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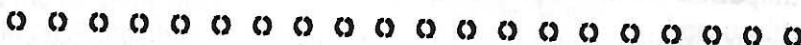
CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

1 WADE OVAL, UNIVERSITY CIRCLE

In Conjunction with Focus on Micromounting by the
Micromineral Society of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History



Our meeting will follow Skip Simmons talk on "Pegmatites, Minerals, Petrology and Genesis"
Plus short talks by Dick Green on "Minerals of the Dunbrack Mine, Nova Scotia"; Pete Richards "Aragonite
from Parma, Michigan" and Paul Schwin "Mineralized Concretions from the Huron River, Ohio".



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to everyone. The Fluorspar Symposium was successful judging from the amount of material carried out of the mine dumps we visited. Alan put much effort into organizing the trip and on behalf of the membership, I want to thank him for a job well done!! We should have a financial statement on the Symposium ready by the upcoming Cleveland meeting.

The Clement Mineral Museum, Marion, Kentucky, where the Friday evening Symposium Reception was held, is apparently in financial trouble. At the Cleveland meeting we might consider a donation to help out as a partial expression of our thanks.

The Geofest at the State Museum in Indianapolis is being held as I write this and several members who have contributed to making arrangements and operating the Midwest FoM table there should be acknowledged including Peggy Fisherkeller, Nelson Shaffer, Lorraine Wright and Marlene Edington.

The dues for National FM have risen to \$6.00 and should we consider raising our dues to cover this beginning in 2006? Another question that has come up before, but remains unresolved is: Should we join the Midwest Federation? These issues should be discussed in Cleveland.

I want to thank Paul Schwin for his successful efforts in operating the FoM Silent Auction table in Bloomington and Greenfield, which together brought nearly \$400.00 to our treasury. One problem is a lack of material to auction. Paul has agreed to stockpile samples for future auctions so for those coming to Cleveland, please bring your seconds with locations and minimum bid prices.

I will bring a list of nominations of Midwest FoM officers for next year to the Cleveland meeting. We are still looking for a Vice President for field trips. Let me know if you are interested in this important position.

See you at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History on November 6.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING—SEPTEMBER 11, 2004

The September 11 meeting of the Midwest Chapter of the Friends of Mineralogy was held in conjunction with the 500 Earth Sciences Club Gem, Mineral, Fossil Show & Swap at the Hancock County 4-H Fairgrounds in Greenfield, Indiana. President Ernie Carlson presided over the meeting attended by fourteen members and friends.

The minutes of the June 26, 2004, meeting were accepted as printed in the newsletter. Treasurer Lorraine Wright reported that the club's checking account had \$1,385.64 as of that date. Long time member and former president Fred Lewis is at the St. Vincent Hospice, 8450 Payne Road, Indianapolis IN 46268.

Paul Schwin and Marlene Edington are running a silent auction booth for the benefit of FoM. Vern Swanson was thanked for donating much material for this fundraiser.

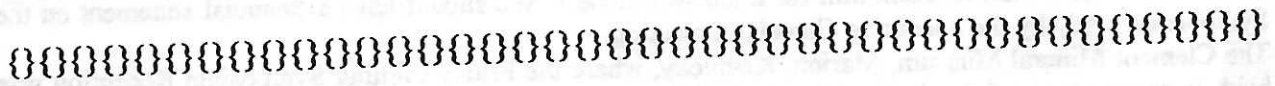
The current group of chapter officers have agreed to continue serving in 2005 if re-elected. An election will be held at the next meeting and nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Several members were interested in putting together a mineral display case to be shown at various gem and mineral shows as a chapter effort to publicize the FoM activities.

The chapter's participation in the upcoming GEOFEST3 at the Indiana State Museum on October 22-23 was discussed.

The business meeting was closed and member, Kim Greeman, gave a slide-enhanced presentation on the varieties, occurrences and the various proposed origins of the Indiana geodes. A lively discussion on the subject followed Kim's excellent talk.

