



December 2020 issue

**WE WILL HAVE OUR NEXT VIRTUAL MEETING, ON JANUARY 19 AT 6:45 P.M. WATCH FOR YOUR EMAIL INVITATION AND JOIN US!**

The second virtual meeting on November 17 went well with approximately 30 people in attendance. Most were through video connections and a few by phone.

**Instructions for the virtual meetings will come in an email a couple of days before the meeting and will have instructions on how to connect.**

## **NOVEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

Pierre LaFoilie gave a presentation about the Tucson and Quartzite shows from the past winter. There were many interesting photos of the items for sale and the venues.

Deb Bull talked and showed photos of Impactite Breccia from Ontario and also found on the shore of Lake Huron and at Rockport.

Deb and Gary Bull also have some large sturdy buckets at their house that Jared procured. A small donation to the club is required per bucket.

## **Facebook Page**

Visit the club's Facebook page that Jenny Burcroff created. To take a look use this web address. There is also a link on our club website.

<https://www.facebook.com/TCRockhounds>

## **HAPPY GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY GTARMC !!**

Jared was looking through some paperwork and realized that November was the 50th anniversary of the founding of the club. There have been a lot of changes in the club over the years from its beginning with just a few members to the vibrant large club we have now. It has met in many different places over the years including the City Owned Traverse City Senior Center on the bay on Front Street, the City's Carnegie Building on 6th Street, where Crooked Tree now has their Traverse City operations, and where our club workroom is located. Our annual rock and mineral shows have been held at Northwestern Michigan College, the Carnegie Building, GT County's Civic Center and most recently at the Cherryland VFW post. There have been countless field trips, both formal and the informal meeting of members at a particular location.

We look forward to the next 50 years and all of the shows, trips, meetings and other special events that will take place. We hope to have a more hands on event at some time this year after COVID-19 allows us to resume normal in-person events.

### **Upcoming Field Trip Planning**

Kevin Gauthier has made it known that he would like someone else to come forward and take over the Field Trip Coordinator position for next year. Kevin will still plan the trip to the U.P. in early September next year.

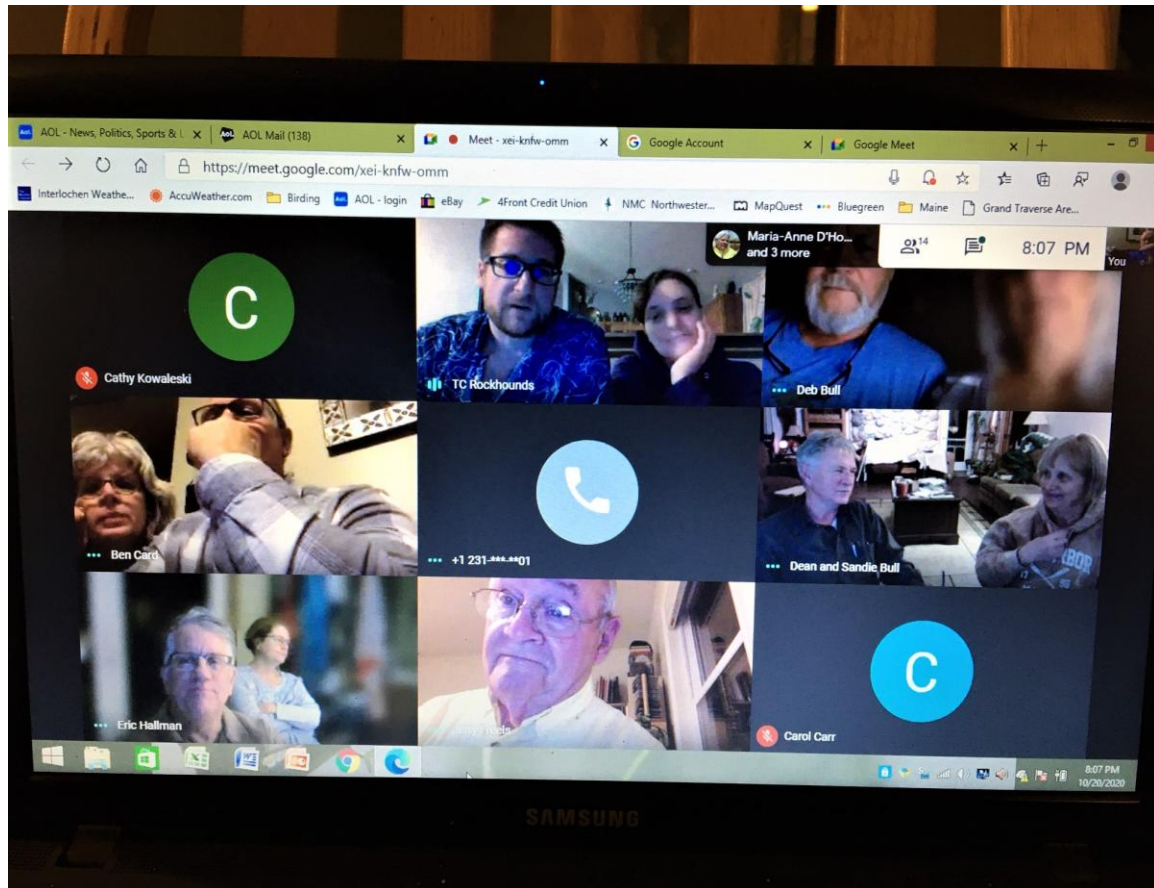
### **New Club Email Address**

In July, the club voted to spend \$6.00 a month to switch to Google Suites which will give us many more capabilities for on-line virtual meetings and simpler email blasts to the whole club. With this change, there is a new club email address. It is:

[gtarmc@tcrockhounds.com](mailto:gtarmc@tcrockhounds.com)

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Here is a photo of what the club meeting looks like on our computer. We hope you can join us on January 19.



## INTERESTING MICHIGAN GEOLOGIC INFORMATION

Below is a link to an article from the Michigan State University Geology Department on the Geology of the Great Lakes Region. Thanks to Deb Bull for sending this information to be included in the newsletter.

<http://www.geo.msu.edu/extra/geogmich/geology.html?fbclid=IwAR1P1p8RCzowpsvVX3yIEP8em-kxpU9MdJwHWSJStuwSAyrXNki8R-WkPi4>

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The above contact list will be included in each newsletter so that you know who to contact for various items.

Anyone that has paid their 2020 membership dues will not have to pay any 2021 dues. This decision was made by the board since we have not been able to have many events or meetings this year.

Hope that everyone has an enjoyable Holiday season and we will see you in January!!