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NEXT MEETING: Thursday, November 13, 1986
MNH, 3rd. Floor Meeting Room, 7:30 P.M.

"THE MINES AND MINERALS OF KOREA"

Nick Golosow, who recently spent a year in Korea, will present our next program on the mines and minerals of that fascinating country. Nick travelled to most of the major mining districts and has some wonderful photographs to share.

ELECTIONS

Enclosed with this newspaper is a ballot for the 1987 officers and Directors. The nominating committee has recommended the candidates whose names are listed for each office; you may, however, vote for someone else by writing in their name on the blank line provided. Please mail the completed ballot in the enclosed envelope NOT LATER THAN NOVEMBER 1, so that we can tally them and have the results at the meeting on November 13. Remember, Vote Early and Vote Often (just kidding, one vote per member!)

MEMBERSHIP LIST

You will also find your final 1986 membership list enclosed with this newsletter. This represents the most current information we have on your address and phone. If any information is wrong, please contact Jack Murphy at the November meeting so that he can update our records before turning them over to the incoming Secretary.

INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

There is also a membership interest questionnaire which Pete Modreski asks that all members fill out for National FM. We seem to have had very few of these completed in the past and the national organization is evaluating member interests; Pete is heading up the project. Please return the questionnaire to Pete Modreski; 8075 W. Fremont Drive; Littleton 80123 as soon as possible. The last collection date will be at the meeting, but Pete really needs them sooner, if you can oblige.

"ROCKHOUNDS" OF THE YEAR

Pete and Regina Modreski were honored by the Gates Gem & Mineral Club as the 1986 Rockhounds of the Year -- a tribute which Pete and Regina certainly deserve! Between the FM Pegmatite Symposium and the Denver Gem and Mineral Show, these two have given far more than their share to the mineral community's growth. Congratulations to both...

The following letter comes from Don Smith regarding the recent big amazonite find mentioned in our last newsletter:

September 10, 1986

Dear Friends of Mineralogy:

I would appreciate very much if you would publish a correction in the next issue of your news letter regarding your article on, "A Important Pegmatite Discovery", which is totality inaccurate, in part.

The name of the mine is The Ten-Percenter; The vug was discovered by Don L. Smith Sr.; Two friends of Mr. Smith helped him in the recovery of the material; The two friends were Mr. Dean Stoops and John Nemeth; Mr. Cliff Reed helped transport some of the larger specimens; Some of the plates were up to 32 inches and 300 pounds in size. There was over a thousand smokey quartz crystals, 80% being double terminated; Most all of the specimens had excellent cleavelandite rossets; The vug was 7 ft 10 inches tall, apex to floor x 7 feet wide and 6 1/2 feet. Total specimen recovery was 1800 pounds.

The complete recovery was documented by film, pictures, tape recording and measurements.

Dr. Reinhard A. (Bud) Wobus, Professor of Geology at Williams College in Massachusetts, Miss Sara Finne more, under-graduate, and his son Eric were on site during the recovery work. Sara and Eric mapped the upper, ~~lower~~^{upper} and lower cuts on 30 foot grids. Sara will be publishing a dissertation at a later date. Bud and Sara will be doing the thin sections along with other detailed studies at Williams College this winter.


Mr. Don L. Smith Sr. and Mr. Tom Rosemeyer will co-author a paper at the Seventh Annual New Mexico Mineral Symposium in November.

Tom will once more be coming down to help Don on further exploration work as he has in the past.

Mr. Wayne Leicht of Kristalle will be handling the major part of the "Key-Hole Vug", specimens.

Trusting this will set the record straight.

Sincerely,


Mr. Don L. Smith Sr.
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Ted Hurr

Ted Hurr passed away after a long illness on October 16. He made a valient effort and attended the Denver satellite show at the Holiday Inn in September to bid farewell to his friends. FMCC extends our sincerest condolences to his family.