



EARTH SCIENCES

**THE ROCK CLUB DEDICATED TO THE SERIOUS STUDY OF GEOLOGY,
MINERALOGY, PALEONTOLOGY**

*THE TUMBLER
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DECEMBER 2008 MEETING

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

Sunday, December 14, 2008, 1:00 P.M

NOTE TIME DIFFERENCE!!!

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AND
CLUB SILENT AUCTION**



Fund Raiser

Candy orders can be picked up at the December meeting. .

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thanksgiving, the holiday, may be over, but I am still thankful for so many things. Included are those members who have volunteered and have been elected to be officers for 2009. They are the ones who have held this club together in the past and are dedicated to this club's future. We all owe them our full support this coming year. James Yarber will be thankful if you volunteer to give or know someone else who will do a program in 2009.

I am glad we had such fun with etching slate last month. The quality of some of the pieces of slate was not great but is ok for practice. Barbara Bush of the Sheridan Historical Society said we could keep the remainder so if anyone wants it please let me know.

Sunday, December 14th, will be our annual Christmas Party. It will start at 1:00 PM instead of the usual time. I will prepare the meat, cheese and bread, bring condiments and the club tableware and supplies. We are looking forward to the salads, veggies, chips, desserts and drinks you will provide. If you let me know what you plan to bring it might help so we don't have too much of one item and not enough of another. We are also looking forward to your donations for the silent auction. Three or four should be plenty. These help to defray costs. No white elephants please. I am looking forward to the fun and food. See you then.

Dee

MINUTES OF THE MEETING NOVEMBER 9, 2008

President Dee Slater called the meeting to order. She then welcomed the 11 members and 9 guests in attendance. President Slater thanked the refreshment committee Diantha DeGraw and Ann Richardson for providing refreshments for the meeting.

OCTOBER 12, 2008, MINUTES: approved as written, November 9 newsletter.

TREASURY REPORT: accepted as presented by Treasurer.

MONTHLY GIVE-AWAY: Miah Long was the winner of the November Give-Away and chose an Amethyst.

POST SHOW GIVE-AWAY: Darline Easterling was the winner of the Post Show Give-Away and chose a silver Lace Agate.

OLD BUSINESS:

Geofest was a great success. Dee Slater and Ann Richardson thanked everyone who participated: Gail Hall, Diantha DeGraw, Dwaine Edington, Dora Foltz, Bill Floyd, Cassidy Cramer, Larry and Nora Hovee, and Ann Richardson (Chair).

MWF Stamp Project. Please give Ann Richardson all of your cancelled commemorative stamps.

Wolfgang Candy Fund Raise: order forms were collected and will be sent to Nancy and Don Mahoney.

Fieldtrips: James Yarber reported on a recent 'gold panning trip' to Yogi Bear Park. He found no gold. His search for the rare mineral will continue at a later date at a different location. We may be looking at a whole new place for a field trip soon. Len Gritzer shared his experience at the Ohio Caverns located in the northern part of Ohio (near Dayton). A tour and collecting experience were included. The caverns are located 1,375 feet under ground.

James Yarber read a passage from a book entitled Sailing the Inland Sea by Susan Nebilla. The passage included a description of the Lost River located in Orange County, Indiana. Club members Dee Slater and Bob Armstrong were named in the passage as being a part of the Lost River Conservancy. President Dee asked if anyone had written their elected officials regarding the Paleontological Resources Preservation Act? She reminded folks that it was coming up for a vote soon.

NEW BUSINESS:

The nominations for officers for 2009 were presented. President - Ann Richardson, Vice President – James Yarber Secretary – Marge Begeman, Treasurer – Gail Hall. Other nominations from the floor were requested. None were forthcoming. A vote to accept the slate of officers presented by the nominations committee was taken by a verbal vote. The slate was accepted unanimously. President Slater asked for a volunteer for the position of Newsletter Editor. No volunteers came forward at this time.

2009 CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON: It is a pitch-In affair. Meat, cheese, bread, and drinks will be provided by the club. Club members are asked to bring salads, vegetables, chips, desserts, etc. A Silent Auction will also take place during the luncheon. Please bring items for the Silent Auction.

