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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	

DUES

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

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Regular Meeting:

November 25, 1979

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

Place: Nature Center
 Rum Village Park
 2626 S. Gertrude St.
 South Bend, Indiana

Program: Business Meeting

"Beginning Lapidary"
A Midwest Federation
slide program.

Election of officers
for 1980.

Hospitality:

Bess & Jess Wise
Margaret & Bob Heinek
Marian & Victor Fiege

Educational Meetings:

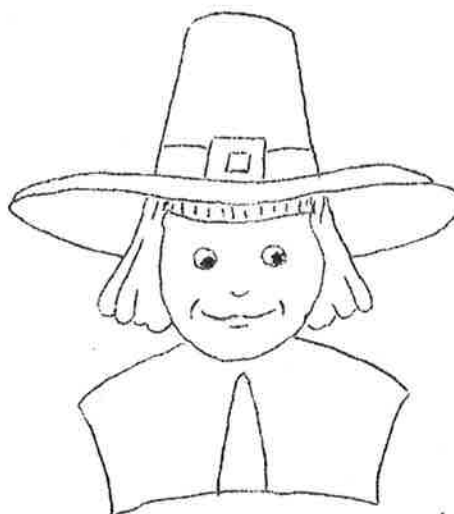
Time: 7:30 PM, EST

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

Program: Friday, Nov. 23, 1979
 No Meeting - Thanksgiving

Friday, Dec. 14, 1979
Making gem trees. Bring
base rock and little
stones. Wire will be fur-
nished at cost.

Friday, Dec. 28, 1979
No meeting, Christmas week



Happy Thanksgiving

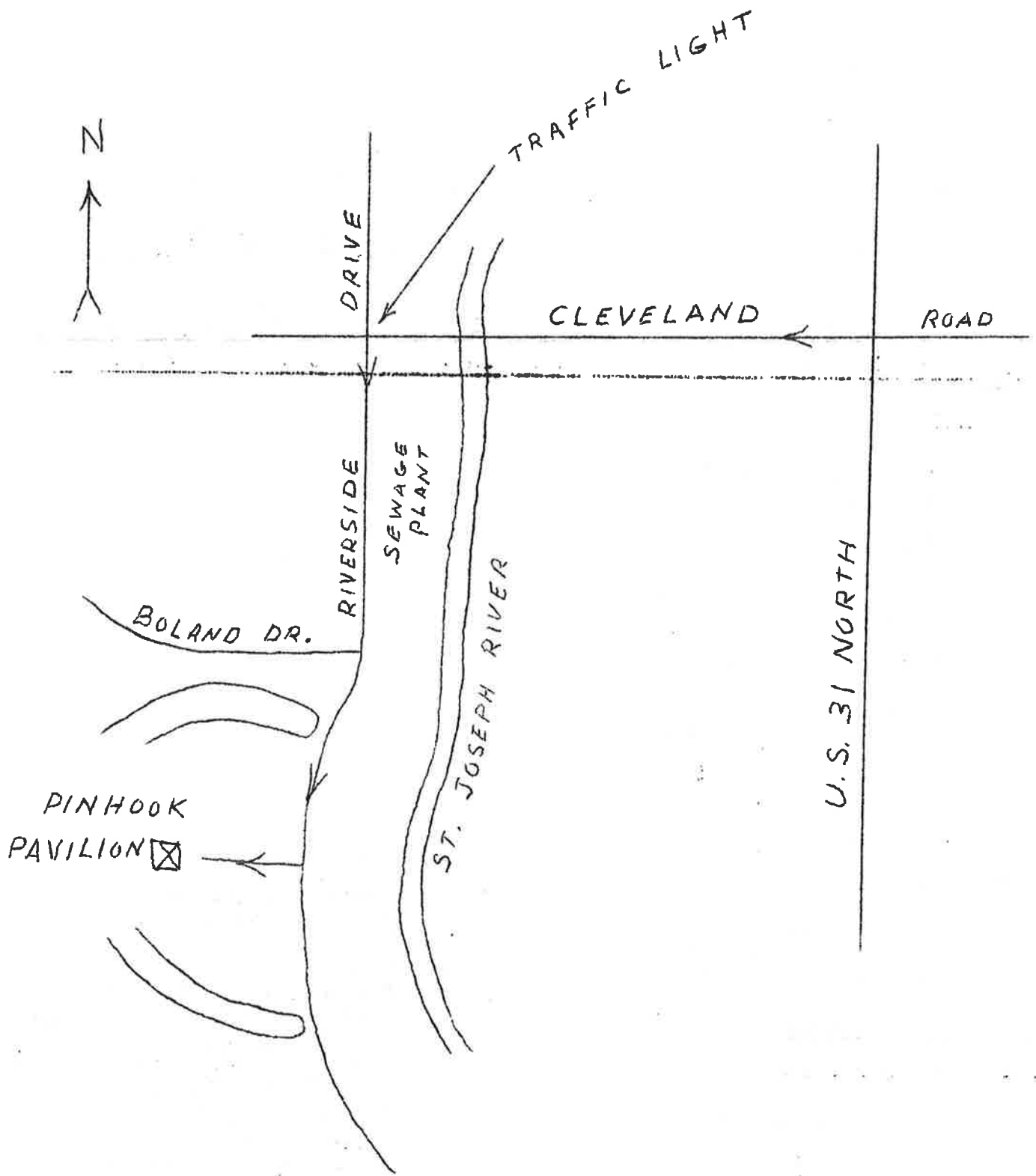
Calendar of Events:

