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

**PLACE:** Small Business Development Center, 300 E. Auburn Ave.,  
Springfield, OH 45505. Phone: 322-7821

**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).



**MIAMI VALLEY MINERAL AND GEM CLUB, INC.****2007 OFFICERS**

President	Tim Fosberg	849-4471
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Trustee (2006)	Becky Dobbs	372-9022
Trustee (2007)	Udean Babyak	342-1511

**2007 COMMITTEES**

Anti-Litter	All Members	
Canceled Stamps	Kay Faux	383-1212
Chaplain	Udean Babyak	322-0443
Christmas Banquet	Udean Babyak	342-1511
Field Trips/ Safety	Phil Lind	
	Ken Newman	
	Tim Fosberg	
MWF Liaison	Hugh Fulton	322-1021
Photographer	Andreas Ruben	390-2081
Program	Andreas Ruben	390-2081
Refreshment	Joyce Perry	372-8228
Scholarship	Joyce Perry	372-8228
Show Chairman		
Spring Banquet	Udean Babyak	322-0443
Sunshine	Joyce Perry	372-8228
Swap	Hugh Fulton	322-1021
Webmaster	Katrin Ruben	390-2081

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

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

**JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

None

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

John Mercer Feb 4th  
 Joyce Perry Feb 4th

**FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

Joan & Hugh Fulton Feb 24th

## President's Message

The Christmas party at home went very nice. Andreas and Katrin arranged and decorated the tables, Tim carved the turkey, Phil, brought a nice ham and there was plenty of food for all. Fellowship was the theme of the day sorry if you missed it.

Christmas cards and notes from Paul and Elsie Smith, Elsie says she is always glad when the Chip & Lick shows up on line. Pat Detty says she is still hanging in. Allen Cowan says the winter has not been so bad so far he and Fay are feeding the critters see picture at meeting show several deer, what looks like turkeys and squirrels eating together. Also cards from Mabel and Michelle Husted.

As I set down to write this last message as president there are a lot of memories flooding through my mind. I first became president in 1992 and except for 1997 and 98 I have been president thru thick and thin mostly thin. Joan and I with a bunch of kids became members in the very good year of 1970 along with John and Laverna Mercer. Udean had joined the year before. The club seemed quite prosperous with over 100 members and over 60 families. There were field trips every month, camp outs and the annual show and swap were well attended (by members too). The 71 swap Mr. Bargdill reported 50 swappers and over 2000 visitors. In those days The TV stations would send camera crews to cover such events. By 1975 things seemed to level off membership is down and attendance at show and swap start a downward trend. I assumed duty of show chairman just before the 1981 show and remained chairman to the end when attendance could not support all that is involved in putting on a show.

Being President and show and swap chairman has had its advantages and I have enjoyed filling these positions. All the dealers and the dealing with the dealers and the show swap visitors. The people who come up to me and say aren't you the rock man. There have many changes the passing of all those great old Rock Hounds has been the hardest. The club has always seemed like extended family.

The president of AFMS Dr. Robert Carlson, states in his January message how dismayed he is when he reads the same names in a variety of positions in club bulletins. It means that a very small no. of people are keeping the club alive. Meaning the club is not in good health. Wayne Sukrow, president of EFMLS allows how members need to become officers. It is the only way that a club can grow and survive. I ask that all members support Tim Fosberg as president. Thanks Tim and good luck.

Hugh Fulton

### Scholarship Fund Silent Auction

In June of 1982 Mrs. Leona Coats offered the rock collection of her late husband, Edward, to the club to support the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies Scholarship Fund. Most of the collection and equipment were sold at auction at show and swap. Some books were retained for the library. A trust fund was established with the money realized from the auctions. The interest to be sent to the Scholarship Fund each year in Ed Coats name. In 1989 it was decided to have an annual silent auction for the scholarship fund. The auction would be during the annual meeting held in January.

Hugh Fulton

## MIAMI VALLEY MINERAL & GEM CLUB MINUTES

### DECEMBER, 2006 MINUTES

There were no minutes for December. We had our Christmas Party at the meeting hall. I thank everyone for the delicious variety of foods. Those of you that were unable to make the party were greatly missed.

