



July 2019 issue

Our next regular meeting: Tuesday, July 16 - 6:45pm

At the Traverse Area District Library on Woodmere

Five Minute Program: Michigan Iron and Gold Mine Minerals – Lauren Vaughn

Main Program: Keweenaw Rocks – Don Reed

Door Prizes: Deb Bull, Kevin Gauthier, Cynthia Vaughn

Snack Hosts: Deb Bull, Bonnie Reed, Jenny Sharp, Gail Swed

June Highlights

The Main program was the annual Silent Auction with two rounds of fun and good spirited bidding.

Pierre LaFolle spoke about the tailgate sale on Saturday, July 13. It will be from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the former Hooters Parking Lot at 1850 US - 31 between 3 and 4 mile Roads. There will be 22 vendors from the club and all spaces are full.

Door prizes were donated by Carol Popa, Jenny Sharp, and Amanda Martin.

Snack Hosts were Carol Popa, Debbie Harrington, Pat Captain and De Arnolt.

Thank to our volunteer providers and presenters.

June Field Trip Report

On Saturday June 8, 2019, there was a collecting event at the Meauwataka Gravel Pit between Mesick and Cadillac. Fossils, Petoskey Stones, and many other glacial till stones are present. There will be another trip there in September.

Upcoming Events

July

July 13 – Club sponsored parking lot “tailgate” sale at the former Hooters Parking Lot.

It will be from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the former Hooters Parking Lot at 1850 US - 31 between 3 and 4 mile Roads. There will be 22 vendors from the club and all spaces are full. Come out and get some great specimens, jewelry and other cool rock, gem, mineral and fossil related stuff.

Michigan Tech University coordinates the July 16 – 20 Keweenaw Mineral Days collecting events in Copper Country. Follow the link from the Sponsors/Links page on our club website (tcrockhounds.com) to check if any openings still exist for the event .

August

August 10th is the tentative date for the LaFarge Quarry collecting trip to Alpena. Kevin is working on firming up the time and other details. More information will be available soon.

The Copper Country Rock and Mineral Club also will have collecting events in August. The events will be on the 6th through the 9th. The information was posted on March 15 and registration began that day. When I checked a few weeks ago, their 4 dig location trips were full. They have their Rock and Mineral Show on August 9 – 11.

The Ishpeming Rock and Mineral Club has collecting events either side of their August 3 show. Friday, the 2nd will be collecting at the

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Republic Iron Mine, Sunday the 4th will be collecting at the Lindberg Quarry for Kona Dolomite. The final event will be on Monday, August 5 at the Michigan Gold Mine. Check with the club for registration details for the gold mine trip. It is limited to 40 participants.

Both of these clubs have a link on our Sponsors/Links page.

September

Update from Deb Bull for the club's September amethyst collecting trip to Ontario, Canada:

The mines are located near the town of Pearl, approximately 625 miles from Traverse City (via Sault Ste Marie) about 10.5 hours, per Google maps. It is about 45 minutes east of Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Club members will be welcomed at the Blue Point Mine on Saturday, September 14th, and at the Diamond Willow Mine on Sunday, September 15th. Members are encouraged to make accommodations at the nearby Mirror Lake Campground by contacting the proprietors (Doris and Henry) at 1-807-977-2840. There will be a club potluck at 6:00pm on Saturday evening for anyone who would like to participate. Deb Bull and Kevin are working on other collecting opportunities nearby. Further details will be shared as they develop.

There are some openings on the 2019 meeting schedule for snacks, door prizes and programs.

Please see Janet Ryan to volunteer to fill in one or more of these openings. Thank you!

Facebook Page

If you have not had a chance to do so yet, take a look at the GTARMC Facebook page that Jenny Burcroff has created. To take a look use this web address. There is also a link on our club website for another way to access the Facebook page.

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

Tom Fordyce is selling some lapidary equipment, rough, slabs and specimens. Please contact Tom for an appointment at 231-590-4980.

ROCKHOUND OF THE MONTH

The Rockhound of the Month for May was Lorna Coe. Congratulations Lorna!



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See you all on the 16th.