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Regular meetings

Time: 2: PM EST	Place: Westminster Presbyterian Church
Fourth Sunday of each month	1501 W. Cleveland Road
June- Field trip meeting	South Bend, Indiana
July- No meeting	West of St. Joseph River
August- Annual club picnic	
December- Date to be announced- Christmas party	

Dues

Individual	\$ 6.50 per year
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Junior	2.00 per year

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SOUTH BEND, IN

REGULAR MEETING:

SUNDAY, FEB. 24

TIME: DOORS OPEN 1:30 EST
MEETING 2:00

PLACE: WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1501 W. CLEVELAND ROAD
WEST OF THE ST. JOSEPH RIVER
SOUTH BEND, IN

PROGRAM: BUSINESS MEETING
DAVE DARROW WILL GIVE THE PROGRAM ON FLUORITE. THIS SHOULD BE AN INTERESTING MEETING, SO COME AND LEARN ABOUT THIS MINERAL.

HOSPITALITY: PAT McLAUGHLIN
TOM McLAUGHLIN
DAWN CYTACKI

COMING EVENTS: MARCH 8, 9, 10 EASTERN INDIANA GEM & GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.
Kuhlman Center - Wayne Cty. 4-H Fairgrounds
Richmond, Indiana
MARCH 9 & 10 GEODELAND EARTH SCIENCE CLUBS, INC.
W.I.U. Student Union Ball Rm. Murray Street
Macomb, Illinois
MARCH 23 & 24 WEST SUBURBAN LAPIDARY CLUB
York High School Cafeteria
Elmhurst, Illinois
MAY 4 & 5 KALAMAZOO GEO. AND MINERAL SOCIETY
Kalamazoo, Michigan
MAY 17, 18, 19 MIDWEST MINERAL & LAPIDARY SOCIETY
Dearborn Civic Center
Dearborn, Michigan
MAY 18 & 19 WISCONSIN GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
Hart Park - 7300 W. Chestnut
Wauwatosa, Wisconsin
JUNE 8 & 9 ROCK SWAP & CRAFTS SHOW
4-H Fairgrounds
Peru, Indiana



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
JANUARY 27, 1991

Margaret opened the meeting with the announcement that Catherine McHugh had suffered a heart attack and was in cardiac care at St. Joseph's Hospital, not allowed to have visitors at present. Catherine had recently had surgery for a lump on the shoulder, but doctors say there is no connection between that and the present problem.

Margaret sent around a card for Catherine for all the members to sign. It was followed by one for Dave Cerri, former club member now on duty with the Marines in Saudi Arabia.

Margaret read a letter from Clarence Finley thanking the members for their sympathy in the recent death of his wife Vivien, and saying that he hoped to be back with the group in time to be some help with the show.

The approval of the last set of minutes was moved, seconded, and recorded.

Sister Jeanne Finske presented the treasurer's report.

Charles Miller was introduced as a visitor from North Liberty, and Don Erb was welcomed as a new member from Niles.

A petition was presented against the BLM's new fossil-collecting guidelines, which would close the fossil beds to amateur collectors.

Paul Godelli presented a complete list of books belonging to the society: a total of 160.

The loss of one member was noted with deep regret -- Clifford Fowler of

Mishawaka, recently deceased.

Bill Crull reported that the tightening economy may have an effect on the show next fall. Out of 35 expected dealers, 14 have not sent in their money and may possibly cancel.

Marie Crull asked that all who had not paid their dues for the current year would please do so, so that she could make the Directory within the next few days.

The group was pleased to hear that the Michiana area now has a rock shop. Phyllis Smallwood has opened The Rock Pile on Route 20. Phyllis told the group that so far she has only polished stones purchased from outside sources, but hopes to put in rough items this spring.

Items are needed for the raffle at next fall's show. Members were asked to check their collections to see what they might be able to give.

Gordon Dobecki announced that he was looking for a large display case, with lights.

Between the business meeting and the program, members stuffed envelopes with show announcements and made small favors. The program consisted of a short informative film on the care of rock collections borrowed from the Midwest Federation.

Sister Georgia Costin

"DOP"

The word "dop" is an old Dutch word meaning "shell" and refers to the shape of the brass cup originally used to carry solder which held diamonds during the polishing process.

(Geode, via Cabber-Gabber, Charlotte Styers, Editor)

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

First of all, I would like to thank everyone that helped at the last meeting to stuff packets and assemble the favors we will use at the Septmber Convention. I was fun! The juniors helped too.

I urge every member to start thinking about your exhibit for the August show/convention. DON'T BE LATE FOR THAT IMPORTANT DATE!!!

