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NEXT MONTH:

Our next meetings will be
August 22nd at Sunapee,
NH, and **September 19th**
at the Milford Town
Library.

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Our next two meetings, for the months of July and August, are informal gatherings. Our July meeting will take place on July 18th at the home of John Reiner, in Center Harbor, New Hampshire. Bring tables and chairs, some food to share, in addition to your usual equipment.

Our August meeting will take place on Saturday the 22nd at Sunapee State Park, Newbury, NH, at the Capital Mineral Club's show.

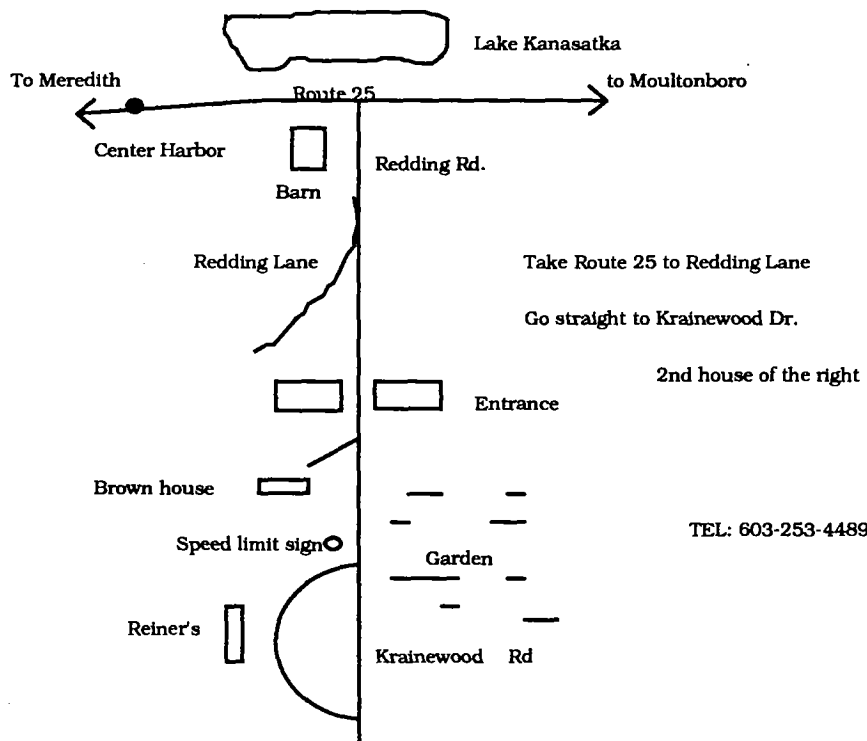
Northeast Meeting Wrap-up

Our speaker for the May meeting, Abe Rosenzweig, sent a note to the Cares that said (in part): "Thank you for inviting me to speak to your group. It was one of the most enjoyable speaking engagements I've had.....your group made me one of them from the moment of my arrival."

"I had a great time, and I hope I left as much as I came away with.."

Our thanks to John Stewart for meeting our speaker's plane and to Margaret as well who invited him for Saturday night at the "Stewart Hilton". On Sunday morning, he was able to have a brief visit with the Cares, who then took him to Belmont to spend the rest of the day with his old friends, the Frondels.

Edna Lerer would like to extend her thanks to everyone who contributed to the sales table. Edna reports that the sales area did quite well, and the proceeds will provide good funding for next year's annual program.



New Mineral Collected at Saint-Hilaire

At the May Mont Saint-Hilaire trip, a new mineral, remondite-(Ce), was collected. It occurs as slender pink to straw-colored prisms in sprays. It is monochrome with a hardness of 3 - 3 1/2, and a specific gravity of 3.4 - 3.5. It is related to burbankite, and effervesces in acid. It was originally found in Cameroon and described in a French periodical; however, an abstract appears in the *American Mineralogist*, 75:433 (1990).

Please add the following names to your membership list:

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In Memorium:

A short while ago, the Micromounters of New England lost a Past President and a good friend.

