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OUR NEXT CHAPTER MEETING: THE ANNUAL MEETING

"Minerals of Indiana"

by Terry Huizing

Member of the Indiana Chapter FM
and the Cincinnati Mineral Society

Sunday, November 13, 1988

12:30 pm

at the Indiana State Museum

202 N. Alabama St.

Indianapolis, IN

(Downtown, one block NW of Market Square Arena)

Our Indiana Chapter is approaching its 2nd Birthday; time to get together again for an exciting program and some important business. We will meet in the larger meeting room at the museum, and will be followed by the meeting of the Indiana Society for Paleontology. See you there!

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

- * "Minerals of Indiana" slide talk by Terry Huizing. Terry is both an excellent mineral photographer and a knowledgeable and interesting speaker. He is a charter member of our Chapter, and is our liaison with national Friends of Mineralogy. His wife, Marie, is the editor of *Rocks & Minerals* magazine.
- * Update on Chapter activities and ideas for 1989: Field trips, programs, projects.
- * Election of officers for 1989: President, 1st Vice-President (Programs), 2nd Vice-President (Field Trips), Secretary-Treasurer, and Liason with FM. *Call nominations to Rich Eddy (812) 372-2745 or bring to the meeting.*
- * Setting of membership dues for 1989, and acceptance of membership applications and renewals.
- * Refreshments.

November 15 - Annual Meeting at the Indiana State Museum, Indianapolis. Program: Terry Huizing will speak on "Minerals of Indiana".

May 20, 1989 - Meeting at Cincinnati Show. The speaker has already been arranged: Dr. Ernest Carlson of the Ohio Geological Survey. His topic for us will be that of a new book he has written: "Minerals of Ohio".

Field Trip Reports:

Since our last newsletter there have been 3 field trips sponsored by the Chapter and arranged by Vern Swanson (as usual, Vern arranged perfect weather for each trip):

1. September 11: Anderson IMI Quarry. This was held in conjunction with the Greenfield Show on Sunday morning; in addition to our members there was a group from the Cincinnati Mineral Society present- some 15 or 16 altogether. Finds included iridescent, clear and amber calcites in the upper level, and some fossil cephalopods and trilobites in the lower level.

2. September 17: Pleasant Ridge. About a dozen members collected in this quarry near Rensselaer, Indiana. The group was "Pleasant"-ly surprised by some very nice finds of marcasite and pyrite, as well as some calcite crystals. The editor got to see Rick Crosslin's pickings, and was impressed with what was found that day.

3. October 15: Cave Stone Quarry, Norristown, IN. Again, about a dozen FM members participated in this collecting trip on Saturday morning. Some of the finds included nice pyrite "eggs", really sharp, clear calcite scalenohedra with rhomb modifications, honey-colored fluorite cubes, and marcasite. One very interesting find was a 2-foot long fossil channel lined with amber-colored calcite crystals.

"Cave Minerals"

Author and geologist Dick Powell spoke to a group of about 30 at the September meeting at Greenfield. He had beautiful slides of some of the formations found in Indiana caves, and told about how caves form, what minerals make up the formations, and how damage is done by people. He showed one shallow puddle that forms a crust of minerals even after people walk through it time and again. He had other slides of formations that are now destroyed. Good talk!

President's Message.....

As our second year comes to a close, I'd like to express my deep gratitude to everyone who made 1988 a successful year. We reached 39 members plus 3 new ones ready to begin 1989. We had a mineral exhibit of members' specimens in several shows, held 5 field trips, 5 meetings (plus 1 to go) with very interesting programs, and helped with Ind. State Museum's Mineral & Fossil Day. We began work also on a state mineral. Thanks again!

- Rich Eddy

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. *If you or someone you know would like assistance with paying the membership fee, please contact any officer; a special fund has been set up to do this.*

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HANCOCK COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS
GREENFIELD, IN
SEPT. 10, 1988

The meeting was opened by President Rich Eddy. He welcomed everyone to the program and meeting to follow. Rich introduced Program Vice-President Nelson Shaffer who introduced Richard (Dick) Powell.

Powell showed slides of caves, cave mineral formations, some showing how they were twenty years ago and how they are now. Some destruction has been deliberate destruction and some from sheer numbers of people going thru the caves.

Powell authored Caves of Indiana, printed in 1961, while he was on the staff of the State Geological Survey. He is now an independent consultant.

First order of business was the Treasurers Report which showed a balance of \$229.71. Vern Swanson moved that the treasurers report be accepted. Nelson Shaffer seconded the motion. Motion carried. Bills presented were for Newsletter postage of \$10.25.

Nelson Shaffer, Program Vice-President, announced that Terry Huising would show his Slides of Indiana Minerals at the November Annual Meeting.

Earnest Carlson will be the speaker at the 1989 Cincinnati Show for the Friends of Mineralogy Meeting. He will discuss Minerals of Ohio.

Evansville, Indiana will be hosting the 1990 Midwest Federation Show. Friends of Mineralogy, Indiana Chapter, should be thinking of helping, exhibiting, and attending this meeting.

Vern Swanson, Field Trip Vice-President, announced a trip to Irving Materials Quarry, Sunday, Sept. 11, from the Swap; Pleasant Ridge Quarry on Sept 17, 9 a.m.;; and an unnamed Saturday in October to Cave Stone Quarry near Norristown.

A report on the Michigan Caladonia Copper Mine Field Trip was given. Approximately 80 - 100 people went on 3 mine tours, had a great fun evening of Food, Auction, Swimming on Saturday and a bus tour on Sunday led by a Michigan State Geologist.

The annual meeting will be November 13, 1988, Indiana State Musium, Indianapolis. As per the by-laws the president can hold office for only two years. Rich has held this office for two years. Other officers such as program vice-President, field trip-vice, reported that they were running out of ideas and friends to give programs and they also should be replaced. Also should the secretary-treasurer be seperated and membership chairman be added to the job of treasurer?

Membership ended at 38 for 1988.

1989 has began with new members Daniel Hall, Sarah Hall, Jeanette Frazier paid. Ron Richards is our Honorary member.

Wanda Aldred, secretary.

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