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SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2006, 12:00 Noon EDT
BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA
MONROE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
In Conjunction with the Lawrence County Rock
Club's Gem, Mineral, Fossil Show & Swap

MR. ROBERT HARMAN

GEODES FROM A SANDY SILTSTONE FORMATION IN MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA—A DISTINCT SUBTYPE OF INDIANA GEODES

Mr. Harman is a member of Friends of Mineralogy-Midwest Chapter and the Lawrence County Rock Club. He is a retired professional residing in Bloomington. Mr. Harman is an amateur mineral collector and has had a special interest in geodes, especially Indiana geodes, for approximately ten years.

He is an avid field collector of these geodes.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – JUNE 2006

Hello again. We will have our next meeting at the Bloomington show at noon on June 24. Among other things, we need to discuss is our non-profit status or lack thereof and what to do about it.

Many thanks to Ernie Carlson for his work on future field trips and making arrangements for us to attend the necessary classes to facilitate access to quarries in Ohio.

One thing I forgot to bring up at the meeting in Cincinnati was the Silent Auction/Mineral Sale at the Bloomington show. At the meeting last January, mention was made that Paul Schwin would be in charge of this at both Bloomington and Greenfield.

He will need specimens donated for sale and help with the operation.

Please do what you can. Thanks and see you at Bloomington

David Straw, President 765-966-4249 strawdl@aol.com

SILENT AUCTION/MINERAL SALES

Don't forget to bring your donated specimens to the Bloomington Show for inclusion in the Silent Auction/Mineral Sales. Mr. Schwin will need help, so volunteer your time for a while.

If you have any questions, please call Paul at 419-929-9074 or rocknut2@aol.com

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
MAY 6, 2006

The May 6, 2006, meeting of the Friends of Mineralogy-Midwest Chapter was held in conjunction with GEOFAIR 2006 in Cincinnati, Ohio. President David Straw thanked hosts Cincinnati Mineral Society and Dry Dredgers for providing a meeting place. Sixteen members and two guests were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer Lorraine Wright reported that the chapter's bank account showed a balance of \$1,652.00 as of May 6, 2006. The report was accepted subject to audit on a motion of Anne Cook and seconded by Bill Cook.

Old Business: President Straw's letter of support for the Clement Museum in Marion, Kentucky, on behalf of the chapter has been acknowledged in a note from Bill Fraizer.

New Business: Alan Goldstein recommended a number of ways that the chapter could support the Clement Museum including efforts to boost attendance and a club donation. A motion was made by Paul Schwin and seconded by Sylvia Sicree that the chapter donate \$100.00 to the museum. The motion was accepted by a unanimous vote of the members.

A discussion was held concerning whether the chapter needed to have a 'not for profit' status. The consensus felt that it did not need that status since its yearly gross receipts were so low. It was suggested that the treasurer contact the National FoM for their advice.

Marlene Edington has made up some new club stationary. As editor of the chapter's newsletter Marlene stated that she is satisfied with the software she is currently using for that purpose.

Ernie Carlson and Ed Edington have volunteered to arrange field trips for the chapter. Ernie will chair a 2006 FoM Field Trip Symposium, possibly in the vicinity of Sylvania, Ohio.

President Straw announced future FoM meetings:

June 24, 2006-Bloomington, Indiana-12:00-Bob Harman speaker

September 9, 2006-Greenfield, Indiana

November 4, 2006-Cleveland Museum of Natural History at the Cleveland Micromineral Society Symposium with Tom Rosemeyer as featured speaker on the mines of Southwest Colorado.

Paul Schwin thanked Vern Swanson for donation of minerals to be sold for the chapter at the Bloomington and Greenfield shows. Paul asked for members help in running these sales.

The meeting was adjourned.

