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NEXT MONTH:

Our Summer meetings
will be **July 18th** at John
Reiner's, and **August
22nd** at Sunapee, NH.

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Just a reminder for those of you who have registered, the annual Northeast Meeting is **Saturday, May 9, 1992**. Pat Barker wishes to remind members to bring donations of baked goods for munching and for dessert.

Anyone who would still like to donate to the sales table, please remember to price the material to save our stalwart volunteer Edna Lerer from trying to figure out values of your material. Additional donors to the May meeting include Fran Morrison and Jim Clark. Several previous donors gave additional material. Many thanks!

Please note:

There will be another group meeting at the conference center on Friday, so we will be unable to set up until 4:30 PM or so.

Changes in Saint-Hilaire dates:

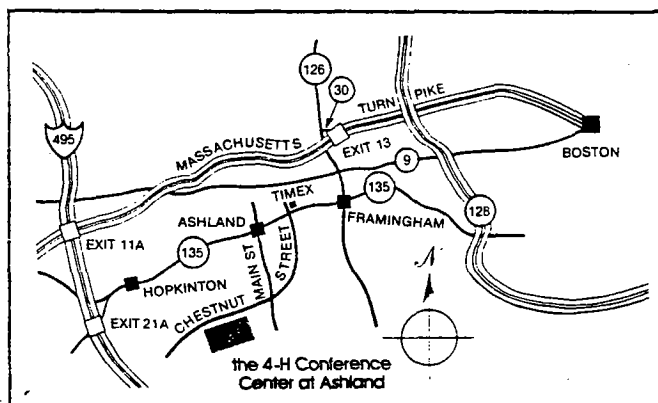
For those of you who may not have heard from other clubs or sources, you should take note of two date changes for Mont Saint-Hilaire field trips. Saturday, August 1st and Sunday, October 3rd are the new dates.

Summer meetings:

Our annual informal meetings will take place **July 18th** at the home of John Reiner, and **August 22nd** at the Capitol Mineral Club Show in Sunapee, NH.

New Saint-Hilaire identifications

The latest list of species totals 274 (omitting polytypes). #274 is Abenakiite-(Ce), formerly UK85 -- a reddish orange grain (resembling eudialyte) in sodalite xenolith material ("corner rock"). The UK numbers reach into the 90s, and work continues on those which have not yet been identified. From Triassic Valley Bulletin, April, 1992



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FROM THE PRESIDENT Glenn R. Bolick

READ ALL ABOUT IT in our respective club bulletins. In exchange bulletins and in the Federation DIGEST and NEWSLETTER - but before we can read it, it has to be

written; and we must keep in mind that bulletins were never intended to be more or less one-man productions.

A journalist friend once told me that all the stories that he would ever write had been written during the first two years of his career. The dates, the places and the names would be different, but it would be the same stories - so with pen in hand, with new dates, new places and new names, let's create our versions of the "same old stories".



One doesn't have to earn a degree in Journalism to be able to report on a club event or write an article about some mineral or fossil. Most, if not all, editors will gladly "polish up" a rough draft, provided it is in hand before the "eleventh hour".

With charter members, one joining at the last meeting and all in between, a mix of in depth, elementary and middle of the road articles make for a good bulletin.

Even though the field trip for May (or any other month) is always to a certain locality, the editors like it reconfirmed. A briefing of what happened at the previous meeting will keep those not in attendance informed. Changes of addresses and telephone numbers need to be COMMUNICATED also.

Winning a First Place Trophy in the AFMS Bulletin Editors' Contest is indeed an ACCOMPLISHMENT. Editors, authors and poets in EFMLS clubs have done it before, and we can do it again; however, we must remind ourselves that an award-winning bulletin doesn't just fall together - not any more than

an award-winning exhibit, Hobby-related tips, Did you know?(s), quizzes and other tid-bits will help round it out.

By observing deadlines, we can spare our editors the sometimes necessary rewriting of an article or re-typing pages of material, stretching or shrinking between paragraphs to make it fit the space, and the errata that comes so easily at three in the morn.

PARTICIPATION need not end with the writing. Even the Juniors can fold, tape, staple or lick to a postage stamp. Let's all offer a helping hand. Our editors will love us for it!

1992 GEOLOGY TOUR

The 1992 EFMLS Geology Tour will begin about 5:00 P.M. on Saturday, June 20th and end at noon on Friday, July 3rd. This should allow travel time for those persons who wish to attend both the geology tour

and the Wildacres Workshop. We will start the tour in the area of Natural Bridge, New York, visiting several days under the guidance of Dr. Steven Chamberlain. We will then travel to Vermont for a short stay, and spend the second week in New Hampshire where Bob Whitmore will be our guide for a time.

