

Friends of Mineralogy



Midwest Chapter Newsletter for September - October 2016

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Honey Calcite Cluster

Marblehead Quarry

Marblehead, Ohio

4.0" x 2.0" Tom Bolka photo

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President's Message

Dear Friends,

The recent collecting trip to South Rockwood (MI) reminded me of the old saying, "Only mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the heat of the mid-day." Maybe that is the origin of "rock hounds." The quarry geologist suggested that we leave a half-hour early, and I didn't hear any complaints. It was the hottest collecting day I can remember in the decade I have been collecting here in the Midwest. Reggie has been having a difficult time getting commitments for collecting trips. However, with the weather being as it has been, it may be a blessing in disguise.

There isn't a lot to report this month. I have not heard back from the superintendent of the Hanson Harding Street quarry in Indianapolis. I wrote to the president of the Lehigh-Hanson Corporation to see if I could appeal to their sense of community outreach and arrange special privileges for FM. I have not heard back from him either. It seems that there has been a decline in professional courtesy over the last few decades.

I have been spending a lot of time dealing with issues primarily related to National. I will be going to Denver in September to host a general membership meeting. I intend to focus on discussing how FM might change to make it more relevant to the mineral collecting world of today. I look forward to seeing any of you who can make it. The meeting will be on Saturday, September 17th, at 11:00 at the Denver Mart Expo Hall, Room G39-41.

Randy Marsh has agreed to take over responsibility for making the Midwest Minerals showcase happen in Tucson next February, and relieving me of the major responsibility. Jeff Spencer and I will be helping him out, as well. We got together recently to discuss what the rules would be for displaying specimens. We are still looking for people to volunteer to loan a specimen for display. This is your opportunity for ten minutes of fame! Don't miss out on it. It may be the last time in your lifetime that the Tucson show will highlight Midwest minerals. See the information below in the newsletter about the rules for displaying.

Randy and I were working on a trip to Missouri this month. However, when I called a contact who owns a closed barite mine, he warned me that it has been really hot and humid with a lot of rain. That has led to the vegetation being even more lush than usual, and lots of ticks. He advised coming out in the winter. We decided that it was wise to accept his advice.

Lastly, I have been in the position of president of the Midwest chapter for almost four years. Between the responsibilities for the chapter, and now for the last four months president of National, it has left me little free time for things I would rather be doing. Therefore, I am not willing to serve as president of the Midwest chapter for another year. Besides, it is about time for some fresh ideas on running the organization. The annual elections are coming up in a couple of months and I would encourage you to think about whom to nominate to replace me. The other officers appear content to continue in their current positions.

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Midwest Chapter

From the office of the President

Clyde Spencer

Treasurers Report

8/15/16

As of the last report, our treasury balance stood at \$4,172.89. Since that time, 2 new member sign-ups added \$40.00. A payment was made to Friends of Mineralogy - National of \$12.00 for national dues for 3 members. That brings our current balance to \$4,200.89

All of our recurring annual expenses and our National dues have been paid. Our roster currently stands at 113 members.

Jeff Spencer – Treasurer



Some FM's enjoying the water at a recent Huron River Trip



SOUTH ROCKWOOD SIZZLES IN THE SUN

This has been quite a summer. On July 16th, the Man upstairs turned on the after burners and then turned them off with a drenching rain on August 14th. On this day, central Ohio had a high of 77 degrees, the first time a daily high was in the 70s since July 4th! Our trip to South Rockwood was right smack in that time window. It was 93 degrees in the quarry, so who knows what the heat index was with the heat bouncing off the quarry walls. I did notice that our collectors did drag themselves around the quarry in zombie-like fashion in kiln-like conditions. I would like to thank our host Bill Begley for his 'warm' hospitality, but that is a bit too much. Let's just thank Bill for being a great host and one of our most cordial, friendly and educative chaperones (he's a geologist you know).

Oh yeah! I almost forgot, the minerals. Well not really, how could we forget them, our little crystalline buddies? I could have gotten more photos, but I spent a good amount of time taking shelter in the shadow of our vehicles. It was the only shade available.

Jay Medici (Fredericktown, OH) came up with a beautiful celestine crystal perched in matrix, Frank Konieczki (Belleville, MI) found a boulder with a nice celestine pocket, and Mike Royal (Defiance, OH) loaded the bed of his truck with an array of honey-colored calcite and white celestine.

