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G.R.M.S CALENDAR

Aug. 9 Regular Meeting
Aug. 12 Bay Port Field Trip
Aug. 14 Board of Control Meeting
Sept. 9 Annual Rock Swap
Sept. 13 Regular Membership Meeting

AUGUST MEETING - Wednesday, Aug. 9 6:30p.m.

Join us in air-conditioned comfort at the Jenison Thrifty Acres Community Room for a vacation "Show 'n Tell" meeting. Since we were unable to arrange for a park meeting at a reasonable charge, we are using the Community Room by courtesy of the Thrifty Acres management. It's a large airy room and we should be both comfortable and

private. The Jenison store is located just west of Jenison on Chicago Drive (M21). You can take the I196 Freeway to its end and you'll be right on Chicago Drive heading west. Just beyond the Jenison traffic light you'll come to another light which is the Thrifty Acres entrance road. The Community Room is on the balcony at the front of the store. There is a stairway at either end, take either one. The room is located between the coffee shop and the beauty parlor. We'll have the usual picnic pot luck just as if we were outdoors (and if it's like the others this summer, it will be one good meal!). Bring your own table service, a beverage of your choice and one or two dishes to pass, depending on the size of your family.

THE PROGRAM? This will be a joint effort, and only as good as each of us makes it by our contribution...bring your latest find from your collecting this summer...your favorite vacation story or souvenir....any favorite pictures you may have taken. Bob Beauvais will have a slide projector available and if you have a few 35mm slides you'd like to share with us, bring them along. This is the time to show those few slides which are of interest to us all, but not enough to make up a program.

BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING - Monday, August 14 - 7:30 p.m. We meet at the home of Ted and Marie Duprey, 3326 Badger SW, Wyoming. This will be both the old and new boards, and this will include all new and old officers, board members, editors, field trip chairman, etc. This is the time we'll set up our plans for the coming year. Be sure to attend if you are included in the above listing.

FIELD TRIPPING - Saturday, August 12 - Wallace Quarry, Bay Port, Michiga. We believe that this is the first field trip here for the G.R.M.S. and as far as we know none of our members has ever been here. So this should be something new.

To be found here are pyrite, dogtooth sparcalcite, flauconite, brown calcite crystals, chert, several kinds of fossils including fern fossils (the latter limited in quantity and quality) and possibly geodes. Several of these minerals are new to us so we hope that President-Elect Bob Beauvais or some of our other mineral experts will be able to make it there and assist in their identification.

The letter from the Wallace Quarry plant manager reads as follows: "We will be happy to have you visit our quarry on Saturday, August 12. Please be sure to be here before noon so that all may sign liability release papers. Our plant and office close at noon." So please be sure to arrive before 12 noon!

Bay Port is located on the eastern shore of Saginaw Bay, about 40 miles northeast of Bay City and about 27 miles southwest of the "tip of the thumb" on M25. Since there are numerous routes you can take to Bay City we won't make any suggestions except to make the observation that you can take expressways all the way with the mileage being 155 from downtown Grand Rapids or if you take the shortest route it is only 128 miles. Then when you reach Bay City take M25 east and north 40 miles to M142 shortly before Bay Port. Then inquire locally for the WALLACE QUARRY. It may be about 5 miles east on M142 but we are not certain. Sorry 'bout that!

-Rich Van Beek, Field Trip Chairman

ANNUAL ROCK SWAP- Saturday, September 9. This is our fourth annual rock swap and we join the Indian Mounds Rock and Mineral Club in sponsoring it. It will be held at Gaines Township Hall, 1685 68th St. SE, just east of Kalamazoo Ave. Go south on U.S. 131 to 68th St. exit, go east 2.7 miles. The hours are from 1 to 9 p.m.

EXCHANGE EDITORS, PLEASE NOTE - YOUR CLUBS ARE INVITED! ! ! !

Bring your rocks, minerals, fossils, etc. to trade. No charge for swapping. There will be door prizes! There will be a refreshment booth on the premises! There will be rock displays.

At 6 p.m. we will all join in a pot luck supper. Bring two dishes to pass and your own table service. Beverages will be furnished.

Don Crabbs is co-chairman for our club. The following have volunteered their services during the day:

KITCHEN: Ruth Beauvais & Faye King, Co-chairmen; Arlene Mulder

REGISTRATION: Sandi Feole, Chairman; Marion Jennings, Nellie Mead, Betty Baker, Rich Van Beek, Lucile Pearl

DISPLAYS: Roger King

SWT-UP & CLEAN-UP: The Crabbs Family

If your name is not listed above, we still need your help....here's how:

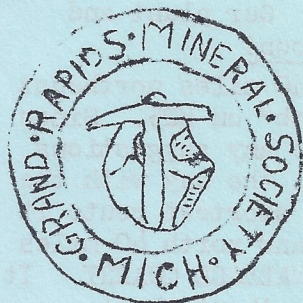
1. If you have a display that is interesting, bring it along. You will need your own case.
2. The refreshment booth will need cookies, brownies, cupcakes, etc. to sell during the swap. Please bring a contribution, or send one with another member.
3. The Kitchen Committee will need help manning the refreshment booth...please volunteer.
4. Bring your swapping material--the more we have swapping, the more interesting it will be.

SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING Wednesday, Sept. 13. Our first meeting of the 72-73 season. The program will be "Rockhounding in Europe," by Carleton Fletcher of Niles, Mich.

This is the meeting that dues are due. Please come prepared.

Our belated sympathy is extended to Mrs. George Baker and her children in the sudden death of Mr. Baker early this summer. The Bakers are new members of our club.

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