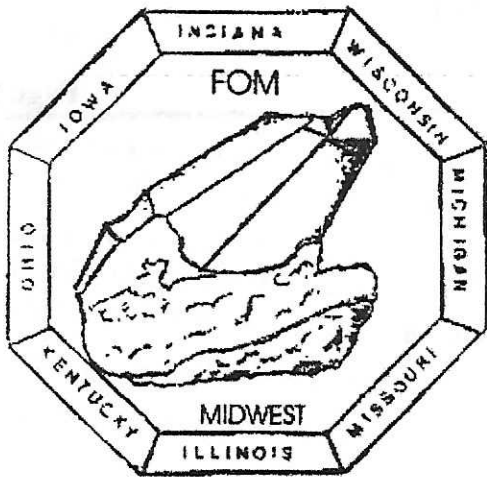


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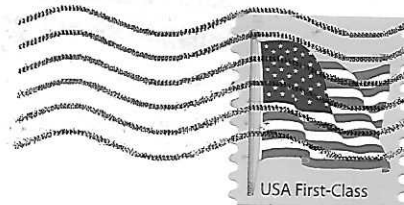
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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hello again, September is a big month for us. On the 8th at noon we have our meeting at the Greenfield Show, on the 15th Ernie Carlson has arranged a field trip to the Graymont Dolime Quarry at Genoa, Ohio, and Sept 29-30 is the symposium on geodes that Dave Rush, Nelson Shaffer and Bob Harmon are in charge of. Stay tuned for any messages from Ernie on the Genoa field trip. I am sorry that I will not be able make that trip as I have a conflict.

Next year we will have a couple of changes regarding meetings. The second meeting of the year that we normally have in March at the Indiana State Museum in Indianapolis will be replaced by a meeting at the Columbus Ohio show on May 31. There will also be an informal meeting at the Richmond Indiana show on March 1st.

We continue to gain new members; I think there are five or six more since the last meeting.

As many of you know, Bob Armstrong fell from a ladder and was seriously injured several weeks ago. The last report is that he is much better and may be out of intensive care by the time you read this. Perhaps he will even be able to be at the Greenfield show. Good luck Bob, we are all pulling for you!

Dave Straw

MINUTES OF MEETING

Meeting called to order 6/23/07 at 12:02 PM by David Straw, President, at the Lawrence County Rock and Mineral Clubs Show held at the Monroe County 4H Fairgrounds

Present 14 members plus Guests: Tom Kottyan; Tom is an Asst. Ohio State Director of the MWF; Lynette West from Michigan; Ken Klaus; John and Judith Washburn, John is the Illinois State Director for the MWF, Charles Oldham; and Dee Slater, Asst. Dir. Indiana MWF

A Secretary is still needed, Dee Slater appointed Pro Tem for this meeting.

A wonderful program was presented by Bob Harman on Quartz He invited all to view his display including crystals found in local geodes that were of the dew drop variety, and bipolar metal crystals overlying chalcedony and some Smokey quartz varieties. A lively discussion followed his talk.

The formal meeting followed the presentation. Ann Richardson moved the mins. be approved as printed in the past newsletter and Ed Edington seconded the motion. The past meeting's minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter per unanimous voice vote.

The Treasurers report was a current balance of \$2551.51. A motion was made to approve the report by Dee Slater and seconded by Ann Richardson and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Not For Profit Status - Nelson Shaffer states we are certified as a not for profit organization.

Complaints at Field trips - If members have complaints about a field trip please do NOT state them to the company who has graciously allowed us on their property. We are there because of their generosity and we will probably want to go back again later. If you found the trip non productive or have other complaints voice that to the field trip chair or the president only. One trip to a certain place or quarry may not be the most satisfying one time but the next one at the same place may be fabulous.

Nelson Shaffer wrote a letter of Thanks to the Hanson Quarry, Ft. Wayne people and it was received so well that it will be published in their corporate newsletter. Good going Nelson.

Display Case: It was suggested that we have a display case that can be shown at events and shows to promote Friends of Mineralogy.

Change of meetings: Dave Straw suggested we change meeting sites so we don't have back to back meetings at Indianapolis. It was suggested we try to have a meeting in conjunction with or at the same time and vicinity of the Richmond show in March at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. Further suggestions were to have a meeting at the Columbus, Ohio Show, May 31st, 2008, and at other shows like Bloomington and Greenfield. May have more meetings than in the past. Dave Straw is to investigate the possibilities. Please forward suggestions to him.

