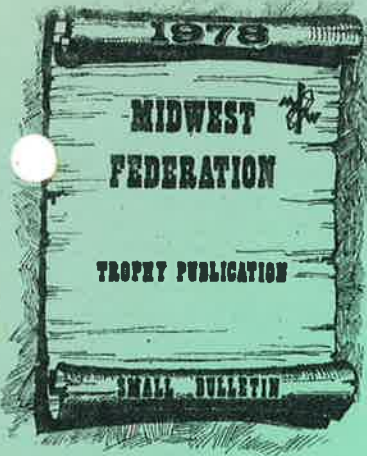


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REGULAR MEETINGS

TIME: 2:00 P.M.	PLACE: Nature Center
Fourth Sunday of Each Month	Rum Village Park
June - Field Trip Meeting	2626 So. Gertrude Street
July - No Meeting	South Bend, Indiana
August - Annual Picnic	

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Individual - \$3.00 per year Family - \$5.00 per year Junior - \$0.50 per year.

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Regular Meeting:

April 22, 1979

Time: Doors Open 1:30 PM, EST
Meeting 2:00 PM, EST

Place: Nature Center
Rum Village Park
2626 South Gertrude Street
South Bend, Indiana

Program: Business Meeting

Paul Godollei will give an interesting talk on fossils and will have specimens to show us. Be there and bring your fossils for him to see.

Hospitality:

Germaine Lifke
James & Virginia Tisdale
Stanley & Jane Kile

Educational Meetings:

Time: 7:30 PM, EST

Place: Newman Recreational Center
727 South Eddy Street
south Bend, Indiana

Program: Friday, April 27, 1979
Friday, May 11, 1979

Rock shop machinery will not be available. We will meet and begin painting rocks and things for our show. Bring paints and rocks, etc.

We could also use small and medium rocks to paint and ideas for new projects for Club Booth.



Calendar of Events

April 26-29 Lake County Gem & Mineral Society Show, Lake County Fairgrounds, Grayslake, Illinois

April 28-29 Peru Rock & Mineral Club Show, Miami County 4-H Fairgrounds, Peru, Ind.

May 12-13 Kalamazoo Geological & Mineral Society, County Center Bldg., Fairgrounds Kalamazoo, Michigan

May 25-27 Chicagoland Gem Show, Du Page, County Fairgrounds

June 23-24 Michigan Geology & Gemcraft Society Educational seminar, Mid Michigan Community College, Harrison, Michigan

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FROM YOUR ROCKY LEADER

HAPPY EASTER GREETINGS TO ONE AND ALL. I am beginning to think that someone forgot to tell the man upstairs that this is Springtime and not Wintertime. Maybe, just maybe we will get a bunch of good weather soon.

It was sure good to see Jess & Bess Wise at our last meeting. It just goes to prove one thing, if you have the will to get going as Jess had, you can do it. Carlton, it was good to see you looking around without a patch over that eye.

Merl, thanks for the program at the last meeting. It was interesting to see some of our goings on as well as yours. Keep taking pictures Merl, we all enjoyed them.

Sorry to say that the Russells will not be with you this month, as we will be out of town on some business. But we will be back in May. Remember that the May meeting has been changed to the third Sunday, as the fourth one is Memorial Day weekend.

Calling BOB HEINEK. Help, we need a field trip to somewhere to do some collecting. Do not forget about our June meeting as that one is also a field trip. Everyone is rarin' to go a rockin' with Bob.

In case everyone has let it slip from your memory, here is a list of 1979 Show Chairmen:

Dealers - Fred Niebauer, Door - Chris Shoemaker, Kathy Miller, Silent Auction - Sherry Russell, Kiddies Corner - Bob Miller, Identification - G. Kelsheimer, Club Information - Jess & Bess Wise, Grab bags - Larry McHugh, Working Displays - Frank Elwell & Joe Charles, Camping - Carlton Pletcher, Club sales - K. McHugh, All Displays - Bob & Margaret Heinek, Trophies - Merl & Rose Lechlitner. All other members to assist at various booths. You all know that in no time it will be Rockhound Showtime '79' at the ACC. We are in need of goodies for everything.

