

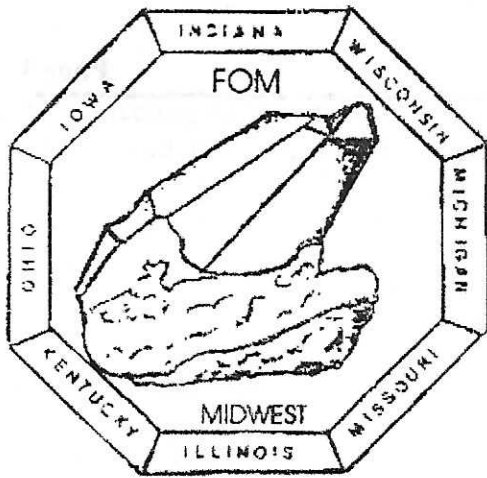
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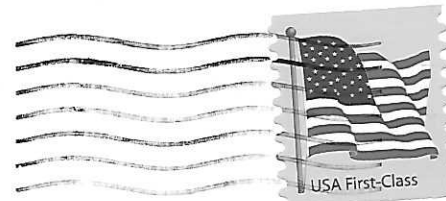
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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hello all. I am looking forward to the Bloomington show; we have our next meeting there on June 23 at noon. Our field trip to the Auglaize quarry on May 12 was good. A number of people found small zoned cubes of fluorite, and at least one person found a vug with the iridescent fluorite. Our next trip is to Lime City on May 26, which will be over by the time you read this. There is another trip to Clay Center on June 9. I am sorry I will not be able to go on that one. Nelson Shaffer, Bob Harmon and Dave Rush are working on a symposium on geodes to be held September 29-30, so be sure to save that date. Our membership is up this year; we have about 100 members now. Many of the new members have joined to take part in all the field trips that Ernie Carlson has been organizing – thanks Ernie! At the meeting in Bloomington we will have more discussion and possibly make a decision about having a meeting at the Columbus, Ohio show rather than two consecutive meetings at the State Museum in Indianapolis. If you have an opinion about this and will not be at the Bloomington meeting, please send me your thoughts [STRAWDL@aol.com](mailto:STRAWDL@aol.com) . See you at Bloomington.

Dave Straw

**MINUTES OF MEETING, MAY 5, 2007**

The May meeting of the Midwest Chapter of the Friends of Mineralogy was held on Saturday May 5, 2007 in conjunction with the Cincinnati Geofair 2007. President Dave Straw called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM with 15 members present. Two of those were brand new members, who had joined at this show, and they, along with others, were welcomed. Dave thanked the Cincinnati Mineral Society and the Dry Dredgers for providing our meeting site. Ed Edington moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as published in the newsletter; motion carried. The Treasurer was not present, but sent a report showing a balance of \$2163. At the time of the report, there were 89 dues-paid members for this year.

Ernie Carlson reminded those present that the mine safety training would be offered in Columbus on May 11, and tentatively in Dayton on April 14, 2008. This training is required for attendance at the next three field trips, on May 12, 9AM to 1 PM, at Auglaize, OH; May 26, 9AM to 1PM, at Lime City, OH, and June 9, 7AM to 11AM, at Clay Center, OH. Training received elsewhere is valid if those trained received the standard certificates.

The chapter symposium will be held Sept. 29-30, and will center on geodes. Nelson Shaffer, Dave Rush, and Bob Harman are in charge. It may be held at Bloomington, IN or the the Falls of the Ohio State Park.

