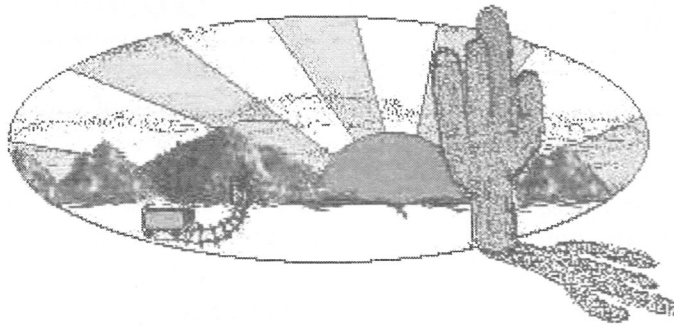


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In Memory of A. L. Flagg

Summer 2009

The Arizona Mineral and Mining Museum Foundation was formed to support the Arizona Mining and Mineral Museum.

Marcella “Marc” Watson **(1918 – 2009)**

It is with great sadness that we report that Marc Watson passed away on June 9, 2009. She was one of the original members of the Flagg Foundation when it formed in 1962 and remained active in the Foundation until very recently. She was born in Sacramento, California on August 25, 1918 and spent her early years on the family cattle ranches in the Clarksville and Lake Tahoe areas of California. She loved to ride horses and participated in cattle drives and rodeos as a girl.

Marc's love affair with Arizona began more than seventy years ago when she moved here. She was an ardent collector of many things such as Santa Clauses, roadrunners, bells, nativity sets, cowboy art, and many other things. Of course we all know her because of her interest in minerals. Marc started to collect minerals in the 1950s. She had early contact with Arthur Flagg and he encouraged her to join the Mineralogical Society of Arizona. She was a past president and board member of the MSA. When Arthur Flagg died and the Flagg Foundation was formed she became active in that organization. Over the years she was secretary and board member of the Flagg Foundation and its continuation as the Arizona Mineral and Mining Museum Foundation. She and Ed Flagg kept the Flagg Show in January going for many years, sometimes only the two of them doing most of the work.

Marc was a 4-H Club leader for most of her years in Arizona. Most famously she had Les Presmyk and Wayne Thompson in one of her 4-H groups. They have both contributed in many ways to the hobby of mineral collecting.

Marc's interest in minerals covered the range from cabinet specimens to micromounts, but she is best known for her interest in quartz. She had an extensive collection of quartz, especially quartz from Arizona. She was one of the first people to recognize the unusual c-face quartz from Four Peaks.

In 1999 Marc was awarded the first A.L. Flagg Distinguished Service Award for her long service to the Foundation. She was always generous with her time and her minerals, and will be greatly missed. (This information is from an obituary written by Marc's daughter Leslie Albin and an article about Marc by Genie Howell in our newsletter volume 8, number 3, Spring 1999.)



Join the Foundation

The Arizona Mineral and Mining Museum Foundation was formed to support the Arizona Mining and Mineral Museum. Over the years, many Benefactors have donated cherished collections, and though all are greatly appreciated, they can not all be displayed. We preserve what we can, and hold sales to allow others to add these treasures to their personal collections. The proceeds are used to acquire specimens and fund Museum projects.

Foundation Activities

The Foundation holds the Flagg Show each January at Mesa Community College, and hosts a Symposium each March on Arizona Minerals and Localities. A sale is held at the Museum in October in conjunction with The Museum Family Day. We go on field trips to working mines such as The Red Cloud, that might not be available to individual collectors.

Membership Application

Arizona Mineral & Mining Museum Foundation
(A Memorial to A. L. Flagg)

For \$25 you can be a member and will be entitled to:

- ⇒ A one year subscription to the Foundation newsletter.
- ⇒ Free Admission to the Museum
- ⇒ A 10% discount at the Museum store for the year.
- ⇒ Invitation and a discount for special Foundation events, including the Annual Symposium.
- ⇒ Admission to Members-Only Pre-Sale Showings.
- ⇒ Invitation to Field Trips.
- ⇒ A Foundation membership card.

