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News 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.

Upcoming Meetings

April 17th, 1999, 9:00 AM –
Fairbank Senior Center,
Sudbury, MA.

Next meeting

The next MMNE meeting will be held on Saturday, April 17th at the Fairbank Senior Center 40 Fairbank Rd. Sudbury, MA. Doors open at 9:00 AM. Our speaker will be MMNE member Gene Bearss, who will speak on the mineralogy of the P.Y. Estes & Son quarry in West Baldwin, Maine. This is another New England pegmatite phosphate locality, so this is a meeting not to be missed by phosphate collectors.

May Symposium

The featured speaker at the May Symposium will be Dr. Henry L. Barwood, who will discuss the mineralogy of the Arkansas Alkaline Province. Located in the central part of the state, the province consists of a number of syenitic intrusives hosting a mineralogy very similar to that of Mont Saint-Hilaire (*Rocks and Minerals*, vol. 63, no. 2; vol. 64, no. 4; vol. 69, no. 3). Dr. Barwood has also written a number of articles on phosphate localities.

The MMNE is still accepting donations for the symposium. As always, we're looking for a wide variety of sales and giveaway materials – mineral specimens, books and magazines, article reprints, mineral photos or artwork... Donations can be brought to any MMNE monthly meeting, where the proper person(s) will take charge of them.

Please remember that all proceeds go to the MMNE. To simplify we keep all donations, so please price accordingly. If priced too high, they will appear next year with appropriate price. Giveaways should be on labeled cards or rough (also labeled). Anything mounted will be considered sale material and will never be priced less than one dollar. We color code the sales micromounts as follows:

\$1.00	- yellow
\$2.00	- red
\$3.00	- green
\$4.00	- silver
\$5.00	- gold

A registration form for the May Symposium is enclosed with this newsletter. Please get reservations for overnight stays in early, as many of the motels are already fully booked. For the motels on the registration form, rates were verified where possible but might change by May.

Editor notes

It seems that some people have been unable to reach me through email. The company I work for changed the email addresses a few months ago and assured us the old addresses would be indefinitely valid as aliases; this apparently has not been the case. Please note my new email address on the masthead.

The updated membership list is enclosed in this newsletter. Please inform me of any errors in address or phone number. Also be aware that this your last newsletter if your dues have not been paid.

Calendar of upcoming events

April 17, Sudbury, MA. MMNE regular monthly meeting. Fairbank Senior Center, Sudbury, MA. Doors open at 9 AM.

April 15-18, Rochester, NY. 26th Annual Rochester Mineralogical Symposium. Info: Dr. Helen Chamberlain, PO Box 85. Manlius, NY 13140.

April 24-25, Bristol, CT. 27th Annual Gem & Mineral Show, sponsored by the Bristol Gem & Mineral Club. Douglas A. Beals Senior/Community Center, 240 Stafford Ave., Bristol, CT.

May 1-2, Nashua, NH. Shower of Gems and Minerals, sponsored by the Nashua Mineral Society. Holiday Inn, Rte. 3, Exit 4. Hours: Sat. 10-5, Sun, 10-4. Info: Ed Hakesly (603) 888-3891.

May 7-9, Augusta, ME. 10th Annual Maine Mineral Symposium. Senator Inn, Augusta, ME. Info: Woodrow Thompson, Maine Geological Survey, 22 State House Station, Augusta, ME

04333-0022; phone (207) 287-7178. Registration by email: woodrow.b.thompson@state.me.us

May 8-9, Topsfield, MA. North Shore Rock & Mineral Club Show. Topsfield Fairgrounds. Info (781) 592-4148.

May 15, Marlborough, MA. MMNE 18th Annual Symposium. 67 Fitchburg St., Moose Lodge, Marlboro, MA. See registration form this newsletter.

May 29-30, Portland, ME. 16th Annual Rock & Mineral Show, sponsored by the Maine Mineralogical & Geological Society. Univ. of New England, Westbrook College Campus Gym, 716 Stevens Ave., Portland, ME. Info: Winston Gandy (207) 933-4163.

August 13-15, Springfield, MA. East Coast Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show. Eastern Exposition Center, Springfield, MA.

Closing of mineral collecting sites - revisited

In the last MMNE newsletter, I reprinted an article by Nate Martin from the Boston Mineral Club newsletter. Mr. Martin called upon mineral collectors to write letters to the Supervisor of the White Mountain National Forest protesting the closing of Deer Hill in the Maine portion of the forest, where amethyst can be collected. I noted that interesting micro material has been collected at North Sugarloaf Mountain, Bethlehem, NH; Iron Mountain, Glen, NH; and South Moat Mountain, near Conway, NH.

What I forgot to mention was that these localities also lie within the White Mountain National Forest. Any action by the Forest Service regarding one locality could easily be extended to others. Perhaps it's time to write that letter... The address is:

Donna Hepp - Supervisor
White Mountains National Forest
719 Main St.
Laconia, NH 03246-2772

A reminiscence by MMNE member Eugene Mechler

From the time I was seven until I was fourteen, I lived in Cambridge, MA, half a block from the Children's Museum and one block from the Agassiz Museum. What a wonderful place for a curious kid to grow up. I learned the mineral hardness scale and a lot of non-mineral natural history.

