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MEETINGS: Second Sunday of the month except June, July and August.

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Guests are always welcome!

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The objectives of the Miami Valley Mineral and Gem Club are:

To promote interest and increased knowledge in the fields of mineralogy, geology, and the lapidary arts.

To further the art of mounting and setting stones.

To encourage the collecting, identifying and displaying of specimens in these fields.

The annual dues are \$7.50 for an individual membership, \$10 for a couple, or \$12 for a family membership.

This club is a member of the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies (MWF), which is a member of The American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS).



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Teresa Guess	Apr 27

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Matt & Wilda Kromphardt Apr 29



Spring Banquet... April 13, 2002 Swap Date...June 8-9 2002 Show Date...October 5-6, 2002

President's Message

By the calendar, it is spring, but when I look out the window all I see is ice. Recently while talking on the telephone to my friend Clark in Pacifica California, he mentioned what a great job our Chip & Lick editor and the people who put our web site together do. He is really impressed. Well, me too. A well done to Becky and Katrin.

I received a note from Allen Cowan, with a picture of him and a whole lot of snow. They must have gotten our share this year. He even had to have his roof shoveled off.

Harold E. Thornburg Jr. passed away March 14, 2002. Harold was 72. In his years with the club he served as vice President in 1978 and 79 and President in 1980. He later served as treasurer and trustee. While he was president of Black Lane Elementary School he arranged for us to have our meetings there free of charge. Harold had a stroke a few years ago and another this year. He is survived by his wife Joan and two sons: Tim and John.

A package arrived today from Paul and Elsie Smith. I can't wait to go through it tonight. I'm sure it's all about the Tucson show. They do a great job of this each year. Thanks Paul & Elsie.

I do hope we had a good turnout for the Spring Banquet. And a good turn out for today's program. I think it's going to be a good one.

Next item of great importance is the swap. It will be here before we know it.

Hugh Fulton



MIAMI VALLEY MINERAL & GEM CLUB MINUTES - MARCH 10, 2002

Hugh Fulton called the meeting to order and read a passage from the book of Genesis for our devotions. The treasurer's report was read and approved and the February minutes were approved as read.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Becky Dobbs reported that she was making progress on the 50-year book. If anyone would like to help with the research by going through the minutes or the past issues of Chip and Lick, they should get in touch with Becky.

SUNSHINE: Joyce Perry reported that there had been no activity in the past month.

PROGRAM: Hugh Fulton reminded us that the April meeting will be about fluorescent minerals and encouraged the members to bring specimens that they have. At the May meeting we will focus on the future of our club.

WEB SITE: Andreas Ruben reported that people continue to use our web site. In January, 492 pages were opened and 199 people logged on. In the first part of March 170 pages have been opened.

CORRESPONDENCE: Hugh Fulton reported that he had received a phone call from someone who had learned about our group from our web site. John Mercer reported that he had used the Radon test kit he received at our last meeting. He received a bill after he mailed in his results. No one else had that experience. Hugh Fulton thought that people who sent in the test kits should not receive a bill. Printed materials received by the club were displayed on the table.

The club was asked to make menu choices for the Spring Banquet. Following some discussion Garden Herb Salad and Roasted Sweet Potato Casserole were chosen. It was decided to invite old members to come and share the banquet with us if they were interested. Hugh Fulton reported on progress in arrangements for our fall show. One dealer has signed to participate and others are expected.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned for refreshments. Hugh Fulton presented a program on color in minerals - Minerals and the Electromagnetic Spectrum

Richard Faux, Recording Secretary.



UPCOMING SHOWS & EVENTS:

