6 n 1 Screwdriver

Two each:

- 2-12 Hour Light Sticks
- 2- Pair of Hand Warmers

Packed in Deluxe Sports Bag with Two End Pockets, One Front Pocket, Double Zipper Center Compartment and Shoulder Strap.

This list is just a recommended kit you can add or delete items if you will be traveling for an extended period of time you might want to include different snack bars, raisins, nuts, plenty of water and other items that can be kept for an extended period of time. You should also have a cell phone and a radio even though they will not work in all areas.



Corn Chowder for those cold days

- 1/2 cup diced bacon
- 4 medium potatoes, peeled and chopped
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 cups water
- 3 cups cream-style corn
- 2 teaspoons salt
- ground black pepper to taste
- 2 cups half-and-half

Directions

1. Place the bacon in a large pot over medium-high heat, and cook until crisp. Drain and crumble, reserving about 2 tablespoons drippings in the pot.
2. Mix potatoes and onion into the pot with the crumbled bacon and reserved drippings. Cook and stir 5 minutes. Pour in the water, and stir in corn. Season with salt and pepper. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to low, and cover pot. Simmer 20 minutes, stirring frequently, until potatoes are tender.
3. Warm the half-and-half in a small saucepan until it bubbles. Remove from heat before it boils, and mix into the chowder just before serving.



Camping at Richardson's Ranch

Hello To Our Rock Club Friends and Valued Customers, We had a record summer this 2009 here at the ranch. Some 600 more cars signed in for digging and countless more to visit the rock shop. We find ourselves needing to concentrate our efforts during our operating hours from 7am - 5pm therefore the company has made the decision to no longer offer any overnight camping. We will post on our website www.richardsonrockranch.com some area campgrounds and I will add to the list as I acquire more information. Thank you for all your patronage and we hope to see you here at the ranch and of course we are always happy to ups orders to you. Thank You, Bonnie Richardson

Glass Butte Problems

Fellow rockhounds: I received this letter from Emory Coons today. Emory is a friend to rockhounds and an obsidian fanatic who was partners with Bob Mitchell in the 1960s & 70s at his claims at the BLM's Glass Buttes rockhound area and elsewhere. For those of you who don't know of Bob, he worked the large rainbow obsidian mine just past the reservoir on the left side of the road (now filled in) for many years. Emory still has hopes to reopen the famous Burns Green claim that the BLM had decided was not a valid claim when another miner vacated it a few years ago (I hope I have this right!). Anyway for those of you who don't know the history behind the BLM's decision, it is summed up very well in the first few paragraphs of the letter. Basically, the Careys under the name of Dryfire Obsidian (I'll let you find their website on your own) have for years been claiming that the "fire pits" above the cattle pond at Glass Buttes, among other popular pits near the pond, were on their mining claims that they had inherited from Mitchell.

I have personally been there when they have tried to kick people out of the pit, and have had countless emails from and discussions with folks telling me of their behavior at this popular digging site. Finally, the BLM has decided, because of the protests by Emory and others, that the Careys have in fact been mining well off their claims all along, and to my knowledge have never done any significant mining on the claims themselves. Emory has provided a nice map of the actual claim locations (also attached). The yellow squares around Musser Reservoir are the pits they have been digging all along, and as you can see they are nowhere near Mitchell's (now their) legal claims.

Hopefully their harassment of legitimate rockhound digging at these pits will now stop. I am glad that we finally have had some action against their false claims and harassment, and some support from the BLM, in this matter. Just a reminder, the limits set by the BLM are, 250 lbs. per person per year at Glass Buttes.

Tim Fisher
Ore-ROCK-On!
Email address at <http://OreRockOn.com>
there is also a link to read the documents that were filed on this article.

Building a Fold down Case

Last month I included an article on the Art of displaying. This months article is from Rock and Gem 2006 issue and tells you how to build a display case. I hope that both of these articles will be of some benefit to all of you.

Happy Thanksgiving to All

