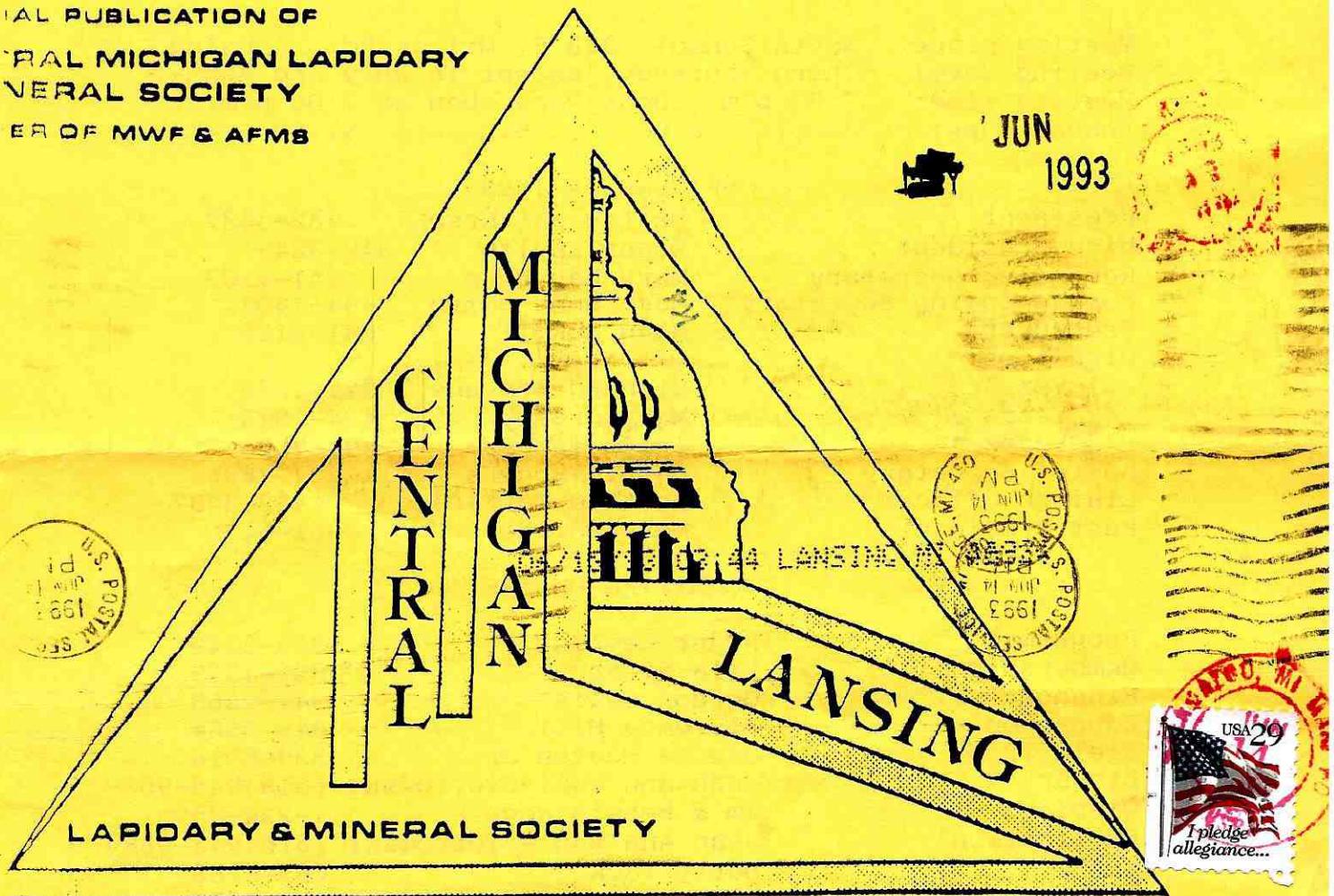


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Meeting place: North School, 333 E. Miller Rd., Lansing, MI  
Meeting date: Third Thursday, except in July and August  
Meeting time: 7:30 p.m. Doors are open at 7:00 p.m.  
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OUR BANQUET on May 20th was another gala occasion. Bettie Patterson thanked all who participated in the planning, decorating and setting up of displays. We were joined by Tina Beals, our latest scholarship recipient and by friends from nearby clubs.