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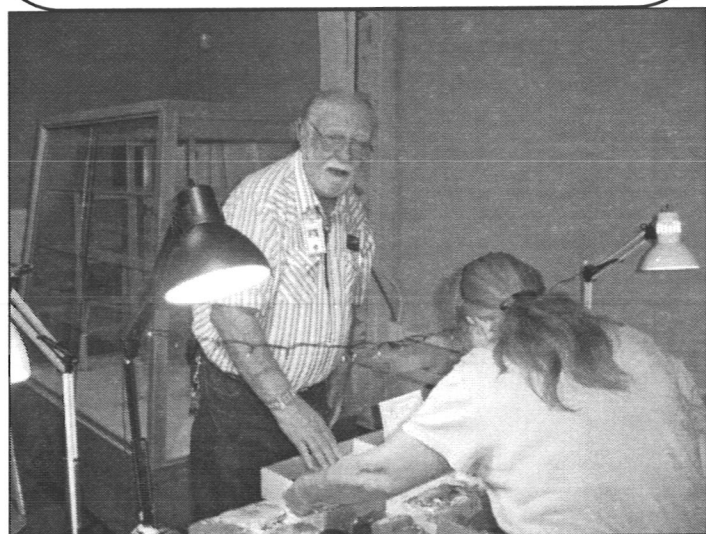
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Upcoming Events

Collection Committee Fourth Tuesday of Each Month Tuesday Sept. 22	Arizona Mining and Mineral Museum 1502 W. Washington St. 7:00 p.m.
Foundation Regular Meeting Thurs., Sept. 24, 2009 7:00 p.m.	Arizona Mining and Mineral Museum 1502 W. Washington St.
Museum Clean Up Day Saturday Sept. 26 Lunch will be Served!	Arizona Mining and Mineral Museum 1502 W. Washington St.
Family Day of Fun Saturday Oct. 17 Dealers Contact Darrel Dodd 480-575-5214	Arizona Mining and Mineral Museum 1502 W. Washington St. 7:00 p.m.
Foundation Regular Meeting and Donation Day (See Page 3) Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009 11:00 a.m.	Arizona Mining and Mineral Museum 1502 W. Washington St. Donation Day Lunch will be served!
Flagg Gem and Mineral Show Fri., Sat. & Sun., Jan. 8, 9, & 10, 2010.	Mesa Community College
18th Minerals of Arizona Symposium – Sat., March 20, 2010	Arizona Mining and Mineral Museum 1502 W. Washington St.



Doug Duffy lending a hand for an exhibitor at the 2008 museum family day.

Chairman's Letter

By Ray Grant

After the very hot summer, we are ready to start up our Foundation activities again. Check the upcoming events to see what is happening.

Our next regular meeting will be on Thursday September 24. One of the main orders of business is to go over the Family Day sale. Family Day will be on Saturday October 17 and we need some members to help with the sale.

