



## MICROMOUNTERS OF NEW ENGLAND NEWSLETTER

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

No. 297

May, 2009

### OFFICERS 2008-2009

#### President

Joseph Mulvey  
(603) 880-4018  
bassmeister\_2000@yahoo.com

#### Vice-President

Gordon Jackson  
(603) 783-4493  
[gsj8544@aol.com](mailto:gsj8544@aol.com)

#### Treasurer

Anna Wilken  
(603) 536-2013  
microxl@mfire.com

#### Secretary

Bob Wilken  
(603) 536-2013  
microxl@mfire.com

#### Director

Gene Bearss  
(207) 324-3610

### Newsletter Editor

Tom Mortimer  
(603) 673-4039  
tjmort@comcast.net

### Current Meeting

Saturday, May 16, 2009  
American Legion  
Post #279  
88 Bancroft St.  
Auburn, MA  
Set-up 8 am  
Symposium start 9 am

Map and driving  
directions are on last  
page

For information regarding  
**MEETING CANCELLATION**  
due to inclement weather,  
Joseph Mulvey  
(603) 880-4018  
bassmeister\_2000@yahoo.com

**Next Meeting: Saturday, May 16, 2009.** It's here! The 2009 Micromounters of New England Annual Symposium will be held on May 16 at the American Legion Chester P. Tuttle Post #279 located at 88 Bancroft Street Auburn, MA. See map directions on last page of this newsletter. Member volunteers to assist with the symposium set-up are encouraged to arrive at 8 am. The Symposium formally opens at 9 am. We are fortunate to host Laszlo Horvath speaking on **Rare earth minerals of Mont Saint Hilaire.**

### Reminder: New 2009 members area password for MMNE web site

To access the members' area, you will need the new club account. It's a secret only for 2009 paying members so don't tell anyone! Login is "**2009member**" and the password is "**optic**". Use all lower case and no spaces or quotation marks.

### Annual Election

The short business meeting at the symposium will include elections to fill all positions for the 2009-2010 season. At the April meeting the following candidates were nominated for these seats:

President:	Joe Mulvey
Vice President:	Gordon Jackson
Treasurer:	Tom Mortimer
Secretary:	Bob Wilken
Director:	Gene Bearss
Director:	Anna Wilken
Newsletter editor:	Joe Mulvey

### Updated By-laws

The by-laws were published in the April Newsletter for member review. They contained all the corrections we discussed during the year. Ratification of the by-laws will also be performed at the business meeting.

### Symposium Donations

We have had fantastic donations to the sales, silent auction, and give away tables from: Pat Barker, Ron LePage, Dana Jewell and Inge Burggraf, Bob Janules, Jim Cahoon, Michael Swanson, Bill Henderson, Gene Bearss and Joe Mulvey.

Be on the lookout for some superb material in the give away area from Gene that includes quality stuff from Mineral Hill, Wakefield, NH, Palermo #1 in North Groton, NH and Emmons Quarry in Maine.

I am sure that Bob Janules work of art - a fractal resembling Vivianite will certainly be hotly contested in the silent auction.

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. Meeting sites may change 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 \$12/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.

#### Officers for 2008-2009

President: Joseph Mulvey 24 Skyline Drive Nashua, NH 03062-3516  
 Vice President: Gordon Jackson, PO Box 600, Canterbury, NH 03224-0600  
 Treasurer: Anna Wilken, 79 Meadow Lane, Campton, NH 03223  
 Secretary: Robert Wilken, 79 Meadow Lane, Campton, NH 03223  
 Director:  
 (2007-2009) Gene Bearss, 33 North Ave., Sanford, ME 04073-2943

(603) 880-4018  
 (603) 783-4493  
 (603) 536-2013  
 (603) 536-2013

[bassmeister\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:bassmeister_2000@yahoo.com)  
[gsj8544@aol.com](mailto:gsj8544@aol.com)  
[microxl@mfire.net](mailto:microxl@mfire.net)  
[microxl@mfire.net](mailto:microxl@mfire.net)