On Saturday, the 7th of this month, I attended a meeting of the Federation in Elmhurst, as well as

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the Show there. Everything is coming along great for the '81 Show. There was some discussion on the '79 and '80 shows which sounds to be very good ones to attend.

Well, that's about it for now. Frank will be in there pitching this month. He will have a lot to talk with you about. See all of you in May.

Rocky Leader,
Jim

THE SNOW BIRDS RETURN

Adeline and I had a nice enjoyable time in the Rio Grande Valley in Texas. The weather was not as good as it has been in other years (that is what the old timers told us) but for us it was great not having to shovel it.

Time sure flew by fast. There is always something to do there. You can take your pick of shuffle board, dancing, walking, rock polishing, handcrafts, etc.

When it comes to eating, you have to watch it or you wind up putting on a few pounds. There is an abundance of citrus fruit, pineapple, strawberries and all the fresh vegetables you can eat.

We even attended two of the local rock club's meetings.

Many thanks to the Russells and any of you who helped to turn out the Rockfinder these last three months. You did a nice job.

Now it is back to the old grind. See you all at the April meeting.

Fred Niebauer

NOTICE NOTICE

The May meeting date has been changed from the 4th Sunday of May to the 3rd Sunday on May 20, 1979. Mark your calendar NOW.

Editor

MINUTES OF THE MARCH MEETING

The meeting was called to order March 25, 1979 by President Russell. A welcome was extended to our guests, Mr. Glen Slusser and his son Jon. A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the February minutes by Joe Charles, seconded by Carlton Pletcher, motion carried. The treasurer's report was read and approved for audit.

Program - Mr. Paul Godollei will be giving a talk on fossils for the April meeting.

Safety - Merl Lechlitner reminded everyone safety begins at home.

Librarian - George Kelsheimer sent thanks to Mary Miller for the book she donated, it will be in the club library.

Sunshine - A card will be sent to Mrs. Genevieve Rice who is ill.

Displays - Bob Miller thanked Bill and Marie Crull for bringing a casting machine Bill made. Carlton and Doris Pletcher for Selenite Crystals from Athens, Greece. Frank & Molly Elwell for quartzite from Calif. Paul Godollei for a display of Bryozoa fossils with their descriptions and identification, and Jim & Sherry Russell for bringing a large chunk of Parrot wing rock also an interesting piece of stone called a mystery rock from Apache Junction, Arizona.

Membership - Ossie Kytta announced three new members had joined in February and is reorganizing the ledgers.

Show Committee Report - Maps were displayed to show club members the layout and floor plans of the A.C.C. where the '79, '80 and '81 Shows will be held. Pointed out were locations where displays, dealers, swap areas, etc. could be located. Also the possible area for campers and cars, and the Awards Banquet was also discussed.

Communications - Thank you notes were received from Carlton Pletcher and Jess and Bess Wise. Three new contracts are in for the '79 show. Pres. Russell has been in communication with Diana Dorn of the Midwest Federation about the 1981 competitive displays.

Old Business - Merl Lechlitner in-

MINUTES OF THE MARCH MEETING (CON'T)

formed the members that the St. Joe Valley Rockhound Club will have a display for the 1981 Show.

New Business - On April 27th Joe Charles will be on the Rod Johnson Show representing our club. A new dop pot with wax has been given to Newman Center for the club's use. Joe Charles would like to see more parents bring their children to work on the machinery at Newman Center on the Friday night educational meetings. A possibility of Digger Phelps as Master of Ceremonies for the 1981 Show was discussed.

Program - Merl Lechlitner gave a nice slide show of previous shows and field trips which was enjoyed by all.

Birthdays - Congratulations and best wishes to Marie Crull. Door prizes were won by Joe Charles, Jimmy Walls, Robert and Irene Ungurait. Motion made to adjourn by Molly Elwell, seconded by Rose Lechlitner.

