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NEXT MONTH:

Our August meeting will be our informal meeting at the Sunapee show, **Saturday, August 21, 1993**. Our September Meeting will be on **Saturday, September 18th** at the Milford Public Library.

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Our next meeting of the MMNE is our annual gathering at the home of John Reiner, in Center Harbor, New Hampshire, on **Saturday, July 17**. Please remember to bring tables, chairs, extension cords, along with your usual micromounting gear. This is an informal meeting, and everyone has a great time.

A reminder - next month's meeting will be at the Capital Mineral Club's show at Sunapee State Park in Newbury, New Hampshire, on **Saturday, August 21**.

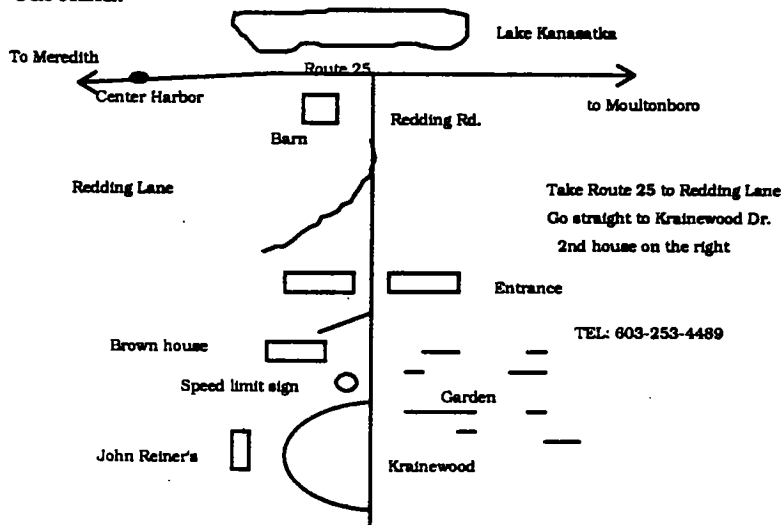
The next Saint-Hilaire trips will take place on **Saturday, August 14** and **Saturday, September 11**. Saco Valley's *Swap, Talk & Brag Day* is **September 11**.

About the Northeast Meeting

Those who attended our Northeast Meeting in May knew that our speaker Quintin Wight was excellent, and it was a pleasure to have him and his wife, Willow, with us. After their return to Ottawa, they sent a note to Steve and Janet Cares, which said in part:

"This is just a short note to thank you for your hospitality over the weekend and to say how much Willow and I enjoyed the entire event. We were very impressed with the size of the group and the enthusiasm of the members. I must say that you...have set a real standard of excellence when it comes to give away tables. None of the other symposia I have attended have give away tables so well organized or gifted with the quality of the material which was available there. You must have put an extraordinary amount of labor into preparations for this one."

Quintin and Willow will be the featured speakers at Wildacres, September 13-19, and will be available throughout the week for informal discussions on their specialties: Quintin on micromounting and Willow (who is editor of the "Canadian Gemmologist") on gems. Check with Angie Teixeira for details on this very reasonably priced vacation at a lovely time of year in the mountains of North Carolina.



A note of Thanks

Many thanks to Pat Barker, who arranged purchase of Quintin Wight's book, "The Complete Book of Micromounting." Pat's order arrived one day before the meeting - just in time to have the author autograph copies of all books ordered. Most are very impressed with the book as it appears to be truly complete. There is a description of our Northeast Meeting, and the names of at least eleven MMNE members appear in it, along with many other familiar names of micromounters.

A 142 page publication on Quebec mineral sites that complements the posters distributed at the May meeting is available at \$9.95 (Canadian). For details on this as well as additional posters, see Janet Cares.

On the subject of Quebec, Steve and Janet investigated two familiar localities following the Mont Saint-Hilaire weekend. At Asbestos, the road leading into the area where they have previously dumped material for collectors is now posted, and it appears that no material has been added for some time. At the antimony mine at Ham Sud, a small amount of color is visible at the bottom of a narrow crevice, where the work required to obtain it would probably not be worth it.

We regret to report the death of Arthur Roe of Tucson, a member of the Micromounters Hall of Fame. An amateur collector, he volunteered his time after his retirement to curate the micromount collection at the University of Arizona, and he helped to set up a similar collection at the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum, located outside of Tucson.

From the Southern California Micromineralogists "Micro Bits":

Elmer's glue now comes in different colors, including black. Using black glue may eliminate the need to paint around the bottom of your pedestals after attaching them to the bases of the boxes. 5/93

Response to an article in our bulletin:

I read in the February issue of the MMNE the very good article on using a database on a computer. Mr. Glenn creates a fine set of examples very similar to the database I have currently running on Paradox (Ed. note: a relational database software package). I would like to add to his database at least two other fields that I have found useful. I have included them in the "specimen" area, and they are a one position field (that is, a one-character field) that I label as "Want" for those items that I read about in various magazines and would like to add to my collection. I tried to use a list created by hand on a pad or card stock, but only succeeded in misplacing it and rendering the whole project useless. I am more apt to fire up the 386 [computer] and add to the database. It is a fine easy step. The other field I have is for a size of the specimen - mm for micro, tn for thumbnail, ha for hand, etc. It uses two positions (characters within a field), and is handy.

It might be of use to those not having a computer, to follow this style for their records. It is as easy to have three card files with this info, and it can be quite workable and easy to setup and maintain.

Another value of using a computer is the ability to use a word processor or even Lotus or one of the other spread sheet software packages to create your labels. Reduction in type size is easy, and I use a product called GEOS Pro to create the labels for my micromount boxes. Even better, these can be printed directly on label stock and just cut out and attached

--From George T. Anderson

We are glad to hear from George, as he has had a rough year with heart problems and a bout of pneumonia. On behalf of the members, I wish him well and thank him for his input. --Editor.