DISCOVER



This is designed to be primarily a camping tour. One note - there will be collecting areas that we visit which will require a walk in to reach them.

The fee for the tour is \$85.00 per person. Children under 12 free, ages 12 - 18 are \$40.00. The tour will be limited to the first fifty (50) people who apply.

To apply send your name, address, phone number, names of those in your party, and the name of the EFMLS club to which you belong together with a check for the correct fee made out to the EFMLS to: **Howard & Janet VanIlderstine, 2 Tulip Lane, Huntington, CT 06484.**

No applications will be accepted which are postmarked prior to March 15th. Applications will be accepted until the tour limit of 50 is reached or until June 1st.

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THE BONAR ASSIST

Several inquiries have been received for the ASSIST, but no applications to date. I thoroughly believe that out there are 15-25 year old hobbyists who could use some

help in furthering their Earth Science education. A deadline of June 1 was previously given.

The Assist will be presented at the Eastern Federation Convention in September.

The following qualifications are needed to be considered for the Wilma D. Bonar Educational Assist:

1. Age 15-25 at time of application.
2. Not related to the Henry Bonar family nor to any current EFMLS officer at time of application.
3. Committed to continuing higher education in the Earth Sciences including high school as well as college.
4. Active member in good standing of at least one local club affiliated with the EFMLS.



5. An applicant, preceding application, should have exhibited locally and possibly in one other show at least. Documentation for the satisfaction of this requirement should include dates, name of places, description of entry, and distinctions received, if any.

6. Because of distances involved, it is not mandatory to visit other clubs. However, when possible, every effort should be exercised to do so. Names of clubs visited, dates attended, and names of president or secretary should be specified for verification.

7. The applicants personal resume should include complete description of efforts and activities to promote the earth science hobby including, but not limited to lectures to student groups, displays of own "earth science treasures" to interested groups, etc. These personal efforts will be an important aspect in considering a student's application, including also, how many young people the applicant had influenced to become active in the hobby.

Send your application to me, or contact me for additional information.

Marion S. Reynolds, PO Box F; Amenia, NY 12501
(914) 373-9548.

AFMS RULES BOOK 8th Edition

Supplies Chairman Ned Reynolds now has available for purchase the latest edition of the AFMS Rules manual. Now available in loose-leaf format so that the entire contents need not be

reprinted annually, the book sells for \$4.50 plus postage. If you plan to exhibit in the upcoming Federation Shows you will need this volume. We urge you to order your copy today. Order from:

EFMLS Supplies, %E.D. Ned Reynolds,
PO Box F; Amenia, NY 12501.



1992 DIRECTORY

The hot pink 1992 EFMLS DIRECTORY should be in the hands of your club President, Editor or Secretary and Liaison Officer (if you have one) by this time. Ask to see it. It contains lots of valuable information about the Eastern Federation, the American Federation and clubs who are members of the EFMLS Family. If you would like additional copies of the DIRECTORY they may be purchased for \$4.00 each plus postage from the **EFMLS Supplies Chairman, Ned Reynolds, PO Box F, Amenia, NY 12501.**

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DELAWARE VALLEY EARTH SCIENCE SOCIETY

89 Adults, 12 Juniors. Contact person:

Harvey Cantor, PO Box 481; Sicklerville, NJ 08081.
(609) 232-2263.

We urge all clubs who have not yet submitted their 1992 EFMLS dues to do so today. After April 1, these clubs are delinquent and will no longer be eligible for EFMLS services (Insurance, slide programs etc.

NATIONAL SHOW NEWS

July 23 - 26, 1992 are the dates of the combined AFMS/MWF show and convention in Brunswick, Ohio (a suburb of Cleveland). This show, sponsored by the local high school - it's students and teachers as well as

the Midwest Federation. Lots of field trips, seminars, lectures and other activities are planned for the show.

Information packets have been mailed to all clubs and of course, they can be duplicated. If your club did not receive one, write to Rose M. Blue, 16155 Shermer Rd; Strongsville, OH 44136.

EFMLS CLUB SHOWS & SWAPS

APRIL

2 - 5: Tar Heel Gem & Mineral Club. 16th Annual Show. State Fairgrounds, Scott Building; Raleigh, NC Hrs: 5-9; 10-7; 10-6.

25-26: Bristol Gem & Mineral Club Annual Show; Senior Center, 240 Stafford Av; Bristol, CT.

Hrs: 10-5:30; 10-5.

25-26: New Castle Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show. The Cathedral, Highland & Lincoln Aves; New Castle, Pennsylvania. Hrs. 10-8; 10-5.

25-26: Kanawha Rock & Gem Club, 19th Annual Show. So. Charleston Community Ctr; So. Charleston, WV Hrs: 10-6; 10-5. Info: Claudia Hill (304) 984-1651.

