



NEWSLETTER  
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MIDWEST CHAPT. FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY

MEETING  
SATURDAY JUNE 26, 1999  
4:00 PM  
MONROE COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS  
BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Cincinnati show in May was, as usual, outstanding with great displays, dealers and speakers. Since that date I have attended the 36th Annual Canadian Micro Mineral Association Symposium at St Catharines, Ontario, Canada. I renewed old acquaintances and made new friends interested in the study and preservation of micro minerals.

A field trip to the Bluffton Stone Co. Quarry in Bluffton, Ohio, was a collector's delight, especially for micro minerals. Beautiful purple edged clear fluorite, red, orange and yellow sphalerite, pyrite and calcite were found.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED-** Any member that knows of a location for a field trip, please step forward. We do not imply that by doing this you will automatically become field trip chairperson. Dr. Carlson has done a great job in arranging various trips over the past few years, but with his other duties for the club, he needs a respite from this particular job. There are tentative dates for two field trips in July. Therefore, any member that can arrange a trip beginning August 1st, contact me at 765-345-5514 and we'll proceed by getting the information to other interested members.

Our June meeting will be on the 26th at the Bloomington Indiana Show, Monroe County 4-H Fairgrounds. We will have as our guest speaker John Medici- this is one you will not want to miss. Dwaine "Ed" H. Edington.

MINUTES- MAY 1, 1999

The May 1st, 1999 meeting of the Midwest Chapter, FofM, was held in conjunction with The Cincinnati Gem and Mineral Show at the Cincinnati Gardens. President Ed Edington presided.

Anne Cook reported that this chapter has a standing invitation to hold its November meeting at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History during the Cleveland Micromineral Symposium.

The field trip to Bluffton, Ohio, led by Ernie Carlson was attended by about twenty collectors (including students of Kent State University). Everyone was able to find fluorite, brown from the upper and purple from the lower levels. Dave Straw reported finding a 'fantastic' fluorite specimen.

Ernie Carlson gave an initial report on the second Midwest Mineral Symposium. Attendance was lower than expected. However, it was agreed that the program was interesting, that the speakers were excellent and their presentations well received by those fortunate to attend. Opinions were put forth that the symposium format should be continued in future years and that any cost to the chapter should be considered an educational expense. The fate of our symposium will be discussed at a future meeting.

Henry Barwood has resigned as field trip co-chairperson. Ernie Carlson will continue leading field trips for the time being, however he would like help from other members. Anyone can lead a club sponsored trip; (Details can be disseminated through this Newsletter-contact editors Al and Sylvia Sicree at 937-236-1320.).

Future field trips were discussed. Ed Edington mentioned three quarries in Indiana that we have not previously visited: The IMI Quarry at Anderson, the St Paul Quarry (fossils) and the Derbyshire Quarry. Members were urged to take an active role in finding possible collecting sites throughout the Midwest.

Ed Edington reported that our members were invited to attend the October 22-23, 1999 Great Basins Chapter's Symposium, "Minerals of the Sierra Nevada Mountains" at Heritage Museum in Henderson, NV. On October 24th there will be a field trip in connection with that symposium. Contact their secretary: Anne McConnell, 8890 West Craig Road, Las Vegas, NV 89129-3632 or (annemuggs@aol.com).  
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#### MIDWEST CHAPTER FM - UPCOMING MEETINGS, PROGRAMS & FIELD TRIPS

Saturday June 26, 1999. Bloomington Gem-Mineral-Fossil Show & Swap. Monroe County 4-H Fairgrounds, Bloomington IN. Midwest FM speaker: John Medici, "Interesting Minerals of Ohio and Vicinity", 4:00PM. Midwest FM meeting will follow.

#### FIELD TRIPS

Through the courtesy of Midwest FM member John Boyer, we are planning to visit quarries at Lime City and Amherstburg (Ontario) on the 10th and 24th of July. Let me know if you plan to come (I will be back in the country by late June). The detailed notes about these trips come from the computer of John:

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WHERE: StoneCo Quarry, Lime City, Ohio (aka: Lime City Quarry)

WHEN: Saturday, July 10, 1999.

TIME: Arrive no later than 7:30 a.m. Time out no later than 11:45 a.m.

WHAT'S THERE: Terrific stuff, terrific variety, and plenty of it all from micros to cabinet size: white and blue celestite, calcite, fluorite, sphalerite, strontianite, and fossils, most notably "beef hearts" and "deer hooves" (two varieties of Silurian era clams).

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED: This is a working limestone quarry. You will need a hard hat, steel-toed boots, safety glasses or goggles, heavy work gloves, rock or sledge hammer, a variety of rock chisels, first aid kit, whistle, sunscreen, water, snack, newspaper or tissue to wrap your specimens, and boxes or buckets for carrying tools and specimens. We will have to sign a release prior to entry.

