



NEWSLETTER

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OUR NEXT CHAPTER MEETING:

"How I Spent My Summer Vacation..."

by...Everybody!

and

"Slides from the Red Metal Retreat"

by Rich Eddy

3:00 pm

Saturday, September 16, 1989

at the 500 Earth Sciences Club's Show

held at the 4-H Fairgrounds in

Greenfield, Indiana

For the third year, your Indiana Chapter of FM will hold a public program and meeting in conjunction with the Greenfield Show. This year we are asking everyone to come to the meeting with specimens and stories from their summer collecting. We'd like to hear about your experiences, and see what you've found. (and just maybe, pick up some locality information!).

Also, Rich Eddy will show slides taken during the Red Metal Retreat this July. Eight members of the Chapter attended this event, which included talks, an auction, field trips and an underground collecting expedition. Come learn about this event and the Upper Peninsula's copper country.

Following the program we will conduct a regular business meeting to discuss future field trips, programs and other projects.

See the attached show flyer for additional details!

1989 CHAPTER CALENDAR

September 16, 1989 - Meeting at the Greenfield Show: 3:00 pm. The program will be on the Copper Country field trip, with reports, show-and-tell, and slides of the event from those who participated.

November 12, 1989 - Annual Meeting at the Indiana State Museum in Indianapolis. Program by John Medici, renowned mineral collector and FM member from Dublin, Ohio. Also, election of officers and setting of membership dues amounts for 1990.

State Mineral Update
from Margaret Kahrs

Two years ago I was appointed to work on the project to get a State Fossil and a State Mineral named for Indiana. The project is being sponsored by the Indiana Society of Paleontology (I.S.P.) and Indiana Chapter Friends of Mineralogy in conjunction with the State Museum. I have been conferring with the Department of Natural Resources, (DNR). Under the previous State Administration the DNR was going to handle it, and were prepared to name them when they dedicate the Falls of the Ohio. The Falls project has now been turned over to the Parks Department, and the State Fossil and State Mineral have been turned over to the State Geological Survey. I have now been conferring with John Hill, State Geologist at Bloomington, and have sent all information to him. He says he will see that it gets done. So hopefully in the very near future we will have a State Fossil—the *Cyathocrinites multibrachiatus* and State Mineral—Calcite. We will keep you up to date.

Field Trips

Help! We need ideas of where to collect, and names of people to contact if we are going to have any collecting trips this fall. If you live near a quarry or other mineral-productive area, check it out and let Vice-President Vern Swanson know at (317) 724-2460 or Rt. 1, Box 432, Alexandria, IN 46001.

Results of our recent efforts to arrange trips:

1. The operator at Maybee, Mich. said "No"; they have been swamped with collecting groups— both legitimate and trespassing— and have declared a moratorium for at least a year.
2. The operator at Meshberger in Bartholomew County, Ind. said "No!" due to problems with collectors sneaking in when they are closed. He wanted nothing to do with collectors, even a responsible, insured group like ours.
3. According to John Medici, Duff's Quarry is not yet working in the area which is productive for mineral specimens.
4. Vern has checked on the Anderson, Ind. quarry and has permission to collect, but the collecting is unproductive right now due to the levels being worked.
5. Vern is looking into North Vernon, Ind. but reports the quarriers are working in unproductive areas (and this quarry has not given permission before).

Election of Officers for 1990

Nominations are needed for officers for 1990. Elections will take place at the November meeting, so start thinking about serving or nominating someone to serve. There will be openings, including the Presidency, so consider carefully your role in keeping the Indiana Chapter active and growing.



CALL FOR PAPERS

The eleventh Mineralogical Symposium sponsored jointly by Friends of Mineralogy, the Tucson Gem and Mineral Society, and the Mineralogical Society of America will be held in Tucson, Arizona on **Saturday, February 10, 1990**. The topic of the symposium will be **Wulfenite**, including its descriptive mineralogy, associations or paragenesis, classic localities, etc. An audience of knowledgeable amateurs as well as professional geologists and mineralogists is expected.

If you feel you would like to present a paper, please write or call **immediately** to Dr. Karen Wenrich, Chairman (USGS, Mail Stop 905, Federal Center, Denver, CO 80225; Telephone: 303-236-1563), with your topic, a few sentences describing the paper, your address and phone number at which you may be contacted. Presentations will be 15 or 20 minutes in length followed by a period for questions. Upon acceptance of topics all authors will be required to submit a 200-300 word abstract by September 30, 1989.

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SABIN CONVENTION CENTER
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MAY 20, 1989, 3:00 P. M.

President Rich Eddy made welcome all guests and members, then introduced Nelson Shaffer, Program Vice President.

Shaffer in turn introduced Dr. Ernest Carlson. Dr. Carlson gave a very interesting slide program on Ohio Minerals. The very sad fact brought out was that all the best quarries producing spectacular minerals are no longer open for collecting: namely Pugh, Pints, Lime City, Clay Center, Duffs, and also the great fossil quarry at Sylvania.

Business--Nelson Shaffer moved and Dave Rush seconded that the minutes and the treasurers report be approved. Motion carried.

Membership report --As of today we have 49 members. National dues have been paid on 45 members.

Program --Shaffer announced that the speaker for the meeting at the Bedford Swap will be Allen Goldstein on Minerals of the Cave-in-Rock, IL area.

Up-coming--Field trips announced by Vern Swanson are: Bedford Swap June 9, 10, 11. Those attending may collect along IN 37 Roadcut at Harrodsburg. Also the July 4th week-end trip to Houghton, MI copper area.

Nelson Shaffer moved, Dave Rush seconded to adjourn.

TREASURERS REPORT

BALANCE MAY 20, 1989-----\$155.46

INCOME

DAVID STRAW	\$15.00
VIC HURM	15.00
RON AND BEV NEAWEDDE	<u>22.00</u>
	\$52.00

EXPENSES

CHECK NO. 132 FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY DUES	\$12.00
133 VOID	
134 ERNEST CARLSON -PROGRAM	<u>50.00</u>
	\$62.00

BALANCE JUNE 7, 1989 -----\$125.46

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WELCOMES YOU TO THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL

**GEM * MINERAL
FOSSIL * JEWELRY
EDUCATION SHOW**

HELD AT THE 4-H FAIRGROUNDS, GREENFIELD, INDIANA

SEPTEMBER 15 - 16 - 17, 1989

FRIDAY 1-9 SATURDAY 9-8 SUNDAY 9-3

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GEMS - ROCKS - JEWELRY - GIFTS - MINERALS

LAPIDARY MATERIALS - FOSSILS - ARTIFACTS



FEATURED EXHIBIT

"UNDERSEA INDIANA"

OK-TO-TOUCH SPECIMENS AND
ACTIVITY TABLE FOR KIDS



CONTINUOUS SILENT AUCTION

FREE ADMISSION * DONATIONS ACCEPTED

SOMETHING FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

DISPLAYS * DOOR PRIZES * FOOD SERVICE ON GROUNDS

CAMPING * RV SPACES * FREE PARKING

LAPIDARY * SPEAKERS * DEMONSTRATIONS * FREE IDENTIFICATION * FUN

Free slide program in the "Show Barn", 7:30 PM, Friday, September 15th.

Free Fossil Hunt program for kids! Presented by the CHILDRENS MUSEUM OF INDIANAPOLIS. In the "Show Barn", 1:00 to 3:00 PM, Saturday, September 16th.

Free faceting demonstration in the main exhibit building, 3:00 PM, Sat., Sept. 16th.