Future meeting sites were discussed at some length. The beginning of the discussion centered on evening out the number of meetings in Indiana and Ohio, perhaps by moving the early spring meeting (March or April) from Indianapolis to Columbus, OH, but was expanded to cover possible meeting sites in Michigan and Illinois as well as the previously mentioned states, so that more members would be able to attend at least one meeting relatively close to where they live. Questions raised included where would enough members come to (at least 10 or 12 should be present) and who would provide a room to hold the meeting. Sites mentioned included Chicago, Louisville, Detroit (their October show, or Cranbrook) as well as Columbus (their show in early April). MEMBERS WHO HAVE IDEAS TO SHARE SHOULD E-MAIL THEM TO [STRAWDL@AOL.COM](mailto:STRAWDL@AOL.COM). Decisions may be made at the next meeting, which will be on June 23, 2007, at 12 noon at the Bloomington, IN show.

There being no other business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned about 5 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Anne Cook, Secretary

**WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND**

We all should be aware that collecting opportunities are dwindling each year. It is harder and harder for Field Trip Chairs to arrange these activities for us. Our conduct in the field becomes more and more important each day. A recent trip was non-productive and some participants loudly proclaimed their disappointment. I don't think these persons realized that there were three (3) employees present during our visit. One was the van driver who came and went, the other two remained among us the entire time.

How do you think these employees will feel about giving up another Saturday for a crowd of unappreciative collectors? Will the firm go to the expense of renting a van for the day again? How do you think those who arrange these trips feel when hearing negative comments? Will they be excited about arranging more trips?

Let's remember that collectables, such as mineral specimens, have value because they don't occur everywhere and aren't found easily. If they were, we wouldn't need museums, exhibits at our shows, or special arrangements to find them. Certainly, we're disappointed when we don't find "Keepers", but let's not voice our disappointment in a manner that insults those who have given us the opportunity to look, get exercise, and breathe fresh air. John Blue, Editor

## MY REMEMBRANCES OF TUCSON BY BOB HARMAN

This was my 5th visit to Tucson in the last 7 years. The first 3 times, I went exclusively to the main show at the Convention Center, as I stayed only a day or 2 (my daughter lived in Phoenix). Last year and this year I stayed a full week and went to many of the satellite shows. This is definitely the way to do it. Plan to spend 2 weeks in Tucson and, if possible, drive as you may want to buy too much to fly back with or ship. The weather is usually sunny and mild as it was this year (75 daytime - 45 at night), but you can hit a cool spell with a rainy day. Take comfortable casual clothes and good comfortable walking shoes as YOU WILL WALK!! By the way, the Tucson airport is comparatively small and easy to navigate. The security people know about rocks and the show so are lenient towards packaged up rocks. They don't usually make you unpack each one to show them...usually!!

Do the motels and tents and parking lots etc for several days prior to the main show. Here is where the bargains may be, if you are buying (either 1 specimen or wholesale for resale). Bring a notebook to take notes so you can return to the right place for a purchase. It all becomes a blur after 8 sites in less than a day x 5-7 days! Common minerals are just that....all the wholesale dealers and warehouses have tons of them. I saw a whole warehouse of Vanadinite and another of Mexican geodes. Amythyst cathedrals from Brazil are everywhere; from low end pieces to exotic ones costing thousands. If every rockhound and school kid took a piece, there would be a lot left over! Some of the large parking lots are actually flea markets with low end rock dealers.

The main show is 1/2 minerals and 1/2 jewelry, but no diamonds. The mineral dealers range from lower end to very hi-end in the center of the dealer area. Browsing and picture taking is common at both the exhibits and hi-end dealer booths. The exhibits are usually high quality and verrrry hi quality with each collector trying to show off the best of the best. There is little in the way of educational exhibiting, just showing off the best. Some exhibits from individuals and museums have themes while others don't. Virtually all the hi-end dealers have no bargains....most everything is overpriced! The quality is good, but look carefully and few pieces are truly perfect. Some pieces are less than great. What you see are the pieces NOT sold to the very hi-end collectors prior to the shows thruout the year. Chinese stuff is everywhere and is everything in the mineral kingdom.

