

# THE PICK & SHOVEL



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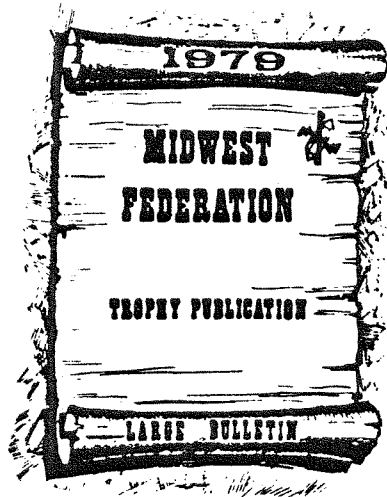
**1982**

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SNAKES - and other Varmints

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The purpose of this corporation shall be to study, promote an interest in, and disseminate knowledge of lapidary and various earth sciences including but not necessarily limited to geology, paleontology, and mineralogy. It shall be a particular purpose of the corporation to provide education in these fields to its members and the general public, particularly youth and student groups.

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# JANUARY

GENERAL MEETING: Saturday, January 23, 1982

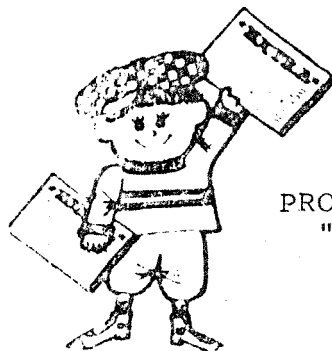
ANNUAL MID-WINTER SWAP

10:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.

LG&MC Business meeting at 7:30 P.M.

Scottsbluff/Minden Rooms

Nebraska Center, 33rd & Holdrege



PROGRAM:

"Lake Superior Agates and Copper Country"

35minute film followed by question & answer session.

Copper specimens.

Presented by Hal Horak

Nebr. Mineral & Gem Club

Omaha, Ne

BOARD MEETING:

Thursday, February 4, 1982, 7:30 P.M.

1815 'Y' Street

Nebco Building

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ANNUAL CLUB SHOW:

Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club

March 27 & 28, 1982

Agricultural Hall, State Fairgrounds

Lincoln, NE

OTHER SHOWS:

March 5-7

Kansas City, Mo.

Association of Earth Science Clubs of Greater KC

March 20-21

Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Cedar Valley Rocks & Mineral Society

May

Hastings, Ne.

Central Nebraska Rock & Min. Soc.

May 29-30

Hot Springs, S.D.

Picture City Gem & Mineral Club

October 16-17

Grand Island, Ne.

Grand Island Earth Science Society, Inc.

REMEMBER THE THING TO DO IN '82 IS THE MWF GEM AND MINERAL SHOW JUNE 24-27, 1982, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

HISTORY - "Ten and Twenty Years Ago"

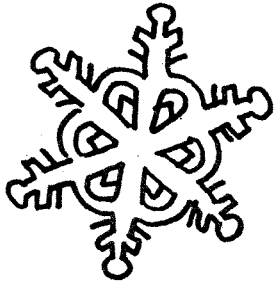


January 1972 . . LGMC celebrated their 17th Anniversary. President Marie Wells was instrumental in organizing the first 4-H Rock Club in Lancaster County. The "Pettrified Pebble Pups" started with a membership of 9 boys and girls.  
January 1962 . . President John Lewis suggested starting an Admiration Table so the members could display prized stones or minerals before and after the monthly meetings...this was the forerunner of our present display tables.

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GREETINGS FROM THE SUNSHINE CORNER:

Here's a sure-fire recipe for making your own sunshine:



Take equal parts of kindness, unselfishness, thoughtfulness, Mix with love and scatter with helpful words. Add a smile or two. Throw in a spice of cheerfulness. Stir with a hearty laugh. Share with everyone!



Since last month get well cards have been sent to: Marie Wells, C. Ray Waddle and Wilfrid Wittman.



