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The MMNE was organized on January 14, 1967, for the purpose of promoting the study of minerals that require a microscope.

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News items for the *Newsletter* are welcome and should be submitted to the Editor.

The *Newsletter* may quoted if credit is given.

The Club address is c/o Editor

Upcoming Meetings

August 16, Newbury, NH.
Table set-up for MMNE at Sunapee Mineral show.

UPCOMING MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next MMNE meeting will be held on Saturday, July 19, at Herb and Julie Fielding's camp on Lake Winnesquam (NH). Pat and Bob Barker have offered their home in nearby Campton, NH as an alternative site if weather or other problems arise. Travel maps are enclosed. Contact person for verification is Herb Fielding at either (508) 657-7463 (home) or (603) 524-0936. This is a potluck meeting. There will be a coffee pot, but otherwise you need to bring all your own food and drinks. A few folding tables and chairs plus extension cords will help. There is a beautiful swimming beach present, so bring bathing suits, bathing slippers (there is a possibility of broken glass in the water), sun screen and bug repellent.

There will be an informal meeting at the Sunapee Mineral show (Newbury, NH) on August 16. The September meeting will be held on the 20th with a location to be announced.

TREASURER'S REPORT from Janet Cares

MMNE member Bill Kelly has volunteered to audit the MMNE books and has prepared a professional audit for the period since the last audit through February 1997. Previous audits have been done by Violet Robinson and Vera Fogg. A treasury report is given at each meeting and is recorded in the minutes of the MMNE. The books are always open for members inspection. The treasury remains healthy. We are looking at significant increases in the publication cost of the *Newsletter* including a postal rate increase, and for that reason may need to increase dues.

MEETING NEWS

By all accounts the May meeting was a great success. Les Horváth, aided by his wife Elsa, gave an informative and comprehensive talk on the minerals so far identified from the DeMix-Varennes Quarry along with an overview of the geology and mineralogy. There is a field trip to Varennes on Sunday, July 6, as part of the St.-Hilaire collecting weekend. It is hard collecting but well worth the trip.

Many MMNE members were responsible for the success of the May meeting. Special mention should be made of Jim Parella whose sheer volume of specimens, both for sales and give-aways, was so great that they could not be carried in the Cares' sedan. Other donors, in alphabetical order, were John Anderson, Pat Barker, Gene Bearss, Russ Buckingham, Jim Cahoon, Janet and Steve Cares, Ralph and Violet Carr, Marilyn Dodge, Bill Henderson, Les and Elsa Horváth, Ken Hollman, Bob Janules, Edna Lehrer, Doug and George Rambo, Jennie and Paul Smith, John and Margaret Stewart, Mike Swanson, Charlie and Marcelle Weber, and Anna and Bob Wilkin. Elaine Solè, although unable to attend, sent a cash contribution. Friends of the MMNE who contributed materials to the meeting included Ken Canning, Harvard University, and Bob Krupa. Thanks also to Phyllis Leighton, Betty Sevens, and Vera Fogg for serving as hostesses. Thanks to all of these members and friends, and to those I missed, I apologize.



New York Mineralogical Club

May 23, 1997

Dear Mineral Club Officer,

The New York Mineralogical Club is sponsoring a competition open to anyone. Your club is included in the region covered by the competition. Please make the following announcement at your next club meeting or in your next newsletter. Your help in spreading the word about this event is greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

**The New York Mineralogical Club Announces a Call for Papers
for 1997 George F. Kunz Prize for Best Paper on Northeastern U.S. Regional Mineralogy**

The New York Mineralogical Club, founded in 1886, is dedicated to the purpose of increasing interest in the science of mineralogy through the collecting, describing, and displaying of minerals and associated gemstones. In order to further the research and publication of the mineralogy of the northeastern United States, the New York Mineralogical Club (NYMC) announces the 1997 Kunz Competition for the best paper about northeastern United States mineralogy.

The prize, named after George F. Kunz, founder of the New York Mineralogical Club, has a \$500 first prize. Subject matter is open to the author, but papers are restricted to places, people and events within 350 miles of New York City (this includes Virginia to central Maine, all of Pennsylvania, etc.). Highly technical articles are not encouraged. The NYMC membership is primarily amateur, and the papers should be appropriate to that audience.

