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President's Message

Summer is in full swing here in the Midwest and collecting is good. There is no feeling like viewing the first sparkle of summer sun from the face of a crystal hidden for millenia in Earth's depths. I wish you all great collecting!

Chapters have been very busy with meetings, trips and symposia. Thanks to Roland Bounds and the Rochester folks for hosting the traditional FM breakfast there. Laurence Neulle and others are starting a chapter in the St. Louis area. If you live there, please contact him. More than 30 new FM members joined through the new Southeastern Chapter.

Our group operates strictly with volunteers and we need your active help. If you wish to help out as a member of the Board of Directors on a committee, please contact me or other FM officers. We also ask that all chapters send newsletters and announcements to Secretary Mike Howard.

The annual FM Symposium at Tuc-

son will be dedicated to the memory of Richard Gaines. This is most appropriate given Dick's interest and expertise in minerals of Brazil which is the symposium theme. Please consider contributing a paper to symposium chairs Tony Kampf or Skip Simmons (see announcement on page 8).

Steps have been taken to become officially affiliated with the American Geologic Institute (AGI) as approved by the Board of Directors. I hope to make a final presentation about FM to the AGI Board in October..

A number of improvements have been made to the FM web site. If you have not seen it, please visit us at www.indiana.edu/~minerals. More features are being developed so send us your suggestions, comments, and contributions about the site or other FM matters.

Nelson Shaffer

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Dues are due!

If you find a red mark over the year marked on your label, unless you pay your dues, *this is the last newsletter you will get this year!*

National member dues are payable to the National Treasurer - Roland Bounds, 315 Stamford Drive, Newark, DE 19711-2723.

Chapter member dues are payable to your Chapter's Treasurer. Contact your Chapter's Treasurer if you have paid your Chapter dues and still have a red mark. They may not have "gotten around" to sending them to the National Treasurer!

Help locate some missing members!

The following members' 1st quarter newsletters were returned by the USPO. Does anyone have current mailing addresses for:

Michael F. O'Malley, Kathleen Alcorn, and/or

Don Layton ?

Also, we have the following new members for 1999 with NO MAILING ADDRESSES available:

Paul Funk, David Long, Alice Harty, Rick Harty, J. Roger Mitchell

These poor folks have paid for 1999 and no one seems to know their addresses! Can you help us

out? If you know ANY of these folk's current addresses, please drop the National Secretary a postcard or note, or send me an email so I can send them the 1st and 2nd quarter news! I will forward the information on to the Membership Committee immediately upon receipt.

Some of these people are probably wondering why even join an organization that can't keep track of them.

REMEMBER: If you move, send me your new address ASAP!

Mike Howard

News from the Great Basin Chapter

The Great Basin Chapter has quite a number of activities planned for this year. Here are just a few they list in their bulletin:

June 26-27 – field trip to Ely.

October 22-23 – Chapter Symposium, "Minerals of the Sierra Nevada Mountains" to be held at the Heritage Museum in Henderson, NV.

October 24 – field trip in connection with the Chapter Symposium.

The GB Chapter meets in March, May, September and November. Members are notified of other scheduled activities as necessary.

Their newsletter contained a very interesting article about artificial weathering and its use to hasten the opening of fossil-bearing concretions.

Their officers this year are:

President Bruce Hurley rocks2bwh@aol.com

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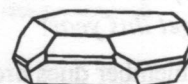
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concerning the Tucson Friends of Mineralogy meeting. He presented a very positive case for FM to affiliate with the AGI. After discussion on this matter, the GB Chapter voted to endorse the Friends of Mineralogy joining the American Geological Society and approved a nominal individual fee to cover membership.

Dues to this Chapter are \$15 individual, \$25 per couple, and \$5 for children 18 years old and under. Dues are payable every January.

If you have any announcements, articles, information, etc. that would be of interest to the GB Chapter members, please send them to Anne McConnell, Newsletter editor, 8890 West Craig Road, Las Vegas, NV 89129-3632 or email them to her at:

Annemuggs@aol.com



The GB Chapter received a report from Steve Scott

News from the Pennsylvania Chapter

The Pennsylvania Chapter has an active calendar for this year. Just a few of the events include:

Attending many of the local shows in the area this spring (6 events in March and April alone!) and a free introductory course on Classical Mineralogy offered by David Saja through the Wagner Free Institute of Science.

November 5-7: Chapter symposium on "Zeolites."

Mark your calendar for those dates!

The PA Chapter newsletter (Winter, 1998) contained some information on Delaware County zoisite and "leidyite", along with a description of an interesting diabase intrusion at Kibblehouse quarry.

