

Dear Carlton: *Moore:*

I acknowledg~~eme~~ receipt of the two photographs of the Bells
~~section~~ section and they are very interesting. Thank Chuck or whoever
made them. I am glad to have them for my files and perhaps some day
publication.

Your outline of further efforts to do work on the Bells piece
pleased me very much; it is certainly going to get a good working over!

I realize some of the results may be hurt by the fact that this
piece got rained on so liberally, perhaps 10 inches in Hurricane Carla,
but at least that was all at once and it was found in a field of fairly
high grass where drainage was good. About five of us combed this
particular area one day and an outsider I had invited in found the piece.
It seemed intact when he picked it up but soon thereafter cracked in to
two pieces. He wanted to give daughter piano lessons and eventually i
bought it from him for enough to pay for the lessons.

When we get thru with all this I want to consider whether we ~~sh~~
should cut any more of the Crescent for any further work. I have also
a little 6 gram piece of the Crescent found a mile away from the original
find but it has broken into two pieces and I think it hardly worth
a setting. It is really chiefly a memento illustrating forcibly how
many ~~tiny~~ ^{pieces} these things can break into. *It weighed only 7 grams.*

I know of three other cases where we feel strongly that some such
fragile meteorites fell, but were never able to find anything.
My experience is that in such cases one would do better to hunt in back of
the subfinal point for little scraps, rather than go forward in hopes
of finding larger pieces. The big ones just do not seem to survive.
In one case a man described seeing a group of sparks that looked like
popcorn. Whether these all evaporated entirely or dropped small
fragments we never learned. We did not search that particular area
but I have often regretted it.

I am going to have a lens implanted in my right eye next
Tuesday in hopes it will help my peripheral visions, which seems to have
become very cloudy due to the cataract. I cannot hope for any central
vision improvement but maybe this will help some.

At present I am not very much inclined to think I can go to ~~Europe~~
Europe for the meeting.

Sincerely,