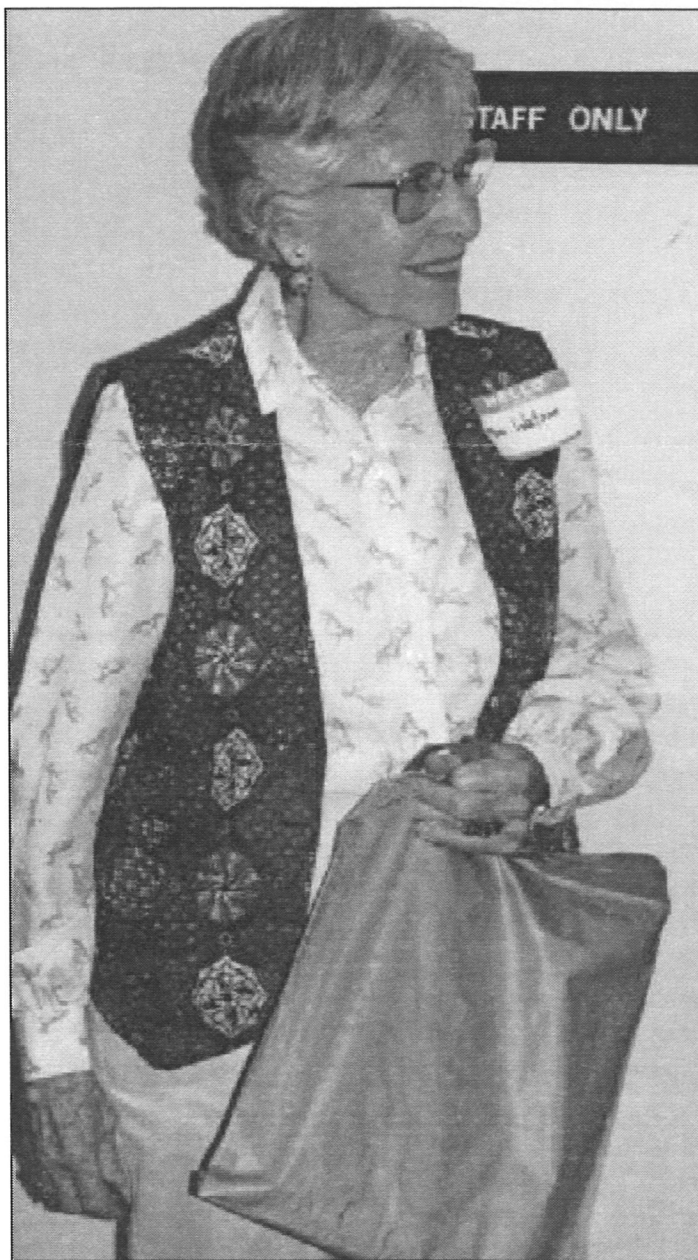
We are having two donation days this year so that the collection committee can work on the material. The first is Saturday October 3 so we can get any donations ready for Family day. The second is Saturday December 5 and we will use these donations for the Flagg Show. Please look through your garage and see if there are some extra specimens that you can donate. We will have our second regular meeting at the donation day on December 5, a way to get (I hope) a bunch of people at the Museum and perhaps they will bring donations with them. This is an important meeting, as we need to plan all the activities for the Flagg Show. We will see about some lunch for attendees.

We have no field trips scheduled right now. The absolute hardest job in this organization is trying to organize field trips. Chuck Kominski has worked very hard and it is a frustrating job. You call and write, over and over, and maybe never get an answer or you get "we will see" as an answer. It is almost impossible to arrange a field trip. If anyone out there has any ideas for field trips please give Chuck a call or send him an e-mail.

We are trying a whole new approach to dealer spaces at the Flagg Show this year. We have reserved spaces based on the order in which dealers send in their registration. This will be more work for the Foundation but will eliminate the mad rush of the past to get a space and dealers showing up earlier and earlier in the week. We will mark off the parking lot on Wednesday January 6 for dealers to set up on the 7th. We will need your help to mark off spaces and to direct dealers to their spaces. We need people January 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 and there are never too many volunteers so try to schedule some time on those days to help. Thank you in advance for your donation and for helping at Family day and the Flagg Show.

Museum Clean-up Day

The semiannual Museum Cleanup Day will be Saturday September 26. Many volunteers are needed to help with projects at the Museum. The day will start at 8 AM and go to 4 PM. One of the projects is to clean up the balcony for Family Day which the Foundation cosponsors, and we need the space for our dealers. Please come and help for part of the day or the whole day. For more information, contact Bill Yedowitz, 602 478 9014



Marc Watson at the Symposium in 1999.

2009 May Regular Meeting Minutes (Draft)

Arizona Mineral and Mining Museum Foundation
May 21, 2009

Attendees: Shirley Coté, Steve Decker, Darrel Dodd, Doug Duffy, Cynthia & Ray Grant, Genie & Jack Howell, Harvey Jong, Phil Richardson, Dana Slaugher, Mike Williams, Bill Yedowitz, Hilde Zehm

The meeting was called to order by Ray Grant.

A. Secretary's Report

Ray mentioned that the March meeting minutes were published in the Newsletter and asked for corrections. No changes were suggested. Doug Duffy moved to accept the draft minutes. Phil Richardson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

B. Treasurer's Report (Darrel Dodd)

Darrel reported that the current checking account balance is around \$7000 after paying for the Museum Volunteer Recognition dinner. He asked for any new bills.