25-26: Nashua Mineral Society Show. Holiday Inn, Rt 3, Exit 4; Nashua, NH. Hrs: 10-5; 10-4.

25-26: New Jersey Earth Science Association 20th Annual Gem, Mineral Jewelry Show. Rec. Center; William Patterson College, 300 Pompton Rd; Wayne, NJ.

(To have your show or swap listed in the directory, send all information to Reiven Zeleznik, 39 Pepperidge Pl; Stamford, CT 06905.)

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Glenn R. Bolick

10 years? 20 years? 30 years?
How long was it before you realized
that not all "rocks" are just rocks? for
me, it took over 40!

A letter of invitation to schools, scout
troops, 4-H and church youth groups
to attend and exhibit in our club shows; meeting and field trip
announcements through the local newspaper and radio station; a
personal phone call - these are all means of telling the young folks
out there that we have something for them as well as adults.

Going beyond our respective geographical areas, let us let our
EFMLS Junior Activities Chairman, Mabel Kingdon-Gross, 14
Jones St; Madison, ME 04950, (207) 696-5355, know what we are
doing to attract and arouse interest and curiosity in young minds
about our wonderful hobby so that she can pass it along.

As to getting new ideas from sister clubs, we can also make
a quick check through the Federation "Directory" to see which
ones have a sizeable junior membership. (They must be doing
something right!) Reports on junior activities can be gleaned from
exchange bulletins.

No matter what channels we go through, COMMUNICA-
TION is the first step toward getting our youth involved.

From junior high through high school to college with a career
in some area of Earth Science in mind - to a summer job with a
major oil company - to graduation with a BS in geology - to a
permanent job with the oil company and building a mineral exhibit
that would earn a Federation Junior Trophy along the way: one
young man's ACCOMPLISHMENTS which stemmed from a
simple beginning. The junior high science teacher had taken his
promising student along to the mineral club meetings.

One doesn't have to hold a degree in order to go into the
classroom to talk about minerals or fossils. I haven't heard of a
volunteer being turned away yet.

PARTICIPATION need not be kept within the confines of
four walls. It is a joy to watch a youngsters eyes "light up" at the
first glimpse of a partially unearthed crystal or the inside of a
geode. A card decorated with tiny crystal or shell "flowers" on a
child's hospital tray; a little bag of specimens, with festive tie, for
foster children at Christmastime or birthday; minerals or fossils as
party favors or a student's reward for some special achievement
can be equally enlightening.

...so let's give our young folks the 10, 20, 30 or 40 extra years
of enjoyment that many of us missed.

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Education Through Sharing Program: Certificates of appreciation
from the American Federation were
presented to Wolfgang Vogt (NJ Pale-
ontological Soc.) and Ted Kier (Che-
Hanna Rock & Mineral Club) for their accomplishments.

Each One Teach One Awards were presented to Frank Hill
of Columbia, SC and Inga Wells, of Waverly, NY. Certificates of
Award were presented to Helen Serras, Rockville, MD; Albert &
Anne Spaulding, Dixfield, ME; and Ethel & Bill Schuele,
Burlington, VT.

Numerous outstanding Editors and Authors were honored
at the Editors Breakfast. Details in the upcoming Newsletter.

President Bolick announced the formation of a committee
to investigate the possibility of resolving certain questions per-
taining to the Southeast Federation.

The new mineral stamps were available as a 2nd day
cancellation. Stamp pins, sold through the EFMLS supplies
chairman were an instant sellout.

Trophies were awarded to numerous competitive cases
including that of 11 year old Amber Bolick and our own President
Elect, Pat Mummert

WILDACRES 1993

The date for the first 1993 session
of Wildacres have been announced as
June 26 through July 2. Dates for
September will be announced later.
Fees for both sessions will be \$185.00.
Reservations will be taken after Janu-
ary 1, 1993. Details in the upcoming Newsletter.

EFMLS AUCTION

Thanks all who participated in the
auction in Harrisburg - those who
brought material to be auctioned and
those who came and brought money.
We had a very successful auction mak-
ing \$1600.00 to augment the EFMLS
operating expenses. Auction Chairman Barbara Sky did an
outstanding job (only being appointed less than a month before the
event) in organizing and obtaining materials.

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**E.F.F.
UPDATE
George Max**

If you wish to make a memorial, honor a special person, or just help continue the good work of the Eastern Federation, remember the Eastern Federation Fund with club or individual donations. For individuals making a donation of \$50.00 or more, a mineral heritage stamp "first day cover" will be awarded until the supply of 200 is exhausted. Individual levels of giving recognized are: \$15.00 - Quartz Contributor. \$25.00 - Topaz Contributor. \$50.00 - Sapphire Contributor. \$100.00 Emerald Contributor. Club donations will be recognized with a club plaque at the 100% level when \$1.00 per member has been attained. Contributions are invested and only the interest can be used for special needs as approved by vote of the Executive Board.

