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## July-August Newsletter

The next FM Colorado chapter meeting will be on August 6th (Thursday) at 7:30 P.M. in the third floor education auditorium at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Everyone should enjoy hearing Rick Collins talk about the kimberlite (diamond-bearing) pipes of the Colorado-Wyoming state line district. Rick has been very interested in kimberlites in general and is continuing his studies of these rocks.

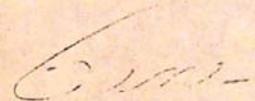
The Bulletin 1114 update committee met at the end of June and discussed the status and progress of work. To date the Colorado Chapter has contributed about \$1000 towards the update project and all of the members of the chapter are to be congratulated and recognized for their input. Rosie Weedman, who has been preparing the manuscript, has done an excellent job and it would be very difficult to find another person who could do what she has done. We estimate that we will need in excess of \$4000 for complete final preparation of camera-ready copy. Several chapter members have discussed possible financial arrangements with me and I would like to have a general discussion among the membership at the next meeting on this matter. At that time I will go into detail about what has been done, how it has been done, what remains to be done, etc. Various members of the update committee will be available for questions and/or comments. We have all been working on the update and revision of Bulletin 1114 for over four years and certainly have a great deal of new data and information accumulated. At this point there is no longer any question about whether we will have a first-rate product and we can address ourselves to the final stretch drive. It has been an FM group project to this point and the final product will be published as a publication of the Colorado Chapter. There are a number of options and possibilities of raising funds for completion of the manuscript and these will be discussed at the next meeting.

Now, on the subject of dues! Most of you (total membership) have paid Roger Bennett by now but there are still about 12 of you who have not. We hope that you will be able to pay Roger at the next meeting. Next year we will mail out dues statements at one time and members can pay as they would any other type of bill. This should eliminate the problem of haphazard dues payment.

By the time that most of you receive this newsletter you will be aware that C. E. "Shorty" Withers has passed away. People like Shorty are the ones that we need more of and who are not in great abundance. Shorty was interested in so many things and was always willing to lend a hand when needed. All of us who knew him should consider ourselves very fortunate indeed.

Another matter which I would like to bring up before the membership at the August meeting concerns appraisals of mineral collections. There are some very interesting developments that have come up recently which all of us should be aware of.

I hope that all of you have a good summer and find the mineral specimen of your dreams.

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