I am also requesting donations of GOOD items for the raffle. We would like to know who and what you will donate, so we can get the tickets printed soon. Our show being in late August, and most clubs don't meet during the summer, we must get the tickets out early, so they will have a chance to sell them and get the stubs and money back to us before the drawing. We have some very talented people that make jewelry, carve and these would be very welcome. This raffle will be for our club's treasury. The silent auction will be for the MWF ENDOWMENT FUND, at least the first two days will be used for that. Back to your donation Good minerals, polished labs, tools, fossils or other items would be appropriate. We already have a donation of a tee shirt from Amish Acres. So PLEASE let me know soon.

There are several items owned by the club that are missing. If you know the whereabouts, let one of the officers knowthey are stored:

Several Library Books
Saddle Stapler
Illuminated Drawing Board

As some of you are aware, the Michiana Gem Society is host for the Midwest Federation Spring Meeting on April 20th at the Century Center. I would like as many as possible to attend the meeting and luncheon. I an sure you would enjoy seeing how the MWF goes about the Federation business.

Margaret

CLASSROOM TRIP

Bob and Margaret spoke to 85-3rd graders at the Goshen, Indiana Elementary School, Thursday, February 7th.

YOU'RE A ROCKHOUND

IF YOU HIT THE ROAD FROM TEN TO FOUR
AND DRIVE A HUNDRED MILES OR MORE
THEN LOOK FOR ROCKS TILL YOUR EYES ARE SORE
YOU'RE A ROCKHOUND.

IF YOU DIG ALL DAY IN THE PROILING SUN
PACK A SACKFULL HOME, WHEN DAY IS DONE
AND STILL INSIST YOU'RE HAVING FUN
YOU'RE A ROCKHOUND..

CAMP AT NIGHT WHERE THE RATTLERS CRAWL
WHERE COYOTES HOWL AND DOGGIES BAWL
AND DREAMS ARE NOT DISTURBED AT ALL
YOU'RE A ROCKHOUND.

IF YOU HEAD FOR HOME WITH AN OVERLOAD
DOWN A RUTTED, ROCKY MOUNTAIN ROAD
AND BREAK A SPRING AND DON'T EXPLODE
YOU'RE A ROCKHOUND.

BUT WHEN YOUR CLUB PUTS ON A SHOW
STRUT THEIR STUFF, AND RAISE SOME DOUGH
IF YOUR "BRAGGIN' ROCKS" AREN'T THERE
YA KNOW

YOU'RE NO ROCKHOUND!

Via The Pica Pick, Gem City Rock New

The following letter was published in the newsletter of the Kalamazoo Club. For our newer members June Culp Zeitner is a Special Assistant Editor of Lapidary Journal, contributes a large number of articles to this magazine. She has been active in the Federations and local rockhound groups.

October 31, 1990

Dear Friends,

I am writing a book for a major publisher about gem and lapidary materials. I am going to stress cabochon materials, quartz family gemstones, cuttable regional materials such as rhyolites, conglomerates, porphyries, granites, etc., rare and unusual materials, and materials which have never received much publicity.

I am writing in hopes members of your club can give me up-to-date information about any local or regional materials or materials from your state. The type of information I need is current availability, descriptions, lapidary qualities, record finds, unique finds, exceptional lapidary achievements, closed locations, fee areas, future prospects, etc. I would be grateful for any help your members can give me. I do want each state and area to be well represented. Thank you so much.

Sincerely, June Culp Zeitner
5203 S Canyon Rd
Rapid City SD 57702

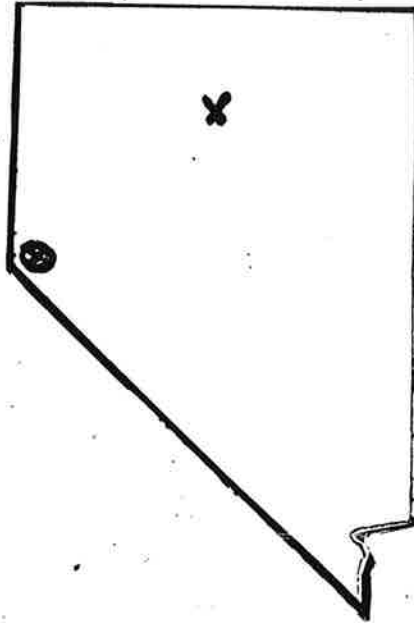
This special section is being added to the Rockfinder for the benefit of the younger members of the club. When I was "their" age, one of the subjects I enjoyed in grade school was geography. It was important, as we studied the states and the capitals, to learn special things about each state. How many of you "seasoned kids" can name the 50 states and each state capital? It's a challenge! I've been doing some thinking and came up with an idea on how to build a rock collection from all of the states. Kids, here is what you'll have to do to get the rock sample. At the next meeting, you will have to name the state, it's capital and try really hard to name the rock. If you have the right answers the rock sample is yours. If you keep the cut out of the state, you will be able to put the entire USA together with all of your special rocks. For the rest of the club members, I could use some help in obtaining samples as I have only covered 28 states. Either that, or I'll have to do some fast traveling.

