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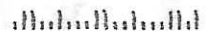
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500 Earth Sciences Club Show
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

September, 2008

By the time you read this, the field trips to the Huron River location and the quarry at Salem, IN will be over, and we will be looking forward to the trip to Graymont Dolime at Genoa, OH on September 13.

Paul Schwin will have a booth at the Greenfield, IN show September 5-7 to sell material for the FoM. He will need help manning the booth, so if you are there drop by and give him a break. Also, he can use more material to sell; if you have anything you can donate and bring to the show, it will be appreciated.

Regarding the symposium that Alan and others are planning, Alan had a problem with his computer, and lost all the names of people that had signed up to attend. If you are planning to attend the symposium in November, fill out the registration form and send it and your check for \$50 to Charlie Oldham at the address on the form. The form was recently emailed to everyone who receives the newsletter on the internet and is also included in this newsletter. Remember to make your own motel reservation separately.

Space permitting, this newsletter will include the information that will be given to all new members; a brief welcoming message, the membership list and our field trip guidelines.

See you at Greenfield, our meeting is at noon on Saturday, Sept 6. Ed Edington will provide the program.

Dave Straw

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The contents of the new member packets will be published in the newsletter, so that all current members have them, and then copies will be given to new members. If there is any contact information (i.e. phonenumbers, e-mails) that members do not want published, notify Dave Straw.

This year's symposium, as was previously announced, will be Nov. 1 and 2 based at the Shaker Village at Harrodsburg, Kentucky. For information, contact Alan Goldstein, deepskyspy@insightbb.com.

There was some discussion of potential recipients of donations we might make. The AFMS Scholarship Fund, the Rocks and Minerals magazine color fund, and the Clement Museum in Kentucky had been suggested; no others were mentioned at the meeting, but ideas should be sent to Dave Straw.

A nominating committee for officers for next year needs to be named. Upcoming meetings will be at 12 noon on June 28 at the Bloomington, IN swap; at 12 noon on Sept. 6 at Greenfield, IN; and at 3:30 PM on Nov. 8 at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History at its Micromineral Symposium.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40.

Respectfully submitted, Anne Cook, Secretary

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be Saturday, September 6, 2008 at 12:00 noon. It will be hosted by the 500 Earth Sciences Club of Indianapolis at their annual show. The show is held at the Hancock County 4H Fairgrounds, 620 N Apple Street, Greenfield, IN. Ed Edington will provide the program at the meeting.

The show features three areas of dealers and swappers plus silent auctions, kid activities raffles and door prizes. Admission is free. Show hours are Friday 10:00-8:00, Saturday 9:00-7:00, and Sunday 10:00-4:00.

GRIPES

In early August an application form for the upcoming FoM symposium was e-mailed to addresses supplied by members. Fifty-two e-mails were sent. Eleven were undelivered after two attempts. That's a 22% failure rate. Would we tolerate that performance by our US Postal Service and "snail mail". I don't think so.

Technology is a wonderful thing, however, in many cases it depends on the weakest link, humans. I know there are many "deals" offered for internet service so that people are constantly changing servers for a better price. But you won't get improved service unless you notify correspondents of your new address when you change. Likewise I will not be happy with Internet until I first utilize extra time checking to see if my inadequacies caused the delivery failure.

The application form is included with this newsletter This will probably be the "last call" for symposium registrations. Don't put it off any longer and please keep us informed of address changes. Editor

EDITOR'S NOTE: As stated in the President's Message, the following items have been compiled to prepare a New Member's Introductory Kit for distribution to incoming new members.. Since you are "Old Members" your copy is furnished herein.

Friends of Mineralogy – Midwest Chapter

Field Trip Guidelines

1. Attendees must be a current member of FoM. At the discretion of the field trip chairperson, members may bring a guest to one field trip, however, that individual must become a member in order to attend additional field trips. Guest sponsors will make their guest aware of these guidelines.
2. Regarding safety, it is the responsibility of each member and their guests to have and use the proper attire and equipment (hard hat, safety shoes, eye protection, etc.). This document does not include a comprehensive list of safety rules for collectors. This sort of information is available at the MSHA safety training classes, and also at the website for the AFMS, www.amfed.org.
3. Most field trips require a current certification for the MSHA safety training; individuals must have the certificate in their possession. This also applies to guests. Those without the certificate may be refused admission by quarry personnel. Note that the certificate must be updated annually in order to be valid. Info on when and where to take these classes will be provided by the Chapter officers.
4. The number of attendees to any given trip may be limited, so individuals must pre-register with the field trip chairperson in advance of the trip. Otherwise, admission may be denied. This also applies to guests.
5. Young children should not be brought on field trips. Age limits will be at the discretion of the field trip chairperson and quarry personnel.

Friends of Mineralogy – Midwest Chapter

Welcome to the Midwest Chapter of the Friends of Mineralogy. We are an organization of people who share an interest in collecting mineral specimens; membership is open to all. This is a brief introduction to get you started. Much more information is available at our websites including officer contact info.

National Organization www.friendsofmineralogy.org

Midwest Chapter www.indiana.edu/~minerals

The Midwest chapter website includes an application for membership; dues are currently \$15 per year plus \$10 for each additional family member living at the same address.

The National organization currently consists of seven chapters which cover a large part of the country. The Midwest chapter started as the Indiana chapter, but the name was changed to Midwest as many people from neighboring states became members.

