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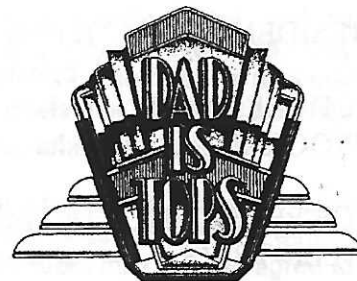
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Saturday, June 26, 2010 12:00 Noon
Lawrence County Rock Club Show & Swap
Monroe County Fairgrounds,
Bloomington, IN

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ON MOTHER'S DAY*

*REMEMBER DAD
ON FATHER'S
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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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is so hard now-a-days to get into good fossil and mineralized quarries that we do all we can to cultivate and preserve the good relations with quarry management personnel to keep their sites open to us. We develop long standing relationships with specific personnel, we take MSHA courses, we bring treats on the days we come and we even, on occasion, pay personnel to hang around on the Saturday that we collect. So when we hear of abuses of the quarry management's kindness, our reaction is usually something like "again one person can screw this up for all the rest of us!!" We all know of careless injuries or being in off limits areas that put an end to collecting in a quarry. Or leaving a hammer behind that eventually wound up damaging the crusher or someone sneaking in and getting caught that put an end to collecting in that quarry. Well, at our recent FoM meeting at the Richmond show, I was made aware of a new story (see the Richmond show meeting minutes).

Last fall, FoM and the Columbus, Ohio club went to the Indianapolis quarry where pyrite nodules were found in abundance. Everyone there did very well. In fact so well that within just a few weeks of the field trip a relatively large amount of collected specimens was up for sale on eBay and by at least 1 prominent Midwest dealer. Even the specific quarry and location was given as part of the specimen identification. Well, the quarry management heard about this and were livid. We may not be allowed to return to that quarry or any of their other quarries to collect.

Their view, arguably rightly so, is that we cannot be invited in to collect; take their minerals and then virtually immediately sell them for our profit. They view that type "collecting" is primarily for commercial profit and that is a big no, no! This did not sit well either with management or their insurers. To make matters worse, because the quarry was identified, they were inundated with the usual phone calls from other collectors/clubs wishing entrance. In addition, their view is now that instead of inviting us in to "collect", they might allow their own employees to collect the minerals on their own time and then sell them to us and make the extra money. As you can see, our collecting days at that quarry are in major jeopardy.

Now, there may not be much that FoM can really do once good specimens are found and leave the quarry, but when large amounts are collected and virtually immediately wind up for sale in the commercial world that does raise strong ethical issues. You can be sure that these issues will be discussed at future FoM meetings. FoM members may have to agree to ethical collecting guidelines over and above what currently exist. One option is to sign an agreement, on each field trip, that each participant will not put up for sale for at least 90 days, in the commercial space, large amounts of collected specimens. Something like this may work satisfactorily. Until then please use ethical common sense or our field trips may be further reduced due to yet another thoughtless act.

MARCH MEETING MINUTES

President Bob Harman presided over the March meeting, held at the Richmond, IN show on March 6, 2010. The program on Indiana Geology and Crystal Collecting, presented by Nelson Shaffer, was well received with over 30 people in attendance. This was followed by the business meeting with about 10 members attending.

Treasurer Len Gritzer reported a total of \$3584.71 in the combined checking and savings accounts. Len is working on an updated membership list. Don't forget to send in your dues if you have not already done so. Len also reported that he had been contacted by officials from the Hanson Mining Company who were very unhappy to find material from their Harding street quarry for sale on eBay. They had also been inundated by requests for more field trips to that location. As a result, they have shut the door to field trips at the Indianapolis location.

Nelson is asking for ideas for programs, field trips, and a symposium. Also, Nelson is currently on the board of the national FoM organization, and is looking for someone to take his place. If anyone is interested, contact Nelson.

Alan Goldstein reports that mining for fluorite in southern Illinois may be resumed in the foreseeable future. There was a report that Ernie Carlson, our field trip Chairman, is recovering from a broken arm. Bob Harmon attended the national FoM meeting at Tucson. He reports that the FoM is working on a website for collecting locations, www.mindat.org. Bob and others have reported that the Tucson show

(Minutes March Mtg, Cont'd)

was good as usual, but that there was no outstanding new material in evidence, and that prices were high.