#1 - Epecially for Kids - Here goes!

This state is:

It's capital is:

The "smelly" yellow rock is:





The Spring meeting will be held in the Century Center and the luncheon will be served there also. The Michiana Gem & Mineral Society members are looking forward to hosting this meeting, and have you tour the Century Center where the MWF Show and Convention will be held Aug. 30-31 and Sept. 1.

We must have reservations to the cater by March 15th. Please indicate below how many luncheons you wish to reserve and return along with your payment to me. Thank you.

Menu- LUNCH- Sherried Chicken
 \$7.95 . Tossed Green Salad
 Green Beans Almandine
 Oven Brown Potatos
 Lemon Mousse
 Beverage- Rolls- Butter

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SUNSHINE REPORT



Is everyone thinking meetings, shows, conventions, and field trips for 1991? What an exciting year our club has ahead of us.

For those of you who helped prepare our convention/show packets at the last meeting, I hope you had time to glimpse through the 3 day event. If not, ask to see one, it is all about you and your club.



All of us should be active participants representing our club this year. Please read the Calendar of Events published monthly in The Rockfinder. There are many upcoming shows in our area.

Michiana Gem and Mineral Society is hosting the MWF Spring Meeting Saturday, April 20. Please mark your calendar to attend this meeting at the Century Center. This will give you an opportunity to see your Federation in action.



Have you started working on your blue club vest yet? If you do not have a pattern, talk to a Board member. Vests are not required for the MWF Spring Meeting (although it would be nice). These are to be worn at our meetings, when attending other shows in the area, and **especially** when we host the MWF show/convention over Labor Day weekend. It is important that visitors can identify by our vests that we are the hosts.

Good news... the days are getting longer, in another month our sno-birds will be back. What a joy it is to let everyone know Catherine McHugh is rolling again! Catherine's idea of surgery and a heart attack are "only if they last a week or so" ---- She's much too busy for such things!!



Distant club members Marilyn Meier and Margaret Mchugh-Hawkins, were in South Bend for a short time. It is too bad they could not stay for the February meeting.

How is it possible that out of 100 + members, I only have 82 names for Birthdays and Anniversaries! I would love to send you a card for these special occasions. Just see or call me to let me know your day/month (not your birth year). If you know of a member that is ill or shut-in, or needs a sunshine card, contact me and "sunshine" will go into action.

This month - FEBRUARY
5 - SR. JEANNE FINSKE
Congratulations and Best Wishes



For all our men and women overseas and their families here at home let us keep them in our thoughts and prayers.



Keep Smilin'
Kathy

We received a list of Field Trip locations from Ohio State director, Rose Blue. One spot she suggested is the Rensselaer Stone Company, located in Jasper County, Indiana. Minerals present in this area are calcite, pyrite, marcasite, galena (rare) found in pockets filled with heavy crude oil.

Some special equipment would be necessary for a field trip such as solvent for clean up of the oil and a possible change of clothes for the trip home.

The location is accessible anytime during non-working hours.

Is anyone interested in such a Field Trip?



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PURPOSE: The Endowment Fund was established to insure that, in the future as well as for the present, there will be monies available to be used for projects approved by the MWF Board of Directors and ratified by a 2/3 vote of those present and voting at an Executive Committee. However, only the interest may be used for projects as well as administrative expenses. The final Operation Procedures were approved by the Executive Board on October 13, 1989 at Springfield, MO.

RECOGNITION TO DONORS: 1990 proved to be a very productive and innovative year from your Endowment Fund Committee. Both club and individual recognition certificates were developed and printed. MWF Endowment Fund stickers were also developed, which are to be added to the original certificate as 200, 300, 400, etc. percent levels are achieved by the MWF Clubs.

CONTRIBUTIONS: Donations or gifts should be sent to the Fund Treasurer, Dr. Benjamin Moulton, RR 21 Box 103, Terre Haute, IN 47802.

As your Endowment Fund Chairman, I would like to publicly thank my first secretary, Mary B. Hanning, for her contributions, ideas, and diligent work during 1990. Without her involvement, the Fund would still be in its pre 1989 duldrums. Also, thanks to Charlotte Charno, my new secretary, for helping Mary get caught up with the issuing of certificates and stickers. My third thank you goes to Dr. Benjamin Moulton for his development of our bookkeeping, records and accounting systems. The list of donors has been brought up to date as of December 31, 1990 as printed in this report. If you find that we have errors, please let us know as soon as possible.

Now a special thank you to all the clubs and individuals for their contributions and a very special thank you to the Wisconsin Geological Society and Lloyd Brown for the monies collected prior to our 50th Anniversary and 1990 show.

I truly believe that the Endowment Fund will, in time, have a very positive effect on our federation both in the development of new programs and in the maintenance of the Federation itself.

The Endowment Committee thanks all of you, both clubs and individuals, for your past and hopefully future contributions.