

# SEPTEMBER

## GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT!

Summer is almost over and it's time to get back to work again for most of us. Thank goodness, I don't have to go back to work - maybe I shouldn't say that because I work harder now than I did when I was working for C & J, I think. One thing I can say for sure is that we have had one of the best summers that we have ever had. I hope everyone had as much fun as we had. We went to the Midwest Show in Lincoln, Neb., and saw one of the biggest and best shows that we have ever seen. We went early so that we could visit, and that we did. We met and visited with lots of other friends and made a lot of new ones and saw some of the best displays that we have ever seen.

Then we came home with a truck loaded to the gills with new rock to cut for the shop. I have run my saws almost day and night since we got back. We then did a show in Wisconsin, came home and got ready to go to Bedford, Ind. to the rock swap. We left home early so that we could do a little rock and fossil hunting when we got there, and that we did. Had a lot of fun swapping and buying and selling. They had the swap in a different building this year. We met a lot of friends, did a lot of visiting, and almost hated to come home, but we had to. By the way, before we went to Bedford, we bought a new truck. The other one was just worn out - it only had 130,000 mi. on it. We had trouble all the way to Wisconsin and back, and that just about made us sick. The new truck runs and pulls a load like a charm. Sure was a pleasure to drive to Indiana and back.

I hope you folks keep in mind that we have a big show coming before long and will have a lot of goodies for the Children's Table and Silent Auction, and have a lot of stories to tell about your summer.

William Rogers, President

FIELD TRIP - We have a field trip planned to Rogers City on September 21 at 9:00 AM. As this trip is the Saturday after our first meeting, we would appreciate your phoning us - 482-885 - if you are planning to go. We have to notify the United States Steel Corp., a week in advance, the number of people that are to be there. We MUST enter the quarry as a group! There is camping at P.H. Hoeft State Park five miles northwest of Rogers City on US-23.

Milo Hillis, Field Trip Chairman

SAFETY - Well, summer is over and I'm sure everyone has brought home lots of good specimens from those fine field trips the club has sponsored, as well as vacation collecting. I know you are all anxious to put this material on display, but before you start cleaning it, take a little time to think of your safety. Remember, a stone chip can do just as much damage in your own home as it can do in the quarry, so if you are breaking up any specimens, be sure and wear your safety glasses. When cleaning your specimens with acid, it's a good idea to wear rubber gloves, and be sure to work in a well ventilated area. In fact, it's a good idea to wear glasses to protect your eyes any time you work with acid.

I hope everyone is planning to go on the field trip Milo has planned for us this month. Not only will we get to go into a very large quarry, we will also get to visit our wonderful Michigan north country, which is always very beautiful and uncrowded by late September. Before you go, be sure to sharpen all those chisels you have worn down this summer and check over all your other equipment to be sure it is in tip-top condition. See you at Rogers City!

Jay Lamson, Safety Chairman