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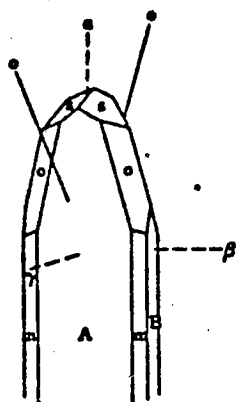


Fig. 630.—Acnite, A {100},
B {010}, p {111},
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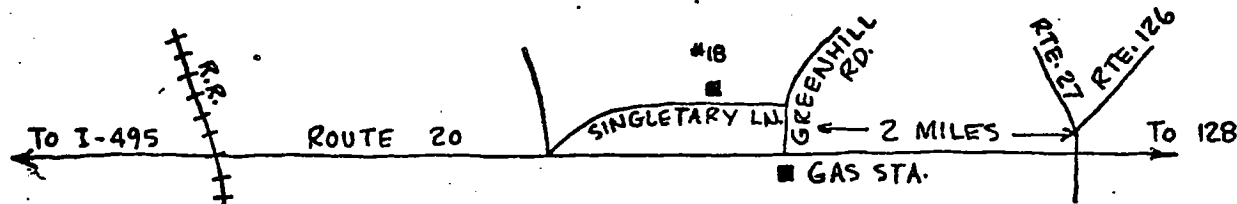
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NEWSLETTER #44

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Saturday, September 23, 1978, will be the date of our next regular meeting, which will be held at the home of Janet and Steve Cares, on Singletary Lane, Sudbury (617-443-2339), from 10 to 4.



Whereas, this meeting is the weekend following the September 16-17, St. Hilaire-Francon trip with the Boston Mineral Club, we can discuss any new finds. Members interested in going on the BMC trip should contact Janet or Steve, by Sept. 11, to make arrangements.

The tentative date of our next meeting is November 4, at Roger Williams Park, ~~Providence~~ Providence, RI.

The Saco Valley Gem and Mineral Club will hold their 16th Annual Swap, Talk, and Brag Day at the Kenneth Brett School, on route 113, in Tamworth, NH, on September 16, 1978.

At the Capital Mineral Club show at Sunapee State Park (N. H.) several of our members gathered as usual to spark interest in micros for the benefit of visitors to the show, and to exchange specimens and knowledge with each other. Dr. Paul Moore of the University of Chicago stopped by to share his knowledge and to identify phosphate specimens for a fortunate few. The weather cooperated nicely, and the facilities were spacious. We were next door to the speakers' room, and at any time could visit the dealers or the cafeteria on the ground floor. To make the weekend complete, some attendees went collecting at Palermo as well.

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ZEOLITES!

OCTOBER 5, 6, 7, and 8, 1978

THURSDAY—EXHIBIT ROOM ONLY—HOURS: 10 A.M. TO 5 P.M.
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ZEOLITE SYMPOSIUM: (HELD IN THE CAMELOT ROOM OF THE RAMADA INN OF CLARK)

SATURDAY—OCTOBER 7th, 1978

10:00—11:00 A.M. "The Zeolites—An Introduction" and "The Zeolites of New Jersey"—Mr. Thomas Peters, Paterson
Museum, Paterson, New Jersey

1:00—2:00 P.M. "The Zeolites of the Pacific Northwest"—Mr. Rudy Tschernich, Washington

2:30—3:30 P.M. "Sedimentary Zeolites"—Dr. Fred Mumpton, State University College, Brockport, New York

ANNUAL BANQUET—COACHMAN INN OF CRANFORD, N.J.

EXIT 136 (NORTH OR SOUTH)—GARDEN STATE PARKWAY

COACH ROOMS I AND II

7:00—8:00 P.M.—CASH BAR

8:00—11:00 P.M.—BANQUET: ROAST HALF SPRING CHICKEN—\$7.65

ROAST PRIME RIBS OF BEEF —\$9.70

"WHAT'S NEW IN MINERALS AND LOCATIONS"

M.C.—SURPRISE GUEST!

SUNDAY—OCTOBER 8th, 1978—CAMELOT ROOM—RAMADA INN

BUFFET BREAKFAST—RAMADA INN—8:30 to 10:30 A.M.—COST \$5.00

11:00—12:00 A.M. "The Origin of Zeolite Minerals located in the Southwestern United States (including Hawaii)."—Dr. William Wise, Department of Geological Sciences, University of California, Santa Barbara.

1:00—2:00 P.M. "The Zeolites of Northern Ireland and Scotland"—Mr. Rudy Tschernich, Washington

2:10—2:30 P.M.—Summary of Symposium—A look at 1979

Mr. Edward Murphy and Mr. Vincent Voza, Symposium Chairman

ST. HILAIRE FIELD TRIP REPORT

First of all, thank you, one and all who let us know in advance that you planned to be at Mt. St. Hilaire May 13 and 14. Taking a chance that the collections might be a little short, we nevertheless set the fee at \$3.00 each. As collectors started arriving Friday night at our motel, it was obvious we were going to be A.O.K. We made up October's shortage and so still have a balance in the bank for a future trip. Counting guests, 44 were present. Several other clubs were also in attendance.

The weather couldn't have been better, and this is the year we could have used some rain! You just can't please us. The company had blasted, evidently Friday night, and everything was covered with dust--thick dust, which makes it mighty hard to see whether there is anything in the rocks on the quarry floor.

It didn't take long for almost everyone to discover the eudialyte bearing rock around the shallow pond, where the collecting was pretty good last October.

There are advantages to having a 'scope on hand. Discovering some tiny yellow, prismatic, hexagonal burbankite crystals Saturday night, on Sunday we returned to the pieces we left behind to get the rest of the matrix. Most of the interesting looking crystals we found this time, we can't identify! A pseudomorph after sodalite, a pseudomorph after crystals which look like UK #33, tiny yellow glassy xls with the burbankite, etc. Except for the burbankite, which we have been looking for for about eight years, and the unidentifieds, we found nothing else to shout about.

John and Sue Anderson, Walpole, Mass., have reported in; they found a specimen containing 10 or 15 genthelvite xls up to 3mm across. Cliff Vickery, Toronto, wrote that he had found fibrous serandite, but gave no more data as to color, associations, or when it was collected.. Bill Lindeyer had a braggin' piece with green garnets and Jim Grandy found some nice narsarsukites.

We left Mt. St. Hilaire about noon on Sunday and went to Francon where very few collectors were left. There was less material than we have seen on other trips, but still available were weloganite, quartz, calcite, strontianite, fluorite, dawsonite, marcasite, celestine, pyrite, and Cliff mentioned anatase as well, although we did not see it. Use the article in last month's bulletin to help with your Francon material.

--- Marcelle H. Weber ---

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Tomorrow holds no fear for me--
 Along my earthly way --
 As long as I have tried to do --
 The best I could today --
 If I have done each duty that --
 Was mine to undertake --
 And lived each moment of my life--
 For someone else's sake --
 My wealth is not important now --
 In dollars and in cents --
 But only as my human heart --
 May prove it competence --
 Because the world with all its
 gold -- And all its silver too --
 Cannot improve the character --
 Of anything I do --
 And so as I am honest and --
 I serve my fellowman --
 I do not fear the future while --
 I do the best I can.

(by James J. Metcalfe, via Northwest Newsletter; Skagit Gems)