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**SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 12:00 Noon (EST)**  
In Conjunction with Lawrence County Rock Club, Inc.  
**GEM, MINERAL, FOSSIL SHOW & SWAP**  
Monroe County Fairgrounds  
**BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA**



**MR. KEN VAISVIL**

## **KEOKUK GEODES FROM THE RECENTLY CREATED HIGHWAY 61 ROAD CUTS IN LEWIS COUNTY, MISSOURI**

Mr. Vaisvil is an avid Keokuk geode and mineral specimen collector from St. Louis, Missouri. He has a BS in Chemical Engineering from the University of Missouri-Rolla and is currently president and field trip chairman for the St. Louis Mineral & Gem Society. He is also the author of the J/A 2003 *Rocks and Minerals* magazine article entitled "Colorful Keokuk Geodes from Lewis County, Missouri."



### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Greetings! Hope everyone is having a productive spring. The next Midwest FoM meeting is at the Bloomington Mineral Show, Saturday, June 26 at noon Bloomington time. (Eastern Standard Time). Thanks to Nelson Shaffer, we will have two tables at the show available for a fund raising silent auction. So bring your extra specimens together with estimated sale values and locality data if you have them. We will be looking for volunteers to operate the tables also.

According to Alan Goldstein plans are progressing well for the Fluorspar Symposium this coming October. Alan will not be at the Bloomington Show, but I will have an update to present at that time.

Thanks to the Edingtons, a collecting trip by reservation only and restricted to fifteen members is planned for the quarry near Corydon, Indiana, on Saturday, July 19. Scheduling for this trip is now complete.

The field trip to Rocky Ridge on Saturday, May 22 was successful and we had nice weather. Again, many thanks to Garry Getz of Shelly Materials, Inc. for making the arrangements for us!! About 18 members and friends attended and most came away with several nice specimens. The best mineral collecting was near the top of the quarry at the Lockport Dolomite (below) – Greenfield Dolomite (above) contact with lots of rock to walk over. We collected white to colorless celestine, brown fluorite and intergrowths of the two, with many nice crystals taken. A fair amount of red to brown sphalerite was present, but crystals were mostly small. Some pale yellow calcite and iridescent pyrite were also found. Many small vugs were filled with black native asphalt. Kathy Bailey brought out some small, but nice crystals of galena, which I don't believe has been reported previously at Rocky Ridge. Bedding planes in the Late Silurian Greenfield Dolomite were inclined off a mound structure (ancient reef) in the underlying Middle Silurian Lockport Dolomite and there were lots of fossils in the Lockport rocks at the quarry floor.

ERNIE CARLSON, President

MINUTES—APRIL 3, 2004

The April 3, 2004, meeting of the Midwest Chapter of the Friends of Mineralogy (FOM) was held at the Cincinnati 'GEOFAIR' 2004 with President Ernie Carlson presiding. Twenty-one members were present. The minutes of the January meeting were accepted as printed in the newsletter on a motion made by Bill Cook and seconded by Anne Cook.

Treasurer Lorraine Wright reported the club's checking account balance was \$1,422.89 as of this date.

OLD BUSINESS: Alan Goldstein of the Falls of the Ohio reported on progress towards the FOM co-sponsored Fluorspar Symposium to be held on October 2, 2004. The symposium has been tentatively scheduled to open Friday evening with a tour of the Clement Museum. Saturday morning will be filled with a field trip to the Hastie Quarry, followed by a sack lunch and then a trip to the museum at Rosiclare. On Saturday evening there will be a dinner at Fohs Hall in Marion, Kentucky, followed by the presentations of three speakers. On Sunday, October 3, possible field trips could include the Columbia Mine, Hudson Zinc Mine and the Lafayette Mine. Attendees can find acceptable accommodations at the Relax Inn off I-24 about thirty minutes from Marion in the \$32-\$42 range. Advanced registration for the symposium will be limited to about 25 attendees and the fee will be about \$50 to cover costs of museum admission, sack lunch, symposium room at the Fohs Hall and the production of a Symposium Guidebook.

NEW BUSINESS: The Midwest Chapter will hold its Saturday, June 26, 2004, meeting at 12 noon (EST) at the Bloomington Show. Nelson Shaffer is organizing a silent auction for that day---members are requested to donate items for that event.

Members voted to accept the invitation to hold a chapter meeting at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History in conjunction with the Micromineral Society of Cleveland Symposium on Saturday, November 6, 2004.

Albert Sicree, Secretary

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FIRST AID & CPR TRAINING  
AT THE SWAP

This training will be on Friday, June 25, for the first 10 people to register and will cost \$21.00 each. It will start at 9 am and go for five hours.

