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The Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society is a non-profit organization, meeting to promote interest and increased knowledge in the fields of mineralogy, geology, paleontology and the lapidary arts. It was organized in May, 1957.

Meeting place: North School, 333 E. Miller Rd, Lansing MI

Meeting date: Third Thursday, except in July and August

Meeting time: 7:30 pm; doors are open at 7:00 pm

Annual dues: Adults \$5.00, Students \$1.00

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NOVEMBER 16 MEETING: Election of Officers

MINERAL OF MONTH: Rutile

PROGRAM: "What We Do"

REFRESHMENTS: We will eat up leftovers from show hospitality!!

NOVEMBER PROGRAM - "WHAT WE DO" - Ed Drown

Well folks, this month's program is "by the members, for the members". I want all of you to think about what you do (and what you want to start doing) in relation to OUR club. There are many areas of interest that I want you to think about:

Minerals: Collecting, Identification, Michigan Minerals, Fluorite, Calcite, etc...

Fluorescent Minerals

Fossils: Collecting, Identification, Trilobites, Dinos, etc...

Jewelry/Lapidary: Facting, Cabachons, Wire-wrapping, ...

Archeology: Arrowheads, Indian Relics

Meteorites

Mining: History, Relics,

Museums

and anything else you can think of ...

If you want to talk about your special area of interest, bring in whatever you need for visual aids and be ready to talk. That's it, just a quick show-and-tell.

When everybody has had a chance to speak, we'll break for the social hour and everyone will have a chance to circulate and chew the fat.

Just because you stand up and talk, you will not have to start a group or head a committee. I want people to find others with like interests and perhaps find out more about who we are, what we do and what can be done to make the club a bigger asset for the members.

GEORGE HEATON'S REPORT

Our field trip for October was our 35th Annual Gem and Mineral Show on Oct. 27-29. It was another successful show and field trip with lots of nice things to see in the exhibits and on the dealer tables. Lots of rocks were sold on both the Children's Table. George Heaton and his brother did quite well on the swap table.

I want to thank all those people who helped at the Children's Table. They gave me lots of time to go eat food, go to pot, go look at stuff at the dealers' tables and exhibits. Thank you to those who moved stuff from and back again to Grit and Alice's place for storage, and helped set up and break down the Children's Table. Thanks again to everyone.

There will be no field trips for November and December and January. The next field trip will probably be to the Michigan Natural Storage Co. in Grand Rapids in February. That traditionally has been our first real field trip of the year.

BOARD NEWS (jawp)

** Mary Kay Bean will fill in as corresponding secretary while Connie is on vacation. If you know of anyone who needs a greeting, please let Mary Kay know.

** A committee to examine our club constitution has been established: Gordon Lewis, Alan Hukill, Bettie Patterson, Jean Ann Wahl-Piotrowski, Mary Gowans.

** We are running low on door prizes for club meetings. If you have a donation, please get it to Grit Turner.

***The children of Grit and Alice Turner invite you to share with them
in a 50th wedding anniversary celebration at
Robbins United Methodist Church***

***6419 Bunker Rd
Eaton Rapids Mi.***

Sun. Nov. 26

2pm-5pm

Your presence is desired. Please no other gifts.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS (jawp)

A welcome back to Squire Jaros. Squire's interests include archaeology, fossils, geology, mineralogy, tumbling and collecting. His address: 1619 River Terrace Dr., East Lansing MI 48823; 337-0384; llal_csrame@aol.com.

We also have three new members.

Frederick Andrews, 712 Mason Hills Drive, Mason MI 48854-1284; 224-0623.

Interests: archaeology, flourescents, fossils, geology, lapidary crafts, mineralogy.

Christine Juroszek, 5809 Bayonne, Haslett MI 48840; 339-8628; cjuroszek@aol.com

Interests: carving, fossils, geology, lapidary crafts, mineralogy, art.

John Juroszek, 3206 Melody Lane #47, Lansing MI 48912; 337-1467.

Interests: archaaeology, fossils, geology, mineralogy, writing, reading & old movies.

I received an e-mail from Mary Ann Smith, written at 2 a.m.! Yes, she is very busy with work and wishes to send her greetings to our membership. She sends the following news of Ann - Marie whom I'm sure many of us remember:

"Ann-Marie and her husband are back in the states after she spent a year in Poland with him, waiting till he wrote his thesis and got his spousal visa to come here. Michal has a master in biology with a concentration in molecular biology and is looking for work down in AA2 where she has gone back to school. Ann-Marie is now concentrating her efforts in Russian and Eastern European Studies, and speaks Polish like a native. She also works in the department part-time so get to meet people like Vaslov Pavel, etc. They want to go back and become part of the new Poland. She doesn't dance much anymore, but is still tiny like a little girl...."

