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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).



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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Fay Cowan Mar 30

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

None on file

APRIL BIRTHDAYSJoan Fulton Apr 10
Andreas Ruben Apr 12
Ken Newman Apr 21**APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

None on file

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The man on the radio just said "can you believe it it's almost March." No, I can't but I know spring is on the way little green things are pushing up all through the garden. On a walk yesterday Joan, and I found the first flowers in full bloom the winter aconites (yellow) and snow drops (white) were a pretty sight in Ferncliff Cemetery here in Springfield. Next will be the scillia (little blue flowers) and the wild flower season is on.

The February program, natural Vs artificial was very well prepared and presented by Andreas Ruben. Very informative and lead to lively discussion by those present sorry if you missed it.

Our February field trip A Geology Of The Glen talk and slide show at the Glen Helen building in Yellow Springs. It had a nice turn out there were four of us from the MVMGC. We were treated to a geology of more than just the Glen. Professor Peter Townsend of Antioch took us back 450 million years to a time when the Glen was still located below the Equator. Then he brought us through the ages and the trip north some times under oceans sometimes under ice up to the present and how some of the points of interest in the Glen today came to be.

In the just what I needed department while at the Glen Helen event it was mentioned that the Glen's Outdoor Education Center (OEC) has some rocks that are not identified and that they would appreciate help in identifying said rocks. Tim Fosberg, Ken Newman and Phil Lind were the other three attending from the club. On hearing the plea for help all three pointed to me. So I agreed to see what they had. It was fun for me too I have met with them once so far and only a couple that will need more study. The OEC has grade school classes come there to spend a week to learn more about nature. Another much more of a job is caring for a puppy. Son John's, golden retriever delivered nine puppies just before Christmas. Now we have pup we have named Angel and hope she is so far a little devil I must have forgotten how much of a responsibility a puppy is. Looks like the garden is in for a rough year.

Hugh Fulton



MARCH PROGRAM

Program: -Diamonds

Refreshments – Tim Fosberg

• (changed due to conflict)

Future Programs and Refreshments:

April Program: -Micromounts

Refreshments - Hugh Fulton



MIAMI VALLEY MINERAL & GEM CLUB MINUTES

FEBRUARY, 2005 MINUTES

The meeting for business was opened by president, Hugh Fulton.

God's love was the subject of Chaplain Udean Babyak's Valentines Day devotion.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. Joyce Perry read the January Treasurer's Report and it was accepted. The copies of the February Chip and Lick were distributed, thanks to Ken Newman who filled in for Phil Lind, who was out of town.

Joyce Perry reported that the money raised by the silent auction at last month's meeting had been forwarded to the Scholarship Fund. She also encouraged club members to make use of the refreshment sign up sheet which had been placed on a table.

REPORTS: Joyce Perry, SUNSHINE CHAIRMAN, reported that Ed and Marie Shinabarger were back in town.

CORRESPONDENCE: Hugh Fulton reported receiving several catalogues, including one from the House of Onyx. Hugh also reported that he had been contacted by Al Hardin, one of the dealers at our last show. Hardin wanted to know if the club would participate if such a show were organized. The enquiry produced discussion but no commitment. The Jewelry Magazine has also enquired about being available through our web site. It was decided to study the matter further before any action was taken. Paul and Elsie Smith sent a check and a letter requesting membership in 2005.

LIASON: Hugh Fulton shared information he had received from AFMS and MWFMS. The booklet which has been prepared on the Lewis and Clark Expedition is available on the AFMS web site.

PROGRAMS: Andreas Ruben reported that the program schedule has been revised as follows: March, Diamonds; April, Micro-mounts

OLD BUSINESS: Hugh Fulton reported that he had heard nothing further from the Lions Club about our Summer Swap. Two prototypes of a business card for our club were circulated. It was suggested that our web sit address be added. Andreas Ruben offered to check prices from another printing company.

NEW BUSINESS: Hugh Fulton asked Udean Babyak about plans for the Spring Banquet. She reported that she was making arrangements with Teaberries for the Saturday before the second Sunday in April. The hour is not settled yet. Members who plan to attend should call Udean and make reservations.

The meeting was adjourned for refreshments and a program on artificial gem stones.

