

Newsletter of K.-W. Gem and Mineral Club  
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Regular Meetings held on the first Wednesday of each month, except July and August.

NEXT MEETING - Wed. June 7, 1967. The last meeting of this season will be "Bragging Nite". Bring your best specimen to show our club members. We are hoping to see some perfect crystals, shining minerals and breath taking polished stones. This will also give our club members a better idea of what to look for when hunting this summer.

Our trip to Madoc on the May holiday weekend was a terrific success. The town seemed to be filled with Rockhounds and many tons of material were carried back to the Kitchener-Waterloo area. Our president had his pockets loaded down so heavily that he had to be practically carried away from some of the mines. We met many members from the Toronto Club and the Brantford Club and a gay time was had by all.

Information Department: Did you know that as early as 3500 B.C. the Egyptians collected agates from the desert areas and used them for trading. That agate derives its name from the River Achates in Sicily where it was believed to have been found for the first time. That agates are used for currency today by some African tribes.

From the Inter-Club Field Committee has come the following information on field trips and summer activities of sister-clubs:

June 11-Niagara Pen. Geol. Soc. to Alden Creek, N.Y. for fossils.

June 11-Brampton Rock and Mineral Club to Alden, N.Y. for marcasite concretions.

June 25-Willowdale Gem and Mineral Club to the Dundas quarry.

July 1 -Weekend Nipissing Rapidity and Mineral Club and the Township of Cobalt.

Field trips, plant tours, etc. in the Cobalt area. Plenty of space for tents and trailers. Those requiring hotel rooms should contact the Fraser Hotel, Cobalt, as soon as possible.

July 1-3-Niagara Pen. Geol. Soc. to Bancroft, Ont.

July 15-Brampton Rock and Mineral Club to Minden, Ont. for wilsonite and serpentine.

Aug 5-7-Pontiac-Gatineau Gem and Mineral Club and the Pontiac Mineralogical

Institute will sponsor a Rock Swap at the farm of E.J. Bradley, Pontiac Co. Turn off Hwy 28 three miles east of Quyon, Quebec. Look for signs.

Admission: donation of mineral specimen, cutting material, a finished stone or rockhound jewellery. Field trips to Wakefield for brucite, diopside, apatite, serpentine, etc. and to Villeneuve Mine for black tourmaline, muscovite, garnet, peristerite.

Aug. 9-12-Bancroft Mineral Society's Centennial Gem Show at the Club house and grounds at Birds Creek, Ont. Clubs and Club members are invited to take part in competitive displays (Info. from Tom Welsh, Box 331, Bridge St., Bancroft, Ont.)

Aug. 25-27-Brampton (host), Walker, Willowdale, Scarborough, East Toronto (co-hosts) will sponsor a Centennial Rock Swap at the Cold Creek conservation Area near Nobleton, Ont. \$1.00 per car per day to enter the park. Camping at 25 cents per person. Clubs and individuals are encouraged to enter displays- contact Jack Pratt, 48 Carmichael Ave., Toronto 12, to reserve display space.

For the next three months many of our members will be hunting far and wide for that perfect specimen. May I wish everyone a safe and happy summer. And when I am down in Nova Scotia, collecting along the Bay of Fundy, I will think of you.