C. Committee Reports**1. Collection Committee (Bill Yedowitz)**

Bill reminded members that mineral sales represent the Foundation's main source of funds for helping support the Museum. He asked for mineral donations since both the trailer and Flagg Gallery cabinets are running very low. He described the difficulty of finding suitable minerals for the silent auctions held at the recent Minerals of Arizona symposium. There were fewer specimens and one less auction, but the proceeds exceeded those of last year due to higher starting bids and the sales of back issues of the Mineralogical Record.

Bill reported that the Foundation purchased a flat minerals at a recent sale held by Tom Hale and Mark Hay. In addition, another flat was purchased and donated by Paul Harter. He thanked Paul for his donation and encouraged members to follow Paul's example of generosity.

Bill mentioned that he spent a week at the Museum

checking that each Foundation specimen has a number and a matching label. He updated the specimen inventory database and moved numbers that were attached to the crystal faces of some specimens. He indicated that he grouped together some Morenci minerals and located some additional pieces from Morenci. The next committee meeting will review these specimens and determined if they should be displayed.

a. Next meeting Tuesday, May 26th at the Museum, 6:45pm

2. Website: www.azminfun.com also www.flaggshow.info (Harvey Jong)

Harvey indicated that he needs the latest Flagg Show information (show flyer and dealer contract) to update the website.

3. Newsletter (Steve Decker)

Steve thanked members for their contributions and indicated that he needs funds for the next edition.

There was some discussion on e-mail delivery of the Newsletter vs. mailing a printed copy. A number of members have expressed a preference towards receiving an e-mail version to help reduce cost and the use of paper. Ray pointed out that membership dues just cover the cost of printing and mailing the Newsletter. This issue will be reviewed in the future along with the Foundation's finances.

4. Field Trips (Chuck Kominski)

Chuck wasn't able to attend the meeting, so there was no update on field trips.

5. Flagg Show - 2010 (January 8, 9, 10)

a. Need help with publicity

Ray pointed out that new dealer rules/regulations are described in the revised contract. He commented that with these changes the upcoming show should be an adventure and suggested renting the parking lot on Wednesday to prepare dealer spaces. The cost would be about \$200 extra. Harvey presented some prototype dealer tag designs that he and Lavone Archer

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have been working on. The tags will be used to help identify dealers who have already prepaid show fees and the areas where they should set up.

Dana Slaughter mentioned that he submitted show announcements to Rock and Gem and Jewelry Artist (formerly Lapidary Journal) magazines.

D. Old Business

1. Peralta Stone loan (ceremony June 25 at 10 AM)

Ray announced that the Peralta Stones and their stands are now residing at the Superstition Mountain Lost Dutchman Museum. The signed loan agreement is on file in the Flagg Gallery cabinet. An unveiling ceremony has been scheduled on Thursday, June 25th, and all Foundation members are invited to attend.

2. Case and plans for collectors to exhibit

Phil presented a proposal for a Collector's Corner exhibit for the Museum. He described the exhibit as an opportunity for prominent local collectors to display their mineral specimens for a period of six months to one year. Each new display will be preceded by a post card mailer that announces a reception held in honor of the collector.

Phil recommended purchasing a Pulaski curio cabinet and adding some halogen lights. The overall cost for the cabinet along with arrangements for an initial reception is \$2070. There was some discussion about the cabinet design, halogen light alternatives, and time frame and candidates for the exhibit.

Steve moved to approve the purchase of a cabinet and associated reception expenses predicated on inputs from Jan Rasmussen. Bill seconded the motion. The motion passed.

3. Any other old business

CAP Volunteer Award

Darrel announced that Steve recently received a CAP volunteer award. Steve donated the award check to the Museum.

Directors/Officers Insurance and Income Tax Filing

Ray mentioned that the Foundation purchased a Board insurance policy. The cost was \$863. He also described a recent tax change where non-profit organizations are required to file an income tax form. The Foundation was delinquent in filing a return for the past year; however, there was a grace period without penalties. Ray submitted a late filing, and the Foundation is now up-to-date on taxes.

E. New Business

1. Book Account

Ray announced that he and Marcus Origlieri are looking into revising the Mineralogy of Arizona. Marcus wants to set up a way of accepting donations for printing the book through a non-profit organization and asked if the Foundation would be willing to accept these funds. A separate account would be established; however, the Foundation would not be obligated to publish the book if there are insufficient funds or other obstacles. There was some discussion about how the funds would be managed, the handling of book sale profits, and the Foundation's involvement.