Suggested topics include (but are not limited to): description of new mineral localities, new mineral occurrences, descriptive mineralogies of active locations, description of rediscovered "lost" locations, crystal morphology of specific localities. Papers should be 1500 words minimum, previously unpublished (or no previous copyrights) and are due by October 1, 1997.

For more information and complete entry form write to the New York Mineralogical Club, Kunz Prize Coordinator, P.O. Box 77, Planetarium Station, New York NY 10024-0077

Winners are published each year in a single volume available from the NYMC for \$12.

1996 Winners:

\$500 1st Prize: Quarries and Minerals of South Glastonbury, Connecticut by John H. Betts

2nd Prize: Kingsbridge, An Early Quarrying District On Manhattan Island by Lawrence H. Conklin

3rd Prize: Unusual Graphite Crystals From The Lime Crest Quarry, Sparta, New Jersey by John Jaszczak

Honorable Mention

Northeastern USA Mineralogy Up To The 1820's and The First American Minerals by Vandall T. King

Hydroxyl-Herderite From Maine, Its Controversy And The Role Of George Kunz by Vandall T. King

The Sterling Mine -Who Knew? by Vernon L. Phillips

New York Mineralogical Club, P.O. Box 77, Planetarium Station, New York, NY 10024-0077

From the EFMLS News, June 1997 by Steve Weinberger.

A Word of Caution about Political Activity

Most of our member clubs are established as "non-profit" organizations and are recognized as such by the IRS. These groups are classified as 501(c)(3) organizations and are generally exempt from most, if not all, federal and state taxes. Every club needs to be aware that under the IRS tax codes (that) "A section 501(c)(3) organization will lose its tax-exempt status if it engages in political activity." (Dept. of the Treasury, IRS Pub. Catalog No.22366X)

This means that your club cannot write letters to organizations asking for consideration of legislation which would impact the hobby. Your members, as individual citizens may certainly do this and your club newsletter can state the "cause" you wish your members to respond to.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND SHOWS FOR 1997

North Shore Rock and Mineral Club Micromounters meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the home of John and Margaret Stewart, 244 Mill St., Burlington, MA. Guests are welcome. Info: John or Margaret (617) 272-0854.

July 12-13, Bethel, ME. 36th Oxford Co. Gem and Mineral Show. Telstar High School. Sat 9-5, Sun 10-4.

Info: Dennis Gross (207) 665-2759.

July 26-27, South Burlington, VT. 18th Annual Champlain Valley Gem & Mineral Show. South Burlington Middle School, Dorset St. Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5

August 8-10, West Springfield, MA. East Coast Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show. Better Living Center, Eastern States Expo., 1305 Memorial Ave. Fri-Sat 10-7, Sun 10-5.

August 16-17, Newbury, NH. 34th Annual Gem and Mineral Festival. Sunapee State Park. Rte 103, Newbury, NH.

Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4. Mineral Wonders of New England presented by the Capital Mineral Club, Nashua. *There will be an MMNE meeting on site Saturday, August 16.*

September 19-21. Baltimore, MD Paul Desautels Micromounting Symposium.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