- APRIL 20-21, CINCINNATI, OH
38TH ANNUAL GEM, MINERAL FOSSIL & JEWELRY SHOW
OF GREATER CINCINNATI
CINCINNATI CONVENTION CENTER, 5TH & ELM
SAT 10 AM - 7 PM SUN 11 AM - 5 PM
- APRIL 27-29, TROY, OH
TROY GEM, MINERAL, FOSSIL & JEWELRY SHOW
JUNIOR FAIR BUILDING, MIAMI COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS,
COUNTY ROAD 23-A
SAT 9 AM - 6 PM, SUN 10 AM - 5 PM
- MAY 25-26, DAYTON, OH
DAYTON GEM MINERAL SOCIETY. SHOW AT DAYTON ART-IN-
THE-PARK, RIVERBEND ART CENTER, 1301 E. SEIBENTHALER
RD., DAYTON
- JUNE 8-9, 2002, DONNELSVILLE, OH
MIAMI VALLEY MINERAL AND GEM CLUB ANNUAL SWAP AND
CRAFT SHOW
- JULY 18-21, 2002, PORT TOWNSEND, WA
NFMS AND AFMS GEM AND MINERAL EXTRAVAGANZA
"VICTORIAN GEMS A STEP IN TIME"; SPONSORED BY
PORT TOWNSEND ROCK CLUB; JEFFERSON CO. FAIRGROUNDS
- AUGUST 16-18 FLINT, MI
13TH ANNUAL SEMINAR - MIDWEST FACETERS GUILD
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CLASS SIZES LIMITED - REGISTER EARLY
REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY JULY 24, 2002
CALL HAROLD "ARIZONA" RICE - 810-463-5972
- OCTOBER 5-6, 2002, FAIRBORN, OH
MIAMI VALLEY MINERAL AND GEM CLUB ANNUAL SHOW



Storing a piece of blackboard chalk with your silver jewelry will help prevent the silver from tarnishing. *Via Golden Spike News & Magic Valley via Dusty Rocks 03/02*

MIDWEST FEDERATION NEWS



The Spring meeting of the MWF Executive Meeting will be hosted by the Kalamazoo Mineralogical & Geological Society at their annual show on Saturday, May 4, 2002. The meeting will be held at the show site, County Center Building, 2900 Lake St., Kalamazoo. Members of any MWF club are welcome to attend these meetings.

Endowment Fund

Just a reminder to clubs and individuals that we depend on you to help us reach our goal of having \$100,000 in the MWF Endowment Fund.

We are currently at \$42,420.52 as of the November 8, 2001 report. You may contribute through *cash donations* (as memorials, to honor someone or some special occasion, to help the cause.) Donate *commemorative stamps* to the bookmark program with a ¼ " border or purchase bookmarks. And at convention time you can donate items to the *silent auction* and shop at the auction to find something special for your collections or work.

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I recently read an article in a MWF newsletter that mentioned collecting stamps for re-sale. This is not what our Federation does with the stamps, so be sure your donors know that.

Chairperson: June King, 3423 Percentum Rd., Toledo, OH
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Via MWF Newsletter April 02



**May meeting -
Program: The Future of Our Club**

**May Refreshments:
Mabel Husted**



**March 22nd Field Trip
By Hugh Fulton**

Our visit to the D. Picking and Co. was indeed a step into the manufacturing world of another era. Still operating in the original building built in 1873. Coppersmiths and blacksmiths work using original patterns hand making copper kettles and utensils.

From the front desk to work tables, forges and coal and wood burning stoves everything appears to be original. Our guide Keith Moore, would point and say that table (actually a tree stump) was brought in here 127 years ago. Or the office safe a four ton monster which was put in place on rails in what would be the office. The building was then built around it. We were shown each step from a sheet of copper to finished flat bottom kettles. Now under the fourth generation ownership it is the only company in the USA hammering kettles. Disneyland is counted among customers for candy kettles.

The founders son Robert Picking always wanted to be in a circus, which his father would

not allow. His love of the circus remained and is evident in office décor and a collection of elephants. On his 100th birthday, the circus was brought to town and he had his picture taken with real elephants. He lived to be 103 1/2.

Someone once made up a list of the 50 most interesting places in America. D. Picking & Co. rated number 22 on the list.

If you have need for an apple butter or candy kettle, or even a set of tympani percussion instruments at 25 grand a set, I know just the place. It is most interesting, as is the rest of the city of Bucyrus, Ohio. Oh, and you can get the best cappuccino at the Pelican.



American Federation News



. Effective immediately: Due to the resignation of Dan McLennan, all correspondence to the AFMS Central Office or Secretary should be sent to:

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Anne Cook
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684 Quilliams Rd.
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AFMS Scholarship Foundation Announcement

The AFMS Scholarship Foundation, has discovered an apparent significant shortage in the Foundation funds.

In order to establish irrefutable evidence of the financial status of the fund, an outside CPA will be engaged to review the past records of the organization and confirm the findings of an internal audit conducted by the audit committee.



