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"Rockzette"

Tea Tree Gully Gem & Mineral Club News

President's Report	Diary Dates / Notices	Club Activities / Fees						
<p>Hi All, Welcome to New Club Members: Ben Koek and Peter McCarthy. All classes are going very well and are well attended. Cheers, Ian.</p>	<p>Happy Birthday Members celebrating March birthdays: 4th – Eirene Smith. 10th – Dieter Zoyke. 26th – Mary warner. 28th – William Ashford.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">***</p>	<p>Meetings Club meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month except January. Committee meetings start at 7 pm. General meetings - arrive at 7.30 pm for 8 pm start.</p> <p>Library Librarian - Augie Gray There is a 2-month limit on borrowed items. When borrowing from the lending library, fill out the card at the back of the item, then place the card in the box on the shelf. When returning items, fill in the return date on the card, then place the card at the back of the item.</p> <p>Tuesday Faceting/Cabbing Tuesdays - 10 am to 2 pm. All are welcome. Supervised by Doug Walker (7120 2221).</p> <p>Wednesday Silversmithing Wednesdays - 7 pm to 9 pm. All are welcome. Supervised by Augie Gray (8265 4815 / 0433 571 887).</p> <p>Thursday Cabbing Thursdays - 10 am to 2 pm. All are welcome. Supervised by Augie Gray (8265 4815 / 0433 571 887).</p> <p>Friday Silversmithing Fridays - 9 am to 12 noon. All are welcome. Supervised by John Hill (8251 1118).</p> <p>Faceting/Cabbing/Silversmithing Fees: A standard fee of \$3.00 per session applies – to be paid to the session supervisor.</p> <p>In the interest of providing a safe working environment, it is necessary to ensure everyone using the workshops follow the rules set out in <i>Policy No. 1 - 20/11/2006</i>.</p> <p>It is necessary that <i>Health and Safety</i> regulations are adhered to always.</p> <p>Everyone using the workshop must ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that all club equipment (e.g. magnifying head pieces, faceting equipment, tools, etc.) used during the session, is cleaned, and returned to the workshop after usage. • that all work stations are left in a clean and tidy state; • that all rubbish is removed and placed in the appropriate bin; • and where applicable, machines are cleaned and oiled or dried. 						
<p style="text-align: center;">Diary Dates / Notices</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Two New Short Courses on Offer</p>							
<p style="text-align: center;">2018 Club Shows</p> <p>Sat 17th - Sun 18th March 2018 Canberra Rock Swap – ACT. 830am to 5pm (Sat) 8:30am to 4:00pm (Sun) Wagtail Way, EPIC - Exhibition Park. Fossickers & dealers. Crystals, minerals, rough & cut gemstones, opals, fossils, lapidary supplies, jewellery. Sieve for sapphires. Food available - No entry cost. For further information please contact the Club's Show Convenor, Norm Menadue on (02) 6258 6631</p> <p style="text-align: center;">***</p> <p>Fri 30th March - Mon 2nd April 2018 (Easter) 54th National Gem and Mineral Show GEMBOREE - Willunga SA. The 54th National Gem & Mineral Show, GEMBOREE 2018. Full Details at http://aflaca.org.au/gemboree/</p> <p style="text-align: center;">***</p> <p>Fri 4th May – Sun 6th May 2018 Palmer Rockarama 'Crystal and Craft Fair, including SA Metal Detecting Championships on Sun 6th all at Collier Park, Palmer, SA. See Details at: https://murraylandsgemandmineralclub.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;">***</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Expressions of Interest for Two New Short Courses</p> <p>Several members have indicated that they would be interested in learning Wire Wrapping. Blue Higgins, whose work was featured in the December newsletter, is happy to run a short course of 4 or 5 lessons if more people are interested. If you are, please contact Augie on 8265 4815 or 0433 571 887. We are also looking at arranging a class in Gem Tree Making if anyone is interested. Betty Anderson is an excellent tutor. As above, contact Augie if interested.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">***</p>	<p>Faceting/Cabbing/Silversmithing Fees: A standard fee of \$3.00 per session applies – to be paid to the session supervisor.</p> <p>In the interest of providing a safe working environment, it is necessary to ensure everyone using the workshops follow the rules set out in <i>Policy No. 1 - 20/11/2006</i>.</p> <p>It is necessary that <i>Health and Safety</i> regulations are adhered to always.</p> <p>Everyone using the workshop must ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that all club equipment (e.g. magnifying head pieces, faceting equipment, tools, etc.) used during the session, is cleaned, and returned to the workshop after usage. • that all work stations are left in a clean and tidy state; • that all rubbish is removed and placed in the appropriate bin; • and where applicable, machines are cleaned and oiled or dried. 						
<p style="text-align: center;">Mineral Sale 3rd and 4th March 2018 Vince Piesley 23 Dorset Street, BRAHMA LODGE SA Telephone: 8258 9917</p> <p style="text-align: center;">***</p>	<p>The Tea Tree Gully Gem & Mineral Club Inc. is not and cannot be held responsible or liable for any personal injuries, loss or damage to property at any club activity, including, but not limited to, meetings, field trips, all crafts and club shows. An indemnity is to be signed by all participants before each and every field trip activity they attend.</p>	<p>NOTE: The Tea Tree Gully Gem & Mineral Club Inc. will not be held responsible or liable for any person injured while using the club machinery or equipment.</p> <p>Club Subscriptions:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>\$25.00 Family</td> <td>\$20.00 Family Pensioner</td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$15.00 Single</td> <td>\$12.50 Single Pensioner</td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$10.00 Joining Fee</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	\$25.00 Family	\$20.00 Family Pensioner	\$15.00 Single	\$12.50 Single Pensioner	\$10.00 Joining Fee	
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**Augie's March 2018
Agate Selection.**

Agate of The Month – Germany.

