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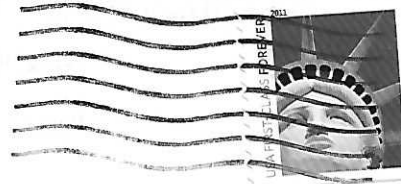


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PURPOSE

Friends of Mineralogy, Midwest, 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 further 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

Summer is almost upon us and spring and summer field trips have started. Reggie Rose is doing a splendid job of trying mightily to gain access for us into many diverse quarries. He is trying to mesh these FoM trips with the schedules of other regional clubs as some quarry personnel want everyone in at once rather than different clubs coming in on different weekends. Whatever works best for everyone is best with us. A few good finds have already been made. If you happen to be one of the lucky collectors finding a hi quality displayable specimen, please show it off to Reggie for a photo to be included into our newsletter.

Last November we lost Ernie Carlson and now Nelson Shaffer has submitted a nice note, remembering Ernie, included into the current May-June issue of Rocks & Minerals. Please read his remembrances if at all possible.

By the way, I have a "letter to the editor" on a completely different subject in the current May-June issue of Mineralogical Record.

A couple of months ago we also lost our Chapter Treasurer, Len Gritzer. PEGGY FISHERKELLER has kindly agreed to take this position, but as she is quite busy her tenure as Chapter Treasurer is uncertain. Peggy works at the Indiana State Museum in Indianapolis. Please send your dues....new member or renewal.... to "Friends of Mineralogy" in care of her. But as the address of all this still may be in flux, I suggest emailing her first to get the specific address where to mail your check. Her email address is pfisherkeller@sbcglobal.net

Please also note that our Chapter Newsletter Editor, John Blue, has a new email address, which he has included in this newsletter.

Finally, I will again remind everyone that at this year's end I will have been your Chapter President for three years. I plan to step down so if you want to continue to have a strong Midwest FoM Chapter, please consider volunteering to take over this or other chapter positions. Let me know as we don't want to lose the chapter to lack of volunteerism and interest. Good hunting !!! BOB HARMAN

MINUTES OF FoM CINCINNATI MEETING

Meeting of May 7, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM by President Bob Harman in the lecture room at the Cincinnati Gem and Mineral Show. The previous meeting, at the Columbus, OH, show, had been held only three weeks earlier, so there was little business to discuss. There had been a field trip earlier that day, and one next weekend; most field trips are being held jointly with either the Columbus or the Dayton clubs. A field trip was suggested to the gypsum mine at Grand Rapids, Michigan, and another suggestion was to Georgia, Illinois; Bob will pass along the suggestions.

The vacant Chapter Treasurer's job was discussed. Bob prefers to have the Treasurer come from the Indianapolis area so that we will not have to transfer the bank accounts to another bank. He has persuaded Peggy Fisherkiller to try her hand at the job, and she will see how it goes. The Treasurer has to keep track of when individuals' memberships are expiring, and remind them to renew.

Bob plans to retire at the end of the year, and may move out of the area, so we will need to get a new President as well.

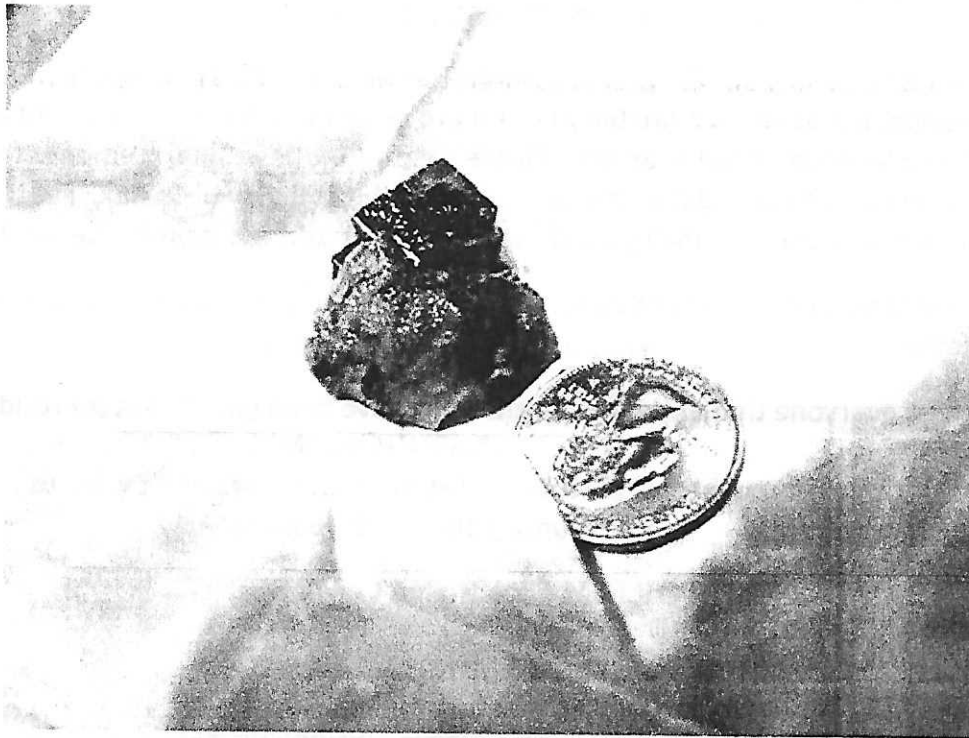
Upcoming meetings include those at the Bloomington Swap in June, the Greenfield show in September, and the Cleveland Museum Micromineral Symposium in November. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Anne Cook, Secretary for Ohio Meetings