**Editor:** Tom Mortimer, 3 Roberts Rd., Amherst, NH 03031  
**Webmaster:** Joseph Mulvey 24 Skyline Drive Nashua, NH 03062-3516

(603) 673-4039 [tjmort@comcast.net](mailto:tjmort@comcast.net)  
 (603) 880-4018 [bassmeister\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:bassmeister_2000@yahoo.com)

**MMNE Website:** <http://www.micromountersofnewengland.org>

### Table of Contents

Page 1	May Symposium Announcement
Page 2	Masthead, Symposium Donations
Page 3	MMNE officers, outgoing & incoming
Page 3	2009 Symposium overview
Page 4	MMNE 2009-2010 Membership Roster
Page 5	Symposium direction maps



### Symposium Donations continued

I am also happy to report that all three mineral dealers I contacted have responded with super donations. Thank you again to

- Dan Weinrich of Weinrich Minerals <http://www.danweinrich.com>
- Larry Rush of ConnRox Minerals <http://www.connroxminerals.com>
- Jim Daly of Sauktown Minerals <http://www.sauktown.com>

Dan Weinrich donated a superb, large dogtooth calcite crystal, Larry Rush donated a suite of great looking minerals from Portugal and Jim Daly donated 2 suites of specimens, a set of 6 from MSH and a set of 6 from Michigan.

Thanks so much to these vendors for donating such great material! If you are in the market for purchasing specimens I can personally vouch for the character of these three companies. I would recommend them all in a heartbeat for your next mineral purchase.

**ConnRox Minerals**  
**Good Prices, Good Minerals**  
[www.connroxminerals.com](http://www.connroxminerals.com)



Sauktown Sales



**Dan & Diana Weinrich**

**Dealers in Fine Mineral Specimens - Since 1989!**

### New and Old Officers

With the elections taking place at the May Symposium I would like to note a few things about the past officers and the new suits coming in.

First, thank you to **Anna Wilken** for all of her years of service to the club as the Treasurer-extraordinaire. During her multiple terms she slowly inherited more and more responsibility until her position resemble less of a Treasurer and more of jack of all trades with duties like catering arrangements and symposium hall bookings!



I am sure that Anna is quite relieved that **Tom Mortimer** has stepped forward to trade his Newsletter Editor cap for the Treasurer's visor. A big thanks to Tom for helping out the whole club. Tom's newsletters and his articles have been great. This past year the newsletter has been rather enjoyable to assemble. We have had some luck in getting some super articles from Tom and the club camera has allowed us to share many of the specimens historically only visible at the club meetings.

With Tom exiting from the newsletter editor and no other member willing to take up the position, I have volunteered to step into this job as well. Now the club has me, **Joe Mulvey**, as president, web master and newsletter. If this was tic-tac-toe, I would have won! If anybody wants to become newsletter editor, or write an article please talk to me!!!

### Subject: The rare-earth minerals of Mont Saint-Hilaire

Speaker: László Horváth



László, originally from Hungary, and his wife Elsa, originally from Switzerland, have been collecting minerals since 1971. They have first visited the Demix and Poudrette quarries at Mont Saint-Hilaire (MSH) in the fall of 1971 and quickly became passionately interested in minerals in general and in the minerals of this fabulous locality in particular. After nearly four decades this interest remains strong as ever. Their interest from the very beginning also included such other nearby localities as the Francon quarry and the Saint-Amable sill. Some of you may remember that László gave a talk to this group on the mineralogy of the Saint-Amable sill in 1999. From the mid 1970s to mid 1980s the Horváths lived 11 miles from MSH, 8 miles from the quarry at Saint-Amable and 14 miles from the Francon quarry, an ideal location for anybody interested in these alkaline intrusions. The Saint-Amable locality especially was treated as almost a "private" collecting site for many years and was brought to the attention of the collecting community mainly through their work of more than twenty years (Horváth *et al.* 1998). They still live in the Montréal area but the distance from their home to the quarries at MSH and Saint-Amable increased to 64 miles. Over the nearly four decades of collecting, their interest further expanded to the mineralogy of alkaline complexes worldwide and they have visited many such complexes in Norway, Brazil, Germany, Greenland and the USA. This interest and their preference for self-collecting is reflected in their collection of over 16000 catalogued specimens, more than 9000 of these are self-collected from Quebec localities and 1500 from various worldwide localities visited. About 70% of the specimens are from alkaline complexes and there are about 2000 analyzed (XRD, microprobe or both) specimens in their collection, many of which represents the first identified specimen of a species for the locality. There is no size limitation in the Horváth collection as specimens range from football size to nearly invisible speck; about 7000 are micromounts.

