

GRAND RAPIDS MINERAL SOCIETY

JUNE MEETING . . . . . We'll see you on the Thornapple . . . . .  
Yes, we mean the river! June Smith has invited us to hold our June picnic at her home. It will be outdoors unless the weather is bad, then we will have it inside. The Smiths have room for all of us!

The date is Wednesday, June 14. . . . the time is 6:30 p.m.

The address is 3250 Thorncrest Drive SE. Take Cascade Road east until you cross the Thornapple River, then turn right at the first street which is Thorncrest SE. The Smith home is on the right, on the river, almost to the end of the road.

Bring your dishes to pass for a pot luck supper. Coffee and punch will be provided this month. Better bring your folding chairs, and maybe a card table. There are a couple of picnic tables and June will have a grill ready if you wish to grill hot dogs, etc. There are also several boats available and June has invited anyone interested in fishing to come out early and take advantage of them---there's also swimming.

The program is "The Geology and Scenery of Eastern Canada." Jim and Theresa Brownlie of the Windsor Mineralogical Society will present a slide lecture. We met these good rockhounds at the bottom of the Amherstburg quarry and later toured their roomful of rocks at their home in Windsor. Theresa is president of the Windsor Club and Jim has just been elected to serve on the board of the Eastern Canadian Federation.

SEE YOU ON JUNE 14 ! ! ! !

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WHO IS STEAMBOAT? ? ? I didn't get to answer the question at our last meeting with all the business going on. Elsie and Arnie Wendt met "Steamboat" Fulton at a rock swap in Denison, Texas. He welcomed them personally and escorted them to places where the "good pickings" were. We looked Steamboat and Ione up when we went to Denison. Greeted like family, he took off from work and escorted us personally to our most treasured finds.

The Fultons are wonderful people and treat everyone with equal propriety, as Marilyn Arnold's parents can verify. Along with Joe Renis, friends of Helen Slavinskas, both couples had stopped there this winter. Good friends are like good times. Best when shared.

Marilyn and I wish to thank everyone for their cooperation in making our pot luck in May a success. Seeing everyone pitch in seems to be something all rockhounds have in common.

--Joyce and Bob Wendt

FIELD TRIPPING

"Bean Blossom, Gnaw Bone, Crooked Creek, Fruitdale, Story, Bear Wallow and Spearsville are just a few of the more quaint place-names campers will encounter in a tour of Brown County, Indiana, considered by many to be the most scenic area in the Midwest." Thus begins a feature article in a recent issue of "Camper Coachman" magazine.

Our next field trip will be to BROWN COUNTY, INDIANA, on Saturday, June 17. The well known Brown County geodes are to be found here in abundance and the scenery is fantastic especially from the "vistas" in BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK. If you have been here before no urging will be necessary - if you haven't - come once and the "bug" will bite you - just ask the Van Vuren's. Nearby is Nashville with its art colony and homes and buildings of the early 1800's.

Brown County is about 50 miles south of Indianapolis on Indiana 46, about half way between Columbus and Bloomington, the site of the University of Indiana. We suggest that you take I69 from a few miles east of Battle Creek to Indianapolis; then I165 (the Indianapolis bypass) to US 31, which you take to the Columbus exit; then Indiana 46 fifteen miles west to Brown County State Park and Nashville.

We expect to leave about 7 a.m. on Friday and return late Saturday. Others will probably leave Friday afternoon or Saturday morning and return home on Sunday or Monday. Unlike most other field trips where the collecting is done in a small area such as a quarry, here there are many scattered collecting areas, which presents a problem of getting our group together. We will meet at 8 a.m. Saturday on the west side of the courthouse in Nashville. If you expect to arrive at a different time call me at 459-3903 or the Van Vuren's at 533-0326 and we will arrange a meeting place and time. The Van Vuren's will be camping at Horseman's Campground in Brown County State Park. Take hammer, chisel, cold drinks, and safety glasses, if you don't wear glasses.