Germany has over a dozen localities producing some very fine Agates, some of which are: Alzey, Arenrath, Dienstweiler, Elbe, Freisen, Hoppstadten, Imsbach, Lusatia, Ottendorf-Okrilla, Saalhausen, St. Egidien and Waldhambach.

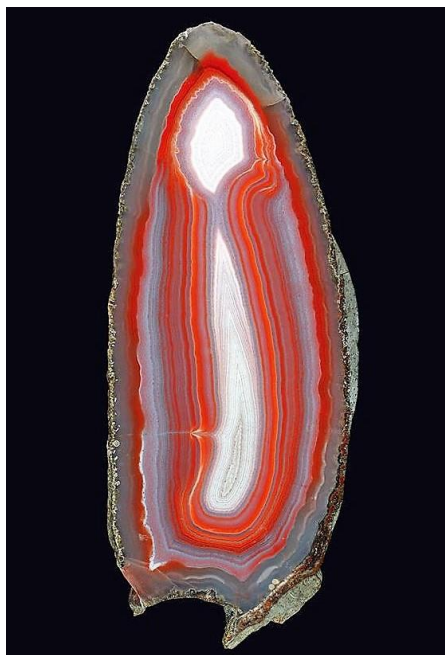
Over the next few months I will profile some of the spectacular Agates from these localities – there are just too many for one month's issue, and they're well worth seeing!



Alzey 1.



Alzey 2.



Dienstweiler.



Arenrath 1.



Arenrath 2.



Lusatia 1.



Lusatia 2.



Lusatia 3.



Freisen 1.



Freisen 2.



Hoppstadten.



Imsbach.

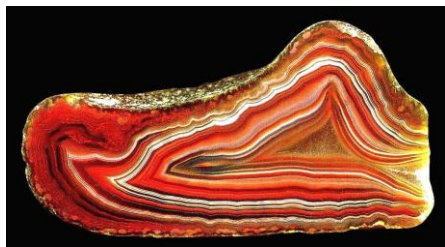
Augie's March 2018 Agate Selection
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Ottendorf-Okrilla 1.



Ottendorf-Okrilla 2.



Ottendorf-Okrilla 3.



Ottendorf-Okrilla 4.

More spectacular agates from German localities will be showcased in next month's newsletter.

Augie's March 2018 Mineral Selections.



Amethyst - Kakamunurle Mine, Karur District, Tamil Nadu, India.



Apophyllite & Stilbite - Poona, India.



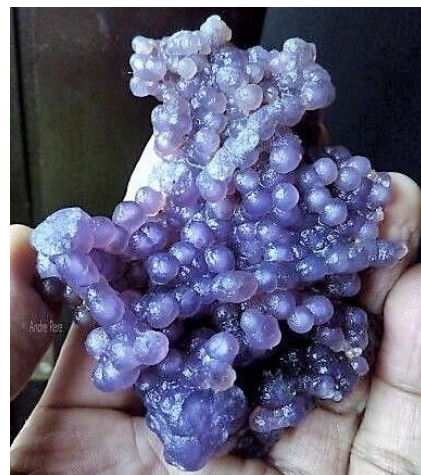
Azurite - Bisbee, Arizona.



Calcite on Amethyst - Artigas, Uruguay.



Faden Quartz - Kharan, Baluchistan, Pakistan.



Grape Agate - Indonesia.

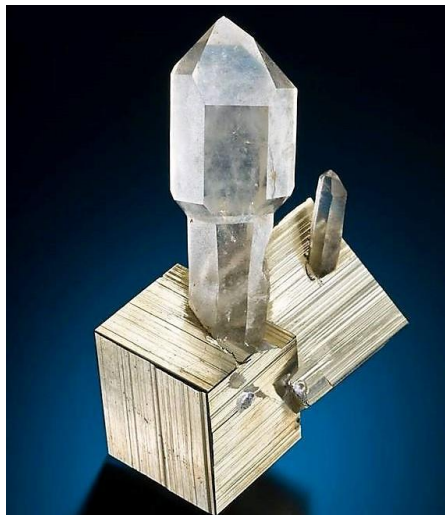


Kutnohorite - Wessels Mine, Kalahari manganese fields, Northern Cape Province, South Africa.

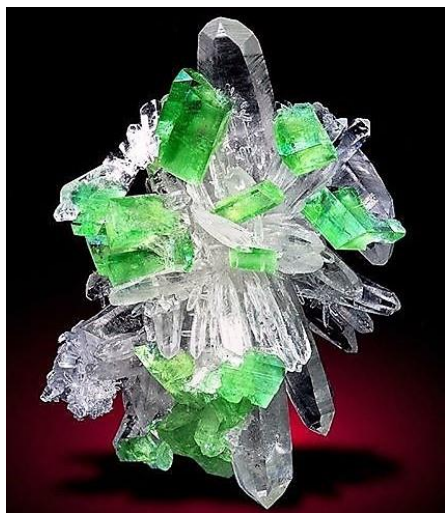


Opal var. Hyalite on Topaz - Tepetate, Mun. de Villa de Arriaga, San Luis Potosi, Mexico.

Augie's March 2018 Mineral Selection
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Quartz on Pyrite - Spruce claim, Goldmyer Hot Springs, King Co., Washington.



Quartz with Augelite - Mundo Nuevo Mine, Sanchez Carrion, La Libertad, Peru.



Rubellite Tourmaline & Lepidolite - Jonas Mine, Itatia, Minas Gerais, Brazil.



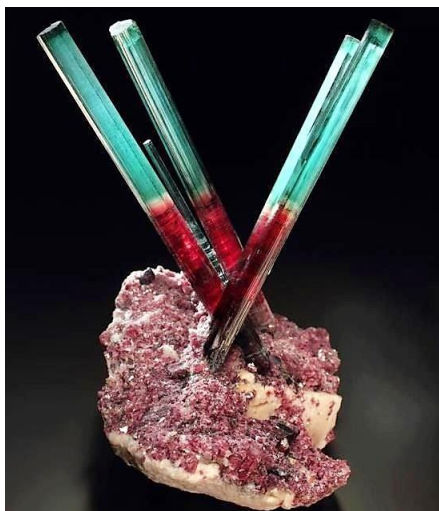
Reverse sceptre Quartz - Goboboseb Mountains, Namibia.



