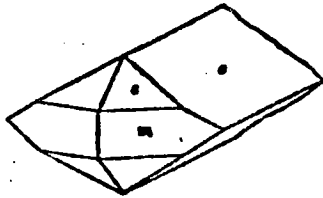


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## NEWSLETTER #50

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Intervale, New Hampshire will be the meeting place of our members at the Swap, Talk & Brag Day sponsored by the Saco Valley Gem & Mineral Club. (See attached flyer) Saturday, September 15, is the date and the time will be at 10:00 A.M. although the doors of the Town Hall will be opened at 9:00 A.M. Bring your lunch or plan to eat out. Tea, coffee and donuts will be available. Tables for your microscopes and power for your lamps will also be available. A fifty cent donation is requested. You have been invited to make this a weekend in the country by visiting the Reiner's home after breakfast on Sunday. Lunch will be provided, however, anyone wishing to contribute will be appreciated.

The Boston Mineral Club has tentative plans for a field trip to Mt. St. Hilaire and Francon in Montreal on September 22 and 23, 1979. Hopefully, more information about this trip will be available at Intervale.

*Roberto is looking into having  
MM boxes made in Portugal.*

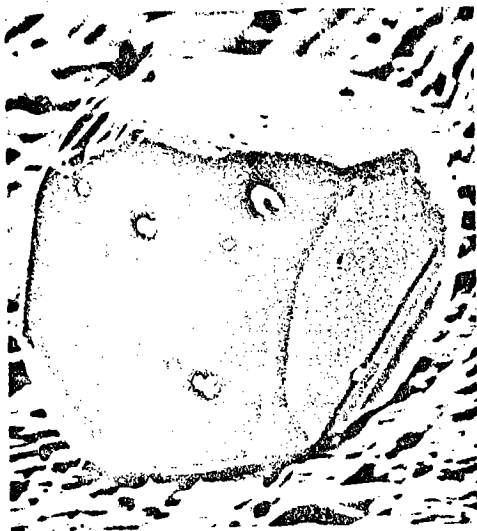


Figure 6. Metal from the Moon. Faceted like gems, tiny crystals of iron metal nesting in a cavity in a lunar rock are illuminated in this picture taken with a scanning electron microscope. The crystals, only a few thousandths of a millimeter in size, were probably deposited more than 3 billion years ago by a hot vapor that contained no free oxygen and no water. These fragile crystals have been preserved unchanged in the dry, airless Moon for billions of years, on Earth they would be quickly destroyed by exposure to air and water if they were not carefully stored in a dry nitrogen atmosphere.