A QUIET DAY AT AUGLAIZE

On Saturday June 11, 2011 under salmon skies, 24 FoM members made the trek to Auglaize Quarry in Junction, Ohio. The day promised to reach high 90+degree temperatures, but a thin veil of clouds kept things cool, and the collecting pleasant. Quarry manager Rick Welch was the perfect host. He explained that there was less rock down than normal because of spring rains that filled the pit, which limited blasting and production. So specimens to collect were not as abundant as in years past. Nonetheless, Kathy Bailey came up with a stunning phantom cubic fluorite close to ½ inch on a side, violet in the inner region of the crystal, and clear in the outside region. William Carney, who probably drove 8+ hours from west central Illinois, came up with several nice specimens including one specimen where drusy quartz had filled in the interior of a crinoid, and another specimen that was cantaloupe sized and was totally calcite sans any matrix. All the collectors had a good time and all left the quarry in a vertical position. You can't ask for more than that on a quiet day at Auglaize.

REGGIE ROSE, VP Field Trips



Auglaize Find & Picture by Kathy & Jim Bailey

AUGUST FIELD TRIP TO GENOA, OHIO

Dear FoM collectors. We have a field trip to Genoa, Ohio Saturday August 13, 2011. Historically, our trips to northern Ohio quarries have been overloaded. So the quarry operator has set a limit on the number of collectors who can attend this year's trip.

So, for this trip, you must sign up by contacting me via email prior to the trip. Phone calls will be accepted from only those without email. Since there will a strict limit on this trip, if you just show up the day of the trip, without first signing up (as 5 people did for Auglaize), you will probably not get in. Once you have contacted me that you would like to attend, you will receive an email confirmation that you are in the group coming on the trip. If you respond after the trip is full, you will be put on a waiting list. If you are on the list of members confirmed for the trip, and you subsequently find that you cannot attend, let me know as soon as possible, so that I can replace you with someone from the waiting list. If you must cancel, once accepted on the trip, please do so ASAP but definitely by Wednesday, August 10, 2011. If you are on the waiting list and an opening occurs on this trip, you will be notified by Thursday,

August Field Trip (Con t'd)

August 11 that you have been confirmed. If you are on the waiting list and don't receive notification that you are going to be able to replace a canceled member by Thursday August 11, 2011, then the trip is full and you will have to try to get on the next trip.

Quarry Travel Guide:

Field Trip Locality: Graymont Dolime, Genoa, OH

Address: 21880 West State Road 163, Genoa, OH 43430

Date of Trip: Saturday August 13, 2011

Time of Field Trip: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Age of Rock: Middle Silurian

