COLORADO CHAPTER

The Annual Auction Meeting of the chapter was held on May 12, 1988 at the Denver Museum at 7:30 PM. The Annual Auction is the primary fund raising activity for the "Up Date of Colorado Minerals". Progress is being made on this project, and committees are working on the maps and the photographs that are to be included. If you have any input on these subjects, please contact Pete Modreski for the maps and Barbara Muntyan for any photographs.

The precious Metals Symposium will be held on Aug. 12 to 15, 1988. Mark your calendar if you are planning to attend this very interesting symposium.

INDIANA CHAPTER

Dr. Henry O.A. Meyer spoke on "Diamonds: Science and Exploration" on Saturday, April 23, 1988 at the Cincinnati Gem & Mineral Show. He is an authority on this subject and is particularly expert in the study of diamond inclusions.

Chapter Vice-Pres., Nelson Shaffer, geologist, who has a special interest in meteorites, spoke at the March meeting on this subject. The 19 members who attended this meeting were treated to a very informative, and colorful slide show and talk on this subject.

Membership for the chapter now stands at 34, and is growing nicely. They have received their Income Tax Exempt status from the IRS— the final organizational step. Contributions made to the chapter now qualify for deductions to the extent allowed by law.

Field trips planned for the chapter include: Salem, Ind. on May 7; Michigan Upper Peninsula, July 29-31; Pleasant Ridge, Ind. on Sept. 17; and Oct. 15 a trip to either Norristown, Ind (Cave Stone Q.) or Corydon, Ind. Field trip chairman, Vern Swanson, deserves congratulations for planning some nice trips.

The Chapter will have a display at the State Museum for their third Fossil-Mineral Day, July 9, at the Indiana State Museum, Indianapolis.

The Chapter has established a special Membership fund for the purpose of helping people join by covering all or part of their dues. It will be funded with a donation from the Chicagoland Show for their exhibit, and other donations so designated. Names of recipients will not be published.

Also, at the April meeting, a program was initiated to pay honoraria to speakers who give programs at Chapter meetings. This should help maintain a high quality of speaker, as well as showing appreciation for the speaker’s efforts and expenses incurred in talking to the members.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

The "May" meeting was held on June 11 at U. of C., riverside, at 10:00 am in the Geological Sciences Bldg. The host was Dr. Michael McKibben, who gave a tour of the department laboratories and mineral collections, and gave the attendees a chance to learn...
about fluid inclusions in reflected light. Chapter Pres. Robert Reynolds is a graduate from the Geology Dept.

The Chapter has a membership of 70. Jim Walker reported he was working on the Symposium organization. The Localities Committee, under the able direction of Tony Kampf, met on April 30 to discuss format and publications outlets. It was decided that publication through the Mineralogical Record would reach the target audience most successfully. The best news is that the first edition of the California Minerals List is essentially ready.

NEWSLETTER

Newsletter Editor, Ken Hunter, requested more input from members. "A newsletter is a forum for all its memberships, and is for the exchange of ideas and learning what others are planning or doing in mineralogy and related areas. Share your interests and ideas!"

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHAPTER

At the April meeting several facets of the Symposium not yet settled were discussed. Speakers should be set by the July meeting in Vancouver. The symposium will be held at the Executive Inn, located at Fife, just east of Tacoma, Wash.

Chapter Pres., Carl Harris, reported there has been continued consultation with Lanny Ream to hold a symposium or supplemental one at Spokane or Coeur D'Alene. Date and site are the main point of contention. A request is being made to Lanny to proceed with details for an eastside Symposium.

Russ Boggs will take responsibility for the Slide and Self-Collector Specimen at the Symposium.

MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

This Society has a very interesting newsletter—in booklet form. It is well written, and has a very attractive, glossy cover. They mention, in the August '87 issue, "Highlight of the year was the very popular excursion to Broken Hill." They had visited that locality twelve months earlier. (Wouldn't THIS be one wonderful trip! --ed.)

The Society has established two sub-groups, micro-mounters and photographers. The latter group is busy building an extensive library of slides for presenting as assortment of lectures to the membership.