Scolecite & Chalcedony - Chandanapuri, Sangamner, Ahmadnagar District, Maharashtra, India.



Smithsonite - Berg Aukas Mine near Grootfontein, Namibia.



Tourmaline - Pederneira Claim, São José de Safira, Doce Valley, Minas Gerais, Brazil.



Spinel twin.

Special extra contributed by Augie...



Found this spectacular pair of Jaspers, thought you might like to include them with Minerals General for next month. They're from Cold Mountain, Nth. Carolina. Augie.



What old timers in backwoods Oregon use for dop sticks. Augie.

Contributed by Ian Everard...

Ian's Purchases on 27th and 28th January 2018, at the Riverland Gem and Mineral Club Show, Loxton, SA.



Huebnerite on Quartz with minor Fluorite, Mundo Nuevo District, Santiago deChuco Province, La Libertad Department, PERU.



Quartz on Sphalerite (Ex. W Hoch collection), Huaron Mining District, Cerro de Pasco Province, PERU.



Quartz with Calcite (Unusual 'ball' crystallization with fluorescent Calcite), Krushev Dol Mine, Madan Ore Field, Rhodope Mountains, Smolyan Oblast Province, BULGARIA.



01 Quartz var. Smoky with Aegerine and Feldspar, Mulanji, MALAWI.



Quartz var. Orange (Ferruginous Quartz with Hematite inclusions, Orange River, near Riemvasmaak, North Cape Province, SOUTH AFRICA.



Quartz var. Amethyst with Hematite Inclusions, Blue Points Mine (formerly Diamond Willow Mine, McTavish Township, Thunder Bay District, Ontario, CANADA.

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Quartz, Atlas Mountains, MOROCCO.



Quartz var. Smoky with Aegerine and Feldspar, Mulanji, MALAWI.

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Ian's March Quartz Collection Selections – Peru.



1032 Quartz, Pyrite, and Sphalerite, Huaron, PERU.



0812 Tetrahedrite Bournonite Quartz, Quiruvilca Mine, La Libertad Dept, PERU.

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Ian's March Quartz Collection Selections – Peru.

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0704 Sphalerite on Quartz, Huaron Mining District, Pasco Dept, PERU.



0810 Quartz and Pyrite, Huaron, PERU.



0465 Quartz on Rhodochrosite and Pyrite, Pachapaqui, PERU.



0807 Quartz on Sphalerite and Pyrite, Huaron, Cerro de Pasco, Pasco Dept, PERU.



0803 Quartz on Pyrite, Huaron, Cerro de Pasco, Pasco Dept, PERU.

Contributed by Ian Everard...

Ian's March Quartz Collection Selections – Peru.

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0814 Calcite on Quartz, Animon Mine, PERU.



0804 Huebnerite on Quartz, Mundo Nuevo Mine, La Libertad Dept, PERU.



0819 Sphalerite on Quartz, Huaron, Cerro de Pasco, Pasco Dept, PERU.



0655 Calcite on Quartz, Huaron Mining District, Pasco Dept, PERU.

**Ian's April Quartz Collection Selections
will feature specimens from the
Americas.**

52 Breathtaking Caves from Around the World - Three More in More Detail

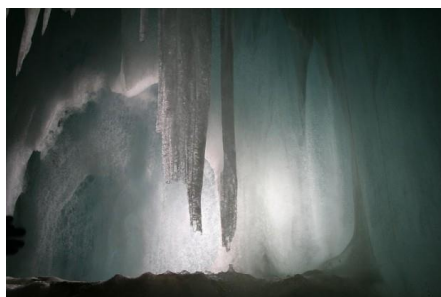
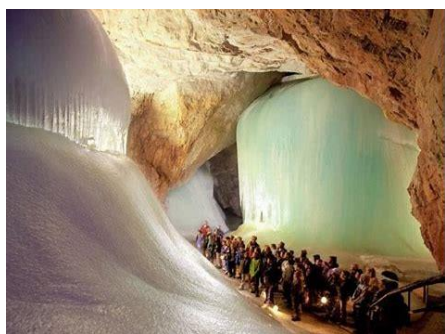
31. Eiriesenwelt Cave, Austria.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eisriesenwelt>

The **Eisriesenwelt** (German for "World of the Ice Giants") is a natural limestone and ice cave located in Werfen, Austria, about 40 km south of Salzburg. The cave is inside the Hochkogel mountain in the Tennengebirge section of the Alps. It is the largest ice cave in the world, extending more than 42 km and visited by about 200,000 tourists every year.



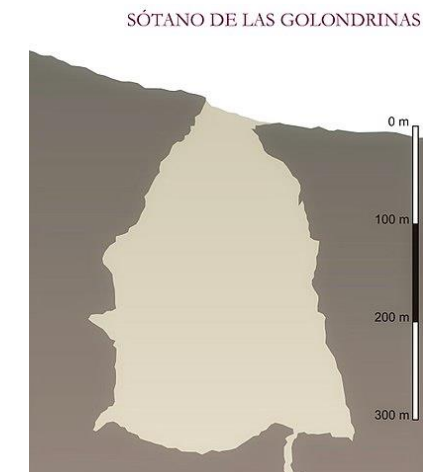
Entrance to the cave.



32. Saotano de las Golondrinas, Mexico.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cave_of_Swallows

The **Cave of Swallows**, also called the **Cave of the Swallows** (Spanish: *Sótano de las Golondrinas*), is an open-air pit cave in the Municipality of Aquismón, San Luis Potosí, Mexico. The elliptical mouth, on a slope of karst, is 49 by 62 m wide and is undercut around all its perimeter, widening to a room approximately 303 by 135 meters (994 by 442 ft) wide. The floor of the cave is a 333-meter (1092 ft) freefall drop from the lowest side of the opening, with a 370-meter (1,214 ft) drop from the highest side, making it the largest known cave shaft in the world, the second deepest pit in Mexico and perhaps the 11th deepest in the world.