- Suze Sunshine

Word received from the Lewis' that Floyd Fellows and his wife, Iona, flew to North Carolina last Sunday morning. He is going to have excessive scar tissue removed from his heart at Duke University Hospital. We wish you well, Floyd.

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WELCOME

NEW MEMBER:

James Stewart  
1331 Eastridge  
Lincoln, NE 68510



## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The club will be embarking on several new projects for 1982. First of all, the board of directors has voted to adopt a S.K.I.P. Program (Skill, Knowledge, Improvement Program). Our program will be based on the same program developed by the Siouland Gem and Mineral Club of Sioux City, Iowa. The name and subsequent acronym for our own club's program will not be the same as the one selected by Sioux City organization. Suggestions such L.A.P. (Learning, Art, Progress) have been made. The program will be administered through the education committee. Proficiency levels for lapidary (cabochons), mineralogy, and fossils will be developed by the education committee. A faceting program will be developed in the near future. Every member starting the program will have to start at the novice level, even if that member has cut ,654 cabochons, collected 27 Dana mineral localities, or has a PhD in paleontology. In other words, no Grandfather clauses. Printed material on the program will be distributed at the February meeting, and proficiency level judging will begin in April. Each proficiency level reached by a member will merit a certificate as well as a number of points (not yet determined by the board) toward the rockhound of the year award.

The January meeting will be preceded by an all day swap and silent auctions. The cost of admission will be a rock donation to the silent auction. All of the proceeds will go toward the scholarship fund. More information is on the flyer found elsewhere in this issue of Pick and Shovel.

We have lined up an excellent program for January. Hal Horak of the Nebraska Mineral and Gem Society in Omaha will present his program on collecting in the copper country near Lake Superior. Hopefully, we will have good attendance for this meeting and program. I have not seen the program myself, but people who have seen it are very enthusiastic in their reports of it.

Display cases will be made available at all of the meetings in 1982. Fewer than 10 percent of the members took advantage of the fact that cases were available in 1981. Last year, all of the elected directors **were assigned** to bring a specimen for display at one of the regular meetings. In January, all of the appointed committee members are to bring something for display. In the following month, all of the elected directors are to bring something for the display cases.

The 1982 show plans are falling into place very well. All of the dealers and most of the demonstrators have been contractd, as well as many of the programs and demonstrations having been lined up. It appears as if 1982 will also be the year of another excellent show.

On the subject of shows, there are a couple of shows that precede and follow our own show. The Kansas City and Vermillion shows take place before ours and Hastings, St. Joseph, Columbus, and Norfolk normally have late Spring shows or early summer shows. We should support all of these events. Fall shows include Omaha, Nebraska City, and Grand Island.

Don't forget the swap, meeting, program, and silent auctions on the 23rd.

Roger Pabian  
President

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As we embark upon this New Year, may each of you realize your dreams and have new hopes spring up. May you be granted faith enough to conquer the trials and sorrows which may come your way, and courage enough to face each new day.

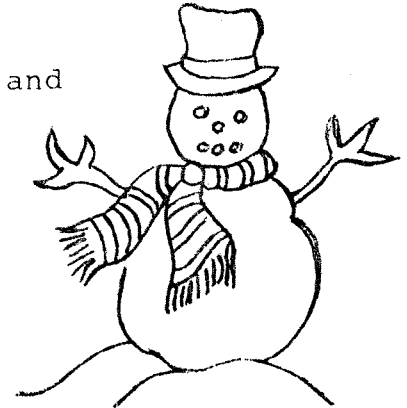
Do each task well, which is expected of you; and the greatest reward will be 'satisfaction'.

To each of you, may all these things come to you in 1982:

HAPPINESS untold,  
AMPLE success,  
PEOPLE you meet will become friends,  
PLACES you dream of will become realities, and  
YEARS of good health.

NEW hopes will spring up,  
EACH day will be happy,  
WEALTH will be measured in friends.

YOU will look to tomorrows,  
ENDEAVOR to do good,  
ALWAYS be thankful, and  
REALIZE how lucky you are.