Albert Sicree, Secretary

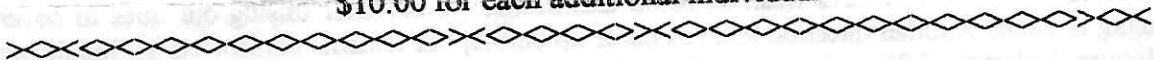


IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2005

To update our records, please fill out the enclosed membership renewal form and send to our treasurer, Lorraine Wright, 1505 S. Randolph St., Indianapolis IN 46203

\$15.00 per individual

\$10.00 for each additional individual



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FREDERICK LEWIS
 SEPTEMBER 26, 1919-SEPTEMBER 12, 2004

Frederick "Fred" Lewis 84, Carmel, passed away at St. Vincent Hospice, Indianapolis, Indiana. Fred was born in Canada and his wife of 54 years, Corona "Ronie" Heath Lewis and a cousin, Dr. Paul Camwell, survive. He was a graduate of the University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario.

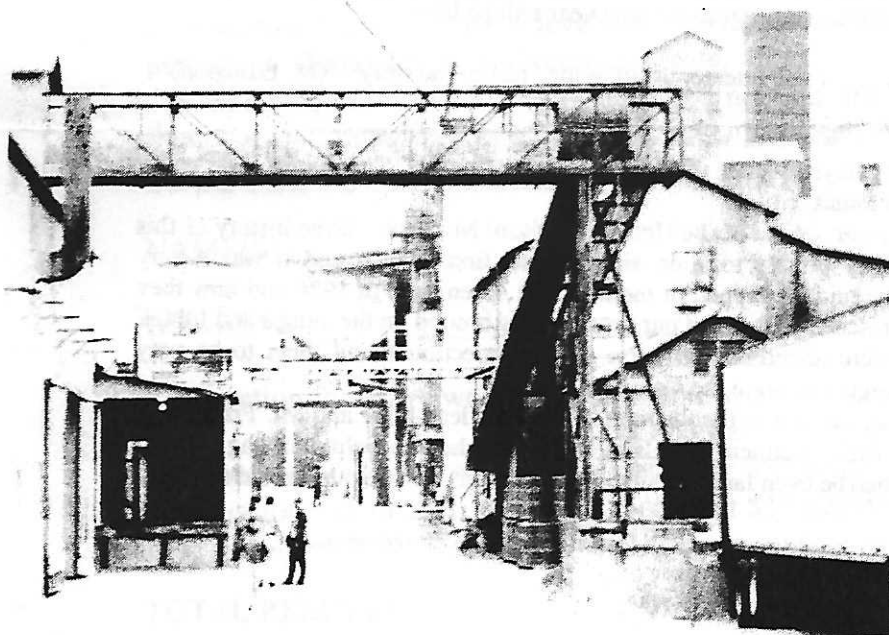
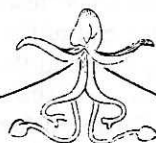
Fred's many associations included a lifetime membership in the Society of Automotive Engineers, membership at the Indiana State Society of Automotive Engineers, membership at the Indiana State Museum where he volunteered for 17 years in the area of Natural History. Fred's primary avocation was paleontology and geology. He had served as treasurer of the ISM volunteers, as a speaker for the bureau at the museum and had co-chaired the ISM annual volunteer field trips. He also had served on the Board of Trustees of ISM historic sites. Fred was past president of Friends of Mineralogy-Midwest Chapter and the St. Thomas Field Naturalist Club, the Indiana Society of Paleontology and Alberta Society of Paleontology, McIlwraith Field Naturalist of London, Ontario, and past board member of the Federation of Naturalist in Ontario. He also served as treasurer of the Indianapolis Shell Club and the Hayes-Dana Retirees and the St. Thomas Natural History Club, St. Thomas, Ontario.

Fred had been employed at the Weatherhead Company for 29 years prior to working at Carmel Screw Products, which later became Standard Lock Nut and Lock Washer, for twenty years before retiring.