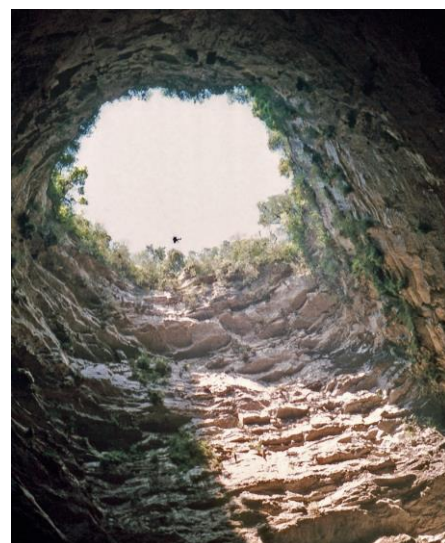
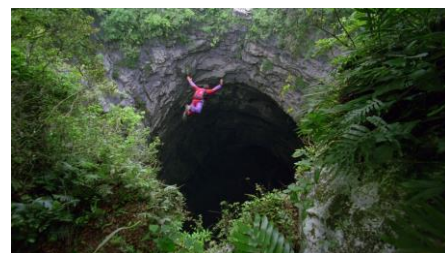


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Cross section of the cave.

[Cave of Swallows - Schwalbenhöhle in Mexico - Click to watch video](#)

[Cave BASE Jumping - Cave of the Swallows - Documentary - Aerial Extreme - Click to watch video](#)



A caver rappelling the 333-meter drop into Sotano de las Golondrinas. subterraneanbases.com

32. Saotano de las Golondrinas, Mexico.
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Cave of Swallows viewed from a plane.

33. Niah Cave, Malaysia.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Niah_National_Park

Niah Cave, one of the largest limestone caves in the world, is significant in both aesthetically and historically. With known human activity in the cave dating 40,000 years ago, archaeologists are certain the inhabitants here were amongst the earliest settlers in eastern Malaysia. With high ceilings and stunning scenery, Niah Cave is a popular destination amongst adventurers.



The main entrance to the Niah Caves at sunset.



Niah Cave, Sabah, East Malaysia. - Dave Bunnell.

[Niah Caves, Sarawak, Malay Borneo - Click to view video.](#)

[Niah Caves in Miri, Sarawak, Borneo Adventure - Click to view video.](#)

Stunning Lightning Photos



Source – Geology Page, Facebook...

[Geology Page - 'The Realmonte Salt Mine Sicily'](#)



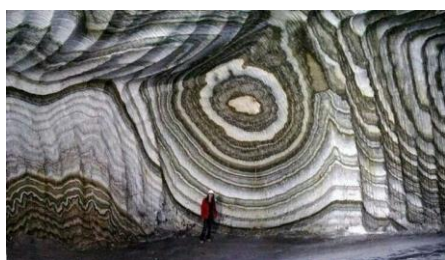
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The Realmonte Salt Mine in Sicily

There are currently three salt mines at Realmonte in the province of Agrigento and Racalmuto and Petralia, in the province of Palermo, managed by the company Italkali. The Realmonte field, overlooking the southern coast of Sicily, about four kilometres from Agrigento and a kilometre from Porto Empedocle, Italy.

It consists of a vast saline lens, aligned according to the coast, which runs between Porto Empedocle and Siculiana. The layers of rock salt and kainite dive on a regular basis from the mountain to the sea, with rock salt stratificamente roof of kainite and with an output of up to 40 meters and a title in sodium chloride between 97 and 98%. reserves have been established for about 100 million tonnes of rock salt and confirmed the presence of significant amounts of potassium minerals that have been developed programs for industrial exploitation.

Realmonte is able to produce about 500 thousand tons per year of salt. Racalmuto, in the last century became an important mining centre and had some increase also the salt industry. Important role in the local economy is provided by the salt mines. The mine is located about 2 km from Racalmuto, located almost at the limit between the provinces of Agrigento and Caltanissetta.



The field

The mine is accessible through camionabili tunnels and ramps and reaches approximately 100 m deep. A well, placed in a central position with respect to the cultivation area, ensures the exchange of air in the subsoil at a rate of 1140 m³ / second. The mineral production lines are two: – the salt intended for direct food and the food industry and animal consumption; – The industrial salt destined mainly to tanneries and dyeing. The food is grown rock salt with a continuous miner, which automatically transfers it to the edge of Perlini trucks (big trucks) and transfer it to a place silo outside of the mine.



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The extraction

The industrial rock salt is shot down with sprints of mines. Crushing plants, comminution and screening, packaging of cartons containing 1 kg bags of 25 kg and 50 are located outside of the mine. The production of salt is carried out in three shifts: from 7:00 to 3:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. 11:00 p.m. to 23:00 – 7:00 pm. Today, compared to the past, the salt mines are safer, as in the galleries “at risk” is introduced a remotely controlled electric shovel.



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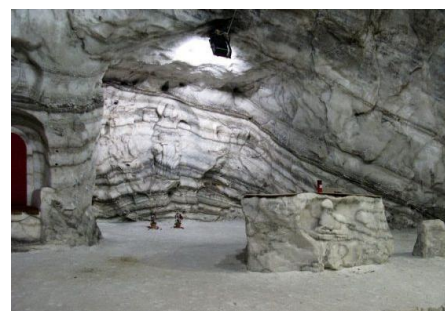


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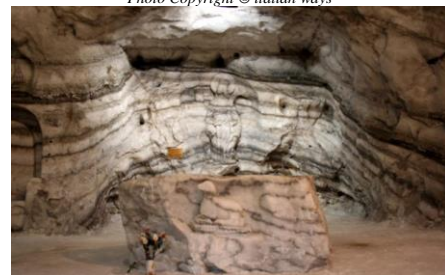


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Contributed by Wendy Purdie...