My Best To You--Your Editor

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### "THE DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS"

'Tis the day after Christmas, and out in the den,  
Daddy is watching pro football again.  
The children are throwing and breaking their toys,  
And Mother is up to her ears in the noise.

The melting snow drips through a hole in the roof,  
Boy, one of those reindeer sure had a sharp hoof.  
Ribbons and wrappings are spread all around - -  
We hope, when they're cleared, our lost child will  
be found!

Children who last week were helpful and sweet  
Have mouths that are sassy and rooms less than neat.  
Those people with faces that smiled forth like elves  
Are now once again just their grouchy old selves.

Why should such a great event let us down hard?  
Is there something about Christmas that we disregard?  
The babe in the manger became a great man  
Who died and then rose again - that was God's plan.

His birth and his death - banners God has unfurled  
To make us aware that he loves all the world.  
If we know that He loves us and always is near,  
Then Christmas will come every day of the year.

- via The Scroll  
- St. Philip Episcopal Church  
Rochester, Minnesota

LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC.  
Board of Directors  
November 5, 1981

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President, Roger Pabian with 5 Board Members, Glen and Flossie Litzenberg and Vera Lyman present at the home of the Litzenberg's at 7:30 P.M.

Minutes of the October meeting were read and approved as read.

Treasurer's report was read by Phyllis Parks and a motion by Virginia Green and seconded by Nelda Oliver to approve as read. Motion carried.

Roger rounded up \$10.00 for 1980 Christmas Dinners.

Bills were read. Motion by Jim Taylor to approve bills as read. Seconded by Virginia Green. Motion carried.

The film "Gems of the Americas" now has a leader on it that reads:  
This film has been provided by LGMC", because it is on permanent loan to the library.

Roger read a draft of an approval document for the library. He hopes to have it taken care of by December 1. This is a protection for the Club. It is basically the same as the one for the cases at the Nature Center. Motion to approve, Virginia Green; Seconded, Jim Taylor. Motion carried.

Roger read a chain letter that arrived at the P.O. Box for the Club. This was discussed and Roger read a form letter he plans to publish in the Pick and Shovel.

Calling Committee to call members about the change of the General Meeting to November 21st, 1981 and the Silent Auction.

Show Committee will have a report in the next issue of the Pick & Shovel.

Next Board Meeting December 3, 1981 at 5700 Otoe.

Motion to adjourn by Virginia Green.

Nelda Oliver, Secretary

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LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC.  
Board of Directors  
December 3, 1981

The Board meeting was called to order by President, Roger Pabian at 5700 Otoe Street with 7 Board Members present at 7:30 P.M.

Minutes of the November meeting were read and approved.

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Board of Directors - December 3, 1981 - continued

Treasurer's report was read. Motion by Ray Lambert to approve as read, seconded by Jim Taylor. Carried. We received \$98.30 from Silent Auction for AFMS Scholarship Fund.

Bills were read by President, Roger Pabian. Those included \$46.55 for NAOESCI dues, the 1982 P.O. Box rent and Midwest Federation dues \$68.50. Motion by Florence Boring to adopt bills as read, seconded by Jim Taylor. Carried.

The film "Gems of the Americas" is not at the Library yet. Roger is working on a brown bag luncheon or something for promotion, for more publicity.

The \$20.00 on suspense was discussed. Motion by Phyllis Parks we charge this off as a demonstrative expense. Seconded Jim Taylor. Carried.

The Midwest Federation Newsletter was discussed. It cost us 2¢ a copy plus \$1.60 postage or \$5.60 a month. We can have these printed at the University for \$3.20 a month, as long as it is only one sheet printed both sides. Motion Nelda Oliver we reprint the newsletter by the University; seconded Lois Everett. Carried.

**New Business:**

Discussion on an old Club typewriter in fair working order and not used for about two years. Roger has the typewriter. Motion by Jim Taylor we dispose of typewriter by silent auction at the January Swap. Seconded by Florence Boring. Carried.

The January meeting will be Mid-winter swap and work shop with demonstrations on January 23, 1982. Silent auction funds to Scholarship Fund; will be designated later which fund.