2. Letter for the Curator

Ray indicated that he received a request that the Foundation provide a letter of support for Jan Rasmussen and her efforts in improving the Museum. Phil moved that the Board write a letter of support for the curator. Bill seconded the motion. The motion passed.

3. Donation Day - Saturday December 5, 2009

Ray suggested holding another Donation Day at the Museum on Dec. 5th. Bill asked if the event could be scheduled earlier to provide more time to sort and price the donated materials. After some discussion, a decision was made to hold two donation days - one on Saturday, Oct 1st and another on Saturday, December 5th.

4. Other New Business

Shirley Coté pointed out that the Mine To You dio-

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rama has been approved and that a contract has been awarded. The construction of this exhibit will limit the availability of space upstairs for Family Day.

With no further business to discuss, Ray asked for a motion to adjourn. Jack Howell moved to adjourn the meeting. Bill seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Next Foundation meeting - September (date to be announced)

Respectfully submitted,
Harvey Jong, Secretary



The Superstition Mountain Lost Dutchman Museum includes a number of outdoor exhibits such as the twenty stamp mill Darrel is admiring.

Family Day of Fun

The Fall Family Day will be held at the Museum (15th Avenue and Washington) on Saturday October 17th. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Family Day is co-sponsored by the Foundation. We will have our sale table and there is limited space for dealers. Contact Darrel Dodd at 480-575-5214 if you are interested in being a dealer. The Museum will have lots of kids activities and demonstrations. Admission is free, so bring your children, grandchildren, or friends.



Kids' crafts were a big part of Family Day 2008!

Donation Days

The Foundations main source of funds is our sales and silent auction at the Flag Show, Fall Family Day and the Minerals of Arizona Symposium.

Our dues cover our newsletter and some activities. We have priced the Symposium to keep it affordable so we just break even. Therefore, we always need specimens for our future sales.

To help people with making a donation of specimens, we held our first donation day last year. For a beginning it was successful, and so we are going to have two donation days this Fall at the Museum.

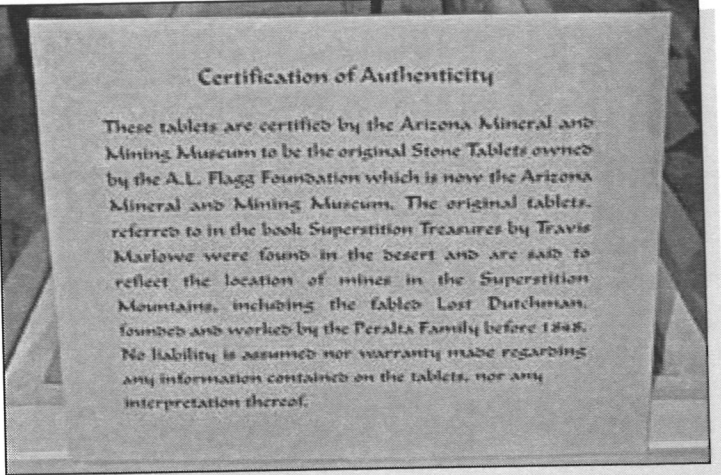
One will be on Saturday, October 3 from 11 AM to 4 PM. We hope to use some of these donations for our Family Day sale.

The second donation day will be Saturday December 5 from 11 AM to 4 PM and we will use this material for the Flag Show. We will write a tax letter on the spot for the donations.

