

MICROMOUNTERS OF NEW ENGLAND

The next meeting of the Micromounters of New England will be held at Boston University in the Department of Geology, which is located at 725 Commonwealth Ave, Boston, Massachusetts on Saturday, April 3, 1971. The meeting will be held at BU through the courtesy of Pete Dunn, the curator there. Pete is certainly an active curator-seems as though every time we hold a meeting there there are more new cases and displays. The most recent is a case showing some examples of different crystals and their models in wood-should be interesting to all serious micromounters.

This meeting will feature micros from the famous lead mines near Easthampton, Mass. This mine is called either the Loudville or Marhan Lead Mines. This meeting is a repeat of the last meeting, as the weather was bad. I will bring slides of some of the minerals of this location, as well as slides of many of the minerals of a similar location at route 295 in Cranston, R.I. Many of these slides have been just recently photographed, in fact some since the last meeting. Let us all bring specimens from this location in Mass. as well as those from similar locations. Comparing specimens from different locations will help us to better identify some of our unknowns.

I will bring my photographing setup and photograph some of your specimens for those that want to have color slides of their favorite micro specimens. The cost for each slide will be \$.25.

As usual some microscopes will be available for those that do not have one yet, but please bring a light as Pete does not have enough lights for all scopes.

Now that spring has finally arrived, collecting at road cuts and at some of the old locations should produce good specimens as the alternate cold and warmth of spring usually loosens rocks at both road cuts and old abandoned quarries and the alert mineral collector who gets there first is often rewarded with some outstanding specimens. Just recently I found a nice smoky Quartz crystal at route 295 in Johnston, R.I. This specimen was found at a location that had only produced micro crystals of quartz, during the blasting and excavation work, so one never knows what you will find if you take the time to look.

Still nothing from the road cuts presently being blasted in Rhode Island, the areas that are now being blasted are at present uninteresting from a collectors point of view, but the next blast may produce good specimens-this is the fun of collecting at road cuts, that have been covered for over 10,000 years.

Hope to see you at this meeting.

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