

MICROMOUNTERS OF NEW ENGLAND NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting

Chelmsford, MA Library
Saturday, April 15, 2006
Doors open at 9:00 AM

*Map and directions are
on the back page*

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due to inclement
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MMNE SECRETARIAL REPORT FOR 03/18/06

The Micromounters of New England March meeting convened at the Chelmsford Public Library at 11:55 AM with fifteen members and one guest in attendance.

There was no official treasurer's report, but Anna Wilken said there was approximately \$6300.00 in the treasury and that there was minimal change from the previous month.

Old business relating to the upcoming MMNE May Meeting consisted of two details. Anna Wilken asked who would be in charge of obtaining a projection screen for the guest speaker presentation. Jim Cahoon indicated that he had gotten it in the past and volunteered to get it this year. The other detail concerned who would provide the meeting's morning coffee. Anna Wilken said that Mary's Catering was in charge of this.

In the area of new business, Anna Wilken reported that she had obtained permission from Bob Whitmore for an official club trip to Palermo on May 21st, the day following the May meeting.

The slate of club officers for the upcoming year was formulated and presented as follows:

President:	Tom Mortimer
Vice President:	Mike Swanson
Treasurer:	Anna Wilken
Secretary:	Robert Wilken
Director (2005-2006 to replace Mike Swanson):	Gordon Jackson.
Director (2006-2008)	To be nominated from the floor

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IN MEMORIAM

With deep regrets, the Executive Committee of the Micromounters of New England reports to the membership the passing of Robert Barker, long-time MMNE member and husband of MMNE member Patricia Barker, on March 28, 2006.

The *Newsletter* is the official publication of the Micromounters of New England (MMNE). The last by-laws revision was April 19, 2003. The MMNE is a member of the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies (EFMLS) (<<http://www.amfed.org/efmls>>) and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) (<http://www.amfed.org>). Material from the *Newsletter* may be copied in other rock and mineral publications if credit is given to the author and the *Newsletter* and permission has been obtained from the author. If there are questions regarding copying contact the editor. The club address is c/o the Secretary. Meetings are held monthly, September through May, except for December, and usually on an informal basis in July and August. Sites rotate and will be posted in the *Newsletter* as far in advance as possible. Visitors are welcome to attend all meetings. Bring a microscope and light source if you have one.

DUES are \$10/year for a single person and \$15/year for a family membership, levied on a calendar basis. The family membership includes two adults and all children under 18 living at the same address. One copy of the *Newsletter* will be sent on a family membership.

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS: SHOWS

April

- 6-9 – Rochester (NY): 33rd Annual Rochester Mineralogical Symposium. Radisson Hotel, Rochester, NY. For information on the show, contact Helen Chamberlain, registrar @ (315) 682-6023 or <contactrms@hotmail.com>
- 22 – Dover, NH: 2nd Annual Southeastern New Hampshire Mineral Club Rock, Gem and Mineral Show, Dover Veterans Community Center, 156 Back River Road, Dover, NH. Saturday 9^{AM} – 3^{PM}. Admission \$3, Children under 12 free. Contact Scott @ <Higgs7@msn.com>

May

- 6-7 – Topsfield, MA: 43rd Annual Show, North Shore Rock and Mineral Club, Topsfield Fairgrounds, Rte 1N; Saturday 9-5, Sunday 9-4. Contact Donna Lee Hanlon @ donna@nahant.com
- 12-14 – 17th Annual Maine Mineral Symposium. Senator Inn, Augusta, ME. Speakers, dealers, field trips. Contact Woodrow Thompson, Maine Geologic Survey. (203) 287-7178 or e-mail: woodrow.b.thompson@maine.gov
- 13-14 – Northampton, MA. Connecticut Valley Mineral Club Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show. Three County Fairgrounds, Northampton, MA. Saturday 10– 6, Sunday 10 to 5. Contact Lee Champigny @ (413)-583-3565 or pullg4fun@verizon.net

June

- 24-25 – Gilsum, NH. Gilsum Rock Swap and Mineral Show. Gilsum Elementary School, Rte 10, Gilsum, NH. Saturday 8-6, Sunday 8-4. Contact Robert Mitchell @ (603)-357-9636 or rmitchell60@adelphi.net.

August

- 11-13 – East Coast Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show. Eastern States Exposition/Better Living Center, 1305 Memorial Drive, West Springfield, MA. Friday 10-7, Saturday 10-7, Sunday 10-5. Contact Marty Zinn @ mz0955@aol.com

MICROMINERAL RELATED CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIUMS

April

- 15 - MMNE Meeting, Chelmsford, MA Public Library. Doors open at 9AM

May

- 20 – MMNE Annual Mini-symposium. Elks Club, Hudson, MA. 9AM to 4PM. Speaker Joe Marty.

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A motion was made to alter the MMNE Bylaws to reflect a change in the date when new officers assume office. Officers have been formally elected at the April meeting and then assumed office in May. Considering this to be a particularly awkward time, the motion proposed making July 1st to June 30th the official office-holding period. It was seconded and passed by a show of hands. There was no dissent.