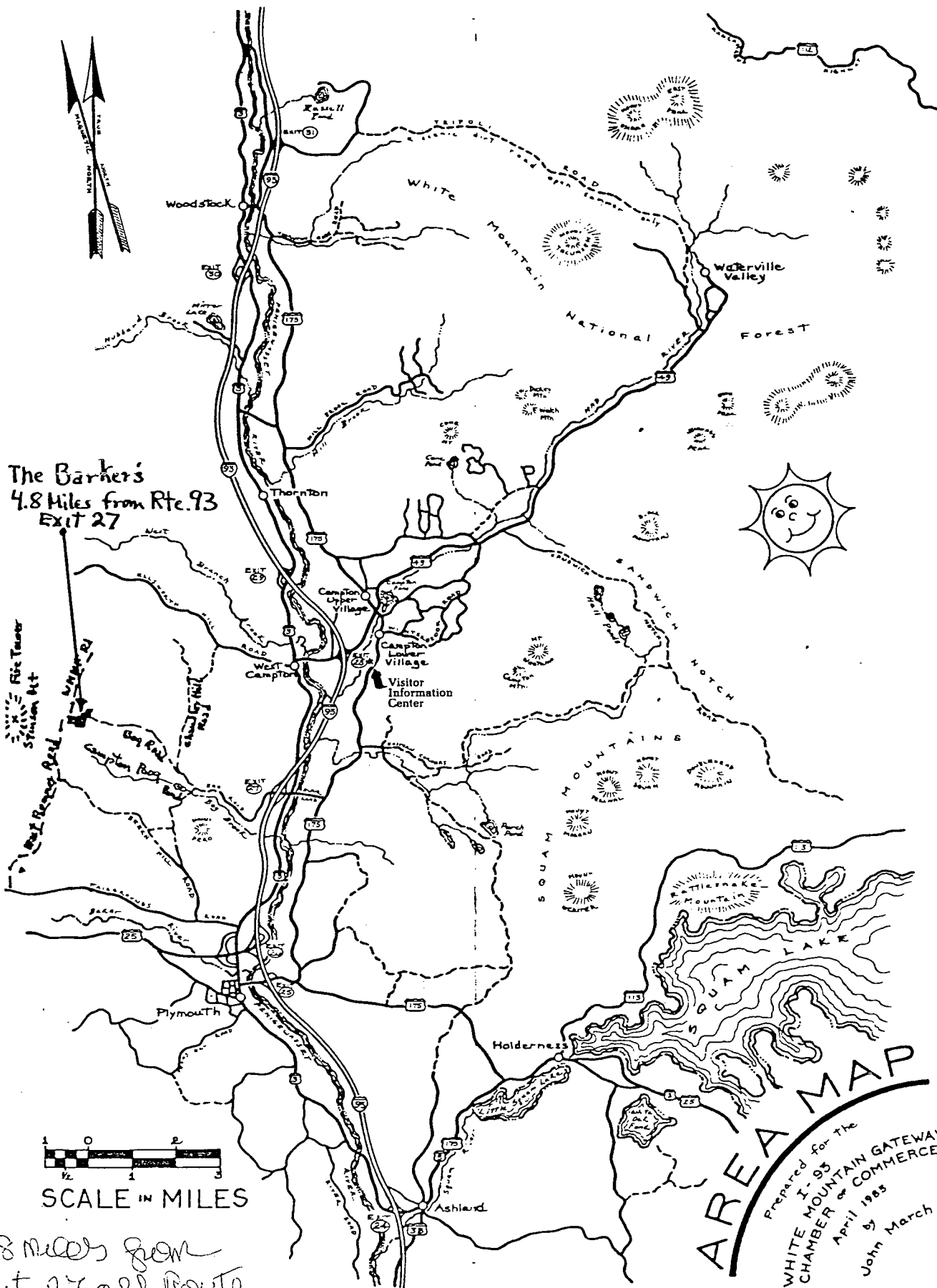
Mandarino, Joseph: New Minerals: 1990-1994, published by the The Mineralogical Record. The format is very nice with one mineral/page. \$20. Available through the Webers.

Australian Journal of Mineralogy. This is a high quality glossy color journal with about 50 pages/issue which contains numerous color photomicrographs and SEM photos. (From MicroBits, 5/97) Published two times/year @ \$20 US. US agent is Terry Huizing (Rocks and Minerals), 5341 Thrasher Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45247.

UK Journal of Mines and Minerals. A similar high quality journal also of interest to micromounters with two issues/year. (From MicroBits, 5/97). \$30 US for 3 (sic) issues. US agent: Mrs. J. Schmitt, 812 Imperial Court, Hartland, Wisconsin 53029. Make checks payable to Rockbottom Publications.

