

# ROCK CHATTER

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Plate Tectonics by Dr. Tom Hegna  
Monday, May 7, 2018, 7:00 p.m.  
Tillman Hall, WIU Campus, Macomb

## ALLUVIUM - May, 2018

Let's hope this bit of a warming trend continues! It has been so miserably cold here the past month that it began to seem never-ending.

Folks going to the show in Canton this weekend-and I will be going later today prior to disc golf league-will have conditions much nicer than the crowds at GESCI.

In May, we will meet at Tilman Hall at WIU for our meeting and program. Tilman will open early to view the displays and the program will be first thing at 7 and

will be presented by Dr. Hegna from the geology department. He is doing his program on plate tectonics for us and I hope we can get a good bunch of people to come out.

Invite friends to come along if they have any interest at all in this "moving" topic!

We will have a short business meeting and hear about any updates from our show in March after the program.

See you on May 7th at 6:30 (Tilman Hall open) for our 7pm program and meeting.

Stay warm as needed until then.

*Rob*

*Welcome Spring!*



The Tar Heel Gem & Mineral Club in Raleigh, North Carolina hosted the AFMS Convention on April 6-8, 2018. The AFMS Meetings will be held on Thursday, April 5 Monday, April 9, a field trip to a mine at Hiddenite will be held for several minerals including emeralds.

In 2019, the MWF hosts the AFMS in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on March 23-24, 2019, in conjunctions with the MWF Convention and the Cedar Valley show.



## News from the Midwest Federation

The MWF spring meeting of the executive committee is being hosted by the Kalamazoo Geological and Mineralogical Society, Kalamazoo, Michigan, on May 5.

The 2018 MWF Convention will be hosted by LOESS in Springfield, Illinois, October 5-6, 2018. We hope to see good attendance. Plans are being made for a special field trip to Funk's Prairie Home and Mineral Museum as well as another field trip to be announced.



## News from Geodeland Earth Science Clubs, Inc.

The Geodeland Picnic is scheduled for June 16 at the park in Rochester, Illinois. There will be an opportunity to swap (sell) some of your extra rocks and minerals after the morning Board of Directors meeting. Meat and beverages will be provided. If you plan to attend, please let Tony Kapta know so the club can purchase enough meat. His e-mail is [cigmc@comcast.net](mailto:cigmc@comcast.net). Everyone needs to bring table service and a dish or two to pass (depending on how many in your group).

The picnic is for members of Geodeland Clubs only.

## **2018 SHOW CALENDAR**

4-6: KALAMAZOO, MI Kalamazoo Geological & Mineral Society Annual Show. Fri 4-8 pm; Sat 10 am - 6 pm; Sun 10 am - 5 pm. Kalamazoo County Expo Center, 2900 Lake St., Kalamazoo.

5: NORTH LITTLE ROCK, AR Central Arkansas Gem, Mineral & Geology Society Rock Swap. 9 am - 4 pm. Elder Johnson Pavilion, Burns Park, North Little Rock.

5-6: MARSHFIELD, WI Heart of Wisconsin Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show. Sat 10 am - 5 pm; Sun 10 am - 4 pm. Marshfield High School Fieldhouse, 1401 E. Becker Rd., Marshfield.

5-6: BRAINERD, MN Cuyuna Rock, Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show. Sat 9 am - 5 pm; Sun 10 am - 4 pm. Crow Wing County Fairgrounds, 2000 SE 13th St., Brainerd.

5-6: SHARONVILLE, OH Cincinnati Mineral Society Annual Show. Sat 10 am - 6 pm; Sun 11 am - 5 pm. Sharonville Convention Center, 11355 Chester Rd., Sharonville.

11-13: COLUMBIA, MO Central Missouri Rock & Lapidary Club Annual Show. Fri noon - 7 pm; Sat 9 am - 5 pm; Sun 10 am - 4 pm. Knights of Columbus Hall, 2525 N. Stadium Blvd, Columbia.

12: STODDARD, WI Coulee Rock Club Community Day. 10 am - 3 pm. Goose Island LaCrosse County Park, Hwy 35, Stoddard.

12-13: TOLEDO, OH Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club Rock/Jewelry Open House. Sat 9:30 am - 4:30 pm; Sun noon - 4 pm. St. James Lutheran Church Gym, 4727 West Sylvania Ave, Toledo.

18-20: JOPLIN, MO Tri-State Gem & Mineral Club Annual Show. Fri & Sat 9 am - 5 pm; Sun 9 am - 3 pm. Joplin Historical and Mineral Museum, 504 Schifferdecker Ave, Joplin.