The hi-end dealers are there, but schmoozing with each other or personal customers and seemed to have little time with folks they didn't know. They are "superficially friendly" in a "good ol' boy attitude". Their underlings helped the routine buyers. It seemed to me that the heyday of collecting was about 1985 - 1995; prices went up rapidly and all these dealers made a lot of money and then felt superior to all the "bread and butter" dealers, having nothing more to do with them. The show seemed better 10-20 years ago. Still good, but from low to high there is a definite rift and the routine hobbyist will notice it and may feel a bit out of place looking at the better stuff and being snubbed by the dealers. I really can't say how sales were this year. These are my impressions

### CLEMENT MUSEUM COLLECTING OPPORTUNITIES

Digs scheduled for the remainder of 2007 are July 14, August 11, September 11, and October 13. Contact Ben E Clement Mineral Museum, PO Box 391, Marion, KY 42064, Tele: (270) 965-4263, or e-mail [beclement@kynet.biz](mailto:beclement@kynet.biz). Trips are limited to thirty (30) participants each.

**HUMOR:** If Noah had been truly wise he would have swatted those two house flies. *From MGAGS Quarterly Newsletter, Summer 2001.*

**NATIVE COPPER, SILVER, DATOLITE, ANALCIME, ETC.**

The annual Copper Country Mineral Retreat will be held August 5 - 12, 2007 hosted by the Michigan Tech Mineral Museum. Once again over twenty (20) field collecting trips are available. All trip fees include bulldozing so fresh material is available. There are also seminars, auctions, swaps, scenic trips, and tours available. If you have never attended, you will be pleased. If you have attended, you know what to expect. Metal detectors work well in locating copper and silver.

For further information contact A.E. Seaman Museum, Houghton, MI Tele: (906) 487-2572, [www.museum.mtu.edu](http://www.museum.mtu.edu)

Additional field trips, gem & mineral shows, and other activities are available to make it a two week activity. The first event is the 32nd Annual Upper Peninsula Gem & Mineral Show in Ishpeming. Field trips are scheduled for Friday, August 3 and Sunday August 5. The show is on Saturday August 4.

For further information contact Ernest Johnson, Marquette, MI, Tele: (906) 228-9422, [ejohnson@nmu.edu](mailto:ejohnson@nmu.edu).

The last event is the Copper Country Rock & Mineral Club Gem & Mineral Show in Houghton, MI, August 10-12. Show is in conjunction with the annual convention of the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical & Geological Societies. Besides the show, there are also field collecting trips available. There are also meals and a banquet available in conjunction with the Midwest Federation Convention.

For information on the show and field collecting trips contact Steve Whelan, Tele: (906) 337-2599, [swhelan@up.net](mailto:swhelan@up.net)

For information on the Midwest Federation Convention contact Pam Hecht, Tele: (906) 337-2274, [steverox@up.net](mailto:steverox@up.net)

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Midwest Chapter of Friends of Mineralogy will be at 12:00 Noon on Saturday, June 23, 2007, hosted by the Lawrence County Rock Club in conjunction with their annual show and swap. The show and swap are held at the Monroe County Fairgrounds west of Bloomington, IN. The show flyer is on the reverse of this page and gives directions to the fairgrounds. **HOPE YOU CAN ATTEND !!!**

**CLOSING HUMOR**

You shouldn't be so open minded that your brains fall out.

If a first you **DO** succeed, try not to look astonished.

Diplomacy is the art of letting someone have your way.

What do you call a male ladybug?

When dog food is new and improved tasting, who tests it?

If they squeeze olives to get olive oil, how do they get baby oil? *From The Lithnics, Jan 2001*

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Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 9:00 AM to 6:30 PM  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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**Held: Monroe County Fairgrounds, West of Bloomington, IN**  
**Directions: From the Junction of IN 37 and IN 45S, go south on**  
**IN 45S for 1.2miles, turn right (west) on Airport Road for 0.7 miles.**  
**Fairgrounds are located on the right.**

For additional information call:

812-295-3463 or 812-247-3780

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