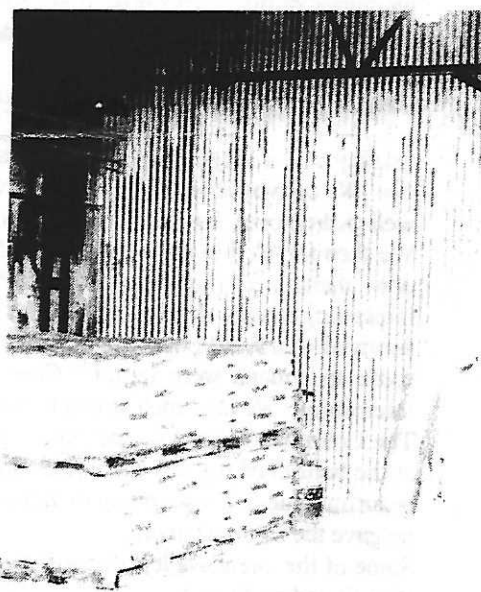
He was also a member of the St. John Anglican Church, St. Thomas, Ontario.

Funeral services were held on September 15 at the Carmel Christian Church where Fred attended and interment was at Carmel Cemetery.

Visit www.lifestorynet.com where you may read Fred's Life Story, share a personal memory, or make memorial contributions to The Nature Conservancy, Indiana State Museum Foundation or the church.



OZARK-MAHONING MILL
 ROSICLARE, ILLINOIS



Bags of fluorspar ready for shipment

MEMORIES OF THE MINERAL SYMPOSIUM

By DENNIS HAAS

This year the Midwest Chapter of Friends of Mineralogy Mineral Symposium was on the Illinois-Kentucky Fluorspar District. It was a wonderful October weekend spent learning about the district. The weather was beautiful, warm, sunny fall days. I remember attending a symposium in 2002 with the Mississippi Valley Chapter of Friends in the mineral district and it was rainy and cold so the perfect fall weather added to the success of the symposium. Friday evening was a reception at the Clement Mineral Museum. Saturday was spent at areas in Illinois and Sunday was spent in Kentucky. Last year the Midwest Chapter's symposium was just one day with a series of speakers in the auditorium at the Indiana State Museum as part of Geofest2. This year the symposium was field trips, tours of fluorite museums, mills and old mines, a dinner and speakers on Saturday evening. Along with a great guidebook edited by Alan Goldstein. The chapter thanks Alan for all the hard work and effort he put into making the symposium a success. The chapter is deeply in debt to him for all he did.

The reception on Friday evening at the Clement Mineral Museum gave one a chance to see beautiful specimens from the district and to talk to others who were attending the symposium. The guidebook was given out. Unfortunately, the museum was only open that evening to view the district specimens so the hours went by quickly. The Clement Mineral Museum is well worth returning to for a longer visit.

The visit to the Ozark-Mahoning Fluorspar Mill located on Bohn Street in Rosiclare on Saturday morning gave one a chance to collect around the mill and to see how the ore was processed. Don Hastie, owner of Hastie's Mine in Cave-in-Rock gave the group a tour. Part of the mill is still in operation and in one of the buildings we saw the bags of fluorspar that they process. Not at the scale the mill once operated, but still in operation. After the tour we were able to collect at the dump piles.

The American Fluorite Museum was interesting to visit. The museum is in the office of the old Rosiclare Mill. Unfortunately most of the buildings of the mill have been torn down along with the tall smokestack. Before leaving this stop Alan Goldstein gave a talk about the mill and museum. There was also a photo album of what the mill once looked like.

At our next stop, the Annabel Lee Mine, Alan also gave a talk to the group and this site was the last operating mine in the district. This was also our last stop for Saturday. This "historic site" along with the Minerva No. 1 Mine was two of the last in the district. Both closed in 1995—the end of the 163 year history of fluorspar mining in southern Illinois. At the Annabel Lee Mine, Alan told of his visit into the mine and an article he wrote for Mineral News about that experience was passed out. It gives one some idea what it was like to go into a fluorspar mine.

Saturday evening we enjoyed a wonderful dinner at Fohs Hall (next to the Clement Mineral Museum) and listened to Alan and Dr. Brett Denny give talks on the geology and minerals of the district. This made for wonderful memories of the symposium. If not for the hard work Alan and others did for this symposium it would not have been of such exceptional quality. Wonder what the mineral symposium for next year will be like?