Special thanks to Roger Laylin who by pure serendipity filled the program gap when the scheduled speaker was taken ill. The Smithsonian video was spectacular.

Roger Laylin, Program Chairman, wants to remind you summer trippers that the September meeting will be "Show and Tell". You might let him know if you need a projector or have an interesting story to tell about your adventures.

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Oleta Brockway is ill and in need of our special prayers.

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## TAKE NOTE...

BLM Chief, Kieth Corrigal, Branch of Wilderness Resources in Washington, recently reported as stating that his BLM Agency will, within the next 6 months, probably write new regulations which will entirely prohibit hobby collecting of any type in "wilderness areas"

An immediate letter-writing campaign should be started to nip this one in the bud.

Letters, cards, even telegrams, should be sent to : Kieth Corrigal, Chief, Branch of Wilderness Resources, BLM, Room 3360 Main Interior Bldg., 1849 C. St.. Washington, DC. 20240.

--From ESCOMO, Feb. 1993--

**BAUCUS FOSSIL BILL** Legislators and Senator Baucus were deluged with mail last October on Bill S3107. A meeting was held on February 22nd on rewriting this bill and Jan Campbell Miller, Senator Baucus representative asked why the amateurs were so concerned about this bill. While she is rewriting this bill, the amateurs need to write and tell her why it is important to collect fossils. Send it to Senator Baucus Washington, DC 20510 and a copy to your legislator.(He has to vote on it)

APRIL FIELD TRIP - George Heaton

We had an average sized group of 12 members show up for the April field trip to the Irving Materials Quarry near Anderson, Indiana on Saturday, April 24th. The weather was cloudy most of the time, cool, and windy but not uncomfortable. One could work hard pounding on rocks without getting all hot and sweaty. Lots of nice massive calcite was collected for our children's table and I believe everyone found at least a few good keepers or swapping material/specimens. Jenny Rotier found two of the nicer specimens I saw collected that day. One was a large druze of dark iridescent crystals and another was a compact group of large amber colored crystals. Roger Laylin found a couple of nice vugs of iridescent calcite. Even George Heaton found some nice calcite crystal groups. Roger Laylin also found a boulder with nickel and quarter sized garnets speckled all over its surface. It came from the glacier deposits which overlay the quarry limestone. He decided he had to have it for his yard so he got Chuck Collins and George Heaton to help him load it into George Heaton's poor old pick-up truck, to be delivered to Roger's house. Roger's rock was quite heavy and George's truck was sagging some with the weight of the rock plus all the other rocks and equipment it was carrying.

After our rock hunting, Marie Lewis suggested that we all stop and eat at a restaurant she knew about in Fort Wayne, which most of us did. The food was good and everyone, except George Heaton, over-ate. George Heaton never over-eats, he always eats just the right amount to feel pleasantly stuffed.

JOINT FIELD TRIP with our Club and the Scarborough, Ontario Club in Stonecco's Lime City Quarry

On Sunday, May 23rd our club hosted the Scarborough, Ontario Club on a joint field trip to the Stonecco LimeCity, Ohio Quarry followed by a potluck picnic at Fort Meigs State Park in Perrysburg, Ohio. This event was attended by 16 Canadians and 10 members of our club. The Canadians outdid us again in participation in this event. I would sure like to see our club at least equal them in participation on these annual joint field trip. When they host us I am sometimes embarrassed at our low turnout. They may be a little larger than us though, with about 150 members.

