



NEWSLETTER

of the INDIANA CHAPTER, FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY, INC.

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Calling all Members and Friends....

OUR FIRST ANNUAL MEETING!

Sunday, November 8, 1987

1:00 pm

at the Indiana State Museum
202 N. Alabama St.
Indianapolis, IN

(downtown, one block NW of Market Square Arena)

This will be a special meeting that we hope everyone can make!!

- * Election of Officers for 1988
- * Setting of Dues for 1988
- * Annual Report on our 1st Year
- * Selection of a State Mineral for Indiana
- * Discussion of Plans for Next Year

Also: * **REFRESHMENTS**

*Program: TOUR OF THE STATE MUSEUM'S
MINERAL COLLECTION
led by the curators,
Vern Swanson and Ron Richards

(Final Note: For those of you who can't get enough geology in just one program, the Indiana Society for Paleontology will meet in an adjoining room around 2:00.)

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.

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FIELD TRIPS!

Our Field Trip Chairman, Vern Swanson, has led two field trips into Indiana quarries since our last newsletter. The first was on September 5 to the Irving Materials, Inc. (IMI) quarry near Anderson, Indiana. The second was held on October 17 at the Cave Stone Quarry near Norristown, Indiana. Both days saw good collecting success. Vern reports that a good-size group of prospective members came to the Cave Stone trip, consisting of geology students from Purdue. We hope to see them again, as fellow members of our chapter!

A Letter from Member Don Schuder:

Don writes from Calumet, Michigan to say hi, and to recommend some further reading about geodes and Lake Superior agates. He suggested we locate an article by Dr. Bill Davis, retired Eli Lilly chemist, who wrote a paper for the Indiana Academy of Science about 8 - 10 years ago, about geode formation. We will try to locate the article. Also, he found a new book, The Lake Superior Agate, by Scott F. Walter. It has many colorful illustrations on its 103 pages. If you would like ordering information, check with Don, or with Rich Eddy.

Indiana State Mineral:

At the September chapter meeting at Greenfield, the members discussed various suggestions for a state mineral. (See Wanda Aldred's minutes) Suggested were Calcite, Millerite, and Dolomite, as well as unusual occurrences such as epitaxial Marcasite on Pyrite, Smythite, or fibrous Fluorite. As directed by those present, Wanda Aldred and Rich Eddy did discuss the ideas further, and concluded that the general consensus was toward CALCITE as the choice. They are recommending that for a vote at the Annual Meeting. Members may bring other suggestions at that time. We are going to try to coordinate our proposal with the Indiana Society for Paleontology, who are trying to get a state fossil at this time, as well. Margaret Kahrs, who is a member of both our groups, is working on this with Ron Richards.

Illinois Field Trips:

Attached is a page describing the new field trips to be conducted by the Illinois State Geological Survey. This is for your individual use, should you be interested.

Organizational News:

1. At the September chapter meeting, we accepted the proposed change in the Articles of Incorporation.
2. We have received the amended Articles from the State of Indiana, and have refiled for exemption with the IRS. We are waiting for that decision.
3. Checking with national Friends of Min., we found there is no national insurance policy. We have received a new bid for liability coverage: \$150. for \$100,000 coverage for 40 members. To be cont...
4. Speaking of 40 members, thanks to all 40 of you who have joined in support of the purposes of Friends of Mineralogy! The latest roster is attached.
5. Anyone interested in serving as an officer in 1988 should be sure to get their name in to the Annual Meeting. The positions to be voted upon are President, 1st Vice-President (Programs), 2nd Vice-President (Field Trips), Secretary-Treasurer, and Liaison Officer with FM.

Special Thanks to...

1. *Wendell Spitler* for arranging our meeting at the 500 Earth Sciences' Greenfield Show and Swap.
2. *Nelson Shaffer* for his informative slide show & talk about Techniques of Mineral Investigation.

INDIANA CHAPTER, FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY, INC.
HANCOCK COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS
GREENFIELD, INDIANA

SEPT. 12, 1987

4:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Rich Eddy. He welcomed members and guests. He then explained club meeting and fieldtrip procedures. He introduced program chair Nelson Shaffer who then gave a program on Mineral Investigations. He started with slides on the first types of mineral identification, then on thru the years, and to date to the latest machine used to identify and study minerals: a neutron spectrometer.

Following the program, President Rich gave a membership report of 3 new members. Total membership is now 39.

The treasurers report was given with a balance of \$288.72. There was a general discussion of 1988 dues. What date should be a cutoff of full dues for 1987? When should dues be applied to the following year? Concensus was that due to parent organization dues collected along with Club dues that full dues be paid and if interested persons come to the last meeting of the year, they come as a guest and then pay dues Jan 1. Amount of 1988 dues will be set at November Annual Meeting. This action will need a by-law change if dues are changed. Any member can make a proposal to be published in the newsletter, and to be voted on at the next meeting.

A change in The Articles of Incorporation is required by the IRS. George Aldred moved, with a second from Paul Wiley to add the required wording as purpose No. 8 to Article II of the Articles of Incorporation. This action requires a re-filing fee of \$26.00.

Fieldtrip Chairman Vern Swanson reported on the latest trip to IMI Quarry, Anderson, IN., Sept 5. It was a good trip with several nice calcite xls found. This was the 3rd. trip this year. The 4th. will be Oct 17, to CaveStone. Vern handed out information sheets with maps to this quarry. Most quarries stop working weekends in the fall so this may be the last trip of 1987. Vern then asked for ideas for trips in 1988. Anyone who knows of a good quarry and would be willing to lead a trip, please contact Vern. The problem of numbers was also discussed. Most quarries request 10-20 members at a time. We may have to rotate attendance on trips from year to year. Three day weekend trips to upper Michigan

or other places was discussed. No definite plans were made at this time.

Liability Insurance was discussed. One quote has been received at \$5.00 per member per year. No other company is known to provide liability insurance at this time. We will continue to inquire into insurance held by Midwest Federation, Eastern Federation and Friends of Mineralogy, to possibly be attached as a rider to their policy. Or purchase same insurance.

Showcase: Shirley Allen reported that she and two or three other people from her area would be willing to request quality specimens, and after receiving letters from Chapter Members listing what they have and are willing to loan, this committee would review and select different Indiana minerals for the case. Specimens should be fist sized. The decision was to ask show sponsors to use one of their cases at this time.

STATE MINERAL: If this is hurried up to catch up with work already completed by the fossil group, it could be presented together. Minerals mentioned as possible state minerals were fibrous barite - rare; millerite; geode - but that is not one mineral; and twin calcite by Vern Swanson. Vern moved that Rich Eddy and Wanda Aldred evaluate mineral proposals and make a recommendation of three minerals to be voted on at Nov. meeting. Later candidates were marcasite and dolomite. Send us your proposals.

Vic Herm moved to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting Nov. 18, 1987, at the Indiana State Museum. There will be an election of officers at this meeting. Program will be viewing the ISM Mineral Collection.

Wanda Aldred. Secretary

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