April Program Ultraviolet by Hugh Fulton

In our study of the Electromagnetic Radiation Spectrum we have covered both ends and the visible light portion of the spectrum.

The ultraviolet region ranges from the shortest violet wavelengths of light that people can see, at about 4000A (angstrom units), down to approximately 100A.

Longwave ultraviolet includes those radiations below the visible spectrum in the 3000 to 400A range. This is what we commonly call black light. The use of this range is so widely used we are not even aware of it. Used extensively in advertising and show business. The optical bleach used in detergents, paint and paper makes everything brighter. Our TV screens and lights depend on it. It is used to reveal unsanitary conditions and to determine the freshness of foods, conditions not apparent in white light. There seems to be no end of uses in industry, used to locate trouble before it becomes a problem. Utilized in the war against crime, ultraviolet fluorescence points a glowing finger at the guilty.

The Post Office turning to automation, using "tagged" stamps coated with a phosphor material permits high speed arranging and sorting of mail for cancellation.

Shortwave ultraviolet includes the radiation below about 300A. The most common shortwave ultraviolet source, mercury arc, emit much of their energy at the single wavelength of 2537A. This energy can kill bacteria and is used for this germicidal effect.

A great many of the fluorescent minerals react to shortwave. The tungston ore, scheelite, is found by prospecting at night with a shortwave lamp. All lamps which emit ultraviolet light also emit visible light that mask any fluorescence that occurs. Therefore it is necessary to place a dark purple filter to block out as much of the visible light as possible. Ultraviolet rays are invisible. In the use of a black light you will notice a dim purplish light. This is visible light leaking

through the filter. Observe this as an indication that the lamp is operating. Do not look into the lamp, shortwave radiation is irritating to the eyes.

When a mineral exposed to ultraviolet light emits visible light, fluorescence is observed. If the mineral continues to glow after the light is removed, phosphorescence is observed. This fluorescence is due to the presence of activators within the structure of the mineral.

The most renowned luminescent mineral in Ohio is the brown fluorite found in some northern quarries. It is believed to contain microscopic inclusions of hydrocarbon compound giving it intense yellow fluorescent color. Celestite, barite, strontianite and selenite are other minerals found in northern Ohio quarries that may also fluoresce. A pink calcite once found in a quarry near Washington Court House, Ohio fluoresces white and is phosphorescent.

On September 13, 1968 the State of New Jersey assembly passed a resolution declaring Franklin J.J. "The Fluorescent Mineral Capital of the World." Some thirty of the more than two hundred mineral varieties found there fluoresce. The intergrown reds, greens, oranges, yellows, blues, etc. make the Franklin material about the finest displayed under the ultraviolet lamp.

One particularly special time to collect there is during the spring or fall shows. The April 2002 Franklin show will be held on the 27th and 28th.

Can you imagine going into a mine dump at night with battery black lights and discovering veins of brilliantly fluorescent rocks, this was possible in the 1950s.

Another collecting possibility is in the Mont Saing-Hilare, Quebec Canada area. Many of the more than 300 minerals found there also have the presence of activators within their structure to cause fluorescence.

I hope you will enjoy Mother Natures fascinating invisible magic which she bestows on just a few rocks that otherwise appear quite ordinary.

Happy Hunting.

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HELLO AGAIN FROM ARIZONA



The 2002 Quartzsite Pow Wow and Tucson Gem and Mineral show are over and to us both seemed to be a success.

In January we managed to spend five full days at Quartzsite this year and felt we covered it pretty well. Clouds moved to Avi Resort at Laughlin, Nevada. This resulted in there being more rocks at Tyson Wells Sell-A-Rama and we spent a lot of our time there. Next year Tyson Wells and the Pow Wow aren't scheduled for the same dates. This will cause a dilemma for us as we like them both. Tyson Wells has scheduled two shows—a Rock, Gem and Mineral show Jan. 3-12, 2003 and the Sell-A-Rama Jan. 17-26. The Pow Wow dates are Jan. 29 – Feb. 2, 2003.

We were also able to spend more time at the Tucson show this year. We made six trips to the various shows and were amazed to see how much we have been missing. At that we only saw a fraction of the shows that were open to the public, African minerals were featured this year. A report in the Wall Street Journal at Islamic

extremists in Tanzania penetrated the trade caused concerns that sales of Tanzanite were helping the terrorists. However, there was no proven connection and the show went on as usual. Tanzanite was discovered in 1967 and mined only in northeastern Tanzania. The US is the major market for the gem.

