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May Meeting

The May Meeting of the Capital District Mineral Club will be on Thursday May 5, 2005. The doors will only be open from 7:00pm to 7:15pm. Please sign in at the security desk upon entering the building. We will be in "Room B" on the concourse level (go down the escalator) at the state museum, on Madison Avenue, in Albany, NY. The meeting will begin at 7:30pm.

The program will feature digital photographs of minerals from both the display cases on the main floor of the museum and more importantly from the shelves and cabinets in the storage areas of the Geological Survey in the museum. Members George and Barbara Gearhardt have been taking photos since February of 2004 and tonight will present an overview of 50-60 specimens. Anyone visiting the museum will be able to inspect the minerals on display, but very few will ever get to see the minerals in storage. The presentation will be entitled, "Minerals of New York State" and shall include a discussion of the name of the specimen, its former location, its size, and the person who made the donation (whenever possible).

Review of April Meeting

The program for April included four stages: (1) Before the program, a new CD from the Eastern Federation of Mineral & Lapidary Society (EFMLS) highlighting the workshops at their semi annual workshops in rural North Carolina (Between Spruce Pine and Little Switzerland, just off the Blue Ridge Parkway) was shown by Barbara Gearhardt. It will be available again for viewing during the break between the program and the business meeting; (2) A "silent auction" began before the program started and lasted until a few minutes before the business meeting. It featured selenite crystals from Buffalo, Wyoming, collected and donated by member Charles Vedder. It provided \$52.00 for the club treasury; (3) Mike Hawkins made an announcement regarding the June banquet. The menu is included in this newsletter; and lastly (4) The program itself was a DVD lasting 42 minutes entitled, "Jewel of the Desert—Kartchner Caverns State Park". It treated the discovery of the cave in 1974 and the efforts of these two men as well as the landowner and the state park system in Arizona in keeping the discovery a secret until it was approved for development in 1989 and open to the public in 1999. An added element was the presence of seven club members that have visited this cave since January of this year to answer questions from the audience.

June Banquet

The annual June Banquet will be held at the New York State Museum this year. It will be a sit down meal featuring a choice between three items. A salad and desert will accompany the meal as will a choice of a beverage (beer, wine, or soft drink). Additional beverages will be available at an additional cost. The original cost of the banquet is being shared by the museum (due to our recent help with the mineral show), so the discounted cost for the June 2, 2005 Banquet is now \$15 per person with tip included. Deadline to make a reservation is May 25th. This is also the last date that you may cancel. Any attempts to cancel after this date will not be honored, and it will be expected that those people still pay the fee, despite the fact that they are unable to attend (for whatever reason). Please call George or Barbara at (518) 355-0670 or mail it to the club PO Box by May 25th (it must actually be in the mailbox on this date when George goes in to pick up the mail). Make checks payable to the Capital District Mineral Club.

Banquet Menu

Salad: Mixed wild greens with a Raspberry Vinaigrette
Entree choice (please specify):
1) Chicken & Shrimp Piccata
(lemon & capers butter sauce)
2) Fillet of Salmon
(mustard encrusted with lemon parsley butter sauce)
3) Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus
(with horseradish cream sauce)
Desert: Deep Dish Apple Pie
Hot Beverage: Coffee or Tea
Drinks: Cocktail, Beer, Wine, or Soda

September Meeting

by Paul Van Schaick

The September meeting will be on the 2nd Thursday of the month because of Labor Day weekend. We are changing this because many people go on vacation for the weekend that it was originally scheduled.

New Members

We've picked up a few new members. They are: Jeff Kirk from Shelton, CT; Donald and Joshua Wilbur from Fonda, NY; Cynthia Creasy from Duanesburg, NY; Diane and John Burke family from

Gansevoort, NY; Timothy and Marcia McCoy from Selkirk, NY; and Zach Hines from Troy, NY. Make sure to let them know they are welcome.