## Micromounters of New England 2009–2010 Membership Roster

Anderson, John & Susan	17 Ginley Rd.	Walpole	MA	O2081	508-668-2008	<a href="mailto:jranders@erols.net">jranders@erols.net</a>
Barker, Pat	P.O. Box 810	Campton	NH	O3223	603-536-2401	<a href="mailto:barker@eagle1st.com">barker@eagle1st.com</a>
Bearss, Gene & Marie	33 North Avenue	Sanford	ME	O4073-2943	207-324-3610	No Email
Biggart, Norman	4 Baron Park Lane, Apt. 1	Burlington	MA	O1803-5431	781-272-1537	<a href="mailto:normvikings@verizon.net">normvikings@verizon.net</a>
Bonney, Steve	100 Dusty Road	Morehead	KY	40351	606-780-4810	<a href="mailto:sbonney@mis.net">sbonney@mis.net</a>
Cares, Janet (life)	88 Masonic Home Rd. Apt H-108	Charlton	MA	O1507		No Email
Champlain, Richard	15 Burr Rd.	Ole Lyme	CT	06371-1103	860-434-5902	No Email
Chipman, John. D.	6 Loisselle Lane	Chelmsford	MA	O1863	978-251-9784	<a href="mailto:jdchip@comcast.net">jdchip@comcast.net</a>
Davidson, Scott	44 Tillson Road	Monmouth	ME	O4259	207-933-3517	<a href="mailto:davidson@fairpoint.net">davidson@fairpoint.net</a>
Dodge, Marilyn F.	534 Salem St. No. 12	Wakefield	MA	O1880	781-224-7326	<a href="mailto:assoc9069@comcast.net">assoc9069@comcast.net</a>
Fielding, Herbert & Pricilla Lockwood	711 Blueberry Circle	Middleboro	MA	O2346-5314	508-946-4810	<a href="mailto:hfielding7825@comcast.net">hfielding7825@comcast.net</a>
Gristani, Carlos	12 Jambard Road	Hollis	NH	O3049	603-465-6292	<a href="mailto:carlosg@charter.net">carlosg@charter.net</a>
Hakesley, Ed	821-1 Alexis Circle	Mountain Home	AR	72653	870-424-0956	<a href="mailto:edscamp3@yahoo.com">edscamp3@yahoo.com</a>
Henderson, William A. (life)	47 Robin Ridge Dr.	Madison	CT	O6443	203-245-0489	<a href="mailto:willhenderson@att.net">willhenderson@att.net</a>
Herard, Harold	2 Betty St.	Auburn	MA	O1501-1744	508-755-5947	<a href="mailto:hherard1@rcn.com">hherard1@rcn.com</a>
Hubley, Anita & Christopher	90 Valley View Drive	South Winsor	CT	O6074	860-644-9600	<a href="mailto:hubley264@cox.net">hubley264@cox.net</a>
Jackson, Gordon & Pam	P.O. Box 600	Canterbury	NH	O3224-0600	603-783-4493	<a href="mailto:gsj8544@aol.com">gsj8544@aol.com</a>
Janules, Bob	17 Woodward Road	Merrimack	NH	O3054	603-424-9269	<a href="mailto:janules@worldnet.att.net">janules@worldnet.att.net</a>
Jewel, Dana & Ingebord Burggraf	100 Lynn Fells Parkway	Melrose	MA	O2176-2610	781-665-2756	No Email
