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#### Next Meeting

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### 2006 MAY MEETING REPORT

The annual May Meeting started at 9AM at the Elks Hall in Hudson, MA on Saturday, May 20 with thirty-five people attending. All spent the first two hours socializing, "talking minerals" and enjoying morning coffee and member-donated cakes and goodies. They leisurely perused the mineral giveaway and sales tables in search of new micros for their collection. The silent auction generated interest due to the wide variety of materials available for bidding.

A brief business meeting with a quorum present. The only item of business was a vote was taken and passed unanimously to have the president and vice president elect assume their duties on June 1 rather than at the April meeting when the elections are held. Notification of the item was given at the April meeting per bylaws (30 day posting).

At 11 AM President Tom Mortimer introduced our guest speaker and the newest inductee into the Micromount Hall of Fame, Joe Marty from Salt Lake City. Joe's morning presentation was about the Treasure Mountain Mine in Eureka, UT as well as other surrounding mines near it in Tooele Co. He gave a brief geology of the location, showed surrounding mine views and pictures of his descent into the mine. The program included ample photos of the mineral species found at the locality. Joe's use of stacking software for his digital photos generated a good measure of interest.

The buffet lunch started promptly at noon and consisted of barbecued ribs, chicken and salads offered by Carol's Catering. Compliments were heard!

At approximately 1:30 Joe Marty began his second presentation; this time on the Gold Hill Mine in Utah. This presentation essentially followed the format of the first, but also included some data regarding the mine's production, an explanation of the mine levels and information about the "Glory Hole". Joe's collecting anecdotes and sense of humor enlivened both talks, kept everyone awake (especially after lunch) and made for two programs enjoyed by all.

Gene Bearss conducted the calling of numbers for door prizes, all generously donated by him. People claimed their silent auction winnings, others continued to socialize and to linger at the giveaway tables, but essentially the meeting ended at about 3:30

Robert Wilken, Secretary MMNE

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**DUES** are \$10/year for a single person and \$15/year for a family membership, levied on a calendar basis. The family membership includes two adults and all children under 18 living at the same address. One copy of the *Newsletter* will be sent on a family membership.

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## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS SHOWS, CONFERENCES, SYMPOSIUMS etc.

### July

22 – Mont St.-Hilaire field trip

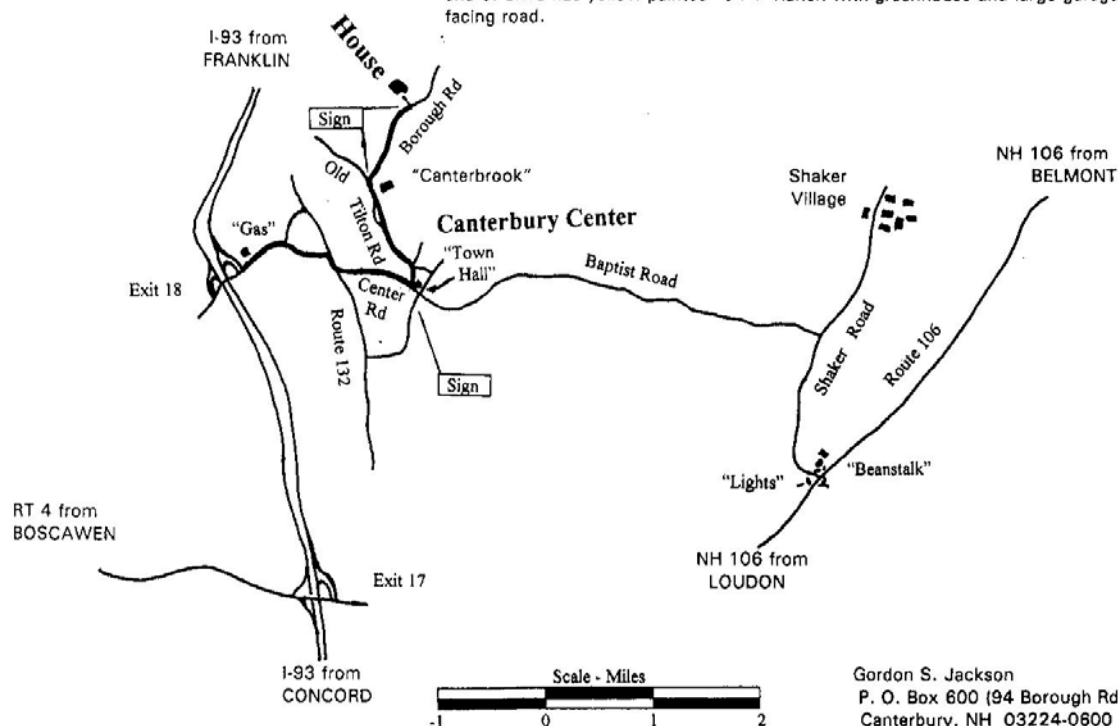
### August

11-13 – East Coast Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show. Eastern States Exposition/Better Living Center, 1305 Memorial Drive, West Springfield, MA. Friday 10-7, Saturday 10-7, Sunday 10-5. Contact Marty Zinn @ [mz0955@aol.com](mailto:mz0955@aol.com)

### September

2 -- Mont St.-Hilaire field trip (Labor Day weekend)

**FOLLOW MAP:** Take Old Tilton Road from Center (next to Town Hall) go approximately 1 1/2 miles (about 0.7 mile tar, 0.7 mile gravel) to horse farm (Canterbrook), turn right (Borough Road); go up paved hill 0.7 mile and continue on gravel 0.2 mile to drive on left (across from cape); White newspaper box & rock at end of drive has yellow painted "94". Ranch with greenhouse and large garage facing road.



## SUMMER MEETING

The summer meeting of the MMNE will be held on Saturday, July 15 at the home of Gordon and Pamela Jackson in Canterbury, NH. This will include a pot luck lunch, so please bring something to share with the other attendees. Bring 'scopes, extension cords, etc. You might check with Gordon at (603) 424-9269 to see whether he needs anything else.

## From the Editor

Etienne Medard has agreed to assume the position of editor of the Newsletter starting with the September, 2006 issue.

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