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## Bay Area Mineralogists

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The Bay Area Mineralogists assemble on the second Wednesday of every month during the school year, unless diverted by extenuating circumstances. We meet at the USGS Menlo Park in Building 3. See campus map at <http://online.wr.usgs.gov/kiosk/mparea3.html>.

Our room is located in Building 3, second floor where this map says "Conference Room" – note that the front doors are locked and you will have to come up the stairs on the Middlefield side of the building. Parking is free.

#### **January Program: Alfredo Petrov, "Collecting in Bolivia and the Andes"**

Happy 2014 to all! Here's hoping that it's a happy and healthy year for the readership, and that collecting opportunities abound. With a little luck, 2014 will be the year CCMA access passes begin to show up in people's hands!

For BAM, the year's inaugural newsletter will look a lot like that of 2013. As with last year, we'll have Alfredo Petrov as our visiting guest

speaker, regaling us with stories of collecting and culture in far-off locales.

This is a good thing. Many of you probably know Alfredo from the SFG&MS show in August, where he is an annual exhibitor with John Attard. He's also an active contributor on MinDat (6,000+ posts and counting) and an expert on collecting in Japan and Bolivia, among other spots. Last January's talk on Japan was very well-received and those who attended will surely not want to miss this year's edition.

For the January meeting, Alfredo will be discussing collecting in the Andes, with the main emphasis on his primary stomping grounds of Bolivia. As always, he'll intersperse a healthy dose of cultural background and stories to keep things lively.



*August in Bolivia – send some to Tahoe! (unnamed Bolivian newspaper, via Alfredo Petrov)*

Bring your favorite rocks from the Andes for show and tell – Bolivia especially, but no one will complain if you show up with some interesting goodies from Peru or Chile.

## **Reminder: January = BAM dues due**

As per the norm for the past few years, January 1st means it's time to renew your BAM membership. For the paltry sum of \$5 – now lowered from past years! -- you get the monthly newsletter and the inside line on member trips, etc. Every once in a while we'll also send out info on an event that just goes to members paid up and in good standing, so be sure to get on the "paid" side of the ledger.

Dues are payable to Dan Carlson, BAM treasurer.

## **Gone Fishin'... No February Meeting**

For the fortunate true believers, the start of February is often occupied by a Tucson Show pilgrimage. Lots of rocks in the Arizona desert, but not so many BAM members around to support a program. Ergo, no meeting in February, but be ready for the March recap of rocks and stories.

If you are going to Tucson for the Main Show, however, please watch this space (or show up at the January meeting) for info on the timing of the annual BAM & Friends dinner. Even better, ping your friendly local BAM newsletter guy (contact below) to get connected with this year's plans.

## **Letters to the BAM Editor**

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