Ernie Carlson is trying to make arrangements for a trip to Genoa.

Field Symposium: Nelson Shaffer reported a Sept 29 - 30, 2007 symposium is being planned and should be GREAT. A field conference meeting in Bloomington with speakers will start off this program. Following will be field trips to see geodes in place, see mine where they are mining dirt and getting geodes, go to Harrodsburg to see those in streams. The Salem Quarry WILL allow us in. BE GOOD!!! Lots to be found. There will be a suite of minerals. We will go from Salem to Scottsburg on IN 56 to the Knobstone Escarpment to the Falls of the Ohio and across into Kentucky, then to Corydon. More information will be made available at a later date, ie cost and sign up.

(Minutes Cont'd)

Other Business:

The West Lafayette Club needs help and Tom Sparrow was suggested to be a resource person.

The National FoM has association with the American Geologic Institute. Nelson mad a motion to donate \$100.00 to the National FoM to be further donated to the American Geologic Institue. A vote take was unanimously in favor of this., Lorraine Wright to take care of this.

Election of Officers: The following slate was offered.:

Dave Straw President.

Bob Harmon Vice President

Lorraine Wright Treasurer

Secretary: ?????

It was suggested that it might be a good idea to have someone assist and collaborate with Ernie on field trips so there would be more than one person who knows the contacts with Quarrys, etc. Bob Harman volunteered.

NEXT MEETING: to be held Sept. 8, 2007 at the Greenfield Show at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted

Dee Slater, Secy Pro Tem

### **FOM FIELD TRIPPER'S OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS**

Field Trip Chairman Dr Carlson has arranged another opportunity for us on Saturday, September 15, 2007, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Trip will be to Graymont Quarry, Genoa, OH. From north take I 280 & Ohio 420 south from Toledo, then Ohio 163 east thru Genoa. From South take I-75 north, exit on US 20-23 east to Ohio 163 east thru Genoa. From east or west take Ohio Turnpike (I-80-90) exit Stony Ridge-Toledo, take Ohio 420 south to Ohio 163 then east thru Genoa. Quarry entrance is off Ohio 163 just east of Genoa on south side of road. It is well marked. Meet at quarry office parking lot.

Contact Dr Carlson by September 10 if you plan to attend. Dept of Geology, Kent State University, Kent, OH 44242-0001, ecarlson@kent.edu, Office: 330-672-3778, Home 330-678-8875.

### **CLEMENT MUSEUM COLLECTING OPPORTUNITIES**

Digs scheduled for the remainder of 2007 are 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. Trips are limited to thirty (30) participants each.

### **EXTRA CURRICULA**

"What am I supposed to do with this?" grumbled the motorist, as the Police Clerk handed him a receipt for his traffic fine. "Keep it, replied the Clerk. When you get four of them, you can ride a bicycle"

**2007 ANNUAL MIDWEST FOM SYMPOSIUM**

The Friends of Mineralogy fall field symposium will feature "the life of geodes - from birth to death" and will be held September 29 and 30 in south central Indiana. We will meet in Bloomington, IN at 9:00 AM on Saturday September 29 and travel to classic collecting sites in the Monroe Lake area. There we shall examine well developed geodes within their host rock. We shall then view geodes that have been weathered out of the rock and transported just a bit and now reside in soils of the Ingram farms. Thence we shall go to the Bedford area to view stream geodes many of which show fossil shapes and extensive weathering.

Lunch at Bedford will be followed by a trip to collect at the Salem Quarry by special permission. We shall stop briefly at the road cut east of Salem on State Route 56 to see geodes in place if time permits.

The evening will feature talks by well experienced "geoders" Charlie Oldham, Alan Goldstein, Dave Rush, Nelson Shaffer, Bob Harman, Jeff Smith, and other collectors. We shall stay in the Scottsburg or New Albany area Saturday night.

On Sunday we will travel to see beginning forms of geodes that include gypsum fillings. These are the so called protogeodes. We shall have time to visit Falls of the Ohio Nature Center with its world class examples of Devonian corals (sorry NO collecting here).

For those who wish we plan a trip to Corydon in the afternoon. If you wish to attend please contact Nelson Shaffer. Participation may have to be limited. Friends of Mineralogy members will be granted first slots. We are attempting to arrange a special early bird event for those who arrive Friday evening.

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Editor's Note: Symposium plans are not completely firmed up as yet. Final plans will be revealed at the Greenfield, IN meeting on Sept 8 and distributed to membership after meeting. John Blue, Editor