

TAR HEEL



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 St. Aloysius Catholic Church
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 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.

**There is still time to get a room
 in KY for the Labor Day Field Trip.
 Don’t miss this awesome trip!**

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August President's Report

President's Report:

Everyone,

I hope you have had a great summer so far.

With the summer on us, I want to remind everyone that goes out to collect, to make sure you wear a hat and bring plenty of water to drink and stay hydrated.

Also, watch out for snakes, hornets and other not so friendly creatures.

Additionally, if you don't plan to venture out in the heat, this is a good time to also clean up and sharpen any tools, get rid of any broken items and possibly replace any items that were meant to be replaced after your last outing.

I also encourage you to consider attending the Labor Day Weekend trip with the club.

It is a great time to get out, collect and to take a break.

I also want to thank Joan for helping prepare the program at the last meeting.

I hope that you can come out and make the August meeting.

Until then,

Slade

Our August Program

The program for August is presented by Ron Ruschman: "A new method of Dinosaur Research and a way out in leftfield discovery."

July Minutes

CVGMC minutes for July 11, 2023

The July 11, 2023 meeting of the CVGMC was called to order by President Slade H. at 7:00 PM.

Visitors – Joe D.

Program: “Uranium Craze, Moab and Mining in the 1950’s”

Minutes: A motion was made by Harry P. and seconded by Larry H. to accept June 13, 2023 minutes. Motion was passed by the Club.

Treasurer Report: Bank balance was reported.

Education Committee: None

Show Committee: None

Field Trip Report:

- 1) 10 rooms have been set aside at the Bright Leaf Golf Resort for the annual Labor Day Trip. See the Tar Heel Rock hound for the information.
- 2) Dixie Mineral Council Gold Cozy Mine in August. Contact Larry H. for information.

Old Business: The CVGMC Facebook page was corrected. The posts in question were deleted.

New Business. None

Announcements:

- 1) EFMLS Convention 2023 report by Larry H. See Larry H. for information.
- 2) EFMLS and AFMS 2025 Conventions will be hosted by CVGMC at the March Show.
- 3) Dean R. birthday today.
- 4) Forsyth Mineral Club Auction August 26, 2023. Check their club website for details.
- 5) Andy K. discussed his six week trip out west.
- 6) See Larry H. for EFMLS raffle tickets. Drawing will be the first weekend in August.
- 7) See NCGEMFEST.com for a mine tour and collecting.

Closing of Business: The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Dean Russell, Secretary

There is still time ...Call today!

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.

BE SURE TO TELL THEM YOU ARE WITH THE CATAWBA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB in order to get the special rate. Please call them and give them your credit card information to reserve your room.

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: **CLUB**. Everyone needs to make sure that you let the resort know that you are with the **CATAWBA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL**

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 1, 2023 (Friday)

Check Out: September 4, 2023 (Monday)

Rate: \$95+/Single Occupancy; \$135+/Double Occupancy

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

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

Look for further updates as they become available.

Slade

Just a quick update on the Central Kentucky trip over Labor Day Weekend this year.

I talked to Clay the other day by email and he said we are welcome to return to his quarry in Danville on Saturday morning, Sept 2nd. I told Clay we would be adding something to our attire this year for the quarry visits, a reflective safety vest, similar to what deer hunters use here in Missouri during deer season. Some of us have been wearing them on various trips in the past few years, and I am now a big fan of this, so take the time to get one if you don't have one, before the Kentucky trip rolls around. We wear them here in Missouri on the druse quartz group digs in the forest areas, they can make a big difference in seeing someone, especially if they were to get turned around and lost.

I was doing some research and reading some club newsletters in the southeast and along the east coast, and many of them have a Field Trip Conduct page in their Club Info websites, some have Field Trip Etiquette pages with guidelines and rules, such as the following :

GENERAL FIELD TRIP CONDUCT --

Be on Time.

Have All Your Gear With You and Wearing It On Arrival At The Quarry.

Sign Any Forms Required By The Quarry.

Listen To The Quarry Guide/Manager During The Safety Talk.

Abide By Any and All Rules Set By Quarry That We Are Visiting, Including MSHA Regulations.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT IN QUARRIES -- No Exceptions or Substitutions

Hard Hat

Steel Toed Boots or Composite Toe/Boot/Shoes

Safety Goggles / Glasses ANSI Rated

Pants or Jeans - NO Shorts or Capri's or Sweatpants

Gloves

Reflective Safety Vest

PHOTOS / VIDEOS, SOCIAL MEDIA, AND SALES OF SPECIMENS COLLECTED --

Quarry Managers I have talked to, that allow us entry to their quarries to collect at, have stated that videos and photos may be taken, but cannot be posted to social media sites if they show the location of the quarry, or if information containing the location of the quarry is on the video or photo, and certainly do not post videos or photos showing unsafe collecting at a quarry.

Many of us in this group, recently saw the backlash of this type of activity by a few former members of this group right after Memorial Day Weekend, and when I came across this info

posted in a club newsletter, it sounded pretty appropriate for my group going forward from here.

Videos and photos may be taken at a quarry if the Quarry Manager is alright with that, but may not be posted online with any information that identifies the quarry.

If you want to show off what you collected at the quarry, take photos or videos of the specimens after you get home and get them cleaned up, that way any metadata that includes the gps location of the quarry will not be viewed, and DO NOT post the name of the quarry or location of the quarry with your photos / videos.

If you sell any specimens from the trip, do not include the quarry name, address, or county.

I am mainly posting these guidelines and rules for newer members of my group, as most who have been in my group for the past few years, already comply with these guidelines and rules from years of experience and common sense. We also do not want to see the Quarry Managers receive any backlash for allowing rockhounds into their quarries, especially us. It takes alot of time to vet locations like this to gain access, so dont blow it by doing stupid things/actions. Showing up at the quarry with your required safety gear on, shows Quarry Managers and personnel present at the quarry, how serious you are about not only your safety, but the safety of others, and your actions alone, will further show them that you have respect for safety.

Onyx and I hope everyone is having a GREAT summer so far...two weeks ago we received about ten inches of rain spread out over ten days time...very much needed...and now we are back in the oven and trying to stay cool.

We have been scouting a few new locations for druse quartz in the past few weeks with some local rockhound friends, and have been very successful finding some new pieces in beautiful pinks, reds, rootbeer, yellows, oranges, and honey browns. I am attaching some photos of recent finds. I was also able to photograph a couple of young bucks this past weekend on my birthday, on the way to the new collecting spot.

James and Onyx :)
CVGMC member



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