We currently hold five or six meetings per year as listed below, but this is subject to change. We also participate in several field trips each year to quarries and other collecting sites, mostly in Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky. It is also our goal to sponsor a yearly two-day symposium and field trip event. The Midwest chapter publishes a newsletter, usually after each meeting, and the national organization send out their newsletter four times per year.

Meetings: Mid January Indiana State Museum, Indianapolis
Late April/Early May Cincinnati Show (Cincinnati Gardens)

Late June Bloomington, IN show (Bloomington Fairgrounds)
Early September Greenfield, IN show (Greenfield Fairgrounds)

Early November Micromounters Symposium, Cleveland, OH

In addition, we normally hold a meeting after January and before the Cincinnati show at another variable location.

Feel free to contact the chapter President for further information. Current contact information is shown in the chapter website. Included with this introduction is a membership list and our guidelines for participation in field trips.

July 28, 2008

6. Attendees must sign in at the quarry office and participate in any introductory talk given by quarry personnel. Rules delineated by quarry personnel must be followed without question. Note that quarries require that collectors sign a release absolving the quarry company and personnel of any responsibility for injuries or damage to property.
7. All collectors understand that there is some risk inherent in field trips. Neither FoM nor any other member can be held liable for injuries or loss of property. Be aware that damage to your vehicle that takes place in a quarry or other off road areas may not be covered by your auto insurance.
8. Every effort must be made to avoid leaving trash at the collecting site. Take care that metal tools are not left behind, as they pose a risk of damage to quarry rock crushers.
9. It is understood that the field trip chairperson is in charge of the trip and that their instructions are to be followed.
10. It is to be understood that not all trips will be productive regarding either quantity or quality of specimens available. This is not within the control of either the field trip chairperson or the quarry personnel. We are able to visit quarries only by permission of quarry owners and if they hear negative comments, future visits may be denied. It is important to understand that many quarries are now owned by a single company, and if negative comments or inappropriate behavior is encountered by the quarry personnel at one location, the door may be closed at all facilities of the parent company.
11. Attendees must agree to the above guidelines, and to conduct themselves in a professional manner.

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HUMOR OF SORTS

Even if you're on the right track, if you just sit there you will still get run over.

A penny saved is a government oversight.

Birthdays are good for you; the more you have, the longer you live.

I love cooking with wine. Sometimes I even put it in the food.

CLEANING DELICATE CRYSTALS

The denture cleaner, Efferdent, manufactured by Warner-Lambert, is an excellent cleaner for many minerals that are difficult to clean. Warner Lambert Canada, Inc was kind enough to supply a list of chemicals that are used in their excellent product so that minerals are safe in this cleaner. Dr Don Gormond feels that their product is safe for most specimens except for those that can be damaged by the small acid content.

Soaking specimens using this product should be very good for removing clay from specimens with a minimum of damage. Ordinary soaking in water only is extremely slow, and this should speed things up a bit. I have used it on quartz crystals with difficult cracks and with fluorite crystals. It might be an excellent way to clean very delicate needle-like crystals with are impossible to scrub with a brush.

With minerals that may be attacked by a minimum of acid, use distilled water for washing and soaking as normal household water is contaminated with many chemicals, particularly salts of sodium, calcium and magnesium.

Midwest Chapter, Friends of Mineralogy
Central Kentucky Mineral District Symposium
November 1st – 2nd, 2008

Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

e-mail address: _____ phone number: _____

\$50 registration fee includes:

- * Transportation to sites on Saturday (9:00 AM – 3:30 PM)
- * Transportation to sites on Sunday (8:00 AM – 2:00 PM) (Transportation courtesy the Kentucky Geological Survey)
 - * Lunches for both days
 - * Dinner & Symposium Saturday Evening (6:00 – 10:00 PM)
- * Symposium Guide Book – printed in color (one copy free courtesy WMB Engineering, Inc.)
 - * Swap and sale (bring material!) (4:00 – 6:00 PM on Saturday)

Symposium lodging will be at Shaker Village, Pleasant Hill, Kentucky. The rate is \$80 per night (a significant savings over the regular rate). To reserve your room contact Ann Voris at 800-734-5611 ext. 1548 or 859-734-1548 or by e-mail ann@shakervillageky.org. Indicate you are attending the Friends of Mineralogy Symposium in order to receive the special room rate. We recommend bringing breakfast or their excellent breakfast buffet (\$8.50) that *must* be reserved in advance, payable when you eat.

Important Notes:

- * Field collecting constraints will limit this symposium to 50 participants who can attend all symposium functions. Four 15-passenger vans will transport participants due to the lack of parking at some stops.
 - * An \$8.50 breakfast buffet is available on-site and must be reserved when you book your room.
 - * Liability release forms for private property we visit *must be filled out* before we depart.
- * As we will be going underground, normal safety gear is required for participants bring a hard hat, heavy-duty shoes, safety glasses and gloves.
- * If you know you cannot attend all functions, please let us know before you send in your payment. Once the slots are filled, we will maintain a waiting list.
 - * Camping in the area:

Freeman's Cane Run Camp, 326 Cane Run Camp Rd, Harrodsburg, KY 40330-9702. 859-748-5487,
Chimney Rock Campground, <http://chimneyrockrvpark.com/> 859-748-5252 (Closes 10/31 according to web site.)

_____ \$50 registration
 ___ Lunch Saturday - No charge, courtesy Kentucky Crushed Stone Association
 ___ Lunch Sunday - No charge
 ___ \$10 per Additional Symposium Guide Book

_____ Total remitted Payable to: (Friends of Mineralogy, Midwest Chapter)

Send this form to: Charles Oldham
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