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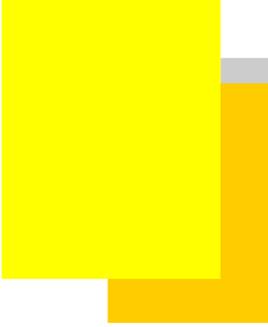
The Beehive Rock & Gem Club began in April of 1970.

The purpose of our club is: To collect, cut and polish rocks, to gather fossils, mineral specimens, to discuss and impart our knowledge of the different phases of collecting, polishing and displaying-

To promote, organize and hold meetings, outings, trips, and similar events. To enjoy and protect our natural resources.

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**USUAL DATE FOR MEETING - FOURTH THURSDAY - 7 PM at ROY  
MUNICIPAL CENTER MULTIPURPOSE ROOM 5051 S. 1900 W ROY, UT**  
**November, December have changes. Maybe others.**  
Call any Board member for current information.



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(Deadline for BUZZER articles is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month)

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6 people calling 6 others + 6 e-mailing 6 others!

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DUES

Due: October 1  
Single - \$11  
Couple or  
Family - \$16  
Junior - \$5  
Overdue: January 1

**REMINDER:** Club fees are due now...Please note, David Law is now accepting dues. Take care of it now so you do not have to worry about it later.



**General Objectives of the Club**

The purpose of our club is to stimulate interest in the collection of rocks, minerals, gem materials and legal fossils. To discuss and impart our knowledge of the different phases of collecting, cutting, polishing and displaying them. Also to organize educational meetings, field trips and similar events while enjoying and protecting our natural resources.

**Meetings**

General club meetings are held at 7 PM on the fourth Thursday of each month in the multi-purpose room of the City of Roy Municipal Center located at 5051 South 1900 West, Roy Utah.

**News Letter**

The Beehive Buzzer is the official newsletter of the Ogden Beehive Rock and Gem Club and is published eleven times per year. Please send your submissions and exchange bulletins to: [beehivebuzzer@gmail.com](mailto:beehivebuzzer@gmail.com)

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**Membership Dues**

Yearly membership dues for adult's members are:  
Single ..... \$11.00  
Couple or Family.... \$16.00  
Junior (under 18, no family membership).....\$5.00  
Dues are due:  
October 1, of each year.

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CLUB AFFILIATIONS

The Beehive Rock & Gem Club began in April of 1970 and is a member of the following:

Utah Federation of Mineralogical Societies  
Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineral-  
Logical Societies  
American Federation of Mineralogical  
Societies Scribe

**ADVERTISING RATES:**

For sale ads are permitted for members at no charge. Business advertisements will be charged at the rate of \$5.00 for ¼ page or 15 cents per word for less than ¼ page.

*PRESIDENTS MESSAGE*

The President wishes to apologize for the confusion of not having the Sept. & Oct. meetings because of the Roy City voting and their use of the room. We will have our November elections, however we will at the Roy Library and we look forward for your support.

Due to ELECTIONS at the Roy City Municipal building for October, the Meeting has been canceled. November's meeting will be at the Roy Library on the 21<sup>st</sup>, at that time we will hold the Elections for next years committee members. December we do not have meetings. PLEASE, be thinking of someone whom you would like to nominate for the elections or if you yourself would like to be President – Vice President – Secretary... etc. Please feel free to step up to the plate and show us your skills! We would love to have you as one of our Chairpersons.

Up coming shows:  
Quartzsite Panorama  
Quartzsite AZ  
Nov1, 2013 – Feb.27 2014



JANUARY  
Is our  
Winter Banquet  
REMINDER:  
January is our winter Banquet... so be thinking ahead of time what fun food you would like to bring. :)



## November's Birthstone

The November birthstone is Citrine.

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.

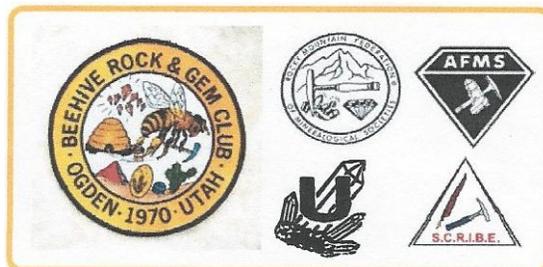
Perhaps because of its scarcity, there is little mention of Citrine used as a gemstone prior to the first century B.C. The Romans were thought to be the first to wear the yellow quartz, crafting it into cabochon, or highly polished but unfaceted cuts of stone set into jewelry. Citrine became more popular 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.



