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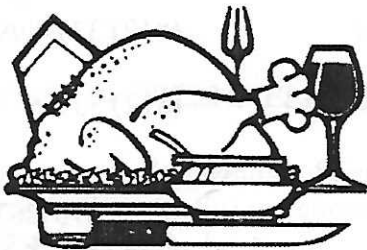
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2010, 3:00 PM

Cleveland Museum of Natural History

1 Wade Oval, University Circle

Cleveland, OH 44106

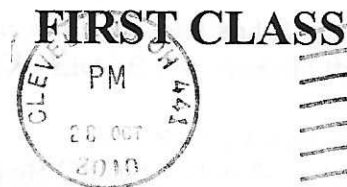
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PURPOSE

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.

DR ERNEST CARLSON

Dr Carlson has served as our Vice President, Field Trips and in other positions since the inception of the Midwest Chapter of the Friends of Mineralogy. He recently yielded the position to Reggie Rose due to deteriorating health. Shortly thereafter he was hospitalized at the Cleveland Clinic where it was determined he was suffering from an infection of a previously implanted artificial valve. He is currently hospitalized in the following institution awaiting heart surgery at a later date:

Ernest H. Carlson
Room 114
Select Specialty Hospital
200 East Market Street
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Ernie is reportedly bored with his current surroundings and will appreciate cards and calls. Not only wish him well, but thank him for his long and dedicated service to this organization. Our best to Ernie and his wife Ruth

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGES**NOTES ON GREENFIELD MEETING**

At the Greenfield meeting of Sept 11 2010 there were 5 members and 3 guests present. A video of Arkansas quartz (with no audio) ran concurrently with the meeting. Len Gritzer our treasurer reported an Aug 31 total of \$2,437.43 in the bank with several new members.

Nelson Shaffer provided the Arkansas quartz program.

No new field trip info was forthcoming and it was noted that Ernie has not been well and Reggie Rose has taken over as field trip person. NOTE THE ADDITIONAL NEWS ON ERNIE elsewhere in the newsletter.

Next meeting will be at the Falls of The Ohio show in New Albany, In on Sunday Sept 19 with Nelson Shaffer chairing it and Steve Garza talking on collecting Indiana geodes. After that the FoM will be in November in Cleveland at the Micromount Conference with Janet Clifford chairing it.

Finally Charlie Oldham reported that he had a scam email sent to him thru his rock collecting activities so BE AWARE OF SCAM EMAILS.

I am an inveterate collector. I started with stamps at about 7 years of age and by the mid 1990's, I sold my collection for a considerable sum. About 15 years ago I became seriously interested in minerals and shortly thereafter narrowed my collecting focus to geodes and Indiana minerals. Beside field collecting, I subscribed to publications and joined clubs and societies. And I started going to rock shows. First there were local shows, then national shows including Denver, Springfield, and of course the Tucson show. Attending each national show is connected with a vacation and family trip to make the whole experience worthwhile and satisfy my wife who always accompanies me. I have now been to Tucson about 6 times in the last 11 years. Each of you should try and go, staying in Arizona for a week or two in February; it is a real experience!

I assume that the majority of Midwest Chapter FoM members are rock collectors that, like me, have progressed past the "youngster" or "casual" collector stage. We belong to the clubs and societies and subscribe to various periodicals and we attend shows. Most members have bought, or thought of buying, specimens to enhance their collections. So how many of us are there???? Younger casual

President's Message Cont'd

collectors have probably decreased in numbers as local collecting sites have closed and many other interests have taken over. But I am primarily interested in adult more or less serious collectors; those that actively pursue the hobby like us. Those that spend some time and, perhaps, a bit of money on it. Those adults that, when asked about a hobby, willingly state that "mineral collecting" is their interest.

This question of numbers can be looked at in many ways. Many of us just enjoy field collecting and the comradery of friends with similar interests. Others have the financial resources to also enhance their collections with purchased specimens. And of those that spend money on rocks is it an occasional small amount or a regular serious amount, which can easily run into four or five figure amounts. So, again, how many of each category are we?

I don't propose to give actual numbers, although, in the past, attempts were made to do this. I will give my thoughts thru some generalizations and estimates. As I have already stated, I believe casual collecting by youngsters and teenagers is less, perhaps much less, than in years past. I also believe casual adult collector numbers that "only occasionally" spend a "little time" with our hobby is probably down over the past number of years. And this does not include lapidary arts, crafts etc etc; just mineral collecting. Looking at publication figures of 3 hobby periodicals finds their circulation numbers somewhat down over the past few years. But the most interesting number, to me, is the "serious collector" number. Those who regularly spend both time and money, sometimes substantial money, on their collection. Those that buy mounts, expensive home cabinetry and travel and exhibit; those numbers are up and rising. Not only in the U.S., but in Europe, Asia, and even in a few areas of Latin America. INCREASING numbers of adults of moderate and higher financial means are spending both time and money on the hobby of mineral collecting. There seems to be an INCREASING number of worldwide serious collectors !!

So I have hope that the long term health of our hobby is ensured.

GOOD HUNTING !!!

Also attended the national FoM meeting while at the Denver show. The slate of national candidates is being formulated now and won't show much change from the past 2 years. Not much else of important news for us. Regards to all BOB

TRIVIAL PURSUITS

Suffer again for failing to submit your articles!

Two vultures board an airplane, each carrying two dead racoons. The stewardess looks at them and says, "I'm sorry, gentlemen, only one carrion allowed per passenger".

Two boll weevils grew up in the deep South. One went to Hollywood and became a famous actor. The other stayed behind in the cotton fields and never amounted to much. The second one, naturally, became known as the lesser of two weevils.

A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse. "But why?" they asked as they moved off. "Because," he said, "I can't stand chess nuts boasting in an open foyer".

And finally, there was the person who sent ten different puns to friends, with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh. Unfortunately, no pun in ten did. *From AFMS Newsletter, September 2003.*

2011 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE

PLEASE PAY ANNUAL DUES TO OUR TREASURER, NOT TO THE NATIONAL CHAPTER. TREASURER WILL FORWARD NATIONAL DUES

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Dues are for calendar year Jan1 through Dec 31

Dues should be paid by January 15th

Dues must be current to participate in FoM Chapter activities

Annual dues currently \$15 for individual member. \$10 each additional family member

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Commercial Mineral Dealer? Yes ___ No ___ Company Name _____

CLUB NEWSLETTER VIA E-MAIL? YES ___ NO ___

TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS _____ TOTAL REMITTANCE \$ _____

NEXT MEETING

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