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This bulletin may be quoted if credit is given.

NEXT MONTH:

The April meeting of the MMNE will be Saturday, April 6, 1985 at the Hudson Public Library.

The next regular meeting of the Micromounters of New England will be Saturday, March 2, 1985 at the Merriam Room in the Auburn Public Library. See map and directions below.

Enclosed in this issue is the flyer for our Northeast Meeting. Remember that space is limited so don't delay in mailing out the appropriate forms.

Spring is surely at hand, for like the arrival of the proverbial first robin (which I saw on February 15th), my mailbox is being filled with show notices and micromounting-related news. It's nice to have the problem of having to decide just what to include in the bulletin from the large amount of information that I have received. I hope that our members take the time to look at page 2. We can all be proud to read about the honors given to a club founder (the late Gunnar Bjareby) and the thanks bestowed upon two of our members, Steve and Janet Cares.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: IF YOU HAVE AN '84 WRITTEN ON YOUR MAILING LABEL, THIS ISSUE WILL BE THE LAST THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE! PLEASE SEND YOUR DUES TO JANET OR BRING THEM TO THE MEETING IN AUBURN.

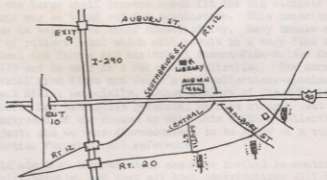
DIRECTIONS TO THE AUBURN LIBRARY:

FROM WORCESTER: Take Rt. I-290 to Exit #9, turn left onto Auburn Street, then right onto Southbridge Street.

FROM BOSTON OR SPRINGFIELD: Via Mass Pike, take Exit #10, follow the "Auburn North" sign onto Route 12, then straight ahead to the library (about one mile).

If you are following Rt. 20 heading west, take a right onto Millbury Street (the corner of the second traffic light after you go under the pike)* then take a left onto Southbridge Street to the library.*

If you are following Rt 20 heading east, take a left onto South Street (the corner at the first light after you pass Rt. I-290), then right onto Central Street, followed by a left onto Millbury Street. Proceed as as noted above **



MMNE FOUNDER ELECTED TO "HALL OF FAME"

The announcement published below has been received from the Baltimore Mineral Society. We are pleased and proud that Gunnar, who helped found our club, has been so honored. If any of our members have any recollections or memorabilia of Gunnar's as a micromounter which they feel might be added to the information in his "Personality Sketch" (Mineralogical Record, March/April, 1977, page 129), please contact Janet Cares who will forward them to the Baltimore Mineral Society.

"The Baltimore Mineral Society announces with great pride and pleasure the unanimous election of Richard W. Thomssen and Gunnar Bjareby to the Micromounters Hall of Fame. They were elected by vote of the Executive Board of the Baltimore Mineral Society and living members of the Micromounters Hall of Fame.

They will be inducted at the Baltimore Micromount Symposium on Friday evening, September 27, 1985.

Gunnar Bjareby (deceased), formerly of Boston, Massachusetts, was elected in the Old Timer category as his major contributions to micromounting occurred prior to the 1960s. Richard W. Thomssen of Carson City, Nevada, was elected to the Modern Micromounter category as his contributions are continuing.

These stalwarts of the micro-mineral hobby will join illustrious Micromounter Hall of Fame members: George Rakestraw, George Fiss, Lazard Cahn and Philip Cosainsky in the Old Timer category; and Paul Desautels, Neal Yedlin, Louis Perloff, Paul Seal, Ben Chrony, Arthur Roe, Charles and Juanita Curtis (husband-wife team) and William Hunt in the Modern Micromounter category.

The Micromounters Hall of Fame exhibit which includes micromounting artifacts and memorabilia are on display at every Baltimore Micromount Symposium, and may be seen at other times by special advance arrangements.

The 1985 Baltimore Micromount Symposium will be held at Pine Grove Middle School, Baltimore, Maryland, September 27, 28, & 29. Programs are mailed in August; one may be obtained by writing to H. V. Corbett, 3220 Berkshire Road, Baltimore, MD 21214."

