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Next Meeting

Chelmsford, MA Library
Saturday, May 20, 2006
Doors open at 9:00 AM

*Map and directions are
on the back page*

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MEETING CANCELLATION
due to inclement
weather, contact
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MAY MEETING Saturday, May 20, 2006 9AM to 4PM

The last day to sign up for lunch is May 14

We need:

- **Volunteers** to come in around 8AM to set up the room
- **Give away material.** We need material that will yield micromounts. If you were going to throw it away, please do not bring it.
- **Specimens for the sales table.** Please bring in specimens of the quality which you would consider keeping for your personal collection.
- **Micromount related items** including books, journals, tools, mounting materials, etc. for the **Sales table, Silent auction,** or for **Door prizes**
- **Volunteers** to stay a few minutes late to help clean up.

When you bring specimens (mounted or unmounted) or other items for the sale table, please price them ahead of time as there is no time to do it on Saturday morning. These are donations to the club, so price them to sell. You may tag them either with colored dots or \$ amounts. If you use colored dots (which is easier for the person manning the sales table) use the following code: yellow = \$1, red = \$2, green = \$3, blue = \$4, orange or gold = \$5. Over \$5 the specimen should be marked with a \$\$ amount. If you do not have colored dots, mark with \$\$ amount.

Items for the silent auction need to have a tag written up on Saturday morning.

A map and directions to the Elk's Club is included in this Newsletter.

The **Newsletter** is the official publication of the Micromounters of New England (MMNE). The last by-laws revision was April 19, 2003. The MMNE is a member of the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies (EFMLS) (<<http://www.amfed.org/efmls>>) and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) (<http://www.amfed.org>). Material from the *Newsletter* may be copied in other rock and mineral publications if credit is given to the author and the *Newsletter* and permission has been obtained from the author. If there are questions regarding copying contact the editor. The club address is c/o the Secretary. Meetings are held monthly, September through May, except for December, and usually on an informal basis in July and August. Sites rotate and will be posted in the *Newsletter* as far in advance as possible. Visitors are welcome to attend all meetings. Bring a microscope and light source if you have one.

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.

May

- 12-14 – 17th Annual Maine Mineral Symposium. Senator Inn, Augusta, ME. Speakers, dealers, field trips. Contact Woodrow Thompson, Maine Geologic Survey. (203) 287-7178 or e-mail: woodrow.b.thompson@maine.gov
- 13-14 – Northampton, MA. Connecticut Valley Mineral Club Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show. Three County Fairgrounds, Northampton, MA. Saturday 10– 6, Sunday 10 to 5. Contact Lee Champigny @ (413)-583-3565 or pullg4fun@verizon.net
- 20 – MMNE Annual Mini-symposium. Elks Club, Hudson, MA. 9AM to 4PM. Speaker Joe Marty.
- 27-28 – Mont St.-Hilaire field trip (Memorial Day weekend)

June

- 10 – Rock Swap and Sale. Conn. Antique Machinery Assoc. & the Danbury Mineralogical Society. Museum grounds of the Conn. Antique Machinery Assoc., 1 mile N of Kent, CT on Rte 7. 9AM to 4PM. Rain date: Sunday June 10.
- 24-25 – Gilsum, NH. Gilsum Rock Swap and Mineral Show. Gilsum Elementary School, Rte 10, Gilsum, NH. Saturday 8-6, Sunday 8-4. Contact Robert Mitchell @ (603)-357-9636 or rmitchell60@adelphia.net.

July

- 1 – Mont St.-Hilaire field trip
- 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

September

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

MMNE SECRETARIAL REPORT FOR 04/15/06

The April 15th meeting came to order at 12:05 PM with a quorum of ten people present Gene Bearrs presided.

Reports:

Minutes for the March meeting were accepted as published in the March newsletter

The Treasurer's report: including balance, recent income and expenses was read and accepted.

Old Business:

Gene Bearrs acknowledged receipt of a note of appreciation from the Amos Adams Library Trust Fund for the club's recent donation.

Norm Biggart explained the process that the library uses for meeting reservations at the library.

Anna Wilken asked if there would be door prizes at the May meeting but no information was available. She indicated that Jim Cahoon was probably in possession of tickets and that she would obtain them in the event they would be needed.

New Business:

Gene Bearrs reported that the May Meeting information had been published in "Mineral News". Mike Swanson said that he had posted promotional flyers throughout the Rochester Symposium venue.

A motion was made to accept the officer slate with the addition of Gene Bears as the second Director for the upcoming year. The motion was seconded and accepted unanimously by a show of hands.

Due to his resignation as newsletter editor, Mike Swanson suggested that the club website might be a way to convey information and news to members. However, a bit of serendipity came about when Etienne Medard volunteered to take over as newsletter editor for a period of one year only since he must return to France after that.