Picture Snippets From My Singapore Holiday Safari



Hi Mel, saw this the other day while shopping for plants for the coming Chinese New Year celebrations. Cheers, Wendy.



Hi Mel, the orchids are to die for here, row upon row of them. In one of the photos My husband Ong is standing amongst rows of Cumquat trees they are placed at the front door of your home to bring in prosperity and good luck. Not sure if you can use these images as they were taken on my phone. Regards, Wendy.



Hi Mel, there are decorations everywhere here; predominantly red and gold. I have sent another email explaining the use of these colours. Chinese New Year's Day is on February 16th. Cheers, Wendy.



Hi Mel, have sent this link it's a very interesting explanation about the decorations used for

Chinese New Year and even has ideas of how to make your own. They use red and gold.

Chinese New Year Colour Meanings: Red & Gold. Red for good fortune and happiness together with gold for wealth are the auspicious colours of the New Year.

Fu" meaning "fortune" or "good luck" is one of the most popular characters used during the New Year. It is often, at times, hung upside down on the front door of a home to mean "good luck came". While it is easy to understand the association of gold with wealth, there is no single explanation of how red became associated with good fortune and good luck. Regards, Wendy.

[10 Easy Chinese New Year decoration ideas you'll need in 2018 - Click Here...](#)



A few pictures from the above link....Photo from: IQRemix via Flickr.

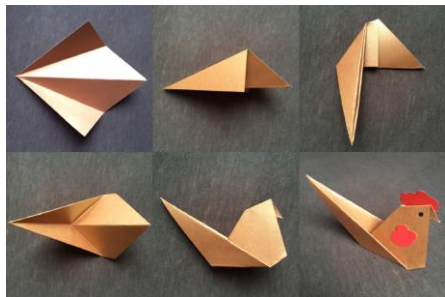


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Picture Snippets From My Singapore Holiday Safari: Continued...



Back to Wendy's photos...



Hi Mel, today went for Michelin Star Rated Kway Teow Mee, a noodle dish in Chinatown, Outram Park, Singapore. Had lunch with Ong and his sister and brother-in-law at a Hawker Centre (aka Food Courts); sat outside.

Then of course I did some obligatory shopping, picked up some nice strings of freshwater pearls and drilled half pearls for earrings. Thinking, I will try my hand at setting the pearls in earring posts. Cheers, Wendy.



Ong.



Fried Kway Teow Mee.



Wendy.

Contributed by Doug Walker...

Balance and Stability in Life



Here's irrefutable proof that the right woman can bring Balance and Stability to a man's life.

Contributed by Doug Walker...

The Future, Is It Already Here?

Hello...is this Gordon's Pizza?
 No sir, it's Google Pizza.
 I must have dialled a wrong number. Sorry.
 No sir, Google bought Gordon's Pizza last month.
 Okay, I would like to order a pizza.
 Do you want your usual, sir?
 My usual? You know me?
 According to our caller ID data sheet, the last 12 times you called you ordered an extra-large pizza with three cheeses, sausage, pepperoni, mushrooms, and meat balls on a thick crust.

Okay, that's what I want!
 May I suggest that this time you order a pizza with ricotta, arugula, sun-dried tomatoes, and olives on a whole wheat gluten free thin crust?

What? I detest vegetables.

Your cholesterol is not good, sir.
 How the hell do you know?

Well, we cross-referenced your home phone number with your medical records. We have the result of your blood tests for the last 7 years.

Okay, but I don't want your rotten vegetable pizza! I already take medication for my cholesterol.

Excuse me sir, but you have not taken your medication regularly. According to our database, you only purchased a box of 30 cholesterol tablets once, at Drug Sale Network, 4 months ago.

I bought more from another drugstore.

That doesn't show on your credit card statement.

I paid in cash.

But you did not withdraw enough cash according to your bank statement.

I have other sources of cash.

That doesn't show on your last tax return unless you bought them using an undeclared income source, which is against the law.

WHAT THE HELL?

I'm sorry, sir, we use such information only with the sole intention of helping you.

Enough already! I'm sick to death of Google, Facebook, Twitter, What's App and all the others. I'm going to an island without internet, cable TV, where there is no cell phone service and no one to watch or spy on me.

I understand sir, but you need to renew your passport first. It expired 6 weeks ago.

Contributed by Irene Kramer...

Retired Husband

After retiring, George's wife insisted that he accompany her on her trips to TESCO. (a British Supermarket Chain) Unfortunately, like most men, George found shopping boring and preferred to get in and get out. Equally unfortunate, his wife is like most women - she loves to browse. Yesterday his wife received the following letter from the local TESCO...

Dear Mrs. Harris,

Over the past six months, your husband has caused quite a commotion in our store. We cannot tolerate this behaviour and have been forced to ban both of you from the store.

Our complaints against your husband, Mr. Harris, are listed below and are documented by our video surveillance cameras...

- (1.) January 15: He took 24 boxes of condoms and randomly put them in other people's carts when they weren't looking.
- (2.) February 2: Set all the alarm clocks in Housewares to go off at 5-minute intervals.
- (3.) February 7: He made a trail of tomato juice on the floor leading to the women's restroom.
- (4.) February 19: Walked up to an employee and told her in an official voice, 'Code 3 in Housewares. Get on it right away' This caused the employee to leave her assigned station and receive a reprimand from her Supervisor that in turn resulted with a union grievance, causing management to lose time, and costing the company money. We don't have a Code 3.
- (5.) March 4: Went to the Service Desk and tried to put a bag of M&Ms on layby
- (6.) March 14: Moved a 'CAUTION - WET FLOOR' sign to a carpeted area.
- (7.) March 15: Set up a tent in the camping department and told the children shoppers he'd invite them in if they would bring pillows and blankets from the bedding department to which twenty children obliged.
- (8.) March 23: When a clerk asked if they could help him he began crying and screamed, 'Why can't you people just leave me alone?' EMTs were called.
- (9.) April 4: Looked right into the security camera and used it as a mirror while he picked his nose.
- (10.) April 10: While handling guns in the hunting department, he asked the clerk where the antidepressants were.
- (11.) April 23: Darted around the store suspiciously while loudly humming the 'Mission Impossible' theme.

