



NEWSLETTER
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MIDWEST CHAPTER, FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY
MEETING
SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 1997
3:00 PM
EASTERN INDIANA GEM AND MINERAL SHOW
WAYNE COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS
NORTH SALISBURY RD.
RICHMOND, INDIANA
FOLLOWING 2:00PM, WAYNE KLUSMAN'S SLIDE SHOW:
"GEOLOGY OF YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK"

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Midwest Chapter of Friends of Mineralogy meeting at Indianapolis produced three items for consideration by the membership:

First, we appointed a committee of Ernie Carlson, Nelson Shaffer and Henry Barwood to begin planning for a Spring symposium to be held in 1998. The general theme will be Mid-west minerals and a specific topic is to be selected. A Columbus, Ohio meeting site has been suggested.

Second, we are to look into the possibility of obtaining MSA training for our membership as a potential method to ease admittance to quarry sites. I discussed this with Andrew Sicree at the Tucson Show and he told me that the Nittany Valley Mineral Society did this last year and that it was very helpful.

Third, I have offered to organize an out-of-state field trip for late Spring. The initial trip will be to Arkansas and I am working on the May 10-24 time slot. I am hoping to obtain permission to visit two active quarries as well as some of the classic localities (quartz, etc.). Details will be forthcoming as soon as I'm able to get permission to visit.

Represented our chapter at the Friends of Mineralogy Board meeting in Tucson. FM will now have a full page in Mineralogical Record as part of our agreement with MR over the MR Index revenues. This will allow announcements and news of FM to be posted regularly. I also gave a report on our activities to the general FM meeting.

HENRY L. BARWOOD

FROM THE PROGRAM CHAIRMAN
SCHEDULE OF SPEAKERS AT UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Saturday, May 3, at the Cincinnati Show in the Cincinnati Gardens, at 3:00pm, Jeffrey Scovil of Phoenix, Arizona will present "Mineral, Gemstone and Fossil Photography". We are greatly indebted to Terry Huizing for scheduling this event. The Midwest FM meeting will follow at 4:00pm.
- Saturday, June 28, at The Bloomington Show, Monroe County 4-H Fairgrounds at 4:00pm (EST), Daniel W. Behnke of Northbrook, Illinois will present "Microcrystals from the Flambeau Mine, Ladysmith, Rusk County, WI."

MIDWEST FM MINERAL SYMPOSIUM

As discussed at the January FM meeting, a two-day Mineral Symposium will likely be held in the Spring of 1998. The Planning Committee is presently working on the selection of sites and specific dates which hopefully will be presented to the membership for discussion at the upcoming Cincinnati or Bloomington meetings. The Theme for the one day (Saturday) session will likely be "Midwest Minerals". The program will consist of a combination of invited speakers and submissions from a "Call for Papers". Abstracts will be printed in the meeting Program. A field trip will be held on the second day.

ERNEST H. CARLSON

MINUTES OF THE MIDWEST CHAPTER, FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY MEETING, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, JANUARY 11, 1997

The January meeting was held at the Indiana State Museum. Turnout for the Midwest Chapter meeting was improved with 17 members in attendance. New President Henry Barwood brought the meeting to order. He asked Pat Westby if she had any fieldtrip announcements. She reported that several quarries, previously open, were now closed to collectors.

Henry Barwood discussed the possibility of leading a fieldtrip to Magnet Cove, Arkansas. He has been studying the mineralogy of the area for a number of years, and thinks he can get us in to collect some good examples of the unusual mineralization. Magnet Cove is currently going through a period of rapid development, and good collecting is even possible in basement excavations.

Kim Greeman reported the treasury was at \$1289.56 at the end of 1996. Allan Goldstein, naturalist for the Falls of the Ohio State Park is planning their annual fossil show for September, and would like the Friends of Mineralogy to participate in the activity. It was suggested that an OSHA sanctioned Mining Safety Course may help our group enter quarries for collecting. The membership thought the mining safety course would be a good idea for a proposed Midwest Chapter symposium. We all want to Thank Fred Lewis for being chapter President the last two years.

Member Ernie Carlson, of Kent State University was our speaker, talking on the mineralogy of the Findlay Arch area of northwest Ohio. Ernie showed slides of the crystalline forms of fluorite, galena, sphalerite, pyrite, calcite, dolomite, celestite, strontianite, and barite found in the area. Sites included the famous Pough Quarry in Custer, the France Quarry in Sylvania, and Crystal Cave, on Kelly's Island. Ernie stated that knowing the crystal habit helps identify the minerals from the area. Submitted by Kim Greeman, Secretary/Treasurer.

1997 DUES ARE NOW DUE

To join the MIDWEST CHAPTER of the FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY, send your dues to Kim Greeman, 6447 Lafayette Road, Indianapolis, IN 46278-1803. Annual dues are \$15.00 for the first family member, and \$8.00 for each additional family member (at the same mailing address). Your membership dues to the Midwest Chapter, automatically includes your membership in the National Friends of Mineralogy society.