19-20: NORTH OMSTED, OH Parma Lapidary Club Annual Show, Sat 9 am - 6 pm; Sun 10 am - 5 pm. Soccer Sportsplus, 31515 Lorain Rd.

19-20: ST. JOSEPH, MI Blossomland Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show. Sat 9 am - 6 pm; Sun noon - 6 pm. Lake Michigan Catholic Elementary School, 3165 Washington Ave, St. Joseph.

19-20: WAUWATOSA, WI Wisconsin Geological Society Annual Show. 10 am - 5 pm both days. Hart Park-Muellner Building, 7300 Chestnut St., Wauwatosa

19: FAIRFIELD, IA Sac & Fox Lapidary Club Rock & Jewelry Gemboree. 8 am - 4 pm. Creative Edge Corporate Building, 601 South 23rd St., Fairfield Industrial Park Contact: Dennis Kossow, 2120 Pearl Lane,

Fairfield 5256; (641) 472-5874; denniskossow@gmail.com

26-27: ST. CHARLES, IL Chicagoland Gems & Minerals Association Annual Show. Sat 10 am - 6 pm; Sun 10 am - 5 pm. Kane County Fairgrounds, 525 S. Randall Rd., St. Charles.

### June 2018

1-3: WAUSEON, OH Stateline Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show. Fri noon - 6 pm; Sat 10 am - 6 pm; Sun 11 am - 4 pm. Fulton County Fairgrounds, 8514 SR-108, Wauseon. Contact: Glenda Gafner, 3720 Britton Hwy, Britton 49229; (517) 403-6310; ggafner@frontier.com

2: MONROE CITY, MO Gem City Rock Club Annual Show, Boudreaux Visitor Center, Mark Twain Lake & Clarence Cannon Dam. 10 am - 4 pm. Contact Jane Huelsmeyer, 1479 North St., Fowler, IL 62338; (217) 434-8655; jhuelsm@gmail.com

2-3: SPRINGFIELD, MO Ozark Mountain Gem & Mineral Society Show. 10 am - 5 pm both days. Contact: Mike Hackeson, 3609 S. Elmview, Springfield; (417) 893-096; omgm5.57@gmail.com

2-3: ONALASKA STATE, WI Coulee Rock Club Annual Show. Sat 10 am - 5 pm; Sun 10 pm - 4 pm. Onalaska Omni Center, 255 Riders Club Rd, Onalaska, WI. c

8-10: PARK HILLS, MO Missouri Mines Rock Swap. Fri & Sat 9 am - 6 pm; Sun 9 am - 4 pm. Missouri Mines Historic Site at St. Joe Park, 4000 State Highway 32, Park Hills.

9-10: MANSFIELD, OH Richland Lithic & Lapidary Society Annual Show. Sat 10 am - 6 pm; Sun 11 am - 5 pm. Arts & Crafts Building, Richland County Fairgrounds, 750 N Home Rd.

22-24: BEDFORD, IN Lawrence County Rock Club Annual Show. Fri 10 am - 6:30 pm; Sat 9 am - 6:30 pm; Sun 10 am - 4 pm. Lawrence County Fairgrounds, US Hwy 50, Bedford.

29-July 1: ELDON, MO Osage Rock & Mineral Club Annual Show. Fri 2 -6 pm; Sat 9 am - 6 pm; Sun 9 am - 3 pm. Eldon Community Center, 309 E 2nd St., Eldon.

### July 2018

10-15: WEST FARGO, ND Lake Agassiz Rock Club Annual Show and Panning for Gold. 10 am - 7 pm. Red River Valley Fair, 1805 Main Ave West, West Fargo.

14: CLIO, MI Flint Rock & Gem Club Rock Swap. 9 am - 5 pm. Flint Rock & Gem Club Classroom, 11350 N Saginaw Rd., Clio.

14-15: FREDERIC, WI Indianhead Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show. Sat 9 am - 5 pm, Sun 10 am - 4 pm. Frederic High School, Frederic.

14-15: MOOSE LAKE, MN Carlton County Gem & Mineral Club Annual Show. Riverside Area, 20 Earl Ellens Dr. Contact: 20-21:

Minutes from the April 2, 2018  
West Central Illinois Rock & Mineral Club

Minutes from the April 2, 2018 meeting of the West  
Central Illinois Rock & Mineral Club

Those in attendance were: Rob Heath, Jackie Sullivan,  
David Hess, George and Deb Coursey and Barb Moore.  
We were joined by two guests Charla Wrenn and Ben  
Wrenn.