About the field trip itself. The morning dawned with a heavy sprinkle - to light drizzle which lasted off and on (more on than off) throughout most of the day with cool temperatures. This made collecting a little more difficult because we were burdened with raingear and it made your wrapping paper soggy. Collectable minerals were not as plentiful as in past years. They are starting to work the upper level now and there were no new blast piles on the lower level. The upper level blast piles seemed barren of minerals. Collecting on the lower level was therefore restricted to the old large rocks too large for the crusher that were in piles and strips on the quarry floor.

## JOINT FIELD TRIP cont.

In spite of these conditions, with diligent work and a little luck, some nice specimens were found by a few of the field trippers and I think most of us found something to take home. I believe the best specimen of the day was a fine large fluorite collected by John Pratt of Oshawa, Ontario. Jennifer Campbell of Scarborough, Ontario found some very pretty reddish brown sphalerite crystals. I saw Manuel Pinto of Scarborough with an attractive celestite specimen and Lois Clarke from North York, Ontario who likes micromounts was having fun with little stuff. found Grit Turner and the Piotrowskis minning a large load of celestite that looked well suited for the children's table. George Heaton found only children's table stuff.

After our visit to the quarry most of us stopped at the Days Inn where the Canadians allowed us the use of their motel rooms to go to pot and wash our hands before continuing on to the picnic at Fort Meigs State Park.

Thanks to the rain which finally stopped prior to the picnic, we had the picnic area and the shelter all to ourselves. There was lots of food including some tasty chicken wings and a delicious orange jello salad that someone brought. The other food was very good too. And again George Heaton who never over eats ate just the right amount to feel pleasantly stuffed.

JUNE FIELD TRIP - June 18-20th

The June field trip will include the Bedford Rock Swap, NOW HELD AT THE MONROE CO. 4H FAIRGROUNDS IN BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA and geode collecting at the road cut at Harrodsburg, Indiana exit on Rt. 37, June 18-20th. To get to the rock swap at the 4H Fairgrounds you go south on Rt. 37 to the intersection of Rt. 37 and Rt. 45. You turn right on Rt. 45 and go southwest on Rt. 45 about 1 2/10 miles then turn right and go 7/10 mile on Airport Rd. to the Fairgrounds

This is a very large and interesting rock swap which attracts swappers from surrounding states and Ontario, Canada. Camping is allowed on the Fairgrounds and motels are located in Bloomington. The geodes from Harrodsburg are beautiful and may contain several minerals including quartz, calcite, dolomite, millerite, barite, pyrite and sphalerite. To get to Bloomington go south on I69 to Indianapolis, then on I-465 south to Rt. 37.. Go south on Rt. 37 to Bloomington.

To collect the geodes at Harrodsburg road cut you should have at least a 2-3# crack hammer and several sharp chisels. Heavier hammers, pry bars and more chisels of all sizes are very useful. The geodes are in limestone so it can be hard work to chisel them out and you can dull your supply of chisels very quickly.

July, August and September Field Trips to Stoneco's Maybee,  
Michigan Quarry

Thanks to the efforts of Mary Kay Bean who made the arrangements we have 3 field trips scheduled to visit Stoneco's Maybee, Michigan Quarry. Because this quarry is so popular with collectors, visits are limited to groups of 12 people. That is why 3 visits have been scheduled. I believe all 3 trips are filled at this time.

If any of those people who have signed up for one of these trips should discover they will not be able to make the trip due to some unforeseen circumstance PLEASE let Mary Kay Bean or George Heaton know so we can allow someone else to fill your spot on the list. It would be a shame to waste any of our allotment of 12 due to someone's forgetfulness.

