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Newsletter of the Capital Mineral Club
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Editors Note:

The **deadline** to get info to me for publication will be the **3rd Saturday** of every month

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The CMC will meet Saturday, September 13th at 2:00 PM at the **Audubon Society Building on Silk Farm Road** in Concord, NH. There will be a Board of Directors Meeting at 12:30. Also just a reminder that the clubs monthly meetings will be held on the 1st Saturday of the month at 2:00pm beginning in October. We were unable to have a speaker for the month of September.

Thanks to Bill Brown for May's meeting refreshments.

Refreshments for the September meeting will be provided by Steffen Hermanns.

The Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Festival is coming up on September 27 & 28 at the Everett Arena in Concord, NH. This is the clubs show and in order to make it successful we need the members help at the show, so please try and make some time to come by and help out. If you are unsure of what you can do, contact Gordon Jackson the show chairman and he can let you know what needs to be done. With all of your help we can make the 2008 show the best yet.

Welcome New Club Members

David Shelton, Amherst, NH, returning member
Robert Quelch, Burlington, VT
Patrick Marshall, Georgia, VT

Mineral Clubs - Meeting Dates

Saco Valley Gem and Mineral Club: 3rd Thursday of each month at the Tin Mt. Conservation Center, Albany, NH – 7:00 PM

www.sacovalleygmc.com

Keene: 1st Saturday of each month at Keene State College, Science Bldg. Room SCIC 126, Keene, NH – 7:00 PM

keenemineralclub.50webs.com

Nashua: Last Wednesday of each month at the Nashua Public Library, 2 Court Street, Nashua, NH – 7:00 PM

webpages.charter.net/carlog/Index.htm

North Shore (MA): 3rd Friday of each month, St. Paul Episcopal Church, Washington St., Peabody, MA – 7:30 PM

Boston Mineral Club: 1st Tuesday of each month, Harvard University Geological Lecture Hall, 24 Oxford St., Cambridge, MA – 7:30 PM www.bostonmineralclub.org

Southeastern NH Mineral Club: 2nd Wednesday of each month, St John's Methodist Church, 28 Cataract Ave., Dover, NH – 7:00 PM senhmineralclub.org

Presidential Gem and Mineral Society: 2nd Friday of month at 7:00 P.M. North Country Education Services Center; 300 Gorham Hill; Gorham, NH



These are the minutes of the May 10th, 2008 meeting of the Capital Mineral Club. The meeting was held at the Audubon Society Building on Silk Farm Road in Concord, New Hampshire. There were 25 members and 1 guests, and the Speaker Bill Metropolis of Stacks Auctions in attendance. The meeting was called to order by President Robert Whitmore at 7:30pm. The guest speaker Bill Metropolis gave his presentation on preparing and appraising your mineral collection for auction before the usual business meeting. Thank you Bill.

Reports:

- « A motion was made by Martin Kippley to accept the secretary's report as printed in the newsletter. The motion was seconded by Frances Gill, the membership voted in favor of the motion.
- « The treasurer's report was read by Donald Dallaire. A motion was made by Frances Gill to accept the report, was seconded by Gordon Graham, the motion was passed by the membership.
- « The Auditors report was presented by Bill Brown. A motion was made by Gordon Jackson to accept the report, was seconded by Gordon Graham, the motion passed by the membership.

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

- « Don Dallaire mentioned the new expense report forms, make sure that they are detailed and accurate.
- « Bob Whitmore discussed that we have only had two treasurers since the club's inception, which lead to Don Dallaire suggesting that the clubs records be reviewed by an outside professional at regular intervals.
- « The newly proposed By-Law changes will be mailed out in September to be voted upon at the October meeting.
- « The membership decided that Saturday May 24th would be a good day for everyone to attend the trip to the New York State Museum in Albany and the roadcut in Bennington, VT. The members would pay \$35.00 and the club would pick up the rest. The Bus will meet us at the exit 2 Park and Ride off of route 89 at 6:00am.
- « A vote was cast by the secretary to accept the slate of officers for the next year; they are as follows: President Robert Whitmore, Vice President Charles Forsberg, Treasurer Donald Dallaire, Secretary Steffen Hermanns, Director John McCrory, Director Terry Crowell, Auditor Bill Brown, Auditor Frances Gill. Martin Kippley made a motion to accept the secretaries vote and was seconded by Scott Higgins. The membership passed the motion.