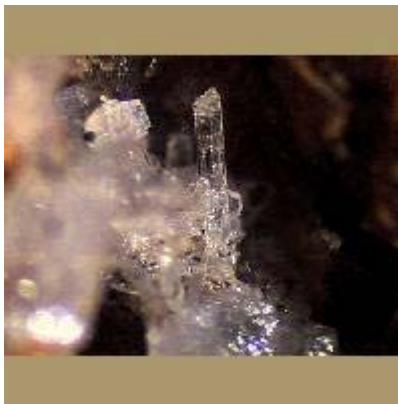
The current bulletin editor, Mike Swanson, talked about his resignation from the position citing the lack of material for publication as a major reason for discontinuing a formal newsletter. He suggested that the club website would be the best way to communicate club-related information. He also said that a postcard might be sent out each three months with the meeting dates

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FIELD TRIP

We can't promise you will find

PALERMOITE



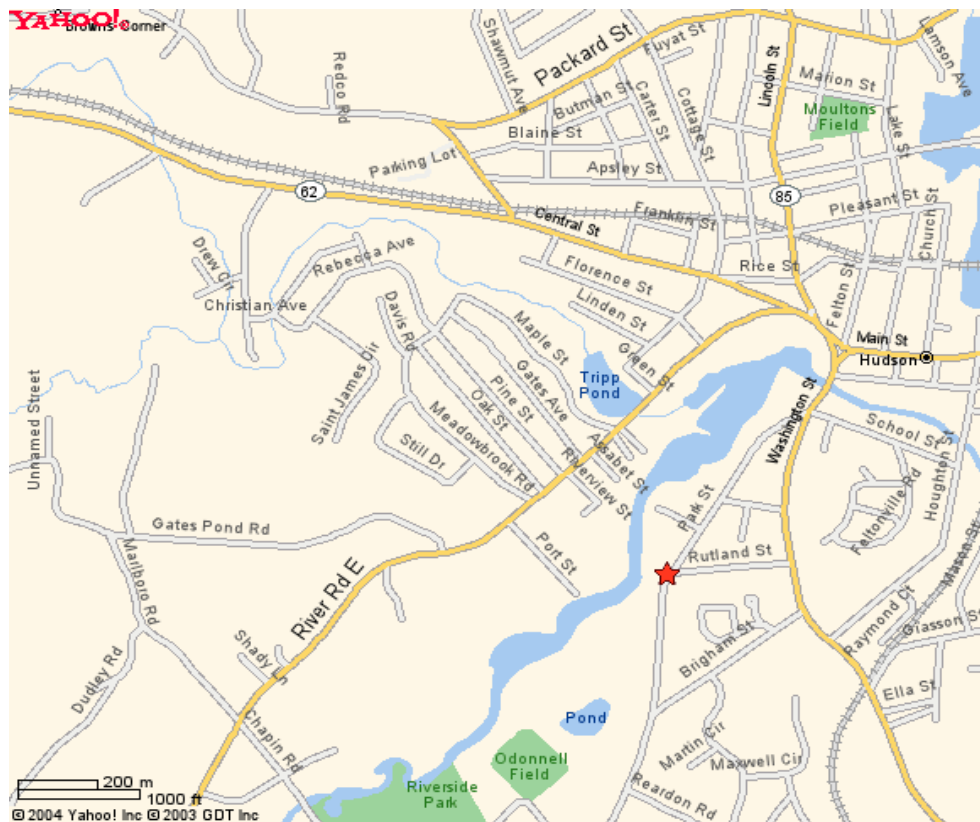
but you have a chance **SUNDAY MAY 21ST**. Robert Whitmore has agreed to let us have a field trip to the **Palermo Mine** the day after our symposium. The field trip is for members of MMNE and participants of the symposium. We'll meet at the gate Sunday Morning at 9AM and can collect to our hearts content until 4PM.

Important: Be there at 9AM. We are driving in shortly after and the gate will be locked again.

You don't have to sign up – just show up.

Directions: From the North, South or East: Take exit 26 off I93 onto Rt 25. Go approx. 8 miles **) Make a left onto Halls Brook Road towards N. Groton. Follow road 4 miles till you reach N. Groton where the road turns into N. Groton Road. After 0.1 miles turn right onto Edgar Albert Road. This is a dead end road. The gate is at the end.

From the West: From the Jct. of Rt. 118 and Rt 25 go 2.6 miles. Then go from **) above.



ELK'S CLUB HUDSON, MA

MMNE Mini-Symposium
Saturday, May 20, 2006

Take Rte 85 (Hudson Street) east from the I-290/I-495 interchange to Washington Street. Take a left on Washington Street and then look for Rutland Street on the left, maybe $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ mile down Washington Street. Go to the end of Rutland Street and turn left on Park Street. The Elk's Club will then be immediately on your right on Park Street.



BALLOT FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS
Micromounters of New England
2006-2007

The election will be held during the business meeting of the April 15, 2006 monthly meeting of the MMNE to be held at the Chelmsford, MA public library. Ballots may be cast at that meeting, or filled out and mailed to the MMNE secretary, Robert Wilken, 79 Meadow Lane, Campton, NH 03223 (603)536-2013 microxl@mfire.net

Ballots must be signed and received by the Secretary prior to April 15, 2006.

	<u>Nominated</u>	<u>Write-in</u>
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Treasurer:	Anna Wilken	_____
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Name (print): _____		Signature: _____

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Joe Mulvey reported the club website had on the order of 3400 hits in February.

In view of the fact the club was meeting regularly at the Chelmsford Public Library at no cost to the club, Gene Bearrs was of the opinion that the club should give a monetary donation to the library. Tom Mortimer moved to donate \$200 to be used as the library sees fit. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM. Respectfully submitted, Bob Wilken, Secretary

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