Roger read information on Lincolnfest in fall of '82. A motion by Florence Boring we ask the Lincoln Fest Committee to present their program at the January meeting to see if the club wants to get involved. Seconded Lois Everett. Carried.

Vera has nothing new to add since last show meeting.

Club Scholarship: Discussion on some kind of distinguished award. Howard Taylor will check into this to see if it can feasibly be done.

Membership Applications: James Steward, Jeff and Kay Mumby. Moved Florence Boring to accept, seconded Ray Lambert. Carried.

Discussion on a guest book for Guests at meetings. Motion Florence Boring we purchase a suitable guest book that will go with the President, seconded Phyllis Parks. Carried.

Next Board Meeting January 7, 1982 at American Charter, 4000 So. 27th at Bishop Heights. Florence asked to be excused. This will

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Board of Directors - December 3, 1981 - continued

be for old and new Board Members.

Jim Taylor asked about monies for the 1982 Show Committee. Phyllis Parks rejected this. If they have their own treasurer for the Show they must post a bond also. Show Committee will be told according to the by-laws this cannot be done.

Meeting adjourned.

Nelda Oliver, Secretary

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS - January 7, 1982

The Board of Directors has set up the following tentative budget for 1982:

Programs	\$400.00
Historian	15.00
Librarian	100.00
Membership	10.00
Field Trips	50.00
Sunshine	25.00
Editor/Pick & Shovel	650.00
Refreshments	100.00
Scholarships	500.00
Outside Displays	10.00
Housing/Property	25.00
Jr. Activities	50.00
Officer Performance Bond	53.00
Meeting Hall	200.00
Refreshments at Meetings - to be covered by donations	
Dues to affiliate Org-	
anizations	125.00
P.O. Box Rent & Bulk	
Mail Permit	66.00
Awards	100.00
MWF Delegate	50.00
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- Submitted by Treasurer, Phyllis Parks



DUES ARE DUE FOR 1982  
Due January 1, 1982  
Delinquent January 31, 1982



Adults - \$ 5.00 (age 16 & over)  
Junior - \$ 1.00 (age 12-16)  
Family - \$ 11.00 (Husband, wife and all children under 16 - permanent residents of household)

Remember, if your DUES become delinquent, your reinstatement must be approved by the Board of Directors and you must pay the additional \$ 1.00 fee.

Please get your DUES to Phyllis Parks, Treasurer, by January 31st.

Thank You.

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## Show Report

The Show Committee has been working very hard and many of the Chairpersons have their duties well under control at this time. However, there are always those many things that cannot be tackled until the last several weeks before the Show. And time will fly!

There are a number of Chairpersons who will be asking for your assistance either before or during the Show itself. A "Yes" would be appreciated.

Remember, the Show is not a venture for the Show Chairman, or just the Show Committee. It is a project for the entire Club Membership and all should be willing to help. I feel it is each person's duty as a member, to assist in or promote a Club project. This is probably our biggest project each year. Help us out. Please say "Yes".

Thank You  
Your Show Chairman, Vera

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### SHOP HINTS

Another silver cleaner: A new gadget to clean and polish silver can be purchased at an office supply store, and it's called a fiberglass eraser. It is sort of a brush that gets down in the smallest crack and does a beautiful job. This is especially fine for intricate silver jewelry you've cast. It is called "RUSH" eraser, and if you use it, please don't touch the bristles of the brush. These are glass, and they are the dickens to get out of your fingers.

- via G I Nugget, December, 1981  
- via Template

SNAKES - and other Varmints

This may seem off-season to most of us stay-at-homes, but there are many readers who may take trips or vacations in much warmer climes. There are countless dangers to be avoided. Perhaps a few words of caution may help to prevent painful or deadly accidents.

Speaking of accidents, there is an old story of an interview of a medical examiner with a rough and ready cowboy:

Examiner: "Have you ever been in any kind of accident?"

Cowboy: "Naw, haint never been in none."

Examiner: "Have you ever needed any medical services?"