As Dennis was unable to attend the Sunday sessions, I will attempt to fill in the "rest of the story". (M. Edington)

Sunday was a bright clear day with no clouds, but was cool with the promise of warmer temperatures later in the day. We convoyed to Mexico, Kentucky, to the Lafayette Mine and collected some fluorite. The dumps were pretty well picked over, but some nice specimens were found.

We then traveled to the next site and Mr. Bill Frazer, owner of the Hutson (Hudson) Mine told of the history of this now abandoned zinc mine. He knew the history of this location since it was first opened and it was a very interesting story. He also related the story of the miners trapped in the mine for seven days in 1926 and how they survived. Luck was with them as they were all rescued. We spent our time looking around on the dumps and I think some specimens were found. Core samples were abundant and upon closer inspection found them to be very interesting. We ate lunch at this location and then it was on to the Columbia Mine.

The Columbia Mine was opened in 1835 and was the first in the district. This was a lead mine and Mr. Frazer said at the bottom of the hill was some more dumps with specimens of galena. How right he was. John Feiertag found a beautiful galena, close to one inch on one side (maybe even larger), but that was the second one that he had found as he gave the first one away.

Some of the attendees left this site to go to the Old Jim Mine to search for Smithsonite.

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FOCUS ON MICROMOUNTING
A weekend symposium sponsored by the
Micromineral Society of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History

Friday, November 5, 2004**8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
 Saturday, November 6, 2004**8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
 Sunday, November 7, 2004**9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

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Friday is symposium registration and microscope set-up in classrooms A & B on the lower level from 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m. At 8 p.m. the evening program will be featured speaker **Skip Simmons'** slide presentation on the "Adventures Chasing Pegmatities Around the World".

Saturday the morning will begin at 8:30 a.m. with registration and set up and a continental breakfast. The morning talk will begin at 9:45 with Mr. Simmons second program "Pegmatites: Minerals, Petrology and Genesis". A coffee break and workshop follows with lunch served at 12:30 p.m.

Saturday afternoon brings short talks by **Dick Green** "Minerals of the Dunbrack Mine, Nova Scotia"; **Pete Richards** "Aragonite from Parma, Michigan" and **Paul Schwin** "Mineralized Concretions from the Huron River, Ohio". A second workshop follows until 3:00 when **Friends of Mineralogy-Midwest Chapter** will hold their meeting. A pot luck dinner will be held at the home of Pete and Prue Richards. Out-of-town visitors will be the Society's guests and all participants are welcome.

Sunday the Museum will open at 9:30 a.m. for early-bird mounters and a continental breakfast is served. A workshop will continue and the morning session with a short talk by **George Simmons** "Reported Silver Mines in Ohio" will begin at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will be served at 11:45 a.m. The rest of the afternoon is open to tour the museum galleries or continue with a third workshop session.

Registration fee: For the entire symposium the cost is \$35 per person or \$65 for a couple. For those wishing to attend just 1 day the fee will be \$15. The Friday night talk fee is \$5. Return the reservation form to **The Cleveland Museum of Natural History, Attn: Museum tickets person, 1 Wade Oval, University Circle, Cleveland OH 44106.** Make checks payable to Cleveland Museum of Natural History and note on check that payment is for the Micromineral Symposium. For more information contact Dick Green at 330-929-2395

