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Colorado Chapter

## Friends of Mineralogy

Since November 11 is the annual meeting for the chapter, this seems to be as good a time as any to review the past year and pass out kudos for all the hardworking club members.

Don't know if you noticed it or not, but the board and the weather worked together for a change, and not one club meeting was postponed from the 2nd thursday schedule. I'd like to thank the excellant speakers that presented talks this year, we have had a noticable increase in the number of people at our meetings as a direct result of the quality of the talks. Thanks to:

Jack Murphy, David Baysinger and Thelma and Jerry Hurianek and Barbara and John Slagle who made their film debut while collecting a spectacular Amazonite and Smoky Quartz pocket from Crystal Peak for the November Meeting.

Henry Pohs, author of the book Early Underground Mine Lights, who presented a slide show and talk on pre-electric underground mine lighting at the January Meeting.

At the March meeting, everyone who had been to the Tucson show brought in slides and specimens that they had bought, traded, collected, or ??? recently. The topic was: Whats New in Minerals?

In May, Barbara Muntyan presented a slide show on classic Colorado mineral specimens. This talk was such a success that Barb added some more collections to her list and presented the talk at the Fall symposium. Also, the glass showcase was such a success at the March meeting for Whats New in Minerals, that we included it again for showing off our favorite Colorado specimens.

In September we had the Symposium on Colorado Minerals in conjunction with the Rocky Mountain Federation Show. The Symposium was a monumental success. The room we were scheduled for, was obviously too small from the very begining, so we moved to a much larger room and proceeded to fill that up too. At one point I thought of counting heads, and came up with 92 people seated, standing, and crowded around the doorways. Tom gave out 150 copies of the abstracts and finally ran out. If you did not get a copy, please drop a note to Tom or me, and we will send you a xerox. My thanks go to Tom Michalski who organized the symposium with the help of Cym Cooper and Dan Kile.

Thanks also go to the 8 authors who presented papers: Tom Michalski - Colorado Amethyst; Arnold Hampson - Colorado Western Slope Minerals; Rich Collins and Allen Heyl - History of the Colorado-Wyoming Diamond Area; Mark Jacobson - Mt. Antero, Chaffee Co. Colorado: Past and Present; Gene Foord - Update and Revision of U.S.G.S. Bulletin 1114; Henry Truebe - Mineral Deposits of the Italian Mountain Area, Colorado; Pete Modreski - Zeolites of the Denver Foothills; and Barb Muntyan - Classic Colorado Minerals. Do we want a symposium next year, what subject, and who wants to organize it?

In addition to sticking to the 2nd thursday schedule, we have also shifted the board meeting to a separate night so we can start the club meetings on time at 7:30 pm. I think a few late comers were surprised the first few times they showed up with the meeting already in progress. By starting on time, the people who have a long distance to drive home have been able to participate in the conversations in the snack bar after the meetings. All members are encouraged to stick around after the meetings and are asked to bring specimens, photographs, books, etc. that they want to discuss, show-off, etc.

Since I work for the U.S.G.S. I do not feel at liberty to discuss the attached copies of the Federal Register. The Federal Register is a matter of public record. A copy of this portion was given to me by a club member. It is included here for your information. If anyone would like to raise this issue to the club please clear it with the board of directors at our November 8 meeting.

The fifth Friends of Mineralogy-Mineralogical Society of America Joint Symposium will be held in Tucson, February 13 and 14, 1983 (Sunday and Monday) in conjunction with the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show. The Topic of the symposium is "Oxidation Minerals of Base Metal Deposits". Gene Foord and I are tentatively scheduled to present a paper on a new phosphate mineral we have discovered through Rich Kosnar, and I and Abe Rosenzweig will present a paper on the secondary minerals of the Hansonburg Mining District, Bingham, New Mexico.

Gene Foord informs me the update is proceeding well, and we should look for the first computer copy in December.

Joe Taggart