Cowboy: "Wahl, once I asked a doc something after a rattlesnake chawed on my laig."

Examiner: "I thought you had never been in an accident."

Cowboy: "That wan't no accident, Doc, the durned varmint done it on purpose!"

Laying corny jokes aside, the issue is not the "varmint's" intent, but the results, and the need for every caution. There are dangerous creatures lurking any time and place, and most of them give no warning. They do it "on purpose", but usually not without reason or provocation.

A Wyoming forest ranger, husband of my wife's cousin, having camped after dark, got up the next morning and found a flattened, squashed rattler under his bed roll. That could have been a real, serious "accident". The cousin was once bitten by a rattler as she played golf. Given prompt medical attention she survived, but with much pain. The snake had given no warning before it struck. (That same forest ranger later helped in the famous rescue of the stranded parachutist from the top of Wyoming's Devils Tower.)

Snakes usually rest in a shady spot during the heat of the day, and emerge in the cool of the evening. On a trip to a remote area west of Virginia Dale, Colorado, our small party parked the car and hiked to Dale Creek in the evening, to be ready for early morning trout fishing. In our foot-trail, coiled and ready to strike, was a huge rattler. We heard no sound, but gave him (or her) "a wide berth".

On another trip near the Cheyenne River, as we returned to Rapid City from the "Black Agate Fields" west of Scenic, we stopped after dark to search for fluorescent specimens with a portable black light. Being the senior member of the group, I led the way, frequently aiming a flashlight at the path ahead. Sure enough, there was the same kind of coiled up venom-injector in the middle of our otherwise easy trail! Needless to say, we gave that one no argument either. Moral - always look before you step, in such places.

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SNAKES - and other Varmints - continued

Don't reach where you can't see in a place where harmful creatures may be poised. There are times when some risk cannot be avoided. I have shocked small grain bundles in the rattlesnake country in Colorado, before the common use of combines. Every time I picked up a pair of bundles to place them together in the shock, I had a creepy feeling, though needlessly.

Also in Colorado, I have worked on scores of alfalfa and prairie-hay stacks receiving the horse-drawn sweep-loads of hay elevated by the old overshot stackers. (Baling in the field or pushing the hay together in small piles was not yet in vogue.) As I handled each load on the growing stack I never knew when a rattler might be in it, but none ever came. My concern was to "top out" the stack so expertly that it could "split a rain-drop". Myrtle recalls having seen rattlers writhing between horse-drawn hayrake teeth. AH! The good old days!

Snakes are not the only harmful living things to be encountered on trips, vacations or outdoor activities. There are numerous other such creatures and plants. They are not all in the arid southwest. Rattlesnakes have been found here in Lincoln not many years ago. Do you remember the black widow spider "fever" a few years back?

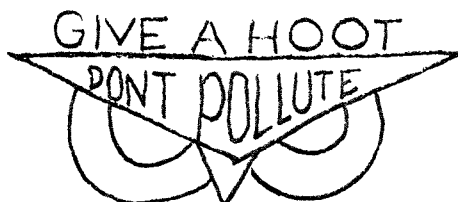
My current topic was inspired by the June 1981 issue of Lost Treasure magazine, pages 52-56; Louise Riotte's article, "The Creepy, Crawly, Slithering Enemy - - -." It features such hazards as centipedes, scorpions, black widow spiders, brown recluse spiders, tarantulas, rattlesnakes, ants, wasps, hornets, bees and gila monsters. Their habitats, characteristics and emergency treatments are suggested, too detailed to include here; but keep calm, use tourniquets cautiously, use crushed ice or cubes in some cases, and get medical aid promptly; use no alcoholic stimulants.

I shall close with this story about migrating tarantulas, told to us by a Brawley, California woman, 110 feet below sea level, south of the Salton Sea. As a small child she witnessed a column of tarantulas migrating across the desert, so dense and seemingly endless that her father had to whip his horses to dash their wagon with his family to safely cross the stream of creeping arachnids!

TAKE CARE!

- Submitted by J. D. Young

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DO YOUR SHARE TO KEEP

AMERICA BEAUTIFUL!

PUT LITTER IN ITS PLACE!

Congratulations

to

DAVID GREEN

David won the High Point Trophy in the 13-14 Boys Division at the Seward Swim Club Invitational Swim Meet on January 3, 1982. He also set a new record in the 200 yd. freestyle and the 100 yd. butterfly strokes in this swim meet. He also placed 1st in the 200 yd individual medly, 2nd in 100 yd breaststroke and 3rd in 100 yd freestyle.

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"THESE LUCKY PEOPLE"

These "lucky" people from our Club are enjoying the beautiful Arizona Sunshine! Howard, Marie and Susan Taylor; Frank Rule; George and Glenna McGinnis; Bev and Paul Rueter; Irl and Lois Everett. And of course, Ralph and Rosa Lee Ulrich who live there.

We hope you are enjoying that warm weather and sunshine to its fullest. According to the weather bureau here, it is a -19°, and the wind chill index is a -65°.

It's no wonder we all envy you! But at the same time, we're wishing you "lots of fun in the sun"!

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RATE INCREASES

Due to the rising cost of postage, the cost of Mail Subscriptions for the Pick & Shovel will be increased to \$ 5.00

Advertising by a rock-hobby business or interest is permitted with approval of the Board, at a rate now set at \$15.00 per full page per insertion, paid in advance. 1/2 page \$7.50, 1/3 page \$5.00, 1/4 page \$3.75 (min). These rates become effective March 1, 1982.

If you wish to subscribe to PICK & SHOVEL or to place an Ad; please notify the Editor.

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REMINDER



LAST CHANCE! DUES ARE DUE!

If your dues are not paid by January 31st, you will not receive February issue of PICK & SHOVEL!

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# MIDWEST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL AND GEOLOGICAL SOCIETIES

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December 2, 1981

Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club  
c/o Roger Fabian, President  
P. O. Box 5342  
Lincoln, NE 68505

Dear Club Members:

The Midwest Federation wishes to extend its belated but sincerely meant thanks and appreciation for the generous amount earned at your show at the Bob Devaney Sports Center in Lincoln, Nebraska, June 12 through 15, 1980.

The show was a very great success through the hard-working efforts of all of you.

Many thanks to each of you.

Sincerely,

Larry Nawojski, President

cc: Vera Lyman, Editor ✓  
Howard Taylor, Sr.  
Diane Dare  
Bill Parch  
Jean Reynolds  
Rex Webb

1982 SHOW AND CONVENTION • ST. PAUL, MN • JUNE 24-27, 1982

Howard Ramaley, Show Chairman, 210 W. Spruce St., South St. Paul, MN 55075

# safety

I have drawn up the following, after hearing about a lady in Southfield, a suburb of Detroit, who, just a few weeks ago was involved in a useless tragedy. She was getting out of her car in a supermarket parking lot when a man asked her for the time and then stabbed her to death, and fled. He was an unknown assailant. To prevent such a thing from re-occurring, the following has been suggested:

1. Never leave the key in the car, even if you are going to be gone just a few minutes.
2. Never leave the windows open, no matter how hot the day.
3. When returning to the car, if there is a car alongside with someone in it, get into your car on the opposite side.
4. Before getting into the car always look in the back seat.. and check the floor also.
5. When you get into your car, lock it immediately.
6. If anyone approaches your car to ask a question while you are in it, only lower the window a 1/2 inch and be ready to raise it instantly.
7. If you must go out at night...be alert...and don't go alone, phone ahead so that people can watch for you.
8. If you have teenagers in the family, don't let them visit the malls during the winter holidays alone, during the day, and never at night, unless accompanied by an adult.

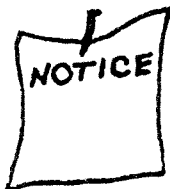
I'm sure these ideas aren't new, but repetition pays.

