

MMRC Club Bulletin



Prehnite Michigan U.P.

Photo Courtesy of Mike Streeter.

Upcoming Field Trips!

Saturday April 28th Join MMRC as they travel to **Arkona Ontario** to dig in the fossil-rich Devonian formation of **Hungry Hollow**. This 350 million year old exposure can yield many corals, crinoids, brachiopods and 3 species of trilobites. This rich site is world famous for its varied prehistoric fauna. Don't forget, you will need either an enhanced driver's license or a passport to enter and leave Canada.

Please Contact **Joe Kchodl** at paleojoe@charter.net for more details or to sign up for either of these events.

Saturday May 19th Dig with the Experts. MMRC members will be traveling to **Hamburg, New York** to dig the trilobite-rich Devonian deposits of the **Penn Dixie Quarry**. You are guaranteed to find Phacops trilobites and if you do not find several, you just are not looking!

There is a nominal fee payable to Penn Dixie Quarry but you will receive membership to their club with rights to return later.

March Event Calendar

• March 6th 6:30 pm
General business
meeting at CNC

7:00 pm Regular
Meeting

• March 10th Mine
Safety Class

• March 10th & 24th
Open Houses at Various
Sites

MMRC Mission Statement

The purpose of the MMRC is to provide both social and educational opportunities for our members and the public who are interested in geology, fossils, minerals and the lapidary arts.

MSHA Mine Safety Course March 10th

9:30 – 4:00 Chippewa Nature Center

If you plan on participating in an upcoming field trip that takes place in a quarry, gravel pit or other similar collecting locality you will need to take a mine safety course.

For more details or to register

Please Contact tmiddle@greatlakesunderground.com





Phacops from Penn Dixie Site

MMRC LOGO CONTEST!!!

The Mid-Michigan Rock Club is looking for some creative individuals to design a logo for our club. We need a logo that can be placed on shirts and hats that we can wear to show off our club affiliation when we are at other meetings or collecting with other clubs.

So crank up your design juice and help us come up with a logo that we can proudly wear!

Please submit your logo designs to the Mid-Michigan Rock Club by going to www.midlandrockclub.com. Final day for entries is April 15th.

After the entry deadline, the submissions will be reviewed and club members will select the winning design. The designer of the winning logo will agree to release copyright and all ownership of their design to MMRC.

The winning designer will get a free 1 year membership (2013) in the Mid-Michigan Rock Club and a T-shirt utilizing their logo design!

Ways & Means Chair
Dale Foster

You might be a Rock-hound....

- The sign on the side of the road says "Falling Rock" and you pull over to wait.
- Someone talks about cleavage and you don't think about women.
- You think the primary function of road cuts is tourist attractions.
- You associate the name "Franklin" with New Jersey instead of "Ben".
- You find yourself compelled to examine individual rocks in driveway gravel.
- You're planning on using a pick and shovel while you're on vacation.
- You still think pet rocks are a pretty neat idea.
- You have ever wondered how far the dealer underestimated the towing capacity of your truck.

Celebrate St. Paddy's Day early! Bring a Green Rock to the Next Meeting!



Prehnite – $H_2Ca_2Al_2(SiO_4)_3$

Color – Light green, white, gray

Hardness 6-6.5

S.G. 2.80-2.95

Localities – Lake Superior Region, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts

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Newsletter Submissions

Have something that you would like to see in an upcoming newsletter? Submit ideas or material to, tmiddle@greatlakesunderground.com



This spot patiently waiting for the new club logo.....

Auditor's Needed!!!

Have you been looking for a way to be more involved with the club but not wanting to commit to a full term in some committee? Be an auditor! The club still needs another person to help look over the books for 2011. If you can spare just a couple hours to help incriminate Joe Powers for embezzlement we can get him sentenced to 30 days on the chain gang busting rocks! Is that really punishment though? Sounds more like a Bruce Baker vacation..... ☺



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