From The Mineral Mite, April 1997 (Jack Nelson)

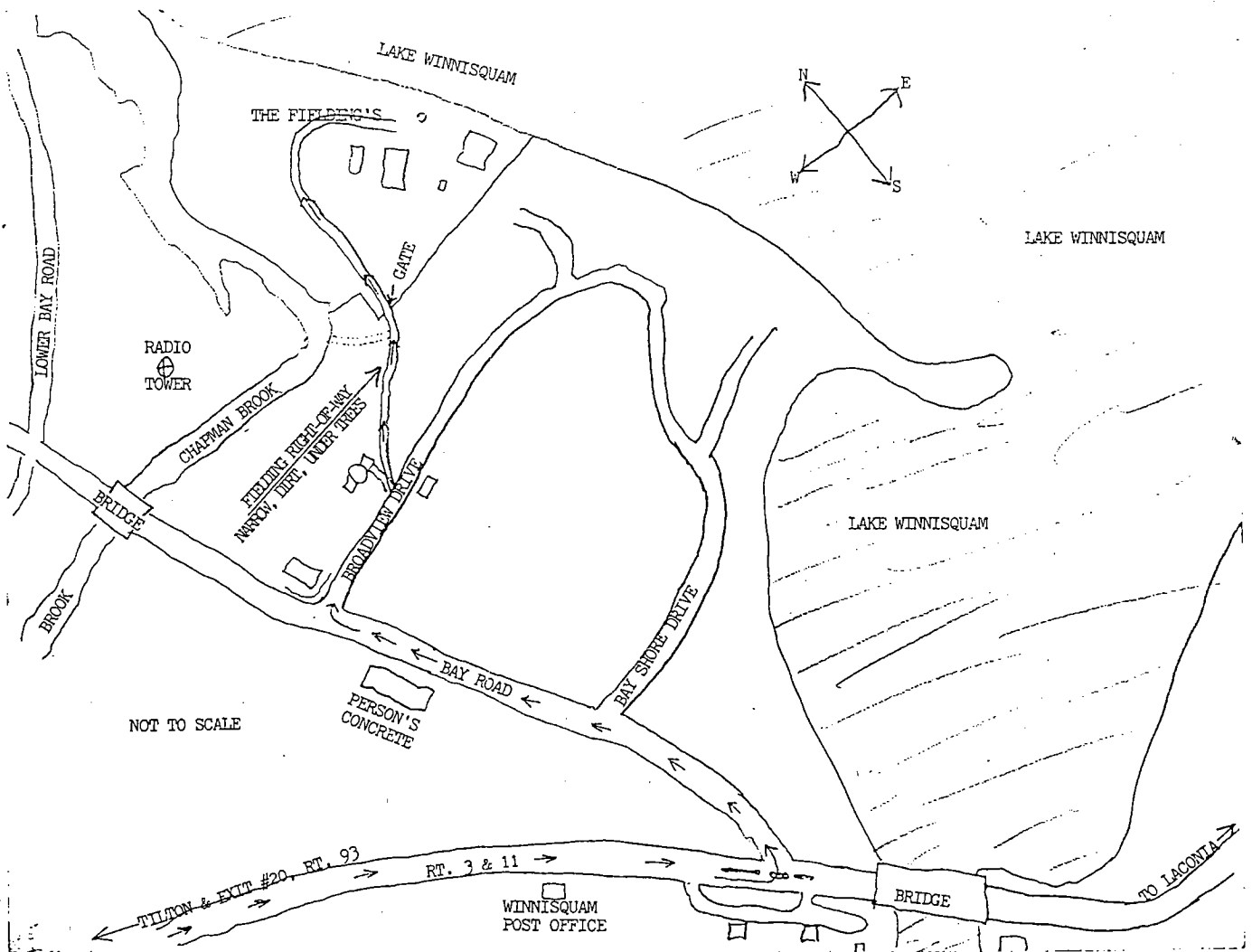
"Philippe Saget, vice president of the French Association of Micromineralogy (AFM) has extended an invitation to our members (MNCA) to examine our web site on the Internet - <<http://cri.ensmo.fr/afm>>. He also stated that if any of our members would like to add their names in the micromounters directory, to let him know. He can be reached by e-mail at <Philippe.Saget@ifremer.fr>. His mailing address is Philippe Saget. IFREMER-DRO/GM, BP70 - 29280 Plouzane - France. (Editor's note: I checked out their web site and found it intriguing. Good sources of information, contacts, literature, etc. They have a good-sized quarterly publication, with back issues available from the beginning. Formed in 1987, they have about 200 members.)"