Club officers for 1999 include:

Roland Bounds President 25628@udel.edu

Jay Lininger Vice President

Arnold Mogel Treasurer

Marge Matula Membership Chairperson

George Rambo Symposium Chairperson

Juliet Reed Newsletter Editor

The Spring 1999 PA Newsletter contains a lengthy article on the Corundum Hill locality in Newlin Twnsp., Chester County, PA. The 3+ page article covers the discovery and early development of the deposit, an explanation of the current collecting situation and descriptions of the minerals reported.

News from the Colorado Chapter

E. E. Foord Memorial Pegmatite Symposium on NYF Pegmatites is scheduled for September 11-14, 1999. This symposium is held in association with and sponsored in part by the Denver Museum of Natural History, the Colorado Chapter of FM, and the Harvard University Mineralogical Museum.

There will be 2 days of talks, a banquet, and a field trip! Abstract submission deadline is June 11, 1999. The symposium will address recent research and developments in the study of anorogenic pegmatites through a series of oral presentations (and possibly posters) and a field excursion to visit NYF pegmatites in the Pikes Peak batholith. Contributions to any aspect of mineralogy, petrology, geochemistry, and classification of NYF-type pegmatites are solicited. The field trip will be two days with an overnight at Woodland Park. The first day will be spent at the REE-rich South Platte pegmatites and the second day at the Lake George/Crystal Peak amazonite-bearing miarolitic pegmatites. Field trip participants will return to Denver mid-afternoon Sept. 14.

Email abstracts to: wsimmons@uno.edu

Information excerpted from Info. Circular # 2.

The May Newsletter of the Colorado Chapter contained a Memorial note concerning George Fisher, a well-known Colorado field collector. He passed away on March 29, 1999 after a long bout with cancer. He had many trophies for his mineral displays, one of the most notable being the AFMS trophy for self-collected minerals. George had been active in the Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society, serving as President in 1969 and 1970. In large part due to his efforts, the CSMS won the All-American Club award in 1971. In 1972, he was awarded the club's Award of Merit for his work. He also served as Colorado State Director to the Rocky Mountain Federation from 1979 to 1990 and was a member of the FMCC. He was very active in his hobby and gave much back to it. His most recent project was a statue of a prospector and his burro, which is to be placed at the intersection of Highway 24 and 21st Street in Colorado Springs. This statue is to be dedicated on June 25, 1999 to honor the Prospector of Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow.

Memorial written by Belinda Hall and Kaye Thompson

The Friends of Mineralogy Web Site

The FM web site has been on-line for about 2 years now. Based out of the Indiana Geological Survey, the web site has a new web master — Henry Barwood of the Indiana Survey.

Fondly known as “Bumpi” by his friends, Henry wishes greetings to all online members and solicits timely articles pertaining to FM activities.

Send him an email with information pertaining to your Chapter’s activities and he will see that it gets posted so web surfers can learn more about our organization!

His email address is:
hbarwood@pyrite.igs.indiana.edu

He will gladly post symposia announcements, FM project information, and news that is pertinent to both Chapter and



*Friends of Mineralogy, Inc.,
goes global via the Internet!*

National members.

The web site address is:

<http://www.indiana.edu/~minerals>

News from the Midwest Chapter

My thanks to Dwaine “Ed” Edington for this information!

The Second Midwest Mineral Symposium was held in April in conjunction with the Columbus, Ohio show. Twenty-nine attendees heard eight speakers. Everyone considered it a great success. Plans are already being made for the Third Symposium

to be held in April, 2000.

The Midwest Chapter also made a trip in April to Graves Mountain, GA along with some Florida FM members.

Sadly, this Chapter reports being turned down for field trips to several local past collecting sites, although an April field trip to the quarry at Bluffton, OH was suc-

cessful.

Field trips to Amherstburg (Ontario) and Lime City are in the works for July 10th and 24th, respectively.



News from the Pacific Northwest Chapter

My thanks to Bob Meyer for the following information!

Several exciting events have been planned by the PNW Chapter this year:

April 24 saw a spring meeting at the Environmental Studies Department of Western Washington University. After the meeting, members got to conduct some simulations in the wave tank room, including building beaches and placing housing on

the shoreline, then seeing what happened due to tidal action.

May 28-30 were the dates for the special “once every 10 years” spring symposium, the topic of which was “Finding Minerals.” Several outstanding speakers talked about their adventures into collecting specimens from sites both in the USA and in foreign countries. Many dealers attended and the benefit auction was enjoyed by all in attendance.

The 10th annual Washington Pass cleanup will be held August 6-8. There is a great campout to be held in connection with this event

The 25th annual fall symposium’s topic will be Silver! Check this event out! Contact Bob Meyer, 16239 N. E. 18th, Bellevue, WA 98008, 425-641-0723, bobrocks@uswest.net for details concerning these activities!

News from the Southern California Chapter

The SC Chapter has a great web site located at: www.co.san-bernardino.ca.us/museum/scfm.htm The web site sets forth the goals of their chapter and includes information on their educational outreach program and the Minerals of California proj-

ect. Also very helpful to visitors is a printable SCFM Membership application. This is a great idea to promote membership in the chapter!

The Minerals of California section, profusely illustrated with

photographs, is searchable by both counties and mines, and includes a listing of type localities.



News from the Southeast Chapter

At present, the Southeast Chapter has plans for a spring meeting at the Pinebridge Inn (800-356-5059) in Spruce Pine, NC on June 4th - 6th. They will visit the Feldspar Corp. operations as well as local collecting sites. Alex Glover, a professional geologist with Feldspar Corp. (and

a fellow FM member) will host the visit.

The Southeast Chapter's major event for 1999 will take place October 1st, 2nd & 3rd at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA. Dr. Lance Kearns of the Geology Depart-

ment will host a seminar on Mississippi Valley Type Deposits. The SE Chapter's 1st newsletter is full of color pictures(!) and contained interesting articles on their most recent activities and upcoming plans. Keep up the good work folks!

Mississippi Valley Chapter organizational meeting scheduled

There was an organizational meeting for the Mississippi Valley Chapter held at the Daniel Boone[sic] Regional Library on the southwest corner of Broadway and Garth in Columbia, MO on Sunday, April 25, at 1:00 PM.

Items on the agenda were:

- Form Constitution and By-laws Committee

- Form First Symposium Committee

- Establish Treasury

Any National member in this region interested in this newly forming Chapter, contact: Larry Nuelle, PO Box 1770, Rolla, MO 65402-1770 or call 573-244-8619 days, 573-364-3799 evenings.

The second meeting will be on

Friday, June 11, in conjunction with the Park Hill Swap at Missouri Mines State Historic Site. Call Larry for details.

So far they have 25 members - 12 new to FM!



So you think your life is complicated!

An article on page 691 of the American Mineralogist, vol. 84, 1999 presents information on a paper published on the Am. Min. web site. This web site article (available at www.minsocam.org/AmMin/ammin.html), then look for special features for the listing of IMA reports) presents the guidelines for the acceptance for publication and name approval for a new mineral species.

This article also details some of

the history of the establishment of the Commission on New Mineral Names (CNMMN) of the International Mineralogical Association (IMA). Thirty countries now have representatives on the CNMMN. New minerals and mineral names must be approved by the CNMMN before publication. The purpose of the committee is to bring order out of the previous chaos that had existed. In some instances, the same mineral had 3 different names and in other instances, totally false min-

eralogical data had been published and widely distributed before peer review disclosed the errant nature of the work.

Presently, various subcommittees are involved with examining the nomenclature of several complex mineral groups, including the micas, amphiboles, pyroxenes, pyrochlore, PGE minerals, and zeolites.

If you want to spend an interesting evening, look over this article on the web.

So far, so good

I have tried to reach all the Chapters to request that they put me on their mailing lists. I think I have now reached everyone, and have been assured I am on their mailing lists.

I hope you will find some FM activity that you feel is worth attending this year. Like many or-

ganizations, you only will get out of FM what you are willing to put into it with your attendance, participation, and suggestions.

If you have an idea as to how to improve your National Newsletter, please let me know. I am open to suggestions. If you have an article to submit that you

think would be of interest to all the membership, send it to me.

Mike Howard, ed.



National Newsletter on-line at: www.indiana.edu/~minerals

It's full steam ahead for the National Newsletter this year with a new idea proposed by Henry Barwood.

We plan to post the National Newsletter on the FM web site (see page 4 of this newsletter).

He has MSPublisher® which is the program I use to format the newsletter, so once it is complete and sent to the printer, I will send it to him via an attached email file. It will then simply be up-

loaded to the web site. This way any member or site visitor can look it over.

As editor, I would appreciate your thoughts on this. If this process works out and you would prefer to check the web site to read the National Newsletter, then email me and I will pull your mailing label each quarter. This would save some mailing costs. In looking through the Directory, I find that 88 members

have email, therefore could visit the web site and read the News there. I bet by now we have more than 100 members with web access. It could mean a substantial savings if enough members took advantage of this idea. *Your thoughts?*

We will continue to produce the National News in standard paper form for those members without web access and for those who want it mailed!

