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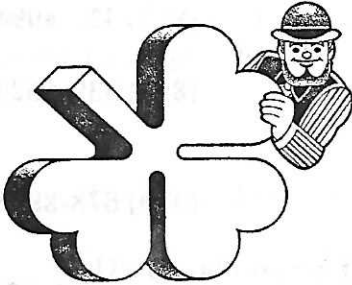
## NEXT MEETING:

MARCH 6, 2010, 1:00 PM,  
Hosted by the Eastern Indiana Gem & Geological  
Society, Wayne County Fairgrounds,  
861 N Salisbury Rd, Richmond, Indiana

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**PURPOSE**

Friends of Mineralogy, Inc - Midwest Chapter is organized to promote interest in and knowledge of mineralogy; to advance mineralogical education; to protect and preserve mineral specimens and promote conservation of mineral localities; to futher cooperation between amateur and professional and encourage collection of minerals for educational value; and to support publications about mineralogy and about the programs of kindred organizations.

**+++ NEXT MEETING +++**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2010, RICHMOND, INDIANA**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As of this writing, the Tucson Show is imminent. For those who are going, I hope to see you there. For those of you who are avid rock collectors of any type and have not been there, this is the February place to be! Even when the Tucson weather is not the best (rarely and not for long) it is far better than the Midwest weather in January and February. Try and make the trip at least once, it is well worth it.

On another topic, the last FoM meeting at the Indiana State Museum was not well attended. I believe the real dedicated hobbyist should be going, not only to shows and field trips, but to chapter meetings and symposia. While I realize it is winter, why not combine the meeting trip with a visit to Indy museums and seeing other collector's collections. In other words, try to do the meeting as part of a "mini weekend vacation". To help bolster attendance, we may, in the future, consider teleconferencing. I plan to discuss this possibility and may have a committee look into its feasibility. Other options such as "perks" to encourage more chapter participation might be considered. If you are an 'active' chapter member, how would you like having your yearly dues reduced or eliminated? Realistically not much, but philosophically important. My point is that I am asking all of you for more active participation in the business of running the chapter and making the FoM better for all of us. Remember our next meeting is at the Richmond Show, **SATURDAY, MARCH 6 at 1pm**. Good hunting! BOB

## OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT PEGMATITES

**Dr. David London, pegmatite expert, to speak at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, March 17**

Dr. David London (from the University of Oklahoma), noted expert on pegmatites and author of *Pegmatites: the Canadian Mineralogist, Special Publication*, will speak in the Department of Geology at Miami University on **Wednesday, March 17, 2010, from 4:00 – 5:00 PM** in Room 215 Shideler Hall. Dr. London is visiting Miami as one of the 2010 Mineralogical Society of America distinguished lecturers. The title of his presentation is "Gem-Bearing Pegmatites: Nature's "Fancy" Rocks" and promises to be of great interest to all interested in mineralogy, geology, and gemology.

Directions to the University and Shideler Hall can be found at <http://www.cas.muohio.edu/limpermuseum/VisitTheMuseum/#Directions>

For more information contact John Rakovan in the Department of Geology at Miami University: (513)-529-3245 or [Rakovaif@muohio.edu](mailto:Rakovaif@muohio.edu).

## MINUTES OF JANUARY 9TH MEETING

The January meeting was held at the Indiana State Museum in Indianapolis on January 9, 2010, and was opened by President Bob Harman. The speaker was Rick Crosslin, an elementary school teacher who is School Liaison to the Children's Museum in Indianapolis. Rick spoke about his programs on science that he directs. His talk was very interesting and entertaining. He opened by lighting a candle and promptly eating the lit candle! The candle may have been made of something other than wax as it was crunchy, but it certainly was an interesting way to open a talk. Among other things, he conducts trips concerning science to sites around the country for kids and their teachers. Included have been trips to South Dakota for a dinosaur dig. For more info see [indianaexpeditions.org](http://indianaexpeditions.org) and [childrensmuseum.org](http://childrensmuseum.org).

Regarding field trips, nothing specific has been arranged yet. Nelson Shaffer did mention the possibility of a trip to a new "secret" location that looks promising – stay tuned. There was a mention of the possibility of paying quarry personnel to open a quarry for a trip – no decision on this.

The November meeting minutes were accepted. Len Gritzer gave the Treasurer's report showing a balance of \$3048.10 in the combined checking and savings accounts. Len also gave a financial report to Bob Harmon to use in an audit of our finances for 2009. Dues are due; \$15 for one person and \$10 for each additional family member. Please do not send your dues to the National organization, send them to Len at PO Box 22581, Indianapolis, IN 46222. Len maintains a membership list of those who have paid dues, which will be used to admit individuals to our field trips. No dues, no field trip. Those who show up for a trip who have not paid dues will be asked to do so in order to participate (other than one-time guests). The membership list is available to members, if you do not want your address, phone or email on that list, just let Len know.

A decision was made to send \$200 to the FoM National organization to benefit the American Geological Institute which lobbies for geological issues. There was a conversation regarding making donations to a variety of museums and organizations as we have some funds available. It was decided to ask members to communicate their suggestions for donations to Bob Harman who will bring these suggestions up at a future meeting. We also need suggestions for meeting programs, a symposium this year, and how to increase attendance at our meetings. Attendance at this meeting was only six persons. Nelson will look into the possibility of teleconferencing our meetings.

Regarding the Tucson show, Peggy Fisherkeller will provide material for an Indiana display case which will be set up by Nelson. Nelson will also have a booth for the FoM and he needs help manning the booth. If you will be at Tucson, please contact Nelson.

On May 20 there will be a class on geodes at IU in Bloomington, IN. If interested, contact Nelson. Also, Nelson will be giving a talk on meteorites at the Columbus, OH show on April 18. Thanks to Peggy for hosting the meeting. That's it for now, next meeting will be at the Richmond, IN show on March 6 (see notice elsewhere in this newsletter), following that at the Cincinnati show on May 1.

Submitted by Dave Straw

#### MINE SAFETY TRAINING SCHEDULED

Midwest FM members will need updated MSHA training certificates to gain entry to some quarries again this year. Our one day refresher course is set for **Friday May 7th 8:00 am to 4:30 pm** at the Fountain Square ODN facility, Columbus, OH 43229-6693. The address is 2045 Morse Road, Columbus, 2nd floor conference room. Stop at the guardhouse to obtain a visitor's pass.

There is an exit off I-71 for Morse Road north of downtown Columbus. **Be sure to notify me (Ernie Carlson) by Friday May 1 if you are planning to attend the Columbus session.**

Another training session will be held in conjunction with the Dayton Gem & Mineral Society. This one is scheduled for **Tuesday April 13th 8:00 am to 4:30 pm at United Christian Church located at 8611 Hoke Rd. Clayton, Ohio 45315.** Take I-70 west of I-75 to Hoke Road (or Ohio 49 South), turn right at the exit onto Hoke Road going north. This is the second exit from I-75 not counting the airport exit (I-75 to I-70 west, past airport exit, Rt. 48/Main Street/Englewood exit, Hoke Rd. exit). The church is about 1 mile north on the west side of the road. **Please notify Kathy Kovacs Bailey if you are planning to attend at jimkatbailey@aol.com or at home 932-426-0056**

Regarding field trips nothing is scheduled yet. We will be going to Auglaize quarry after they open sometime in May. Nelson Shaffer is looking into Salem, Indiana, and we will try to get into the Hanson quarry in Indianapolis and Corydon again this year. Will check later on Lime City, Sylvania, and Genoa.  
Best regards,

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