



November 2020 issue

WE WILL HAVE OUR NEXT VIRTUAL MEETING, ON NOVEMBER 17 AT 6:45 P.M. WATCH FOR YOUR EMAIL INVITATION AND JOIN US!

The first virtual meeting on October 20 went well with approximately 20 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.

OCTOBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

It was great to have about 20 members joining in the virtual meeting. Paleo Joe gave a presentation about ancient fish fossils with many of them being found at the Rockport State Park fossil collection area.

Jim and Dee Elder were September's Rockhounds of the Month due to them volunteering to take over the Membership Chair position from Kim Olson when she retires from the position at the end of the year.

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 is 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

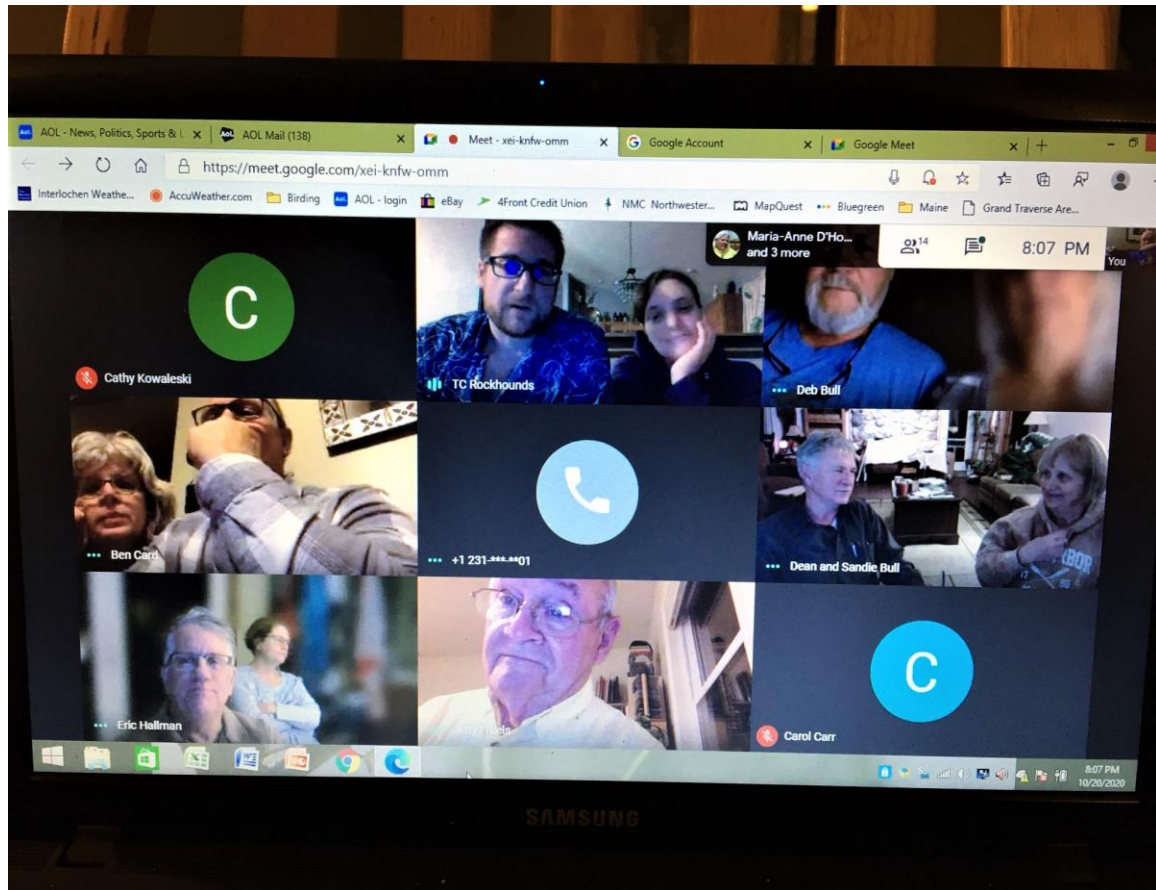
Kevin Gauthier has made it known that he would like someone else to come forward and take over the Field Trip Coordinator position for next year. Kevin will still plan the trip to the U.P. in early September next year.

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 meetings and simpler email blasts to the whole club. With this change, there is a new club email address. It is:

gtarmc@tcrockhounds.com

Here is a photo of what the club meeting looked like on our computer. We hope you can join us on November 17.



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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.