New Business:

- « Gordon Jackson brought up the discussion of moving the club meeting day and time. Gordon Jackson made a motion to have it on the first Saturday of the month, seconded by Don Dallaire, motion passed. Another motion was made by Frances Gill to have the meetings at 2:00pm, seconded by Gordon Jackson, motion passed.
- « Field trips for the summer to mines in Maine were discussed, this could be a 2 day trip to Mount Mica and or the Emmons Quarry. Robert Whitmore will investigate the possibilities. If this works out email will be sent to notify members.
- « Robert Whitmore brought up that the Audubon would like to convert one of their rooms to accommodate a small museum, would the club be willing to participate with a permanent display. Brought up new display in our case in the hallway.
- « Charles Forsberg made a motion based on the recommendation of the Board of Directors to accept David Shelton, Patrick Marshall and Robert Quelch as new members, the motion was seconded by Gordon Graham, the membership voted in favor of the motion.
- « Martin Kippley sent around a signup sheet for purchasing perky boxes, price is still to be determined.
- « Gordon Jackson mentioned that we could sell extra perky boxes and loupes at the club table at our mineral show.
- « Gordon Jackson brought up that there will be a work detail for preparing for the show on June 14th 9:00am at his house.

Door prize winners:

- « Gordon Jackson, Howard & Bea Ewing.

Business meeting was Adjourned at 9:45 pm.

respectfully submitted.
Steffen Hermanns
Secretary

Capital Mineral Club
Concord, New Hampshire

Gilsum, NH Always an Experience!

After numerous trips to New England over a decade, especially the mining country of southwestern New Hampshire, these words probably represent the culmination of our annual June trip.

Many of you have read about the village of Gilsum in previous issues of **ROCK BUSTER NEWS**. Then, as you know, Gilsum village in west central New Hampshire and its annual Rock, Gem and Mineral Swap is a priority destination for Linda and myself in early summer. Each annual visit is a new and varied experience from any previous. In addition, each pilgrimage to New Hampshire's historic pegmatite Mecca includes searches for new collecting sites to explore amongst over 60 local mines and their dumps.

Gilsum 2008 started out uncustomarily cloudy and cool. Saturday saw the usual early mineral enthusiasts as slow to start and curious crowds arrived late. By mid-afternoon, it appeared experienced visitors, novices and families were full into the show. Volume of traffic gave every indication of being the norm for the event. By five o'clock, threatening clouds formed. Much before dealers or visitors could make preparations to take shelter before the famed ham and bean supper, troubled skies began a steady downpour on Gilsum School field. At day's end, what originally had appeared to be brisk sales, added up to only half of our expectations.

Day two, Sunday, visitors were family oriented and sales were sluggish which is not abnormal for Day Two of most shows. What was most apparent was that current economic tribulations of our nation affected our table sales. We also experience a second day of late afternoon storms.

Around two o'clock we noted storm clouds forming and a change of wind direction. Many dealers began to pack up. By four o'clock we were loaded up and on our way back down to Brattleboro. We had a smattering of raindrops but a downpour never occurred. Later post show communication from Rob indicated "lightening strikes a mile to the north with high winds, nickel-size hail stones and half a dozen emergency calls."

