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Newsletter of the Capital Mineral Club Concord, New Hampshire

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The CMC will meet Saturday, October 3rd 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 12:00.

Kevin Downey will be giving this month's presentation on his caving experiences.

Kevin is a professional photographer, internationally recognized for his cave images. He has participated in, or led over 100 international projects in cave exploration, study and documentation, and photographed on more than 2,000 cave trips. A few highlights include the discovery and survey of the world's longest underground river, working in the deepest caves on earth and many of the most extensive. From caves over 500 kilometers long, to some very small places, the world underground has become an artistic palette for Downey's photographic techniques, many of which he developed or refined, specifically to work in these often challenging places. Using a hybrid mix of mountaineering, caving and diving skills in a wide variety of environments has enabled a host of discoveries. Kevin brings a deep sense of responsibility to the study of caves and great care is used to ensure that nothing is damaged or disturbed. While the sheer excitement of exploration is fundamental to Downey's work, these projects are also working on scientific frontiers as well. The desire to understand runs deep. Each new discovery seems to raise more questions, more challenges and often the understanding that the real limits of human exploration are within us. Mineral of the month will be Cave Minerals.

Editors Note:

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

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... If submitting material to the newsletter the editor requests that it be sent in Microsoft Word format. This will help in getting the newsletter together.

Welcome New Members

Patrick Bigos, York, ME

James Douglas, Concord, NH

Francis & Gavin Dumont, Concord, NH

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 September 5th, 2009 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 21 members and 6 guests, in attendance. The meeting was called to order by President Robert Whitmore at 2:05pm. The guest speaker Pat Barker gave her presentation on her trip to Antarctica before the usual business meeting. Thank you Pat.

Reports:

- « A motion was made by Bill Burroughs to accept the secretary's report as printed as presented at the meeting. The motion was seconded by Bill Adams, the membership voted in favor of the motion.
- « The treasurer's report was read by Donald Dallaire. A motion was made by Martin Kippley to accept the report, was seconded by Dana Jewell, the motion was passed by the membership.

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

- « Due to the fact that we still do not have a Vice President, Pat Barker made a nomination from the floor for Martin Kippley to be Vice President the motion was seconded by Dana Jewell, the membership voted in favor.
- « Last seasons field trips were brought up and the Maine trip had a good turnout where the New York trip was only attended by 4 people, and the Connecticut trip had to be cancelled. Timing issues with the Saco show kept some from going on the Maine trip. Therefore the Club has set aside July 9-10 2010 to do the Poland Mining Camps again in Maine.
- « Martin Kippley made a motion that the club should hold the trip in 2010 with a price of \$100.00 per person, people interested in going should commit by the November meeting and be paid up by the January meeting, Bill Adams seconded the motion. The membership passed the motion, more details will be discussed at the October meeting
- « Bill Adams brought up the possibility of a field trip to the mine property that Gordon Jackson has donated to the club, Bob Whitmore said that there are still discussions going on with the State as to the actual mineral rights to the property.

New Business:

- « In the absence of Gordon Jackson, Don Dallaire gave a preliminary show report, Gordon will present final show report at the October meeting.
- « A request for meeting time change was brought up but there was no further discussion on the matter.
- « A Christmas Party chairperson is needed for this year, Dana Jewell nominated Charles Forsberg to be the Chairman, Pat Barker seconded the motion, passed by the membership
- « Discussion for continuing the Club Show next year was brought up and Charles Forsberg made a motion to continue to have the Show next year, Donald Dallaire seconded the motion, the membership voted in favor. Steffen Hermanns will be the 2010 Show Chairman.
- « A discussion was brought up by Bob Whitmore about having a graduate student do work on new Hampshire pegmatite's with the Clubs scholarship funds.
- « Kevin Downey will be doing a presentation on Caves at the October meeting.
- « Charles Forsberg made a motion based on the recommendation of the Board of Directors to accept Francis & Gavin Dumont, Patrick Bigos, and James Douglas as new members, the motion was seconded by John McCrory, the membership voted in favor of the motion.

Door prize winners:

- « Edna Whitmore, Howard Ewing and Britney Graham.

Business meeting was Adjourned at 4:25 pm.

respectfully submitted.
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Secretary

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Capital Mineral Club Meetings & Events

OCTOBER 3, 2009

Board of Directors Meeting: **12:00PM**
Club Meeting: **2:00PM**
Speaker: Kevin Downey Cave Presentation
Refreshments: TBA

NOVEMBER 7, 2009

Board of Directors Meeting: **12:00PM**
Club Meeting: **2:00PM**
Speaker: TBA
Refreshments: Pearl Nadeau

DECEMBER 5, 2009 **12:00PM**

Annual Holiday Party

JANUARY 2, 2010

Board of Directors Meeting: **12:00PM**
Club Meeting: **2:00PM**
Speaker: TBA
Refreshments: Charles Forsberg

FEBRUARY 6, 2010

Board of Directors Meeting: **12:00PM**
Club Meeting: **2:00PM**
Speaker: TBA
Refreshments: Howard Ewing

Gem & Mineral Shows

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.

November 1-2, Brewer, ME - Penobscot Mineral & Lapidary Club. 4th Annual Show. Brewer Auditorium, State Street, Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5. Lance Shope, 207-989-3342, lshope67@yahoo.com, www.pmlcrockclub.com

November 1-2--OLD GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT: Annual show and sale; Stamford Mineralogical Society; Eastern Greenwich Civic Center, 90 Harding Rd.; Sat. 9:30-5, Sun. 10:30-4:30; gems, jewelry, minerals, fossils; contact Nancy Mattson, (914) 935-8893; e-mail: ngm11@msn.com; Web site: www.stamfordmineralsociety.org