Please send your tax deductible contributions, payable to Eastern Federation Fund, to EFMLS Treasurer, Sybil Churchwell, 2005 Rockwell Road; Orlando, FL 32808.

**EXECUTIVE
BOARD
MEETING**

President-Elect Pat Mummert has announced an Executive Board Meeting for Saturday, November 7, 1992. Lodging will be at the Hampton Inn - Coliseum. The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn next door at 9:00 a.m.

A "Dutch treat" dinner will be followed by an auction, proceeds of which will be used for the Eastern Foundation Fund.

**SLIDE &
VIDEO
LIBRARY**

As announced in the last Mini-Digest, new chairman for the slide and video library have been named. Please send all requests for programs to: Bill & Elza Fleischmann, PO Box 1008; Seaford, NY 11783.

**THANK
YOU**

On behalf of the Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Club, I wish to thank the Eastern Federation for the privilege of hosting the 1992 Convention in Harrisburg. And we wish to thank all those who traveled distances great and small to attend. The Convention appears to have been a success, with excellent cooperation from everyone involved.

One obvious problem surfaced and that is one of communication within clubs. This seems to be a continuing problem in the Federation. Several officers of each club received a full packet of information about the convention with the assumption that these would be shared with other members. Despite this, we had many calls asking for information -- a delegate who had no information on the meeting place and one exhibitor who was unaware that there was an awards banquet. If "Communication is the KEY to our success," it should unlock doors all the way down to individual members.

Erston Barnhart, Convention Chairman
For souvenir pin collectors, there are some 1992 show pins still available. The cost, which includes postage, is \$4.00. These can be ordered from Erston Barnhart, 633 N. West St; Carlisle, PA 17013.

**LEGISLATIVE
ARM
FORMED BY
AFMS**

The officers and Directors of the American Federation, meeting in convention July 22, 1992, authorized the formation of a legislative action organization. As a result of this Board authorization, the American Lands

Access Association has been organized.

The A.L.A.A. is registered in the state of Idaho as a non-profit corporation under the IRS Code 501(c)(4) which permits direct political and legislative activities by a non-profit organization.

The A.L.A.A. has adopted the following statement of purpose: "To promote and ensure the right of amateur collecting and recreational mining, and the use of public and private lands for educational and recreational purposes." The established goal of the A.L.A.A. is to maintain and ensure access to existing or potential collecting sites.

A Board of Directors representing all areas of the U.S. was elected at the organizational meeting. Jon Spunaugle was selected as President. R. Ed Romack was selected as Treasurer.

Funding of the A.L.A.A. is through individual annual membership fees and grants and contributions which may be received. No AFMS funds may be used for this organization.

Rockhounds living in our western states and those of us who love to cut material found in our western states (or collect minerals from these areas) need to be alert to the ever shrinking access we have to these valuable areas. Legislation is pending annually which encroaches on our rights to pursue our hobby and so this organization, the A.L.A.A. is of extreme importance to each of us in the hobby.

If you would like to join the A.L.A.A., send your check for \$25.00 (payable to A.L.A.A.) to **R. Ed Romack, Treasurer; 655 8th St; Idaho Falls, ID 83401.** Be sure to include your name, address and club affiliation with your check.

**EFMLS
SHOWS &
SWAPS**

OCTOBER:

17-18: Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society 23rd Annual Show; Dutchess Co. Fairgrounds, Rhinebeck, NY.

17-18: Niagara Rocks & Mineral Club 37th Annual Show; Lewiston Firehall #2, 1705 Saunders Settlement Rd, Rt 31, Niagara Falls, NY

17-18: Mineological Society of PA 27th Annual Show; S. Lancaster Co. Fairgrds, Rts 372 & 472; Quarryville, PA.

24-25: Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore, Inc. 29th Annual Show; Pikesville Armory, 610 Reisterstown Rd; Pikesville, MD.

24-25: Rhode Island Mineral Hunters 20th Annual Show; Comm. College, Knight Campus, East Av, Warwick, RI.

NOVEMBER:

6-8: Imperial Polk Co. Gem & Mineral Society 14th Annual Show; Best Holiday Trav-L-Park Campground, SR 50, Winter Haven, FL.

7-8: Stamford Mineral Society 4th Annual Show; Turn-of-River Middle School, Vine Rd; Stamford, CT.

7-8: Rockland County Mineral & Gem Society 21st Annual show; S. Orangetown Middle School, Erie St & VanWyck Rd; Blauvelt, NY.