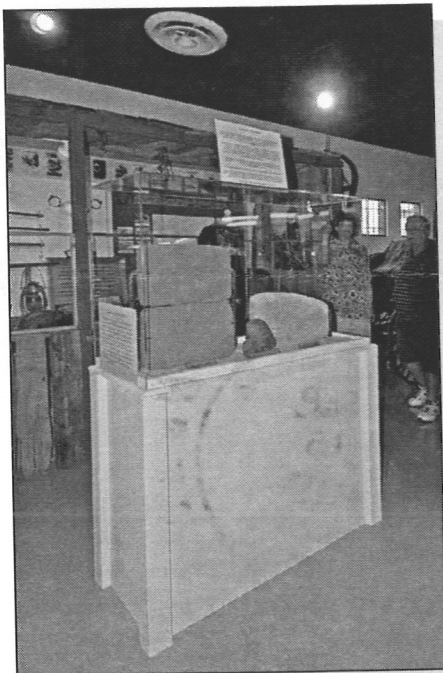
Peralta Stones Ceremony by Harvey Jong

An unveiling ceremony of the Peralta Stone Maps was held on Thursday, June 25th at the Superstition Mountain Lost Dutchman Museum. The event marked the culmination of several months of negotiations between the Foundation and the museum regarding a two-year loan agreement of the maps. The celebration was open to the public and featured free admission and lunch.

The President of the Superstition Mountain Historical Society, Rene Lesieutre, along with several board members and volunteers were in attendance. The Foundation was represented by Darrel Dodd and myself. Here are a few highlights:



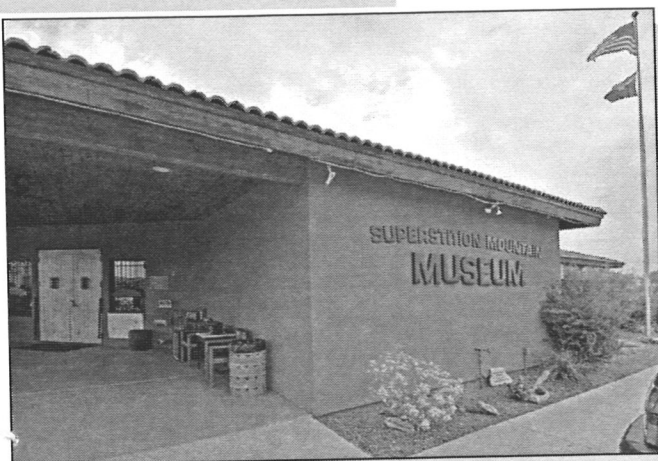
The exhibit includes a Certification of Authenticity. (Note that "Foundation" was omitted after Arizona Mineral and Mining Museum)



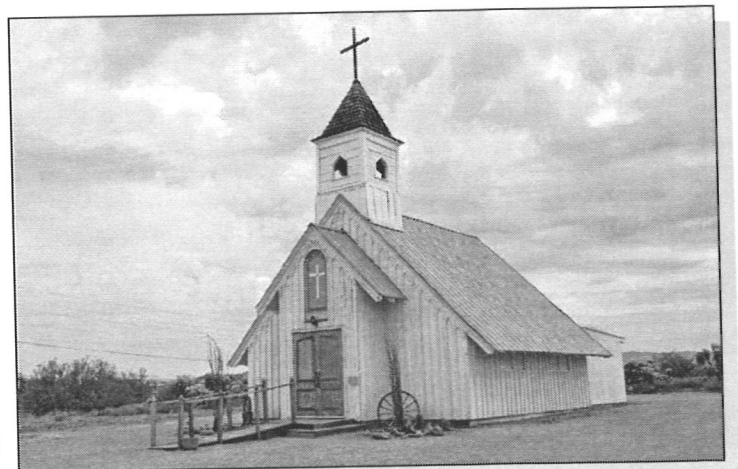
An iron stand was specially constructed to hold the artifacts in The new Peralta Stones exhibit at the SSMLD Museum.



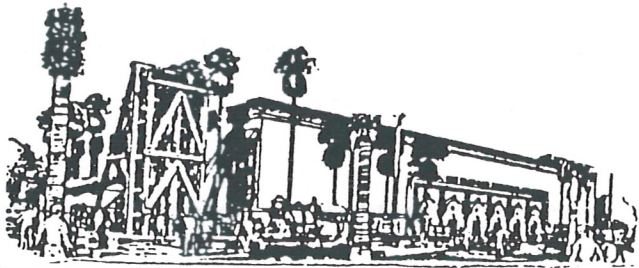
Darrel Dodd and I by the Peralta Stones exhibit.



The entrance to the Superstition Mountain Lost Dutchman Museum.



The Elvis Presley Memorial Chapel



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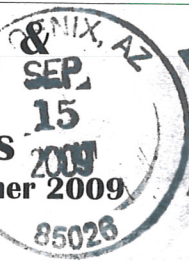
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