One of my first specimens came from Cousin Allene Bechant (sp) who was a missionary in China. She sent me a small rock from the Great Wall of China. That was a real treasure. My folks rented rooms to Harvard students and one mother who was in the line great-great-great-great-great-grandmother of one of the bigwigs who came over on the Mayflower. In 1920 she was given a chip of the original Plymouth Rock. That too went into my collection of goodies.

In recent years (20 years ago), I joined the Nashoba Valley (MA) Mineral Club and had a very good course in mineral identification. Then in the more recent years in the club run by Brownie Thompson I was introduced to micromounts and the Micromounters of New England. What wonderful little treasures micros are! Steve Cares with his generous giveaway programs provided a lot of interesting material. John Demar also gave me some very pretty malachite micros. The cube of some material perched in the center of an analcite needle is wonderful to behold. That came from Janet Cares and is a much prized specimen.

Minutes of MMNE meeting, March 13, 1999

The meeting was called to order by Treasurer, Janet Cares in the absence of the President. Vice President Jim Cahoon deferred to Janet because she had so many notices.

The Treasurer's report of \$4961.55 cash on hand as of February 25th was accepted as read. The Secretary's report was accepted as printed in the Bulletin. Old business – dues are due! For new business, Janet reminded us that the April meeting will be the time to choose new officers.

The May 15th meeting is to be held at the Moose Lodge in Marlborough, MA. The speaker will be Dr. Henry L. Barwood who is an authority on the zeolites of Little Rock, Arkansas and on phosphate minerals. Gene Bearss commented that if this larger Moose Lodge works out this year, perhaps the following year we could start advertising our May meeting again and have more than 50 people attending. The caterer has an attractive barbecue menu, which seems to be more generous than we had at the 4-H Center in Ashland and for the same price. We delegated Janet to make the final decisions on the menu. The Moose Lodge offers free coffee and so we need only contribute morning snack foods. Cooks take note!

Gene Bearss called attention to the fact that Janet and Steve Cares have been elected to the Micromounters Hall of Fame, a tribute long overdue, everyone agrees.

It was proposed and decided by unanimous vote to add the names of Charter Member Ralph Carr and Violet Carr, Don and Fran Morrison, Forrest and Vera Fogg, and Frank and Phyllis Leighton to our list of Honorary Lifetime Members which earlier included John Reiner and Fred Colby. Congratulations to these loyal members! Members of the MMNE are encouraged to make other nominations of Honorary Lifetime Membership to those who have done so much for the Club: held an office, donated minerals and time, presented a program, or written articles.

Janet reminded us that Mont Saint-Hilaire dates "set in stone" are May 29-30, Memorial Day weekend, and July 2-3, Fourth of July weekend. Julie and Herb Fielding invited us once again to their lovely Winnisquam cottage on July 17th. The Sunapee show, put on by the Capital Mineral Club is October 2-3 this year. Mark those dates.

The topic of the new Eastern Federation Accident Insurance was tabled, at least for this year, because it seems we are probably covered with our own personal insurance policies. We will continue with the old insurance that protects the land/mine owner.

The meeting was adjourned to hear Larry White from Framingham talk and show slides on his collecting successes some years ago at the intersection of I-290 and I-495. This was a very interesting presentation reminding us that we must not overlook new building sites.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Barker, Secretary

Fame by Pat Barker

March has been a gala month for the MMNE. Members Steve and Janet Cares had their picture in the March/April, 1999 issue of *Rocks and Minerals*, while an article written by Quentin Wight tells about their election to the Micromounters Hall of Fame.

The March/April, 1999 issue of *Mineralogical Record* presents the "Abstracts of New Mineral Descriptions", wherein *caresite*, discovered and named after Steve and Janet Cares, and *charmarite*, discovered and named after Charles and Marcelle Weber, are described. All four individuals are longtime MMNE members.

The editor of *Microbits*, bulletin of the Southern California Micro-Mineralogists, wrote in glowing terms extolling the quality of the micro mineral swap that our bulletin editor, Hans Swarts, had arranged.

The new issue of *A Collector Guide to Maine Mineral Localities*, published in 1998 but just now available, gives a special acknowledgment to Gene Bearss, saying "the authors are grateful to Gene Bearss who assisted in reviewing early drafts of this guidebook, field checking mineral localities and verifying species lists."

The members of the Micromounters of New England are very proud of our members who are bringing the attention of the world on our organization!

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**Micromounters of New England
18th Annual Northeast Meeting
Saturday, May 15, 1999
Moose Lodge No. 1129
67 Fitchburg Street, Marlborough, MA**

SCHEDULE:	9:00 - 12:00	Registration, informal session
	12:00 - 1:00	Lunch
	1:00 - 2:00	Speaker
	2:00	Door prize drawings
	2:00 - 4:00	Informal session

PROGRAM

Henry L. Barwood will speak on the mineralogy of the Arkansas Alkalic Province

Bring your microscopes, lights, extension cords and micromounts (for discussion, identification, sharing or swapping).

