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 921 2nd St. NE Hickory, NC
 Annual Dues: Family, \$25; Individual, \$18;

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.



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President's Message

The July meeting welcomed three new guests who attended the meeting for the first time. They all found us through the Club's web site.

Our program for August will be a preview of the Labor Day field trip to Danville Kentucky, presented by Slade Harven. The info on where we are staying is listed below. It's not too late to make reservations. Slade will be explaining what to take to use for collecting and what we will be finding on the trip.

If you missed the July meeting, you missed a great program on Gold in NC by Warren Hollar. (See copy of some of the info below.) Thank you, Warren, for a great program.

Eric Fritz, past president of our club just informed us of the passing of long-time dealer at our club shows, Calvin Sigmon.

'Til next month... get your collecting tools ready for our annual fieldtrip to KY and don't forget to pack some cold Dr Pepper for the trip.

Larry

Labor Day Field Trip to KY

Slade has reserved 10 rooms at the Bright Leaf Golf Resort. All of the rooms have two double beds. Please call them and give them your credit card information to reserve your room. BE SURE TO TELL THEM YOU ARE WITH THE CATAWBA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB in order to get the special rate. At this time 10 rooms at the resort have been reserved in a block. Everyone will need to call or email the resort for their own reservation. ALL of the rooms will be reserved under one entity: **CATAWBA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB**. Everyone needs to make sure that you let the resort know that you are with the CATAWBA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB.

Bright Leaf Golf Resort

1742 Danville Road, Harrodsburg, KY 40330
Telephone: (859) 734-5481; (800) 469-6038

Website: <http://www.brightleafgolfresort.com>
Email: info@brightleafgolfresort.com

Check In: September 2, 2022 (Friday)
Check Out: September 5, 2022 (Monday)

Rate: \$68+/Single Occupancy; \$88+/Double Occupancy

Deposit: A \$70/room deposit is required to secure the reservation. **Deposit due by June 30th.**

This year we plan to go to two quarries and also a location for geodes. We hope to see you there.

CVGMC minutes for July 12, 2022

The July 12, 2022 meeting of the CVGMC was called to order by President Larry H. at 7:00 PM.

Visitors: Tina L., David and Dina B.

Program: "Thar's Gold in Them Thar hills" by Warren Hollar.

Minutes: No Minutes were read... June meeting was our annual Picnic.

Treasurer Report: No treasury report.

Education Committee: None

Show Committee: None

Field Trip Report:

- 1. Kentucky Trip over Labor Day. Bright Leaf Golf Resort has 10 rooms reserved in the Clubs name.**

Old Business: None

New Business: none

Announcements: None

Closing of Business: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM

**Respectfully submitted,
Larry Huffman, Acting Secretary**

Help Needed

Vice-Chairperson in charge of the Exhibit Area.

Due to the long term and lasting effects of the severe concussion I suffered five years ago, I can no longer coordinate an entire show. Thus, the Club needs someone to coordinate the Exhibit Area of the Annual Show, otherwise this area will be dropped from the show. I would hate for the Exhibit Area to be discontinued because it is a great way to educate people about our hobby and a pathway to new members joining the Club. The Club has been blessed with volunteers doing a *fantastic* job running the various exhibits during the Show. We just need someone to coordinate them.

Duties would be:

Develop a Show theme and have exhibits to enhance it.

Coordinate the various exhibits and to have volunteers run them.

Mini Mine

Children's Hands-On Table

Mineral identification.

Working Demonstrations

Scouts Coordinator

Exhibit cases and judging

External exhibitors – examples: ASU Geology Department, Reed Gold Mine, etc.

Coordinate the transportation of the Club's assets to HMCC and back to the storage trailer.

Coordinate the set up and breakdown of the Club's assets.

Coordinate the Grab Bags & Geodes

If you are interested in helping CVGMC run a successful show, please contact me at either cvgmcsecretary@aol.com or (828) 303-1448. I am more than willing to sit down with you and help you learn what is needed to be done for this position.

If you try to contact me between August 8-19, 2022, I am not ignoring you, Terry and I will be celebrating our 40th Anniversary and no phones or computers allowed. (ha-ha)

Sincerely,

Dean Russell

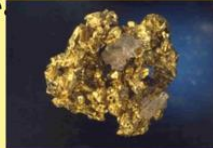
CVGMC Show Chairperson

“Thar’s Gold In Them Thar Hills”

Just a few of the power point slides by Warren Hollar at the July Meeting. Thanks, Warren, for a great program!

Price of Gold

- According to Monex, the price of gold was \$1,213.00 per troy ounce as of February 2015. The Monex price as of June 2022 is \$1,870.10. In July it is 1,744.73 per troy ounce.
- In the late 1990’s gold prices were in the range of \$350 per troy ounce



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