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FUTURE FIELD TRIPS. . . . if you are interested in going to any of the following localities on a field trip let me know and we will see what we can arrange during the coming months:

BEAVER ISLAND. Devonian fossils (including trilobites); calcite crystals, glacial debris from Keweenaw; epidote; jasper conglomerate (pudding stones); basalt with inclusions; copper. Fare: adults \$6. children under 12 \$2.50 or \$3; cars \$25, or bicycles may be rented. Dr. & Elaine Smith can sleep from 6-8 persons--more if some provide sleeping bags.

AGAWA CANYON TOUR by train from Sault Ste. Marie, 114 miles north. Fare \$10. Leave Soo at 7 a.m. Saturday morning, return 5 p.m. Non-collecting, but fantastic scenery. (advertised on TV)

AMHERSTBURG, ONTARIO blue celestite (ask our speakers at the June meeting, the Brownlies).

RPGERS CITY, MICH. World's largest limestone quarry; trilobites, brachiopods, etc.

# Midwest Federation's NEWSLETTER



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## Registration Deadline Is June 19

# MWF Field Trip Convention

The Midwest Federation will hold its Field Trip Convention at Ishpeming, Michigan on July 20-24. Since June 19 is positively the last day that reservations can be accepted for this Field Trip Convention it is important that these reservations be made immediately.

Reservations should be sent, together with your check or money order, to Laurence W. Sain, 818 W. Kaye Avenue, Marquette, Michigan 49855. Fee is \$15.00 per person.

Due to the lack of hunting locations capable of accomodating large numbers of people this could very well be the last of the Field Trip Conventions sponsored by the Midwest Federation. At the present time the Federation has no future plans for any other trips.

Reports from the committee in charge of the preparations at Ishpeming indicate they are planning one of the finest field trip conventions in MWF history.

There will be ample motel and hotel rooms and camping space available. Buses will be provided to transport those attending from hunting locations to their hotel, motel, or camping area. Trucks will be provided to haul your findings to your base location.

The calendar of events includes a micro-mount symposium, silent auction, pancke feed, chicken barbecue, and many, many others.

Swapping will be permitted everywhere with

the exception of the Ishpeming Armory parking lot. And the Armory parking lot will be keep open for those persons who are attending only the show at the Armory. All others will park their cars at the Birchview School parking lot and will be bused free of charge to the Armory and back. Buses will make continuous runs between the Armory and the parking lot of Birchview School.

### DELEGATE FORM REMINDER

If your club has not yet returned the form giving the name of your delegate and alternates to the MWF Convention at Ishpeming, Michigan on Friday, July 21, you are asked to do so as soon as possible.

### THANKS... JAY AND CAL

The welcome news that the MWF has been granted tax exempt status under IRS Section 501 (c)3 was a last minute addition to the May Newsletter.

Now, one month late, I want to express my appreciation to Jay Wollin for continuing, past his presidential term, to follow this matter with the attorneys to a successful conclusion. Thanks are also due to Cal George for his long time interest and his part in the negotiations.

Co-operation like this makes the President's job easier. - Barney Parr, President

## NEW LIBRARY PROGRAM AVAILABLE TO CLUBS

Our program chairman, Evelyn Hirsch, announces a new program has been added to the library program service. Titled "Natures Carvings, Geologic Phenomena Formed By Wind and Water" contained 102 35mm color slides. Program is courtesy of the Flint Rock and Gem Club with photography by Frances and John F. Price and comes with full narration.

The program is ready for immediate booking so orders should be sent directly to Mrs. Hirsch, Route 1, Mitchell, Indiana 47446.

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Mrs. Hirsch reports that due to the slow service of our mails some clubs have missed their showing date from late arrivals. If you have a program which you have been asked to ship to another club, please make the shipment the following day after your showing so that the club which is to receive the program will not be disappointed. And when you place an order for a program with Mrs. Hirsch, please order as far in advance as possible to ensure delivery. At least 30 days and if possible give even more time. Give a choice of dates and be sure to include the \$1.00 per program fee with your order.

## MICROMOUNTERS TRADE LIST IS STILL OPEN

If you wish to communicate with other micromounters via the "trade route", send your name, address (and zip) and indicate if you are a beginner, novice or advanced mounter to Mel Moyer, Box 136, Brookings, S.D. 57006. Completed list will be sent to those registering as traders.

