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The Grand Rapids Mineral Society is a Non-Profit Corporation affiliated with the Midwest Federation and the American Federation of Mineral Societies.

Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 8:00 p.m. at Riverside Elementary School (except June, July, & August when meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday, meetings at various locations)

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PICNIC MEETING PLANNED FOR AUGUST 19th

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tchozeski are general co-chairmen for the OLD FASHION PICNIC to be held on Saturday, afternoon and evening, August 19th, at LONG LAKE near Sparta, area "c" on the west side of the lake. PLEASE, if you haven't sent in your reservation, DO IT NOW. Either mail the blank at the bottom of the Calendar Of Events page to Henry and Betty, or call EM 1-1405. The Tchozeski's must know how many to expect as the club is furnishing coffee, pop, and ice-cream. May we have YOUR RESERVATION before Tuesday, August 15th?

Swimming the early part of the afternoon, games for all starting at 4:00 with PRIZES for the winners, and supper at 6:00. BRING YOUR OWN FOOD - - - Coffee, pop and ice-cream will be furnished.

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SAGINAW COUNTY FAIR - September 10 thru 16

September 10 thru 16 is the week of the SAGINAW COUNTY FAIR. It is also a week of red letter days for the earth science hobbyists of Michigan for the Saginaw County Fair Association is the first major fair association to assign a large area of its facilities for the presentation of a top-notch gem and minerals exhibit. Largely through the efforts of the Tri-County Rock and Mineral Society and Harry Sprague this annual show, now in its third year, is an event that no serious rockhound in this area can afford to miss. This fair is the second largest county fair in the country and well worth seeing for itself as well as for the gem and mineral show.

Those of you who were unable to attend the Federation show should, by all means, make an effort to attend the Fair. Better still, see Dick Rose or Bob Rozema for an entry blank and put in a display of your material, either in the competitive or the non-competitive section. The least you can get is a nice exhibitor's ribbon to put in your case at home, and if your entry is in the competitive class you may be the winner of a lovely, blue first place ribbon.

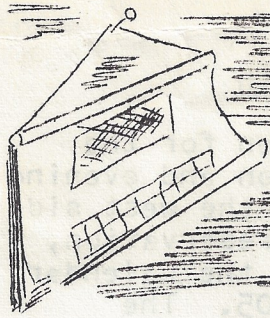
In addition to club and individual exhibits the show will include many spectacular specimens from the outstanding collections of Jess KcKee of Harrison, Dr. Lohr and Harry Sprague of Saginaw and many other collectors of the state.

There will be dealers booths for the purchase of materials and equipment. And, there will be plenty of rockhounds to meet and talk to.

How about making it a field trip for Saturday, the 16th?

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Notice, all material and advertising for the SEPTEMBER DRIFTER must be in the hands of the editor by August 19th. This is earlier than usual because of LaborDay week-end.



CALENDAR of EVENTS

August 19 - SATURDAY - Regular monthly meeting. OLD FASHION PICNIC at LONG LAKE, near Sparta. Make your RESERVATION before Tuesday, August 15 by calling Mr. or Mrs. Henry Tchozeski, EM 1-1405, or send the Reservation Blank at the bottom of the page to them. At the time of going to press the Tchozeski's advise that they have received only three reservations. MAKE YOURS TODAY.

Sept. 9 SATURDAY - All competitive entries for the Saginaw County Fair must be in place by 12:00 noon. Those with non-competitive entries have until 5:00 p.m. Get your reservation blank from Dr. Rose or Bob Rozema. The blanks must be in the hands of the Fair committee by September 1st. GET YOURS TODAY.

August 21 - MONDAY, 8:00 p.m. - Board of Control meeting at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Tchozeski, 2941 Edgewood NE

September Field Trips to Pugh Quarry and Clay Center, Ohio are arranged and details will appear in the DRIFTER for September.

October 7-8 Field Trip to Terre Haute, Brown County; and the ROCKRAMA at Indianapolis, Indiana. Tentative plans are to meet in the Terre Haute area at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning for a coal measure fossil hunt. Those who wish to hunt geodes in Brown County will be guided to the area in the afternoon. And, on Sunday, October 8th, those who wish may return home by way of Indianapolis, stopping there to attend the ROCKRAMA.

October 11 Wednesday - ANNUAL MEETING. Plans are progressing for a potluck dinner at Riverside Junior High. We are inviting other clubs in the area to send a guest or two, to share this meeting with us.

Mr. & Mrs. Henry Tchozeski
2941 Edgewood N. E.
Grand Rapids 5, Michigan

Yes, we will be attending the August Picnic Meeting. Please make our reservations.

Adults _____
Children _____

(signed) _____

(Phone No. _____)

OUR PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The Grand Rapids Mineral Society conducted a field trip to the Lime Stone quarries of the Medusa Cement Co. near Sylvania. Many trilobites, Brachiopods, Crinoids, and other fossils were obtained.

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About twenty crazy "rockhounds" got up at 4:00 and drove 400 miles to look for something that looks like an oversized potato bug in a dirty old quarry. Some of them even stayed too long and got locked in. Oh, well, it was good weather and no one got hurt and they seemed to be having fun, so who cares some people are just "nuts". By the way, I'm a "golfer" and I saw them leave G. R. from the third tee so I know they must have got by at least 4:00 a.m.

The Cascades of Lansing again helped out club by conducting our Field Trip in the Grand Ledge area. We saw the Ledges for which the town is famous, visited four quarries, finding sulfur crystals on Lignite (soft coal) and fossils of ferns, tree limbs, lepedodendrin, and other plant life as well as a few brachiopods (lingual). Again the weather remained good and all seemed to have a good time.

Dr. Richard Rose, President

OUR JUNIORS WERE WINNERS AT MIDWEST FEDERATION SHOW

We have had to wait all this time to tell you that our juniors "did us proud". The Silver Star 4-H Group, one of our junior divisions, sponsored by Dale Rosel and Russ Girard took a FIRST in Lapidary, and the juniors under the leadership of Les Pearl took a THIRD in Minerals. Bill Rosel won a SECOND in Individual Lapidary (Junior Division)

Joe Hanna took a SECOND in Jewelry Making. The beautifully executed educational exhibit by Bill Atwell was awarded a first place ribbon and trophy, which later was revoked because of an unfortunate error in making out the entry form, causing the entry to be disqualified. It was definitely a BLUE RIBBON case and we hope to hear more from Bill in future competition.

The Tri-County Rock and Mineral Society did a wonderful job of hosting the show, the biggest ever presented by the Midwest Federation. Congratulations to Don Summerfield for his own efforts and those of his fellow club members. To Harry Sprague as General Show Chairman, a special salute from the DRIFTER for a job of production and promotion that blended perfectly the enthusiasm and dedication of the amateur with the skill and the potential for sustained effort of the true professional. Harry and Doris Sprague have given practically all of their "leisure" time during the past year to the preparation and promotion of the Saginaw Gem and Mineral Fair and 21st Annual Convention of the Midwest Federation of Geological and Mineralogical Societies.

