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what?

P I C N I C

BRING YOUR SUPPER - BRING ROX TO SWAP -
BRING THE KIDS - BRING GRANDMAW ---

what?

D E A L E R S N I G H T

EQUIPMENT DISPLAYS - CUTTING ROUGH -
SLABS - TUMBLES - FINDINGS - BOOKS

A GOOD TIME TO GET ACQUAINTED WITH YOUR
FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS WHO CONDUCT ROCK
SHOPS FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE - SEE WHAT
YOU BUY AT YOUR LOCAL ROCK SHOPS

where?

CALEDONIA COUNTY PARK

when?

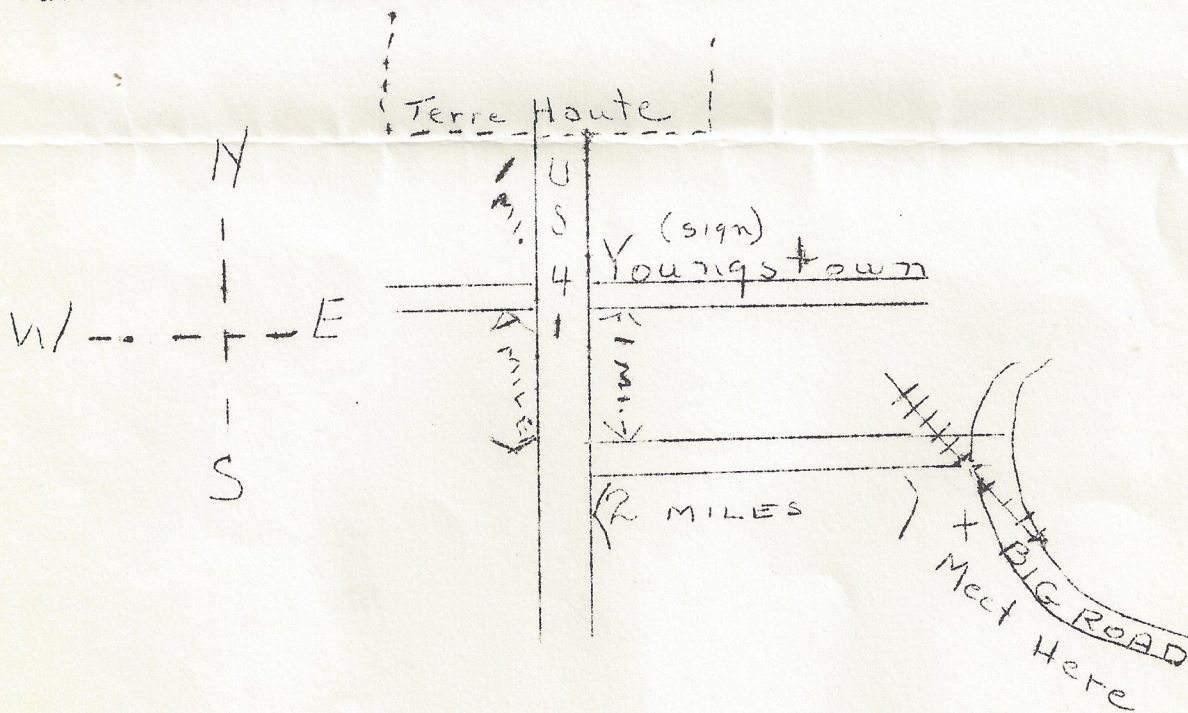
WEDNESDAY - JULY 13 - 5:00 to 10:30

RESERVE JULY 23-24 FOR WEEK-END FIELD TRIP

Les Pearl has made arrangements for us to have a field trip to a strip coal mine in Indiana. We will be hunting fern fossils and other coal associated fossils. Bring your boots, it may be muddy.

Please make your reservations with Les Pearl and we will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning, July 23rd at the spot called BIG ROAD on the map below. This is reached by going south on US 41 through Terre Haute. One mile beyond Terre Haute, on the left is a sign "YOUNGSTOWN", proceed exactly one mile farther on US 41 to a gravel road. Turn left and proceed for two miles until you cross the railroad track where you will come to a wide gravel road, called BIG ROAD on the map. Here, we will be met by Mr. & Mrs. Merton A. Young of the Wabash Valley Gem & Mineral Society who have kindly offered to be our guides for this trip.

Terre Haute is approximately 300 miles from Grand Rapids, so it is suggested that you plan on staying in the area just north of Terre Haute on Friday night and then proceed to Terre Haute for breakfast and on south to the meeting place. Les reports that there are a number of good motels along US 41 and there are two state parks, Shades State Park, and Turkey Run State Park, which have camping facilities for those who want to camp.



