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The purpose of the Club is to increase the individual's knowledge of the earth sciences and to aid in the development of lapidary and related arts and skills; to promote fellowship and exchange of ideas; to hold exhibitions, contests, lectures and demonstrations for educational purposes; to help interest more people in the gem and mineral hobby; and to capture and preserve the beauty of nature, the arts, and the works of man.



Photo: Barite and Calcite. Danville, KY

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President's Message

By the time you read this, all of the group will be back from our KY excursion. We will have details and tales from that to talk about at the meeting. In the meantime, I hope everyone has a safe and happy Labor Day weekend.

On another note, November is coming up fast. That means election time. Please consider helping the club if you are asked to serve. Volunteering to serve as one of our officers is encouraged. We have a lot of new faces and I am sure there is a lot of potential in these faces.

Please consider serving.

Harry

Safety Matters – The Write Right by: Ellery Borow, EFMLS Safety Chair

The write right could be re-stated as a right to speak one's mind or write one's thoughts. The other thought for this Safety Matters article is that rockhounds, fossilhounds, lapidary enthusiasts, beaders, etc. are very thoughtful, caring, safety minded, and sharing people. Do you see where we are going with this article? Having reread what was just written, I'm not sure where this is going either. Please let us recompose...

Key words – right to write...safety...and sharing.

We, as thoughtful folks, as folks who generally have lots of good ideas, and folks who are concerned about their safety and the safety of their fellow rockhounds might consider, as part of their sharing nature, using the ability, the right, and even the duty or obligation (being good and proper rockhounds) to write down and share their rockhound safety ideas.

Sharing ideas and tips is part of a rockhound's nature. What is being intimated here is the suggestion that there is a benefit to sharing those ideas with others by writing the ideas down and then distributing them to our fellow rockhounds.

What we would like to encourage with this Safety Matters article is the possibility or encouragement of editors, club officers, safety chairs to support their club members efforts to write down and share the best safety ideas of those members with the rest of the club members and the greater rockhound community in general.

We wish to reinforce and encourage, the right to write, to share member's ideas utilizing the power of the written word. Please consider doing the right thing and writing down your and their ideas concerning safety matters in our club and regional newsletter and bulletins. Our clubs really are made of the write stuff...and that right should be encouraged.

Be safe, think safety, write safe. Your safety matters.

Field Trip Report

Over Labor Day Weekend, a group from the club traveled to Kentucky.

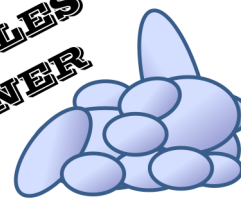
Minerals that could be found include calcite, fluorite, dolomite, sphalerite, pyrite, quartz, and geodes.

We hope that everyone that attended had a great time.

We also hope that everyone will consider possibly attending the trip next year.

Additional details and a summary of the trip will be discussed at the September meeting.

THE PEBBLES' CORNER



This section of the newsletter is being started to help generate more interest and interaction with younger rockhounds and to have fun in the process.

I welcome any information a member may wish to provide to be included in the upcoming newsletters each month, especially related to items that would be of interest to our younger and aspiring rockhounds.

Happy Labor Day! I hope that everyone was able to enjoy the holiday and possibly have a chance to get out and collect some minerals.

As the weather is beginning to cool, one starts to plan for some anticipated rockhounding. An important consideration should be safety and related items. Here are some examples to consider:

- Make sure chisels are sharpened and burrs are removed.
- Check tools for any damage. Fix and/or replace as necessary.
- Replenish and check items in first aid kit.
- Plan for future trips.
- Add items from supplies that may have been used.
- Add items you think might be helpful for the next trip.

The key is safety and being able to enjoy each trip.

Be safe so another trip can be enjoyed!

Until next time.....

Slade

LABOR DAY



September Field Trip

The September Field Trip was the Annual Labor Day Geode Trip.

Everyone is asked to please consider taking the Field Trip Coordinator position for the Club.

Program

The topic for the September program will be provided at the meeting.

Information and an overview of the recent Labor Day trip will also be shared.

We look forward to seeing everyone.

CATAWBA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC. - MINUTES

The August 14, 2018 meeting of the CVGMC was called to order by President Harry P. at 7:00 PM.

Introduction of New Members and Guest: N/A

Minutes: There were no minutes from the June meeting, as it was the Club's Annual Picnic.

Treasurer Report: Bank balance was reported.

Education Committee: No report.

Show Committee: Tentative Theme: "From the Mountains to the Sea." Be thinking how to organize based on theme.

Field Trip Report:

- 1) Kentucky trip – Rooms still available. Announced tentative schedule.
- 2) The Club needs a new Field Trip Chairperson.
- 3) "Field Trip" to Harry P's. house on Saturday, July 21 to clean material for Grab Bags went well.
- 4) Hold date of August 4th – 11th. Lake Superior Agates and Copper dig in Michigan. Details to follow.

Old Business:

- 1) Future Amendment proposals for the CVGMC Constitution and By-Laws. Recommendation received from Steve L. (EFMLS) to not include amendment and that it was not needed due to current insurance. Motion by Dean R. (email), 2nd by Phillip M. Motion passed to not accept amendment.
- 2) Modify numbering of By-Laws due to removal of amendment. Motion by Larry H. 2nd by Phillip M. Motion passed.

New Business: None.

Announcements:

- 1) Dan S. noted that the club's rock tumbler had broken. He is currently working on replacing parts and fixing the tumbler.

Closing of Business: The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM

Program: Club members brought specimens collected from previous Labor Day Kentucky field trips and discussed past trips.

Respectfully Submitted,
Slade Harvin, Editor

Quartz...from Clear to Purple By: Evie H. (Age: 12)

Quartz...from Clear to Purple

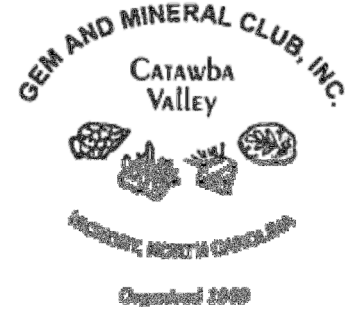
What is the most common mineral found in the United States? The winner is quartz, which is a rock crystal that resembles ice and makes up 12% of the earth's crust. There are many types of quartz including the following most common varieties: milky quartz, which is a whitish color; clear, which can be mistaken for glass; rose quartz, which is a pinkish color; smoky quartz, which of course looks like smoke; citrine, which varies from yellow to orange and finally, amethyst, which is a brilliant royal purple. It is interesting to note that in our modern day, quartz is one of the most important raw materials in the glass industry which means it is found nearly everywhere! From clear glass windows, to shiny purple jewelry and many things in between, quartz is the most common mineral found in the United States.

Minerals and Rocks. Harvey's Bookshop, 1994. Print.

The Audubon Society Field Guide to North America Rocks and Minerals. Random House Publishing, 1979. Print.

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Club Meeting

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7:00 PM

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