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PRESPROSE!

The Season for collecting is upon us! Mike Davis, Vice President for Field Trips, has been busy setting up some trips to collecting sites. Check the second page of this NEWSLETTER for details. Our next Chapter meeting is June 19th at the Lawrence Co. Gem & Mineral Show in Bloomington, Indiana, as noted below. I will be in South Dakota with the Ball State Geology Field Camp, so our internationally famous Vice President for Programs, NELSON SHAFFER, will chair the meeting, unless he succumbs to the enticing aroma of GOLD! and flits off to Uganda, in Africa, in pursuit of that lustrous metal. If Nelson is off in the wild jungle then SYLVIA SICREE, our Secretary/Treasurer, will be in charge of the meeting.

Sylvia tells me that we are still a few votes short of a majority regarding your choice of a name for our section of FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY. If you haven't voted, please write, phone or talk to Sylvia the next time you see her; the choices are:

Indiana Chapter-Friends of Mineralogy (no change)

Midwest Chapter - Friends of Mineralogy

Great Lakes Chapter - Friends of Mineralogy

Please check the number after your name in the address block on this newsletter; if it isn't a "93" you are behind on dues or our records are incomplete. Please help us get it straight!

Cheers! Hal Roepke

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

JUNE 19th, 1993

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LAWRENCE COUNTY GEM AND MINERAL
SHOW

MONROE COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS
BLOOMINGTON, IN

Speaker:

Kim Greeman, U.S. Geological
Survey, Indianapolis

'PEGMATITE MINERALS'

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- * June 5-6 MIAMI VALLEY ROCK SWAP, Donnelsville, OH. Call (513)325-6997 for more info.
- * June 18-20 LAWRENCE CO. GEM-MINERAL-FOSSIL SHOW AND SWAP, Monroe Co. 4-H Fairgrounds, Bloomington, IN. Call (812)522-6093 or 522-1450 for more info. SEE ANNOUNCEMENT, ABOVE, FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OUR CHAPTER MEETING AT THIS SHOW.
- * September 10-12 500 EARTH SCIENCE CLUB GEM & MINERAL SHOW, Greenfield, IN (Chapter Meeting)
- * September 25-26 EASTERN INDIANA GEM & GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY FALL SWAP MEET, Richmond, IN
- * October 2-3 MIAMI VALLEY MINERAL & GEM CLUB ANNUAL SHOW, Fairborn, OH
- * October 8-10 GREATER DETROIT GEM & MINERAL SHOW, Detroit, MI
- * October 8-10 FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY SYMPOSIUM "World-Class Mineral Deposits", Penn State Univ.
- * October 15-17th THREE RIVERS GEM AND MINERAL SHOW, Allen Co. Fairgrounds, Ft. Wayne, IN.

MINUTES OF MEETING
FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY - INDIANA CHAPTER
MAY 1, 1993
CINCINNATI GEM AND MINERAL SHOW

Meeting was held at the Cincinnati Gem and Mineral Show after Carl Francis talked about "Minerals in Agates, Nodules and Geodes" and Wolfgang Mueller talked about "Field Collecting Techniques". Minutes of the March Meeting were approved as printed in the NEWSLETTER. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$406.23.

Mike Davis, Vice President for Field Trips, reported a possible field trip to Irvington Quarry, KY, and Corydon, IN. He will send out letters when exact date is confirmed.

Hal won't be at our June meeting in Bloomington, IN. Someone else will have to chair the meeting. Our speaker will be one of our members, KIM GREEMAN, discussing "PEGMATITE MINERALS". At our extra meeting, April 18th, we decided to assemble a club display of Midwest geodes. Any specimens you are willing to lend may be mailed or brought to Al Sicree who is coordinating the display. Please label at least the state and county of origin.

We still need more votes to decide on a name change. Send yours in if you haven't done so already.

All of us received an invitation to attend the Pennsylvanian Friends of Mineralogy Symposium on "World-Class Mineral Deposits" - Oct 8, 9 and 10. Besides the talks there will be a museum open house, auction, banquet and a Field Trip on Sunday.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35.

Sylvia Sicree, Secretary/Treasurer

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**FIELD TRIP ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

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Mike Davis, Vice President for Field Trips, has put together a collecting trip to Corydon, IN, and Irvington, KY tentatively scheduled for May 22nd. You should already have received a specific announcement from him about this.

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Mike has also arranged, with the help of Linda Spaulding and her associates at Fort Wayne, for a trip to the Stoneco Quarry near Fort Wayne. That will be June 5th, 1993, 8-12AM. To get there travel I-69 to exit 102 (intersection with US 24), go west toward Huntington to the second stop light (Liberty Mills Road), turn left (south) onto Liberty Mills Road and follow it south and east about a mile. The Stoneco quarry is on the right, shortly after passing Fox Island Nature Preserve. Meet at the quarry office at 8AM. Linda tells me there is a motel and several restaurants at exit 102 if anyone wants to drive in on Friday.

The quarry is in Silurian and Devonian dolostones and there are cavities in the rock containing crystals of honey calcite, yellow-brown fluorite and druzy pyrite, some of it iridescent, and a little sphalerite. There are also fossils!

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Mike is also working on additional trips for later in the Summer. Possibilities include northwestern Ohio and the fluorite district in southern Illinois. If you know of other good collecting opportunities please call Mike; 1-513-923-1650.