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OUR NEXT CHAPTER MEETING:

"The General Geology of Indiana"
by John Hill
Head of Educational Services,
Indiana Geological Survey
4:00 pm
Saturday, June 11, 1988
at the Bedford, Indiana Rock Swap
4-H Fairgrounds, Bedford, Indiana
(see the attached Swap Flyer!)

This meeting will be lots of fun. John Hill has much experience in communicating about the geology of Indiana, and will be relating particularly to the mineral occurrences around the state. Added to the speaker and topic is the excitement of the Bedford Swap. We hope as many members as possible can make this enjoyable event! Thanks to FM member Margaret Kahrs for arranging and advertising our meeting at this show.

New Developments from the April Meeting.....

1. The Chapter has established a special Membership Fund, for the purpose of helping people join the Chapter by covering all or part of their dues. This is intended to help those who want to join but for whatever reason find it difficult to come up with the cash. The fund will be started with a donation expected from the Chicagoland Show for our exhibit, and other donations so designated will be added. Anyone who feels he or she could benefit from this program is asked to contact any of the officers; the officers will decide on each request. Names of recipients will not be publicized.

2. Also initiated at the April meeting was a program to pay honoraria to speakers who give programs at Chapter meetings. This is a practice common among rock and mineral organizations, and should help maintain a high quality of speaker, as well as showing our appreciation for the speakers' efforts and expenses incurred in talking to us. The amount of the honorarium will be decided by the Program Chairman (1st Vice-President) and is to range from \$15.00 to \$50.00.

From Meshbergers to Missed-burgers....You should have received a card notifying you of the cancellation of the planned field trip to Meshberger Quarry. Due to safety concerns, the quarry people changed their minds and wouldn't let us in. Thanks for trying, Vern!

Salem Field Trip Results.....

On May 7 the Chapter had a very successful outing to Hoosier Stone and Concrete Corp. in Salem, Ind. About 15 members participated, bringing home excellent calcite and celestine crystals, as well as sphalerite and marcasite. As usual, Vern Swanson arranged beautiful weather for the 6 hours of collecting.

- June 11 - Meeting at the Bedford, Indiana Rock Swap - 4:00 pm at the 4-H Fairgrounds. Speaker: John Hill.
- July 9 - Indiana Mineral and Fossil Day at the Indiana State Museum, Indianapolis. No selling. Educational displays and handouts by any interested chapter members; also the chapter will sponsor an identification table for information and recruitment of members. 9:00 am until 4:00 pm. Set up your own display or help run the chapter table. See the attached letter from Ron Richards at the State Museum.
- July 29-31 Field Trip to Michigan's Upper Peninsula.
 29th - A.E. Seaman Mineralogical Museum in Houghton, Mich. (tour)
 30th - Tour of the New Caledonia Mine
 31st - Dump collecting
- September 10 - Meeting and Program at the Greenfield, Ind. Swap 4:00 pm at the 4-H Fairgrounds in Greenfield. The speaker will be Gary Rosenberg of IUPUI, and the topic will be "The Mineralogy of Organisms" (of interest to both mineral and fossil enthusiasts). Field Trip to Anderson, Ind. in the early morning on the 10th. This is not far from Greenfield, and is a bonus for those members in the area for the show!
- September 17 - Field Trip to Pleasant Ridge, Ind.
- October 15 - Field Trip to either Norristown, Ind. (Cave Stone Quarry) or Corydon, Ind.
- November 13 - Annual Meeting at the Indiana State Museum, Indianapolis.

FIELD TRIP RULES!

Just a reminder about the rules related to field trips sponsored by the chapter: *only chapter members may participate on a field trip, with the exception of a prospective member, who may attend one field trip before joining.* Some quarries may set additional restrictions, such as total number allowed in, or adults only, etc. Also, *hardhats are required, and eye protection is highly recommended.*

NEW and RENEWING MEMBERS.... You may bring dues to any meeting or field trip, or mail directly to Secretary Wanda Aldred, RR #2 Box 175, Shoals, IN 47581. Annual dues are \$15.00 (\$7.00 for additional member in the same family) and include National and Chapter dues and liability insurance protection through the Cincinnati Insurance Co.

Chapter member Ron Thomas wrote from Minas Gerais in Brazil to say, "not much new is coming out down here, in fact very little has come out in the last six months. There is a lot of Afghan tourmaline and Nigerian aquamarine here but little Brazilian material. The foreign material is brought here because it brings a better price and finds more buyers.."

Special Thanks to Dr. Henry O.A. Meyer for his truly outstanding talk on diamond exploration and mineralogy at the April meeting. Thirty-eight people were treated to a true expert who described everything from the isotopes of minerals found included in diamonds, to the methods of recovering diamonds from various mining operations, to the hazards of piranha-infested waters in South America ("they don't bother you unless you cut yourself"). His lively and informative talk was well received!

THE LAWRENCE COUNTY ROCK CLUB WELCOMES YOU TO THE TWENTY-THIRD

BEDFORD INDIANA

ROCK SWAP

AND JUNE MEETING OF MID AMERICA PALEONTOLOGY SOCIETY (M.A.P.S.), INDIANA CHAPTER
ALSO JUNE MEETING OF FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY, INDIANA CHAPTER

AT 4-H FAIRGROUNDS, BEDFORD, INDIANA

ON U.S. HWY. 50 - 7/10 MILE WEST OF JUNCTION HWYS. 37 & 50, SOUTH OF BEDFORD

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GEMS - JEWELRY - GIFTS - LAPIDARY MATERIALS
MINERALS - FOSSILS - ARTIFACTS - ROCKS - SUPPLIES

JUNE 10-11-12, 1988

CONTINUOUS SILENT AUCTION

FRIDAY

8 a.m. - 10 a.m. Set Up
10 a.m. Swap Opens
9 p.m. Close for Day

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. Swap Opens
1:30 p.m. Door Prize Drawing
2:30 p.m. M.A.P.S. Meeting
4:00 p.m. F.M., I.C. Meeting
7:00 p.m. Live Auction
9:00 p.m. Close for Day

SUNDAY

8 a.m. Swap Opens
1 p.m. Door Prize Drawing
3 p.m. Swap closed until 1989

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ROCKHOUDS ARE URGED TO DONATE A QUALITY SPECIMEN SUITABLE FOR THEIR OWN COLLECTIONS TO THE AUCTIONS TO HELP DEFRAY EXPENSES.

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