I am always looking to add more photos on field trip days, so give me a shout on the field trips, and I'll take pictures of the favorite specimens you have found. Not only does this make for a more vivid newsletter, but it also let's us get to know more of our members.

Speaking of field trips, we have had some members hard at work finding new sites for FM to visit. If you know of any accessible quarries where we have not been or can act as a conduit to get us into a site, go for it. You will be credited with your work.

Reggie Rose



The FM Field trip crew being briefed by our quarry Host



A celestine specimen collected by the editor

Quarry Travel / Event Guide

Month	Event Details	Field Trip or Other Details
SEPTEMBER	TITLE: 39 th Annual Greater Indianapolis Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show DATE/TIME: Sep 9 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM, Sep 10 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM, Sep 11 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM LOCATION: Hancock County 4-H Fairgrounds, Greenfield, Indiana HOST/COORDINATOR: Cheryl Hamilton (clhamilton1951@gmail.com)	
	TITLE: Colorado Mineral and Fossil Show (Fall) DATE/TIME: September 11-18 MEETING INFO: Saturday, September 17, 11:00 AM, Denver Mart Expo Hall, Room G39-41	FM National General Membership Meeting during Show
	TITLE: Field Trip TBD DATE/TIME: September 24 LOCATION: TBD	
	TITLE: 18 th Annual Fall Indianapolis Bead, Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show DATE/TIME: September 30 – October 2 LOCATION: Indiana State Fairgrounds, Agriculture/Horticulture Bldg, Indianapolis, IN HOST/COORDINATOR: Van Wimmer (van@totesshows.com)	

OCTOBER	TITLE: Dolomite Group/Walworth Fieldtrip DATE/TIME: Oct 8 6:45 AM - 2:00 PM; Oct 9 6:45 AM - Noon LOCATION: Walworth, NY	Open House Field Trip (Multiple Clubs Participating)
	TITLE: 72 nd Annual Detroit Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show DATE/TIME: Oct 14-16 LOCATION: South Macomb Community College Expo Center, Warren, MI HOST/COORDINATOR: Bob Nowakowski (rjn@rjnenv.com)	
	TITLE: Tentative - Genoa (Graymont Dolime) Fieldtrip – This date has not been confirmed. DATE/TIME: Oct 15, 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM LOCATION: Genoa, OH	
NOVEMBER	TITLE: Micro-mineral Symposium DATE/TIME: November 4-6 LOCATION: Cleveland Museum of Natural History, Cleveland, OH HOST/COORDINATOR: David Saja (dsaja@cmnh.org) ACTIVITY: General membership meeting and elections on Saturday Nov 5 at 3:30 PM	This is our November Chapter meeting with Elections
	TITLE: OAIMA Trade Show DATE/TIME: November 17-18 LOCATION: Hilton Columbus Hotel, Easton Town Center, Columbus, OH HOST/COORDINATOR: Pat Jacomet (patj@oaima.org) ACTIVITY: Booth	Have Not Confirmed Participation Yet

Additional events being considered:

- Herkimer trip close to Walworth in October?
- Clyde is working on getting us into the Harding Street quarry in Indianapolis.

Display your finds at the 2017 Tucson Gem and Mineral Show!

The Annual Tucson Gem and Mineral Show, held in February, has a feature theme of:

“Mineral Treasures of the Midwest.”

We have arranged with the display organizers to have a display case at no cost on the show floor with the following theme:

“Minerals of the Midwest collected by Friends of Mineralogy Midwest Chapter Members”

- Exhibitor should be a 2017 registered member (next-year)
- Specimen(s) must be from a Midwest US locality
- Specimen(s) were collected by a Midwest Chapter member, the specimen does not have to be from an ‘FM’ trip.
- Transportation of specimens to/from the show location at setup/teardown time will be the responsibility of the specimen owners unless other arrangements are made.

At this time, we need to get an initial response that includes the following:

- a picture
- the dimensions of the specimen. You may include a ruler in photos.
- The locality information
- your name
- primary mineral(s) description

Please send your information or questions to Randy Marsh at:

vpprograms@fommidwest.org by 9/15/2016 if you wish to be considered for this opportunity.

For more information on the 2017 Tucson Gem and Mineral Show, go to the following web site: <http://www.tgms.org/show/>