

Micromounters of New England

We rely on our members to volunteer their time and expertise to help keep the club running smoothly. In return members get desirable giveaways at each meeting, and exchange specimens or information with others, often obtaining help in identification of unknowns.

In May, members have the opportunity to hear a prominent speaker on a topic of value to micromounters, and may purchase good specimens at bargain prices. We try to keep dues and other expenses to a minimum in order that everyone may participate.

As the name implies, we are unique, different from other mineral clubs, and try to emphasize this difference. Most of, but not all of, our members already have a basic knowledge of minerals and usually are members of one or more unspecialized mineral clubs.



View from the arch

A beautiful blue sky behind the arch at the Palermo #1 Mine in North Groton, NH

Next Meeting:
Please refer to our website
Micromountersofnewengland.org

All are welcome, we encourage visitors; bring your unknowns maybe we can identify them for you!

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2010 Annual Symposium

Saturday, May 15, 2010 9am - 4pm
at the American Legion Post 279,
Auburn, MA (see website for directions)

Special Guest Speaker:
TBA



Great Door prizes! Huge give away tables! Excellent bargains at the sales tables! Full Italian meal included in admission!
Please register by May 8



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Created for the purpose of promoting the study of minerals that require a microscope.



Since November 8, 1966

Joe Mulvey, President, MMNE

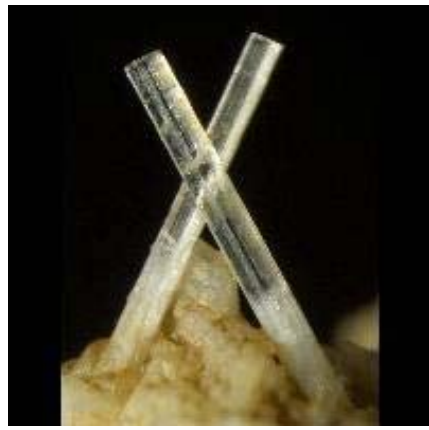
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www.micromountersofnewengland.org

Why You Should Join the Micromounters

We often find it necessary to tell prospective members that:

- ◆ You don't need a microscope
- ◆ You don't need a PhD
- ◆ The hobby is cheaper than most
- ◆ This club co-exists with others, we pursue mineralogy from a different perspective
- ◆ Don't be intimidated by the fact that many members past and present are members of the Micromounters Hall Of Fame or that there are minerals named after them
- ◆ The study of microminerals is more rewarding; unlock the true beauty of your collection by looking at it at 25x!



Milarite, Gov't Pit, Specimen and
Photo: **Scott Whittemore**

The Top Ten Reasons to Try Micromounting

By Tim Jokela

10 - STORAGE - While you probably can't fit a thousand micromounts on the head of a pin, you can sure fit them in a small box under your bed, making micromounting ideal for apartment dwellers or anyone who has heard the immortal phrase "Get those rocks out of here!"

9 - EASY COLLECTING - Field collecting superb 10cm crystals of a rare mineral isn't particularly easy, but the micromounter can find something of interest almost anywhere.

8 - PERFECTION - Micro crystals are perfectly formed and undamaged far more often than cabinet specimens. They are the peak of aesthetics.

7 - VARIETY - There's only a few hundred minerals out there that come in nice big crystals, and almost no new species are found in sizeable crystals. Go to any mineral show and what do you see - table after table of aquamarine, quartz, and fluorite. Micromounters work with far more species than hand-specimen collectors, and are familiar with far more rarities.

6 - LOW PRICES - The average price of a micromount is \$3. Really expensive ones are \$20. The initial expense of a good scope and proper light is pretty steep, but after that you're set.

5 - NO FAKES - When a lot of money is changing hands for a fine cabinet piece, one has to be wary that the specimen hasn't been altered or faked in some way. Faking micromounts is not only extremely rare, it's nearly impossible, as a microscope easily reveals glue where it shouldn't be.

4 - CHEAP SHIPPING - Sending 100 micromounts by airmail to Europe is far more affordable than 100 cabinet pieces.

3 - YEAR ROUND FUN - A large part of what drives field collectors is the thrill of discovery. The micromounter with a good hoard of material doesn't have the constraints of a field season - no matter what the weather is like he can pull some rocks out of storage, trim them down, and find fantastic crystal-filled vugs never before seen by man. The micromounter can delve through his stock of material and find new stuff any day of the week, and he can go collecting in his basement even if it's 200 am and 20 degrees below outside. It's a year round hobby.

2 - WEIRD & WONDERFUL - The micromounter sees things that aren't even imagined by 'macro' collectors. Things like spiral millerite crystals, Sweet Home Mine rhodochrosite rhombs with moving bubble inclusions, or minerals like rutile, pyrite, and boulangerite in ring crystals, to name a very few of the bizarre things seen by the micromounter.

1 - FREE STUFF! - Last time you went to your average, garden-variety mineral show, did they have tables filled with fine cabinet specimens free for the taking? At micromount symposia, give-away tables loaded with interesting stuff are standard practice. Micromounters are a very generous bunch!

Join The Club!

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Annual Membership (\$12 individual, \$16 family)

May Symposium (\$20 members, \$25 non-members)

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