LePage, Ron	May Street	Waterville	ME	O4901	207-873-6270	<a href="mailto:ronlep@midmaine.com">ronlep@midmaine.com</a>
Macindewar, Josephine	Elmhurst Nursing Home, room 203	Melrose	MA	2176	781-665-9107	No Email
Martin, Nathan & wife	8 Elena Road	Lexington	MA	O2421	781-674-0017	<a href="mailto:rocknate@gmail.com">rocknate@gmail.com</a>
Miller, Robert & Stephanie A. Thi	10 Fox Court	Holbrook	NY	11741-5300	631-270-4266	<a href="mailto:robertjmillero759@yahoo.com">robertjmillero759@yahoo.com</a>
Mortimer, Tom	3 Roberts Road	Amherst	NH	O3031	603-673-4039	<a href="mailto:tjmort@comcast.net">tjmort@comcast.net</a>
Mulvey, Joe	24 Skyline Drive	Nashua	NH	O3062-3516	603-880-4018	<a href="mailto:bassmaster-2000@yahoo.com">bassmaster-2000@yahoo.com</a>
Parmenter, Bob	2261 Victory Ave.	Largo	FL	33770-1923	727-585-6285	<a href="mailto:bobparmenter@msn.com">bobparmenter@msn.com</a>
Parsons, Richard	13249 Taza Lane	Pine	CO	80470	303-838-8859	<a href="mailto:richard.parsons@att.net">richard.parsons@att.net</a>
Pershken, Richard	150 Surrey Dr.	Bristol	CT	06010-7621	860-583-3909	<a href="mailto:per1919@aol.com">per1919@aol.com</a>
Porter, Brian	355 Walsh Ave.	Newington	CT	06111-3542	860-666-4505	<a href="mailto:port0202@cox.net">port0202@cox.net</a>
Rambo, George	17 N. Avon Drive	Claymont	DE	19703	302-798-4163	<a href="mailto:drambo417@comcast.net">drambo417@comcast.net</a>
Sevrens, Betty (life)	P.O. Box 397	Plymouth	NH	O3264-0397	603-536-2050	No Email
Stewart, John & Margaret (life)	90 Hayden Road	Groton	MA	O1450	978-692-2737	No Email
Swanson, Mike	646 Greenfield Road	Leyden	MA	O1301-9400	413-773-3867	<a href="mailto:msmicros@verizon.net">msmicros@verizon.net</a>
Swarts, Johannes (10/24/08 \$ 10)	P.O. Box 846	Bradford	VT	O5033	802-222-4875	<a href="mailto:joswarts@gmail.com">joswarts@gmail.com</a>
Trebilcock, Clifford	42 Taft Avenue	Auburn	ME	O4210		<a href="mailto:oceanbeach54@yahoo.com">oceanbeach54@yahoo.com</a>
Wall, Susan E.	65 Durso Avenue.	Lawrence	MA	O1843	978-688-3654	<a href="mailto:srockwall@yahoo.com">srockwall@yahoo.com</a>
Warner, James	23 June Street	Auburn	MA	O1501-1744	508-752-8328	No Email
Wilken, Bob	79 Meadow Lane	Campton	NH	O3223	603-536-2013	<a href="mailto:microxl@mfire.net">microxl@mfire.net</a>
Bob & Marlene	15 Falcon Way, Hales Location	North Conway	NH	O3860	603-356-4424	<a href="mailto:ryork1776@aol.com">ryork1776@aol.com</a>



**Maps for the American Legion Chester P. Tuttle Post #279, 88 Bancroft Street Auburn, MA**