More about the Listing for the next Directory

At the Annual Board Meeting, it was decided that members who are dealers would be allowed to list their business name in the next Directory. The listing will be arranged as follows:

1st line – Member's name

2nd line – Business name

3rd line – PO Box/Street address

4th line – City, State, zip code
(and country if not in USA).

Please note: Some members seem confused as to the timing of

the Directory printing. It is printed every *other* year, so the next one to be published is due in the 3rd quarter of 2000.

If you want your listing changed for the Directory, please notify Regina Aumente (her mailing address and email are on the Masthead on the last page of every Newsletter). It serves no purpose to put these changes on the address labels as these are used only for mailing the Newsletter.

In fact, any changes you have for the Directory should be directed to Regina, not the National Secretary.

Mike Howard, National Secretary, still has a few 1998 Directories available. Should any new member desire one, please contact Mike and he will mail it out to you. Look on the Masthead for his address.

Ye Editor's Typos and Mistakes!

Several members were kind enough to let me know that the following mistakes got into the 1st quarter Newsletter!

William Simmons nickname is Skip, not Stu!

Art's last name is Soregaroli, not Soregoli!

Masthead – Ann Williams email address had a 'd' dropped out of it. It should read anndwilliams@msn.com !

Jack Nieburger is spelled with a *u*, not an *e*, also his zip code and telephone number got corrected. He also sent me his email address!



Working hard to get the bugs

About pages 8 and 9 of this Newsletter

Pages 8 and 9 are intended for you, the general membership, to pull out or make photocopies of so you can post them as announcements of these up-coming FM activities!

Anyone can submit photographs in the Werner Lieber Photography Contest or articles for the Minerals of Brazil Symposium without being a member of

Friends of Mineralogy, but we certainly hope you will consider joining the organization!

The pages are arranged so that by trimming off the page #s and sidebars and then photocopying at 110 percent, the result will fit nicely on a standard 8.5 by 11 inch sheet of paper.

*By enlarging pages 8 and 9,
you can make your own flyers
for these FM events!*

21st FM-TGMS-MSA Mineralogical Symposium**THE MINERALS OF BRAZIL**

Held in conjunction with The Tucson Gem & Mineral Show

Saturday February 12, 2000

The 21st Mineralogical Symposium at the Tucson Gem & Mineral Show is sponsored jointly by the Friends of Mineralogy, the Tucson Gem and Mineral Society, and the Mineralogical Society of America. The topic of the symposium, the minerals of Brazil, is also the theme of the show. Papers on descriptive mineralogy, paragenesis, classic and new locations, etc. are invited. An audience of knowledgeable amateurs as well as professional mineralogists and geologists is expected.

SUBMISSION OF PAPERS:

As soon as possible, please send your topic and a few sentences describing the paper to one of the symposium co-chairs (Email submissions are preferred):

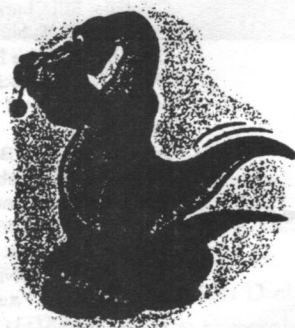
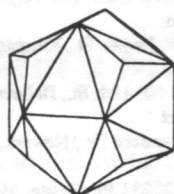
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Presentations will be 15 or 20 minutes in length, followed by a period for questions. Upon acceptance of topics, all authors will be required to submit a 200 to 300 word abstract. Abstracts will be published in the January-February 2000 issue of the *Mineralogical Record*.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS: SEPTEMBER 15, 1999





Werner Lieber Photo Contest and Traveling Museum Exhibit

Sponsored by Friends of Mineralogy

A traveling Museum exhibit will be
created from the best photographs
submitted for the contest

Categories: Juniors, Amateur Adults, Professionals, and
Digital or Computer-Enhanced Photography

Contest Rules:

1. Matted 8"x10" print. Mat must be 11"x14".
2. The photo must be related to the contest theme:
BRAZILIAN MINERALS.
3. Each photo must have a caption with locality, bar scale or description of crystal size, photographer, and other info submitter deems relevant. Caption should be attached to back of mat.
4. Photos will be displayed at the 2000 Tucson Gem and Mineral Show. Winners will be announced then.
5. All photos become the property of FM. Copyright will be retained by author, but FM has royalty free use.
6. A non-monetary award will be presented to the winners.
7. Contest deadline: November 1, 1999.
8. Mail submittals to Dr. Karen Wenrich, P.O. Box 5054, Golden, CO 80401--(303) 278-1218 (Phone & Fax); email: CrystalsUL@aol.com.

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