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Monthly Meeting – July 23

Landscapes of Wisconsin *presented by Jaime Martindale*

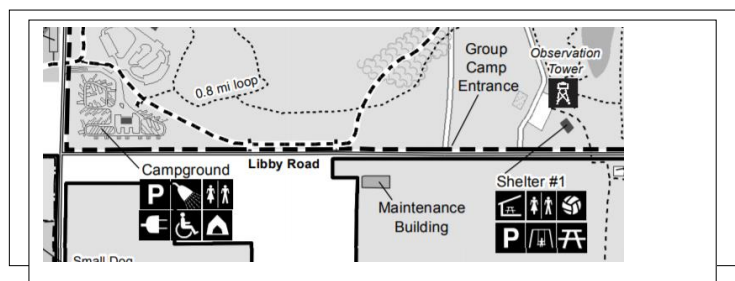
Aerial photographs are extremely useful research resources for visualizing how landscapes have changed over time. Wisconsin's first comprehensive aerial flight was completed by the United States Department of Agriculture between 1937 and 1941. These photographs have been digitally preserved and are now available for viewing and downloading on-line. This presentation offers a historical narrative of aerial photography in the United States with an emphasis on Wisconsin, and it will highlight the Wisconsin Historic Aerial Image Finder, an online application developed by the State Cartographer's Office to view and download the oldest imagery in our state. Our presenter has been the Map & Geospatial Data Librarian in the Robinson Map Library since 2003. She received her B.S. degree in Biological Aspects of Conservations and a Master's in Library and Information Science. Jaime is responsible for acquiring, cataloging, and assisting with access to library collections including maps, atlases, photos and digital geospatial data and teaches in Geography, Landscape Architecture, Urban & Regional Planning, and Library & Information Studies.

*****Another Collecting Trip July 29 - Details Inside!*****

Summer Picnic August 11

Club members are reminded to save Sunday, August 11 for the annual Summer Picnic – 11:30 am to 4 pm. We will be located in the same place as last year. Shelter #1 at Lake Farm County Park. In addition to food and fellowship, materials from the club's inventory will be for sale. Last year, sales were brisk, so remember to bring cash or check. Picnic Directions: **From the Beltline, go south on East Town Dr. Take Moreland Rd to Libby Rd. (The intersection by the campground.) Shelter #1 will be on your left.**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday,
July 23 at 7p.m. in AB20
Weeks Hall
UW Dept. of Geoscience**



Club Collecting Event July 29

AGATE QUARRY PRAIRIE DU CHIEN. THE HOURS WILL BE FROM 12 – 3 PM

Dress for the weather with hats, sunscreen, bug spray, rain gear and closed toe footwear.

Bring water and snacks and chairs if desired.
A bucket to carry rocks and rock hammers and safety glasses are suggested.

You must be a member of the club to attend due to insurance coverage. Membership forms will be available to join.

Directions to site:

From Madison to Prairie du Chien:

Take Hwy 18/151 (Verona Rd.) west towards Dodgeville. Off ramp is closed due to construction so take Hwy Y (about 2 miles before construction), turn right into Hwy YZ. This will detour around north side of Dodgeville and will connect again with Hwy 18.

Take Hwy 18, which will connect with Hwy 35 just before the long hill into the Wisconsin River valley. Take this into Prairie du Chien.

The two highways will split at the Culver's in Prairie du Chien. Stay in the right lane to go straight on Hwy 35. After 3 or 4 roundabouts. Stay heading north, and you will pass the 3M plant on the left, then Casey's gas station and then you will pass Cabela's on the left. Just after Cabela's there is a motel, turn left onto Cliftwood Dr. going west, after going over the railroad bridge there is a road to the left. Turn left and go over another small bridge (watch out for large trucks, they will have the right of way) Turn into gravel road and follow until you see people and cars. **PLEASE PARK WHERE YOU WILL BE OUT OF THE WAY OF BIG TRUCKS IF THEY COME IN TO PICK UP A LOAD.**

If you are lost or have questions, Rick Zweifel can be contacted at 1-608-206-4981

For car pooling information contact Holly Brassington at brassingtonhh@gmail.com or Karen Lederer at karenl@charter.net or (608) 347-6628.

Maps and complete directions will be available at the July meeting on July 23.

Competition Schedule 2019

All members are urged to bring specimens for the monthly competition. Questions may be directed to Carlos Peralta, at 509-2836. Cash awards: 1st place \$10; 2nd place \$5. Unless specifically instructed, the specimens for the Competitions described below can be self-collected, or purchased, or given to you by somebody else. Please make sure to write a short description (including the name of the specimen) on a 3 X 5 card or similar.

July 2019. Celebration of Twins

Did you know August 8 is National Twin Day? Bring two specimens, slabs, or cabs that are sisters or just look better when shown side-by-side. They might have interesting and complementing patterns or colors. Twinned crystals are eligible too.

August 2018. Rocks for kids.

This competition has become a tradition. Bring one, or two, or many rocks that can make a kid happy. Anything is fine: minerals, fossils, gems, slabs, rock hammers, rubies, etc. Please keep in mind that the materials you will bring to the competition will be given away to kids. You cannot get them back even if you won a prize.

September 2019. Fuzzy Rocks

If it looks fuzzy, it probably isn't (unless you have okenite or asbestos or velvety malachite or the infamous hollandite/romanechite rats hairs). The fuzzy hairs are long and very thin crystals. Therefore, they are easily damaged if handled. So, this competition will be "look-but-don't-touch."

Calendar

July 23, 2019 MGMC Club Meeting,, 7 pm at Weeks Hall

August 6, 2019 MGMC Board Meeting, 7 pm at Lapidary Lab

August 11, 2019 Summer Picnic

JULY 27-28: FREDERIC, WI Indian Rock & Mineral Society Annual Show. Sat 10 am - 5 pm; Sun 10 am - 4 pm. Frederic High School, 1437 Clamfalls Dr., Frederic. Contact: Roy Wickman, (715) 357-3223

AUGUST 10-11: RICE LAKE, WI North West Wisconsin Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show. Sat 10 am - 5 pm; Sun 10 am - 4 pm. Expo Building, Barron County Fairgrounds, Hwy 48 North, Rice Lake. Contact: Dave Skrupky, (715) 986-2547; dskrupky@centurytel.net Roy Wickman, (715) 357-3223; rktswick@chibardun.net

AUGUST 24: EAU CLAIRE, WI Chippewa Valley Gem & Mineral Society Rock Swap. 8 am - 4 pm. Expo Center Grounds, Lorch Ave, Eau Claire. Contact: Paul Tubbs, (715) 834-5747, bizpam1@gmail.com

AUGUST 24: RACINE, WI Racine Geological Society Rock Swap. Bartlett Youth Foundation, 1120 N. Stuart Rd., Racine. Contact: John Lowman, (262) 989-9193; lowman.john@sbcglobal.net

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