How did the show organizers make out? Some weeks later, via e-mail communication with Show Chair Rob Mitchell, it was learned that show still "Did very well . . . overall." He also noted that "Some folks (dealers) said that "They did quite well." Philosophy here . . . maybe we just didn't have what visitors wanted . . . this year. We sold enough for our show expenses and some pocket money. After all, our show time at Gilsum is a getaway from everyday life. Gilsum and every show in which we participate earns residuals from a very interesting hobby.

What really made our Gilsum experience was seeing old friends, acquaintances and meeting new people. This year, in spite of the weather, proved to be exceptionally exciting. Enthusiasm for Mindat.org produced more than half a dozen new memorable faces and personalities.

Several days before departure for hinterlands of the Granite State, a Mindater made inquiry as to whether there was a show at Gilsum this year. His question drew over half-a-dozen enthusiastic responses that of course included my own. What made this year's Gilsum experience amazing is that we were able to meet all but one of those contacts.

By displaying a "Did you Mindat today?" sign at our dealer space, we now have faces and personalities to associate with what were once just message board names. We met Steve Cantiello (New York); Paul Young, Kevin Downey and Wayne Corwin (Massachusetts), Steve Garza (Indiana), Rachel Cesana and daughter (Rhode Island) Also reunited with a Connecticut collector, Jeremy Zolan, whom we met at Gilsum 2007.

While Gilsum 2008 wasn't a great financial success. memories and new northeast friends made Gilsum of 2008 all the more exciting. We also had an opportunity to fit in exploration of two local mines just a day before and day after the show.

We're now looking forward to Gilsum 2009 and their 45th annual show.



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Capital Mineral Club Meetings & Events

SEPTEMBER 13, 2008

Board of Directors Meeting: **12:30PM**

Club Meeting: **2:00PM**

Speaker: TBA

Refreshments: Steffen Hermanns

SEPTEMBER 27 - 28 2008

Capital Mineral Club's Annual Gem and Mineral
Festival at the Everett Arena in Concord NH

OCTOBER 4, 2008

Board of Directors Meeting: **12:30PM**

Club Meeting: **2:00PM**

Speaker: TBA

Refreshments: TBA

NOVEMBER 1, 2008

Board of Directors Meeting: **12:30PM**

Club Meeting: **2:00PM**

Speaker: Scholarship Grant Recipients

Refreshments: TBA

DECEMBER 6, 2008

Annual Holiday Party

Gem & Mineral Shows

September 20, Albany, NH - Annual Auction Show and Swap presented by the Saco Valley Gem & Mineral Club, Sat. 9 – 5, Tin Mountain Conservation Center, Albany NH, Adults – \$4.00, Kids under 12 free. **New Location**

September 27-28, Franklin, NJ - Franklin Mineral Museum. Franklin Mineral, Gem, and Jewelry Show. Washington Ave. 27th, 7:30-6; 28th, 9-5. Lee Lowell, 973-827-6671

September 27-28, Concord, NH - 45th Annual Gem and Mineral Festival presented by the Capital Mineral Club, Sat. 9 – 5, Sun., 10 – 4, Everett Arena, Concord, NH, Adults – \$4.00, 12 and under free. **This is year 2 at new Venue Location**

October 4-5, Newark, NY - Wayne County Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show. St. Michael's School, 320 Main St. (Rt. 88). 4th, 10-5; 5th, 10-4. Dave Kords, 315-986-1171, dave@americahobbyshop.com.

October 10-11, West Springfield, MA - Gem & Lapidary Wholesalers, Inc. Eastern States Exposition, Young Bldg., 1305 Memorial Ave. 10th, 10-6; 11th, 10-3. 601-879-8832, fax 601-879-3282, info@glwshows.com, www.glwshows.com.

October 18-19, Bristol, CT - Bristol Gem and Mineral Club. 36th Annual Gem & Mineral Show. 240 Stafford Ave. 18th, 9:30-5; 19th, 10-4. Dave Korzendorfer, 860-651-9980, dkorzend@comcast.net, www.bristolgem.org.