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

PLACE: Small Business Development Center, 300 E. Auburn Ave.,
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TIME: 2:00 P.M.

Guests are always welcome!

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Purpose and Memberships

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).



The Editor of the MVMGC is a member of S.C.R.I.B.E.

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

John Mercer Feb 4th
Joyce Perry Feb 4th

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Fay Cowan Mar 30

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Joan & Hugh Fulton Feb 24th

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

None on file

President's Message

What a winter this has been around the world and here at home, too. So what to do after cleaning the snow off the sidewalks and the car every day. Can't work in the yard haven't seen it for a month. This is the time to set down with the new issue of Rock & Gem magazine, March 2005 issue. Rock & Gem is always a good read but not often can you find an Ohio, connection. It's a stretch but I think I found a couple this month.

Article Off The Dop by Jim Perkins. Mr. Perkins in his article concerning a Faceting Guild in Florida, compares the Internet to Ohio's Flint Ridge, where primitive people of all nations gathered to learn and share toward a common goal. Point being the Internet allows rapid access to a wide range of knowledge and ideas, and the people behind them. I can imagine early Americans meeting at the flint pits and trading and exchanging ideas. Rock hounds are still doing that. Mr. Perkins probably has he has an Ohio, address.

In another article "The Making of a State Rock" by Clare P. Marshall, tells the story of how Girl Scout Troop 357 persuaded Colorado lawmakers to instate Yule marble as the official state rock. Joining aquamarine the state gemstone and state mineral rhodocrosite. Yule marble is famous as a pure white building stone thus Colorado, has red, white and blue state geologic symbols.

The Denver Gem & Mineral Club invited the Girl Scouts to make an exhibit using the patriotic stones for the club's September show. John Kleber, a member of the club would assist the troop with the fabrication of its display. Here comes the Ohio link this must be the same John Kleber, who was a member of our club when he lived in the Columbus area.

This story brought back memories of the naming of the Ohio State fossil. It was through the efforts of two Dayton, area elementary school classes. Doris Swabb's third graders at Beavertown School in Kettering and Virginia Ever's fourth graders at St. Anthony School in Dayton, that legislation was introduced to designate a state fossil. Governor Richard F. Celeste signed House Bill 145 into law on June 20, 1985, making Isotelus Ohio's official state fossil.

The well known Ordovician trilobite was featured in my display at our 1985 show. Mrs. Evers was our program speaker at the January 1986 meeting.

Sorry I got carried away here I think I need to get out more come on spring all this hydrogen oxide is getting to me.

Hugh Fulton



MIAMI VALLEY MINERAL & GEM CLUB MINUTES

JANUARY, 2005 MINUTES

Hugh Fulton opened the meeting for business.

Chaplain Udean Babyak led us in devotions by suggesting a resolution for the New Year.

Hugh Fulton reminded the members that club officers for 2005 had been elected at the November meeting and these officers were beginning their terms of service now. Committee appointments were made at the end of the Christmas Banquet in December and these, too, are commencing their term of service. The people serving in 2004 will continue to serve in 2005.

REPORTS: Joyce Perry read the TREASURER'S report for December and the annual Treasurer's report and both were approved. Phil Lind, EDITOR reported on Chip and Lick and Joyce Perry reported on the Library, Refreshments, and the Scholarship Fund. She called attention to the refreshment sign up sheet and encouraged people to take a turn.

CORRESPONCE, Andreas Ruben reported that a Wright State student had requested information about our meeting via our web site. Hugh Fulton reported on announcements he had received and on information in AFMS Newsletter and the Mid West Federation news letters. This materiel was displayed on the table at the front of the meeting room. Phil Lind will investigate the possibility of arranging a field trip to the program on the Geology of Glen Helen, which will be given at the Glen Helen building in Yellow Springs.

PROGRAMS: Andreas Ruben reported on programs that are planned.

February, Natural vs. Artificial

March, Micro-mounts

April, Diamonds

OLD BUSINESS: Hugh Fulton asked the club to continue thinking about the Swap we have usually held in the summer. The Lions Club is willing to continue working with us.

It was suggested that we might try scheduling the Swap during the community garage sale which is held in Donnelsville in August. There was considerable interest in continuing the swap. The possibility of making this change will be explored before a decision is made.

NEW BUSINESS: Phil Lind suggested that we consider making some changes in our by laws. Hugh Fulton read portions of the by-laws which describe how to make changes. Proposed changes should be presented in writing. No definite suggestions have been presented to the club.

The meeting was adjourned for refreshments and a silent auction.