Giveaway material will be available (please bring some of your own to share) as well as some choice micromounts for sale. Door prizes will be given away.

Registration fee of \$18.00 includes light refreshment, lunch, and a souvenir program.

The following overnight lodgings are available. Make your own reservations as needed:

Hampton Inn (Framingham, MA) (800) 426-7866
Rte 20, 1 mile east of I-495. Nearby restaurants. \$115 and up.

Super 8 Motel (Marlborough, MA) (800) 848-8808
On road into Solomon Pond Mall from I-295. \$54 and up.

Red Roof Inn (Southboro, MA) (800) 843-7663/(508) 481-3904
I-495 & Rte 9. Air conditioning, TV, coffee, no restaurant. \$65 and up.

Holiday Inn (Marlborough) (800) 465-4329/(508) 481-3000
I-495 & Rte 20. Air conditioning, TV, restaurant. \$103 and up..

A map to the symposium is on the back of this page.

MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

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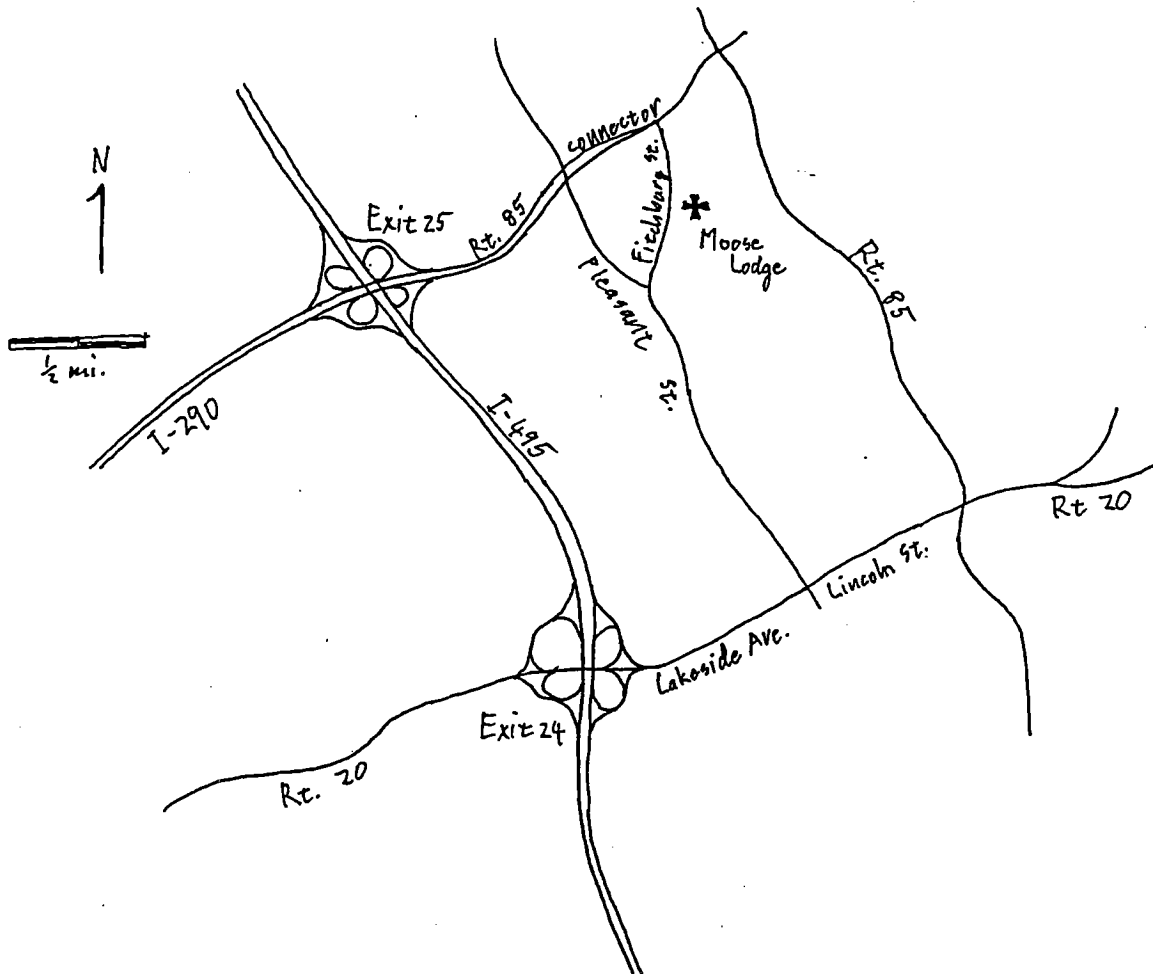
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Moose Lodge, Marlborough, MA

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Fairbank Senior Center, Sudbury, MA

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