Dec. 7 Board meeting at the
Shoemaker's house. 7:30 PM

Dec. 9 Club Christmas Party,
Potluck at Pinhook Park
Pavillion, South Bend, Ind.
See Map on Page 2
You bring one wrapped Rocko
prize per person, one
passing dish for each two
persons and your table
service. The club will
provide the meat, drinks,
rolls and butter. Social
hour at 12:00, dinner at
1:00 PM, EST.

Reservations must be made in ad-
vance: Sign up at the meeting
or call:

289-7446	277-3227
232-6849	654-3673
291-0332	272-4834



CHRISTMAS MEETING

PINHOOK PAVILION

FROM YOUR ROCKY LEADER,

Happy Thanksgiving to one and all. Easy does it on all the delicious goodies that the ladies will be putting on that Thanksgiving table.

On behalf of the 1981 Show Committee, I would like to thank Max Cripe and Ossie Kytta for doing a great job on laying out the floor plan for the 1981 Show. This is a very important part of any show, and they have it set up really great.

Still talking about the 1981 Show, I hope everyone enjoyed Harriet and Calvin George's talk about displays and other information on MWF Shows. I learned much from it and hope that everyone else did. One thing for sure is we don't have to go into the carpenter business, do we Bob Miller? Bob was a little worried about having to build show cases, but we are going to work out a plan not to, and as Harriet said, the type we all have is OK. So now all we have to do is clean up and paint up what we have.

Christmas time is coming and so is our annual Christmas party. You will find a complete listing of the times and the location, and what ever else is necessary to know on Page 1. But I would like to explain our favorite game, 'Rocko.' Rocko is a form of Bingo, but is played by Rockhounds. Now the object of the game is to win, and of course everyone wins. But then it gets a little dirty, because when you Rocko you take your gift and if you see one you like better, you take that one and leave yours. To play Rocko, you need to bring a wrapped gift which is related to our wonderful hobby. It can be a slab, cab, tools, finished jewelry, specimen or anything related to our hobby. It's fun, fun with a lot of laughs. So come one, come all and enjoy good food, fellowship and just a darn good time. Door prizes will be given too.

Remember this month is election. You will be able to make nominations from the floor if you wish.

Well, Gang, that's all for now. See all of you at the 4th Sunday meeting, and also at our Christmas Party. Sign up this month with the McHughs for Christmas party reservations.

Your Rocky Leader,
Jim

Dead Battery?

