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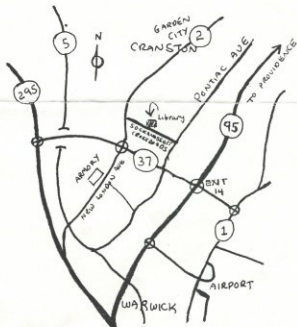
The October meeting of the MNNE will be held on Saturday, the 20th at the Fogg's home in Goffstown, NH

The September meeting of the Micromounters of New England will be held on Saturday, September 15, 1984 at the Cranston Public Library at 140 Sockanossett Crossroads, Cranston, RI. Those of you who are familiar with the location of the Rhode Island Mineral Show should have no difficulty in finding our meeting site as it is located about two minutes by car from the Armory (see map). In case anyone has difficulty, the phone number of the library is (401) 943-9080.

Don and Jean McKenna will be there around 9:30 a.m. to open the room up and welcome the members.

DIRECTIONS: From the north on Route 95, just a few minutes south of Providence, take Route 37 (Exit 14); go straight (ignore the left turn) toward Cranston. In a few seconds, turn right onto Pontiac Avenue. At the stop sign, turn right and get into the left lane. At the light turn left at Ruggeiri's Floor Covering. Pass 84 Lumber, Davol, then turn into the library parking lot. It might be best for us to park in the upper lot.

From the south on Route 95, take Exit 14 which leads to 14B--Cranston (Route 37). Now follow directions given above.



Now that the September meeting is approaching, I wish to extend a welcome to all our members to the season of regular micromounter meetings. I hope everyone's summer was enjoyable, and that field trips presented a variety of discoveries. Over the summer months I have received correspondence regarding the MMNE, and I would like to pass on a few notes to you all.

Nora Biggart, our Past President, sent me copies of a very nice thank-you letter he received from Steve Lonker of the Mineral Society of Pennsylvania. Steve wished to thank us for their visit with the MMNE during our March meeting held at Harvard University. We received an open invitation to both the Philadelphia Mineralogical Society's and the Leidy Microscopic Society's meetings held at the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia. We also received a schedule of the club's planned field trips. (I will bring the letters to the September meeting.)

The following article has been taken from the Monmouth (New Jersey) Mineral and Gem Club's bulletin the "mini-Miner". It gives a visitor's account of our 1984 Northeast Meeting. The author, Dermot Samuda, and his companion John Elmer, have since joined us as members of the Micromounters of New England.

MICROMOUNT WEEKEND.....BY DERMOT SAMUDA

John and myself journeyed the 250 miles to Greenfield MA, overnighting there in order to attend the micromounters of New England meeting, at the Greenfield Community College, a modern complex. This was a new location this year and the meeting held more in adequate space. On the morning of the meeting we had the pleasure of meeting with Harry and Elizabeth Iobell and also Lyn and Vinnie Ellis. We had hoped for a total of 18 members but some late disappointments cut our number to six.

John had taken his well travelled micromount display and as usual kept busy soliciting additions. The rest of us spent some time at the sales table where there were a wide variety of materials from several locations along with specimens of Sinkankasite, after John Sinkankas, and one Periofite, after Lou Perloff, which was only seen by the lucky purchaser as not even the sales help knew it was there. Then there was a special raffle on an item valued at \$58.00 with no limits to tickets by one person but the total not to exceed the value. Well, I decided to purchase 5 tickets making my odds 1-18 and I won a beautifully framed Van Pelt Transparency of blue topaz. It had a covering of lepidolite from Brazil and it had been used for a cover, sometime ago, of the Lapidary Journal.

The give-away tables were loaded and represented famous Quarries at Tip Top, Cuarter, SD; Indian Mountain, AL; the famous Francon Quarry in Montreal, Canada; Paleray Mine in Groton, MA; etc. There was also a special display of New England micromounts on loan from the Harvard Museum collection. There was a cabinet showing all the steps from collecting to micromount, which showed all the tools needed. We also did some swapping of minerals from locations foreign to them.

Then it was time for a lecture and slide presentation on the identification of the Common Silicates in New England Pegmatites by the well known mineralogist, Vandall King. As usual his presentations are always well thought out and brilliantly done. Then it was time to say goodbye and the long drive home and the thoughts of a well spent journey. On Sunday John, Lynn and Vinnie, our delegates and alternate, represented the club at the N.J.E.S.A. monthly meeting.

(I will bring in my copy of the "mini-Miner" to the September meeting.--S.N.M.)

TIME TO RELABEL DEPARTMENT

Well it seems that more than a few of us will have to relabel our specimens from the Old Sterling Mine in Antwerp, NY. According to the latest issue of the Mineralogical Record (Vol. 15, No. 4, July/August) all those specimens we have been calling hematite plates or roses are in fact magnetite pseudomorphs after hematite. Also, our jamborite specimens are in actuality pectorate pseudomorphs after millerite.