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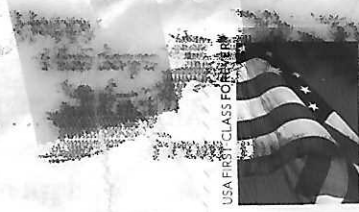
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PURPOSE

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

As I write this, Thanksgiving is over and, despite unusually warm and sunny weather, December with cold and snowy weather is just around the corner. At the November FoM chapter meeting the new 2012 officers were elected. We now have John Davis of South Bend as our Secretary and Nelson Shaffer and Peggy Fisherkeller switched positions. Nelson is our new Treasurer and Peggy will set up club programs. Like it or not, I remain your Chapter President and Reggie Rose will schedule some field trips for the coming year.

Now something to think about. Going to big national or international shows like Tucson, Denver, and Munich, we see show themes of a national or international flavor. Some recent themes have been: "Minerals of Russia", "Minerals of China", "Pegmatite Minerals" and "Gemstone Minerals". The 2012 Tucson show theme is "Minerals of Arizona". These themes cater to the national, international and advanced collector base that comprises much of the show attendance. And rightly so. Exhibits following these show themes are usually advanced and great. But, what about the themes of our regional shows like Cincinnati or Detroit or Columbus or Louisville etc? If these shows have exhibits, which most do, then what should their themes be? Are the previously mentioned themes appropriate or should our regional shows have themes more in keeping with local collectors exhibiting locally found (or bought) minerals? And, probably more importantly, with local collectors and families with youngsters comprising the majority of these show's attendance base.

I believe it should be about the show attendees. Each show theme should be in keeping with the attendance base. The theme of each Midwest show should reflect Midwest collecting and Midwest minerals. Themes like "Calcites" or "Self Collected Midwest Minerals" or "Fluorites of the Midwest" or "Ohio Minerals" seem appropriate.

My list of regional show themes could go on and on, but the thread thru out should be relevance to the Midwest in some way and appeal to the local attendance base, especially those families with youngsters. The most important aspect, to my mind, is to make the theme and exhibits relevant to the show attendees and make some of the exhibited specimens realistically attainable to be self-collected. Youngsters can then aspire to find them and adults might be spurred on to join their local club and attend field trips.

GOOD COLLECTING AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS !!!!!!!!!!!

During this holiday season, consider giving your "extras" as gifts of "STARTER SETS"

Bob Harman

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER MEETING

A regular meeting of the Midwest Chapter of the Friends of Mineralogy was held at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History on Saturday, November 5, 2011, in conjunction with the annual Micromineral Symposium. In the absence of Chapter President, Bob Harman, Janet Clifford called the meeting to order at 3:10 PM. She read the slate proposed by the Nominating Committee for the year 2012: for President, Bob Harman; for Vice President for Field Trips, Reggie Rose; for Vice President for Programs, Peggy Fishkeller; for Secretary, John Davis; for Treasurer, Nelson Shaffer.

John Davis, who was present, said that he might not be able to make some meetings, particularly in Ohio. Anne Cook, retiring Secretary, said she would be willing to take minutes in his absence.

Minutes of Nov Meeting, (Cont'd)

Janet called for other nominations; hearing none, she proposed to elect the nominated slate by acclamation, and the group did so.

The trip to Flemingsburg was postponed, and is rescheduled for Nov. 18. Members were warned that hard hats only have a safe life of about 5 years, so to check the ages of their hats.

A symposium for next year was proposed, but there is no topic suggested yet. Nelson will welcome suggestions. Several members commented that the web site is NOT current, and pleaded that it be kept up-to-date. For next year, four regular meetings are proposed: Cincinnati, Bloomington, either Detroit or Cleveland, and one other. It was suggested that one be after a field trip, perhaps held in the parking lot of a convenient restaurant.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45.

Respectfully submitted, Anne Cook, Secretary

LETTER TO AN EDITOR

Dear Billy Joe Bob

I'm writing this slow because I know you can't read fast. We don't live where we did when you left home. Your Pa read in the newspaper that most accidents happen within 20 minutes of your home, so we moved. I won't be able to send you the address because the last family that lived here took the house numbers so they wouldn't have to change their address.

This place is really nice. It even has a washing machine. I'm not sure it works so well, though. Last week I put a load of clothes in and pulled the chain, we haven't seen them since.

The weather isn't bad here. It only rained twice last week; the first time for three days and the second time for four days.

About the coat you wanted me to send; your Uncle Bubba said it would be too heavy to send in the mail with the buttons on, so we cut them off and put them in the pockets.

Uncle Bobby Ray fell into a whiskey vat last week. Some men tried to pull him out but he fought them off and drowned. We had him cremated; he burned for three days.

Three of your friends went off a bridge in a pickup truck. Butch was driving. He rolled down the window and swam to safety. Your other two friends were in the back, they drowned because they couldn't get the tailgate down.