- (12.) May 6: In the auto department, he practiced his 'Madonna look' using different sizes of funnels.
- (13.) May 18: Hid in a clothing rack and when people browsed through, yelled 'PICK ME! PICK ME!'
- (14.) May 22: When an announcement came over the loud speaker, he assumed a foetal position and screamed 'OH NO! IT'S THOSE VOICES AGAIN!'
- (15.) June 5: Took a box of condoms to the checkout clerk and asked where is the fitting room?
- (16.) And last, but not least: June 14: Went into a fitting room, shut the door, waited awhile, and then yelled very loudly, 'Hey! There's no toilet paper in here.' One of the clerks passed out.

Contributed by Irene Kramer...

Seenager

I just discovered my age group! I am a Seenager. (Senior teenager)

I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 50-60 years later.

I don't have to go to school or work

I get an allowance every month.

I have my own pad.

I don't have a curfew.

I have a driver's license and my own car.

The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant, they aren't scared of anything, they have been blessed to live this long, why be scared?

And I don't have acne.

Life is Good! Also, you will feel much more intelligent after reading this, if you are a Seenager.

Brains of older people are slow because they know so much.

People do not decline mentally with age, it just takes them longer to recall facts because they have more information in their brains.

Scientists believe this also makes you hard of hearing as it puts pressure on your inner ear.

Also, older people often go to another room to get something and when they get there, they stand there wondering what they came for.

It is NOT a memory problem, it is nature's way of making older people do more exercise.

SO THERE!

I have more friends I should send this to, but right now I can't remember their names.

Contributed by Doug Walker...

Memories...

My Dad was cleaning out my grandmother's house (she died in December) and he brought me an old Royal Crown Cola bottle. In the bottle top was a stopper with a bunch of holes in it. I knew immediately what it was, but my daughter had no idea. She thought they had tried to make it a salt shaker or something. I knew it as the bottle that sat on the end of the ironing board to 'sprinkle' clothes with because we didn't have steam irons. Man, I am old.

How many do you remember?

Head lights dimmer switches on the floor.

Ignition switches on the dashboard.

Pant leg clips for bicycles without chain guards.

Soldering irons, you heat on a gas burner.

Using hand signals for cars without turn signals.

Older Than Dirt Quiz

Count all the ones that you remember, NOT the ones you were told about!

See ratings at the bottom...

- 1) Candy cigarettes.
- 2) Coffee shops with tableside juke boxes.
- 3) Home milk delivery in glass bottles.
- 4) Party lines on the telephones.
- 5) Newsreels before the movie.
- 6) TV test patterns that came on at night after the last show and were there until TV shows started again in the morning. (Only 3 channels! If you had a TV!).
- 7) Pea-shooters.
- 8) 'Howdy Doody'; a children's TV show.
- 9) 45 RPM records.
- 10) 78 rpm records.
- 11) Hi-fi records 33 1/3 rpm.
- 12) Metal ice trays with a lever.
- 13) Blue flashbulb.
- 14) Cork popguns.
- 15) Studebakers; a Yankee car.
- 16) Wash tub wringers.

Ratings

If you remembered 0-3 = You're still young.

If you remembered 3-6 = You are getting older.

If you remembered 7-10 = Don't tell your age.

And, if you remembered 11-16 = You're older than dirt! (That's Me!)

I might be older than dirt, but **those memories are some of the best parts of my life.**

Contributed by Michael Mabbitt...

Husband Store

A store that sells new husbands has opened in Melbourne, where a woman may go to choose a husband.

Among the instructions at the entrance is a description of how the store operates:

You may visit this store **ONLY ONCE!**

There are six floors and the value of the products increase as the shopper ascends the flights.

The shopper may choose any item from a particular floor or may choose to go up to the next floor, but the shopper cannot go back down except to exit the building!

So, a woman goes to the Husband Store to find a husband.

On the first floor the sign on the door reads: **'Floor 1 - These Men Have Jobs'**.

The woman is intrigued, but continues to the second floor, where the sign reads: **'Floor 2 - These Men Have Jobs and Love Kids'**.

'That's nice,' she thinks, 'but I want more.' So, she continues upward. The third-floor sign reads: **'Floor 3 - These Men Have Jobs, Love Kids, and are Extremely Good Looking'**.

'Wow,' she thinks, but feels compelled to keep going. She goes to the fourth floor and the sign reads: **'Floor 4 - These Men Have Jobs, Love Kids, are Drop-dead Good Looking and Help with Housework'**.

'Oh, mercy me!' she exclaims, 'I can hardly stand it!' Still, she goes to the fifth floor and the sign reads: **'Floor 5 - These Men Have Jobs, Love Kids, are Drop-dead Gorgeous, Help with Housework, Have a Strong Romantic Streak and a Good Sense of Humour'**.

She is so tempted to stay, but she goes to the sixth floor, where the sign reads: **'Floor 6 - You are visitor 31,456,012 to this floor. There are no men on this floor. This floor exists solely as proof that women are impossible to please. Thank you for shopping at the Husband Store'**.

Wives Store

PLEASE NOTE: To avoid gender bias charges, the store's owner opened a new **Wives Store** just across the street.

Floor 1 – 'has women that love sex'.

Floor 2 – 'has women that love sex, have money, and like beer.'

Floors 3, 4, 5, and 6 – 'have never been visited.'

Contributed by Augie...