See Les Pearl at the Picnic, or call him at GL 3-1069 for reservation

NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome the following new members into our group. We hope they will enjoy meeting with us.

Mr & Mrs E A St. Cyr
Box 117
Bellaire, Michigan

Mr & Mrs Walter Bratty
3637 Woodview Ave S. W.
Grand Rapids 8, Michigan

Mr. Chuck De Vreugd
1364 Union N. E.
Grand Rapids 5, Mich.

MATERIAL DONATED TO ROCK SALE TABLE

Henry Tchozeski advises that the Rock Sale Table was enriched by the following: plume agate donated by Ray Fox; jasper donated by Frank Van Loon; black chert with fusilids donated by Jack Kirkwood; an assortment of items donated by Kreigh Tomaszewski; and some white marble, donor unknown.

Jack Kirkwood tells us that he went to Iowa to a wedding, and did some rock hunting while out there. The black chert with white fusilids was one of his finds. He also came back with some nice geodes.

THIS AND THAT

As we mentioned in the last DRIFTER, Les Pearl is teaching classes in rocks and minerals at the G. R. Public Museum this summer. He reports that about 100 children turned out for the first class on Monday, June 20th. He had two mothers in his afternoon class.

This DRIFTER does not include the Letter-A-Month from the Midwest Federation as we are going to press a week early because of our vacation which starts early the morning of the 25th.

By the time you receive this DRIFTER the Midwest Federation Field Trip Convention will be history. We hope to have a full report for the August issue. Many of our members will be having things of interest to tell us when we see them at our August picnic meeting.

ROCKRAMA IN DECATUR, ILL.

If you can make it, it will be well worth your while to visit the ROCKRAMA to be held in Decatur, Illinois on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, September 23, 24, and 25th.

This Rockrama is being sponsored by the Central Illinois Rockhounds and will be held at the Masonic Temple, 224 West William Street. Open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sunday from 12 noon to 10 p.m.

NEW CLUB EMBLEM

Next month the DRIFTER will contain a drawing of the new club emblem (sorry we couldn't make it this time) with an order blank for your convenience is ordering emblems for your use. These emblems will be the patch type, suitable for wearing as an arm band or as a sleeve patch, or back patch. These will be available at a nominal price.

A LETTER OF THANKS FROM U OF M

Bob Montague, one of our new members, and Pat Hanna did an excellent job at the DINNY TABLE at our June meeting. And our club members donated a total of \$28.15 for the DINNY FUND for the University of Michigan. The following letter was received in recognition of our contribution:

the EXHIBIT MUSEUM University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan
Washtenaw at N. University

June 15, 1960

Miss Nina Rozema
The Grand Rapids Mineral Society
1355 Hollywood Street N. E.
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Dear Miss Rozema:

This is to express my thanks to the members of the Grand Rapids Mineral Society for their interest and effort in collecting the total of \$28.15 as a contribution to our Dinosaur fund.

It will interest you to learn that I recently had word that several hundred bones had been recovered by June 1st.

Your cooperation has been a real help in our campaign, and is most sincerely appreciated.

Cordially yours,

(signed) Irving G. Reimann
Director

TWO LUCKY LADIES

Mrs. Norbert Haraburda won the tigereye donated by Les Pearl (please excuse the incorrect credit in the last DRIFTER); and Miss Esther Hall won the Baghdad Chrysocolia donated by Helen Aves.

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c								Poly Equipment - wheels -	P.O. Box 440	Hiser
k								drums - sanding discs -	2260 Traver Rd., Ann Arbor, Mich	
p								polishing compounds		
i									Wholesale	
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CROWDS SEE KALAMAZOO CLUB'S ROCKFEST

By Robert R. Rozema

On Sunday, June 12th, The Kalamazoo Geological and Mineral Society presented this area with an excellent show and swap session. The four rockshops participating provided an adequate variety of equipment display and gem and mineral material for purchase. The city of Kalamazoo turned out enmass to support the show, and the only complaint we heard was "too crowded, we should have taken a larger room." We saw and spoke to Jim and Ruth Perkins, Art Eisenheimer, Mrs. Spores (with her son and daughter-in-law), Jean Ewing, Otto and Mrs. Weisner from the Grand Rapids Club.

