

# I N D U S T R I O N I C S

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Mr. Oscar E. Monnig  
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Dear Mr. Monnig:

The Belle Plaine meteorite has become of interest to me in doing some further exploration for other fragments in the area. The owner of the farm, Mr. Lawrence Curfaman and his tenant have kindly consented to my searching the fields in the vicinity of the known recoveries.

A description in METEORITICS, April 1967 of the Belle Plaine III recovery reported by Elliot Gillerman and Walter E. Hill, Jr., state that you have the Belle Plaine I and II recoveries in your collection.

1. Do you have descriptions of the exact locations where your recoveries were found?
2. Do you have any further interest in the Belle Plaine meteorite?

I am proposing a search technique which, in essence, would be a linear metal detector towed under a helicopter at known or suspected sites. I do not yet have such a detector built but am starting phase one of the exploration with an ordinary hand held device which was constructed by our electrical engineering son.

I will be greatly indebted to you for whatever response you may give to the above inquiry. Thank you.

Very sincerely,

  
President  
Wichita Astronomical Society