## RESOURCEFUL SCENES FROM PAST

and present of the State of Nebraska are available from The University of Nebraska, Conservation and Survey Division, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508. These are large 23x35 size sheets of fine quality paper printed in black ink and contains many pictures and with descriptions. Price is 50¢ per copy.

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## WELCOME A NEW CLUB

Owensboro Mineral and Fossil Club,  
Owensboro, Kentucky. President is  
Alco Barnes, 509 Maple Avenue, Owen-  
sboro, Kentucky 42301

## A CORRECTION

Price of the MWF windshield decals was incorrectly quoted in the 1972 Directory. The price is 20¢ each.

## PROGRAM MANUALS

Copies of the new Program Manual have been mailed to all member clubs. Also copies of the new Social Courtesy and Protocol booklets which were supplied to the Midwest have been mailed. Additional copies may be secured from the Director of Supplies, Paul Blocher, Pearl City, Illinois at 75¢ each.

## REGARDING OUR TAX EXEMPT STATUS

It is suggested that you contact the IRS in regard to the MWF new tax exempt status if in any doubt as to what you can deduct and cannot deduct. The items printed in our May Newsletter are to be considered as only a guide.

## MWF GOES INTERNATIONAL

With the joining of the Sarnia Rock and Fossil Club of Sarnia, Ontario, Canada, the Midwest Federation has acquired an international flavor. We welcome our Canadian neighbors and hope they find the association with us to be pleasant and profitable. President of the club is Mr. Graham Leckiu, Route 1, Corunna, Ontario, Canada.

## ADDRESS CORRECTIONS

If you move, will you please send your address correction to our secretary, Miss Jean Reynolds, 107 Tuttle Avenue, Clarendon Hills, Illinois 60514 and to our Newsletter Editor, Haydon Peterson, Box 1130, Des Moines, Iowa 50311.

MANITOULIN ISLAND - anyone know anything about this place?

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE - bus excursion

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY GEOLOGY DEPARTMENT probably by car

GRAND LEDGE - have been finding more leaf fossils here lately

ARKONA AND THEDFORD, ONTARIO - horn corals, trilobites, brachiopods, bryozoans

BAYPORT, MICH. pyrite, dogtooth sparcalcite, flauconite, fern fossils (limited in quantity and quality)

ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS ? ? ? ?

*by Rich VanBeek*

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"RECENT ARCHAEOLOGICAL TECHNIQUES IN PENNSYLVANIA" is the title of the June program which will be given on Thursday, June 15, in the multi-purpose room of the Grand Rapids Public Museum at the regular monthly meeting of the Archaeological Society. Basic archaeological techniques as well as the latest will be shown on slides and explained. This should be a good program for those who would like to begin learning something about archaeology. R. (Bud) Cooper will present the program. Mr. Cooper worked for the Pennsylvania Dept. of Archaeology as a volunteer. Time of the program is 7:30 p.m.

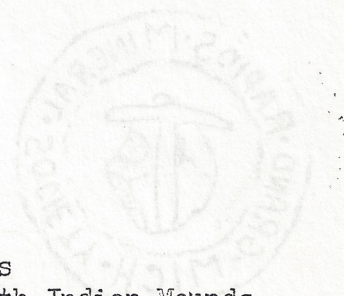
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- July Meeting - Ideal Park
- August Meeting - All-Purpose Room, Jenison Thrifty Acres
- REMEMBER - September 9 - Saturday - Annual Rock Swap with Indian Mounds Club.



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 nautilus  
 BURLINGAME, MICHIGAN - bryozoans, sponges, trilobites, brachiopods,  
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*by Rick Van Brock*

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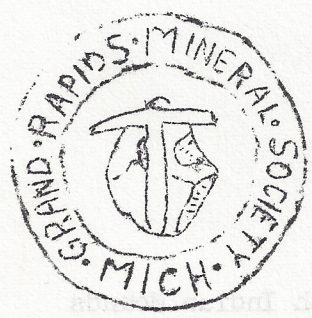
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 SEPTEMBER - September 2 - Saturday - Annual Book Swap with Ind...  
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