Attendance - 36 members
2 guests

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Miller, Secretary

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome the following new members to our club:

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Young, Jr.
(Charlotte)

903 South Logan
Mishawaka, Indiana 46544

Mr. Paul B. Godollei
1910 Ribourde
South Bend, Indiana 46628

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Cope
(Norma)
450 South Gladstone
South Bend, Indiana 46619

Mr. & Mrs. Glen Slusser
(Diana) and Jon
1450 Southwood
Mishawaka, Indiana 46544

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LAVA BEDS NATIONAL MONUMENT

It was a beautiful morning, the sun was shining on the mountains across the valley. Ashland below looked like a toy town.

The almond and pear blossoms perfumed the air and spring flowers of all kinds made a blaze of color.

We were off to the Lava Beds National Monument in Northern California. Within Twenty Minutes we were in the mountains, going on endless curves that went up and up. One view more beautiful than the next, although I must admit my heart was in my mouth when I looked over the edge.

It got colder and colder, and it started to snow. What a beautiful sight. The pines and ponderosa trees laden and it looked like a Christmas scene. I was happy that we had the snowy curvy road all to ourselves.

Finally over the mountains into the lower Kalmoth River valley into California. Miles upon miles of potato farms, far as the eye could see. Into California's National Wildlife refuge. Thousands of ducks grebes and many Canadian geese, a golden eagle, four blue herons and many hawks sailing overhead.

Also a great number of white tailed deer. We were disappointed not to get a glimpse of the big horned sheep, which are also protected. We were now in the high desert, sage and misquite dry and brown with dwarf mountain mahogany here and there.

The Schonchin cinder cone loomed ahead. Stark. We were going to climb to the observation tower on top, but gave up because of the high wind and bitter cold.

Cinders and pumice stretched for miles and AA (which is the name of the lava flow which was thrown out of the cones). Here and there are big lava tubes coming away from the volcanos which are formed by the lava flow that cooled on the top and sides while the inner flow was still moving.

We walked into one and climbed down into another. They were caves

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and we had lanterns to explore the passageways. The walking was treacherous to say the least with slippery lava underfoot from water dripping from the ceilings.

It was deathly still and frankly, I wanted OUT. My daughter was oh-ing and ah-ing over the colored mineralizations, the chocolate basalt and ropy surfaces that looked like candle wax (melted) black and glistening.

I was happy to be top side, even though it looked like the surface of the moon. It just doesn't seem possible that all of this happened but a thousand years ago.

Lava Beds National Park is the least visited of all National Parks. It is off of the beaten path. What a shame. To me it was forboding and chilling.

I'm grateful that I got to see this awesome sight, but I would never go back.

Catherine McHugh

A New TV Star

On April 27th at 10:30 AM, EST, turn on and watch WSBT-TV Channel 22.

Joe Charles will be appearing on the Rod Johnson Show to tell the people about our club - who we are and what the members do and what we do for the community.

Editor

In Memoriam

We extend our heart felt sympathy to Ed Hoover upon the passing of his wife, Vi.

Ed and Vi were hard and faithful workers in our club for many years.

Ed was an officer in the club and served on the Indiana Rock Swap Committee for several years.

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SPRING EXECUTIVE MEETING

The spring meeting of the Midwest Executive Committee will be held in Elmhurst, Ill. on Sat. April 7 at Elmhurst College. The Executive Committee has been invited to visit the West Suburban Lapidary Club show at Elmhurst College April 7-8.