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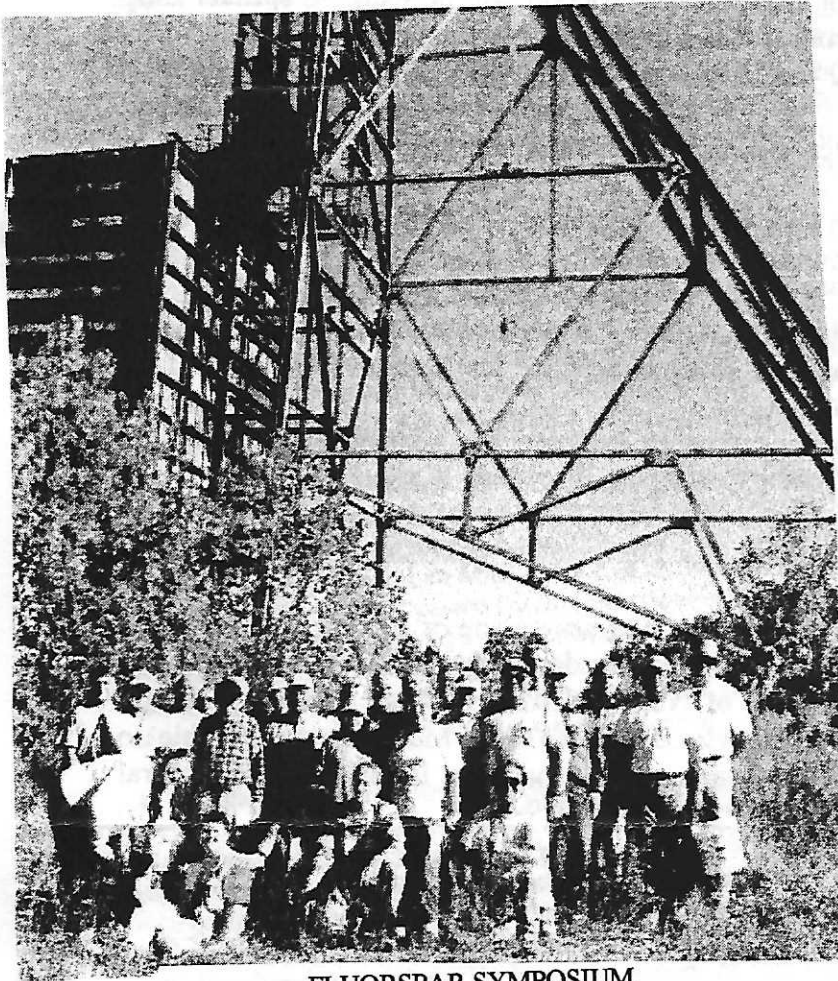
Registration for entire weekend ___ people at \$35/person
 ___ couples at \$65/couple
 Registration for Friday night ___ people at \$5/person
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TOTAL REMITTANCE _____

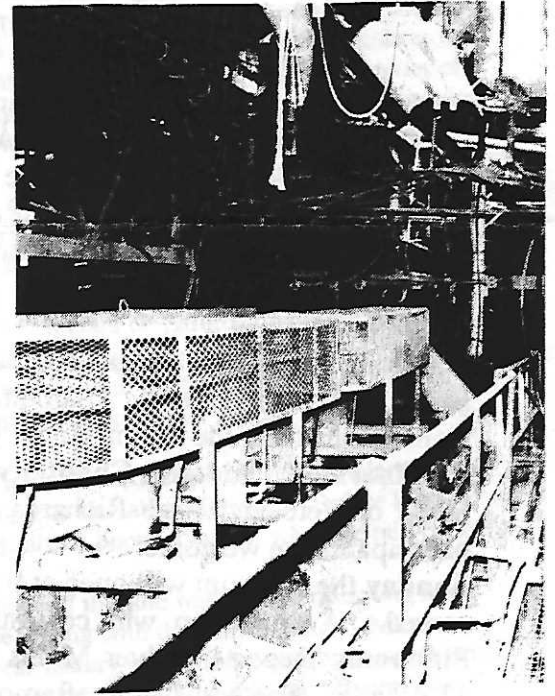
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As the promise of warmer weather came true, everyone was starting to slightly wilt and thoughts of heading for home was prominent.

All in all, this symposium was a wonderful experience and I personally want to thank Mr. Bill Frazer and Mr. Ed Clement for all of the information and the chance of visiting locations not readily available to collectors. To Alan, thank you for a job well done and to Ernie for all of his help in making this symposium a huge success.



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OCTOBER 1-3, 2004
ANNABEL LEE MINE, ILLINOIS



INSIDE THE OZARK-MAHONING MILL



Not many specimens found, but beautiful fall scenery to see.

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