Quote from Dec. '87—"visited Trentham Falls—found gemmy siderite: a roadside cutting in Springhill for harmotone, Mt Franklin for augite, anorthoclase and olivine...after lunch we panned in a creek for zircons, etc...found blue sapphire and a speck of gold in matrix."
The newsletter also has nice articles on mineral localities of Victoria, plus nice articles on basic mineralogy.

Should one be interested in joining—for newsletter only (for $8.00 Aust...or information on other membership fees) write: Mr. Dermot Henry, Sec'y. P.O.Box 146, Collins Street, Melbourne, 3000 Australia.

Mineralogy, Fellow of the Mineralogical Society of America, and past President of the Mineral Research Society (a southern California mineral society). He wrote many articles on California mineral occurrences, but is best known as the author of the latest edition of "Minerals of California".

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETINGS—CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS

The minutes are not read at the Annual Meetings, but accepted as printed in the Newsletter. Therefore, it seems in order to suggest additions and corrections herein.

Board of Directors
Page 1, ¶4: Following ¶ re Treasurer's report, add "Kay Robertson will audit the Treasurer's books."
Page 2, column 1, following "50%", add "MR to receive $5.00 and FM $4.00." Last ¶ column 1 and top of column 2, change "we" to "W.W.U." and "W.W.U. hopes". In the next ¶, strike "A committee was appointed to work seriously on it". and substitute "Ray Lasmanis will serve as liaison between W.W.U. and FM."

Following the budget and before the announcement of adjournment, add: "Henry Trube reported all was in readiness for the Symposium on Beryl on Sunday, Feb. 14, 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It was decided to sell the Abstracts for $3.00. The publication will be available at "Rocks & Minerals" booth and at the door. The membership meeting will be held following the Symposium.

Membership
Page 4, before Treasurer's report, insert "The minutes of the Feb. 12, 1987 meeting were approved as printed in the Newsletter." Under New Business, change second sentence to read "They passed a resolution to cooperate with Western Washington University on their mineral video disk project." Before adjournment statement, insert "28 Members attended the meeting."

Marcelle H. Weber

New Mexico Mineral Symposium

The Ninth Annual New Mexico Mineral symposium is scheduled for Nov. 12 & 13, 1988 at Macey Center, campus of N.M. Institute of Mining and Technology in Socorro, N.M.

Purpose of the Symposium is to bring together, for an exchange of ideas, both professionals and amateurs interested in mineralogy. Self-guided field-trip maps will be available. Informal pre-symposium social and tailgating session will be held at the El Camino Motel on Friday evening. Registration is $15.00 (Sr. Citizen-$12.00) Student-$7.00. Dinner is $15.00 per person. Send to Judy Vaisa, N.M.B.M.M.R., Socorro, N.M. 87801

Necrology

H. Earl Pemberton, PhD. (Sociology), 85, of Lake Elsinore, California died October 9, 1987. He was a past President of Friends of
Dear Members:

The best article in The Mineralogical Record in 1987, as determined by a panel of five judges, was "Minerals of the Carrara Marble" by Mario Franzini, Paolo Orlandi, Giovanni Bracci and Domenico Dalena. Dr. Renato Pagano very kindly carried the certificates to Italy and mailed them to the four authors. Dr. Pagano called to my attention that the basic article had originally appeared in Rivista Mineralogica Italiana.

Speaking of Rivista, this is a magazine you may find of great interest, and you don't have to be able to read Italian. Each article is followed by two abstracts; one in English and one in German. Articles which originated in MR may also appear in Rivista--pictures with the Mullica Hill, N.J., article on the micromount pages were in color, for example. Other magazines from across the seas are also fine additions to mineralogical libraries: Lapis, for example, and two new ones--Rockbottom, UK Journal of Mines & Minerals and The Australian Mineralogist. See MR, Vol. 18 #6 p. 386, for details on the latter two.

One of the projects approved at the Annual Meeting was the issuance of an up-dated membership list. Thanks to Ray Lasmanis and Cheryl Stewart, this has been completed and mailed to the membership. If you have not received your copy, please advise the President or Secretary.

The proposal to make a mineral video disc has been submitted to the National Science Foundation by Western Washington University, Bellingham, Washington.


Marcelle H. Weber
President