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News from the President:

First off, I want to thank Joe Taggart for his excellent presentation at the May meeting and for taking care of the meeting itself. I am glad that so many people were able to make it to the meeting.

Michael Fleischer's new mineral glossary (1980) is now out in print, as I am sure that most of you are aware. We can obtain a 20% discount on the list price of the glossary as members of the FM Colorado chapter. FMCC Secretary will take orders for the glossary at future meetings and pool orders together if there is enough interest.

The Bulletin 1114 update and revision is going along extremely well. In July Jack Murphy prepared a preliminary alphabetical listing of all of the card entries entered to date. This draft is ninety-one pages long. He also prepared an alphabetical listing of all of the entries in USGS Bulletin 1114 as a guide for developing the format for the update. We have added several hundred new mineral species to Colorado and a great number of minerals new to particular localities. There are a number of new localities as well. All of the members of the update committee are working hard on the final compilation of data cards. Most of the literature has been covered but some significant publications still remain to be scanned. Many people both within and outside of the state of Colorado have contributed information and all of it is gratefully acknowledged.

More specific plans are now underway for publication of the update. In order to produce the most comprehensive reference on Colorado minerals the committee is considering incorporating the former text from Bulletin 1114 with all the new update data that has been completed. Details and new information on these matters will be discussed at future FMCC meetings. We welcome recommendations and thoughts from the membership.

Dr. E. William Heinrich from the University of Michigan was visiting here in August and was very pleased with the progress of the update. He has given us much information based on his forty years of working in the state.

My work on amazonite continues and I hope to put together a manuscript this fall and winter on all of the data that has been accumulated. One very significant find this summer has been of a 120 pound chunk of galena (with minor pyrite) from an amazonite pocket found by Rich Kosnar. Galena has been found with amazonite before, but not in such a large quantity.



September FMCC Meeting:

There are two meeting scheduled for the remainder of 1981. The September meeting is being held in conjunction with the Denver Gem & Mineral Show. Secondly, the Annual Meeting (elections, etc.) will be on Thursday, 20 November at the Denver Museum of Natural History.

The September meeting is at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, 13 September, in Room B, Aisle C at the Merchandise Mart. The FMCC sponsored lecture, "Nature's Abstractions," by Dick Dayvault is at 4:00 p.m. Saturday, 13 September in Room B, Aisle C. Mr. Dayvault is at the Bendix Field Engineering Corporation in Grand Junction. His interesting and educational program is both from the aesthetic and mineralogical point of view. His close-up, detailed photographs of mineral inclusions of muscovite appear as intriguing artistic patterns. His mineralogical information is the foundation for the artistic presentation in which he not only projects photographs but actually projects thin slices of mica onto the screen.

1980 Denver Council Gem and Mineral Show:

-- September 12-14 at the MERCHANDISE MART at 58th Avenue at I-25

This year's annual show is rapidly approaching. It is going to be an event you will not want to miss, with special displays, competitive exhibits, interesting lectures as well as many other events. There are 36 retail dealers and 12 wholesale dealers attending. Some of the highlights of the show:

FRIDAY	7-8 p.m.	"Let's Make a Bracelet"	Fred Woodhouse
SATURDAY	1 p.m.	FMCC Meeting	
	2:30 p.m.	"Federal Land Use and the Rock Hound"	Speakers from BLM, the Forest Service and Senator Hart's office will attend.
	4 p.m.	FMCC Lecture "Nature's Abstractions"	Dick Dayvault
	6:30 p.m.	Awards Dinner Huddle Inn at Bronco Motel	(RESERVATIONS NECESSARY)
SUNDAY	1 p.m.	"Filing A Mineral Claim"	Russ Johnson
	2 p.m.	ANNUAL MEETING Election of Officers Colorado Federation of Mineral Societies	