Richard Faux, Recording Secretary



FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Program: –Natural vs. Artificial

Refreshments - Andreas & Katrin Ruben

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Future Programs and Refreshments:

March Program: Micromounts

Refreshments - Tim Fosberg



UPCOMING SHOWS & EVENTS:

- FEB. 10TH – 13TH, 2005 - TUCSON, AZ. 51ST TUCSON GEM & MINERAL SHOW (ALTHOUGH I BELIEVE THIS IS THE MAIN SHOW. THE ENTIRE AREA OF TUCSON IS FILLED WITH SHOWS AND FLEA MARKETS THROUGHOUT THE FIRST HALF OF FEBRUARY. CHECK "ROCK & GEM MAGAZINE" FOR OTHER HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT AZ. AND SURROUNDING STATES AT THIS TIME OF YEAR.
- MARCH 4TH, 5TH, AND 6TH, 2005 – RICHMOND, INDIANA 32ND ANNUAL GEM, MINERAL, & FOSSIL SHOW . WAYNE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS ON NORTH SALISBURY ROAD. FRIDAY 9-6, SATURDAY 10- 6, & SUNDAY 11-4 ADMISSION, ADULTS \$3.00, SENIORS (60+) \$2.00, STUDENTS \$1.00
- MARCH 19TH & 20TH, 2005 – HAMILTON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS IN HAMILTON, OHIO, GEM, MINERAL, & JEWELRY SHOW, 10 AM TO 6 PM, ADMISSION \$2.00



FEDERATION NEWS



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The Federation newsletter will be available for reading at the monthly meeting. Be sure to check it out.



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**NOT QUITE A FIELD TRIP
BUT I'LL BET IT WILL BE INTERESTING.**
(Hope to see you all there!)

WHAT ? – Evening program on “The Geology of Glen Helen” with Peter Townsend

Discover the fascinating geologic history of Glen Helen. From Pompey’s Pillar to the Cascades to the Blue Hole, you will understand the geologic wonders of Glen Helen and learn about the forces that have created this precious landscape.

WHEN – FEBRUARY 23, 2005 at 7:00 PM

WHERE – Glen Helen building at 405 Corry Street in Yellow Springs, Ohio

COST – Free

(Information from Glen Helen Ecology Institute newsletter, winter 2005)



I won’t be with you for the February meeting because I’m going to run away for a couple of weeks and enjoy the weather in New Mexico and Arizona. I’ll be gone from January 28th until February 14th.

I do have a request though. If you have any red rocks or gems in your collection please bring samples to show the other members at the February meeting. It’s Valentines Day this month and I believe red is the primary color. We’d also love to see anything heart shaped, arrows, etc.

Phil Lind



Subject: Cost Per Gallon

- >Cost of Gas per Gallon. Sometimes you just have to laugh to keep from crying...
- >Makes one think, and puts things in perspective
- >Diet Snapple 16 oz \$1.29 . . \$10.32 per gallon
- >Lipton Ice Tea 16 oz \$1.19 . \$9.52 per gallon
- >Gatorade 20 oz \$1.59 . \$10.17 per gallon
- >Ocean Spray 16 oz \$1.25 . \$10.00 per gallon

>Brake Fluid 12 oz \$3.15 . \$33.60 per gallon
>Vicks Nyquil 6 oz \$8.35 . \$178.13 per gallon
>Pepto Bismol 4 oz \$3.85 . \$123.20 per gallon
>Whiteout 7 oz \$1.39 . \$25.42 per gallon
>Scope 1.5 oz \$0.99 . \$84.48 per gallon
>and this is the REAL KICKER.....
>Evian water 9 oz for \$1.49 . \$21.19 per gallon.
>\$21.19 FOR WATER! and the buyers don't even know the source.
>So, the next time you're at the pump, be glad your car
>doesn't run on water, Scope, or Whiteout, or Heaven
>forbid, PEPTO BISMOL or NYQUIL!!!!
>Just a little humor to help ease the pain of your next trip
>to the pump!

Information supplied by Hugh Fulton and I know it was just to make me (Phil) feel better about my trip to Tucson for the February Shows.



TIP FOR THE MONTH.

TUCSON GEM & MINERAL SHOW
FEB. 10-13, 2005 TUCSON, ARIZONA

A WORD FOR THE TUCSON BOUND

Editor Ed has heard a report from an Arizona native (he thinks) via the Internet, that if you're planning to visit the "Great Southwest" for the Tucson show(s), it's best to be careful - and to plan ahead. The whole area seems to be "primed" to pick as many rockhound pockets as it can, legally of course, with their seasonal prices.

First, if you're flying, and plan to use a rental car, better head for Phoenix, a hundred miles away. You can buy a lot of rockhound stuff with the savings. Don't even think of going into the area without Hotel or Motel reservations, and don't even try to get within at least 30 miles of Tucson. Normal \$40 motel rooms will have become up to \$150 a night rooms during the winter Show weeks.

If you're driving around Tucson, make careful mental note that the No Parking Signs mean just that. A Tucson Parking Ticket will cost you \$150! And they will catch up with you, out of state or not! (Aren't computers wonderful!)? Oh yes, fines **DOUBLE EVERY MONTH**, and if you don't bother with those notices, you'll wish you had, when it comes time to renew your plates, or your driver's license!

Information from The Glacial Groove Jan 2005. They found it on the internet.

Refreshments, articles, and displays needed for future newsletters and meetings. A sign-up sheet will be available at the monthly meeting. Please sign up. I know each of you has a specialty that would interest the entire club.

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SAVE COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS

