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News items for the *Newsletter* are welcome and should be submitted to the Editor. The *Newsletter* may quoted if credit is given. The Club address is c/o Editor

Upcoming Meetings

October 11 (Sat) at the Foggs.
Dumbarton, NH. 9:30 NH

UPCOMING MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next MMNE meeting will be held on Saturday, September 20, at the Auburn, MA public library. Doors open at 9 AM. There will be no speaker, but instead there will be an extended business meeting. Included will be decision making about the Newsletter, regarding the frequency of publication, number of pages, and cost. Publication costs of the Newsletter are as follows.

There are approximately 70 dues paying members, each of whom receives a Newsletter. Approximately 10 Newsletters are mailed to nonmembers (exchange with other editors, etc.) for a total mailing of about 80 copies. We currently publish 9 issues per year - September, October, November, January, February, March, April, May, plus a summer issue. Costs are per issue:

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Cost per person per year @ 9 issues per year \$10.18

There are savings to be had if we cut down to two sheets/4 sides with the address on the back side of the Newsletter (no envelope, which means no inserts). We can also reduce the frequency of publication. The biggest decision is whether the membership wants to continue to have original articles from our members and reprints of relevant/interesting articles from other newsletters as well as other miscellaneous inserts in the Newsletter. If you want to continue as is, then current dues will not cover the cost (\$6.00/person). There is some money in the treasury which can be used for a while, but ultimately we will need to raise dues to cover the costs. Most clubs currently have dues in the \$10-\$12 range to cover newsletter publishing and mailing costs. Many also have separate individual and family membership dues.

As an aside, if you choose to keep the Newsletter at its current size and frequency, the membership will have to participate much more actively in the generation of interesting information for publication. There is only so much material the editor can recycle from other newsletters. Descriptions of a favorite mineral or locality, mounting or other specimen processing techniques, identification methodologies, book or literature reviews, etc. are all topics which we enjoy reading in other publications - *why not in our own!* This is your publication, and thus requires your input and assistance. To those of you who have contributed in the past - thank you. To those of you who have enjoyed the Newsletter but who have not yet contributed, *support your new editor*. I have enjoyed being the editor for the past several years, but it does get a little lonely at times.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND SHOWS FOR 1997/1998

North Shore Rock and Mineral Club Micromounters meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the home of John and Margaret Stewart, 244 Mill St., Burlington, MA. Guests are welcome. Info: John or Margaret (617) 272-0854.

September 19-21. Baltimore, MD Paul Desautels Micromounting Symposium. "Masters of Micromounting." Ascension Lutheran Church, York Road, Towson, MD. For further information contact Cal Pierson, 4 Campman Court, Sparks, MD 21151 or (410) 472-9406

September 19-20-21 - 1997 Mineralogy Symposium. Penn State Mineral Museum. University Park, PA 16802. Call (814) 865-6427 for more info. One of the presentations will be "Making Better Micromounts" by John Passaneau.

November 15 (Saturday) - **MMNE** meeting at the Burlington, MA library. Doors open at 10:00 AM. Dana Krueger will be speaking on the Manhan River (Loudville), MA lead mine.

January 10, 1998 (Saturday) - **MMNE** meeting at Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. Doors open at 9:00 AM. Speaker on the Harvard micromount collection.

February 7, 1998 (Saturday) - **MMNE** meeting at the Auburn, MA library. Doors open at 9:00 AM.

March 7, 1998 (Saturday) - **MMNE** meeting at Westford, MA library. Doors open at 10:00 AM.

April 4, 1998 (Saturday) - **MMNE** meeting at Northboro, MA library. Doors open at 9:30 AM.

May 9, 1998 - Annual spring meeting, Ashland, MA 4-H Center. Doors open at 9:00 AM.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Mandarino, Joseph: New Minerals: 1990-1994, published by The Mineralogical Record. The format is very nice with one mineral/page. \$20. Available through the Charlie and Marcelle Weber.

Australian Journal of Mineralogy. This is a high quality glossy color journal with about 50 pages/issue which contains numerous color photomicrographs and SEM photos. (From MicroBits, 5/97) Published two times/year @ \$20 US. US agent is Terry Huizing (Rocks and Minerals), 5341 Thrasher Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45247.

UK Journal of Mines and Minerals. A similar high quality journal also of interest to micromounters with two issues/year. (From MicroBits, 5/97). \$30 US for 3 (sic) issues. US agent: Mrs. J. Schmitt, 812 Imperial Court, Hartland, Wisconsin 53029. Make checks payable to Rockbottom Publications.

From The Mineral Mite, April 1997 (Jack Nelson)

"Philippe Saget, vice president of the French Association of Micromineralogy (AFM) has extended an invitation to our members (MNCA) to examine our web site on the Internet - <<http://cri.ensmo.fr/afm>>. He also stated that if any of our members would like to add their names in the micromounters directory, to let him know. He can be reached by e-mail at <Philippe.Saget@ifremer.fr>. His mailing address is Philippe Saget, IFREMER-DRO/GM, BP70 - 29280 Plouzane - France. (Editor's note: I checked out their web site and found it intriguing. Good sources of information, contacts, literature, etc. They have a good-sized quarterly publication, with back issues available from the beginning. Formed in 1987, they have about 200 members.)"

FROM THE EDITOR

Janet Cares is trying to locate a copy of an article on the Manhan River (Loudville) Lead Mine by C. S. Richardson published in the Mining Magazine (2:13-20). If anyone has a copy or knows where to obtain one, please contact Janet or Mike Swanson.

JAMES L. CLARK 1920 - 1997

Jim Clark was born April 20, 1920 in Miami, Florida and went to school in Coral Gables. After high school he joined the Merchant Marine and was stationed at the Lodge estate on Nahant. (For a short while he was posted to Gallops Island in Boston Harbor). In the Merchant Marine he trained to become a radar operator, and at that time he became interested in ham radio. During the early years of World War II he attended Naval Training School at Great Lakes, and afterwards the Navy sent him back to Nahant, once again as a radio operator. At that time he met Julie Whitten who was from the Newton area; they were married July 5, 1942. They have four children: Mary Lita, Robert, Nancy, and James A. After the war he left the Navy and joined the Reserves.

Jim formed his own business which involved boat radios and navigational systems, both for commercial and pleasure craft. He ran this business for over twenty-five years. The family moved to Topsfield in 1950 to be close to the ocean. They purchased a large sailboat which he, Julie and their children greatly enjoyed over the years. He also became interested in growing African violets and was active in the African Violet Society. He delighted in growing new varieties and entering them in competitions, winning many awards. Another interest was growing orchids. Jim was very proud of his wife's artistic talent, and he constructed many of the frames for her art work. Jim and Julie attended juried art shows all over the Northeast. Julie is noted for her fine landscapes, and particularly, seascapes.

In the 1960's Jim attended several lectures on minerals and geology offered at Salem State College. He became interested in mineral collecting at that time. About 1970 Jim joined the North Shore Rock and Mineral Club in which, over the years, he held several offices. In 1986 Jim joined the Micromounters of New England. He entered into this new hobby with his usual consciousness and served as Vice-President in 1994 - 1996 and President in 1996 - 1997. In both mineral organizations he was an enthusiastic field collector, traveling with his pals to locations in Maine, and Herkimer and St. Lawrence Counties in New York. But probably his favorite locations were St. Eustache, Francon, and Mont St.-Hilaire in Quebec. Jim could wield a mighty sledge hammer, reducing a boulder to micromounts in short order. He was meticulous about labeling and cataloging both his micro and macro specimens.

About twelve years ago he underwent a heart operation but was quickly able to resume his active life. This past Thanksgiving he noticed a sudden loss of stamina and went to Salem Hospital where he was diagnosed as having brain cancer. The doctors told him he had only three or four weeks to live. Imagine the devastation to Jim, his family, and many friends. Fortunately he was convinced to go to the Lahey Clinic for a second opinion. After looking at his x-rays, they told him that they thought he could be successfully treated with radiation followed by therapy. Visits from friends and loving support from his family, along with the treatments began to help. His strength began to return, and three of the four cancerous areas disappeared. Everyone was so encouraged. Then suddenly Jim lost strength in his legs and declined very rapidly. He passed away May 2nd, 1997. John Stewart, one of his closest friends, was with him that day.

Julie told us that last autumn they decided to plant a whole hillside of daffodil bulbs at their home. The flowers had just started to bloom when he was taken ill for the last time. We will remember Jim for his great love of flowers, and his life-long interest in Nature's beauty. Jim will be remembered by his many mineral pals as a warm and sincere friend. His dry wit and the twinkle in his eye made him a great companion. As John puts it: "We were honored to know him."

Pat Barker and John Stewart
with thanks to Julie Clark
for her help

Pat Barker has several pictures of Jim if
anyone would like to attach one here.

IN MEMORIAM - "GERRY" LINDEYER - 1923 -1997

Known to us as "Gerry" or "Ger", Geranda Johanna Lindeyer was born May 23, 1923 in Nymegen (Nijmegen), a city of the Netherlands on the Waal River not far from the German border, and occupied by the Germans from 1940 to 1944. Her family was forced to evacuate their home for five months until liberation by the Canadians. On their return they found their home still standing, but severely damaged.

In 1944 Gerry married Bill Lindeyer in her home town, and two years later they came to the United States. For a number of years they lived in Windsor, Connecticut where their two children, Pam and Robert, were born. In 1976 they moved to nearby Granby where Bill still lives, close to his children and seven grandchildren.

Gerry and Bill first became interested in minerals when they visited the Ruggles Mine as tourists. They joined the now defunct Hartford Mineral Club, of which Gerry was treasurer in 1974 - 76, and later the New Haven Mineral Club and the Micromounters of New England. They were active in the MMNE for about 20 years, during which time they hosted several meetings at their home in Granby. When Gerry was President of the MMNE in 1982 - 83, she was instrumental in inaugurating our Northeast or May meetings, the first of which was held in the Springfield, Massachusetts Science Museum.

Mont St.-Hilaire was one of Gerry's favorite collecting spots, but she enjoyed Palermo, the Manhan River Lead Mine, and Strickland which she wrote up for the 1983 Program Book.

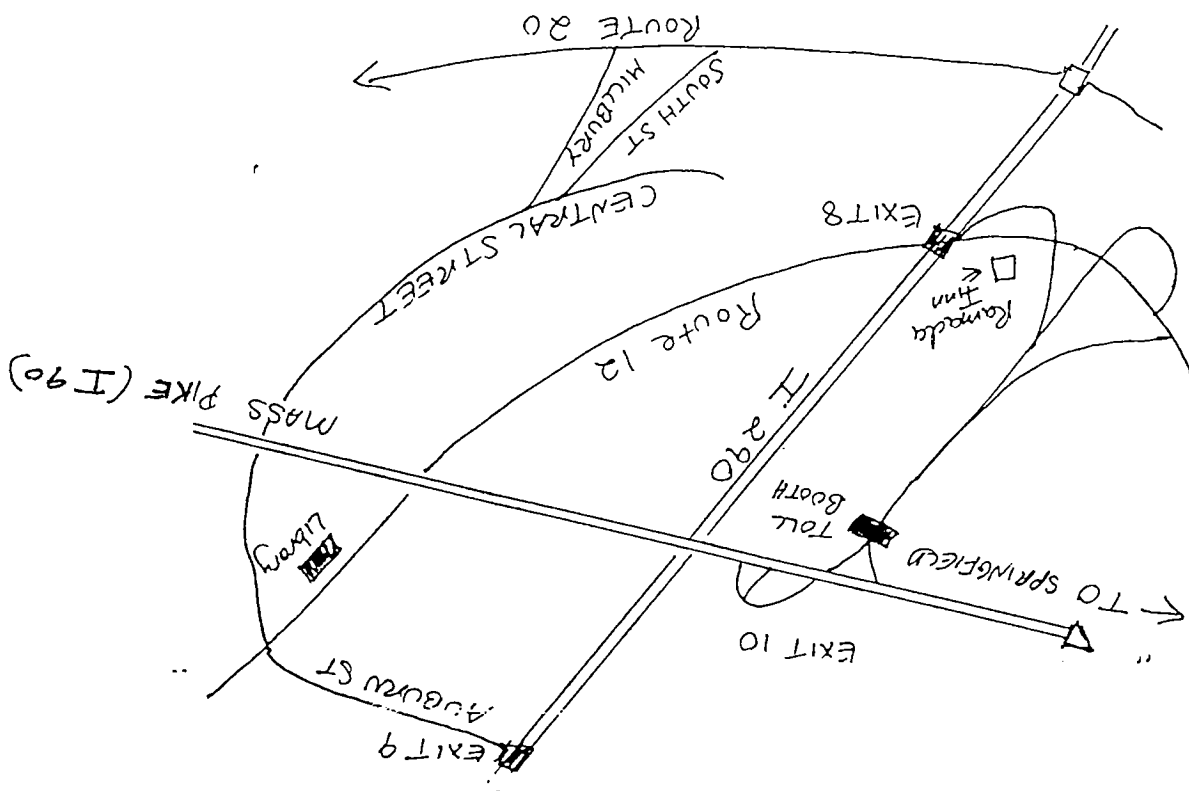
Gerry was devoted to her family and was happy to welcome friends and relatives into her treasured home. In her last years, however, her activities were limited as the result of a stroke. Those who knew her will remember her as always cheerful and a pleasure to be with. She will be missed.

Janet Cares

IN MEMORIAM - HAROLD W. KRUEGER

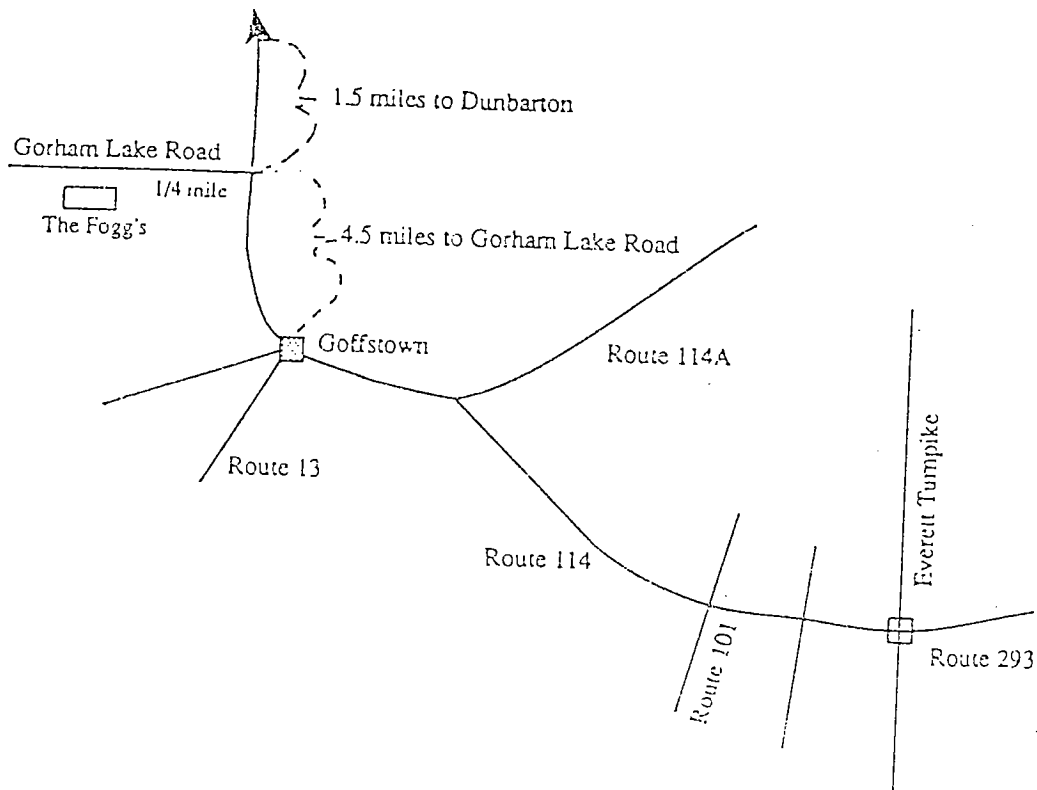
We regret to report the death of Harold W. Krueger on August 10, 1997. Hal had been a member of the Micromounters of New England for about 20 years. He was the founder of Geochron, a well-respected company engaged in determining the age of geological and archaeologic materials. His son, Dana, is scheduled to present a talk on the Manhan River Lead Mine at the MMNE November Program.

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From Rte. 128 take exit 33N onto Rte. 3A. Go approximately one (1) mile to the town common. Take a right just before the common, and just beyond the post office. Follow along the edge of the common to Center Street. Turn left past the police station and take a right on Sears Street. The library is on your right. Doors open at 10AM.

