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The Bay Area Mineralogists assemble on the second Wednesday of every month during the school year. We meet in the Geology Lab at Foothill College. See http://www.baymin.org/Meet/FoothillMap.gif for a campus map. Bring $2 for parking.

BAM April Program: On the Road in Arizona with Stan B.

For two weeks at the end of January, Stan Bogosian, his wife and two dogs hit the road to hit the Quartzite Pow-Wow, see the sights, and dig for rocks. He'll be sharing his stories of collecting (or not!) at the Melissa, Total Wreck, C&B Vanadinite, Finch, Grey Horse, not to mention cactus licking and starters that don't.

Bring samples for show-and-tell from these localities or from Arizona in general.

Upcoming Programs (…or Lack Thereof)

In June, Si and Ann Frazier have been penciled in for the technical program, contingent on smooth sailing following an eye surgery. No word on the topic yet, but the smart money is on something related to quartz.

May is still open and begging for volunteers, however, so if you have ideas or something to stand up and hold forth on, please identify yourself to El Presidente Bill Spence and/or myself. There will likely be some time allocated to a preview of the Eastern California collecting trip planned for the following week, but that's dependent on availability of organizer Dan Evanich.

Passings of Note: Claus Hedegaard & Steve Pullman

BAM lost two members of its extended family in the last month, Claus Hedegaard and Steve Pullman (Whole Earth Minerals). While neither was local, both had many connections to BAM and the greater mineralogical community.

Claus Hedegaard was arguably BAM's most distant member, periodically weighing in on newsletter postings or announcements from his home in Denmark. He lent a hand as a guest columnist reporting on the Munich Show in the Dec '07 and Jan '08 editions of this newsletter.

One can get a sense of his connections across the mineralogical community from the postings on MinDat in response to word of his passing: http://www.mindat.org/forum.php?read.6.131635.131819
My personal favorite (and one that makes me wish I’d had the chance to meet the gent) comes from our own John Magnasco:

We visited the Clear Creek mine together on one occasion and often spoke of other travels together abroad. I was concerned with land mines in Mozambique and he said, “Well, we will just rent a herd of goats and have them roam in front of us.”

His publication list (www.hedegaard.com) included nine pages of citations with wonderfully cryptic titles, such as “Cryolite – Icy rock and stupid fish.”

Claus died from natural causes at his home. He was 46.

While Chaz responded that BAM is not generally in the project funding space, there might be some folks out there with “the right stuff”, petrologically speaking. If you happen to have some extra gabbro burning a hole in your pocket (or weighing down a corner of your garage), Michelle can be located at newcomer829@gmail.com.

Got Gabbro?

This one from the BAM mailbag… Charles Nelson received this request via the web site.