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MIDWEST CHAPTER, FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY

MEETING
SATURDAY JUNE 24, 2000
4:00 PM

BLOOMINGTON GEM-MINERAL-FOSSIL SHOW & SWAP
MONROE COUNTY 4 H FAIRGROUNDS
BLOOMINGTON, IN

PROGRAM: "WHY MICROMOUNTING" BY DWAIN EDINGTON

MAY MEETING NOTES

President Dwaine 'Ed' Edington presided over the FofM meeting attended by fourteen members at the Cincinnati Mineral Show following an illustrated talk by Jeff Scovil.

The club has received twenty new FofM name tags which can be purchased at cost for \$1.68 each.

Ernie Carlson will lead an FofM field trip on May 20th to the LaFarge Woodville (Ohio) Quarry and the Millersville Quarry. Bob Harmon reported that the latter quarry has yielded specimens of celestine, barite and galena. Prospective attendees for this trip should contact Ernie Carlson.

The Third Midwest Mineral Symposium was attended by thirty persons including 22 paid attendees.

The preliminary estimate of the cost of the symposium was approximately \$750.

It was agreed that this third symposium was a great technical success if not a financial one. Everyone was in agreement that the symposium series should continue but in a new format with possibly new sources of funding.

Bill Cook made a motion which was universally approved "That the Midwest Chapter of the FofM continue the symposium under a tight budget using suggestions for economy made at this meeting".

Noting that local college students did not come to the previous symposium, Bill Cook suggested that an attractive lower price be charged students.

It was suggested that the Columbus Show flyers reflect that show admission is not included in the registration fee.

Ernie Carlson is willing to continue to serve as chairman for the symposium. The theme for the next symposium will be decided by a committee of: Nelson Shaffer, Ernie Carlson and Henry Barwood. Dan Hall will continue as coordinator with the Columbus Show.

A decision on a symposium must be made in June to include the information in the year 2001 Columbus Show flyer.

Henry Barwood suggested that we publish the abstract and the proceedings of the symposium for distribution to all Midwest members and the other FofM chapters.

Henry Barwood is contemplating a 'Safe Collecting Areas' project which would provide information on relatively safe mineral collecting locations, away from quarry trucks for instance, as a teaching resource.

Henry pointed out that Indiana quarries are very busy at this time. He also mentioned several 'new' Indiana quarries which might be future collecting sites- the Mathis Quarry and Eureka Quarry.

MIDWEST CHAPTER FM - UPCOMING MEETINGS, PROGRAMS & FIELD TRIPS

Saturday June 24, 2000. Bloomington Gem-Mineral-Fossil Show & Swap. Monroe County 4-H Fairgrounds, Bloomington IN. Midwest FM Speaker: Dwaine Edington (Midwest FM Chapter President) "Why Micromounting", 4:00 PM. Midwest FM meeting will follow.

Saturday September 9, 2000. 500 Earth Sciences Gem & Mineral Show, 4-H Fairgrounds, Hancock Co., Greenfield IN. 1:00 PM, program to be announced.

FIELD TRIPS

A field trip is tentatively scheduled for Saturday July 15 to a quarry in E-central Indiana. More information will be available at the Bloomington Show or by contacting Dwaine Edington in late June or early July.

The trip on Saturday May 20 to LaFarge quarries at Woodville (formerly Ohio Lime) and Millersville in Sandusky County, OH, provided fair mineral collecting. At Woodville, a few nice groups of white prismatic celestite and calcite were brought back, along with some fluorite, sphalerite and galena. At Millersville, small crystals of celestite, fluorite and calcite in colorful groups were plentiful in the old operations. Some fluorite, calcite and sphalerite were collected in the active area, along with a large, attractive specimen of galena, thanks to a helpful loader.

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