DIRECTIONS: Take I-75 to exit 193 (just south of Toledo). From Exit 193 (Fremont Exit), go east on Route 23 for approximately 2.0 miles. You will cross some railroad tracks. The quarry will be 1/4 mile on your left. Check in at the Office.

Phone number for the Quarry: 419-874-4592.

**SECOND FIELD TRIP:** For those interested, John Boyer will lead a convoy over to the Sylvania Quarry Dumps to poke around for Devonian fossils and pyrite after leaving the Lime City Quarry. This is about a 15 minute drive from Lime City.

**WHERE:** Amherst Quarry, Amherstburg, Ontario, Canada

**WHEN:** Saturday, July 24, 1999.

**TIME:** Arrive no later than 9:00 a.m. (arrive later and you will find the gate locked). Time out at 2:00 pm.

**WHAT'S THERE:** Large bladed crystals of sky blue celestine (plentiful) up to 6"x4"; a wide variety of calcites, sulfur (rare), fossils (rare), and micro-crystals of purple and brown fluorite. Most minerals show fair to good fluorescence.

**EQUIPMENT REQUIRED:** This is a hard rock quarry. You will need a hard hat, steel-toed boots, safety glasses or goggles, heavy work gloves, rock or small sledge hammer, a variety of rock chisels, first aid kit, whistle, sunscreen, water, snack, newspaper/tissue to wrap your specimens, egg cartons, and boxes or buckets for carrying tools and specimens. We will have to sign a release of personal liability prior to entry. We will be driving directly down into the quarry. 4-wheel drive not necessary.

**DIRECTIONS:** From the Ambassador Bridge, go east about three miles to Route 18 (south). Bear right and head south about 20 miles to Amherstburg. In Amherstburg, turn left at the third traffic light (Semcoe Road). Go east about 1.5 miles. The quarry entrance is on the right. Watch your speed in Canada. Speed limits are posted in KPH and are generally lower than in Michigan.

**CUSTOMS:** When entering Canada, tell Canada Customs that you are going to Amherstburg for the day to collect rocks and minerals. Simple, legal, and the truth. There are no government restrictions. When returning to the U.S. side, tell U.S. Customs that you were in Canada to collect rocks and minerals. You have no gems to declare. If prodded about the value of your specimens, tell them it's less than \$100.00. The only time someone got into trouble was for being sarcastic with the inspector. They don't have a sense of humor.

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#### **1999 DUES ARE NOW DUE**

Send your dues to Kim Greeman, 6447 Lafayette Road, Indianapolis, IN 46278-1803. Annual dues are \$15 for the first family member, and \$8 for each additional family member (at the same mailing address). Your membership dues to the Mid-West Chapter, automatically includes your membership in the National Friends of Mineralogy society.

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# 34th Annual GEM MINERAL - FOSSIL SHOW & SWAP

AND JUNE MEETING OF MID AMERICA PALEONTOLOGY SOCIETY (M.A.P.S.), INDIANA CHAPTER  
ALSO JUNE MEETING OF FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY, INDIANA CHAPTER

**SPONSORED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY ROCK CLUB, INC.**

AT MONROE COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS, BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA  
SOUTHWEST OF JUNCTION OF IND 37 & IND 45, 1<sup>2</sup>/<sub>10</sub> MILES ON IND 45, THEN  
7<sup>7</sup>/<sub>10</sub> MILE ON AIRPORT ROAD, WEST OF BLOOMINGTON

**BUYING ★ SELLING ★ TRADING**

GEMS - JEWELRY - GIFTS - LAPIDARY MATERIALS  
MINERALS - FOSSILS - ROCKS - SUPPLIES

**FREE  
ADMISSION**

**JUNE 25, 26, 27, 1999**

**FREE  
ADMISSION**

**INSIDE AND OUTSIDE SET-UP SPACE**

RESERVATIONS TAKEN \*when number of feet requested and money accompanies reservations.\* SPACE RESERVED  
ACCORDING TO POSTMARK ON ENVELOPE, NO TELEPHONE RESERVATION. Space remaining, when door opens, will be  
sold on a first come-first served basis. BRING YOUR OWN TABLES, \$2.00 PER FRONT FOOT SPACE CHARGE.

**GATE OPENS AT 2:00 P.M., JUNE 24**

**DISPLAYS WELCOME ★ FOOD SERVICE ON GROUNDS ★ DONATIONS WELCOME FOR AUCTIONS**

**FRIDAY**

8 a.m. - 10 a.m..... set-up  
10 a.m..... doors open  
7 p.m..... close for day

**SATURDAY**

8 a.m..... doors open  
2 p.m..... M.A.P.S. meeting  
4 p.m..... F.M.I.C. meeting ← FOM  
7 p.m..... close for day

**SUNDAY**

8 a.m..... doors open  
4 p.m..... show closes

**CAMPING \$6.00 per night**

**Hotels and Motels  
Available**

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