If you are stalled with a dead battery, where you can't get any help, there is one more start left in the old battery that some people don't know about.

Take the battery cables off and take the battery out of the car. Be sure the caps are on the battery tight. Now put it on the ground and rock it back and forth to shake up the sediment in the bottom of the battery. Put it back in the car and be sure the cables are tight.

This will give you one more start, but you will have to get a new battery. This is only good one time.

From Peso - Odical

Library Notes

The following books formerly in the club library, are now missing:
"Gemstones of North America"
by John Sinkankas - Library #21

"Desert Gem Trails" by Mary Frances Strong - Library #38

"Appalachian Mineral and Gem Trails"
by June Culp Zeitner - Library #42

"Evolution of Life" by Catherine Jarman - Library #66

Please look around the house and see if you have inadvertently taken one of these books home without removing the library card.

George E. Kelsheimer,
Librarian

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER MEETING

The meeting was called to order October 28, 1979, by President Russell. Guests for the day were introduced. A motion was made by Carlton Pletcher to accept the minutes as found in the Rockfinder, seconded by George Kelsheimer, motion carried. The treasurer's report was read and approved for audit.

Program - For November, a slide show on "Beginning Lapidary".

Education - Nov. 9 Margaret Heinek will bring equipment for copper enameling. There will be a nominal fee. The tree wrapping was a success at the last educational meeting.

Publicity - Sherry Russell reported some improvement on publicity sent out.

Sunshine - Pauline Kelsheimer through George Kelsheimer thanked the members of the club for their concern. Pauline is at home recovering from a bad fall. A plant will be sent to Catherine Grayckowski, who is in the hospital.

Librarian - New books were announced and George Kelsheimer asked members to please look at home for missing books. The book titles will be listed in the Rockfinder.

Editor - Fred Niebauer is going to ask various members to write articles on their recent vacations. He is asking all members for news items on educational material, travel, etc.

Displays - Bob Miller thanked Doris and Carlton Pletcher for bringing in many fine specimens from their recent trip across the United States. Also thanks to Frank and Molly Elwell for their interesting coral specimens and to the club members that brought in the six wire wrapped trees made at the educational meeting.

Communications - A letter from Brazil was read inviting members to drop in and visit a certain store in San Paulo. Lucy Miller sent in an article she had published in a newspaper with a letter to our club telling us about it and more of her recent travels.

Show Committee Report - The 1980 Show

flyers are printed. No changes to be made from the 1979 to the 1980 Show. Max Cripe and Ossie Kytta were thanked for making the 1981 floor layout. Pres. Russell & Fred Niebauer met with a lawyer to set up dealer contracts.

New Business - Pres. Russell asked about bringing the scholarship fund up from 1500% to 1700%. A motion was made by Russ Randolph to raise the fund to 1700%, seconded by Irene Ungurait, motion carried. Harriet George, our guest speaker, explained to members who the money goes to, how it gets to the person and what its purpose is. Carlton & Doris Pletcher brought back from their travels some new ideas for the '81 Show. Jim Russell, Russ Randolph, Frank Elwell, Fred Niebauer and any one else who wishes to come will meet with the Park & Recreation Board at Newman Center on the 2nd Tuesday in November. Frank Elwell introduced the nominating committee and Max Cripe as chairman announced the 1980 nominees as follows:

President - Jim Russell
Vice Pres.- Frank Elwell
Secretary - Kathleen Miller
Treasurer - Christine Shoemaker
Liaison - Margaret Heinek

Program - An excellent, important and informative program by Harriet George, Parliamentarian and Uniform Rules Chairman of the Midwest Federation told us what we can expect if we enter a competitive display in a Midwest Show. Mrs. George also gave us other information on what will be expected of our club in the 1981 Show. Calvin George also attended the meeting and assisted Harriet during the program.
Birthdays - Irene Ungurait, Jerry Lifke and Calvin George are wished a Happy Birthday and anniversary congratulations to Victor & Marian Fiege.