In a recent letter received by me from the HARVARD MINERALOGICAL MUSEUM ASSOCIATION, F. William Miller asked that the following be placed in our bulletin:

Steve and Janet Cares continue to volunteer their time and effort to the Harvard Mineralogical Museum, not to speak of micromount materials from their collecting trips. Steve has been working at organizing and building up the collection started several years ago by them, Bob Whitmore, Forrest Fogg, and Walter Bagley. What started out then as a couple hundred specimens has now reached a current figure of 961 at last report. Steve deserves a lot of credit for his painstaking identification, mounting, and labelling of micros. He has standardized the mounts and labels, and even has built sets of inserts which divide the large shelf drawers which fit the big cabinets so that smaller groups of the specimens may be taken out for examination. This contributes greatly to specimen protection as well as to their accessibility. Many thanks are due to Steve for his long hours of patient labor which will result in a very fine modern working collection to supplement the famous and historical Bement-Fiss-Holden Collection. That came to the Museum in 1913 and is used as a reference collection. The current collection includes much material from Steve and Janet's own collection--specimens from Ste. Hilaire and the Black Hills, especially. Other members of the MMNE have contributed specimens--Edna Lerer has been quite generous, as have others. But it has taken weekly visits to the workrooms of the Museum to make this working collection a reality. It's an ongoing project, and we want micromounters to be aware of a standing invitation to visit the collection for study and reference.

Mr. Miller concludes: I would add that micromounters are also invited to contribute to the collection as opportunity permits, and that any such contributions will be valued by all who use the collection.

ATLANTIC MICROMOUNT CONFERENCE

I recently received a letter from a friend, Fred Schaefermeyer, the Region IV V.P. of the EFMLS, and my predecessor as BEAC Chairman. Knowing that I also edit a micro-related bulletin, Fred sent this information for our club:

The Micromineralogists of the National Capital Area invite you to its 1985 Atlantic Micromounters Conference. The Saturday, April 13 and Sunday April 14 sessions will be held at the Adult Education Center of Maryland University, Adelphi Road, Univ. Boulevard and Campus Drive, College Park, Maryland.

The pre-conference Friday, April 12 from 7 to 11 P.M. will be held at the Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. The reception will be in the Learning Center where there will be refreshments and a chance for many of you to catch up on the doings of friends--in other words, lots of conversation. There will be a projector in one room for those who do not like conversation. Bring slides if you wish. Due to space limitations, only registrants for the full conference and their immediate families may attend this reception. There will be a \$2 charge for those family members NOT registering for the full conference.

The program on Saturday and Sunday promises to be interesting and stimulating. Our speakers will be: Dr. Robert B. Cook, Professor and Head of Geology Dept., Auburn University talking about "The Mineralogy of a Newly Discovered Major Rare Metal Pegmatite in Coosa County, Alabama"; Dr. Eugene E. Ford, geologist-mineralogist, U.S. Geological Survey, Denver, talking about "Mineralogy and Paragenesis of the Complex Granitic Pegmatites of San Diego County, California"; Dr. Jeffery Post, Associate Curator, Dept. of Mineral Sciences, Smithsonian Institution, talking about "Electron Microscopy in Mineralogy"; and Lou Perloff, mineralogist and micromount photographer.

The Saturday evening dinner will be: Chicken Kiev, Baked Potato, Green Beans Almondine, Waldorf Salad, Ice Cream Pie with Chocolate Sauce. If you have a dietary problem please note it on the registration form.

Swapping, sales of micromount material, give-aways and lots of good fellowship should fill out a full program. Preiser Scientific will be showing microscopes and other laboratory supplies.

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For other information concerning hotels, campsites available, and registration forms, contact me (Shelley) and I will get the information to you. All information will also be available at the March meeting.

CALENDAR - UPCOMING EVENTS

MICROMOUNT - 85 --THE ROCK AND MINERAL CLUB OF LOWER BUCKS COUNTY, INC., in Pennsylvania. Swap - sell - learn. Saturday March 9th, 1985. Hours: 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. Located at the Northminster Presbyterian Church, 140 Trenton Road, Fairless Hills, Pennsylvania. For further information please contact Ralph Thomas (215)295-9730, or write him at 11 Riverdale Road, Yardley, PA 19067

ATLANTIC MICROMOUNTERS CONFERENCE, April 12 -13 -14, 1985 (see information above)

CANADIAN MICRO MINERAL ASSOCIATION MICROMOUNTERS WORKSHOP CONFERENCE, May 4-5, 1985
Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada.

NORTHEAST MEETING - MICROMOUNTERS OF NEW ENGLAND, May 11th, 1985, Ashland Mass.
See enclosed flyer for more specific information.

REMEMBER THAT WE WILL BE NEEDING ITEMS FOR GIVE-AWAYS AND FOR SALES AT OUR NORTHEAST MEETING. THERE IS NOT MUCH TIME REMAINING TO GET THIS MATERIAL IN TO EITHER STEVE CARES (GIVE-AWAYS) OR EDNA LERER (SALES). PLEASE TRY TO REMEMBER TO BRING ITEMS TO OUR NEXT TWO MEETINGS. -- S.N.M.