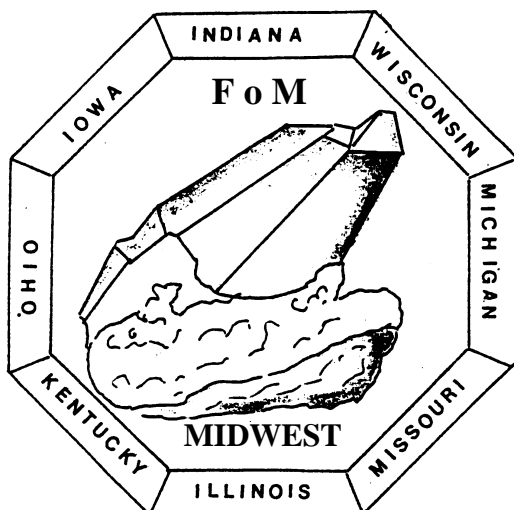


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SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2009, 1:00 PM
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650 W WASHINGTON ST
INDIANAPOLIS, IN
PROGRAM ON GEODES



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SO WHO IS OUR CHAPTER PRESIDENT ?

For those who don't know me, I am BOB HARMAN (HARMAN with an "A"), a retired professional, living in Bloomington, Indiana. As a youngster, I started collecting rocks like many others, picking up calcite cleavages and other colorful rocks in driveway gravels. I also noticed garnet and schorl tourmaline fragments in the rocky outcrops of St. James park in the Bronx section of NYC where I spent my early childhood.

Besides collecting stamps and coins, I casually collected rocks for many years, but upon retiring to this area, I started avidly field collecting Indiana geodes and NW Ohio minerals because this is what is here. I got involved with the local clubs and the FoM as part of the collecting community and as a way of furthering my

Chapter President (Cont'd)

mineralogy education. I live with my loving wife, ANN (who puts up with my large collection); we have 2 married daughters and 2 young grandchildren who "love to come and see Poppa's rocks".

My vision for our chapter of FoM in the tough economic times: Recently, in Cleveland, I was "elected" president of our Midwest Chapter of the FoM. Thank you all for your confidence. As we know, these times present a challenge, even for our hobby. As with investments, it is now not about making money; it is about preserving our money. So it is with the FoM chapter membership; firstly we have to preserve our membership, then we will grow our membership and thrive. Become an **ACTIVE** FoM member. Volunteer for positions and tasks to help the chapter. When asked, write or call your congressmen, sign petitions to further our position in keeping collecting areas open and our hobby of preservation alive and well. And of course attend local shows, symposia, and club meetings. "Ask not what FoM can do for you, but what you can do for your FoM"

FoM has to become lean and efficient in pursuit of our hobby. Even with the recent welcome decline in gasoline prices, can we combine weekends of field trips, meetings, local shows, and possibly a symposium? I think so and will work toward making these weekends a reality. So enjoy your hobby and we all can do our part to make it even more fulfilling in the years ahead.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY,
MIDWEST CHAPTER
November 8, 2009**

The November meeting of the Midwest Chapter of the Friends of Mineralogy was called to order at 3:30 PM at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Because President David Straw could not be present, he had asked Janet Clifford to preside in his absence. She welcomed those in attendance, who were there for the annual Micromineral Symposium. The minutes of the meeting held in Greenfield in September were approved as printed in the newsletter. Treasurer Lorraine Wright had sent a report showing a balance of \$1,020 in the checking account and \$1,681 in the savings account for a total of \$2,701. The report was accepted, subject to audit. She said that the chapter had sent \$200 each to the Indiana State Museum and the Clement Mineral Museum in Kentucky. She reminded members to send in 2009 dues, which are \$15 for the first member in a household and \$10 for each additional member. They should be sent to Lorraine Wright, 5845 Linton Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46220.

Elections were held for the year 2009. Nominees were as follows:

President: Bob Harman
Vice President for Programs: Nelson Schaeffer
Vice President for Field Trips: Ernie Carlson
Secretary for Ohio meetings: Anne Cook
Secretary for other meetings: vacant
Treasurer: Lorraine Wright.

Both Nelson and Lorraine had agreed to serve, but would like to be replaced so volunteers are needed, as one is for secretary for Indiana (and any other) meetings. There were no nominations from the floor, or volunteers to take any of the jobs, and the slate was elected by acclamation.

