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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.

PAST LABOR DAY FIELD TRIP FINDS



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President's Message

At the August meeting, Slade Harvin presented a program on what to take to the KY Labor Day Field Trip and what you might find (see several pictures on page 5). Very informative, Slade, great Job!

The September program will be presented by Jeff Schlottman, a club member and a dealer at our show. Turquoise - "A historical and informational look at one of the oldest gem minerals, prized by cultures for its beautiful blue-green colors for over 5,000 years".

On September 23-25, I will be representing our club at the EFMLS Annual Convention at the Central Pennsylvania Rock and Mineral Club annual show. The By-laws committee is recommending some changes to get the Federation back in compliance with 405-C Charites. Some of the By-laws as changed during the President Kock years were not in compliance. Also, the EFMLS webpage has been greatly improved - thanks in large part to Bill Stephens, our First VP. Our club will now have control of our page listing on the site and can make changes as need. In addition, the dues and insurance forms will be filled out on- line and have been simplified. Great, job Bill.

Larry

Labor Day Field Trip to KY

With the Labor Day field trip only days away, it's time to start loading the truck. **Have I got everything?** ... steel toe shoes, safety glasses, and hard hat for the quarries, old tennis shoes for the creeks, potato digger to pull the geodes out of deep holes in the creek, different size chisels and crack hammers for the hard rock mining in the quarries, paper to wrap specimens in, boxes and buckets to carry and store prized finds in ?? ... Plenty of water and snacks... And , oh yes, plenty of Dr Pepper! Well... I've got a few days to add to the list, like the first aid kit.

This year with all the rain that Kentucky has had, we are expecting to find the geodes very plentiful this year. It will also be fun to see our friends from MO, IL, KY, IN, NY, and OH. The tailgating Friday and Saturday nights should be fun seeing all the different minerals from the different areas of the USA.

Harry and I should be arriving at the Bright Leaf Resort between 3 and 4 o'clock. That is if "Eagle Eye" Harry does not spot a Vug in the Hwy 150 roadcut with Dolomite, Sphalerite, and or Calcite as we pass by on the way in. Then, who knows what time we will arrive!

Drive safe, looking forward to seeing you all in KY.

Larry

CVGMC minutes for August 9, 2022

The August 9, 2022 meeting of the CVGMC was called to order by President Larry H. at 7:00 PM.

Program: Slade Harvin presented a power point on what to bring for the Labor Day Field Trip and what could be found there.

Minutes: Motion to accept minutes as published in newsletter made by Harry P., 2nd by Richard A. Motion carried

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: Motion by Tina L., 2nd by Harry P. to buy Work socks to take to quarry workers in KY. Motion passed

Announcements: Calvin Sigmon (long time exhibitor at our shows has passed away). Eric Fritz, past president of our club, is no longer at the University of Arizona Museum as manager. He has taken a different job.

Closing of Business: The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM

**Respectfully submitted,
Shelda Aultman, 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

Past Labor Day Field Trip Finds



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