20 CLUBS ADVANCE SCHOLARSHIP STANDING

By Katharine Steinbrenner, Scholarship Chairman

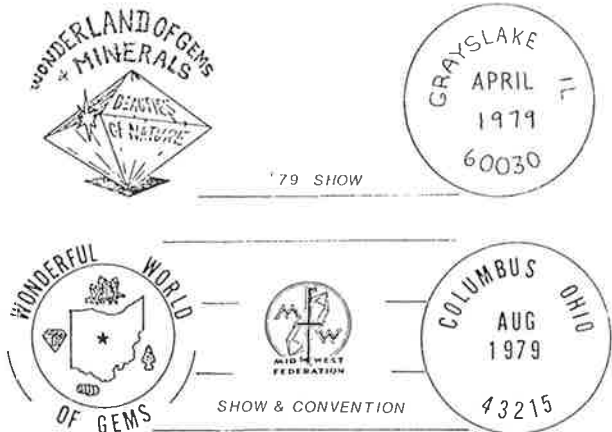
Since the last Scholarship Report in this Newsletter 32 clubs have sent contributions amounting to over \$1700.00 for the American Federation Scholarship Foundation. As a result of their generosity 20 of our clubs have advanced their Scholarship Status as follows:

Brookings Area Gem & Mineral Society	400%
Peru Rock & Mineral Club	3000%
Lawrence County Rock Club	1500%
Stonelick Valley Gem & Mineral Society	200%
McDonnel-Douglas Gem & Mineral Soc.	500%
Wild Cat Geological Society	1000%
Three Rivers Gem & Min. Society	1000%
Esconi	400%
Heart of Wisconsin Gem. & Min. Society	1100%
Midwest Mineralogical & Lapidary Soc.	1200%
Coulee Rock Club	400%
White River Gem Society	900%
Peoria Academy of Science	100%
Huron Hills Lapidary & Mineral Soc.	900%
Missouri Valley Gem & Mineral Society	400%
Rock River Valley Rockhounds	200%
Illowa Gem & Mineral Society	1200%
Blue Ridge Gem & Mineral Club	1000%
Hawkeye Gem & Mineral Club	1100%
Pike County Gem and Mineral Society	900%

The Scholarship Foundation wishes to express appreciation to all of the Midwest clubs that are so generous in their support of such a worthwhile project. This generosity earned for the Midwest a 500% Plaque. It will be officially presented at the Council Meeting in Columbus, Ohio during the Midwest Show and Convention, Aug. 2 - 5.

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KEEP IT CLEAN

POSTAL SERVICE O.K.'s SPECIAL CANCELLATIONS FOR TWO MIDWEST SHOWS



The Postal Service, realizing the popularity and monetary value of special cancellations, has o.k.'d two such cancellations at Midwest shows this spring and summer.

The Lake County Gem and Mineral Society of Illinois will have a special cancellation at their 14th annual "Wonderland of Gems and Minerals" show April 26 - 29, at the Lake County Fairgrounds. Other philatelic items will be available at the same time according to Grayslake Postmaster Ernest Plotz. In addition to the cancellation a cacheted envelope designed by member James Zradicka will be sold.

The Postal Service has approved another special cancellation that will be applied during the 1979 Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies Show and Convention in Columbus, Ohio August 2-5. The Federation has received notice from John J. Kelliher, Manager of the Retail Branch of Customer Relations Division of the Central Region of the U. S. Postal Service that also, at the show and convention "Wonderful World of Gems", a complete merchandise line including mint sets, stamp collecting kits, the current "Stamps and Stories" book, and all current commemorative and regular issue stamps should be available for sale.

Drawings for these two cancellations, and the one used at the Cedar Rapids, Iowa show last summer were from original drawings by artist Jane Machak, Grayslake, Ill.

COLUMBUS CALLING . . . MIDWEST SHOW AND CONVENTION . . . AUG. 2-5, 1979 . . . COLUMBUS, OHIO

MORE GOOD PROGRAM NEWS

Our Library Program Chairman, Donald Stinnett, is still swapping slide programs with the Northwest Federation. Three new slide programs have been added to the Midwest library. "Thundereggs and Agates" (90 slides); "Crystals and Minerals" (91) slides; and "Field Trip to Last Chance Canyon" (72 slides).

These programs are available for immediate booking by clubs. And, remember, there is no charge for program use. Send your request to E. Donald Stinnett, 29462 Aspen Drive, Flat Rock, Mich. 48134.