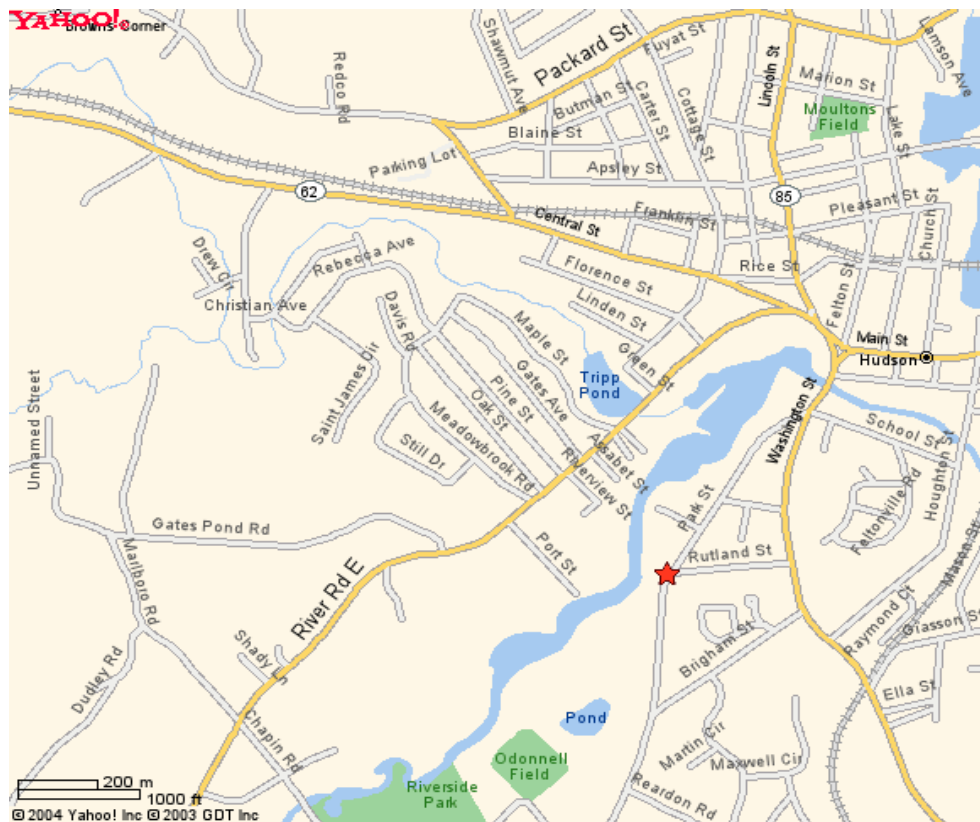
In memory of Bob Barker members in attendance approved a club donation to the "Rocks and Minerals" color fund.

Annual elections were held and the following officers elected;

President:	Tom Mortimer
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Director ('06-'07)	Gordon Jackson
Director ('06-08')	Gene Bearss

It was decided that the new officers would assume their duties on June 1st of each year in order to maintain continuity through the May Mini-symposium. Since this vote changes the by-laws, an official vote needs to be taken after a thirty day notification period. Accordingly a vote to amend the by-laws accordingly will be taken at the May meeting.

The April meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:35 PM.



ELK'S CLUB HUDSON, MA

MMNE Mini-Symposium
Saturday, May 20, 2006

Take Rte 85 (Hudson Street) east from the I-290/I-495 interchange to Washington Street. Take a left on Washington Street and then look for Rutland Street on the left, maybe $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ mile down Washington Street. Go to the end of Rutland Street and turn left on Park Street. The Elk's Club will then be immediately on your right on Park Street.



Representative Robert Raymond Barker

Robert R. Barker died of cancer on 28 March, 2006 at the Manchester VA Medical Center. He was born in Newton, MA, on July 15, 1930 to Paul V. Barker and Elsie Umpleby Barker. A lifelong outdoorsman, he was one of the youngest people (14 years old) to hike the Long Trail of Vermont alone. Barker graduated from Newton High School and moved with his parents and two brothers to Mont Vernon, NH while he attended the University Of New Hampshire. He graduated with a BS degree in biology and forestry. He met his future wife Patricia Berry Barker there, and after they both had graduated and were married in 1953, he joined the Air Force as a Second Lieutenant.

Barker attended Cambridge University, UK (1955), the University of MA (1961), and the Air University Command and Staff College, AL (1958 and 1961-62). He also attended the OSI Special Investigations Course (1959) and the Defense Intelligence College Post Graduate Course (1963-64) in Washington, DC and the Marine Corps Airborne School (parachuting) in Hawaii (1966). He earned his private pilot license in 1968.

Lt. Col. Barker served in the Air Force for 22 years and earned the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal with three Oak Leaf clusters, among others. In addition to a tour of duty in Vietnam, the Barkers were stationed in England, Japan, Korea, and Germany, triggering a lifelong love of foreign travel.

Barker retired to Campton, NH where he and his wife built their home in 1986 and maintained their property as a tree farm.

Barker was elected to the NH State Legislature for three terms, representing Campton, Rumney, Wentworth, Warren and Orford, where he was noted as a Fiscal Conservative. He was awarded the 1998 Taxpayer of the Year Award. He served on the Fish and Game Committee and was a tireless advocate for an armed citizenry.

His hobbies included skiing, motorcycle riding, benchrest rifle, pistol, trap and skeet shotgun shooting. Both Barker and his wife shot competitively in the National Matches in the 1960's where Barker represented the USAF. He had numerous ranges on his property where his friends gathered for sporting clay shoots several times a month.

The Barkers have one daughter, Dr. Crystal Lynn Barker Schaaf, a son-in-law, Richard Scaaf, and a granddaughter, Erica Skye Schaaf.

Barker was buried at the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery, Boscawen, NH with full military honors on April 7, 2006. A memorial trap shoot and celebration will be held at the Pemigewasett Valley Fish and Game Club, Holderness, NH on Sunday 11 June, 2006.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Quincy Bog Natural Area (PO Box 90, Rumney, NH 03266), to the Campton Historical Society (PO Box 160, Campton, NH 03223) and to the Ashland American Legion Post 15 (PO Box 423, Ashland, NH 03217).

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