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Meetings are held the first Sunday of each month
at 2:00 PM

at 201 W. Main St., Morenci, MI 49256



Treasurer's Statement

This is a busy time for us. The Fulton County Fair begins Friday, August 29. Members will meet at the clubhouse at 10:00 am on Thursday to take supplies down to the fairgrounds. The fair continues through Thursday, September 4th, with tear-down at 9:00 pm. The club will have passes available that we can bring out to the entrance gate if you are able to come help. We had volunteers at the meeting and anticipate having a fun time. This is our second largest fund raiser for the club and your support is greatly appreciated.



We were invited to crack geodes for the Toledo show immediately following the fair. We rescheduled our regular monthly meeting to Tuesday, September 9 at 6:30 pm. We will review our plans for Art-A-Licious (Sept 19 & 20) and the Clinton Fall Festival (Sept 26, 27 & 28). It is a busy time for the club, but these additional events should generate much needed funds. Yes, we have current bills to pay, but it is important to look to the future.

I have said many times how much I enjoy the time I spend at these events. It is an opportunity to visit with fellow members and to share information about our hobby with others. I hope to see you soon. If you do have any questions or need to reach me, my cell phone number is 269 267-1123 or you can leave a message on our answering machine at home 517 263-1669.

Doris Brzezicki



Secretary's Scoop



President Ed Jarzembksi brought the State Line Gem and Mineral Society meeting to order at 2:05 PM with Richard giving the invocation. The pledge of allegiance followed.

Sherm made a motion to accept the secretary's report as printed in the *Rock Trails* seconded by Richard. With all in favor the motion passed.

Treasurer's report: Various bills have been paid including clubhouse rent, Art-A-Licious, MIS booth, electric, and the Ohio department of taxes. A deposit from the MIS event was made. There is a good balance at this time. Glenda made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Linda seconded it. When Ed asked about discussion, Linda asked about payment for the MIS booth. Doris said we used an additional space to have Ed park his antique car next to the State Line booth and we were charged for the extra space. Ed asked why we owed the Ohio department of taxation, and Doris explained that it is an annual expense related to our annual gem show earnings. Doris also reported that Linda brought in a filing cabinet and now most of the Stat Line paperwork is filed away at the club house. After the discussion, all were in favor of accepting the treasurer's report and the motion passed.

Richard made a motion to authorize Doris to purchase grab bag items and be reimbursed by the club for their cost. Linda seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Fulton County Fair:

Ed wanted to coordinate fair set up activities. Volunteers will meet at the clubhouse Thursday August 28th at 10:00 A.M. to load up what we need to set up at the fair booth and transport it to the fairgrounds. Richard, Doris and Charlie plan to be at the club booth from opening to close each day of the fair. Glenda will be set up right next to the club booth. We will have the Genie, geode cracker and geodes, as well as Geode, our grab bag lion. The club will purchase colored paper and Doris will donate the ink and print up flyers for next year's show. Glenda asked what members would be bringing to set up for club sales. Charlie said he had a few items he would bring. Various members said they could help out at different times. Armando, Bill, Henry and Ed were going to pack up and load for the fair. The club will purchase passes for volunteers to use when they work at the booth. Glenda may have some passes as well. Volunteers can call Doris on her cell phone (269) 267-1123 to meet at the gate for distribution of passes. Tear down can not start until 9:00 P.M. We will try to pack some of the items we need for the Toledo show in vehicles going to Toledo.

The Toledo show is September 5th, 6th and 7th from 11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Richard, Doris, Ed and Armando are going to help for this show.

Glenda made a motion to move the September monthly meeting from Sunday to Tuesday September 9th at 6:30 P.M. to avoid having a conflict with so many members being at the Toledo show. Sherm seconded the motion and the membership voted in agreement so the motion passed.

The Clinton Fall Festival is September 26th 27th and 28th. The club was not able to get a space next to Glenda's booth because non-profit organizations were allocated to a different area. The club has

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permission to set up in the yard next to the lost arts building. Doris said that area has lots of foot traffic. There are shuttles available to bring people to the main area from the distant parking spaces. We will need members to help staff the club booth, crack geodes and sell grab bags.

Art-A-Licious will be discussed further at the September meeting on Tuesday, September 9th. We will also consider Hidden Lake Gardens. Bill thought the club did well there.

New Business: Glenda asked if the club planned to do another scholarship award for next year so she can get the forms out. She also asked if the amount was going to be \$500.00 again, and after some discussion it was decided that we should keep the amount at \$500.00. Glenda made a motion to do the scholarship at \$500.00 and Doris seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.

