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The Club address is c/o Editor

Upcoming Meetings

April 4th, Northboro, MA
Public Library. Doors open at 9:30 AM.

MMNE 17th Annual Meeting
May 9th, 1998
Ashland, MA
(see registration form)

The MMNE was organized on November 8, 1966, for the purpose of promoting the study of minerals that require a microscope.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the MMNE is on April 4th, 1998 at the Northboro, MA Public Library. Doors will open at 9:30 AM. This is an important meeting, as it will include elections for club officers, discussion of the future direction of the club, and any other pertinent business. Please consider attending this one!

Janet Cares informs me that a variety of plastic boxes suitable for mounting or storage will be available at 'bargain prices' at this meeting. The boxes were donated by Mr. Harold Krueger, a former member of MMNE.

Members are also encouraged to bring a number of their typical mounts, perhaps enclosed in a box with a transparent cover, so the members can see various mounting methods. Please be sure the specimens are labelled and the owner's name is on the enclosing box.

May Symposium

The Micromounters of New England will hold their 17th annual meeting on Saturday, May 9th, 1998. The meeting will be held at the 4-H Conference Center in Ashland, MA. The featured speaker will be MMNE member Bill Henderson, who will speak on the occurrences and recognition of zeolites. Emphasis will be placed on recognition through simple observations and tests.

Enclosed is a schedule with a map and a registration form which should be mailed with payment as soon as possible. Please mail to the address indicated on the registration form.

For those of you planning to stay overnight in the Ashland area, be aware that management of the 4-H Center has decreed that we must have a minimum of 14 people in order to use their rooms Friday night. If you plan to stay in the area, please join the six to eight regulars who find the rooms plain but clean and comfortable – and you can't beat the price or good company. Please register with our secretary Pat Barker as soon as possible so that we may meet the quota before the deadline of April 24th, 1998.

As a final note, we still need material for the sales table at the symposium. Please consider donating any extras you may have!

Notes from the editor

As you can see from the header, this newsletter is a bit late. Your editor has been away on business and vacation trips for nearly three weeks in March, so little is left of this month. Apologies are extended if this has caused any inconvenience.

Your editor now has a fax number (see masthead). As this number is located at the editor's place of employment, please use the fax with discretion.

Membership list

Included in this newsletter is the most current membership list. The editor takes full responsibility for any errors in the list and would appreciate corrections, updates, etc. The last item in each address ('1997' or '1998') is the currency of membership. Please send in your dues (or an irate note if dues are current...) if the date reads '1997' or your membership will be dropped.

New members

The Micromounters of New England welcome the following new members:

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A note from our secretary, Pat Barker

We have learned that Micromounters of new England members William A. Henderson Jr. and John C. Ebner have been inducted into the Paul Desautels Memorial Hall of Fame! Congratulations to these very deserving members. Bill and John were honored September 19th, 1997 at the 40th anniversary of the Baltimore Mineral Society's Annual Micromount Symposium.

March 7th Meeting of the Micromounters of New England

The March 7th, 1998 meeting was held at the Westford, Massachusetts Library. Coincidentally, this is the Fletcher Library, and our speaker's subject was the Fletcher Mine. Your Secretary found that she couldn't get to Westford from Sudbury, but thanks to John and Margaret Stewart, she was able to go from Westford back to Sudbury.

There were 25 members present at this meeting in the attractive commodious conference room.

The formal meeting was called to order by the Vice Present, Jim Warner, at 1:00 p.m.

The Secretary didn't have the minutes for February, but the Treasurer, Janet Cares reminded us that dues were due. Janet Cares also said that give-away minerals are needed for the May Meeting and also for the Sale Table.

The Vice President said that boxes from Hal Krueger's collection will be available at upcoming meetings starting in April. Jim also said that April will be the time to discuss the direction the Club will be taking in the new century. The new slate of officers will be voted on at the next meeting in Northborough, also. We still need a presidential candidate. It was also suggested that true micromounters might help other members by bringing in examples of their mounts.

Popular speaker, Bob Whitmore, was introduced. He spoke on the Fletcher Mine which has been closed to collectors for many years. Bob, as usual, had some delightful historic pictures of old Fletcher and the nearby Valencia Mine to show us. His slides of minerals were much appreciated. Other collectors in the audience recalled memories of Fletcher Mine as well. Bob spoke briefly about the minerals that were found at Palermo Mine II last season, and he showed pictures of minerals from another Palermo prospect he plans to reopen.

The members lingered after the program, no doubt swapping stories of the specimens they have been cataloguing this winter. John and Margaret Stewart who had arranged the tables and chairs before the meeting, put everything back and thanked the Librarians.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Berry Barker