

VULCAN QUARRY/ STAFFORD, VA/ MAY 19, 2018 REPORT
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This past Saturday SMRMC was invited to join the Montgomery County Club on a field trip to the Garrisonville Rd. Vulcan Quarry. Harry, Tim and myself joined three members from Montgomery County and one local rockhound to collect in the muddy pit.



We met in the parking lot by the office at 7:30 for the safety briefing and signing of forms. It was raining steadily until we drove down into the quarry and then to everyone's delight the rain stopped. The previous rain did a fine job of washing off the rocks which made collecting a bit easier.

Everyone spread out through the quarry and began hunting.

There were plenty of nice specimens of Pyrite and Chalcopyrite to be found. Jonathan worked diligently on a large boulder extracting specimens of Stilbite. Harry and I perused thru the entire bottom level and found plenty of Laumontite, Calcite, Feldspar, small Quartz crystals, some possible garnet (not sure if that's what it actually is) and some very impressive Pyrite/Chalcopyrite on Calcite and other materials. Everyone worked hard and before we knew it our time was up. And wouldn't you know it, the rain started back up as soon as we were done. We thanked our Quarry host Richard and headed home for the day. I tested some of the material we brought home, but did not have any that fluoresced.

