

**“First Impressions” of Our First Club Rock Trip** by Cory and Kimi Kivel



This was the first trip out with the club for us. We arrived at the dig location at 8:50 am. We found Mr. Pankratz pretty easily and gave him our liability waivers and donations. He pointed us in the direction of the dig location and told us the approximate location of the best spots.

We headed over right away, excited to get started. The field was wet and crumbly early in the day, but dried out considerably later on. We were just glad it had rained recently in order to expose some of the crystals, which it had done. We headed mid-field and strolled a little past what ended up being the busy spot and started to find surface crystals everywhere.

When we finally looked up after a bit, we were surprised by the number of people that participated in the days dig, must of been well over 70, and most seemed to be concentrating on the area we had passed by. I do regret not having met any of the Southern Maryland club members and introducing ourselves, but there were just so many people and most seemed to be from other clubs.

Hopefully on the next outing it will be a more club exclusive outing and we will get to meet the members. Other than finding some crystals we were awarded with a rather pleasant, exciting and totally unexpected event, as we were busy looking down and around I suddenly heard a voice I recognized, my head snapped up quickly to see it indeed was the Crystal Collector (Brian Majors) from Youtube. I have probably watched

all his videos since we took our trip out west and our thirst for more became renewed. I could not believe he was actually there doing the same thing we were. I would have loved to have met him, but did not feel like being a nuisance.

The wife later told me I had been walking around the main digging area with my head in the sand the whole time when a rather nice specimen was found about waist deep I believe, and I was too self-indulged in what I was doing to hear them all talking about it, so I missed seeing it.

Hopefully I will get to see photos of it on the club web page or video of it on the Crystal Collectors channel later on. My wife says it was beautiful. All in all we found some nice crystals and had a wonderful time looking. We are definitely looking forward to going back in the future, but I am going to dig next time.