Door prizes were won by Adeline Niebauer, Jim Paar & Lori Russell. Motion to adjourn by Molly Elwell, seconded by Robin Miller, carried.

Attendance - 42 members
8 guests

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Miller, Secretary

A GOOD PROGRAM

The program of the October meeting was presented by Mrs. Harriet George, of the Midwest Federation.

Mrs. George explained what a collector must do to place a display in competition at Rock and Gem shows. It was a very interesting and informative talk and we can now more fully understand what the judges look for when viewing a display in competition.

So, all of you people who know you have a perfect collection, be it mineral specimens, cabachons, jewelry or whatever, you have made up, get a rule book, follow it closely (the judges follow it too), and bring home an award.

Many thanks to Harriet George for a good program that could bring an award to a club member.

Frank Elwell

Thank You Letters From 5th Grade Students At John Marshall School

Dear Mr. McHugh,

I really enjoyed your rock show. You showed me rocks I didn't even know existed. I think rocks are neat but I don't want to join a rock club.

Sincerely yours,
Kurt Marquardt

Dear Mrs. Miller,

We really enjoyed you coming and those rocks was beautiful. I wish I had some of those rocks. Those magazines were interesting. I think it was very nice to go around and give names of the rocks. Thank you for the cases of rocks; they're very nice and tell Robin her tree was beautiful.

Sincerely,
Tammy Wells

The above are only two of the many received by the Millers & McHughs.

Editor

Shop Help

One of the most versatile shop helps in her lapidary workshop is sodium silicate (water glass), writes Clara Nelson, Puyallup, Washington. Not only can it be used to hold even very small pieces of material for sawing, but it can also be mixed with fine sawdust to a mushy putty to orient small nodules or thundereggs onto block of wood.

Spread the goop on the wood about 1/2 inch thick, then squeeze the rock down into it, working the paste up and around it to hold it firm. Let dry several days before sawing.

Don't leave for more than a few weeks before sawing, because it gets hard and dry and brittle, and may not hold.

After sawing is completed, soak off in water for a day or two.

From the Rockytier via Mineral Memos

Our Visitors

At our October meeting, we had the following visitors:

Norma Zahm
Jim Paar
R. Emma Abraham
Linda Welcome
Jimmy Adams
Dolores Paar

We hope that they enjoyed our meeting and will return soon.

Editor

Dues Are Due

Our treasurer, Christine Shoemaker, will be at the Christmas Party to take your dues for 1980 and also your subscriptions for magazines. If you joined our club after Sept. 1, 1979, your 1980 dues are already paid.

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A Message From Our New President Bernice McCloskey

MWF ENTERING 40TH YEAR

Dear Friends: The Midwest Federation is about to enter its 40th year!

Towards the end of the great depression and before World War II, ideas were beginning to gel which led to the formation of the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies. Now, forty years later, we look back to what we were; look at the present, what we are; and anticipate the future... what we will be.

The stated purpose in our Articles of Incorporation is to promote interest and education in geology, mineralogy, paleontology, archaeology and lapidary, and to sponsor and provide means of coordinating the work and efforts of groups interested in these fields.

In this anniversary year, 1979-1980, it seems fitting that we recognize forty years of achievement by getting back to grass roots. Let each and every MWF member understand the relationship which exists between the clubs and the Federation, the reasons for this relationship, and then perhaps we will find new sparks of enthusiasm, new people willing to serve, new ideas... maybe even new direction.

It is my hope that in this coming year we will be able to reach all members through the Newsletter, club Liaison Officers, Bulletin Editors, club Presidents, State Directors and Assistants... whatever it takes. You belong to the Midwest Federation "family", and for the family to survive and prosper all must know and understand the basic premise... which is to coordinate the work and efforts of the individual societies.

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MEET YOUR NEW MIDWEST OFFICERS

Here are the officers elected at Columbus, Ohio last July during the annual show and convention to serve the Midwest during the 1979-1980 year. They assume their duties on November 1.

