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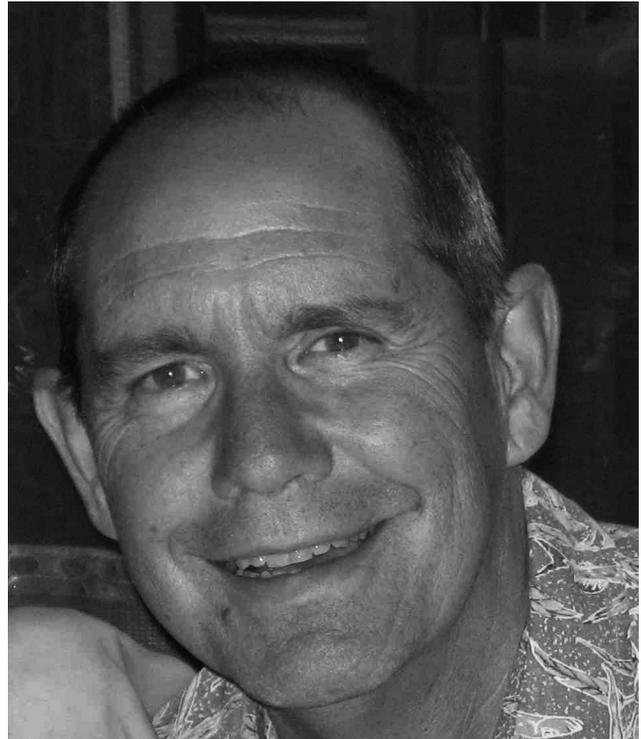
2008 Service Award for Drew Barringer

The Barringer family has supported the Meteoritical Society and the activities of its members for approximately a half-century. Many of the older members of the society fondly recall the work of J. Paul Barringer, who succeeded D. Moreau Barringer Jr. in 1962 as president of the Barringer Crater Company, and his wife Dorothy Barringer, who were pillars in the society until their retirement in 1992.

Drew Barringer began to support the company's community service activities in 1981 when he joined the company's board. Drew Barringer's support for the society grew when he later became senior vice president in 1984 and executive vice president in 1987. He has been president and chief executive officer since 1992, and, while working closely with the chairman of the board, Dyer Wadsworth, provided continuous support for the society over the past 15 years.

The contributions Drew Barringer and the Barringer Crater Company have made to the society have been enormous:

- They support the Barringer Medal, which is the highest award in the field of impact cratering and one of the two principal awards of the Meteoritical Society.
- They support annual meetings of the Meteoritical Society, particularly with travel funds so that students can attend the meetings, ensuring the continued growth of the society and the fields of study the society represents. Many dozens (if not hundreds) of students have been supported by those funds.
- During Drew Barringer's presidency, the Barringer Crater Company established the Barringer Family Fund for Meteorite Impact Research, which annually supports undergraduate, graduate, and postdoctoral students' research. The fund offers broad support to students around the world. In the past six years, the fund has supported the research of seven students in the US, five students in Germany, two students in South Africa, and one student each from Finland, the UK, Belgium, Australia, and Brazil.
- During Drew Barringer's presidency, the company began to support the Barringer Lecture, which is given at each annual meeting of the Meteoritical Society and provides a refreshing perspective of our science.
- During Drew Barringer's presidency, the company began to support the Barringer Lecture at the University of Arkansas, which has provided an opportunity for speakers like Al Cameron, Richard Grieve, and both of



Drew Barringer. Photo courtesy of Clare Schneider.

us to speak to the Arkansas university community about the field of meteoritics.

- Drew Barringer and the Barringer Crater Company also hosted the society at their crater following the 70th annual meeting of the society, providing a wonderful opportunity for members to see the geologic and historical details of the world's first proven impact site.
- Throughout all these developments, Mr. Barringer continues to preserve the Barringer Meteorite Crater (a.k.a. Meteor Crater) for posterity, helps maintain the scientific integrity of the site, and makes it accessible to credible research projects.

Mr. Barringer also contributes to our field by serving on the board of Lowell Observatory, which has a vigorous survey program for near-Earth objects, providing an assessment of the impact hazards they pose for our planet. Simultaneously, he serves on the boards for the Museum of Northern Arizona, Flagstaff Community Foundation, and Flagstaff Non-Profit Resource Center. All of these activities complement a long

career in community giving, serving the last 15 years before his retirement as the chief operating officer of the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta. After his retirement, he moved to Flagstaff, Arizona, where he could contribute more of his time to the care of the Barringer Meteorite Crater.

We would like to add two personal notes to this citation. Virtually all members of the Barringer family have been visiting the famous Ries crater in Germany and I (DS) had the privilege not only to guide them through the crater but also through the wonderful beer gardens in the Ries. I enjoyed very much the presence of Drew Barringer and his wife Clare at the very special Ries excursion that was organized in connection with the 66th Annual Meeting of the Meteoritical Society at Münster (Germany) in 2003.

Drew Barringer also asked one of us (DAK) to assume the responsibilities of Gene Shoemaker at the crater when he passed away. Consequently, I have been able to personally observe the tremendous amount of time Mr. Barringer devotes to the educational and research activities that occur at the crater. He is constantly working to upgrade facilities and enhance opportunities at the crater. Indeed, during the nomination process, thirty students and faculty were engaged in an experiment at the crater that was designed to study the interaction of impact craters and planetary atmospheres. The

study has immediate applications to Earth and may be extrapolated to determine if there are any interesting microenvironments within Martian craters. He and his wife, Clare Schneider, often host students wanting to visit the crater and learn about impact cratering processes. They listen attentively to scientific results generated at the crater and elsewhere and have a genuine desire to foster the field of meteoritics around the world.

It is with great pleasure that we present Mr. Drew Barringer to the society for the 2008 Service Award in recognition of the work that he has done and, as the Barringer family's representative, for the tremendous support they have provided.

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