Field Trip Review

Mohawk River Rocks, Amsterdam, NY. We ended up having this one on Saturday April 9th due to rain on the 2nd. We met at 10am at the truck stop on I-90 in Amsterdam, NY. There were four of us, trip leader Jim Palmer, Bob Ballard, Anne Woods, and new member Melana Maracchion. First we headed down to the Mohawk where we spent some time looking through the river rocks, then we went to Rotterdam for sand concretions, we took a hike up the side of a cliff to see where one could collect later for some other concretions, and then, since there were only four of us, ended the day with an exploratory trip to Knox, NY to look for fossils. This last part was no longer an official part of the trip, but rather just an extra added bonus. So we clocked in a total of 12 hours for our first field trip of the season. And yes, our new member survived with a smile on her face.

Margaret Hastings Herkimer Diamonds, Fonda, NY. We had a large number of people show up on Sunday April 17th at 10am at the icecream stand near the Fonda Raceway in Fonda, NY. Trip leader Jim Palmer led us cheerfully all up to the site in caravan style. Most members went home with at least one-two herkimer diamonds that they were proud to call their own; others found calcite and dolomite. A few members were a bit more lucky in that respect. Two new members joined just so they could go on this trip. There were many people there: Sara & Jennifer Birn, Cheryl and Tom Hallernan, Jeff Kirk, Bob Ballard, Anne Woods, Bob, Shawn, & Teka Stitham, Melissa Beaulieu, and Anthony. We had great weather: sunny with low humidity and just the right temperature.

Field Trips for May

Please note that you must make reservations with trip leaders ahead of time if you plan on attending a trip. Also please arrive at the location when specified. Most trip leaders will not wait for you, and it is not fair to the other field-trippers to ask them to.

LaFarge Quarry, Ravena, NY. Sunday, May 1, 2005. Meeting Place: Parking lot- Family Dollar Store/Dunkin Donuts shop on Route 9W on northern edge of Ravena. Meeting time: 9am. Restrictions: About 35 total people, No children under 12. All participants must register in advance. Time Limit: Must be out of Quarry by 1pm. Additions: This will also be a EFTA outing. Equipment: Hard Rock Collecting Active Quarry equipment required (hard hat, safety glasses, gloves, hiking boots/steel toed boots); can pick up stuff with your gloved hands, sledge hammers, chisels, bug juice, etc. Food: Small snack/bring water. Trip Leader: Richard Stein (518)355-4423; cellphone - on morning of trip only - (518)330-1966. Materials to collect: quartz, calcite, limestone matrix, fossils.

Schoharie Creek Mine, Schoharie, NY. Saturday May 14, 2005 (note change in date). Time: 10am. Meeting Place: Great American, Main St., Schoharie, NY or bridge at schoharie creek if you can't find the meeting place. Field Trip Leader: Jim Palmer 399-9090. Materials to Collect: pyrite nodules. Tools: bucket, hammer, bug juice, and chisel. Warning: There is poison ivy present at this loca-

tion. You can get it from the leaves, roots, stalks, etc. Wear protective clothing including pants, long sleeved shirts, and gloves. If you have a history of severe reactions don't attend this trip. If you are unaware of what it looks like, ask the trip leader for identification on site...or google it beforehand. We must cross the Schoharie Creek to get there.

Green Garnet Farm, Roxbury, CT. Saturday May 28th. Time: 9am. Meeting Place: Gateway Diner (Central Ave. Albany, NY - between Colvin and Evert Rd.). Field Trip Leader: Gerry Boileau 482-0511. Materials to Collect: garnet crystals in and out of matrix, occasionally some staurolites. Materials to Bring: Long sleeved shirts, pants, hiking boots, screen/sieve, garden digging tools, gloves, food/water. No facilities. Warning: Lime tick and Poison Ivy in area. You will be walking through a field of poison ivy to get to the site. Bring bug juice. Be prepared to put your socks up over your pant legs (it's the style for garnet collecting). Most of the collecting is done by sifting through the dirt. Directions will be provided at the Gateway Diner in case you get lost or separated from the caravan. There will be two locations where the caravan will stop temporarily to count noses.

EFTA Update

by Bob Hartig

It is that time of year again – to start thinking about field trips and what trips we can make available for the Eastern Field Trip Alliance (EFTA). It is a group of mineral clubs that schedule 3 field trips each that are open to all other EFTA clubs. There should be over 25 participating clubs. That equals over 75 field trips that are available throughout the year, plus several special trips. The Fluorite Fantasy Weekend at Walworth is one that has produced substantial spectacular specimens the last couple of years. A 2-day dig with freshly blasted material and an optional Saturday night dinner. (Note it will not be held on Labor Day weekend this year.) If you are a field collector, it is a great benefit to belong to a club participating with EFTA. Most weekends you can have your choice of places to go, from Maine to Virginia. We have been a participating club for many years. The idea behind EFTA is to allow members of all clubs to collect in areas that they normally would not have access to. Last year there were many really good trips available. Perhaps we could plan some out of area trips for a few weekends. We need to provide a minimum of 3 trips every year that we can offer to members of other clubs in order to remain an active member. They do not all have to be digs. The earlier we get our trips in, the sooner we can participate in others fieldtrips. Some clubs to the south of us start early. There has been a request to not use commercial (fee) locations, such as the Herkimer Diamond areas. I know we all like to keep “our sites” to ourselves, but usually there are only a couple members from other clubs at most that join any one trip. And we can limit the number of participants on any trip. Most clubs do provide at least one pretty good local location, and it is give and take. We are able to go to their sites if we chose to. Please contact me if you have a site that you could offer. I should also be at the next club meeting. If we do not get 3 trips registered by mid May, then none of our members will be able to participate in any other EFTA trips. We will try to provide a list of available trips in the newsletter and at club meetings. Hopefully there will be access on the EFTA website again this year. They will have general information only. If you would like to go on another club's trip you need to contact me soon to give me enough time that I can then contact the host

club at least 2 weeks in advance. You can best reach me by e-mail at rockbob@nycap.rr.com and please note EFTA in the "subject" area. I do not always get to my mail everyday, so get your request in as early as possible. I will then send you a confirmation & more specific trip info. We expect all members participating in EFTA trips to observe the same safety rules & collecting courtesy that they would on our own trips. Membership cards are required at every dig. No guests, not even family. Hard hats, safety glasses, gloves, & boots are a must in a working quarry. You are responsible for your children, when children are allowed. Good luck & have fun.

May 2005 Show Announcements

April 30 - May 1. Topsfield, MA. 42nd show; North Shore Rock & Mineral Club of Massachusetts; Topsfield Fairgrounds. Coolidge Hall & Trade Bldg., Rte. 1N; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$4, seniors \$3, children under 12 free; Contact Donna Lee Hanlon, P.O. Box 88, Nahant, MA 01908, (781) 592-4148; e-mail: donna@nahant.com.

April 31- May 1. Johnstown, NY. Show and sale; Fulton County Mineral Club; Johnstown Moose Lodge, Rte. 30A and Rte. 67; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$2, students \$1, children under 12 free; Contact Chamber of Commerce, (800) 676-3858; e-mail: pllenroc@superior.net.

June 11. Kent, CT. 3rd annual swap and sale; Connecticut Museum of Mining and Mineral Science; Connecticut Antique Machinery Association, Rte. 7; Sat. 9-4; Contact John Pawloski, 42 Squash Hollow Rd., New Milford, CT 06776, (860) 354-0296; e-mail: j.a.pawloski@worldnet.att.net.

June 25-26. Gilsum, NH. 41st annual swap and show; Gilsum Recreation Committee; Gilsum Elementary School, Rte. 10; Sat. 8-6, Sun. 8-4; free admission; more than 70 dealers, swappers, Minerals of Mexico presentation, ham and bean dinner Sat.; Contact Robert Mitchell, Gilsum Recreation Committee, P.O. Box 76, Gilsum, NH 03448, (603) 357-9636; e-mail: rmitchell60@adelphia.net.

July 9-10. Syracuse, NY. 38th annual show and sale; Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse; Cargill Exposition Center, New York State Fairgrounds, off I-690; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; adults \$5, children under 12 free; more than 55 dealers, 12 wholesale; Contact Gene Ridall, (315) 656-3692; Website: www.gmss.us.

July 30-31. Mattituck (Long Island), NY. 24th annual show; Long Island Mineral & Geological Society; Mattituck High School; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; adults \$3, \$2.50 with flier, children under 12 free with adult; grand door prize of a faceted, 54-carat, pear-shapes amethyst; Contact Ron Lupo, (631) 878-4405; e-mail: faceter01@hotmail.com.

July 30-31. South Burlington, VT. 26th annual show; Burlington Gem & Mineral Club; Tuttle Middle School, 500 Dorset St.; Sat.-Sun. 10-5; adults \$3, seniors and ages 6-16 \$2, children under 6 free with adult; Contact Steve Howe, (802) 656-4118; Website: www.burlingtongemandmineralclub.org.

Dominican Republic: Larimar & Amber

By Melissa Beaulieu

Larimar.-- Larimar is a blue rare gemstone found only in the Dominican Republic. This stone has come to be known as the national gemstone of the Caribbean. The color of the stone varies from blue, light blue, green, to a jade green and a silky white. It is

said that the natural designs within the stone represent the blue of the ocean or sky.

The different minerals found in the Larimar stone are iron, hematite, magnesium, phosphor, siliceous and copper. The hardness on the Moh's scale is 5-8, the more intense the blue the harder the stone. This stone is also sometimes referred to as the "Atlantis Stone" and has been known to have metaphysical "healing powers".

In 1974 the stone got the name Larimar by a man named Miguel Mendez, who found the stones first along the beach in the southwest part of the Dominican. It is said he walked one day following the trail up a mountain, and he came upon this rock formation. He named the stone Larimar after his daughter's name Larissa - Lari and mar being the Spanish word for sea.

Amber.-- Amber is found in the Dominican Republic as well. Amber is from hardened tree resin, consisting of compounds of terpens, alcohol, and esters. These extinct Hymenaea trees produced it 15040 million years ago as a protection against disease and insect infestation. When a tree's limb would break, this syrupy stuff would ooze out of the tree to protect it from wood-boring beetles. Over time the sap or resin would harden and fossilize. Sometimes trapped inside this resin you can find insects and lizards. In the Amber Museum in Santo Domingo, there is actually a whole lizard fossilized in a piece of Amber. This is where they got the idea for Jurassic Park the movie.

Amber from the Dominican Republic stands out from the amber found in the other regions of the world because of the occurrence of insects found in the amber. The amount of insects in Dominican amber is up to 10% higher than Baltic Amber. It is also 90% more transparent than other ambers which have lots of bubbles. This amber in the Dominican also occurs in several different colors from yellow, to deep red, green, or even the extremely rare blue amber.

Mines.-- The mines for the Larimar and the Amber are very primitive, because they consist of large holes in the ground. The amber lies between the beds of sandstone in a lignite (coal) layer. They are only held open with logs. The holes get quite deep, some up to 50ft and more. The miners use only digging tools or hand tools; nothing much more than the standard hammer and chisel. These mines are very deep and dangerous (like we weren't aware of that).

My collecting in the Dominican consisted mainly of whatever shells I found on the beach. However, my first choice would have been traveling the 150 miles by donkey to the mines to get some local native amber or Larimar, but that was not going to happen for me on this particular trip. I did purchase some jewelry made from Amber and Larimar, and I will make sure to bring them for show and tell.

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The Capital District Mineral Club Bylaws on the next few pages were prepared by the Board of Trustees. Please look over the changes. We will vote on it at the June Banquet.

Capital District Mineral Club Bylaws

Article I -- MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in the Club shall consist of Charter Members and Regular Members who may affiliate with the Club after the limitations of Charter Membership have expired.

Section 2. Those members who shall have attended three (3) meetings of the Club prior to the ratification of the Constitution shall be designated Charter Members.

Section 3. Applications for membership shall be made in person or by letter to the Membership Committee of the Club. Notice of intent may be made by e-mail via the Club Website.

Section 4. An application for membership must be accompanied by a fee which shall cover the dues for the current fiscal year. If, however, the application is made after May 15, dues payment shall also be credited to the following year. This credit shall also be extended to new members who join during the February show at the NYS Museum in Albany. However, it shall not apply to memberships *renewed* at the show.

Article II -- DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and shall perform such other duties as commonly pertain to the Presidency. The President shall:

1. Appoint chairmen of standing committees and of *ad hoc* committees.
 2. Administer the budget for all operational purposes.
 3. Present to the membership a listing of all committee assignments and chairmen at the first meeting following election to office. This list will be distributed to members in attendance and published in the Bulletin the following month.
 4. Present to the Board of Trustees, at their first meeting following election of Club officers, a tentative budget for the coming year. The Board will consider this before adopting the official budget for the year.
 5. At the November meeting, appoint a nominating committee of three (3) members, including a chairman, who shall nominate a candidate for each office of the Club for the annual elections in January.
- The President is authorized by the Board of Trustees to sign checks in the event the Treasurer is unable to do so or is absent for an extended time.
 - The President, in consultation with the Program Chairman, is authorized to cancel a scheduled meeting in case of inclement weather or other dire emergency. A "telephone tree" will be established to contact as many members as possible and to notify news media of cancellation.
 - The President is appointed to the Board of Trustees upon election to office.
 - The term of office for the President shall be one (1) year, with eligibility for two consecutive one-year terms.
- Section 2. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in the event the president is absent or unable to serve, and shall succeed to the Presidency in the event of a vacancy in that office. The Vice President shall also perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President.
- The Vice President shall serve as chairman of the Field Trips Committee.
 - The Vice President is appointed to the Board of Trustees upon election to office.

- The term of office for the Vice President shall be one (1) year, with eligibility for two consecutive one-year terms.

Section 3. The Secretary shall record the proceedings of all regular meetings of the Club and of the Board of Trustees. The Secretary shall:

1. Be custodian of current Club records and files.
 2. Send cards to members or members' families in times of serious illness or bereavement.
- The Secretary is appointed to the Board of Trustees upon election to office.
 - The term of office for the Secretary shall be one (1) year. There shall be no limit to the number of terms the Secretary may serve.
- Section 4. The Treasurer shall receive all dues and other monies and shall make disbursements as authorized by the President.
- At the direction of the Board of Trustees, the Treasurer shall:
 1. Deposit all Club funds in an appropriate depository.
 2. Keep an accurate record of all receipts and disbursements.
 3. Present a monthly statement of the financial status of the Club.
 4. At the January meeting, submit a summary report for the preceding year.
 - The Treasurer is appointed to the Board of Trustees upon election to office.
 - The term of office for the Treasurer shall be one (1) year. There shall be no limit to the number of terms the Treasurer may serve.

Section 5. Any officer who is derelict in the discharge of duties, or whose conduct may be considered detrimental to the welfare or reputation of the Club, may be removed from office by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Board of Trustees.

- This vote shall be by closed ballot, in writing. Three-fourths (3/4) of the membership may petition, in writing, the Board of Trustees to consider the impeachment of an officer.

Article III -- ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The Nominating Committee shall announce the names of nominees for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer at the December meeting, and formally present the nominees for election at the January meeting.

- Nominations for any office may be made from the floor at the December and the January meetings by any member, providing the member shall first have secured the consent of the nominees.
- In the event that the January meeting is cancelled, elections shall be held at the February or next subsequent meeting.
- Election to office shall be by simple majority vote of the attending members.

Section 2. The officers elected at the January or first subsequent meeting shall assume their duties upon the adjournment of that meeting.

Article IV -- DUES

Section 1. Annual dues shall be determined by the Board of Trustees.

Section 2. The fiscal year of the Club shall begin on September 1 and terminate on August 31.

Section 3. The Membership Committee shall place a dues notification in all Club Bulletins from August through December.

Section 4. Members in arrears by the first day of January shall be automatically dropped from membership, forfeiting all the rights

and privileges of same, and their names shall be removed from the Club's mailing list.

Article V -- STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Program Committee shall consist of at least three (3) members, including a chairman. The committee shall establish a yearly program that is well balanced and of interest and value to the membership, and shall furnish a monthly program announcement to the Bulletin Editor and to the Webmaster.

Section 2. The Field Trip Committee shall consist of at least four (4) members, including the Vice President, who shall function as chairman. The committee shall set up a tentative schedule of field trips to submit to the membership by the April meeting. Other field trips may be added, when appropriate, by members or field trip leaders, provided they are properly announced to the membership. A field trip leader may cancel a scheduled trip for "lack of response." The leader must notify the committee chairman prior to the time the trip was to take place. This reaffirms the necessity for all members planning to attend a field trip to contact the trip leader in advance.

Section 3. The Membership Committee shall consist of a chairman and at least two (2) other members. The Committee shall:

1. Collect all correspondence from the Club post office box.
2. Distribute correspondence to Club officers as appropriate.
3. Process new and renewal membership applications, and any resignations.
4. Forward monies received to the Treasurer.
5. Report items of interest at Club meetings.
6. Forward mineral and gem show announcements and other literature, as appropriate, to the Bulletin Editor.
7. Maintain and publish a membership list.

Section 4. The Nominating Committee shall consist of at least three (3) members, including a chairman. The committee shall present a list of nominees at the December meeting, to be formally presented for a vote at the January meeting, or next subsequent meeting.

Section 5. The Public Relations and Publicity Committee shall consist of at least three (3) members, including a chairman. The committee shall be responsible for all public relations activities of the Club, and for any publicity issued for any purpose as directed by the President.

Section 6. The In-Service Committee shall consist of at least two (2) members appointed for a two-year period, whose duties shall be to cooperate with any Earth Science organization or group, to promote further interest and knowledge in this field. This committee shall solicit members willing to give presentations to interested groups. When a request is received, the committee shall contact these members to confirm the topic, time and place of the presentation.

Section 7. The Map Committee shall consist of a chairman and at least three (3) other members, whose duty shall be to prepare maps of geological and mineral areas of interest, with input from field trip leaders. Computer-generated road maps, plots on topographic software, photographs and GPS coordinates are encouraged. These maps shall be filed in our library and by the committee chairman, who shall pass the file onto successive chairs.

Section 8. The Scholarship Committee shall consist of a chairman and at least two (2) other members, whose duty shall be to forward to the head of the geology department, funds for a graduate or undergraduate scholarship in geology.

Section 9. The Greeting Committee shall consist of a chairman and

at least one (1) other member, whose duty shall be to welcome visitors and new members and to introduce them during the meetings.

Section 10. The Auction Committee shall consist of a chairman and at least two (2) other members, whose duty shall be to conduct auctions at the June and December Club dinners and any other designated gatherings.

Section 11. The Audit Committee shall consist of a chairman and at least two (2) other members, whose duty shall be to conduct an annual audit of the Treasurer's records prior to the January or first subsequent meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Section 12. The Library Committee shall consist of a chairman and at least one (1) other member, whose duties shall be to maintain an inventory of the existing library, oversee borrowing, and recommend additions and deletions. Library materials shall be available at all meetings.

Section 13. The President shall, at their discretion, appoint temporary committees when and as the need arises.

Article VI -- RULES OF ORDER

The deliberations of the Club and of its standing and special committees shall be governed by parliamentary usage as contained in "Robert's Rules of Order - Revised" (www.rulesonline.com) when not in conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Club.

Article VII. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business at any regular meeting of the Club or of the Board of Trustees shall be as follows, with modification as necessary:

1. Opening of meeting by the presiding officer.
2. Introduction of visitors and new members.
3. Program.
4. Short break to rearrange seats, visit library, conduct silent auction, etc.
5. Reports of officers (Secretary and Treasurer).
6. Reports of committee chairmen.
7. Announcements.
8. Unfinished business and new business.
9. Election of officers.
10. Introduction of new officers.
11. Good and welfare.
12. Adjournment.

Article VIII FIELD TRIPS

All persons attending a Club Field Trip must be Club Members. The definition of an Official Club Field Trip is that it has been published in the Club Bulletin or announced at a Club meeting prior to said trip. If announced at the Club meeting, the trip must be recorded in the minutes by the Secretary, AND

1. The trip has a designated field trip leader. OR
2. The trip is sponsored by a related organization, such as Eastern FieldTrip Alliance (EFTA), following notification procedures established by the organization, and which also meet the qualifications set forth above. For such co-sponsored trips, the trip shall be considered official if only one member from the Capital District Mineral Club attends.

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The purpose of our club is:

- To promote and encourage the study of mineralogy and other applied sciences.
- To cooperate with educational and scientific institutions in order to bring about a better and more general understanding of earth sciences.
- To provide a program with suitable speakers for scheduled meetings.
- To sponsor, direct, and assist in the planning of excursions to mineral localities and other places of geological interest.
- To cooperate with organizations whose purposes are similar to those stated in the foregoing items.