Everyone please note that we need to take the refresher MSHA safety training again this year in order to gain entry to many of the quarries. The Dayton, OH club is sponsoring a class on April 13 at a new location, and others will be available in other locations on other dates. We all have the responsibility to make sure we have up to date certificates in order to participate in field trips.

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 ODNR 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.**

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FIELD TRIP REPORTS

This note covers Saturday trips to Salem, Indiana, Hanson quarry, June 5, 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM, and to Duff quarry, Huntsville, July 10, 11:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Note that updated MSHA certificates are required for both trips, as are standard field equipment, hard hats, hard toed boots, and safety glasses. If planning to attend either of these trips please notify me at least one week in advance in case of a last minute cancellation. If you don't hear from me the trip is on. Clay Center is still closed to collecting. There will be no trip to Lime City quarry this year due to lack of production and no Saturday operations. We are trying to get into the Auglaize Shelly Materials quarry but they have not set up their Saturday schedule yet. I'm shooting for May 22, 7:30 to 11:00 AM. We should know by the Cincinnati meeting, May 1, if it will happen. Keep the date open **BUT.DO NOT GO THERE UNLESS YOU HEAR FROM ME FIRST!!**. I suggest you email me or call me, and I will reply to you individually if the trip is on. We are also trying to get into the Wallace Stone quarry at Bayport, Michigan, but haven't been able to finalize it yet. Do not forget the MSHA training session in Columbus on Friday May 7. Please notify me if you are planning to attend the Columbus session and haven't done so yet.

Directions to Auglaize quarry operated by Shelly Materials in Paulding County, Ohio: take State Rte. 111 SW from Defiance about 8 miles to State Rte. 637 just E of Junction. Go E a short distance across the Auglaize River and turn S on Paulding Co. Rd. 179 to quarry office. The address is 13762 Rds 179 & Oakwood 45873. Auglaize is most famous for its crystals of iridescent brown fluorite, also present are sphalerite, calcite, pyrite, quartz, and hydrocarbons. These occur in pockets and fractures of dolostones of the Middle Devonian Detroit River Group.

The Salem, Indiana quarry of Hanson Aggregates is located about 0.5 mile W of Salem in Washington County. The address is: 1510 West Market St., Salem, IN 47167. From Indianapolis: take I 65 south to exit 29B, go W of State Rd 56 to Salem, turn left on Tarr Ave., turn right on W Market St., quarry is on left. The rocks at the quarry are the Harrodsburg Limestone and Salem Limestone of Mississippian age. The Hanson quarry is best known for celestine crystals that occur in thin-walled quartz geodes. The celestine crystals are up to 4 inches long

Field Trips (Cont'd)

and 2.5 inches wide (Huizing and Russell, 1986, Rocks and Minerals, v. 61, p. 150-151). Also present are pale yellow scalenohedral calcite crystals up to 2 inches long, and small dark colored sphalerite crystals.

A joint trip with the Columbus Rock & Mineral Society is planned to Duff quarry in Logan County, Ohio (thanks to Reggie Rose). The Duff quarry is located just E of Ohio Rte 117 about 2 miles N of Huntsville, Richland Twp. The address is 9042 State Rte. 117, Huntsville, OH 43324-0305. Meet at quarry office at 11:30 AM and stay till 4:30 PM. The Duff quarry is best known for trapezohedral and diploidal pyrite crystals (Richards and Chamberlain, 1987, Mineralogical Record, v. 18, p. 391-398). Also present are white saddle dolomite, calcite, sphalerite, brown and yellow fluorite, and asphalt.

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NEXT MEETING

Our next scheduled meeting is set for Saturday, June 26, 2010 at 12:00 Noon at the annual show and swap sponsored by the Lawrence County Rock Club. It is held at the Monroe County Fairgrounds west of Bloomington, Indiana on June 25-27th.

Editor's Note: There may be a meeting scheduled for Saturday, May 1 at the Cincinnati Mineral Club show, but I have not rec'd notification of such.

HUMOR AS SUCH

The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat are really good friends.

Following reportedly from medical charts uncovered during a review:

Bleeding started in the rectal area and continued all the way to Los Angeles.

She is numb from her toes down.

The patient was in his usual state of good health until his airplane ran out of gas and crashed.

She stated that she had been constipated for most of her life until 1989 when she got a divorce.

The skin was moist and dry.

The patient had waffles for breakfast and anorexia for lunch.