



MMRC

Club Bulletin



Presidents Message,

It may be a little premature, but welcome to spring! I know it's still March here in Michigan and that means at any moment it could still drop six inches of snow, but I'm keeping my fingers crossed and have brazenly put away the snow shovels for the season. More importantly, I have been out in the field and collected my first piece for the season! I traveled to the Hartley Nature Center on a tip from Joe Kchodl and received permission from them to allow our group to come collect from their tailing piles. After a brief tour from the director Jim Blaschka I quickly scoped out the collecting opportunities and in fifteen minutes had easily found a small group of Pennsylvanian fossils which I brought back to show the club at our April meeting. Our field trip is arranged for April 28th to replace the Arkona trip that was cancelled. I'm pretty excited to have something so close to home on such short notice.

Even more exciting, is that between your willingness to become MSHA trained, and Joe Kchodl's good standing in the mining/aggregate community, we have been granted access to the Calcite Quarry in Rogers City! This is the kind of event that reaching just a little bit farther than normal can make available. Great Job everyone!

One last parting thought. We have numerous speakers this year most of which are coming from outside the club. New speakers are great because it keeps the meetings fresh with new ideas and topics that we wouldn't normally produce from within the club. The down side is I (we) don't always get the opportunity to hear about what you are knowledgeable in or working on. You could share some of that experience with the rest of us by writing a short article or essay on the topic of your choice. Trip reports, lapidary tricks, information about a favorite mineral or collecting site, safety, etcetera. I would be happy to include it in this periodical.

Thanks and Happy Rock Hounding!

Tim Middleton

April Event **Calendar**

- April 3rd 6:30 pm
General business meeting @ CNC
- 7:00 p.m. Regular club meeting
- April 28th
Hartley Nature Center Field Trip

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

Upcoming MSHA Training Classes near You!

Mine & Quarry Safety Training Course with Dr. John Lindsay Sponsored by The Roamin Club of Livonia

Date: April 13, 2012
Time: 9:30 am to 5:30 pm
Location: Northville Montessori Center, 15709 Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI. 48170
Cost: \$62.00 (includes pizza lunch, snack & beverage)
Open to: All Midwest Federation Club affiliated members
Contact: Todd Gall
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Wondering where to find some of that information that's disappeared from the regular presentation meeting? Webmaster Joe sez....

1. Meeting and BOD minutes from last month are on the club website within two weeks of the meeting.
2. The club's financial information is posted on the website the Sunday before each program meeting.
3. Remember to check out the club's website, www.midlandrockclub.com. Look at the Home Page, What's New, and the Programs Page to find new information.

April Shows

5-7: WYOMING, MI 38th Annual Show, Indian Mounds Rock and Mineral Club, Rogers Plaza Town Center, 28th St. 1/4 Mile West of US 131, Thurs & Fri 9:30AM-9:00PM, Sat 9:00AM-8:00PM Contact: John Donker, jjredon65@sbcglobal.net, 616-457-0556, info www.indianmoundsrockclub.com

20-22: ROSEVILLE, MI Macomb County/Mt. Clemens Gem & Lapidary Society, Gem, Mineral, & Jewelry Show, Roseville Recreation Center, 18185 Sycamore, Fri 9-7, Sat 10-7, 11-4, Contact Jacquie Swain (313) 469-7868, E-mail jacsSwain018@aol.com

20 -21: BENTON HARBOR, MI The Blossomland Gem and Mineral Society - Rock and Gem Show at Orchard's Mall, 1800 Pipestone Rd., (near I-94) Sat. 10 - 7, Sun. 11 - 4 Contact: Andrew Green, rock_club@comcast.net



Executive Board

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Show Committee:	Deb Acord
Education & Outreach:	temp - Cheryl Roggenbuck
Junior Membership:	Cheryl Roggenbuck
Field Trip:	Joe Kchodl & Bruce Baker
Way & Means:	Dale Foster

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MMRC Logo

There is still time to get that logo submitted! Design and enter a logo by April 15th and win the first T-shirt with the MMRC logo on it and a free year membership to the club. Entries may be submitted by email, drawn by hand, or even painted on a cave wall with a burnt stick.

Please submit your entry to
dale989@sbcglobal.net

Or bring them to the club meeting.

If you do decide to scratch a design on a cave wall you will be responsible for moving the cave in and out by yourself. MMRC will not be responsible for any caves left behind after the meeting.

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