Richard Faux, Recording Secretary



UPCOMING SHOWS & EVENTS:

- 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
- APRIL 2ND & 3RD, 2005 – VETERANS MEMORIAL 300 WEST BROAD STREET, COLUMBUS , OHIO 2005 CENTRAL OHIO MINERAL, FOSSIL, GEM & MINERAL SHOW. SPONSORED BY COLUMBUS ROCK & MINERAL SOCIETY WITH LICKING COUNTY ROCK & MINERAL SOCIETY. SATURDAY 10 – 7, SUNDAY 11 – 5. DEMOS., EXHIBITS, SILENTS AUCTIONS, LECTURES. ADULTS \$6, CHILDREN 6 –16 \$2. UNDER SIX FREE, SCOUTS FREE



FEDERATION NEWS



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



AFMS

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Editors request for March. If you have any green rocks, minerals or gems in your collection please bring samples to show the other members at the March meeting. It's St Patrick's Day this month green is the primary color. We'd also love to see egg shaped rocks because Easter is also this month.

Phil Lind



MARCH FIELD TRIP

It's that time of the year! We're all ready for spring and enjoying the outdoors as much as possible. It has been suggested that we take a chance and see if March is ready to let us enjoy our first outdoor field trip of the season. Winter weather has caused fracturing and crumbling of various rock formations causing them to give up some of the fossils that were sealed in their surfaces. Hope to see you all at Caesar Creek Lake Visitor Center for an afternoon of collecting. The center has many interesting displays about the area, information about the lake and surrounding area, a fossils display, and they allow fossils hunting at the spillway area. You must sign in at the visitors center before hunting fossils.

WHERE – Caesar Creek Lake Visitors Center (then we will go to the spillway and collect fossils)

When: March 20, at 1:00 PM (come early and enjoy the visitors center displays).

COST – Free

Rules: Sign in at visitors center

No tools allowed

You can keep samples that fit in the palm of your hand.

No climbing on the walls of the spillway.

What can you Find? Brachiopods, Cephalopods, Bryozoans, Gastropod, Crinoid, Horn Coral, Trilobite (very small). There is a very nice display of the fossils at the visitors center. Be sure to check it out before going to the spillway.

What is the terrain like? Rive right up to the area. Easy walking in the spillway (flat). Muddy if it has been raining.

Directions: Take U.S. 42 south from Xenia to U.S. 73. Turn left and then right onto Clarksville Road. The visitors center is a mile or so south on the left side of the road. If you arrive early or late be sure to sign in at the visitors center before going to the spillway. The spillway is just a little way south of the visitors center on Clarksville road. (Hope to see you all there)



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.



SPRING BANQUET

Teaberries, 1600 East Leffel Lane, Springfield, Ohio

3:00 P.M. on Saturday, April 9th. We will order from their menu. Please contact Udean by the 7th of April at 1-937-342-1511 so that she can confirm how many will be present.

Mangled Measurements:

1. Ratio of an igloo's circumference to its diameter = Eskimo Pi
2. 2000 pounds of Chinese soup = Won ton
3. 1 millionth of a mouthwash = 1 microscope
4. Time between slipping on a peel and smacking the pavement = 1 bananosecond
5. Weight an evangelist carries with God = 1 billigram
6. Time it takes to sail 220 yards at 1 nautical mile per hour = Knotfurlong
7. 365.25 days of drinking low calorie beer = 1 Lite year
8. 16.5 feet in the Twilight Zone = 1 Rod Serling
9. Half a large intestine = 1 semicolon
10. 1,000,000 aches = 1 megahurtz
11. Basic unit of laryngitis - 1 hoarsepower
12. Shortest distance between two jokes - a straight line
13. 453.6 graham crackers = 1 pound cake
14. 1 million microphones = 1 megaphone
15. 1 million bicycles = 1 megacycles
16. 365.25 days = 1 unicycle
17. 2000 mockingbirds = two kilomockingbirds
18. 10 cards = 1 decacard
19. 52 cards = 1 deckacard
20. 1 kilogram of falling figs = 1 fig Newton
21. 1000 grams of wet socks = 1 literhosen
22. 1 millionth of a fish = 1 microfiche
23. 1 trillion pins = 1 terrapin
24. 10 rations = 1 decaration
25. 100 rations = 1 C-ration
26. 2 monograms = 1 diagram
27. 8 nickels = 2 paradigms
28. 2.4 statute miles of intravenous surgical tubing at Yale University Hospital = 1 I.V. League

(unknown???)

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SAVE COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS

