

Voice of the Dinosaur

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LAST REGULAR MEETING Feb 09, 2016

The last meeting was held February 9th 2016 with 13 members in attendance.

With show preparations well under way, the finishing touches were addressed, including the need for a few more members to volunteer an hour at the club table. There's still time to get your name in by contacting Bob Beckett: rhbeckett@bell.net. As well as displays George Thompson: truenorthminer@aol.com and sign distribution Mark Stanley: fulgurite@bellnet.ca

President George Thompson would like hear more input from members into the meeting agenda. You can email your comments on what you would like to see, do and learn. Your feedback will be most helpful to plan out the next year.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Date: Mar 08, 2016 Time: 7:00 pm

Place: New Activity Centre, Peterborough Zoo

Speaker: Stan Nowicki,

Topic: Prospecting in Northern Ontario and Quebec.

Stan will helps us escape the winter blues with a talk on his many trips into the northern bush in search of mineral treasures. In his younger days he canoed in with a back pack prospector's drill to take core samples in many areas south west of Timmins and western Quebec. Some of the many tasks included Diamond Drilling, Claims Staking and Geophysical Surveying. His slide show will bring back memories of the rugged and beautiful north.

Respectfully Robert Montgomery Secretary KR&FC

ANNUAL GEM, MINERAL AND FOSSIL SHOW

By the time you read this, our show will be just around the corner, and by now, hopefully all duties have been assigned. The only thing left to do is to come out and show the public what we're all about. The Show will be held Saturday March 5th and Sunday March 6th from 10am to 5pm each day at the Evinrude Centre in Peterborough.

One quick message from Ulli regarding the "Best Collected" contests:

BEST COLLECTED MINERAL / FOSSIL 2015 SHOWCASE

Hi club members:

Please bring your best self-collected specimens to the club table at the show on Saturday between 9am and 10am. Club members can enter 1 specimen in each category if they want.

The best self-collected mineral/fossil competition is of great interest to the public and is also very good advertising for our club.

Cards for specimen name and location collected will be provided at the show.

On Saturday, club members can fill out a ballot at the club table selecting their choice of best mineral & fossil. The winner for each category will be announced on Sunday.

If you are not able to pick up your specimen on Sunday I will take it in my care until the next club meeting. Ulrike Kullik

2016 FIELD TRIPS

I know it's still early, but Ulli is already busy planning things. Another message from our field trip co-ordinator:

Collecting season is coming and I am working on a few ideas.

I would like to get input from all club members if there is interest to visit either the Museum Of Nature in Ottawa or the ROM in Toronto on the 2nd of April.

The club could rent a bus. If there is enough interest we can talk about it at the next club meeting. Please email me if you might like to go.

In the planning stages for now are trips to Craigmont for Corundum, the Ore Chimney and the Malone Quarry and of course Marmora. All trips depend on getting permission to access and collect.

More to come.

If you have a special location you want to visit or know of any interesting places to collect, please let me know.

I am in desperate need of Fossil collecting locations. If you know of any, please contact me.

There will be a fossil collecting trip led by Kevin Brett to the Gamebridge quarry. This trip also includes members from the Scarborough club. The tentative date is Saturday, June 4th.

Your field trip leader Ulrike Kullik ulrike.kullik@gmail.com 705 768 3787

COMING EVENTS

Still no update to the CCFMS website, so if anyone knows any additional show info, please forward it to me for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Fri, Sat & Sun Mar 18-20: The Gem Expo. Canada's premiere show for beads, gems, jewellery, minerals, lampwork, amber and pearls. Held at the Hyatt Regency Toronto on King, 370 King St. West, Toronto.

More info at www.thegemexpo.com or call 416-996-2583 or 647-773-9001

Saturday Apr. 2 & Sunday Apr. 3: Brantford Lapidary & Mineral Society presents the 44th annual Gem & Mineral show at the Paris Fairgrounds, 139 Silver St., Paris ON

For more info call Nathan Etherington 519-442-3777 - nellyknitter@gmail.com

Fri, Sat & Sun Apr 15-17: Club de Mineralogie de Montreal holds their 31st show at the Centre Pierre-Charbonneau, 3000 rue Viau, Montreal.

More info at www.SalonMinerauxMtl.com

Fri, Sat & Sun Apr 22-24: The Toronto Gem & Mineral show and sale. Don Mills Civitan Arena, 1030

Don Mills Rd, North York ON

More info at <u>www.torontogemshow.com</u>

Jul 17-19: 33rd annual Sudbury Gem & Mineral Show. Fri. 5 pm to 9 pm, Sat. 10 am to 6 pm; Sun. 10 am to 5 pm. Carmichael Arena on Bancroft Dr., across from Minnow Lake, 1 km. south of the Kingsway (Hwy. 17E), Sudbury, ON

For more info contact Ed DeBicki at 705-522-5140 or check <u>www.ccfms.ca/clubs/sudbury.show.htm</u>

EDITOR'S RANT

Once again, nothing fancy this month, just the facts. Bob Beckett has offered to write a report on his trip to the annual Tucson show, so hopefully by next month, you'll have something interesting to read, and I'll have to learn how to insert photos into an article. No pressure Bob!!!

Not much left to say, other than see you at the show. I'll be at the club table Sunday afternoon if anyone has any comments or suggestions regarding the newsletters. -KK