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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am writing this on January 21, as I will not be back from Arizona until it would be very late for inclusion in this newsletter. Thanks to Peggy Fisherkeller for arranging for us to have our last meeting at the Indianapolis State Museum, and also for the very interesting tour of the Museum's facilities.

Don't forget, dues are due. You must be a paid up member to go on the field trips that Ernie Carlson is planning.

We still need a volunteer to take notes at the meetings we have in Indiana. **Please help!**

Good news regarding a symposium this year. Nelson Shaffer, Bob Harman, and Dave Rush will collaborate on setting up an event based on Geodes (Indiana & others?), hopefully with field trips for collecting.

Mark your calendars. Friday, May 11 we will have an all day refresher course on mine safety at the same location as last year in Columbus, Ohio. It is necessary for members to complete this course each year in order to participate in most of the field trips we will be going on. More info later including possible alternate dates/locations. **(Ed Note)** Each member should have rec'd info from Dr Carlson concerning this training and like training arranged by Nelson Shaffer and given at Bloomington, IN on February 23 Condensed info in given elsewhere herein.

President's Message Cont'd)

See you at the **next meeting**, also at the Indiana State Museum in Indianapolis, Sunday, March 18 at 1:00 PM. At 2:00 PM there will be a very interesting talk by Dr. David Bish with Indiana University on minerals and water on Mars. **Note:** The meeting and talk will both be in the school building that is incorporated into the Museum.

MINE SAFETY TRAINING

Dr Carlson and Nelson Shaffer have arranged for courses to fulfill the annual training requirement in Mine Safety. The first course was held in Bloomington, IN on February 23rd. The second course will be held in Columbus, OH on Friday, May 11 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM at The Electrical Trade Center, 947 Goodale Blvd, which is near the junction of I-670 & Ohio 315. The course will be taught by Ohio Dept Of Natural Resources in the Electrical Union Meeting Hall. Remember! Many quarries require evidence of current training before entry. Call, write, or e-mail Dr Ernest Carlson, Department of Geology, Kent State University, Kent, OH 44242-0001, ecarlson@kent.edu, Home: 330-678-8875 or Office: 330-672-3778 to be registered for the training.

MAILING LIST

This issue is being mailed utilizing a mail list furnished me in December 2006. Therefore if you are a new member (2007) you won't get the newsletter and won't know one issued. I also am unaware of your choice for manner of delivery indicated on your membership form at renewal.

TUCSON VISIT

At least one member and I suspect more attended the Tucson show in February. A short report of your experiences and purchases would be of interest in future issues of this newsletter.

FIELD COLLECTING

Dr Carlson has indicated our first collecting opportunity of 2007 will be in April at a quarry near Ft Wayne, IN. Be watching for specific notification on location, date and time in the near future.

Are you aware of, or can you guess, how many proposed laws concerning gem, mineral, and/or fossil collecting on Federal lands are introduced in congress each year? Do you care? Last year twenty-four (24) bills were introduced. Four (4) new laws were enacted that affected your access to Federal lands in some way.

As a "not for profit" organization under Federal tax laws, FOM is prohibited from organized lobbying on political issues such as the bills mentioned above. There is an active organization that does monitor congressional activity in these areas and encourages organization members, such as you, to contact your senators and congressmen. It also lobbies against bills unfavorable to individuals' collecting opportunities. That organization is the American Lands Access Association. Membership dues are \$25.00 annually. If you are interested in this field of endeavor or in financially supporting such activity, visit www.amlands.org