PROGRAM: Dee Slater with the help of Ann Richardson presented a Slate Etching Activity to all in attendance. Ten adult and 2 children participated in the etching of slate. The slate was donated by Brenda Bush from the Sheridan Historical Society in Sheridan, Indiana. They also donated a basket of slate pieces as a raffle prize. Jamison Brizendine won the raffle basket. Everyone who participated had a good time scratching on the slate. Some really nice pictures were taken home that day.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 9, 2008

The Board of Directors met on Sunday, November 9, 2008 at the North Eastwood Christian Church 9425 East 30th St., Indianapolis, IN at 4:00 p.m. In attendance were, Dee Slater, President, James Yarber, Vice President, Ann Richardson, Secretary, Gail Hall, Treasurer, Dwaine Edington, Club Member, Len Gritzer, Club Member, George Wagner, Club Member, and Cheryl Hamilton, Club Member.

2008 SHOW PROFIT: \$6,000 PROFIT WAS MADE THIS YEAR. GAIL HALL, TREASURER presented the current budget to the Board. She informed the Board of the current expenses and the ever-increasing cost of things. It will currently cost \$8,000 a year to run the affairs of the club. Dee Slater made the motion to keep \$8,000 in the bank as a cushion for the next three years. A vote of hands agreed unanimously to keep \$8,000 in the bank for the next three years to run the club.

Thus the Board agreed to increase the Annual Gift of \$500.00 to \$1,000 to IUPUI Geology Scholarship Fund, U of I Geology Scholarship Fund, and the Indiana State Museum Paleo Digs Fund as well as to include the Indianapolis Children's Museum Geology Dept. It was suggested by Don Mahoney that the club give a financial gift for those who were seriously affected by Hurricane Ike. After a detailed discussion, the Board voted unanimously to allocate the funds for the missions of the club.

4 – H SCHOLARSHIPS: The county 4-H Program has revised their means of judging entries. They are using the original Level System they used in the past. The club has delegated a \$50.00 Prize for the winner at Level 1, \$100.00 Prize for the winner of Level 2, and \$200.00 Prize for the winner of Level 3. Cheryl Hamilton made the motion to keep the mounts the same but to give the prize money in cash rather than the bonds that were purchased in the past. Ann Richardson seconded the motion and the motion was accepted unanimously.

MWF ENDOWMENT FUND & THE AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND (POST GRADUATE LEVEL): Currently our club is donating \$250.00 annually to these scholarship funds. Dee Slater made a motion to increase that donation to \$500.00. After a long discussion a vote was taken. The vote included three votes to accept the increase and one vote abstained.



Bob Armstrong's Mother

Bob's mother, Valatta Armstrong, age 97, succumbed as the result of an embolism in St. Francis Hospital, Beech Grove, on Monday, November 17, 2008. She was a resident in Long Term Care at Meadow Lakes Nursing Home in Plainfield until Friday, November 14. She was under hospice care when she died and her family was with her. It was very peaceful and a blessing to all. Her obituary appeared in the Indianapolis Star, November 19th, and the funeral was held at the Hall-Baker Funeral Home in Plainfield on November 22. We offer our condolences and prayers to the Armstrong family.

ABOUT OUR CLUB

2008-09 CLUB MEETING DATES AND PROGRAMS

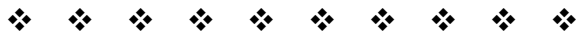
December 14 Pitch-In and Silent Auction

January 11 Harris Precht
February 8 TBA
March 8 Gary Rosenberg
April 12 Ron Everhart
May 10 TBA
June 14 TBA



2008 OFFICERS

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2009 OFFICERS

President Ann Richardson
Vice President James Yarber
Secretary Marge Begeman
Treasurer Gail Hall



Membership dues for 2009 are now due. Please give or send to Treasurer Gail Hall. Rates are:

\$20 Single

\$25 Family

\$10 Subscription (newsletter only)

2008 REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE

December 14 All Members – Pitch-in



2008 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
Fund Raising	D and N Mahoney
Library	M Begeman
Editors	D & N Mahoney



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