The dates for visiting this quarry are Saturday, July 17th; Saturday, August 21st and Saturday, September 18th. For all trips, we will meet at the quarry at 7:30 AM and leave the quarry at noon. This quarry is famous for the celestite and sulfur specimens. The usual tools for collecting in quarries is recommended - 2-3 # crack hammer, chisels of various sizes, sledge hammer if you have one and pry bars might also be useful. AND DON'T FORGET YOU MUST HAVE SAFETY GEAR SUCH AS HARD HAT, HARD TOED BOOTS AND SAFETY GLASSES OR GOGGLES. For directions to the Quarry please see the map printed in this Newsletter. The route is too complicated for verbal or written directions.

POT-LUCK PICNIC Morrison Lake - Saturday, July 24th

There will be a pot-luck picnic hosted by Richard and Lila Stevens on Saturday, July 24th at their summer place on Morrison Lake. The picnic will begin at 1:00 PM. Bring lawn chairs, folding tables, FOOD and serving and eating equipment.

Directions: Take I-96 west towards Grand Rapids to the Lake Odessa exit. Go south 1/2 mile to Portland Road, west on Jackson Rd. (about 3 miles), south (along side of golf course) about 1/2 mile to Elm Rd. which is a private drive in the pine trees. Follow the road around the lake until you reach 291 Elm Road.

POSSIBLE JULY FIELD TRIP - July 31st

I am considering the possibility of squeezing another field trip into our summer schedule since only 12 people are allowed on the Maybee, Michigan trips. Even though we have 3 Maybee, Michigan trips scheduled during July, August and September which will give a large part of the summer devoid of field trips for most members.

Looking at my calendar it seems that July 31st is about the only date I have available to schedule a trip and I will make arrangements for another field trip only if there is sufficient interest to make it worth my time.

## POSSIBLE JULY FIELD TRIP cont.

That means at least 8-10 people besides myself. I am considering two possibilities for a field trip. Number one is the Waallace Quarry at Bayport, Michigan since we did not visit that one last year and number two is Corydon, Indiana plus a stop at the Rt. 56 road cut near Salem, Indiana. I heard the collecting for dolomite and calcite at Corydon has been good this year.

At the June meeting I will have a sign up sheet to see if there is enough interest in another field trip. If you are interested and truly think you will go if I can obtain permission for a visit to one of these quarries, please sign my sheet or give me a call before June 25th so I have time to obtain permission. Also let me know your preference as to which of these two you would like to visit. Remember it is about a 7 hour drive to Corydon, Indiana and only about 3 hours to Bayport.

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EGG CARTONS

Florence says "Thanks to your response, we now have enough egg cartons on hand for this year's mineral kits and a start on 1994. But don't go away folks! Keep saving them and bringing them in. They can be stored in plastic bags and it helps a lot to have them on hand early."

COMMUNITY SERVICE - Florence Hill

May 14th Florence Hill presented a program "Hooked on Rocks" to the Okemos Senior Citizens pot-luck group.

Joe Manina was very busy at the Kalamazoo Show explaining the fine points of faceting to people watching his demonstration.

EDUCATION - Florence Hill

Bring in your mysterious unknown collecting finds to a meeting. Our knowledgeable members will help you put a name to your specimen.

DISPLAY REPORT

Meridian Mall on March 6 Joe Manina, Jean Ann and David, Bettie Patterson and the Rogers

Flint Show on March 26-28 Rogers and Turners

Mt Clemens on April 2-4 Rogers and Turners

Kalamazoo on April 1-2 Manina and Rogers

- Dearborn on May 14-16 Rogers and Collins

Banquet on May 20 Rogers, Manina, Tripp, Snepp, Lewis and Piotrowskis.

Special  
note:

A great big THANK YOU to all club members who attended our SURPRISE 50th golden wedding anniversary celebration and to those who sent cards. We will include all of you in our memories of a perfect day and an event which you helped to make very special for us.

It was great!      Larry and Lorna Tripp

## CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

During the month of May the following members were sent get-well cards: Lindsey & Mary Kay Bean, Alice Turner & Oleta Brockway. Alice is up and walking now-- it will be nice to see her cheerful face at meetings again. Notes of congratulations on their confirmation were sent to junior members Sara Ann Henning, Ann-Marie Smith & Robbie Albo. We also sent a "thinking of you" card to Margaret Randolph who made the television news as one of those affected by the great Portland fertilizer fire.

