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MIDWEST CHAPTER, FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY, INC.

PRESIDENTS PATTTER

Many of you, I am sure are looking forward to the Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show in Bloomington, June 23, 24 and 25th at the Monroe County 4H Fairgrounds.

The Gem and Mineral Show in Cincinnati, provided a most enjoyable afternoon of programs worthy of a much larger audience. Dr. Carl Francis', "Beauty of Minerals" slide presentation, was excellent. The highlight for me was Jeffrey Scovil's program. What a wonderful way of spending your life, travelling to exotic spots in the world photographing beautiful minerals.

Speaking of minerals, I read an article in a recent issue of "Earth Magazine" by Jeffery Scovil on "Copper" The history of copper goes back many thousands of years. In India 2,000 years ago copper was pounded into sheets to become decorative inscriptions and engravings. Then some 4,000 years ago copper mixed with other metals became bronze, issuing in the Bronze Age and retiring the Age of Stone. Jeffrey, also mentioned the largest copper nugget, found in 1857, weighed 420 tons. It still remains in a mine as it is too heavy to move.

Prior to our Cincinnati meeting I had mentioned I would be "Tracking Dinosaurs in Texas". This was a most exciting and educational trip. Twenty retired geologists, amateur paleontologists, with our scientific leader Dr. Phil Currie, director of the Royal Tyrrell Museum, Drumheller, Alberta, travelled some 1800 miles by bus throughout Texas. We met in Lubbock, drove south to Big Bend, seeking Quetzalcoatlus (the largest flying reptile) toured various universities in Austin, Waco, Southern Methodist of Dallas/Fort Worth studying and photographing all types of dinosaur bones. It was even possible to spend a few hours in an actual dinosaur dig. Sorry, no minerals. Looking forward to the Bloomington show and meeting. See all of you there.

MEETING
SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 1995
4:00 PM (EST)
MONROE COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS
BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

Phil Evanoff of Chillicothe, Ohio, an avid collector of minerals from many locations in the United States and Canada, will share with us some of his experiences collecting Microminerals of New Mexico.

MINUTES MAY 1995

The May 6th, 1995 meeting of the Midwest Chapter of the Friends of Mineralogy, held at the Cincinnati Gem & Mineral Show, was called to order at 4:30 pm by President Fred Lewis.

The minutes of the March 11th, 1995 meeting were accepted as printed in the newsletter.

As the secretary/treasurer was not present, there was no treasurers report given.

It was suggested by Bob Vetter that club members could participate in a field trip to a Kentucky quarry that he arranged with Steve Garza, our speaker at the clubs March meeting. Details will be mailed to members concerning this proposed field trip.

The next meeting of this club will be held on Saturday, June 24th, 1995, at the Lawrence County Rock Club Show located at the Monroe County 4-H Fairgrounds, Bloomington, Indiana.

The meeting was preceded by a slide presentation given by gem and mineral photographer Jeffery Scovil of Phoenix, Arizona, on "Photographing Minerals and Gems in Russia and Canada".

FIELD TRIPS

Everyone says that they want to go on field trips but only seven persons (five of our members and Steve Garza and a friend) showed up for the trip to the Nally-Gibson Quarry in Kentucky! Participants collected tiny, clear 'reverse sceptred' crystals (refer to Rocks & Minerals, page 181, volume 70, figure 4 for a good illustration of a 'reverse sceptred' specimen). Some pink calcite, orange barites and tiny acicular black single crystals of hematite(?) were also found. The knowledge and humor of Steve Garza was appreciated as we searched for these treasures.

FUTURE FIELD TRIPS

From Field Trip Chairman Mike Davis:

Saturday, July 8th, 1995 to Corydon, IN, 11:30 EDT. Meet at the quarry office to sign in and enter together (Note: possibility exists that we may have to walk into this quarry).

Saturday, July 15th, 1995 to Lime City, Ohio, 7:30 EDT. Meet at office and enter together. (Note: Limited to the first 15 to sign up).

Saturday, Aug 12th, 1995, to Maybee, MI, 7:30 EDT. Meet at office and enter together. (Note: Must be at least 16 yrs. of age; limited number can sign up).

All trips require the standard safety equipment. Call MIKE DAVIS at (513) 923-1650 to reserve a place on the Lime City or Maybee trip lists or to get directions to the locations. Please note that all times are EDT.