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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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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Ginny Bignell Jan 6
 Philip Lind Jan 20
 Elsie Smith Jan 23
 Phillipp Ruben Jan 28

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

None on record



Spring Banquet... April 10, 2004 Swap Date...June 12-13 2004 Show Date...October 2-3, 2004

President's Message

Let us welcome in the New Year 2004. It is divisible by four so it's a leap year we get another day maybe it won't fly by so fast.

Our Christmas party was very nice thanks to all that made it possible. The tables were nicely decorated. The selection of food was just right the club has good cooks. With Christmas music playing a good time was had by all.

Now we start a New Year we have a new editor other officers remain the same. The January program will again be a silent auction proceeds to the AFMS Scholarship Foundation. I hope you remembered.

It was brought to my attention that part of one of our members' displays was mislaid after the Oct. show. If you are like me you bring all your boxes home and stack them somewhere to go through later. If so please check your boxes over to see if there is anything extra thank you.

I don't usually do book reviews but for a good winter read try TYRANNOSAURUS SUE, by Steve Fiffer. As Robert T. Bakker, Ph.D., in the foreword. The story of Sue is an extraordinary tale. The romance of the quest, the work that must be done after the find. The heartbreaking twists and turns of what can happen when justice goes too far to make a point. The author does such an intriguing read from the find to the sale of Sue at auction to the present. He weaves in all the lore of the golden age of Paleontology. Around 1900 when hunters from the East could find the ground covered with bones. The men who made their living by digging dinosaurs and selling the specimens to public museums. The next big wave didn't come along until the 1990s. Of all the T.Rexs 17 or 18, a Ph.D has found only one. Another point, if after weathering out if the bones are not found and properly prepared they will be lost and no one profits or learns from them. As Paul Harvey would say "the rest of the story." Ah well so much for that now lets get on with the HAPPY NEW YEAR it's up to us.

Hugh Fulton



MIAMI VALLEY MINERAL & GEM CLUB MINUTES - 14 DECEMBER 2003

No minutes were recorded for the December 14th meeting. This month's gathering was solely for the purpose of bringing our members together to celebrate with a Christmas banquet. All attending members put a very fine potluck meal together. There were door prizes and a gift exchange by all that were interested. All attendees hope that your Christmas and New Years were memorable. We missed those unable to attend, pray you are well, and hope you can be present at our January meeting.



JANUARY PROGRAM

Silent auction: Proceeds going to the AFMS Scholarship Foundation.

Refreshments provided by Philip Lind



February Program:

Program information unavailable at this time

Dave and Joyce Perry will provide refreshments.



We always need and appreciate articles and displays provided by individual member. Please sign up at the January meeting.

Sign-up sheets will also be available to provide refreshments for future meetings.



UPCOMING SHOWS & EVENTS:

- **JAN 1-28, 2004, QUARTZSITE, AZ**
INTERNATIONAL SHOW DESERT GARDENS. DAILY 9-5
- **JAN 4 – FEB 1, 2004, LAUGHLIN, NV**
3RD ANNUAL SHOW; CLOUDS JAMBOREE; AVI RESORT & CASINO
- **JAN 31 – FEB 14, 2004, TUCSON, AZ**
32 SITES; WORLDS LARGEST GEM, MINERAL & ROCK SHOW
- **MARCH 20-21 CANTON, OH**
37TH ANNUAL GEM & MINERAL SHOW; THE MCKINLEY ROOM IN THE CANTON CIVIC CENTER, 1101 MARKET AVE. NORTH CANTON, OH SAT 10-6, SUN 10-5
- **MARCH 27-28 COLUMBUS, OH**
2004 CENTRQL OHIO MINERAL, FOSSIL GEM & JEWELRY SHOW; VETERANS MEMORIAL, 300 W BROAD ST SAT 10-7 SUN 11-5
- **APR 3-4 CINCINNATI, OH**
GEO FAIR 2004, 40TH ANNUAL GEM, MINERAL, FOSSIL & JEWELRY SHOW OF GR. CINTI. CINCINNATI CONVENTION CENTER, 5TH & ELM. SAT 10-7 SUN 11-5
- **APR 23-25, 2004 CEDAR RAPIDS, IA**
2004 MIDWEST FEDERATION SHOW AND CONVENTION FOR MORE INFORMATION CHECK OUT; WWW.ANGELFIRE.COM/IA3/CVRMS (ALL LOWERCASE) 4400 6TH ST SW FRI 10-6; SAT 8:30-6; SUN 9:30-5



FEDERATION NEWS



Midwest Federation Newsletter will be available for browsing at the January meeting.