Secretary's report – There were no noted changes to  
the minutes. George moved to accept the minutes as  
presented. Dave made the second and minutes were ap-  
proved.

Treasurer's report –

Beginning balance on March 1, 2018 -	\$704.73
Expenses -	\$185.69
Receipts -	\$266.00
Ending balance on March 31, 2018 -	\$785.04

Dave moved to accept the report as given. George sec-  
onded and the report was approved.

Old Business: T-shirts were available for those who  
haven't had a chance to purchase one yet. We only  
have a couple left so don't miss out! Cost is just \$12  
for all sizes. We discussed the GESCI show. Atten-  
dance was good this year and dealers were happy with  
how the show went. Silent auction went very well this  
year. Overall it seemed to be a great show. Flyers were  
handed out for the GESCI picnic and the Fulton County  
Rockhoulder's upcoming show.

New Business: The Fox room display will be changed  
at the end of July or early Aug. Times and dates TBA.  
Our May meeting will be in Tillman Hall on the cam-  
pus of WIU in Macomb, IL. Dr. Tom Hegna will be  
presenting a program on plate tectonics. The annual  
MWF meeting will be held in Michigan in May. See  
the calendar of events for more details. George moved  
to close the meeting. Dave seconded and the meeting  
was ended. The group enjoyed some show and tell and  
snacks.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be May 7 at 7pm  
in Tillman Hall on the campus of Western Illinois Uni-  
versity in Macomb.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jackie Sullivan

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MINOCQUA, WI Lakeland Gem & Mineral Club Annual  
Show, Fri 10 am - 6 pm; Sat 9 am - 5 pm. Lakeland Union  
High School, 9573 Highway 70 West, Minocqua.

28:CANTON, SD Sioux Empire Gem & Mineral Society  
Rock Swap. 9 am - 2:30 pm. Jack Fox Park, N Main St.  
(North of Courthouse), Canton.

## Geodeland Picnic June 16 Rochester, Illinois

Rochester is just east of Springfield on Rte. 29. There  
is a nice community park there, which is where we  
will be having our picnic.

Everyone from the club is invited to attend the picnic.  
Only GESCI club members and their families are  
invited to the meal at noon. The meat and beverages  
are provided. Each person/family needs to bring one  
or more dishes to share, their own table service, and  
especially any serving utensils needed for the dishes  
you bring to share. It is a good idea to mark your  
name on your bowls and your serving utensils if you  
can.

The GESCI Board will meet at 9:30 a.m. You may sit  
in on this, but certainly don't have to attend that part.  
When the board meeting is over, the swap will begin.  
Only GESCI club members may set up to swap, sell  
or trade, but the general public is going to be invited  
to come buy, so there may be more people looking to  
buy rocks, etc., than normal.

If you have "extra" things in your collection that you  
would like to sell, this is your opportunity. Bring a  
card table (or larger folding table if you have one),  
your material to sell, and your change. You can bet  
the first person to buy a dollar item will have a twenty  
dollar bill, so be sure to have change and a box or bag  
to keep it in.

The picnic is a fun time to visit with the other club  
members who help put on the show in March. Most  
of the time at the show, we are too busy to do a lot of  
visiting.

If you plan to attend the picnic, please send a form  
or even an e-mail to Tony Kapta to let him know  
how many to expect. They will need to know how  
much meat to order. Forms should be at the meet-  
ing or were e-mailed to you. Tony's information is  
Tony Kapta, 1483 E Wood St, Decatur, IL 62521 or  
cigmc@comcast.net Phone (309)830-6516. He needs  
to know if you are coming by June 6.

We hope a good number of West Central Illinois Rock  
and Mineral Club members will try to attend the pic-  
nic and swap.





May Meeting  
Tilman Hall  
WIU Campus  
Monday, May 7, 2018  
7:00 p.m.

Come early to tour the  
hallway displays and the  
geology museum.

**WCIR&MC Officers**

President	Rob Heath 772-2729
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All numbers are in 309 area code.

**Meetings**

The first Monday of each month (except September, which is the second Monday) at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 123 S. Campbell St., Macomb at 6:00 p.m. (Oct. - March). April through September meetings at 7:00 p.m. May meeting is usually held at Western Illinois University. Call Rob or Donna if you are concerned about weather related cancellations or have other questions about meetings.

**Dues (per year)**

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