President, Mrs. Joseph (Bernice) McCloskey, Elm Grove, Wisconsin. Bernice has served as both Second and First Vice-President and four years as Treasurer. She was an Assistant State Director for Wisconsin and is member of the Kettle Moraine Geological Society and is a Past President of this club.

First Vice-President, Milford J. Sharp, Fairview, Ohio. Mel served the past year as Second Vice-President and previous to that, two years as Treasurer. He has served as Chairman of the Convention and Show Committee. He is member and a past officer of the Fairview Park Lapidary Society.

Second Vice-President, Larry Nawojski, Richton Park, Illinois. Larry has been Chairman of the Lapidary Arts Committee and an assistant on the Uniform Rules Committee. He has served as President, Second Vice President, First Vice President and Auction Chairman along with many other duties for the Chicago Lapidary Club. He also served as co-chairman of Judging and Awards for the Chicagoland Gems and Mineral Association.

Secretary, Miss Jean Reynolds, Clarendon Hills, Illinois. Jean has served as Secretary for 12 years. She is a member and past President of the Earth Science Club of Northern Illinois. She is also a past Editor of that club's Earth Science News.

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I-80 ALL THE WAY TO LINCOLN, NEBRASKA IN '80 FOR THE NATIONAL/MIDWEST SHOW

ALL AMERICAN-MERIT AWARD FORMS ARE OUT

By June Zeitner

Each Midwest Club should have a chairman in charge of their All American-Merit Award entry... unless the club president or liaison officer is already in charge of this program.

The form is with the November AFMS Newsletter. The same entry blank is for the AFMS and the Midwest. It is simple to fill out. The deadline is March 31, 1980. As soon as your new officers are elected and you have started your 1980 club year, you can fill in the history of your 1979 year. With this brief history and a few documentations, such as a copy of the bulletin, your club may win a Midwest or National trophy and become known as a leader in the clubs of the Federation.

A second copy of the form will be mailed to each Midwest Club with the club's copy of the Midwest Newsletter in January. But in event your proper official does not receive this form, write me for an extra copy.

Someone remarked that their club didn't know what counts toward this program. The answer, printed many times before, is EVERYTHING! There are sections for what your club does for its members, what it does for other clubs, what it does for its community, and what it does for the Federation and for the hobby. Winning clubs have worked with young people, senior citizens, handicapped people and prisoners. They have helped schools and museums and libraries. They have made programs for the federations, they have published books, held seminars and classes, participated in arts and crafts shows, science shows. They have held field trips for visitors, they have had safety courses, they have erected signs at points of geological interest, they have worked with their travel industry, they have held shows, had good publicity, worked out new techniques, contributed to publications. Winning clubs are from small towns and large, clubs with money in their treasury and clubs which are just about broke. In short, whatever your club does is of interest to the other clubs, and to the federations.

Midwest clubs have been wonderful in participating in this program. It is inspiring to know what our good clubs are doing for the quality of life in America. Our clubs are winners. More than ever will win this year. Will you be one of the clubs to receive a trophy at the National Banquet at Lincoln, Nebraska next summer?

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If you are already well informed, won't you please share your knowledge with newer members who have only an inkling of what we're about. If you need more information, just ask. Let's make this the "Year of Understanding"!

Officers... continued from front page

Treasurer, William Parch, Oakdale, Wisconsin. Bill has served as State Director for Wisconsin as well as Assistant State Director. He is a member of the Driftless Area Gem and Mineral Club of Tomah, Wisconsin and the Coulee Rock Club of LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

NEW PROGRAMS

Two new programs have been added to the MWF Film Library.

"Kettle Country" presented by Kettle Moraine Geological Society, Pewaukee, Wis. is about glacially created land forms. "Man's Fascination With Flint" presented by the Licking County Rock and Mineral Society contains 72 slides of historical and lapidary views of Flint from a resident of the area.

Both of these programs are ready for booking. Send your request to Midwest Federation Film Library, Donald Stinnett, 29462 Aspen Drive, Flat Rock, MI 43134. Remember there is no charge for the use of these programs.

PLEASE DON'T LITTER