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AT NOVEMBER MEETING

The proposed slate is as follows:

President	Ed Drown
Vice-President	Larry Bourland
Recording Secretary	Mary Gowans
Treasurer	Alan Hukill
Corresponding Sec.	Connie Snapp
2 Year Director:	Milt Gere
3 Year Director:	Alice Turner

Other nominations are welcome the night of the election; however, you must have the permission of the person you are nominating.

HOSPITALITY THANK YOU (jawn)

A big thank you to everyone who helped out with our show hospitality. This was a wonderful example of a job made easier by many people pitching in to help. I appreciate the generosity of everyone that brought in a donation of food or loaned their crock-pot, thanks to you we had more than enough to eat! Thanks to everyone who picked up after themselves or others to keep the place reasonably tidy.

I need to extend a special thank you to a few folks who went above & beyond:

Neil & Connie Snapp for largely tackling the pre-show clean up of the dungeon.

Lee Laylin for making the barbecue beef for Saturday.

Melissa (Tuchowski) Carswell for making enough taco dip to feed Coxy's army.

Lindsey Monroe, Jonathen Gere, Darren Tuchowski & Rebekah Tuchowski—our esteemed junior members—who were invaluable as they cleaned, organized, and prepared food & drinks. These kids are great workers and we can all be proud of them.

CENTRAL MICHIGAN LAPIDARY & MINERAL SOCIETY
TREASURER'S REPORT
OCTOBER 1, 2000 - OCTOBER 31, 2000

BALANCE ON HAND(10-01-00)
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT(7-16-01)
COMERICA BANK SAVINGS
COMERICA BANK CHECKING
TOTAL

\$12236.87
7281.17
286.16
\$19804.20

RECEIPTS:
DUES
DONATION
SHOW CHANGE
SHOW RECEIPTS
INTEREST (SAVINGS)
TOTAL

118.00
10.00
1700.00
9867.75
29.76
11725.51

DISBURSEMENTS
SHOW CHANGE
LIBRARY
HOSPITALITY
PROGRAM
PUBLICATIONS
2000 SHOW
TOTAL

1700.00
90.00
32.40
50.00
118.65
569.51
2560.56

BALANCE ON HAND(10-31-00)
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT(7-16-01)
COMERICA BANK SAVINGS
COMERICA BANK CHECKING
TOTAL

\$12236.87
13776.43
2955.85
\$28969.15

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

ALAN HUKILL, TREASURER

FIELD TRIPS offered in Illinois and Indiana

The Illinois State Geological Survey (ISGS) and Lost River Conservation Association (LRCA) are two organizations that offer no cost, guided field trips - several times each year.

ISGS schedules two trips, each spring and fall. This year, both are 'educational' trips to areas where there is no collecting. In previous years, depending on the locations, participants were able to collect specimens of mineral or fossil materials. By the time you read this it probably is too late to participate in the fall trips (September 23 and October 28th) to Illinois Beach State Park - Zion Area, to learn about the Lake Michigan sand dunes and their 4,000 years of history. But in the spring, (April 14 and May 12, 2001) you can visit the Garden of the Gods Recreation Area in southern Illinois where 320 million years of geology are preserved in the Shawnee National Forest. As participants hike the trails, they will learn about the numerous geologic periods exposed within the area,

significant formations, including Mississippian bedrock abundant with marine fossils and various ecosystems - some which have persisted since preglacial times.

For more information about these trips or to be put on the mailing list for future trips, call ISGS at (217)333-4747 or 244-2427 [TDD(217)-782-99175] OR visit <http://www.isgs.uiuc.edu>

Lost River Conservation Association (LRCA) offers three tours of Indiana's Lost River Karst (cave) System each year. The all day trips begin in Orleans, Indiana and include an orientation and driving tour of significant portions and features of the Lost River, which is unique and has a rich heritage.

To be placed on the mailing list for event notices, send a written communication to: LRCA, c/o Robert Armstrong, Chairman, 3101 Washington Blvd., Indianapolis IN 46205

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LIFE IS A GREAT BIG CANVAS. Throw all the paint you can on it.

Test for Topaz

Quartz and topaz are not easy to separate by eye, and sometimes impossible when the quartz is true topaz color. There is a big difference in price between the two, and anyone describing quartz and topaz, however innocently, may well be in trouble.