Your momma, Emmy Mae *From The Flint Gemstones, April 2001*

From a hotel brochure, Italy:

"This hotel is renowned for its peace and solitude. In fact, crowds from all over the world flock here to enjoy its solitude" *From EFMLS News, Sept 2001*

2012 MEMBERSHIP DUES DUE

FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY, MIDWEST CHAPTER

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Dues are for calendar year Jan 1 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

NAME _____

ADD'TL FAMILY MEMBER NAMES _____

ADDRESS _____

Street

City

State

Zip

TELEPHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

Commercial Mineral Dealer? Yes ___ No ___ Company Name _____

CLUB NEWSLETTER VIA E-MAIL? YES ___ NO ___

TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS _____

TOTAL REMITTANCE \$ _____

Please promptly mail your 2012 membership dues to Nelson Shaffer, Treasurer, 530 Cabot Ct, Bloomington, IN 47408.

MORE FILL DIRT

Several years ago we had an intern who was none to swift. One day she was typing and turned to a secretary and said "I'm almost out of typing paper. What do I do?" "Just use copier machine paper" the secretary told her. So the intern took her last remaining blank piece of paper, put it on the photocopier and proceeded to make five "blank" copies.

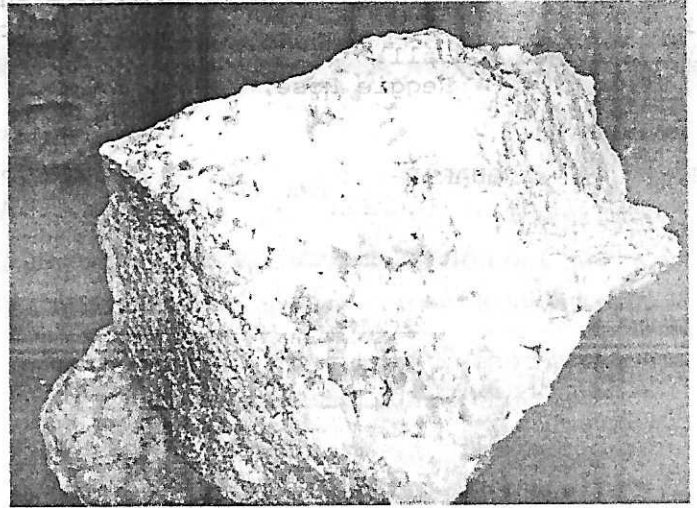
If you are going to try cross country skiing, start with a small country.

FLEMINGSBURG TRIP

Photos of two specimens collected at Flemingsburg, November 18, 2011. Photos supplied by Dale Fordyce.



Barite Blade



Barite

2011 FIELD TRIPS

Dear FoM collectors,

I would like to thank you for a wonderful effort on your part on attending our field trips during the 2011 collecting season. I have awakened in the middle of the night before, out of a sound sleep, following a field trip nightmare. Imagine having a field trip scheduled, and no one showed up? That was the nightmare. Fortunately, that did not happen to us in real life. We have had strong attendance on five of our six trips.

Since I do not get to see everything everyone collects in a quarry on a given trip, I will not mention any names of who found some real prize specimens at any given quarry, so as not to leave anyone out, but I will list following what I saw collected. I will also try to rate each quarry with a letter grade. For those of you who are veteran collectors who are only impressed with museum pieces, you may note that my grading scale is liberal. If you have any other samples that you found to add to the right hand column below, let me know. Also, if you have any suggestions as to a new quarry that you think would make a good field trip, let me know. I will do my best to get FoM in anywhere the collecting is worthwhile.

As you can see in the chart below, three states were attended on our 2011 trips. A big thank you goes to Ed Odell for the geology write up on Flemingsburg. With his help FoM moved into Kentucky. Previous to our November trip there, we had only recently been to quarries in Indiana and Ohio. Now it is time for some of our Michigan Brethren to step up and get us into a good quarry in the Wolverine state, because as you all know, our Midwest Federation is a four state region. Since we are a four state region, we would like to field trip in all four states. But do not limit suggestions to Michigan. As evidenced by our attendance this year, this FoM group will have good representation wherever it goes.

What I would like to know before scheduling field trips for 2012 is what shows I have to steer around. Many of you are show-goers, and if possible, I would always prefer to schedule FoM trips on non-show weekends.

2011 Field Trips (Cont'd)

Our total attendance on the six trips below was 125, which is a healthy presence of our organization on our trips. Your enthusiasm as members and collectors adds to the support and preservation of the sciences of geology and mineralogy. Because of your support in 2011, you made geology, mineralogy and FoM stronger. Many thanks to you all.

Reggie Rose, FoM

DATE:	QUARRY- LOCALE:	NUMBER OF		QUARRY GRADE:	SPECIMENS PRESENT:
		COLLECTORS: TOTAL	FOM		
Sat May 07	Duff Quarry Huntsville, OH	17	11	B-	pyrite, dolomite & calcite
Sat May 14	Hanson Salem, IN	22	17	A-	geodes w/calcite quartz, sphalerite dolomite, celestite
Sat Jun 11	Auglaize Junction, OH	25	25	B	calcite, pyrite & sphalerite
Sat Aug 13	Graymont Genoa, OH	30	30	A	celestite, calcite & dolomite
Sat Aug 20	Stoneco Clay Center, OH	22	22	A+	celestite, pyrite, fluorite & calcite
Fri Nov 18	Hanson Flemingsburg, KY	20	20	A-	calcite, dolomite, Barite & asphalt

*SEASONS GREETINGS
TO ALL*