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MAY 2008 MEETING

NORTH EASTWOOD
CHRISTIAN CHURCH
9425 EAST 30TH STREET
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Sunday, May 4, 2008, 2:00 P.M.

Dwaine Edington
"MICROMOUNTING"

CLUB FIELD TRIP

May 24, 2008, 8:00-11:00 A.M.
Hansen Quarry
Indianapolis, Indiana

Take I-465 south to Exit SR #37 North
(Harding Street). Turn left at entrance to
the quarry. Meet at the office. Wear
steel-toed shoes, yellow vest, and hard
hat; bring a whistle, water and snacks.
We'll find conodonts and pyrite balls.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To those of you who missed our last field trip we will give you another chance to make up for it. If you like minerals, especially pyrite, this will be the place to be on May 24th. The last time we went, the pyrite James got was shaped like a clam shell. Mineral or fossil? Both were found then and more await you on this trip. Participation is the key word in the health of a club, so you are encouraged to be there. Don't forget to bring black or white or black and white rock to the next meeting. If you don't have one then a fossil (plant or animal) is fine. Praying for good weather and Happy Rock Hounding.

Dee



FIELD TRIP REPORT

The first field trip of 2008 was held April 12, at the Southgate Hill, near Brookville. There were six members plus guest Judy Gayle who attended her first club function. Fossils found were brachiopods, horn coral, bryozoa and snails.



CLUB WEB SITE

Address is
www.geology.iupui.edu/Outreach/500%5Earth%5Fsciences/

Please send pictures and information you would like to share on the website to Len Gritzer at leng@indy.net.

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 13,2008, MEETING

Submitted by Ann Richardson, Secretary

President **Dee Slater** opened the meeting at 2:06 p.m. by welcoming the nineteen members and three guests present.

PROGRAM: Vice President **James Yarber** introduced the presenters for the day, members Don and Nancy Mahoney. Through slides and maps, Don and Nancy shared their land and sea trip to Alaska last summer. From Anchorage they traveled by the Wilderness Express train to Talkeetna on the south side of Denali/Mt. McKinley. Here they saw the first wildlife (bears, eagles, beaver), bush homes, and an Iditarod musher dog kennel. On to Denali by the Wilderness Express, where Nancy experienced Class 4 rapids while whitewater rafting. Access to the interior of Denali National Park is by a limited number of daily bus tours to preserve the wilderness and the wildlife – grizzlies, moose, elk, caribou, Dall sheep, red fox, beaver, and the birds. Denali to Fairbanks was by bus because of the train schedule. This was the summer solstice, and the sun never set although it did dip below the horizon for about 1.5 hours. One of the highlights was a visit to an Athabaskan Indian village which serves both as a tourist attraction as well as teaching tribal customs to new generations. They then flew to Anchorage and went by bus to Seward to board ship for the trip through the Inner Passage to Glacier Bay, Hoonah, Juneau, Skagway, and Ketchikan. At Juneau they went whale watching, seeing as many eagles, sea lions and seals as whales and visited the Mendenhall Glacier. While at Skagway they took a bus tour to Carcross (Caribou Crossing), following much of the trails used by the Klondike Gold Rush prospectors, and visiting the northernmost desert in the world. Ketchikan is renowned for its totems, and after being welcomed at a Klingit ceremonial, they watched a master totem carver at work on a 100 foot commissioned totem (at \$3,000 per foot). They were impressed throughout their trip by the efforts to teach the new generations their native languages, customs, and trades.

March 2008 MINUTES: Approved as printed in the April 2008 newsletter.

TREASURY REPORT: The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

MONTHLY GIVE-AWAY: Nancy Mahoney was the winner of the April Give-Away. She chose an aragonite crystal from Morocco.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PROGRAM: James Yarber, Program Chairman announced the upcoming programs for May and June. May – Dwaine Edington: "Micro Mounting" and June – Dora Foltz: "Kartchner Caverns."

NEWSLETTER/EDITOR: The deadline for the May newsletter is April 19, 2008.

FIELD TRIPS: James Yarber

- May 24, 2008 – Hansen Quarry, Indianapolis, IN. 8:00 – 11:00. (See directions in this newsletter.)
- June ?, 2008 St. Paul Quarry, St. Paul, IN. Travel directions will be announced in the June, 2008 newsletter.
- June 21, 2008 Joint picnic with the Cincinnati Rock and Mineral Club at the Harris Precht Farm. Travel directions will be printed in the June newsletter.

