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Next Meeting

TBD

Dues are \$7.00/year and due on January 1st, payable to the Treasurer.

News items for the *Newsletter* are welcome and should be submitted to the Editor. The *Newsletter* may be quoted if credit is given. The Club address is c/o Editor.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the MMNE will be held at the Chelmsford, MA Public Library, from 9AM until 3 PM.. MMNE member Ed Hakesly – who has taken on the job of finding and reserving meeting venues - tells me the facilities are excellent! A slide projector has been reserved for anyone wishing to present a program with visual aids.

The February meeting has been scheduled for February 17th at the Northborough, MA Public Library.

From the President

When Janet Cares fell ill in October/November, she herself had suggested, and the members agreed upon it at the November meeting in Burlington, that we take measures to relieve Janet of her burdening tasks. One of jobs was for the Treasures position. Anita Hubley was nominated and voted in as the new Treasurer. Unhappy with that decision, Janet has asked that we rescind the vote, as she is feeling well enough to continue as Treasurer and will not resign the post. Anita has been asked to be patient and wait for the 2001 elections in April.

It is good to see that Janet is recuperating and no doubt the MMNE members will help in covering needed task so that Janet, (who has worked tirelessly for decades with this club), can take the needed time to rest and hopefully recover fully.

It was agreed that we'd like to hear a "little something" from Marcelle Weber at our May meeting. Having spoken with Marcelle, she has agreed to, and is eager to give a talk. The subject is yet to be announced. Marcelle asks for our patience until after the holidays on deciding what subject her talk will cover. Speaking for myself, I am very anxious to hear Marcelle, as I've never sat in on one of her lectures before. I am looking forward to this, as I know many of you are too. I wish to thank Marcelle and her husband Charles in advance.

If anyone has minerals to donate for the sales table in May, please contact Hal Herard at: (508) 755-5947. And as always, giveaways are to be given to Gene Bearss or Bob Janules.

Dues are due now at \$7 per member. Dues should be mailed to the new membership chairman, Brian Porter. Brian will be creating a new design for the membership cards. MMNE members will approve the design before he begins to distribute the cards to our members for 2001.

I've also spoken with Christopher Hubley (Recording Secretary), and he will make every effort to take on his task. Unfortunately, he has prior commitments that need attending to so I ask anyone else out there to help us fill this position when Chris can't. If you are interested, please contact any of the officers – we'd be happy to hear from you!

I do hope everyone's holidays were safe, healthy and happy. I'm not quite sure about the rest of our members, but I, for one, can't wait for the snow to clear so I can get back to collecting. Hope to see everyone at January's meeting in Chelmsford, MA

Respectfully,

Jim Warner

Calendar of upcoming events

Jan. 20, 2001, Needham, MA. Boston Mineral Club Annual Auction. Needham Village Club, 83 Morton St., Needham, MA Viewing at noon, bidding at 1:00 PM.

Feb. 17, Northborough, MA. Monthly MMNE meeting. Northborough, MA Public Library.

Feb. 24-25, 2001, Meriden, CT. Mineral-Fossil-Gem Show, sponsored by the Meriden Mineral Club. Maloney High School, Gravel St., Meriden, CT. Exit 16 off I-91, west on East Main, 3rd right.
Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM.

March 3-4, 2001, College Park, MD. 29th Annual Atlantic Micromounters Conference, hosted by the Micromineralogists of the National Capital Area. Inn and Conference Center, University of Maryland.

March 25-25, 2001, East Windsor, CT. 15th Annual Gem & Mineral Show, sponsored by the Connecticut Valley Mineral Club. Best Western Colonial Inn, East Windsor, CT; Exit 45 off I-91.

May 20 (Sunday), 2001, Marlboro, MA. MMNE Northeast Meeting. Moose Lodge, Marlboro, MA.

Member news

Janet Cares has informed us that long-time MMNE member Forrest Fogg passed away on December 28th, 2000. After a period of illness, Forrest was feeling better and just starting to get back to some of his favorite hobbies. His wife Vera took him to the hospital that day. After coming home, Forrest passed away in his sleep.

Our condolences go out to Forrest Fogg's family. He will be sorely missed by his fellow micromounters.

