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→ NEXT MONTH

The March meeting of the MNE has been tentatively set for Sat., March 15, 1986 at the West Branch of the Brockton Public Library.

The next regular meeting of the Micromounters of New England will be on Saturday, February 15, 1986, in the Merriam Room of the Auburn Public Library. See map below.

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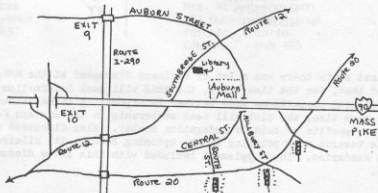
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ROCKS & MINERALS MAGAZINE

In our last newsletter we mentioned several articles of note coming in future issues of Rocks & Minerals magazine. The price quoted in the last bulletin was \$23 per year. However, the publisher has sent the club coupons for a special introductory rate of \$16! That's a \$7 saving over the regular yearly price. Plus, if you send the money in with this coupon (rather than being billed at a later date) an extra issue will be added to the subscription. This offer is valid through August 31, 1986, and is open to new subscriptions, only. I have 16 coupons available to any member interested in starting a subscription. Just let me know and I will get a coupon to you as long as the supply lasts. --S.N.M.

DUES ARE PAST DUE! --If you have not paid your dues by the end of February, you will not receive the next issue. If you still have '85 on your mailing label, then we have not received your dues for 1986. Please check your mailing label and send your dues in to the Treasurer. The membership list will appear in next month's newsletter.



NORTHEAST MEETING

Our speaker for the upcoming Northeast Meeting will be Curt Segeler. His topic will concern a group of minerals favored by many micromounters--the zeolites. Flyers will be included in the upcoming newsletter.

MICROTIP --Janet Cares

Labels for micromounts are necessarily small. To save space when lettering, consider using the two-letter abbreviations for states which have been approved by the Post Office. On a one-inch label, the abbreviation MA is more likely to fit than Massachusetts, or Mass., CT than Connecticut, or Conn., and so on. Below is the list of two letter abbreviations approved by the Postal Service.

ABBREVIATION FOR STATES AND POSSESSIONS

State Abbreviation	State	State Abbreviation	State
AL	ALABAMA	MT	MONTANA
AK	ALASKA	NE	NEBRASKA
AZ	ARIZONA	NV	NEVADA
AR	ARKANSAS	NH	NEW HAMPSHIRE
CA	CALIFORNIA	NJ	NEW JERSEY
CZ	CANAL ZONE	NM	NEW MEXICO
CO	COLORADO	NY	NEW YORK
CT	CONNECTICUT	NC	NORTH CAROLINA
DE	DELAWARE	ND	NORTH DAKOTA
DC	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	OH	OHIO
FL	FLORIDA	OK	OKLAHOMA
GA	GEORGIA	OR	OREGON
GU	GUAM	PA	PENNSYLVANIA
HI	HAWAII	PR	PUERTO RICO
ID	IDAHO	RI	RHODE ISLAND
IL	ILLINOIS	SC	SOUTH CAROLINA
IN	INDIANA	SD	SOUTH DAKOTA
IA	IOWA	TN	TENNESSEE
KS	KANSAS	TX	TEXAS
KY	KENTUCKY	UT	UTAH
LA	LOUISIANA	VT	VERMONT
ME	MAINE	VA	VIRGINIA
MD	MARYLAND	VI	VIRGIN ISLANDS
MA	MASSACHUSETTS	WA	WASHINGTON
MI	MICHIGAN	WV	WEST VIRGINIA
MN	MINNESOTA	WI	WISCONSIN
MS	MISSISSIPPI	WY	WYOMING
MO	MISSOURI		

Last month there was a lot of business discussed at the MNNE meeting. It was decided that, for the time being, the MNNE will seek information regarding incorporating the club with comparisons made between incorporating in Massachusetts or Rhode Island. At the same time, the club will seek membership in the Eastern Federation in order to gain the benefits of being a Federation member. Also discussed was a proposal to contribute towards color printing in the upcoming book on St. Hilaire to be written by Dr. Joseph Mandarino. The supplement included with this issue discusses this in greater detail.

MONT ST-HILAIRE: AN APPEAL

Collectors at Mont St-Hilaire are finally to be rewarded for their patience. As many of you know, a publication is now underway to be authored by Dr. Joseph Mandarino of the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto, and illustrated by the photographs of Vi Anderson, who is well known for her work by readers of the Mineralogical Record (especially March/April, 1979, p. 103) and Rocks & Minerals (see Sept./Oct., 1981, p. 197). It will be published in England by the Cambridge University Press. Many people, both professional and amateur have contributed to this work, which should be the definitive reference for this world-renowned locality.

The original contract calls for 50 each of color and black and white photographs. In the belief that color is essential to do justice to the beautiful and unusual minerals from this locality, at the January meeting our members voted to support the cost of at least one color print, the exact amount to be voted on when more information became available. By coincidence a letter was already in the mail from Joe and Vi with an appeal for funds, giving an estimated cost of \$100 to \$150 (US) for each color print. Donations in US funds may be sent to Marcelle Weber, or in Canadian dollars directly to Vi Anderson at the addresses given below. Contributions from individuals are welcomed, even though only a fraction of the cost of one color print. Some of our members are already planning small mineral-related projects which will generate a profit to be earmarked for this cause.

According to Vi there are five months left before all material must be in the hands of the publisher. "An early pledge of a forthcoming gift would be of great help to me since I cannot select the correct number of colour slides to be used if I have no idea of what monetary resources are available." She adds "Should any unforeseen event prevent the publication of the book, the contributions would be returned to the donors. In fact, when contributions are made, a covering letter from the donor may be included outlining the conditions of the gift as suggested above: (1) money to be restricted to colour prints (2) such money to be returned to donor should publication not take place.....Be assured your assistance will be clearly acknowledged in the St-Hilaire book."

Please feel free to copy and circulate this page wherever you feel it would produce a response. This is an investment which will be returned to you every time you open the book.

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