Sherm has been working on various machines. Richard said a switch needs to be repaired on the 10 inch saw. Henry took the vibrating flat lap home to make sure it worked. He purchased his own grit and brought in some pieces he had polished for the club to see. Ed has some club equipment that needs repair. Henry was willing to help Ed with some repairs and they are going to get together to see what can be accomplished. Linda said she knows a machinist who may be helpful in obtaining or making parts for old equipment.

Doris said we could do a get-together for filling grab bags for all the future shows. She estimates we will need about 500 bags.

Glenda asked a question about the metal baskets that had been donated to the club containing rocks. She was interested in purchasing the empty baskets from the club. After a brief discussion, which included the fact that the wire baskets would tend to rust in the basement and soon become deteriorated, Linda made a motion to give the baskets to Glenda after they were emptied. Doris seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor. Linda suggested that we get plastic pails from a bakery to store the clubs rocks.

Richard made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Glenda and with all in favor the meeting ended.



Happy Labor Day!

Castle Rock Badlands, Kansas



Castle Rock is about 12 miles south of I-70 between Quinter and Collyer, Kansas. The Kansas countryside gets much wilder as soon as you get away from I-70. This interesting chalk formation is on private range land. The two rut path leading back from the dirt road is quite rough, portions of the track having up to 18 inch deep ruts. It takes some careful driving, but you can do it in a car, but a SUV or light truck works much better.

The Castle Rock limestone, chalk and shale formation is fragile and may not last many more years. The tallest spire fell following a thunderstorm in 2001. But there will still be a lot to see here. I find the badlands area just south of Castle Rock to be far more interesting.

One of the big attractions of these formations is that they are undeveloped. It almost feels like you have discovered them. In repeated visits, I have rarely encountered anyone else at Castle Rock or the nearby Monument Rocks.

To get to Castle Rock from the west, take exit 107 off I-70 at Quinter, turn south on Castle Rock Road, go 15 miles, turn east at county road 466, and follow the signs. From the east, take exit 115 at Collyer, turn south on Banner Road, go 12.5 miles and turn west on county road 466 (also known as Castle Rock Road), and watch for the sign on the right.

The route from Quinter is better marked, but you will see the Castle Rock badlands in the distance coming from Collyer.

The roads are dirt and may be pretty muddy in wet weather.

Castle Rock has been used as a landmark for several hundred years. In the 1800s, the Butterfield Overland Dispatch followed the Smoky Hill Trail which passed just a few hundred yards north of the then larger chalk formation.

Ruts from the Butterfield Overland Dispatch trail can be found a few hundred yards north of Castle Rock. The Rock was named by Lt. Julian Fitch in June, 1865 while he was surveying the trail for David Overland's company.

This area is rich in fossils from the Cretaceous Sea which covered this land over 60 million years ago. You may not dig for fossils on this privately owned land, but if you keep your eyes open, you may find fossil shark's teeth laying on top of the ground.

<http://www.kansastravel.org/castlerock.htm>

Photos taken by Sandy Gerhart, Aug. 2014



Labor Day Interesting Facts

Oregon was the first state to make Labor Day a holiday in 1887.

In many other countries, May Day (May 1st) is the day working people are honored. Most of Europe celebrates May Day.

What are we celebrating? The contributions and achievements of the 155 million men and women who are in the U.S. workforce.

1894 - President Grover Cleveland and the U.S. Congress make it a national holiday.

The football season starts on or around Labor Day and many teams play their first game of the year during Labor Day weekend.

On June 28, 1894, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.

Labor Day originated in Toronto, Canada in 1872. It began as a demonstration demanding rights for workers.

In 1916 the Adamson Act was passed, which firmly established the 8-hour workday. This was the first federal law regulating hours of workers in private companies.



Upcoming Events

Tuesday, Sept 9, 2014

StateLine Gem & Mineral Society

monthly meeting

6:30 p.m.

201 W. Main St.
Morenci, MI 49256

Aug. 29 - Sept 4

Fulton County Fair
Fulton County Fairgrounds
Wauseon, OH

September 5-7, 2014

TOLEDO, OH.

Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club
Jewelry, Gem & Mineral Show & Sale
Stranahan Great Hall
4645 Heatherdowns Blvd.

Toledo

Fri. 2-8, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-5; Adults \$4,
Students & seniors \$3.50,
Children under 12 & scouts in uniform free

September 20-21, 2014

Howell, MI

Livingston Gem & Mineral Society
41st Annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show
"The Rockhound's Dream Show"
Hartland Consolidated School building
9525 E. Highland Rd.
Howell, MI 48843-9098
Saturday 10am-6pm, Sunday 10am-4pm
Admission: adults \$2.00, 12-18 years \$.50,
11 and under free

September 26-28, 2014

Clinton Fall Festival

Clinton, MI

September 19-20, 2014

Art-A-Licious

Downtown Adrian, MI





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