Topaz is quite a different mineral which is harder than quartz. Because of this, a drop of water will not spread on topaz, but will spread on quartz. Clean the stone as effectively as possible with a cloth or handkerchief to remove all traces of grease. It must be dry before the test. Then place a spot of clean water on it with a thin glass or metal rod.

On stones with a hardness of less than seven on the Mohs scale, the water is dispersed. On harder stones it will remain as a globule. The harder the stone, the more rounded will be the globule of water.

Flint Gemstones 9/2000

Via The Narrows News 9/10 2000, Gem Cutters News 2/96, Crack & Cab 8/98. The Rock Collector 9/98

THAT WAS STUPID!! by Mel Albright, AFMS Safety Chair, AFMS Newsletter 9/2000

Did you ever find yourself hurt and saying to yourself "That was stupid!!" Welcome to the rest of us. But, why do we do stupid things - things we know better than to do? Things that common sense would tell us would go wrong?

One of the most common causes of an accident or injury is complacency. We're doing something we've done tens or hundreds of times before. Nothing has ever gone wrong. So, we disengage our brains and think about something more interesting. Then "WHAM", our attention is grabbed. Something went wrong and we had an accident.

This is how we lose eyes and fingers. This is how we get run over. This is how we get conked on the head by a boulder. This is how we burn the *&%!%&*&% out of ourselves. This is how we drive in front of an 18 wheeler. This is how we break our finest rock. This is how rocks go flying around the shop. This is how...(finish it yourself).

One of my favorite stories is told by a safety expert on PBS who also is a great Cajun cook. He heard that a machinist has lost a finger by getting it caught in a machine. So, on his next inspection trip, the safety expert slowly approached the machinist - talking to others on the way. He can tell the man really doesn't want a safety man around. When he gets there he says "Whoeeey , I hear you lost a finger. How in the world did you go and do a thing like that?" The machinist reaches toward his machine and says "Like this." - and loses another finger.

So, how to avoid complacency? For a start, let's consider an airplane pilot. They have a list of things to check and do in a set order. So, from the time they approach the airplane, they follow the list and continue following it until after they finish at their last stop. A waste of time? Not if they are flying you or yours. You don't want them to forget ANYTHING!!

So, think through the things you do routinely. Recognize where something might go wrong. Take steps to stay safe time after time - yes using a list if you can. When safety is a habit, we're all happier.

How might it work? Let's say you are making cabs. You might touch the grinding wheel with a finger. Consider how you hold the dop. You might find the stone flying off the dop. Are you wearing eye guards? Apply this thinking through the whole process of making a cab. Then figure out how to be safe from those problems. How about your driving? Do you change lanes without looking over your shoulder? Do you stretch yellow lights? Do you brake late and find yourself pushing hard to avoid hitting the car in front? Do you drive around with a cell phone? Do you get impatient and pull in front of approaching traffic?

I'll bet every one of us has done every one of these through complacency about driving a vehicle. Think safety!! Plan what you going to do and look for troubles that may come up. Figure out how to avoid them. Then practice your new safe method - every time.

A LITTLE LAUGH FROM THE PROSPECTOR, OCT. 2000

My mother taught me *how to become an adult*: "If you don't eat your vegetables you'll never grow up."

My mother taught me about *genetics*: "You are just like your father!"

My mother taught me about *my roots*: "Do you think you were born in a barn?"

My mother taught me about *the wisdom of age*: "When you get to be my age, you will understand."

My mother taught me about *anticipation*: "Just wait until your father gets home."

My mother taught me about *receiving*: "You are going to get it when we get home."

And the all-time favorite thing—*justice*: "One day you will have kids and I hope they turn out just like you, then you'll see what it's like."

Author Unkown, via Rockytier 3/00 & Glacial Drifter 9/00

FROM THE ROSTER ROOSTER -- Wayne Zittel

NOW is the time of year to pay your **dues**. Please do so promptly, so our directory can be published promptly!

NOW is also a good time to order a **name badge** if you would like one! Orders are placed only twice a year.

DUES: Adults \$5.00

Student's under age 18 \$1.00

NAME BADGE: \$7.00 (includes club logo triangle & name plate)

Complete the form below and return with your check to Wayne Zittel at the meeting or via mail: 3401 Walker, Lansing MI 48906

Yes, I/we wish to renew my/our membership in CML&MS for the year 2000.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City & State _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

I would like to order a name badge for \$ _____

Check enclosed for \$ _____