Please continue to call over the summer with any item of interest concerning our members: illness, graduation, weddings, etc. Leave a message on the machine if I'm not at home. My phone number is 484-7804.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Anne Smith

LIFE MEMBER, ROSE WHIDDEN passed away this May 2. A book will be added to the club library in her honor. We received the following note from her family:

Dear C.M.L.&M.S. Members:

Adding a book to the club library is a wonderful memorial contribution. We appreciate hearing about the contribution in memory of our sister, Rose Whidden.

Lapidary people are members of a special group. We all feel a deep appreciation for the beauty of nature.

Happy collecting, Cal & Ruth Kasson

## EQUIPMENT FOR SALE -- Charles Maran 485-9660

Tumbler, drums, grit	\$35.00
8" Grinder set	\$75.00
10" diamond trim saw	\$100.00

## CLUB CALENDAR:

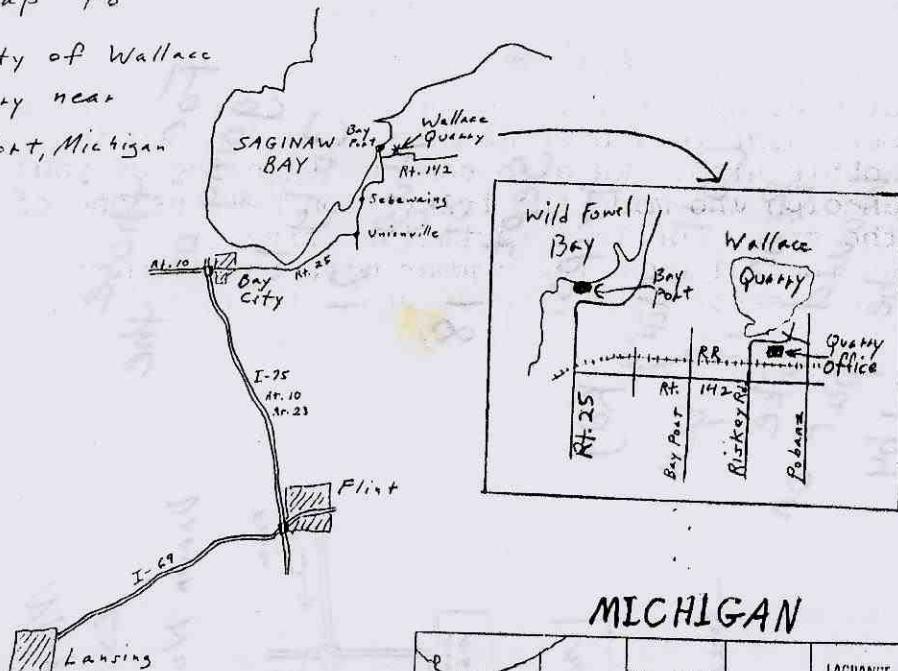
June 17	Regular meeting, <u>OKEMOS SERVICE CENTER</u> on Gaylord Smith Dr., off N. Okemos Rd, just South of the RR PROGRAM: "MANY FACES OF CALCITE"
June 18	Bedford Field Trip
July 17	Maybee Field Trip -- must sign up in advance
July 24	Picnic at the Stevens', Morrison Lake
July 31	Possible field trip, sign up at June meeting or give George Heaton a call
August 21	Maybee Field Trip -- must sign up in advance
Sept. 2	Board meeting at Bettie Patterson's
Sept. 16	Regular Meeting, North School
Sept. 18	Maybee Field trip-- must sign up in advance
Oct. 29-31	OUR SHOW -- CIRCULATE THOSE FLIERS NOW!