3 CLUBS COMBINE FOR FOSSIL EXPOSITION

Three Midwest Clubs, Mid America Paleontology Society, Eastern Missouri Society of Paleo., Earth Science Club of Northern Illinois, have combined to present the National Fossil Exposition March 31-April 1. Exposition will be at Tanner Hall, Western Illinois University, Macomb, Illinois. Write Don Good, 410 N.W. 3rd St., Aledo, Illinois, for more information.

1,000 RV SPACES AVAILABLE

There will be plenty of space for RV's at the AFMS National Show in Tampa, Florida, July 12-15.

Henry Bonar, Show Chairman, says 1000 spaces are available with full hookups, electric, water and sewer. And if more room is needed additional spaces can be added. All spaces rent for \$5.00

On with the shows!

By Haydon Peterson

Once again it is time for all of us to start seriously planning the rock and mineral shows we plan to attend during 1979. Planning is really a good idea as you will want to make hotel, motel, or camping reservations to assure yourself of accommodations when you arrive at your show destination. Also to make reservations for the banquets, editor breakfasts and other luncheons, dinners and special events that include field trips at some shows. Many of these activities have limited space and when it is filled you will miss out if you don't plan ahead.

The American Federation with its six Regional Federations provides an opportunity for nearly every rock, mineral and fossil collector to attend a major regional show within a reasonable distance from their home.

May opens the Regional show season in 1979 as the South Central Federation presents its show May 18 - 20 in the Civic Center, Abilene, Texas. It is hosted by the Central Texas Gem and Mineral Society. For further information write to Harry Elliott, Jr., 4th Floor, First State Bank Bldg., Abilene, Texas 79602.

The second Regional show of 1979 will be in Rapid City, S.D. opening June 8 and continuing through June 10. This is the Rocky Mountain show, with the host, The Black Hills Mineral Society and is titled "The Black Hills Gold Rush" show. It will be held in the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center, Show Chairman is Wayne Olson, Box 9, Keystone Rt., Rapid City, S.D.

The show activity moves to California for 1979's third Regional later in June. "Fantasy in Jade" opens June 22 in Sacramento and continues through June 24 at the Cal-Expo Bldgs. A-B-C. Host for this California Federation show is the Sacramento Mineral Society. Show Chairman is R. G. Hendrix, 5401 Henderson Rd., Sacramento, Calif. 95838.

July brings the American Federations annual national show in combination with the Eastern Federation in Tampa, Florida. Dates are July 12 - 15 and it will be held at the huge 275 acre Tampa Fairgrounds. It is hosted by the Tampa Bay Mineral and Science Club and show chairman is Henry Bonar, P.O. Box 11297, Tampa, Florida 33680.

Then in August the Regional show spotlight is on the Midwest Federation as they present their show in Columbus, Ohio at Veterans Memorial in downtown Columbus. "Wonderful World of Gems '79" is the title given this show for its four day run, Aug. 2-5. Show Chairman is Carlton Davis, 2452 Buckley Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43220.

The Northwest Federation closes the 1979 Regional show season with their show in Kennewick, Washington, Sept. 1 - 3. For this Labor Day weekend show they have titled it "Heavenly Gems". Host at this show is the Horse Heaven Gem and Mineral Societies. Show Chairman is Sid Foreman, 114 N. Olympia, Kennewick, Washington 99336.

So, there you have it. Six great Regional shows for you to enjoy. Attend as many as you can. All show chairman are working with dozens of club members and others, planning top quality exhibits, many special events, bringing in dealers from all over the country, to make these shows the finest you've ever attended.

What is your definition of a good federation club?

Would you like a little contest? Then let's have one!
Write your definition of a GOOD FEDERATION CLUB
. . . 100 words or less.
Below your definition write your name, and address,
the name of your club and your Region.

Then mail your entry to me at the address below.
THE DEADLINE IS JUNE 1, 1979. The postmark will control.

Entries will be numbered as they are received and all entries will be submitted to a panel of six Federation judges. The judges will not know the names on any entry.

There will be some awards and lots of publicity!
Mail your entry before June 1, 1979 to: **LaDocia Ellis, AFMS Education Chairman, 1350 Bidwell Ave. Chico, California, 95926.**