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No Fooling!
Monday, April 1, 7:00 p.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church, 123 S. Campbell, Macomb

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So is everyone Rock Show'd out yet?
With this weekend's MWF Show in Cedar Rapids close on the heels of our GESCI Show earlier, no one should be without a few new finds.

Though the weather for our weekend was not the most pleasant, we did extremely well during the rain and wind on Saturday and had a solid Sunday to finish the time off.

I hope all who attended made it home safely and had no snow or storm issues whether they were heading north or south.

I know we had a busy and successful silent auction running throughout the show and it kept us on our toes both days.

Thanks to all our members who helped in the process of setting up, advertising, working at, and tearing down the show. It is a lot of work and effort as we know!

In April, we return to 7 pm starting time for the summer for meetings and we will be discussing results from our show (that are known to that point) and how the MWF Show in Iowa went among other things.

I know everyone has something for show and tell for April, so bring your new items, show us and tell us why you like them!

No fooling, we will meet on the 1st at 7 pm at Trinity Lutheran.

See you then.

Rob

Club Meeting Notes Minutes from the March 4, 2019 Meeting

Those in attendance were Rob Heath, Missy Lescher, Pieper Bishop, Ron Bishop, Barbara Moore, George and Deb Coursey, Ben Wrenn, Ron and Dee Sharf, JC and Donna Moore, Dave Hess and Jackie Sullivan.



News from the American Federa-

The AFMS Annual Meeting and Convention were held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa in conjunction with the MWF Convention.

The AFMS Meeting was held in honor of Carolyn and Steve Weinberger who have held many positions in the AFMS including Central Office Manager(s). Carolyn passed away on Monday, March 26, 2019. Many tributes and memories were voiced in Carolyn's honor at the convention.



News from the Midwest Federation

The MWF Convention and Meetings were also held in Cedar Rapids. The host club Cedar Valley Rocks and Minerals Society rolled out the red carpet and were wonderful hosts for the event. Ron Sharf represented WCIRMC at the Council of Delegates Meeting on Saturday afternoon.

Deb and George Coursey along with J.C. and Donna Moore were participants in the State Directors, Executive Committee and Council of Delegates Meetings. The Moores attended the awards banquet.



News from Geodeland Earth Science Clubs, Inc.

The GESCI Show had good attendance despite some rainy, windy weather. Everything seemed to go well. If you have any suggestions for improvements or comments in general about the show, let Deb Coursey know. She is the present GESCI President.

The theme for 2020 is going to be Metallic Minerals and Ruby Jubilee. This will be the 40th show for GESCI.

Not sure just what we will concentrate on for the Fox Room display. We don't know if members have enough metals or rubies to fill the window. Watch for further information.

2019 SHOW CALENDAR

March 2019

30-31: CANTON, OH Stark County Gem & Mineral Club Annual Show. Sat 9 am - 5 pm; Sun 10 am - 5 pm. Stark County Fairgrounds, 305 Wertz Ave, Canton.

April 2019

4-6: WYOMING, MI Indian Mounds Rock & Mineral Club 44th Annual Gem & Mineral Show. Thur 9:30 am - 9 pm; Fri 9:30 am - 9 am; Sat 9:30 am - 7 pm. Rogers Plaza Town Center, 972 - 28th St., Wyoming.

6: LOVES PARK, IL Rock River Valley Gem & Mineral Society Open House. 10 am - 3 pm. North Suburban Library, 6340 N 2nd St., Loves Park.

6-7: MARION, IL Southern Illinois Earth Science Annual Show Sat 10 am - 6 pm; Sun 10 am - 5 pm. Pavilion of the City of Marion, 1602 Sioux Dr., Marion.

6-7: DES PLAINES, IL Des Plaines Valley Geological Society Annual Show. Sat 9:30 am - 5 pm; Sun 10 am - 4 pm. Des Plaines Park District, 2222 Birch Street, Des Plaines.

6-7: GREEN BAY, WI Neville Public Museum Geology Club Annual Show. Sat 9 am - 5 pm; Sun 10 am - 4 pm. Suggested Donation \$2. Neville Public Museum, 210 Museum Place, Green Bay.

13-14: DECATUR, IL Rockhounds of Central & Southern Illinois Annual Show and Rock Swap. Sat 10 am - 6 pm; Sun 10 am - 4 pm. Progress City, Richland Community College, 1 College Park, Decatur.

13-14: CANTON, IL Fulton County Rockhounds Annual Show. Sat 10 am - 5 pm; Sun 10 am - 4 pm. Donnelson Center @ Wallace Park, 250 S. Ave. D, Canton.

13-14: COLUMBUS, OH Columbus Rock & Mineral Society Annual Show. Sat 10 am - 6 pm; Sun 11 am - 5 pm. Northland Performing Arts Center, 4411 Tamarack Blvd., Columbus.

20: WOODBURY, MN St. Croix Rockhounds Semi-Annual Show. 9 am - 1 pm. Valley Creek Mall, 1750 Weir Dr., St. Paul. 27-28: CUYAHOGA FALLS, OH Summit Lapidary Club and Akron Mineral Society Semi-Annual Show. Sat 10 am - 6 pm; Sun 10 am - 5 pm. Emidio and Sons Expo Center, 48 East Bath Rd., Cuyahoga Falls.

27-28: EAU CLAIRE, WI Chippewa Valley Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show. Sat 9 am - 5 pm; Sun 10 am - 4 pm. Eau Claire Expo Center Bldg, Lorch Ave, Eau Claire.

2019 GESCI Shows

August 24-25, 2019. EAST PEORIA, IL PAS Geology Annual Show. Sat 9 am - 5 pm; Sun 10 am - 5 pm. Eastside Center, 1 Eastside Dr., East Peoria

October 5-6, 2019. SPRINGFIELD, IL Lincoln Orbit Earth Science Society Annual Show. Sat 10 am - 6 pm; Sun 10 am - 5 pm. Orr Building, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 E. Sangamon Ave, Springfield.

Minutes, continued from page 1.

Secretary's report: There were no noted corrections. JC motioned to moved to accept the minutes. George made the second and minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report: The was a

Beginning balance on Feb1, 2019 - \$1032.49

Expenses - \$0.00

Receipts - \$110.00

Ending balance Feb 28, 2019 - \$1142.49

George moved to accept the report as given. Ron seconded and the report was approved.

Old business: Last minute preparation for the show was discussed.

New business: The delegate and alternate for this year's MWF Convention will be Ron and Dee Sharf. After some discussion, George moved to have our annual auction in October instead of April. Dave made the second. The vote passed 13-1 that the auction be held at our October 7 meeting. JC moved to adjourn the meeting. George seconded and the meeting was ended.

A video by Doug Moore on microscopic views of agates was viewed.

Our next meeting will be April 1, 2019 at 7pm in the basement of the Trinity Lutheran Church, 123 S. Campbell, Macomb. *** PLEASE NOTE – this is the month we move back to our 7pm time.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jackie Sullivan

EDITORS NOTE: SORRY FOR THE ABBREVIATED NEWSLETTER, BUT IT WAS THIS OR NOTHING THIS TIME.

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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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