The show was done in cases belonging to individual members of the Kalamazoo club, about thirty cases of the Wichita design that has been so generally accepted throughout the show circuit of all of the federations. A tip of the DRIFTER hat to the Kalamazoo club in general and to Clark Wolf and Spencer Van Vaikenburgh in particular for promoting the display case program. We hope that someone will do as good a job for the Grand Rapids Mineral Society. Incidentally, in the near future, the GLACIAL DRIFTER will carry an article on the Wichita case, complete with drawings and specifications.

In addition to the sales booths of four dealers, all of whom are members of the Kalamazoo Club, there were grab bags for the pebble pups and beginners made up of rocks and minerals donated by the club members. Then, there was a silent auction which produced some real values in cutting rough, excellent mineral specimens, and finished jewelry.

Tailgate swapping went on all day in the parking area and yours truly took a few minutes away from the booth to turn a Baghdad Chrysocolla specimen into the prettiest Pugh Quarry Calcite group you ever saw -- big, clean, double-terminated crystals --- collected about six years ago. There won't be anything like that coming out of Pugh until about 1963 when we hope to have a club field trip to that quarry.

The local shows are your chance to see what the other fellow is doing and to collect a lot of new friends along with a few new rocks. And, of course, at the bigger regional shows, you get to see more, make more friends, and collect even more rocks. Hope Nina and I will see you at the next show held within a couple of hundred miles or so.

Vacationing in Michigan???
Rooms with Kitchen privileges in
conjunction with the new
NORWOOD VILLAGE STORE
featuring
PETOSKEY STONE ORIGINALS by
JERRY MORRIS

Norwood, just south of Charlevoix

Contact: Mrs. Clyde Warner
Route 1, Charlevoix, Mich

WILPER ROCK SHOP
234 Bond Street Allegan, Mich
Phone 437
Highland Park, B&I gemmakers
Ultra Violet Lights - Many other
names of Lapidary Equipment

Large stock of findings - baroques

See us and Save \$ Open evenings
Week-Ends

SAGINAW STATE FAIR GEM & MINERAL SHOW

Have you done anything about your entries for the Saginaw State Fair Show in September? It is important that Grand Rapids participate in this major regional show, both for our own advantage in the experience and recognition we will receive, and in the chance it gives us to join with the other clubs of the state to give the people of Michigan an outstanding exhibition in the gem and mineral field.

Entries can be either competitive or non-competitive so no one should feel sensitive about the possibility of rating a bad score on the judging, just enter as non-competitive if a winner's ribbon isn't important to you.

Rules for entry may be obtained from your club liaison officer, Bob Rozema, and the Official Saginaw entry form will be available from this office about the end of July. Bob will also be glad to discuss your entry with you and help you to plan its display, he can give you the dimensions of the cases which will be available and any other information about the Saginaw FAir that you may want to have.

This is the second largest state fair in the nation and the Gem and Mineral Show is in a new building for hobby exhibits. This building was added last year with the stipulation that half of the exhibition space would be reserved for the "rockhounds". Please act on this at once, it's important to our club, it's important to the other participating clubs of Michigan, it's important to all the "rockhounds" of the state who will go to Saginaw in the hope of learning something and of seeing a top notch gem and mineral show.

WHAT A ROCKHOUND WOULDN'T KNOW IF HE DIDN'T READ CLUB BULLETINS!!!!
from The Michigan Gem News

There is a mountain of rose quartz in Maine, one of jade in Alaska, and in the Antartic there is one of coal. The mountains of Jasper Park in Canada are made of sedimentary rock, so is Mt. Everest of Nepal. The best specimens of brain coral are found off the Mexican coast in the Gulf. You need diving gear and a tire iron to retrieve it. Some of the molten lava from volcanoes come from as far down as 36 miles. Did you know that in Texas there is a natural oddity (stick geodes) slim tubes filled with crystals? Did you know Herkimer Diamonds are usually found in loose crystals and seldom in a matrix?

GEMS IN AARON'S BREASTPLATE

Reuben - Red Jasper - An almond blossom
Simeon - Golden Citrine (Topaz) - A sword
Levi - Emerald - Tables of law
Judah - Ruby - A lion
Dan - Lapis Lazuli - A serpent
Naphtali - Rock Crystal (diamond) - An antelope
Gad - Golden Sapphire - Tents
Asher - Blue Sapphire - Olive tree
Issachar - Amethyst - A donkey
Zebulun - Yellow Jasper - Ships
Joseph - Golden Beryl - An ox head
Benjamin - Chrysoprase - A wolf

from the Lapidary Journal

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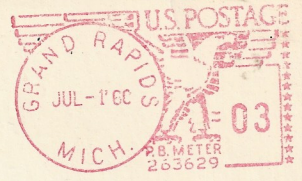
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