

On 3/10/21, Editors United held their 4th Roundtable and kicked it off with another Mystery Guest Interview. This time the participating Editors did not know who the guest was going to be, but the guest previously agreed to be interviewed.

Ryan Klockner, (left) appears to be reaching for something in the trap-rock or having his arm stuck and for some reason smiling about it.

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Before the interview, Ryan shared a little about his project, Geology 365.

I've been working on this for about 2 years. The concept behind is multi-fold. There's all sorts of things that I plan to accomplish but the biggest goal is to help bring awareness to our community, to our hobby, to try and help us have a better digital presence online.

Read more about Ryan's project at the end of the interview.

Geology365



The following questions were asked by participants of Editors United on 3/10/21 and answered by Ryan Klockner, creator of Geology365.com and member of the Friends of Mineralogy- NJ Chapter

Q1. What name do you want to be called?

(Lizzie Triano- Danbury MS/CT)

A1. We'll go with Ryan.

Q2. Do you have a nickname and how did you get it?

(Dave "Groundhog" Shapiro- Guest/NJ)

A2. Two nicknames and it depends on what part of the country I'm in. In the Midwest, I get called by "Pony." This is where I went to college and played rugby and I was about 250 pounds at the time. I could run a 40 in about 4.9 seconds. That's fairly quick for a large individual. And as a freshman they can't give you a good nickname, so I got named Pony. And then when I moved to South Florida, I got the nickname "Sweatbox." I don't know if I should be admitting this one. The first rugby practice I went to was at night and still like 95 degrees at 9 at night and after the practice I just could not stop sweating to save my life. You may guessed, but rugby teams don't necessarily give out good quality nicknames.

Q3. "This is a weird question" is cereal soup why or why not?

(Diane Burl- CT Valley MC/MA)

A3. So I'm gonna go with no. Never thought about this and I could argue for both but I'm going to say no, because I don't eat cold soup.

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- Q4. What is your favorite mineral or fossil? *(Anita Honkonen- Nashoba Valley MS/MA)*
A4. Probably the hardest question on this list. I really don't have a focus. I'm an aesthetic mineral collector so it's if I think it looks good, I buy it. But I will have to say I probably have more fluorite in my collection than anything else, so I guess we'll go with that.
- Q5. What secret conspiracy would you like to start? *(Teddi Silver- Delaware MS/DE)*
A5. Like to start the conspiracy that there's no drama in the mineral community. And that that goes outside of current events. I'm a drama free person and there's more drama than I care to admit.
- Q6. Favorite Collecting Locality, name, city, state, etc.? *(June Rogier- Presidential G&MS/NH)*
A6. So probably my favorite and not necessarily because of what I've found locally because I've collected much nicer things from much nicer places. But it was a place east of Nashville. It's a road cut where I first really got into collecting and it's the last of the localities that I collected at with my father. This road cut is littered with minerals. And I believe at last count, there were somewhere north of 20 to 25 different minerals that you could find in the mix and they're all quartz rich. A lot of them have calcite, like big chunky calcite that would fluoresce, a lot of them had different types of dolomite, some of it was very iron rich, so it was a blood red, some of them are an orange color. Rumor was that there was fluorite in some of them. It was just like Christmas Day. You never know what you're gonna pull out of that wall.
- Q7. Toilet paper - over or under as far as the hanging portion? *(Dave "Groundhog" Shapiro- Guest/NJ)*
A7. So 100% no doubt in my mind, it has to be over. And if it's not I fix it.
- Q8. What is something that most people don't know about you? *(Lizzie Triano- Danbury MS/CT)*
A8. I'm more or less than open book. I'll say most people in the mineral Community don't know is that I'm about six two and my wife is four eight.
- Q9. If you were a house, what color would you be? *(David Nock- EFMLS Host/CT)*
A9. There's a good question. I don't know, I'd probably be painted like a white painted brick house, I always kind of liked that look.
- Q10. What site or collecting locality would you most want to visit? *(Richard Simcsak- So MD RMC /MD)*
A10. So it's between two of them. I kind of like to know what's going on in the Yaogangxian mine in China. Because of all the crazy fluorite that seems to come out of there. But then I would also like to visit Elmwood in Tennessee. Since that's where I kind of got into this hobby, I saw a lot of the Elmwood pieces coming out of there. I know a lot of people that get them from the miners, so I feel like that would be a really cool place to visit.
- Q11. What's invisible, but you wish people could see? *(Elaine Giacomo- Keene MC/NH)*
A11. We could go with the obvious one and say God. But I'm not. I'm gonna bounce off of your next question and say Wi Fi signals. Because if you think about that they're floating around you, through you, all the time. Kind of weird to think about and how it gets from your router to your computer.

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Q12. What's the best Wi-Fi name you have seen? (Bill deLorraine-St Lawrence Co RMC/NY)

A12. I'm kind of partial to the one I used to have... Princess Paradise. I've got twin nine-year old girls for those who don't know.

Q13. Are you a dog or cat person, Ryan? (Theresa Peek- Washington Co GMS/ME)

A13. I am a dog person. We got ours from the pound and we don't entirely know what he is. But he's got the big floppy jowls. Not a Mastif but they think he's a combination and part of that might be Mastif. One of the Vets said Mastif and Great Dane mix. So some combination of large dogs.

Q14. The most ridiculous fact that you know, or can make up? (Geoff Carton- Chesapeake G&MS/MD)

A14. So there are more dogs on earth than there are cats. That's real, that's not made up at all.

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The following interview was partially adapted from several sources. One, conversationstartersworld.com/funny-questions-to-ask/, and two, an article by Editor, Diane Legg published in "Rocks in my Pockets," of the Kanawha R&GC (WV), January, 2021. Editors United also came up with a few questions of their own and would like to thank all who contributed.

More on Ryan Klockner's 3/10/21 discussion with Editors United...

As I'm sure most of you are aware, there's a lot of societies and clubs that don't have a very solid digital presence and that's where people are going to find you. So just a real quick rundown on things I have built currently that will generate a template driven website for your group.

Mobile friendly, so it looks good on a cell phone as well as a laptop or whatever size screen you're on. The idea is that we want it to look good. We also have things for membership management and we recently released a Presenter database. The latter hasn't been released yet as we're still trying to see how that database with presenters works before we actually release it. The Beta version went live earlier this week.

And there's a whole lot of other stuff and I think part of the reason why David wanted me to join in on this conversation is because I also want to add in a newsletter management tool. Basically, to make it very easy to create newsletters and even distribute them through the platform.

From the Meeting Minutes by Cat Herder, Teddi Silver (DMS/DE):

A suggestion was given asking Ryan to create a list of shows because getting that information by the editors is very time consuming. The information can be on various websites with no common format for the newsletters. The calendar in the newsletters is the most time consuming for the editors to create. If the individual clubs had a template where they could enter their show information, the format would be the same.