## SHOWS, SEMINARS & SWAPS

June 26-27	MGAGS Seminar, Harrison-- Call Red Rogers for info
August 6-8	Ishpeming Swap & Field Trips
August 9-15	MWF Field Trip & Convention, Houghton-- Call Jean Ann Wahl-Piotrowski for info

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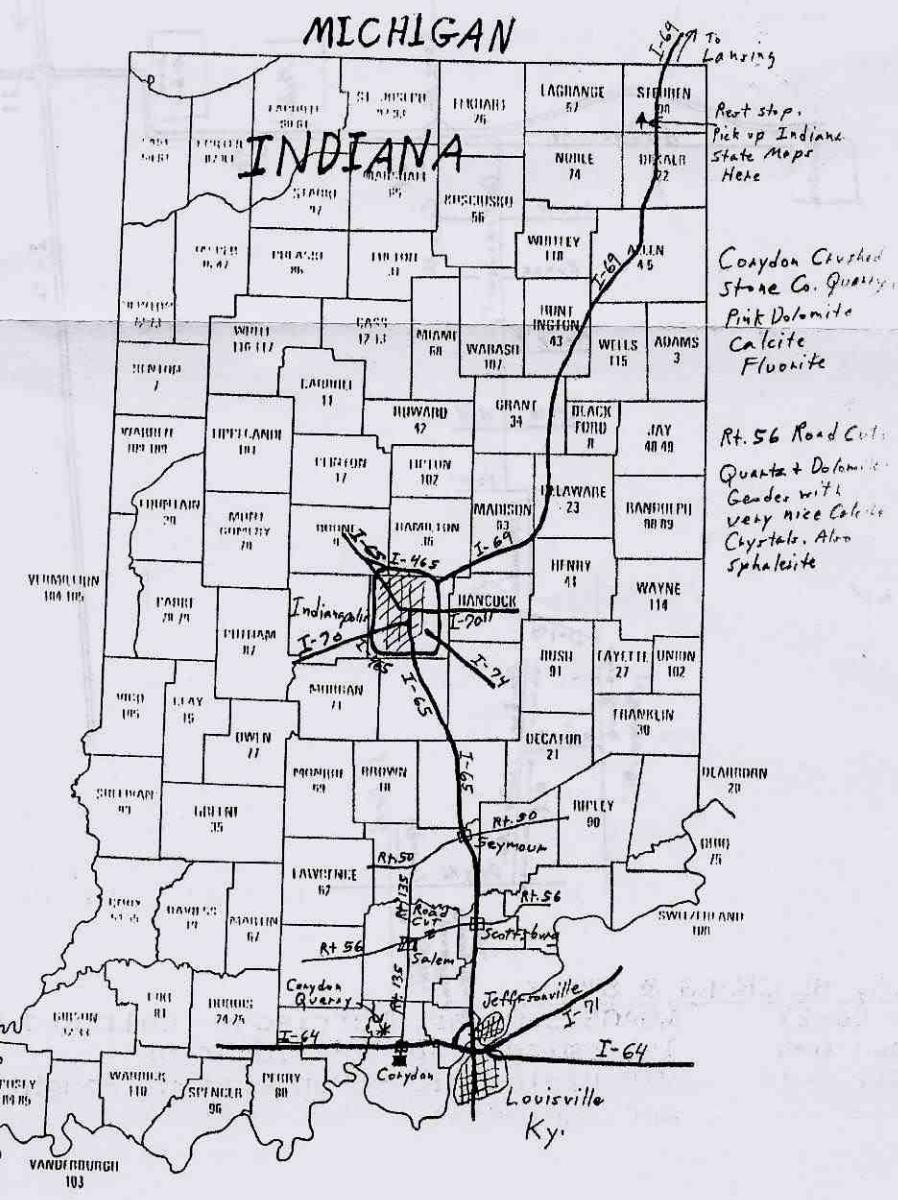
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Map of Maybee Michigan Quarry  
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