

**NEWSLETTER**  
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**MIDWEST CHAPTER, FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY, INC.**

**PRESIDENT'S PATTERN**

September- It is hard to realize two thirds of our year has passed. I am reminded of that old song "Where Have All The Flowers Gone".

The Gem and Mineral Show, September 8, 9, and 10th in Greenfield will begin our Fall season. We need a Nominating Committee to present a slate of officers for 1996 at the November meeting. Please bring suggestions for this committee in September.

The Friends of Mineralogy, Tampa, Florida have sent me a box of 100 new brochures re a new Membership Campaign. These will be available at the September meeting.

This summer, Hal Roepke, our Past President completed a successful Geology camp in Southern Dakota and Northern Wyoming with Ball State students.

The Corn Belt Lapidary and Geological Society has requested their name be removed from any future mailings. I seem to recall they have been experiencing extremely low membership attendance at their meetings. Our sympathy could be extended to this club which has apparently found it necessary to drop the affiliations of other mineral clubs. They still have a postal address if one needs to make contact with them.

Cornbelt Lapidary and Geological Society  
P O Box 1854  
Bloomington, IL 61702-1854

Friends of Mineralogy, Pennsylvania Chapter newsletter announces a symposium on "Phosphates" for November 3,4, and 5th at the University of Delaware. More information available in the Fall Newsletter.

For those interested, I came across another article by Jeffrey Scovil in the August issue of Earth Magazine. "The Deceptive Beauty of Pyrite" was his subject illustrated with beautiful photographs. You may have seen some of these photos in his Cincinnati presentation.

This same magazine contains an excellent article on "Land of the Giants of South America". The Dr. Phil Currie I mentioned in my June "President's Pattern" had a leading part in the identification of this dinosaur discovery.

Hope to see all of you in Greenfield.

## MEETING

MIDWEST CHAPTER, FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1995

3:00 PM

HANCOCK COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS  
GREENFIELD, INDIANA

Dr Henry Barwood of the Indiana Geological Survey will  
speak on Minerals of Arkansas with emphasis on Seyerites.

(SEE FLYER FOR DIRECTIONS TO MEETING)

### FIELD TRIP NEWS

Our clubs field trip chairman, Mike Davis, has tentatively scheduled another field trip to MAYBEE, MI, for September 23, 1995. The numbers of participants will be limited. For confirmation of this trip as well as details and reservations please contact Mike at (513) 923-1650.

Mike reports that he led a field trip to CORYDON, IN, on JULY 8th and that some nice 6-7cm Calcites were found by the Edingtons.

Mike then led a trip to LIME CITY, OH, on July 15th where the finds were sparse although a few Calcites and Fluorites were taken.

On August 12th, Mike led five club members to MAYBEE, MI, where some nice Celestine Crystals were obtained.

Finally on August 26th Mike had a field trip planned for the quarry at BLUFTON, OH.

Minutes of the June 24th, 1995 meeting by Kim Greeman.

The Midwest Chapter of the Friends of Mineralogy (MCFM) held its June meeting at the 30th annual Gem-Mineral-Fossil Show and Swap, Monroe County Fairgrounds, Bloomington, IN. The show, sponsored by the Lawrence County Rock Club, lived up to it's reputation as "Indiana's Best Rockshow" (at least in my opinion).

Al Sicree (Vice-President) started the meeting off by introducing our speaker Philip Evanoff. Mr. Evanoff's talk "Microminerals of New Mexico" was excellent. Having visited New Mexico annually to collect minerals, he spoke from first-hand experiences that made us all envious. The talk was illustrated with excellent micro-photographs of the minerals available from numerous sites, in addition to photos of the mines, and dumps, and personal collecting information. The Evanoff's trips to New Mexico left no corner of the state uncollected. Mr. Evanoff stated that he had visited all of the sites shown within the last few years, and he assumes all sites are still open for collecting.

Following the program, we held a short, informal business meeting. Fred Lewis (President) called the meeting to order. The minutes of the last meeting (taken by Al Sicre at Cincinnati) were approved as published in the June newsletter. Kim Greeman (Secretary/Treasurer) reported the chapter had 38 paid members, and a balance of \$894.18 in the treasury.