Send your name, address, phone number and your check payable to Robert Moss to: George Aldred, R.R. 2 Box 175, Shoals IN 47581. Remember only ten people can get the training on this day.

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MINE AND QUARRY SAFETY TRAINING

This training will be conducted by Joel Vicary on Saturday morning, June 26. Cost will be determined later, but possibly between \$25 and \$30 which includes a manual. There is no limit on the number who can attend this training. Checks will be made to Joel Vicary and paid at the session on Saturday morning.

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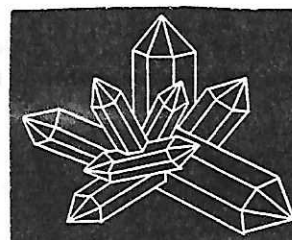
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## MAUMEE QUARRY FIELD TRIP

AUGUST 21, 2004

9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M. (Eastern Daylight Savings Time)

The next collecting trip in Ohio is scheduled for Saturday, August 21, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Savings Time), to the Shelly Materials Quarry at Maumee, central Lucas County. Thanks again to Garry Getz of Shelly Materials, Inc. for making arrangements. The last Midwest FoM trip to Maumee was Saturday, July 22, 2000.

Hard hats, steel-toed boots and glasses are required. The site is South of Ohio Turnpike, Exit 59 (old Exit 4), taking US 20 South, turning West (right) on Dussel Street and South (left) on Ford Street. The quarry entrance is on the East Side of Ford Street. If you are coming from the South, get on US 20A and turn North on Ford Street. (See enclosed map.) We will meet at the Scale House at 9:00 A.M.

Collecting is usually good for celestine, fluorite, calcite and strontianite; dolomite, sulfur, galena and pyrite are present also. Some of the mineralization is coated with native asphalt.

Fossils are abundant in lower level rocks (Middle Silurian Lockport Dolomite). Bedded gypsum is present in lower level rocks, which is extremely unusual for the Lockport Dolomite. Molds of gypsum crystals are present in upper level rocks (Late Silurian Greenfield Dolomite).

Write, phone or E-mail Ernie Carlson if you plan to come. That way I can notify you of any last minute change in plans: Dept. Geology, Kent State University, Kent, OH 44242. Office 330-672-3778; home 330-678-8875; [ecarlson@kent.edu](mailto:ecarlson@kent.edu)



## MIDWEST CHAPTER SILENT AUCTION

Saturday, June 26

Monroe County Fairground  
BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

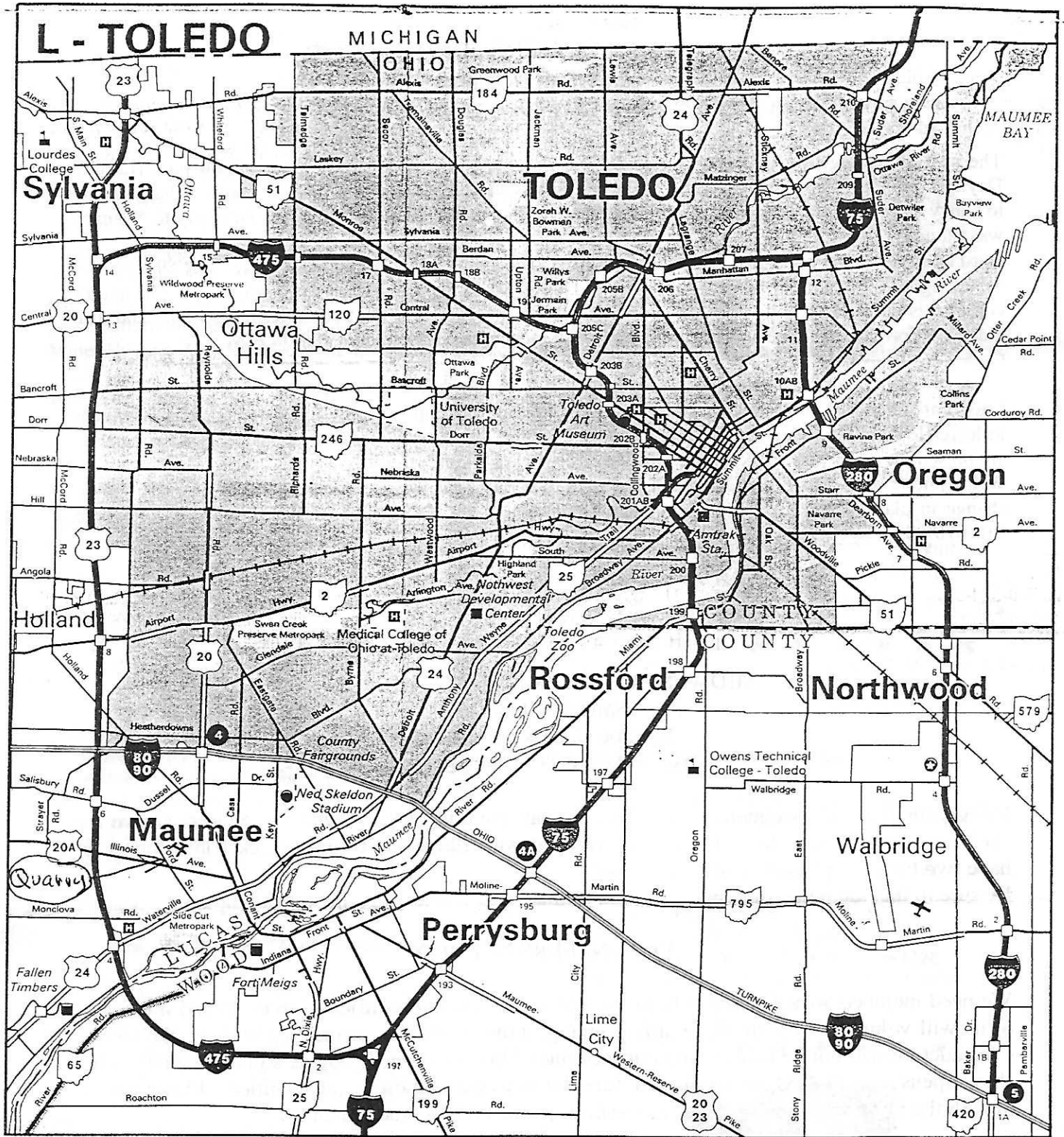
Bring your donated specimens to the show or mail them to Nelson Shaffer at address shown on enclosed member list. Mr. Shaffer has arranged with Lawrence County Rock Club, for us to have two tables to present specimens for sale.