How to Speak About Women and Be Politically Correct

1. She is not a **'Babe'** or a **'Chick'** - She is a **'Breasted Australian'**.
2. She is not a **'Screamer'** or a **'Moaner'** - She is **'Vocally Appreciative'**.
3. She is not **'Easy'** - She is **'Horizontally Accessible'**.
4. She is not a **'Dumb Blonde'** - She is a **'Light-Haired Detour off the Information Superhighway'**.
5. She has not **'Been Around'** - She is a **'Previously-Enjoyed Companion'**.
6. She is not an **'Airhead'** - She is **'Reality Impaired'**.
7. She does not get **'Drunk'** or **'Tippy'** - She gets **'Chemically Inconvenienced'**.
8. She does not have **'Breast Implants'** - She is **'Medically Enhanced'**.
9. She does not **'Nag'** you - She becomes **'Verbally Repetitive'**.
10. She is not a **'Tramp'** - She is **'Sexually Extroverted'**.
11. She does not have **'Major League Hooters'** - She is **'Pectorally Superior'**.
12. She is not a **'Two-Bit Hooker'** - She is a **'Low Cost Provider'**.

How to Speak About Men and Be Politically Correct

1. He does not have a **'Beer Gut'** - He has developed a **'Liquid Grain Storage Facility'**.
2. He is not a **'Bad Dancer'** - He is **'Overly Caucasian'**.
3. He does not **'Get Lost All the Time'** - He **'Investigates Alternative Destinations'**.
4. He is not **'Balding'** - He is in **'Follicle Regression'**.
5. He is not a **'Cradle Snatcher'** - He prefers **'Generational Differential Relationships'**.
6. He does not get **'Falling-Down Drunk'** - He becomes **'Accidentally Horizontal'**.
7. He does not act like a **'Total Ass'** - He develops a case of **'Rectal-Cranial Inversion'**.
8. He is not a **'Male Chauvinist Pig'** - He has **'Swine Empathy'**.
9. He is not afraid of **'Commitment'** - He is **'Relationship Challenged'**.
10. It's not his **'Crack'** you see hanging out of his pants - It's **'Rear Cleavage'**.

Just A Simple Thought

I thought a thought.
But the thought I thought wasn't the thought
I thought I thought.

If the thought I thought I thought had been
the thought I thought, I wouldn't have
thought so much.

Doctor Doctor

If one doctor doctors another doctor, does the
doctor who doctors the doctor doctor the
doctor the way the doctor he is doctoring
doctors? Or does he doctor the doctor the
way the doctor who doctors doctors?

Flu Flea Flaw Fly

A flea and a fly flew up in a flu.

Said the flea, "Let us fly!"

Said the fly, "Let us flee!"

So they flew through a flaw in the flu.

Can a Can Canner?

A canner can can anything that he can,
But a canner can't can a can, can he?

The Two Toed Tree Toad Vetoed

A tree toad loved a she-toad

Who lived up in a tree.

He was a two-toed tree toad

But a three-toed toad was she.

The two-toed tree toad tried to win

The three-toed she-toad's heart

For the two-toed tree toad loved the ground

That the three-toed tree toad trod.

But the two-toed tree toad tried in vain.

He couldn't please her whim.

From her tree toad bower

With her three-toed power

The she-toad vetoed him.

No Freebie She Be Mr Beebee

A certain young fellow named Beebee

Wished to marry a lady named Phoebe

"But," he said, "I must see

What the minister's fee be

Before Phoebe be Phoebe Beebee"

Wicked Witch

Which witch wished which wicked wish?

Short Spotted Sock Shop

I spotted Sam's shop which stocks

Pam's short spotted socks.

Contributed by Doug Walker...

Hilarious English Signs from Around the World

English is the world's international language. It is often used to explain things to tourists coming in from other countries.

But while English is well known, it's not always well written, resulting in some truly, although unintentional, comic signs. Here are some of my all-time favorite broken English signs:

In a Vienna hotel:

In case of fire, do your utmost to alarm the hotel porter.

A sign posted in Germany's Black Forest:

It is strictly forbidden on our black forest camping site that people of different sex, for instance, men and women, live together in one tent unless they are married with each other for that purpose.

In a Zurich hotel:

Because of the impropriety of entertaining guests of the opposite sex in the bedroom, it is suggested that the lobby be used for this purpose.

In an advertisement by a Hong Kong dentist:

Teeth extracted by the latest Methodists.

A translated sentence from a Russian chess book:

A lot of water has been passed under the bridge since this variation has been played.

In a Rome laundry outlet:

Ladies, leave your clothes here and spend the afternoon having a good time.

In a Czechoslovakian tourist agency:

Take one of our horse-driven city tours—we guarantee no miscarriages.

Advertisement for donkey rides in Thailand:

Would you like to ride on your own ass?

On the faucet in a Finnish washroom:

To stop the drip, turn cock to right.

In the window of a Swedish furrier:

Fur coats made for ladies from their own skin.

On the box of a clockwork toy made in Hong Kong:

Guaranteed to work throughout its useful life.

In a Swiss mountain inn:

Special today—no ice cream.

On the menu of a Polish hotel:

Salad a firm's own make; limpid red beet soup with cheesy dumplings in the form of a finger; roasted duck let loose; beef rashers beaten up in the country people's fashion.

In a Hong Kong supermarket:

For your convenience, we recommend courageous, efficient self-service.

Outside a Hong Kong tailor shop:

Ladies may have a fit upstairs.

In a Bangkok dry cleaner's:

Drop your trousers here for best results.

Outside a Paris dress shop:

Dresses for street walking.

In a Rhodes tailor shop:

Order your summers suit. Because is big rush we will execute customers in strict rotation.

Similarly, from the Soviet Weekly:

There will be a Moscow Exhibition of Arts by 15,000 Soviet Republic painters and sculptors. These were executed over the past two years.

In a Tokyo Hotel:

Is forbidden to steal hotel towels please. If you are not person to do such thing is please not to read this.

In another Japanese hotel room:

Please to bathe inside the tub.

In a Bucharest hotel lobby:

The lift is being fixed for the next day. During that time, we regret that you will be unbearable.

In a Leipzig elevator:

Do not enter the lift backwards, and only when lit up.