Albert Sicree, Secretary

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FIELD TRIPS

IMI QUARRY—ANDERSON (PENDLETON), INDIANA SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2006, 8:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

Kenneth Newman, member of MW, has arranged for a joint field trip to be held on the above date with the Columbus Mineral Society and Friends of Mineralogy-Midwest Chapter. This quarry has nice clear to honey colored calcite. The quarry is located just off I-69 at Exit 22. There will be a short "safety" briefing at 8:00 A.M. Hard hats, hard-toed shoes and safety goggles are required by the quarry and we will have to sign waivers. There are a number of motels and RV parks in the area. There is a state park on the east side of Anderson with RV parking. Anyone interested, please contact Ken at his home phone 937-390-9694 or e-mail at newbken1@yahoo.com (cell phone—937-205-0045)

MSHA TRAINING COURSE AND UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS ERNIE CARLSON, CO-VICE-PRESIDENT FIELD TRIPS

Because some quarries require the Mine Safety & Health Administration (MSHA) training course for entry, arrangements for our group to take this course on **Friday, July 14, 2006**, have been made. Twenty-three members are planning to attend. Please notify me if you would like to come and have not yet done so. The eight hour session is free and will be held at the **Ohio Department of Natural Resources Second Floor Conference Room at 2045 Morse Road, Columbus OH 43229-6693 starting at 8:00 A.M. Stop at the guardhouse and obtain a visitor's pass.** There is an exit off I-71 for Morse Road North of downtown Columbus.

Clay Center quarry, West central Ottawa County, NW Ohio, requires MSHA certification and we are scheduled to visit Saturday, July 22, 2006, 7:00 to 11:00 A.M.

This year's Field Symposium will be held on **Saturday, September 2 and Sunday, September 3, 2006.** Work is still in progress, but **Saturday morning (9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon)** will be spent at **Hanson Aggregates Midwest, Inc. Sylvania quarry.** Sunday will be spent at two Suever Stone Company quarries, the morning at the **Delphos quarry, Delphos, in VanWert County** and early afternoon at the **Bloomlock quarry in western Allen County.** Suever Stone Co. requires MSHA certification.

Paul Schwin and I are planning another Midwest FoM field trip to the **West Branch of the Huron River at the Erie County-Huron County border, north-central Ohio on Saturday July 1, from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.** Easiest access to the site is from Exit 118 (Norwalk exit) of the Ohio Turnpike, turning south on US 250, west on Ohio Route 113, and south on Lovers Lane. Park along the berm of Lovers Lane just before the bridge crosses the West Branch. Also see map enclosed in the June 2005 Midwest Chapter Newsletter. (Continued on Page 4)

FIELD TRIPS CONTINUED-----

Collecting concretions on the West Branch of the Huron River.....

We will collect crystals of barite, quartz, dolomite, calcite and other less common minerals from large septarian concretions exposed along the banks of the river. Last year we had excellent collecting for quartz and dolomite. The trip is strenuous as wading in the river is necessary and large sledgehammers and chisels are needed because the concretions are tough. We will have a boat available to float equipment and specimens along the river. If you can bring a canoe contact Paul for more details. Because of a possible last minute cancellation due to rainy weather or high river levels, be sure to notify Paul or me by Monday, June 26, if you are planning to attend.

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MIDWEST CHAPTER MINERAL SALE

Paul Schwin will be having a mineral sale at the **Bloomington show on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 23, 24 and 25.** Donation of minerals would be greatly appreciated to make this endeavor a success. Everyone must have some extra minerals in their basement, attic, garage, under beds, under chairs and all those boxes that are stacked sky high whether it is micro to museum size. Start going through those boxes and bags and donate to the Midwest Chapter Mineral Sale. Bring your specimens to the show. Be sure you have identified the mineral, the location and other important information and have it on a label for the customer to take along with the specimen.

Paul will also need help in manning the booth so **volunteer** a part of your time while at the show to give him a break. This is your organization and the mineral sale will help the club's treasury in paying dues to the national organization, insurance and fees for the Field Trip Symposium.

If you have any questions or need other information, get in touch with Paul at the above telephone number or email.

CORRECTIONS TO THE MEMBERSHIP LIST SENT WITH THE MAY NEWSLETTER:

Ed O'Dell ===== New work place e-mail-----odell@wmbinc.com

William & Beulah Wuestenfeld ===== Delete the address in Alaska; new e-mail (secured)
wrw5@sbcglobal.net (requests paper copy of newsletter)

Timothy Fosberg ===== e-mail ----- timothyfosberg@sbcglobalnet