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MIDWEST CHAPTER, FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY

MEETING  
SATURDAY                      JUNE 28, 1997  
4:00 PM (EST)

MONROE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS  
BLOOMINGTON, IN

PROGRAM: DANIEL W. BEHNKE, "MICROCRYSTALS  
FROM THE FLAMBEAU MINE, LADYSMITH, RUSK  
COUNTY, WISCONSIN".

**SAFETY TRAINING COURSE**

The Midwest Chapter of F.O.M., through the efforts of Pat Westby, has arranged for MSHA to present their new employee safety training course which provides participants with certification that they have been "mine safety trained". It is hoped that this certification will ease the way for successful participants to enter some collecting sites.

This 16 hour course will be completed on two Saturdays (August 23 and August 30- attendance at both sessions required) from 8 am to 4pm at Ivy Tech Center in Indianapolis. The cost will be \$40 per participant. A deposit of \$20 ( write check to Midwest F.O.M.) will hold your place-first choice will be for F.O.M. members(ask about others). Please send your deposit by July 23 to: PAT WESTBY

114 MARCHESTER DR.  
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You can call Pat at (937)299-8128. Confirmation of your deposit and directions to the course site will be mailed to you.

**MIDWEST MINERAL SYMPOSIUM - UPDATE**

The first Midwest Mineral Symposium will be held in Columbus OH on Saturday April 4, 1998, in conjunction the Central Ohio Mineral, Fossil, Gem & Jewelry Show. The Symposium Committee of the Midwest Chapter is currently contacting prospective speakers for the program.

**UPCOMING FM MEETINGS & PROGRAMS**

Saturday June 28, 4:00 PM (Eastern Standard Time), Monroe County Fairgrounds, Bloomington IN. Daniel W. Behnke, "Microcrystals from the Flambeau Mine, Ladysmith, Rusk County, Wisconsin".

Saturday September 6, 1:00 PM (Eastern Standard Time), 4-H Fairgrounds, Hancock Co., Greenfield IN. FM meeting; program to be announced.

Saturday November 1, afternoon, Cleveland Museum of Natural History, Cleveland OH. Since the FM meeting will be held at the Micromineral Symposium, there is no separate FM program. The Micromineral Symposium, which is hosted by the Micromineral Society of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, will run from Friday evening October 31 through Sunday afternoon November 2.

FM Minutes, May 3, 1997, Cincinnati, OH, 3:25 p.m., 18 people

Pres. Barwood brought to order

Minutes of last meeting approved

#### Old Business

E. Carlson - Mineral Symposium, discussion began last Jan. at Indy, committee of Barwood, Carlson, Shaffer, decided Spring of 1998 at Columbus, OH show. Central Ohio show 1st weekend in April.

Dan Hall of Central Ohio Club said that his group was receptive. Most Chapters have a mineral symposium. We plan one Session Saturday morning 8-12 or 12:30. Potential for fieldtrip on Sunday. Ohio show will provide facility so jointly sponsored by Midwest Chapter FM and Ohio Show. Committee proposes question: Is there a theme? Yes, Midwest Minerals. Show theme will be minerals and metals. Need to decide by June or July theme and speakers.

Q. Will there be regular club speakers? Yes at 1 & 3 pm.

Q. Will have to pay admission to attend? Not necessarily. Fees now \$4.00 will probably go to \$5.00. Will there be a charge for symposium will they pay speaker? Columbus show will provide hall and will not charge.

Q. Only 4 hours on Saturday. Could get 8 speakers. Are these for students or for research? Not certain. Want to keep it open and have invited papers & call for papers. Do not know response. Could make into two days but that seems unlikely. Can students contribute? Want to steer to amateurs.

Bill Cook moved that there be a symposium at Columbus Show. Fred Lewis seconded.

Unanimous approval.

Barwood - Beau Gorden wants to support symposium. Have access to FM page and can call for papers.

Cook - wants to aim at serious amateur level.

Pete Richards a potential speaker.

Shaffer for Treasurer Kim Greeman stated Chapter that balance is \$1,228.56.

Barwood plan for fieldtrip rescheduled to June due to family illness. Highway 51 Quarry can be visited June 19. He is trying to get group rate and preparation for a quartz crystal mine. Trying to get into one of Granite Mtn. Quarries and is inquiring about getting into some phosphate mine. Forest Service has allowed us to visit old Holly Brook area outcrop. John Nichols has given tentative approval for weekend of June 19. Will sent out announcement ASAP with details. Will need head count.

Q. Should we sent to everyone trip announcement? Will be close to Bloomington Show. Need 8 days lead time for announcement. Plan June for trip announcement. Will have separate mailing for fieldtrip if needed.

Pat Westby - Details of training for safety. Al Sicree noted that quarry safety guy wanted collectors to be at least 15 feet away from wall. Maybee, MI and at Salem were allowed in. No date established. Probably late August. Want at least 30 people so may want to open also other clubs. Would like to get announcement in newsletter.

Passed around sign up sheets for specific quarries. Arkansas trip looks good.

Q. Is there any particular equipment needed? Yes collecting in some quarries is different.

Rather than cleaning out pockets (except quartz) will have large boulders of tough materials. Want sledges, face protectors, chisels, rock is syneite, fennite, novaculate, or chert. Barwood will include a list of recommended tools.

#### New Business

Ann Cook noted that FM group has never meet in Cleveland. There are two mineral clubs in Cleveland and both exhibit at Cincinnati and Columbus. They will have Oct. 30, Nov. 1 & 2 at Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Subject is microminerals of Great Basin. Speaker is from Utah. Entire symposium \$35/person, \$65/couple. 15/day.

Q. Can you attend without registering for entire micromineral meeting? Yes  
Moved to try to have November meeting at Cleveland meeting passed.

N. Asked for reimbursement \$170 for web site. Discussion

Adjourn 4:40 p.m.

Ron Ruschman NC sent a check for \$15 enclosed.

Ann cook of Cleveland, OH wants to join. Her husband William is a member. Please tell her how much is cost for second family member.