Rock Units: Lockport Dolomite

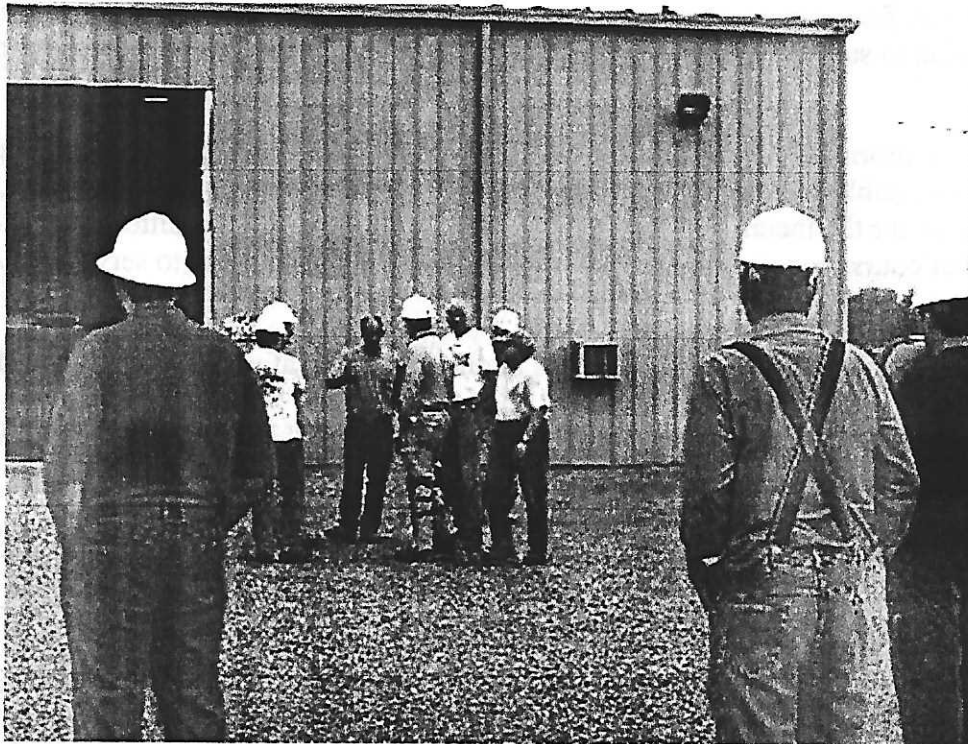
Specimens Present: Genoa is noted for bladed celestite and cubic brown fluorite in pockets of the dolomite. Also present are sphalerite, dolomite, calcite, pyrite, galena and marcasite.

Training Required: MSHA

Quarry Location: The quarry can be reached from US 20 & US 23 at Stony Ridge by turning NE and then east on Ohio Route 163 to Genoa, a little more than 7 miles. Continue through Genoa on route 163 and turn south on Graymont Quarry Road (the north entrance).

From the south, come up through Ohio on Route 23. *At the Jct of Routes 23 & 20 go straight on Fostoria Road. In about 2.7 miles, turn right (east) onto Genoa Road (Route 163). In about 2.2 miles you will enter the town of Genoa. In approximately 0.7 of a mile turn right (SE) onto Graymont Quarry Road. The quarry office is 0.3 miles down this road.

If you are accessing Graymont via I75 - exit I75 at exit 179 - Route 6. Take Route 6E for about 12 miles to its Jct with Route 23. Then proceed North on route 23 for about 9 miles to its Jct with Route 20, the asterisked Point above. Reggie Rose, Vice President, Field Trips



Part of Auglaize Wrecking Crew - Photo by Kathy & Jim Bailey

E-MAIL ADDRESSES NEEDED FOR ALL MEMBERS

Dear FoM Members:

A bimonthly (or even monthly) newsletter cannot cover all the changes that occur as a field trip schedule unfolds. To compete for field trip spots at quarries, limiting the number of people that can go, or to receive last minute field trip information on field trips, you must have an email address.

As far as I know to date, the following list of members have no email:

Amy Bach, David DeBruin, John Doty, Dennis Haas, Dan Hall, Joanne Hall, George Heaton, Roger Heaton, Steven Hajdu, Geraldine Privoznik, Albert Sicree, Sylvia Sicree, Vernon Swanson, and Anthony Verdi. There may be additional members also. If you do not yet have an email account, they are free at your local library.

As far as I know to date, the following members have an invalid email:

Robert Boyd, John Feiertag, Peggy Guoin, George Matyas, John Pettinato, and Ann Richardson. If you have changed your email address, send me an email so I can update my FoM email address list.

Thank you all for your time.

Reggie Rose/FoM

EDITORIAL COMMENT

It has been my experience that school children, up to about age 12, volunteer for new experiences readily. After that age, for myriad reasons, few volunteer, unless contacted directly and asked to serve. Our current President has announced his intention to step down at the end of this calendar year. He has asked, in print, that someone volunteer to serve.

This organization operates informally. As far as I know, there are no formal published operating procedures. The Constitution, that was established at the start of the Midwest Chapter, does contain some procedures. Among those is a provision for the incumbent President to name a nominating committee to provide a slate to fill any vacancies. This of course requires the President to either ask for volunteers to serve or to contact individuals directly.

Likewise a Nominating Committee must seek candidates in one of the two aforementioned procedures.

I believe direct contact is the only workable method to obtain candidates for any offices in this organization.

John Blue, Editor

FILL DIRT

If not for STRESS, I'd have no energy at all. Whatever hits the fan will not be evenly distributed. A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour. What is rain? Rain consists of drops of water discharged by clouds. Rain is caused by overnight campers, golf tournaments, Sunday School picnics, and summer weddings on the terrace. Dry spells are caused by newly planted shrubs and lawns. Rainy "spells" are directly attributable to two week vacations.