Thanks to Becky Dobbs for her efforts in providing us with the newsletter for a number of years. Sorry to find that you've decided to pass

it on to someone else. Should you decide to return to this position just let me know.

I also want to thank every one of the officers and committee members for their efforts over the past year. Without your continue support the club would surely die.



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NO NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED FOR JANUARY



HYPOTHERMIA

Many rockhounds from our area go south or remain indoors once the weather gets cold. Some, however, find it an excellent time to be outdoors. The leaves are gone, exposing eroded banks and cliff areas to examine for various fossils, rocks (minerals), and other interesting things that were hidden by the canopy of leaves and undergrowth. It's a great time to enjoy a sunny afternoon, out of the wind, looking for that special treasure that was overlooked by the warm weather adventurer. We need to remember that there are dangers at these times, too.

Hypothermia occurs when your body's core temperature begins to drop below it's normal 98.6 F temperature. As the body temperature approaches 95 F we begin to experience signs of hypothermia. This is normally a slow change and often not noticed until we start to shiver uncontrollably (the bodies attempt to warm up by increasing muscle activity). At the first sign of a problem return to a warm environment.

During the enjoyment of the hunt we need to kept in mind that kneeling, setting on the wet ground slipping in a stream, or excessive exercise allows our clothing to become wet and reduces the our insulating factors. When we leave our protected sunny area, clouds block the sun, or evening approaches, we may be some

distance from a warm shelter and dry clothing. At this time it's late to start thinking we should have done something sooner.

Think smart, never travel alone, be aware of your conditions, bring dry clothing and warm fluids with you, don't stay out until tired or too far from warm shelter. Here's hoping you all have great winter of outdoor experiences, find many new treasures, and remember, bring some samples to the meetings to share with all your rock hound friends.



DON'T FORGET YOUR DUES. THEY SHOULD BE IN BY THE JANUARY MEETING.



TRAMMEL FOSSIL PARK

A few weeks ago I was visiting with my daughter in Cincinnati (actually Sharonville), Ohio when she asked if I'd been to Trammel Fossil Park. My answer was no. She explained that it is just around the corner and over the hill. Well, away we went and this is what we found:

Mr. Trammel has been a developer in the Sharonville and surrounding area for many years. The R. L. Trammel family contacted the City of Sharonville and donated a 10-acre tract of land to the city that is rich in fossils from the Ordovician era. The land was donated to provide a place for schools and fossil hunters to enjoy for years to come. The city is developing the area to be safe and accessible for everyone to enjoy. Upon arriving at the park we found a very attractive entranceway, paved parking area, a few tables, and multiple descriptions including photos of what you might expect to find during your visit.

There are no restroom facilities at this time; however, it isn't far to the local fast food restaurants and gas stations.

Information provided states that you need not contact anyone before visiting the park, however, please try to stay clear of any construction that is going on. It appears that construction will commence again in April and continue through early fall. Please limit collecting to evenings and weekends when construction workers are not present.

This park appears to be an excellent, safe place to take your young rock hounds (children and grandchildren) for their early collecting in addition to the more experienced collector. They do ask that you collect limited samples, assuring plentiful collecting for everyone's enjoyment throughout the future years. If you want more information on the park and how to get there go to the Sharonville website (<http://www.ci.sharonville.oh.us/Trammel/Trammel.htm>)

Above info found at park and Sharonville website

HINTS AND TIPS

If you have sore hands from hard rock mining, soak your hands in warm vinegar water; the swelling and soreness will disappear. (From **The Show Me Geode** 12/03, **Stone Age News** 02/03, via **Quarry Quips** 12/03.)

Cabbing Tip: Transparent stones should be polished on both front and back. Otherwise, saw marks can show through and appear to be cracks. (From **The Show Me Geode** 12/03, **The Pegmatite** 10/03, via **Quarry Quips** 12/03.)

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SAVE COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS

