

**FOLKS WITH LAST NAMES BEGINNING WITH N-Z: IT'S YOUR TURN TO BRING REFRESHMENTS. THANKS!!!**

**OBLIGATORY NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT**-- Jean Ann Wahl-Piotrowski

Wow, the summer passed quickly! And if your calendar looks anything like mine, the fall will be just as busy.... A commitment Dave & I made a year ago will keep us away from the September meeting. Thanks to Royal for keeping things in order while we're gone.

Our show is just a little over a month away, and it is time for all of us to jump into action. Please read this newsletter carefully, considering what YOU can do to help out. Personally, I'm always desperate for more folks to bring in a display. If you would like to show off your collection but do not have your own case PLEASE YELL. There are always a few old timers willing to loan.

**TIME FOR SHOW & TELL**-- Royal Olson (jawn)

Once again, September's program will be a "show & tell" of everyone's summer collecting. If anyone had the forethought to take slides of their summer adventures, viewing them would be a treat. (Do bring your own projector, please.) It seems that most of us never plan that far ahead, or are too busy collecting to worry about the camera, and so should bring along favorite specimens for the rest of the club members to drool over. Be ready to stand up and tell folks about your specimens and adventures.

**IN MEMORIAM** Florence Hill

John Hopkins died September 4, after a long illness. With his death, CML&MS lost another of its life members who was a staunch supporter of the club. He and his wife Wilma were enthusiastic collectors, and were always willing to help the club in any way they could. For several years John printed the newsletter, and the two of them assembled a crew to put the 225-250 copies together. John suffered a severe stroke in 1977, one year after he retired from Michigan Bell. He made a partial recovery, and he and Wilma enjoyed many activities together, including a trip to Bangladesh where Gail was teaching, and a golden wedding celebration. His health had been deteriorating for a long time but "he never complained," says Wilma. He will be remembered for his optimistic faith and his ready smile. Our sympathy goes to Wilma and Gail, and the rest of his family.

**CONGRATULATIONS to Royal Olson who has just earned his commercial license for flying gliders!**

**Our sympathy to Margaret Green on the passing of her father.**

**A POST-CARD FROM MONTEZUMA CASTLE NATIONAL MONUMENT:**

Hi Folks,

The world looks great under the Western Sky. I'm in Prescott AZ now, but I'll be back in MI soon for a visit. So I'll drop in to a club meeting. Give my best to the group and I'll see you soon. Your Friend,  
**Joe Austin**

**SEPTEMBER FIELD TRIP**-- George Heaton

For our September field trip I have decided to go back to the Wallace Stone Quarry near Bay Port Michigan. I heard from Bob Frost that the quarry has started to work the area where millerite is found and that collecting these little nodules should be good again. And since I am field trip Chairman and I like to collect these nodules I decided that is what we will do on Saturday of September 21.

We are scheduled to enter the quarry promptly at 10:00 am so try to arrive at the quarry office, where we will meet, a little before 10:00 am if possible. I estimate the distance from Lansing to Bay Port to be about 150 miles. You should allow about 3 1/2 hours driving time from Lansing. From Lansing take Rt. 69 east to I-75 at Flint. Go North on I-75 to Rt. 25 at Bay City. Take Rt. 25 east and north to Rt. 142, just south of Bayport. Turn right (east) on Rt. 142 and go about 2 miles to Risky Rd. Turn left on Risky Rd., cross the railroad tracks and go a little further where you will have to turn right and go on to the office. There will probably be signs pointing the way to the quarry.

Material to be found includes brown & iridescent calcite, pyrite, millerite and fossils. Equipment needed includes the usual assortment of chisels in various sizes, crack hammer, sledge hammer, **a hard hat, hard toed boots, safety glasses or goggles.**

### **CHILDREN'S TABLE WORK PARTY AND POT-LUCK**-- George Heaton

On **Saturday, September 28** we will have a children's table work party and pot-luck at Grit and Alice Turner's garage where our club's children's table stuff is stored at **2667 Pine Tree Rd.** Please come and help and bring food and eating tools for the pot-luck lunch. Work will **begin between 9:00 am and 10:00 am.** I plan to be there about 9:00 am. Lots of work needs to be done to prepare material for our October show. A significant part of our show income is derived from our children's table. **We need help and donations of material.** Please mark this on your calendar and come to help.

### **EDUCATION REPORT**-- Margaret Green

The mineral of the month will be antlerite, a secondary mineral found in weathered zones in copper ore. Margaret Green will give the five minute talk in Dave's absence.

October is rock month for the Lansing public schools. Since the classes will not be able to attend the show this year, it seems that the teachers are hoping that the mountain will come to Mohammed. Get your running shoes on for class room visits.

Thank you for September got to Royal Olson who visited Marsha Kenyon's home school classroom of eight, nine and ten year olds on Friday the 13th to give a one hour lecture on rocks. In the next two successive weeks, Margaret Green will visit the class to talk on minerals and Richard Stevens will lead the class in petoskey stone polishing. The kids will also be visiting the show.

### **ANOTHER RUSH FOR RICHES**-- Florence Hill

Gold, oil and now diamonds! Ed Drawn calls our attention to an article in the June 1996 Rock & Gem about the diamond find in Canada's Northwest Territory. Frozen North America is again found to be rich in mineral wealth.

### **THINKING OF THE SHOW..... (jawp)**

Here we go again with the usual plea for assistance. Putting on a show is a lot of **work**. It is also a lot of **fun**. This is the best chance you will have to really get to know your fellow club members... please lend a hand!

#### **Stuff to do NOW:**

--Alice Turner needs help making **CRITTERS**. Anyone who can help, **CALL ALICE at 694-9596 to arrange a time for a work party.**

--Clean up a few boxes of rocks from the basement & bring some material to the **CHILDREN'S TABLE** work bee on Sept. 28.

--Get your **DISPLAYS** ready. Pick out 15 - 20 specimens that you have been dying to show off, make some labels & there you have it. If you need to borrow a case to put them in please call Jean Ann

Wahl-Piotrowski 616-948-4540, or better yet e-mail me at jawp2@im4u.com. Don't have that many specimens? Smaller cases are also available. I need some vague idea of who is bringing what, so look for a tear-off slip at the end of this newsletter.

--Find a nice SPECIMEN or CREATE SOMETHING nice for the **RAFFLE**. Remember, this is something of higher quality that will incite folks to buy a \$1.00 ticket. Get your donation to Gail Hopkins. She will also be glad to give you tickets to sell.

--Likewise, we also need some **DOOR PRIZES**. Specimens, lapidary creations or jewelry are welcome. These are given away based on a drawing of admission tickets & should be of decent quality. We also have separate drawing of kid's tickets, so you may want to think of some things they might especially enjoy. Give your donations to Roger Laylin.

**Help we will need the week of the SHOW:**

--**Set up** is Thursday Oct. 24 day & evening.

--Invasion of the **school children**, Friday Oct. 25 9am-1pm. Lansing schools have an in-service this day & school will not be in session, however over a thousand kids are coming from other districts. Informal groups of kids from Lansing will be invited from 12:00 - 1:00. Sounds like we will be even more busy than ever

--**Re-set up**, Friday Oct. 27, 1pm ish. There's a flurry of clean-up & reorganization as we get club stuff out of the way so dealers can set up their wares.

--Friday evening, all day Saturday & Sunday. Help needed for **selling tickets, kid's table, silent auction, security, etc.** Show up & someone will put you to work. NO PROBLEM!!!

--**Donations of edibles** for the hospitality room are always appreciated. It's nigh near impossible for our dealers & many club members to get away from the show to eat anything. Healthy snacks & some sinful goodies help get us all through the weekend.

That's all I can think of at the moment. :) Any questions, call Roger Laylin, 349-3249.

**YOU ARE INVITED** to Dave & Jean Ann's place for our annual harvest lunch & pie extravaganza on **Saturday, Nov. 7**. There is at least one pie pumpkin in the garden this year! (Last I checked anyway. Hopefully the deer won't eat it.) Details & a map next month. Hope the weeks delay will allow more folks to come & visit.

**JUNE FIELD TRIP TO BLOOMINGTON INDIANA**-- George Heaton

A little more than a dozen of our club members and their guests showed up at Bloomington Indiana for the rock swap June 21-23 and geode collecting at the area road cuts and streams. George Heaton and his sister, nephew and niece spent most of their mornings and afternoon hours digging for geodes at the road cuts near the Harrodsburg exit on Rt. 37. We spent the hotter mid-day hours checking out the rock swap at the fairgrounds. I thought the prices at most of the tables were rather high. It seems most of the dealers wanted big fancy show prices at a flea market type show with mostly flea market quality minerals.

George dug quite a few geodes at the road cut. Most proved to be solid quartz balls. Some were good enough for good swap material, but none good enough to be kept for his collection. Some of the others did some collecting at the road cuts, but I did not see what they found. Gordon & Marie Lewis, Neil & Connie Snapp and Richard & Lila Stevens decided to cut short their stay at Bloomington and headed north on Sunday to visit the quarry at St. Paul Indiana to look for fossils.

**JULY 13TH FIELD TRIP TO MAYBEE MICHIGAN**-- George Heaton

Our field trip to the Stoneco Quarry near Maybee Michigan attracted about a dozen members and guests. And again, it did not rain on a George Heaton arranged field trip. It did warm up a bit but not nearly as hot as last year's field trip. I judged the collecting as mostly mediocre. From what I saw collected I would guess that the children's table should make out quite well from this trip. Neil Snapp found a decent but not very great sulfur specimen. He also found a decent calcite but it was attached to about 40 lb of rock and will require considerable trimming. George Heaton collected mostly super mediocre stuff for our show's children's table.

### **AUGUST FIELD TRIP TO LIME CITY, OHIO**-- George Heaton

We had approximately 15 people from our club and two from the Mt. Clemens club show up at the Stoneco Quarry at Lime City Ohio for our August field trip on Saturday, August 17th.

We had no fresh rock to hunt over since the quarry was working over the only fresh blast pile and we were not permitted to hunt in that area. There were some piles of large older rocks we could look through and if one could climb up and over and around these large chunks of rock and search diligently it was still possible to find some decent specimens. George Heaton found a few decent celestite specimens and a couple flats of mediocre stuff for our children's table. I do not know what the others found. I heard rumors that some decent fluorite crystals had been found, but I don't know by whom, or if it was even by one of our club members. There were others from another field trip group present in the quarry that day.

### **MORRISON LAKE PICNIC**-- George Heaton

Richard and Lila Stevens hosted our summer pot-luck picnic again this year on Saturday August 24th. About two dozen of our members showed up for this popular event which was blessed with perfect weather. We had clear blue sky, low humidity and a nice breeze off the lake. Best of all there was a good selection of very good food again this year and George Heaton ate just the right amount of food, again. We also had a work

#### **Morrison Lake Picnic, cont.**

session where we prepared many hundreds of little rock specimen bags to be given to the children at our show in October. I thank Richard and Lila Stevens for hosting this event again this year.

### **CLUB CALENDAR**

- Sept. 19 Regular meeting, 7:30 North School. N-Z bring refreshments.  
Program: Show & Tell
- Sept. 21 Field trip: Bayport Quarry. Be at office 10:00 am
- Sept. 28 Children's Table work bee/potluck. 9:00 till ? at Turner's house
- Oct. 3 Board meeting, 7:30 Meridian Twp. Service Center
- Oct. 17 Regular meeting, 7:30, North School
- Oct. 24 Show set-up
- Oct. 25-27 SHOW!!!!
- Nov. 9 Annual Harvest Lunch & Pumpkin Pie Extravaganza at Dave & Jean Ann's

### **SHOW CALENDAR**

- Sept. 21-22 Livingston Show. Hartland High School, 9525 Highland Rd, Hartland MI  
Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-5
- Oct. 5-6 Geology Arts Fair, Eddy Center, 10730 Bush Rd., Chelsea MI  
State Park Motor Vehicle Permit required for entry  
Sat. 10-5; Sun 10-4
- Oct. 11-13 Detroit Show, Light Guard Armory, 4400 E. Eight Mile Rd, Detroit MI.

Oct. 18-20 Ft. Wayne Show. Allen Co. Fairgrounds, 2726 Carroll Rd, Ft. Wayne IN  
**Oct. 25-27 CML&MS SHOW. Marshall St. Armory, Lansing MI. Fri. 6-9, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 11-5.**  
Nov. 2-3 Mid-Michigan Show. Chippewa Nature Center, 400 S. Badour Rd, Midland  
10 am - 4 pm both days

-----tear here & give to Jean Ann Wahl-Piotrowski-----

You can count on \_\_\_\_\_ to bring a display to the show.

I will bring \_\_\_\_\_ standard club case(s)  
\_\_\_\_\_ pony case(s)  
\_\_\_\_\_ faceting case(s)  
\_\_\_\_\_ something else. Please draw a rough sketch:

\_\_\_\_\_ Hey, I want to borrow a case.

No, \_\_\_\_\_ can't display this year, but I would be glad to let someone else use my case.