## November Birthstones

Two gems are appropriate for November Birthdays – Topaz and Citrine.

## Topaz

Topaz is a gemstone available in a rich rainbow of colors. Prized for several thousand years in antiquity, all yellow gems in antiquity were called topaz. Often confused with citrine quartz (yellow) and smoky quartz (brown), quartz and topaz are separate and unrelated mineral species. The most prized color of topaz is called Imperial topaz after the Russian Czars of the 1800s and features a magnificent orange body color with pinkish undertones. Topaz also comes in yellow, pink, purple, orange, and the many popular blue tones.



## Citrine

Citrine, the other birthstone for November is known as the “healing quartz”. This golden gemstone is said to support vitality and health while encouraging and guiding hope, energy and warmth within the wearer. Citrine can be found in a variety of shades ranging from pastel yellow to dark brownish orange. It is one of the most affordable of gemstones and plentiful in nature. Citrine is found most frequently in Brazil, Bolivia and Spain.



**By the American Gem Society**

## Junior Members Corner

Hey Kids ... I hope that you are working on your poems for the January meeting... do you have your Think Caps on? You Can do it! Lets see your talent. Remember there will be some fun prizes.



The Beehive Rock Club wishes to express their deepest condolences for the loss of one of our members to the family of Joan Day. Her kind countenance and sweet disposition will be missed by those that knew her well. She did not wish to have a 'funeral', but a "Memorial" is being planned and time and place will be announced. Probably in two weeks to a month.

Tom Burchard - President

Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society

We would also like to give our condolences to the Buchard family for the loss of Brenda's Dad's passing.

### BEEHIVE ROCK CLUB PROGRAM

For

November 21, 2013

**Note:** Glad to have a meeting again & to see everyone there! Yeah!

- The **21<sup>st</sup>** is the **3<sup>rd</sup>** Thursday this month = November's Meeting
- It will be held at the **Roy Library Community Room.**

This will be a **club participation** event to:

Show us you're "Interesting Rocks" (Maximum of 4)

Everyone usually has a few rocks that they have saved because of their interesting shape; picture they make; resemblance to something else (animal, person etc) tell us what you saw/see in them. There is an article in the October Rock & Gem magazine with a number of ideas about this (Natures Artistry in Ordinary Rocks). Please bring your unusual rocks or minerals. Thanks



SEE YOU SOON

"Rocky Ray"



Butte behind Hanksville

## Conservation groups praise ruling to keep off-road vehicles off land

By [Amy Joi O'Donoghue](#), Deseret News

SALT LAKE CITY — A coalition of conservation groups is hailing a federal judge's ruling Monday that nixed portions of the Richfield Bureau of Land Management plan they said gave deference to off-road vehicles at the expense of the environment.

"This landmark decision is a resounding rejection of the BLM's mismanagement of Utah's stunning public lands," said Stephen Bloch, legal director for the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance.

"The Richfield (Resource Management Plan) wrongly prioritized ORV use over all other uses of the public lands and neglected streams and special places worthy of protection. The court didn't mince words in its ruling that this violated federal environmental and historic laws," Bloch said.

The ruling tosses a travel plan adopted by the federal agency that designated 4,277 miles of motorized routes and forces both the BLM and the environmental groups back to court to work out a remedy.

U.S. District Court Judge Dale Kimball ordered briefs by Dec. 6 on the possible resolution of the nixed travel plan and other aspects of the case, and set a Jan. 10 deadline for responses.

The ruling does not immediately change what off-road routes are accessible, but it does force the land management agency to undertake a thorough inventory of what cultural resources could be impacted by motorized travel.

"How this affects people out on the ground is a chapter that has yet to be written," said David Garbett, an attorney with the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance.

SUWA and six other groups filed a legal challenge to the Bush-era resource management plans in Utah following their adoption in 2008, contending they imperiled pristine landscapes because the plans favored access over protection.

The Richfield plan covers 2.1 million acres that is mostly sandwiched between Capitol Reef National Park and the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. It was the first plan to get its day in court, where critics detailed that its 4,000 miles of off-road vehicle routes threatened prime landscapes such as Factory Butte, the Henry Mountains and Dirty Devil Canyon.