A suggestion that MCFM co-sponsor a conference at the "new" Falls of the Ohio State Park, Clarksville, IN was introduced. The park naturalist, Allan Goldstein, is trying to start an annual conference on natural history, and has offered MCFM the opportunity to participate. It was noted that little time remained before the September 1995 event, and that perhaps we should work toward 1996. Someone else noted the conference was already scheduled for September 23-24, 1995. (More recent information: several mineral talks are to be given at the park in Clarksville, on Sat. 9-23-95, and - OUR OWN - Nelson Shaffer is one of the presentors. Other talks on Minerals of Kentucky and Minerals of Arkansas will also be presented.)

A fieldtrip report indicated the last field trip (Kentucky) was attended by only four members. Kim Greeman informed the group that the insurance policy we purchased solely for fieldtrip protection, was most probably not covering our outings. The field trip chairman was warned "not to indicate any group insurance coverage" to land owners as a condition of our entry. Fred Lewis stated the officers would look into the insurance problem, and report back at a future meeting. One of the reasons we purchased insurance, was to offer the land owner protection from us when we visit their property. Even without insurance, summer fieldtrip plans look good, with several excursions planned. More on the field trips later.

## EARTH SCIENCE WEEKEND

Falls of the Ohio State Park

Clarksville, IN

September 23 and 24, 1995

Several mineralogy talks are scheduled for the afternoon of Sept. 23.

Minerals of Arkansas by H. Barwood

Minerals of Kentucky by Anderson

Minerals of Indiana by N. Shaffer



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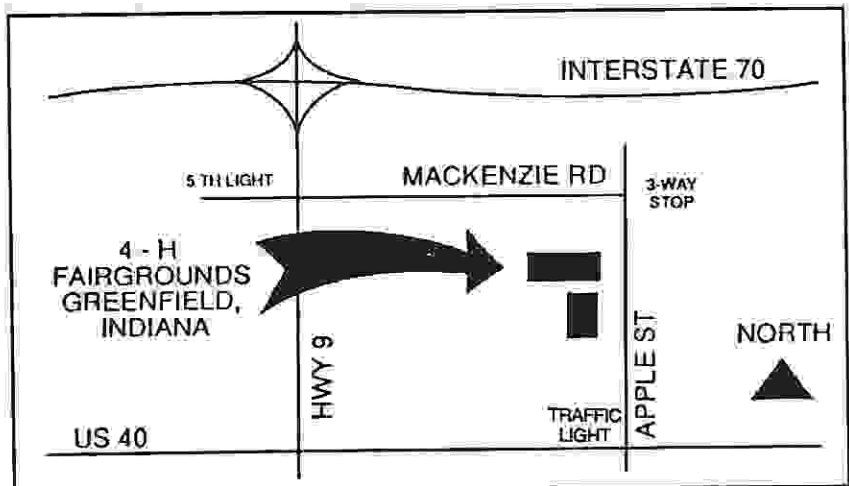
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**F.M., PA. CHAPTER, 1995 SYMPOSIUM**

**"PHOSPHATES"**

**Nov. 3, 4, and 5**

**Department of Geology  
University of Delaware  
Newark**

**Friday, Nov. 3 (Penny Hall)**

**A Social Evening of "What's New"  
Mineral Museum Open**

**Saturday, Nov. 4 (Perkins Student Hall)**

**Lectures**

**Luncheon Speaker, Bob Whitmore (Palermo Mine, N.H., owner)**

**Auction**

**Mineral Museum Open**

**Sunday, Nov. 5**

**Field Trip, To Be Announced**

**(Registrants Only)**

*See Fall Newsletter for More Detail*

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**1995 Symposium Pre-Registration Form**

**Deadline for Receipt is October 25: Registration at the Door: \$10.00**

**Name (s), Address, and Phone Number:**

**Pre-Registration (received by 10/25): \$ 8.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Luncheon \$ 10.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Field Trip (Registrants Only) \$ 4.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Map? \_\_\_\_\_ Motel List (Football Weekend!)? \_\_\_\_\_**

Make check out to "F.M., Pa. Chapter," and mail to Arnold Mogel, 15 Oak Rd., Schuylkill Haven, PA 1792-9330. For more information, call George Rambo (302) 798-4163.