



NEWSLETTER

of the INDIANA CHAPTER, FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY, INC.

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Our Next Chapter Meeting:

Saturday, September 12, 1987
4:00 pm
at the 11th Annual Rock Show & Swap
Hancock County Fairgrounds
Greenfield, Indiana

Program: To be announced by postcard in August

- Agenda:
1. Liability insurance
 2. Field Trips for the fall
 3. Proposals for a State Mineral, a traveling chapter mineral display, and a State Museum loan exhibit
 4. Ideas for 1988 projects

This show is sponsored by the 500 Earth Sciences Rock Club of Indianapolis, and this year is under the direction of Wendell Spitler (who is also a member of Friends of Mineralogy). We extend thanks to him for inviting us to meet at the show!

A State Mineral for Indiana?

If you could name a mineral to be the official mineral of the State of Indiana, which would it be?

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| - Millerite | - Fluorite |
| - Calcite | - Barite |
| - Marcasite | - Other |

At our June executive board meeting, the proposal was made for our chapter to recommend the legislature adopt a state mineral. What do you think? It could be great publicity for mineralogy and for our chapter. Let us know!

Special Note:

The plans for a chapter trip to Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula were dropped for two reasons- first, not enough members could go at the same time, and second, the club which sponsors the Copper Country show decided to take a break and not have a big show this year. There will not be a show there this year, in case you were planning on going anyways.

: Welcome to our new members! :
: Details on the Minutes page. :

Purposes of the Indiana Chapter:

1. To promote interest in and knowledge of mineralogy.
2. To advance mineralogical education.
3. To protect and preserve mineral specimens and promote conservation of mineral localities.
4. To further cooperation between amateur and professional and encourage collection of minerals for educational value.
5. To support publications about mineralogy and about the programs of kindred organizations.

Upcoming Chapter Meetings:

September: September 12, 4:00 pm, at the Greenfield, Indiana Swap Program will be announced in August.

September/October: Field Trips to Anderson, Ind. and Cave Stone Quarry, near Hope, Indiana. Dates to be determined.

November: Annual Meeting - Sunday, November 8 1:00 pm
at the Indiana State Museum, 202 N. Alabama St., Indianapolis
Agenda: Election of officers for 1988, setting of 1988 dues.
Program: Indiana Minerals

Prechtite?

Those members who attended the June meeting in Bedford were treated to some interesting and enjoyable stories from Harris Precht, Dave Rush, and Vernon Swanson. Among the revelations that day was a new mineral (?) from Harris. For those wanting a more detailed description of his new find, we provide the following information. We urge our members not to add this to their Glossary of Mineral Species:

Prechtite

Formula: WD_4O
 $WD*4OH_2O$ (after our meeting was rained on)
Chemical group: Lubricates
(placed between the metals)

Description: terminated columnar crystal exhibiting pseudo-cylindrical habit, elongated on the c-axis with apparent liquid inclusion. Only known specimen found in matrix of lime, sand, gravel and water.

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS:

1. We have been looking into liability insurance for the chapter. One quote received so far was for about \$5.00/member. The executive committee has decided to continue the search for a better rate.
2. The IRS has responded to our application for federal tax-exempt status as a 501(c)(3) organization, with a notice that they should have a decision within 100 days.
3. In the meantime, we did receive our Federal Employer Identification number, which was a prerequisite for 501(c)(3) status.

Chapter Mineral Display...

Shirley Allen has offered to head a committee to organize a display of Indiana minerals which could be exhibited at various shows. She suggests members could loan good quality specimens for this display. This will be discussed at the September meeting.

Results of the Meshberger Field Trip

On June 6 the Indiana Friends of Mineralogy conducted their second field trip, arriving at the Meshberger Quarry near Elizabethtown, in Bartholomew County, Indiana. Vice-President and Field Trip chairman Vern Swanson led the group of 20 members into the quarry for three and a half hours of collecting. The weather was absolutely beautiful for the expedition into this usually closed locality, and members left with a number of good finds. Among the minerals found were: calcite, of several crystal forms including some 180° twins, zoned purple fluorite cubes, and some attractive marcasites and sphalerites. George Aldred especially was successful with the sphalerites. Following the trip, the collectors met at the home of Rich and Karen Eddy in nearby Columbus, for a fun time of fellowship and food (including famous Meshburgers), and a peek at their collection. Thanks to everyone who made this a successful event.

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LAWRENCE COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS
BEDFORD, INDIANA
JUNE 13, 1987

President Richard Eddy called to order the 4th meeting of the Indiana Chapter, Friends of Mineralogy. He welcomed guests and members. He handed out information sheet, newsletters and membership applications to interested persons.

Eddy then introduced 1st vice-president Nelson Shaffer, program chairman. Shaffer introduced well known collectors and dealers who then talked of experiences they had while on collecting trips. Speaking in alphabetical order were: Harris Precht, Dave Rush, and Vern Swanson. These people have had most unusual (I think) and serious experiences on field trips. We should all use extreme caution when on field trips.

Shaffer then turned the meeting back to President Eddy, who told of his most unusual field trip in which a friendly dog led them to the mine dumps they were looking for. Man's best friend?

The meeting was resumed with everyone introducing themselves.

The minutes were approved by motion of Terry Huizing, with a second by Ron Neawedde. Motion carried.

Insurance: No information received from original inquiry.

Field trips: The official trip to Upper Michigan is off. No other trips are planned until this fall. The trip to Cavestone quarry will be held. The trip to I. M. F. Products is on hold as not much mineralization shows there now.

A suggestion that some meetings be held in northern Indiana was made so that it would be more equal travel-wise as the membership is state wide and also adjoining states.

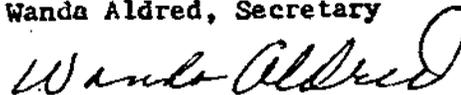
Vern Swanson made a motion that we hold a meeting with speaker at the 1988 show in Cincinnati, Ohio. Motion seconded by Paul Wiley, Motion carried. The date and time will be April 23, 1988 at 4:00 p.m.

Membership now stands at 33.

The next meeting will be held at the Greenfield Show, Sept. 12, 1987.

Meeting adjourned.

Wanda Aldred, Secretary



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