- via MWF Newsletter, Dec. 1981  
 Helen R. Newmann,  
 Safety & Field Trip Chairman

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### EXCHANGE EDITORS:

Please send all copies of exchange bulletins to:



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THANK YOU ALL

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### 1982 REGIONAL SHOWS

CALIFORNIA	EASTERN	MIDWEST	NORTHWEST	ROCKY MOUNTAIN AFMS SHOW	SOUTH CENTRAL
Long Beach CA August 27-29	Monroeville PA June 18-20	St. Paul, MINN June 24-27		Denver, COL Sep. 17-19	Houston TEX July 8-11

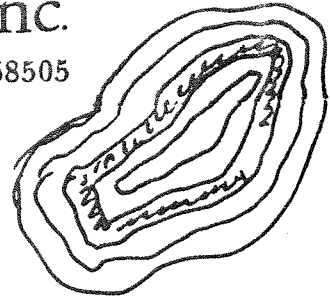
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# ROCK SWAP

TIME: 10:00AM - 7:00 PM      FREE: COFFEE

DATE: JANUARY 23, 1982

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THE SWAP WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB, BEGINNING AT 7:30 P.M. VISITORS WELCOME FOR BOTH EVENTS. PROGRAM: COPPER COUNTRY, BY HAL HORAK, NEBRASKA MINERAL & GEM CLUB, OMAHA.

1. SWAPPING MATERIALS WILL BE LIMITED TO ROCK, GEM, OR FOSSIL MATERIALS ONLY. NO PLANTS, FOODSTUFFS, ETC.
2. SWAPPERS BUCKS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT A 10% COMMISSION, WITH PROCEEDS GOING TO SCHOLARSHIP FUND. CASH TRANSACTIONS PROHIBITED.

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## NEW PAMPHLETS.....

The AFMS has just released a new manual on MINERAL CLASSIFICATION LIST and each club has been sent one copy. Have you seen it? Does your club offer it for use? It is to serve as a guide and is very precise.

The MWF has just completed and now has ready for distribution - THE MEL SHARP SHOW MANUAL. It is offered to the clubs of our Federation on request to CLINT HECKERT, supply chairman. It is not the policy of the MWF to tell a club what kind of show to put on, but if you are planning a show, this manual will help with suggestions for a successful show. There are many ideas under the headings of TICKET SALES, DOOR PRIZES, DEALERS, SECURITY COMMITTEE, HOSPITALITY, INFORMATION, INSURANCE, SPECIAL EVENTS, ETC. From time to time there will be updating on this issue....

BETTE SMITH, Editor

SCOOP.....THE KALAMAZOO GEOLOGICAL & MINERAL SOCIETY, KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN, WILL HOST THE 1983 MWF SHOW & CONVENTION.....

## ARE YOU TAKING ADVANTAGE???

In the MWF Directory "white pages" is a list of your Federation's Executive Committee, including all committee chairmen and their assistants. They are listed there so they can be of service to YOU!!

Want to know if your proposed show/swap date conflicts with that of a neighboring Club? Ask the State Director or the Assistant nearest you.

Need some ideas for your Juniors meeting? Want to be sure you are interpreting the Uniform Rules correctly? Are you a new bulletin editor who feels like yelling "HELP"!? Interested in having a program on a topic no one in your club knows enough about to present it by themselves? Need some advice on setting up a study group or special sessions on archaeology, micromounts, or any other area of our hobby?

Then take advantage of the people who have offered to help you by accepting a position listed in the Directory. And if you aren't sure just who to call on, contact me. We are ALL here to serve you.

DIANE DARE, MWF 1st Vice-President

A WINTER SURVIVAL KIT

To help motorists cope with frigid winter temperatures and blizzard conditions, AAA recommends that winter travelers should keep a Winter Survival Kit in their cars..an invaluable resource, should they become stranded during a winter storm.

Common sense is the motorist's most valuable asset during a winter emergency and this includes keeping your gas tank full, especially when there is a severe winter storm watch. Not only will the added fuel keep your car going longer, but should you become stranded, this can help provide heat from the car heater for as long as gas lasts. Motorists are warned NOT to abandon their cars if stranded, since the chance of becoming lost or succumbing to the elements is much greater outside it.