4.8 miles from
Exit 27 off Route
I 93

Directions to Herb and Julia Fielding's Summer Camp, Lake Winnesquam, NH

1. Rte 93 to Exit 20, then Rtes 3 & 11 toward Laconia.
2. Go about 4.8 miles, just before the bridge over Lake Winnesquam, and at lights (left arrow) turn left on Bay Road.
3. Go about 0.25 miles and just past Person's Concrete building on the left, turn right onto Broadview Drive, a dirt road.
4. Go about 260 feet and in front of garage of new home on the left, turn left onto a one lane dirt road under the trees. You will see our red arrow with "16" on it at the turning spot. Follow the road through the gate to the Fielding's camp.
5. Lost? Call 524-0936.
6. NOTE: Bring card tables, chairs and extention cords if convenient. Some will be available. Bring bathing suits and footwear for wading and swimming.



Boston Mineral Club Box Sale Order Form

Return to: Boston Mineral Club
C/O Jim Warner
23 June Street
Auburn, MA 01501-1744

Purchaser:

Conversion:

Name _____

1/4 = .25

Address _____

3/8 = .375

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

1/2 = .5

9/16 = .562

Phone (_____) _____

3/4 = .75

7/8 = .875

Location of pickup _____

Your Club Name _____

Hinged black base & clear cover

(QTY)x Units/ Case	Box Dimensions (Base Depth) in inches	Case Price	Foam Insert	Post age	Total/ Case	Sub Total
() 1,000	1x1x.75(.25)	90.00	NA	3.84	93.84	
() 1,000	1x1x.75(.5)	90.00	NA	3.84	93.84	
() 576	1.25x1.25x1.25(.25)	92.16	7.26	4.83	104.25	
() 300	2x2x1.375(.375)	81.00	10.20	4.29	95.49	
() 150	2.562x2.562x2.375 (.25)	64.50	8.03	4.20	76.73	
() 245	2.875x2x1.25(.25)	66.15	11.03	4.29	81.47	

Friction Fit black base & clear cover/clear base and clear cover

(QTY)x Units/ Case	Box Dimensions (Base Depth) in inches	Case Price	Foam Insert	Post age	Total/ Case	Sub Total
() 1,200	.875x.875x.75(.25)	144.00	NA	3.72	147.72	
() 1,200	.875x.875x.75(.5)	144.00	NA	3.72	147.72	
() 1,200	.875x.875x.75 (all black)	168.00	NA	3.72	171.72	
() 1,200	.875x.875x.75 (all clear)	120.00	NA	3.72	123.72	
	Cat.No.					
	Cat.No.					

TOTAL.....\$_____

* BMC Box Sale *

The BMC is offering variously sized, black bottom, hinged, and friction covered plastic boxes from Althor Products. The box types that have been chosen are itemized on the attached order form. Several other products can be available, but were too numerous to quote here. Their descriptions and catalogue numbers can be obtained from Jim Warner (508-752-8328) if there is interest. Boxes must be purchased by the case. If you cannot purchase a full case, I recommend that you try to coordinate a joint venture with one or more individuals, and split a case. If you cannot find a partner, Jim may be able to help.

In order to purchase boxes, you must place your order with Jim Warner by August 1, 1997. Please include the attached form and a check for the full amount, made payable to the Boston Mineral Club. These products are being made available to you at cost. The prices that have been quoted on the order form are best estimates, based on an anticipated 10,000 piece purchase. A smaller or larger purchase may change the price structure. If so, the different rates will need to be passed on and settled when your package is picked up.

We expect delivery by the September meeting. Once delivered, packages may be picked up at Geochron Laboratories at 711 Concord Street, Cambridge, MA, or at the next BMC, MMNE, or NSRMC meetings. Please be sure to indicate where you would like to pick-up your package.