In a Belgrade hotel elevator:

To move the cabin, push button for wishing floor. If the cabin should enter more persons, each one should press a number of wishing floor. Driving is then going alphabetically by national order.

In a Paris hotel elevator:

Please leave your values at the front desk.

In a hotel in Athens:

Visitors are expected to complain at the office between the hours of 9 and 11 A.M. daily.

In a Yugoslavian hotel:

The flattening of underwear with pleasure is the job of the chambermaid.

In a Japanese hotel:

You are invited to take advantage of the chambermaid.

In the lobby of a Moscow hotel across from a Russian Orthodox monastery:

You are welcome to visit the cemetery where famous Russian and Soviet composers, artists, and writers are buried daily except Thursday.

In an Austrian hotel catering to skiers:

Not to perambulate the corridors in the hours of repose in the boots of ascension.

On the menu of a Swiss restaurant:

Our wines leave you nothing to hope for.

In an East African newspaper:

A new swimming pool is rapidly taking shape since the contractors have thrown in the bulk of their workers.

In a Bangkok temple:

It is forbidden to enter a woman even a foreigner if dressed as a man.

In a Tokyo bar:

Special cocktails for the ladies with nuts.

In a Copenhagen airline ticket office:

We take your bags and send them in all directions.

On the door of a Moscow hotel room:

If this is your first visit to the USSR, you are welcome to it.

In a Norwegian cocktail lounge:

Ladies are requested not to have children in the bar.

At a Budapest zoo:

Please do not feed the animals. If you have any suitable food, give it to the guard on duty.

In the office of a Roman doctor:

Specialist in women and other diseases.

Contributed by - Doug Walker

Bad Puns

A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.

Dijon vu - the same mustard as before.

Practice safe eating - always use condiments.

Shotgun wedding - A case of wife or death.

A man needs a mistress just to break the monogamy.

A hangover is the wrath of grapes.

Dancing cheek-to-cheek is really a form of floor play.

Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?

Condoms should be used on every conceivable occasion.

When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.

What's the definition of a will? (It's a dead giveaway.)

In democracy your vote counts. In feudalism your count votes.

She was engaged to a boyfriend with a wooden leg but broke it off.

A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.

If you don't pay your exorcist, you get repossessed

The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.

You feel stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.

Local Area Network in Australia - the LAN down under.

Every calendar's days are numbered.

A lot of money is tainted -Taint yours and taint mine.

A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.

He had a photographic memory that was never developed.

A midget fortune-teller who escapes from prison is a small medium at large.

Once you've seen one shopping centre, you've seen a mall.

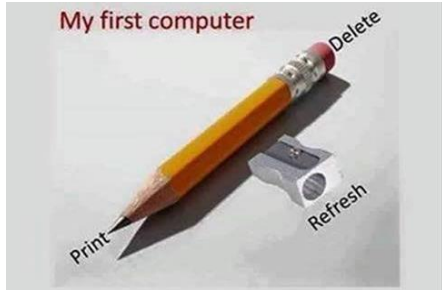
Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.

Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.

Acupuncture is a jab well done.

Contributed by Michael Mabbitt...

Celebrating my first computer and other things of our youth ...



The Palmer method of penmanship - we started to learn this in 2nd grade and had to practice on specially lined paper every day - in pencil. You didn't get to go to using a pen until 4th grade.



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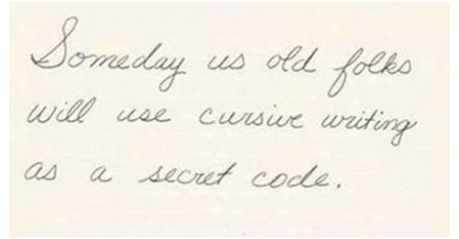
Inner tubes for swimming on Grandma's pond on the farm. We always had loooooong scratches from the valve but sure had fun with them.



SO GLAD I GREW UP



DOING THIS NOT THIS



Buying cigarettes at the bedside 1950s.



Members' Noticeboard

No additional member notices this month

Contributed by Doug Walker...

Quotes by Winston Churchill

"Diplomacy is the art of telling people to go to hell in such a way that they ask for directions."

"Fear is a reaction. Courage is a decision."

"A nation that forgets its past has no future."

"You don't make the poor richer by making the rich poorer."

"You will never reach your destination if you stop and throw stones at every dog that barks."

"There is nothing government can give you that it hasn't taken from you in the first place."

"If you are not a liberal at twenty you have no heart, if you're not a conservative at forty, you have no brain."

"Life is fraught with opportunities to keep your mouth shut."

"However beautiful the strategy, you should occasionally look at the results."

"The best argument against democracy is a five-minute conversation with the average voter."

"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."

"One man with conviction will overwhelm a hundred who have only opinions."

"The main vice of capitalism is the uneven distribution of prosperity. The main vice of socialism is the even distribution of misery."

"We contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle."

Contributed by Doug Walker...

Teacher Arrested at Sydney International

A high school teacher was arrested today at Sydney's Kingsford-Smith International airport as he attempted to board a flight while in possession of a ruler, a protractor, a compass, a slide-rule and a calculator.

At the press conference, the Attorney General said he believes the man is a member of the notorious extremist Al-Gebra movement.

He did not identify the man, who has been charged by the AFP with carrying weapons of maths instruction.

'Al-Gebra is a problem for us', the Attorney General said. 'They derive solutions by means and extremes, and sometimes go off on tangents in search of absolute values.' They use secret code names like "X" and "Y" and refer to themselves as "unknowns"; but we have determined that they belong to a common denominator of the axis of medieval with coordinates in every country. As the Greek philosopher Isosceles used to say, "There are three sides to every triangle."

When asked to comment on the arrest, Federal Opposition Leader Bill Shorten said, "If God had wanted us to have better weapons of maths instruction, He would have given us more fingers and toes."

Fellow Labor colleagues told reporters they could not recall a more intelligent or profound statement by the Opposition Leader.



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