### JANUARY PROGRAM

**Program: – Silent Auction**

**Refreshments - Joyce and Dave Perry**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING ITEMS FOR THE SILENT AUCTION. A GOOD VARIETY OF ITEMS WILL ALWAYS ENSURE MORE INTEREST. ALL PROFITS BENEFIT THE AMFS SCHORALSHIP FUND.**

Future Programs and Refreshments:

February Program: -

Refreshments –

### UPCOMING SHOWS & EVENTS:

- JANUARY 24-28, 2007 QUARTZITE, AZ. 41<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL POW WOW AND SHOW
- JANUARY 26 –10 FEBRUARY TUCSON IS ALIVE WITH SHOWS. IF YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY, MAKE THE TRIP. THE “TUCSON GEM & MINERAL” SHOW IS 8-11 FEBRUARY (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 MAGIZINE” FOR OTHER HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT AZ. AND SURROUNDING STATES AT THIS TIME OF YEAR. IF YOU DON’T ALREADY HAVE A MOTEL ROOM PLAN TO STAY AS FAR AWAY AS PHOENIX, I DON’T THINK YOU CAN FIND A ROOM IN TUCSON AT A REASONABLE RATE IF AT ALL.

## FEDERATION NEWS



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

**IT'S JANUARY 2007!! HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?????????**

**AFMS** (not published in January)

### **Mine Safety Course planned:**

**When: May 11, 2007**

**Time: 08:00 a.m.**

**Where: Columbus, Ohio**

**Further information will be available in future newsletters. Ken Newman has confirmed the date and time. He will provide more information in future newsletters. You may be required to register for a space, so watch for further information. If you took the course last year this will be your refresher for this year.**

### **DID YOU KNOW ?**

**At or near the turn of the century, tin was added to silk when weaving fabric for ladies skirts – up to 25% tin. This produced the luxurious swish in the era of elaborate clothes.**

**The fortune teller's crystal ball was a sphere of flawless quartz. Oriental embroiders discovered they could use these spheres to cool their hands and prevent moisture from soiling the fine silks with which they worked.**

**Bubble containing selenite crystals from caves were used as levels by Mexican miners.**

**Aztecs polished obsidian into mirrors so perfect that there were no distortions in the reflections. Greek, Incan, and others used mirrors of copper, silver, pyrites or marcasite. Ancient Peruvians made concave mirrors to concentrate the sun to start fires.**

(via "Achates" 10/2005)

**The bones of every organization are made from four kinds of bones. There are the Wishbones, who spend their time wishing someone else would do the work. Then there are the Jawbones, which do all the talking, but very little else and the Knucklebones who knock everything and anybody who tries to do something. But, fortunately, every organization has some Backbones, who get in under the load and do most of the work.**

(From The Umpqua Gem 10/2005, via Dusty Rocks 10/2005)

## **A NOTE FROM YOUR FIELD COMMITTEE**

Ok, we are starting a New Year and we need ideas of things to do and places to go that the club will support. Please talk with Ken or Phil if you have some ideas. As of now Ken has set up a mine safety class for May 11<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully afterwards he will be able to get us into some various quarries because of the class. He is making it available to a couple of other clubs also so that we have a good turnout.

Tim has recommended the Natural History Museum in Dayton, I personally enjoy the opportunities to see what the museums and Universities are up to. It was a great trip to Wittenberg in November (great turnout and very informative).

Some ideas for long weekend trips:

Clement Mineral Museum, Show, and Dig June Marion, Ky. We had seven members turn out for our fall dig.

Maybe the pyrite dig at Glendon, North Carolina in April? Since it is only a 4 hour dig we could find something else to do while in the area.

How about a return to Arkansas for Quartz Crystals?

Are you more interested in Minerals or fossils?

**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.**

### AFMS (Code of Ethics).

I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without the owner's permission.

I will keep informed of all laws, regulations of rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.

I will to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of the property on which I plan to collect.

I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.

I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind- fences, signs, or buildings.

I will leave all gates as found.

I will build fires in designated or safe places only and be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.

I will discard no burning material – matches, cigarettes, etc.

I will fill all excavation holes, which may be dangerous to livestock.

I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supply.

I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and take home only what I can reasonable use.

I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.

I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. ( Help Eliminate Litter Please ) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.

I will cooperate with field trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.

I will report to my club or Federation officers, Bureau of Land management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.

I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.

I will observe the "Golden Rule", will use " Good Outdoor Manners" and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public "image" of rockhounds everywhere.

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SAVE COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS

HAPPY NEW YEAR