If stranded, motorists should check to be sure the exhaust pipe is not clogged with snow or ice. A clogged exhaust pipe can force carbon monoxide fumes into the car's interior. Run the car at about 15 minute intervals to keep warm and have a window open slightly for fresh air, and, at the first sign of drowsiness or headache, turn off the ignition and open the windows. This could be a sign of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Following is a list of items in a Survival Kit:

1. A thermo blanket - for warmth.
2. Newspapers - an excellent insulator when placed inside shirts, sweaters, coats, etc.
3. Coffee can and candle. These to be used as a miniature furnace. Drip some melted wax onto the bottom of the can to anchor the candle. The lighted candle inside the metal absorbs and holds the heat to warm hands, feet or face. (Care should be used NOT to tip over the can)
4. Matches for the candle.
5. Flashlight and flares - for signaling.
6. Candy bars and store-packed or tinned food for nourishment. Snow can be melted for water.
7. Tools - pliers, screwdriver and adjustable wrench, plus an ice scraper and brush.
8. Boots, should it become necessary to walk in the heavy snow.
9. First Aid Kit.

So, plan immediately to winterize your trunk if you have not already done so, and enjoy a safe winter.

HELEN R. NEUMANN, MWF Safety & Field Trip  
Chairman

PROGRAMS

We have been receiving complaints lately about programs having slides out of order, upside down, and so on. If your Program Chairman was to review every program each time it came back can you picture working an eighty hour week? They are sent, in most cases, early enough for the Club Program Chairperson to review and become familiar with them, see that they are in order, learn to pronounce unfamiliar words, place them in a reel that fits your projector (this is how they become mixed up) and be ready to do a good job in presentation. The job at both ends is spelled "VOLUNTEER", and we are happy to help, but would not be able to do as much as we do if we had to review every program.

Following are a few of the ten geology programs purchased by the MGAGS and donated to the MWF Film Library.

UNCOVERING MICHIGAN #103: by DR. HAROLD WINTERS, Department of Geography, Michigan State University, tells the story of the melting of the Pleistocene Ice Sheet, leaving behind the glacial features of the Michigan landscape. 35 slides. The features and their genesis are described in such a way that students should be able to appreciate the processes involved in their formation, rather than just learning to recognize features.

OUR CHANGING STATE #112: illustrates the different geological conditions that have resulted in the rocks of Michigan, and their relationship to each other. JAN WOERNER, the author, was a teacher in Freeland. In 50 slides the main features of the intrusive, volcanic and metamorphic rocks of the Upper Peninsula and the copper and iron ore deposits are described. The Paleozoic sediments of the Michigan Basin and the Pleistocene cover are included with the whole assembled in such a way that students will gain an understanding of the geology of Michigan.

BUILD A BEACH - ERODE A SHORE #111: is a companion set to "The Great Lakes - Then & Now". The processes of sediment erosion, movement and deposition within the Great Lakes system is illustrated with both aerial and ground photography and provides an understanding of the ongoing forces which change the shorelines, near off-shore areas, rivers and channels which are part of the Great Lakes System. 77 slides.

LOUISE STINNETT, MWF Program Chairman

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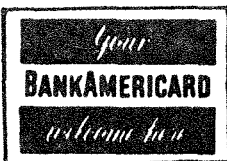
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Dues to LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB are as follows:

Adult membership fee \$5.00 (age 16 and over)

Junior membership fee \$1.00 (age 12-16)

Family membership fee \$11.00 (husband, wife and all children under 16 - permanent residents of household)

New membership must be approved by the Board, after applicant attends at least one (1) regular meeting of the club, and pay the above dues plus \$1.00 registration fee.

"HAPPY NEW YEAR"

DON'T FORGET - - - Dues are due, and delinquent on January 31st.

After the delinquent date, remember a fee must be paid and also approval by the Board of Directors for reinstatement.

So please, get your dues in to the treasurer on time.

BEST WISHES TO EVERYONE FOR THE NEW YEAR - 1982!



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