The displays at the Convention Center were fantastic as usual. Three prominent very well guarded displays were: The Oppenheimer diamond from the Smithsonian, and Emerald weighting 1530 carats and a placer gold nugget. It was the second largest ever found and weighed 289.4 troy ounces. This was its first public showing.

We are keeping busy at our resort, too. Paul is still a lapidary supervisor one day a week and tries to get to silver another day or two. There are new very enthusiastic coordinators of the two shops. In the past year the lapidary shop added a manual flat lap machine for people who are interested in doing channel work. Also added was a 10" automatic saw for small stones. The shop also has a 10" manual saw for cutting slabs, a saw that uses water as a lubricant for soft stones such as turquoise, malachite, etc., as well as an 18" saw for agate and jasper. All of the several grinding machines have 80 and 100 grit diamond wheels and the sanding machines have expandable wheels for sanding from 100 grit on up to 1200 grit. There are two polishing machines, one of which uses tin oxide for hard stones and one that uses zam for softer stones. Classes are held frequently for first time users with four people to a class.

In closing, congratulations on the club's 50th anniversary. Wish we could join in the celebration.

Paul and Elsie Smith

Members of the MVMGC



Look for the meteor shower Lyrid in the predawn hours of April 22nd. Meteors will be coming from the south at approximately 12 per hours. This shower is related to the Comet Thatcher.

Via Old Farmer's Almanac, 2002, via The Fort Hamilton 04/02

Advice to the Lovelorn

1. Look gneiss
2. Never look like an old jade or an old fossil.
3. Be mannerly and perlitic.
4. To eat pyrite, use your fork and don't let your apatite show for stuff that comes in quartz, lest she thinks it's a cinnabar served you anything stronger than coke.
5. Don't try to be tuff or as hard as flint
6. Never carry a blackjack or a carbon, lest sooner or later dry bones marcasite where you fall.
7. If you must e a wulfenite, go find yourself an amber and don't gypsum poor fellow out of his precious opal. Willemite but jasper never wood.
8. Schist remember this—swim on your own merits or zinc.

Via Nipissing Lap & Mineral Club, North Bay, via Strata Date (dates unknown) – submitted by Allen Cowan, member MVMGC



“Collector’s Corner” on the MSA Website

The “Collector’s Corner” of the Mineralogical Society of America’s Internet site opened for business early in May 2001. The World-Wide Web address is: http://www.minsocam.org/msa/collectors_corner/index.htm. It is a site designed for anyone with an interest in minerals who wants to learn more about them. The site is a combination of original content, articles from the American Mineralogist, and links to other web sites.

The Frequently Asked Questions section is derived from the Ask-A-Mineralogist bulletin board. Questions from the bulletin board have been transferred to the Collector’s Corners and are organized by topic. The answers published here have a bit more background information and links are added. I would like to thank the members who have helped answer Ask-A-Mineralogist questions on the MSA Talk list.

In response to queries to the MSA website, a state by state listing of state mineral locality indexes, state issues of “hobby” magazines, state mineralogies, and web resources is provided.

A page on the classic mineral localities lists mineral sites with a diverse mineralogy or a large number of type species. The information listed includes a count of the total number of species and type minerals along with literature and web references.

The first article from the “archives of the American Mineralogist” is Peter Rickwood’s “The Largest Crystals” from 1981.

Future plans include “reprinting” more articles from the American Mineralogist, adding an illustrated glossary of mineralogical terms (a picture is worth a thousand words – and takes about as long to download), and adding a searchable table of contents for the first fifty years of Rocks & Minerals (as an adjunct to Lanny Ream’s MINDEX program – a computer index to the “hobby” literature).

David Von Bargaen

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Via Rock Chatter, 04/02



News from other area clubs:

Russ Bignell will chair the Dayton Gem and Mineral Society’s participation in this years Art-In-The-Park with assistance from Pat Westby. Pat Westby will hold a sale of rock related items at her home on Sunday April 28th from Noon to 5 pm. All are invited.

Via Rock Chatter 04/02

The Brukner Gem and Mineral Society show is April 27-28th. Put this date on your calendar! The general public will vote to determine the winners of the Ugly Rock Contest. Be sure to cast your vote!