In his ruling, Kimball reversed the BLM's off-road vehicle designations and directed the BLM to complete on-the-ground surveys for historic and cultural resources before authorizing any off-road use.

Prior to the Richfield travel plan's adoption, 77 percent of the area was open to off-highway vehicle use without restriction. The plan closed 345 miles of trails and imposed restrictions on another 548 miles of routes, eliminating what was described as a "free-for-all" for motorized travel.

But the judge said the BLM wrongly relied on the fact that it closed some routes a sufficient threshold to minimize impacts from off-roading.

"However, the discussion of closing routes does not explain why they were closed or that the closures were to minimize impacts," the judge wrote.

Additionally, the judge said the agency's failure to designate the Henry Mountains as an "area of critical environmental concern" violated federal law because the decision was made without proper analysis of the area.

In a victory for the BLM, however, the ruling did not derail the Richfield Resource Management Plan because the agency failed to follow the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act, as SUWA and the other groups claimed. The judge said the agency followed the law and complied with the "hard look" requirement of the potential impacts of off-highway vehicle use.

Even though the BLM process was upheld, Bloch said the ruling raises questions about the legality of five other BLM management plans in the eastern half of the state that the groups contend suffer from similar legal problems. Conservationists have challenged all six plans in court. The Richfield plan is the first of the six to be litigated.



Court strikes down BLM travel plan  
Ruling » Agency failed to minimize ORV damage, judge says.

By Brian Maffly

| The Salt Lake Tribune

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Champions of wilderness and historic preservation on Monday were hailing a Utah federal court ruling that invalidates parts of a BLM management plan that authorized a 4,277-mile "spider web" of motorized routes in the Richfield resource area.

U.S. District Judge Dale Kimball ruled the Bureau of Land Management failed to minimize the impacts of motorized use on the land and its resources and to inventory archaeological sites as required by federal law.

The decision puts "the brakes on a Bush-era management scheme that prioritized motorized recreation over all else," according to the [Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance](#), which is leading a consortium of groups challenging six BLM resource plans approved in the waning months of the George W. Bush administration.

"It's a huge victory for Utah redrock wilderness. This is just the first of six cases, but this is a landmark decision that should resonate with Interior that all the plans suffer from the same legal flaws," said SUWA's legal director Stephen Bloch.

The [Richfield plan](#) covers 2.1 million acres in Sevier, Garfield, Wayne and Piute counties, an area bound by Capitol Reef and Canyon lands national parks, then extending north up the Sevier Valley. The Henry

Mountains, Factory Butte, the Dirty Devil River and Muddy Creek are among the planning area's more notable landscapes.

The judge upheld many aspects of BLM's handling of the [Richfield plan](#), but he pronounced it a failure in regards to regulating motorized use and protecting ancient American-Indian sites and artifacts and other cultural and historical resources.

"This far-reaching decision means BLM can no longer dismiss the value of wilderness, scenery, wildlife and areas of cultural importance to Native Americans in favor of destructive ORV use," Earth justice lawyer Heidi McIntosh said.

A BLM spokeswoman said the matter is still pending and it is the agency's custom to withhold comment on pending litigation.

In court filings, the BLM claimed it met the impact-minimization standard by closing 345 miles of routes and imposing width and seasonal restrictions on another 538 miles. The judge was unswayed.

"The analysis of the minimization criteria must take place at the route specific level, not in some general sense," Kimball wrote. "The case represents a failure to provide enough information or analysis for someone other than the BLM to know why or how the routes were chosen."



## A Thanksgiving Prayer

Mary Fairchild

Heavenly father,  
On this Thanksgiving Day.  
We bow our hearts,  
To you and pray.  
We give you thanks,  
For all you've done.  
And especially for,  
The gift of your son.  
For the beauty in nature,  
Your glory we see.  
For joy and health,  
For friends and family.  
For the daily provisions,  
For your mercy and care.  
For these are the blessings,  
You graciously share.  
So today we offer thanks,  
In this response and prayer.  
May you guide us,  
And protect us,  
In the days that we share.  
Bless those who travel,  
Whether near or far.  
And let them follow,  
Your guiding star.  
May this holiday season,  
Bring happiness and cheer.  
And may your love be with us,  
In the following year.

AMEN

