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# The Summer Drifter

What with the good weather, the heat, the lack of rain, and just being vacation time, we find that not much is doing. Our Editor, along with his "Editor's Editor," have drifted off someplace for a couple of weeks and have yet another vacation planned. Our President Art has just returned from a fast trip to Missouri and nearby rock hunting spots (no time to drift!), and there just doesn't seem to be much activity in the rock rooms. So. . . we'll just set that good electric typewriter going and let it do all the work this month.

Now even with so many of us packing and drifting, there are those of us who remain--let's pack and drift too! Pack up a couple of dishes to pass for our pot luck supper, something to drink and your table service. Then because it's "Show 'n' Tell" night, pack up one of your prize specimens, or bring the one that has the really great story which goes with it, and be prepared to show off a little bit. Or if you have a specimen which defies your power of identification, bring it along, and perhaps someone present can help solve the mystery. And when all that packing's done, drift over to Ideal Park, in Wyoming, on Wednesday, July 14, at 6 p.m. for our July picnic. See you then!

## Field Tripping



Our questionnaire last winter indicated that Brown County, Indiana, is the most popular field trip site among the members of the G.R.M.S., and recently we have been asked many times, "When are we going to Brown County?" So we have scheduled it for Saturday, July 17.

Brown County State Park is about 50 miles south of Indianapolis and about halfway between Columbus and Bloomington on Indiana 46. Although no collecting is allowed in the park we understand that there is good collecting in all directions from the park for about ten or twenty miles, which presents a problem: how to get our group all together since there are so many sites and we will not all be arriving at the same time. We suggest that those who leave on Friday meet at the courthouse in Nashville, Indiana, at 8 a.m. on Saturday, and then that we have another meeting time at 1 p.m., again at the courthouse, to meet those who leave on Saturday morning.

Fossils and geodes are to be found in this area. If you are inexperienced with the opening and cleaning of geodes, we suggest that you re-read the article on page 7 of the January 1971 issue of "The Glacial Drifter."

Beginning with this month we are returning to our original schedule of having our field trip on the week end following our regular monthly meeting. In this way you will know well in advance which days our field trips are (over, please)



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scheduled. However, since we will not be having a meeting in August our field trip will be on August 7, probably to Charlevoix, or to Rogers City if we can get the necessary permission.

-Rich Van Beek  
Field Trip Chairman

# August Rock Swap

t This is a combined effort of our club and the Indian Mounds Rock Club. It's scheduled for Saturday, August 14, from 1 to 9 p.m. at the Gaines Township Hall, 1685 68th St. SE, just east of Kalamazoo Ave.

There'll be a refreshment booth (you are asked to contribute your own choice of cookies, brownies, cupcakes, etc. for this). Door prizes are promised, with no admission fee, just fun and fellowship. Bring your rocks and minerals, fossils, etc. to swap. Take the 68th Street exit from the US 131 freeway and head east.

If you have any further questions, call Roger King, Swap Chairman and also our president-elect. Emily VanVuren is chairman of the kitchen and will answer your questions about refreshments or the pot luck supper which is scheduled for 6 p.m. that evening. If you can't come, maybe you can arrange to get your food contribution for the refreshment booth to Emily beforehand. It's fun, you'd better come!

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We can't find room in this hot weather issue to list all the dates to remember, so please check the Calendar of Events as listed in the issue for June. And we'll just remind you once again that the Midwest Federation Show and Convention will be held on July 22-25 at Mansfield, Ohio. If you can make it, it's well worth attending and you'll see a great show. If you can go, call President Art--he may still need a delegate.

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