

**Vulcan Quarry, Manassas, Va. March 27, 2010**  
by Bob Davidson



It was a cold morning when the ten of us from our club arrive at the Vulcan Quarry. From left to right are Teri, Mike, Paul, Tom, Fotini, Bob, Linda, Polly and Jim. Ralph took the picture. We were the first to get there followed by the Roanoke Club and the Northern Virginia Club who arranged the trip.

The trip leader, Ted Carver, explained the rules for mine emphasizing the importance of safety equipment and keeping at least 10 feet away from the walls. He also explained where the most recent blasting had occurred.



After stopping at the new area and not finding anything we moved to the bottom of the quarry where we found calcite, both massive and crystals.

From there we moved up to the 220 foot level where Polly found an outstanding chalcopryite specimen.



Near the end of the trip we moved up to the 80 foot level and got some nice specimens of stilbite or, as some people called it, laumonite. We left the quarry around noon.



(Bob found this stilbite specimen. It' measures 2 1/2" across and 1 3/4" high)