Be sure to include with your specimens the estimated sale value and the locality data.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need members to volunteer to be at the tables. This is not a difficult job to do and if enough of us will volunteer to help, there still is enough time to attend our meeting and see the show. (The auction will not be held during our meeting.) This is to benefit you as a club member. The show opens at 9:00 A.M., but a definite time for our first auction is not specified. Please check in with the information booth as to the location of FoM Silent Auction tables.







# GEM MINERAL - FOSSIL SHOW & SWAP

Also June Meeting of Midwest Friends of Mineralogy,  
June Meeting of I.S.P. Indiana Society of Paleontology, and  
Meeting of Southern Indiana Chapter of Gold Prospectors of America

Sponsored by the Lawrence County Rock Club, Inc.  
At Monroe County Fairgrounds, Bloomington, Indiana  
Southwest of Junction Ind. 37 & Ind. 45 S, 1 2/10 miles on Ind. 45, then 7/10 mile on  
Airport Road, West of Bloomington

Gems - Jewelry - Gifts - Lapidary Materials - Minerals - Fossils - Rocks - Supplies

**FREE  
ADMISSION**

**JUNE 25, 26, 27, 2004**

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ADMISSION**

**INSIDE AND OUTSIDE SET-UP SPACE**

Reservations taken when number of feet and Money is received. Space reserved according to postmark on envelope. No telephone reservations. Space remaining when door opens will be sold on a first come/first served basis. Space is \$2.00 per front foot. Bring your own tables and chairs. Limited number of rental tables (no chairs) available at \$20.00 per table, and this must accompany space reservations prior to the show. Limited electrical service. Camping \$10.00 per night. Camping in designated area only, if using 30 amp. Electric hook-up. No reserved Camping.

**Set Up from 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM - Thursday, June 24**

Displays Welcome - Food Service on Grounds - Donations Welcome for Auctions

**Friday**

8 AM-10 AM....set-up  
10 AM.....show opens  
6:30 PM.close for day  
7 PM....doors locked

**Saturday**

8 AM.....doors open  
9 AM.....show opens  
12 Noon.F.M.M.W.C. Mtg.  
1:30 PM..... I.S.P. Mtg.  
3 PM .Gold Prospect.Mtg.  
6:30 PM.....close for day  
7 PM.....doors locked

**Sunday**

8 AM.....doors open  
9 AM.....show opens  
4 PM.....show closes

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**SHOW CHAIRMEN**  
Elmer & Ruth Richter  
4741 St. Road 54 West  
Springville, In. 47462  
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