The next meeting will be on Saturday January 10 at 1 PM at the Indiana State Museum in Indianapolis. Bob Harman will present a program on geodes. The meeting was adjourned at 3:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Anne Cook

PAST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This will be my last message as President; Bob Harman will take over at the next meeting in January. Many thanks to all the officers, chairpersons, editors, symposium leaders, fill-in secretaries and others who did all the work over the last three years. Bob will continue to need your help in order to make the chapter a success.

We still need a permanent Secretary for meetings in Indiana (or someone to cover all meetings). In addition, Nelson Shaffer and Lorraine Wright have agreed to serve as VP-programs and as Treasurer until replacements can be found. If anyone would like to step in and fill any of these openings, please let me or Bob know. If we are to succeed and be able to continue offering field trips, we need greater participation from more of the membership.

We all need to send in our dues for 2009. \$15 for the first member in a household and \$10 each for additional members in the same household. Send to Lorraine Wright, at her new address, 5845 Linton Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46220.

Happy holidays, and I'll see you at the next meeting. It will be at the Indiana State Museum in Indianapolis, Saturday, January 10 at 1:00PM. Bob Harman will show his selection of geodes that will be put on display at the museum.

Dave Straw

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, January 10, 2009 at 1:00 PM at the Indiana State Museum, 650 W Washington, St, Indianapolis, IN. Program will be on geodes Plan now to attend

ON THE MARKET

For sale - Indiana geodes - Medium grade. If interested call Bob Harman (812) 337-8994 or see him at next meeting, January 10th in Indianapolis.

RAMBLES ON CYCLES

Bicycles, tricycles, motorcycles, 60 secs in minute, four seasons, ad infinitum. Life is made of cycles. The New Year is generally the end of numerous cycles and the beginning new ones. Such it is with our organization. We have replaced some officers and need to sincerely thank them for their service. We also need to thank those continuing to serve, in various capacities, for their efforts. We likewise need to welcome and support the incoming ones.

In order to maintain a viable organization **you** need to participate. Participation can be in many forms even as simple as suggesting new programs for meetings; new locations for collecting trips; new topics for possible symposia; or submitting items for this newsletter. You can also help make this organization more viable by stepping up to serve as an officer or to assist an officer. Elsewhere herein two of our longtime members have asked to be replaced and there is a published vacancy. **WHY NOT CYCLE IN NOW? ? ? ?** Ed.

**FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY, MIDWEST CHAPTER
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

Dues are for calendar year Jan1 through Dec 31

Dues should be paid by January 15th

Dues must be current to participate in FoM Chapter activities

Annual dues currently \$15 for individual member. \$10 each additional family member

NAME _____

ADD'TL FAMILY MEMBER NAMES _____

ADDRESS _____

Street City State Zip

TELEPHONE _____ **E-MAIL** _____

Commercial Mineral Dealer? Yes ___ No ___ Company Name _____

CLUB NEWSLETTER VIA E-MAIL? YES ___ NO ___

TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS _____ **TOTAL REMITTANCE \$** _____

MORE CHURCH NOTICES

By Diane Horneber

Announcement for a National Prayer & Fasting Conference - "The cost for attending the Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals"

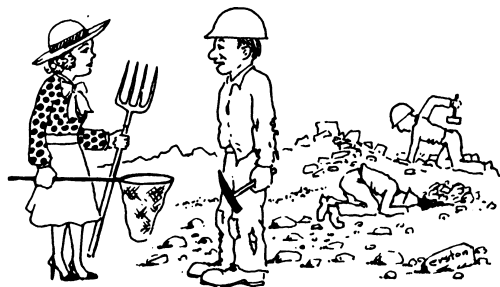
Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands.

The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.

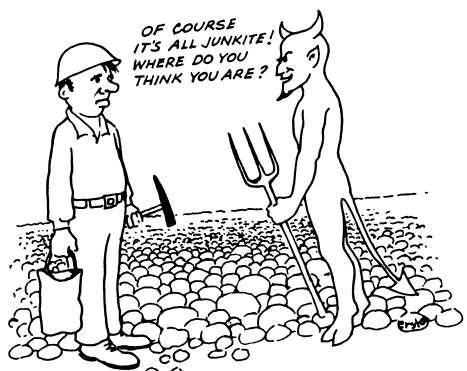
The sermon this morning "Jesus Walks on the Water". The sermon tonight "Searching For Jesus".

From Hidden Treasures via MGAGS Fall 2002

YOU'VE NEVER BEEN ON A FIELD TRIP BEFORE, HAVE YOU ?



OF COURSE IT'S ALL JUNKITE! WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU ARE ?



By Erston Barnhart, Rock Buster News, Central Pa Rock & Min Club