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November 2, 1966

Fellow Rockhounds:

My heartiest congratulations to all of the Club on the splendid cooperation by all members, and particularly to General Chairman, Wm. Arend and his committee chairman, for the staging and production of the recent Rocks-A-Go-Go Show which was a real success from the attendance standpoint, its wide and beautiful range of displays and exhibits, also the smooth running operation from start to finish, its many new members and, finally a real good point -- we made a nice profit.

I also wish to express the extreme gratitude of the club and its members to all participating surrounding Clubs and their members for their fine cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely,

O. G. (Doc) Langham, President

The club extends sympathy to Mr. Floyd Castelein, whose wife, Elnora, passed away October 26, 1966. Both Mr. and Mrs. Castelein have been club members several years.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Nov. 9 . . . Workshop at Oscar Puryear's
- Nov. 12-13 . Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society Show, Ft. Wayne, Ind.
- Nov. 17 . . . Regular Meeting
- Nov. 19-20 . Hancock County Geol. Society Show, Findlay, Ohio
- Dec. 7 Workshop, place to be announced at Nov. 17 meeting.

(Howard Langham) (Chairman)
(and from me, too - Margaret)

WORKSHOP - The workshop group meeting was scheduled for November 9 at Oscar Puryear's house. Polishing cabs was the activity of this evening, with work for both beginner and experienced workman. The next meeting date is set for December 7. Topic and place will be announced at the November 17 meeting. Since these meetings are held during the second week of the month, when the Newsletter is being printed, your best information on these will be given at the regular meetings. Call Oscar if you wish to know more.

FIELD TRIPS - With winter near, basement field trips are in order. If you would like to host such an open house let Lloyd Conklin know.

Lloyd reports that there were over 500 grab bags made up ahead of the show, and that approximately 50 were made up at the show. He wishes to thank everyone who helped on this project, both ahead of time and during the show.

FOSSILS - John Hopkins thanks all those who helped to fill this case at the show. About twelve families contributed specimens.

MEMBERSHIP-- Clarence and Cora Engberh wish to thank all those who loaned slides for the showing of club activities. They were kept busy at the show answering inquires and supplying application blanks for membership. Forty new applications were approved by the board at its recent meeting, most of these being received at the show. The names of these new members are given below.

Jack and Blanche Krider, Okemos	Perry Converse, Lansing
Marilyn Burnworth, Lansing	Frank Scriptor, Laingsburg
Cleon Rumbough, DeWitt	James and Shirley Kurtz, Grand Ledge
Kenneth and Mabel Maxwell, Lansing	Edith Hilsenbeck, Eaton Rapids
Hualah and Denise Smith, Lansing	Randy Bellinger, Mason
Ron Church, Lansing	William and Bessie Rogers, St. Johns
George Mitchell, Lansing	Kenneth and Keven Kurtz, Williamston
Howard Cheney, DeWitt	Elsie Vettraino, DeWitt
Albert Pendell, E. Lansing	Maxine Laxton, Dansville
Raymond Walker, Lansing	Dorothy Lund, Lansing
Ann Paterson, Lansing	Jane Birckelbaw, South Lyon
Gordon Brockhaven, Lansing	R. Craig Boatman, Lansing
Jack and Ruth Flood, Mason	Richard, Alison, Gary, and
Stephen Bradford, Lansing	Barbara Northrup, Lansing
Dorothy Niimoto, Lansing	Joseph and Katie Hornbeck, Lansing

Welcome to our newcomers!

Among the other thank-yous being voiced at this time, it would seem in order for the general membership of the society to express its appreciation to the people whose vision and hard work gave the club the fun and satisfaction of putting on its first show: to Coc Langham, who dared to propose this first attempt; to Bill Arend, the general chairman of the show; to all his chairmen and their committees; and to all who supported and assisted their efforts. We can be justly proud of the results of this cooperation.

What a wonderful way, for a man and his wife
 To enjoy together a carefree life.
 So if you see us going by
 Give us a hail, call out a "Hi!"
 And we'll put on the pot to brew
 Then sit and chat a while with you
 And maybe when your work is thru
 You'd like to be a gypsy too.

Two words we never heard -- "You're Fired"
 We beat 'em to it
 We retired.

Charles and Roberta Wight, Stratford, Conn.

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TOPAZ, THE NOVEMBER BIRTHSTONE

--Arthur Krave

Topaz, which next to aquamarine is the best known semi-precious gem mineral, is a good example of a rock forming silicate that owes its origin to rather unusual conditions operating when the rock was in the process of formation. Crystals of topaz are usually found in the openings or cavities in fire-formed rocks and were formed by the action of hot acid vapors rich in fluorine upon the aluminum silicates that were largely present in the feldspars of these rocks.

The best known color among gem varieties of topaz is a lively yellow color (or wine color). Most of the wine yellow topaz comes from Brazil. Stones of a lighter yellow are from Ceylon; light green and light blue topaz is found in Russia, and light watery blue gem stones are from Japan. Colorless topaz comes from Ceylon, Russia, Japan, Mexico, Germany and the United States.

The specific gravity of topaz is practically constant. It varies very little from 3.53.

Yellow stones that might be mistaken for yellow topaz with their respective specific gravities are:

Corundum (fancy sapphire)	4.03
Quartz	2.66
Zircon	4.20

Topaz, with a hardness of 8, is one of the hardest of our gemstones.

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A Crackerbarrel Session was held Saturday afternoon during the show at the Armory. Thirty seven members of the boards of various clubs were present. The group was welcomed by our president, O.G. Langham, who then turned the meeting over to Russ Greer, the Michigan First Vice-President of the Midwest Federation. Cooperation and communication, locally and between clubs, was discussed.

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Anyone overstocked with Petoskey stones? The Jenkins' are in need of a supply, and will be glad to swap with you for other material.

New members - old members, too- may like to be reminded that two magazines dealing with our interest make club offers of special subscription rates. Gems and Minerals gives a discount to the certified club member who subscribes through the group. The Lapidary Journal gives clubs a special discount for subscriptions sent in by the club. Inquire of Bill Edwards for details.

The Three Rivers Gem and Mineral Society is sponsoring a Gem and Mineral Show on Nov. 12, 10 to 10, and Nov. 13, 10 to 7, at the National Guard Armory 330 S. Clinton St., Fort Wayne, Indiana

The Hancock County Geological Society is presenting its first annual Rock and Mineral Show Nov. 19 and 20 at Findlay, Ohio, next to the Postoffice.



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