

## ANNUAL BAM PICNIC

Welcome to the new BAM newsletter! The first article of notice is to announce the annual BAM picnic date. The come one, come all mineral aficionados picnic will be held on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at Dan and Sharyn Evanich's home in South San Jose. The address is 264 Bangor Avenue, just off Lean Road near Blossom Hill Road. Phone us if you have any questions at 408-362-0892. The time of the picnic is 11am to about 3pm. Our residence has been under reconstruction for several months now, so excuse the projects in process. BAM funds will take care of the food and drink, so the only thing you need to bring is an inquisitive nature, good humor, and, if you want to, bring a rock or two for the annual silent auction BAM fundraiser. Please RSVP at our phone at our phone number above. You can also email us at [djevan@aol.com](mailto:djevan@aol.com) to reply.

### COMING ACTIVITIES

An informal field collecting trip to Northern Nevada mineral localities will be happening August 14 through August 17<sup>th</sup>. Several of us will be meeting on Thursday, the 17<sup>th</sup> just South of Winnemucca, Nevada, so let us know if you are interested. Call or email Dan for details. This is informal and is not a club sanctioned get-together, so the schedule remains flexible. We are in the stages of planning a club event in October, so come to the picnic to discuss possible collecting locations.

### MINERAL FIND OF THE MONTH

One of several new columns that will be appearing monthly in the BAM newsletter. Here is a picture of a 4.7cm double terminated neptunite crystal Dan Evanich etched from a second round of The Benitoite Mine mine run material that Steve Perry and John Veevaert are selling.



### BAM Notices

Annual dues are now due so plan to pay up your membership in September or October. See John Magnasco at the picnic or the October meeting. Annual dues are \$6.00 per year and \$500 for a lifetime membership.

### EDITOR'S PERKY BOX (or editorial license)

I wish to thank Joe Cernac, past BAM editor, and Charles Nelson, current BAM Webmaster, for jobs well done. Future newsletters will take on a more uniform template with specific article columns (yes, some of you will be expected to contribute on a regular basis). It will also contain more meaningful content. The time was short on this one and we just wanted to let all of you know about the annual picnic and recent changes. Please feel free to call or email me at any reasonable time with your ideas or feedback. My home phone number is 408-362-0892 or email me at [djevan@aol.com](mailto:djevan@aol.com). See you at the Picnic!