On Saturday, May 30th, Neil Briggs died at Brattleboro Memorial Hospital after a very short illness.

Neil will be missed by all who knew him.

He was a kind and gentle man.

He had many interests. He loved the out-of-door, and did marathon running. As a young man he enjoyed skiing, was a very good tennis player, and loved to fish. He even tied his own lures.

One of his best enjoyments was the pleasure he got out of being a member and a participant in the MMNE.

He took great pleasure in our monthly meetings, enjoying pleasant conversations and talking "shop" with us fellow members.

Along with mineral collecting and field collecting, he was also interested in lapidary. He designed and built his own tools and equipment for doing faceting.

He is survived by his wife Mary, of Brattleboro, Vermont, and a son, Peter, of Denver, Colorado.

Editor's note: I would like to thank Frank Leighton for contributing this memorial note on Neil. Neil was always interested in promoting our hobby. It was through his generous effort that I was able to acquire my first microscope which allowed me to explore the world of micromineralogy. As editor, I wish to extend our club's expression of sympathy to Neil's family.

In Memorium:

Dorothea M. Thompson of Conway, New Hampshire, wife of Brownlow L. Thompson, a well-known and popular mineralogist, died February 3, 1992, following a sudden illness.

Born in Denver, Colorado, she lived for several years in Texas before coming to New Hampshire. She had lived in Conway since 1952.

She received her M. Ed. from Plymouth State College. During WW II she served in the Red Cross in Iceland and Italy. She taught a few years at Bristol High School before going to Kennett High School, where he taught English and Spanish for 20 years, retiring in 1972.

Our sympathy goes out to "Brownie", nieces and nephews.

From "Granite Chips", March/April, 1992

The 1992 Tenth Annual Micromount Northeast Meeting is a happy memory now, but it is important that we not forget all those members who made it happen

Of course, Janet and Steve Cares are the real "movers and shakers". Janet made all the arrangements at the 4-H Center and this year she certainly had her work cut out for herself, editing the 10th Anniversary edition of the Micromounters of New England Program booklet! This included a ten year index, a write-up about our speaker Dr. Abraham Rosenzweig, and, apropos of his subject, a list of radioactive minerals. There were also articles telling about the early days of our organization, and articles by some of the famous names in micromounting that have been MMNE members or have been our guest speakers. and, the New England official gems and mineral crystals cover decoration was a nice touch. It was a tour de force for our 10th year, Janet!

The give-away table that Steve had prepared for us over the entire past year was staggering to say the least. He and other donors of the specimens had out-done themselves again. What a lot of work.

Edna Lerer's Sales Table was bigger and better than ever and made vast sums of money. Although much of the material on the sale table is given by members, Edna donates a bunch of specimens from collections which she has purchased. Edna's candy basket is another institution that is much appreciated by us grown-up kids.

As in past years, Vi Robinson sat at the check-in table all morning long and saw that everyone had their door prize ticket, bulletin and name tag. We certainly appreciate her giving up most of her day to this chore, even though she assures us that she enjoys doing it.

We have John and Margaret Stewart to thank for housing, dining and providing transportation for our charming speaker, Dr. Rosenzweig.

Thanks to Frank Leighton for arranging the tables on Friday and carrying up load after load of chairs from the floor below.

Marilyn Dodge one again provided a beautiful framed picture for the drawing; we just wish she had been able to attend.

Thanks to Betty Sevens for selling the tickets and for helping Phyllis Leighton, Margaret Stewart, and me at the coffee and snack table. We appreciated the support from our out-going President Ralph Carr and our in-coming President Fran Morrison.

I wish I could list the names of all the members who donated the mineral specimens for the give-away table, and especially to those thoughtful people who carried the loads of minerals and equipment up and back down those stairs (which are getting steeper each year, it seems to me). Thanks a million!

-- Pat Barker

Congratulations are in order for two of our members, Gene Bearss and Bob Janules, for the publication of their article "Mariolitic Cavity Minerals of the Government Pit, Albany, New Hampshire" in the May/June 1992 issue of "Rocks & Minerals" magazine.