TREASURES OF THE EARTH SHOW: Ann Richardson thanked Dwaine Edington, James Yarber, Bill Floyd, Gail Hall, Dee DeGraw and Dora Foltz for volunteering to work at the show during the weekend of March 28, 29, 30. We talked to many, many people and sparked the interest in several potential new members.

LIBRARIAN/ARCHIVES: Marge Begeman reminded members that she would be willing to get library materials to those who want to check them out. Just call her at 317-359-4174.

FUND RAISING: Nancy Mahoney reported that a check had been received for the profits from the sale of Wolfgang candy in November. This provides funding for educational materials for schools.

PUBLICITY: Len Gritzer reported that show announcements will be sent to the various rock hound publications by June 15, 2008.

EDUCATION: Len Gritzer presented a program to an elementary school in Indianapolis and will present a program in another elementary school soon. Don Mahoney will be presenting a program on Indiana geodes and crinoid stems in May at Akron Elementary..

MICRO MOUNTERS MTG: Sunday, May 25, 2008 at Ann Richardson's house, 509 Conner Creek Dr., Fishers, IN. Call for additional directions: 317 – 570-0713.

SHOW: Don Mahoney informed the club that all the spaces in the main building have been sold, four spaces in the pavilion are still available, and 2/3 of the reservations have been confirmed in the sheep barn.

WEBSITE: Len Gritzer has the website up and running. Check it out!

REFRESHMENTS: Nora Hovee, chairperson, has asked members NOT to buy plasticware or plates for awhile. We have a lot of them! There have been some changes on the schedule: **May 4** – Mr. and Mrs. Grigdesby, **June 8** – Gail Hall, Dee Slater, **July 13, 2008** Cassidy Creemer.

NEXT MEETING: **May 4, 2008** – Bring in a black rock and/or a white rock and be able to talk about them.

ADJOURNMENT: 3: 57 p.m.



LITTLE KNOWN FACTS

Submitted by Ann Richardson

Welcome to the **LITTLE KNOWN FACTS** column about our club members. This month we are featuring club member **Dwaine Edington**. Did you know that "Ed" is an accomplished artist. It all started when he was in high school. His art skills were so finely tuned that the art teacher gave him an open invitation to use any of the art supplies and equipment in the art department. The only stipulation for acquiring a grade in art was to produce a product in all the different art media areas in the art department and he did! Shortly after earning a degree as a dental technician, Ed joined the army and took his art skills with him. In his free time he worked in an art and craft shop that sold art supplies and held classes in several different areas of art. Again Ed was given an invitation to use any of the art supplies he wanted and he did! He ended up teaching mold ceramics, potters' wheel skills, color dark room work, and photography. Among his accomplishments are pen and ink drawings of birds and other animals, wood turning of bowls, plates, weed pots and bracelets. He is truly an artist extraordinaire!!! Next month THE LITTLE KNOWN FACTS column will feature Len Gritzer, a man of many talents and collections.

2008 CLUB MEETING DATES

May 4	Dwayne Edington "Micromounting"
June 8	Dora Foltz "Kartchner Caverns"
July 13	TBA
August 10	Prepare for Show
September 4	At Show
October 12	TBA
November 9	TBA
December 14	Pitch-In and Silent Auction

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 3-4	Cincinnati GeoFair 2008 Cincinnati Gardens 2250 Seymour Avenue
May 4	500 ES Meeting
May 24	Field Trip - Hansen Quarry
May 30-31	Rock & Geode Sale Richmond Gem & Mineral Club Centerville, Indiana
June 6	Lost River Field Trips
September 20	Contact Dee Slater or Bob Armstrong for information
June 27-29	43 rd Annual Show and Swap Bloomington, Indiana

2008 REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE

May 4	Grigdesby
June 8	Slater
July 13	Creemer and Foltz
August	Richardson
October	Begeman
November	DeGraw
December	All Members (Pitch-in)

ABOUT OUR CLUB

2008 Officers

President	Deanne Slater 317 253-6951
Vice President	James Yarber, 317 835-7275
Secretary	Ann Richardson 317 570-0713
Treasurer	Gail Hall 317 845-9732

BOARD AND SHOW MEETINGS

There will be both Board and Show meetings following the regular meeting on May 4th.

Committees

Program	J Yarber
Field Trips	D Edington
Hospitality	N Hovee
Education	A Richardson
Show	D Mahoney, J Yarber G Wagner
Publicity	D Slater, L Gritzer
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Library	M Begeman
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