Field Trip – June 15, 2002 – Bus trip to Lexington, KY to visit the Kentucky Horse Park and the Headley-Whitney Museum. Cost is \$20

per person. Further details will be in the next newsletter.

Via Brukner Rockette 04/02



Did you know?

According to the American Geological Institute Glossary of Geological Terms “rockhound” is a term first used by oil drillers for geologists, who often smell rock samples taken from well cuttings for the odor of oil. They used to say, “He hunts for oil like a hound dog”, who evolved into rockhound.

Via Tips and Chips, 1/98, via Rock Trails 10/1 via Rock Chips 12/01 via Leaverite News 01/02, via ACHATES 03/02

Did you know that the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC is growing stalagmites and stalactites in its basement? This phenomenon is caused by water seeping through the marble and carrying minerals with it. Through the years the formations have grown several feet. When it was built, engineers sand 122 steel cylinders to bedrock about 50 feet underground. The base of the memorial is set high above ground on a rectangular platform, thus forming a cavernous space beneath the floor.

Via The Rockhound 03/02, via Rock Pickings 04/02



TIPS:

Keep polished cabochons in photo-slide “protector pages”. The pages fit a three-ring binder and each page has 20 individual pockets. The cabs are easily visible, but are protected. Coin collector sheets also may be used.

Via Rocket City Rocks, via Dusty Rocks 03/02

Whoa! Don’t Buy that Shiny Gem!!!: Technology has given new meaning to the old phrase “Hot Gem.” As you know, irradiation can darken a crystal producing a deep color. Deep, vibrant colored gems also sell for top dollar. Now what’s supposed to happen is the gem is irradiated then stored in a lead container for several years until the radiation has

dropped to safe levels. More time means more overhead. Unfortunately, some traders care more about reduced overhead than morals and have released HOT cat’s-eye gems to the market. Some of these were measured at 51 times the U.S. radiation limits! Buyer beware! If you’re not careful, more than your watch will glow in the dark.

Via ACHATES 03/02 via The Bottom Line via Rock Rollers via the Gemrock via the Trilobite 02/01



A PETRIFIED WOOD FACT

Many pieces of petrified wood, especially from the northwest, have a center that looks like wood, but with a layer of chalcedony or pumice between the center and the outside. This indicates that the tree was green when it was buried in hot ash. The water in the green wood evaporated, making the wood shrink. The outside was made into a cast by the heat, so the areas left between the wood and the cast were filled with chalcedony, making beautiful pieces of petrified wood.

Via ACHATES 03/02, Pebble Pusher 12/01 via Shop Notes and News 9/01



THE CARNIVAL OF ANIMALS

By Ogden Nash

At midnight in the museum hall
The fossils gathered for a ball.
There were no drums or saxophones
But just the clatter of their bones,
A rolling, rattling, carefree circus of mammoth
polkas and mazurkas.
Peterodactyls and brontosaurus
Sang ghostly prehistoric choruses.
Amid the mastodonic wassail
I caught the eye of one small fossil
“Cheer up, sad world,” he said, and winked –
“It’s kind of fun to be extinct.”

Via Geminews; date unknown - submitted by Allen Cowan, member of MVMGC

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SAVE COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS

OCCUPATIONAL BIRTHSTONES

Architect – cornerstone	Politician – glarney stone	Stockbroker – curbstone
Burglar – keystone	tourists – yellowstone	motorist – milestone
Pedestrian – tombstone	astronauts – moonstone	Doctor – galstone
Vintner – rhinestone	optician – grindstone	hatter – brimstone
Laundryman – soapstone	bartender – whetstone	shoe repairman – cobblestone

From Rockblast, 1967 – submitted by Allen Cowan – member of MVMGC

Math trick?

This is not one of those waste of time things, it's fun.

1. First of all, pick the number of times a week that you would like to have chocolate. (try for more than once but less than 10).
2. Multiply this number by 2 (just to be bold)
3. Add 5 (for Sunday)
4. Multiply it by 50 - I'll wait while you get the calculator
5. If you have already had your birthday this year add 1752 - if you haven't, add 1751
6. Now subtract the four digit year that you were born. You should have a three digit number. The first digit of this was your original number (i.e. how many times you want to have chocolate each week).

The next two numbers are ...YOUR AGE (OH YES, IT IS!!!)

Via ACHATES 03/02