Another long-time MNNE member, Ralph Carr, has moved to the following address:

30 Alexander Ave.
Rm. 302
East Providence, RI 02914

Business phone: (401) 438-7210

Ralph has apparently broken his leg recently due to a fall, so he would probably appreciate a note or card,

From the editor

After some deliberation, I have decided to finish out my role as MMNE newsletter editor by May, 2001. While the job has given me some satisfaction, I don't feel I've given it the attention that it needs. If some brave soul out there is intrigued please let me or one of the club officers know, and we can fill you in.

Workshop topics

What follows is a series of references to articles in the May Program Books and *The Best of Micromounters of New England*, a collection of newsletter articles published in 1993. These references have been collated by Janet Cares and are offered as a starting point for workshop topics.

There has been some talk at past meetings in republishing *The Best of MMNE*. I purchased a copy a number of years ago and have found it of great utility. I visited a good anatase locality in Cumberland, RI with a couple of other MMNE members based on directions and a map included in this booklet. I've also used some of the labeling tips in organizing my micromount collection. In short, I would be willing to research and otherwise pursue the reissue of this very useful publication.

Topic	best of MMNE	May Program Books
A) General		1988:3; 1999:3
Supplies		1990:3
Solvents	p. 16	
Trimming & mounting	p. 16	1987:12; 1988:3; 1990:3; 1991:12
B) Labeling & cataloging	p. 14-17	
C) Measuring crystal angles	p. 53	
D) Pseudomorphs		1989:3
E) Cleaning	(see newsletters #187 through # 190)	
F) Mineral Properties		
Acid solubility	p. 49, 50, 86	
Hardness, streak	p. 28, 51	
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Fluorescence	p. 82, 86, 102	
G) Microscopes	p. 18, 19, 20	1986:4
H) Computers	p. 39, 40-53	1985:13
I) Refractive index liquids	(newsletter #212)	
J) Collecting sites	p. 25, 31, 39, 54-87	1983:10; 1986:8; 1987:17,18; 1992:16
K) References & reviews	p. 21-23	1984:3
L) Photography		1987:3
M) Mineral descriptions	p. 24-33 (see also under collecting sites)	
N) Mineral Ids	(see under D, above)	

November 18 ,2000 Micromount Meeting in Burlington, MA

The November 18th meeting was called to order by President Warner at 12:05 p.m.at the Burlington, Massachusetts Library.

Jim first spoke about the recent illness of Treasurer, Janet Cares. This was a surprise to some present, and they were reassured the Janet is improving nicely; however her doctor doesn't want her to be stressed in any way. Janet called Jim, Pat Barker, and Gene Bearss to tell them that she no longer feels able to continue on as treasurer. Jim said that he has someone who is willing to take over the task, but, it was agreed, that we should have an audit before a new treasurer would be able to take over.

Another task that Janet has undertaken for the Club was getting speakers for the May Reunion Meeting. Three possible speakers were suggested by members who were present, then it was agreed, unanimously, to ask Marcelle Weber.

Monthly meeting programs are another concern. Several people suggested speakers. One of them was Gene Bearss, and he agreed to prepare a short program for a regular meeting. Pat Barker reminded those present that Bob Whitmore had kindly lent her the excellent micromount slides taken by Charter Member, Gil George. These could make several programs.

The President told us that after the next May Reunion Meeting, which must be held on Sunday, the powers-that-be at the Moose Lodge are quite willing to schedule us, from now on, for the third Saturday in May,

Ed Hakesley said that he was going to stop by the Chelmsford, MA Library to see if we can hold an up-coming meeting there.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia , Sec. pro tem

Dues are Due!

Now that the new year has started, then annual MMNE membership dues are due. Please remit \$7 per individual (sorry, no family rates) by check or money order made out to 'MMNE'. Dues not paid by March 31st, 2000 will mean loss of membership.

As announced in an earlier bulletin, we have a new membership chairperson, Brian Porter. Brian will coordinate the collection of dues and membership tracking with the editor and Treasurer Janet Cares. Please send dues to

Brian Porter
355 Walsh Ave.
Newington, CT 06111

Please clip out or copy the form below, fill it out, and send it along with your dues!

MMNE Membership Application or Renewal

Name(s) _____

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Special Interests or remarks
