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## Next Meeting

Sept. 9th - Location to be determined

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

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New 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.

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## Next meeting

The next meeting of the MMNE will be on July 22<sup>nd</sup> at **Herb and Julia Fielding's** in Winnisquam, NH. As usual, we will have a potluck lunch so plan to bring a contribution of your choice, which may be a hot dish, salad, sandwich makings, or dessert. Hot coffee and tea will be provided; cold drinks are welcome. The location is on the water, so you may want to bring bathing suit, towel, and shoes or sneakers to wear in the water. In case of problems, we will go farther up to **Pat Barker's** in Campton, NH.

No meeting is planned for August, but it is suggested that you might attend the East Coast Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show in West Springfield, MA. The show will be held at the Eastern States Exposition, 1305 West Memorial Dr. Show dates are Aug. 11 - 13, with hours 10 AM - 7 PM Friday and Saturday, closing at 5 PM on Sunday.

## May Meeting

The MMNE May meeting for 2001 has been displaced by a wedding reception. It will be held one week earlier on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2001.

## From the editor

Now that the summer is finally upon us, I'm sure everyone is busy with family, home repairs and hopefully, some field collecting at a favorite locality. One trip and a number of emails from fellow collectors indicate Mont Saint-Hilaire is fairly productive this year, although not (yet?) as good as some of the past years. Maybe that next blast...? My one trip to the Palermo mine in N. Groton NH was interesting - some **eosphorite/childrenite**, **apatite**, minor **strunzite**, **laueite**, massive **scorzalite**, etc. - but nothing to brag about. Mr. Whitmore has done quite a bit in the way of moving dumps about, so who knows what may be uncovered by the diligent collector? Other short quick trips to the Route 5 roadcut in Putney, VT and the Fitzgibbon mine in Alstead, NH produced small amounts of **harmotome** and **ancylite** from the former and some **crandallite** or **goyazite** with **apatite** from the latter.

Today is Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. On Saturday, I fly to Salt Lake City, UT for business and a bit of pleasure, the latter being an opportunity to collect at the Gold Hill mine, Tooele Co., UT. This mine is noted for spectacular examples of arsenates (Min. Rec. v. 24, no. 1). Temperatures are in the 90s, but I'm sure I'll manage the heat if the minerals are 'running'. See the next newsletter for a field report!

Similarly, I'm always eager to read and publish field-collecting stories, whether anything was found or not. This gives others both the vicarious thrill of coming along on the trip, if only in the imagination, and also may point novice collectors towards new (for them) localities. All manuscripts are accepted, either written long hand or by email or fax (see masthead).

Have a great season and be careful!!!

## Notes of Appreciation

The May Reunion Meeting was attended by 56 members and visitors.

Many thanks are due to those who worked through the year to make this meeting a great success:

Edna Lerer's very profitable Sale Tables were very popular. She was moved in and was already for business at 8:30 a.m.! Also there early were Refreshment Chairman Josephine MacIndear with Betty Sevens, Phyllis Leighton, and Pat Barker who hurried around organizing the ever popular Munchies Table. Members donated delicious food most generously.

Gene Bearss, John and Margaret Stewart, and Steve Cares prepared the give-away cards and egg crates over the past months. The Sales Tables and Give-away Tables were truly bulging this year with donations from Betty Sevens in memory of Palmer Sevens, Gene Bearss, Pat Barker, Margaret and John Stewart, Janet and Steve Cares, Mike Swanson, Bob Janules, Doug and George Rambo, John Ebner, and many others.

The arrangements for the Moose Hall, as well as the buffet lunch, plus our Reunion Speaker, all were organized by Janet Cares. Janet also prepared the souvenir brochure.

Margaret Stewart was Registrar, a job taking some weeks before the meeting and a frantic hour or two when the doors opened. John Stewart, as usual, was everywhere helping people to unload, finding extensions cords, and moving tables.

Pictures for the drawing prizes were donated by Marilyn Dodge and Betty Sevens.

It was a special joy to welcome back Phyllis Leighton, Betty Sevens, Jean McKenna, Angie Teixeira, and Charlie Weber who we have greatly missed in recent months. Absent from the meeting were devoted long-time members Vera and Forrest Fogg, Marilyn Dodge, Les and Marge Hitchings, Fran and Don Morrison, and Ralph Carr. We think of you folks often.

Once again, lots of thanks to all who made the meeting such a delight!

Pat Barker, Corr. Sec.