
Bay Area Mineralogists January 2015

Meeting: January 14, 2015, 7:00 pm
USGS, Building 3, Room 3-237
345 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park

<http://www.baymin.org>



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

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The Bay Area Mineralogists meet monthly during the school year at the USGS in Menlo Park. We meet on the second floor of Building 3, where the campus map (<http://online.wr.usgs.gov/kiosk/mparea3.html>) says "Conference Room." The front doors will be locked so you'll have to come up the stairs on the Middlefield Road side of the building. Parking is free.

NO February Meeting

The Bay Area Mineralogists will not meet in February since many of our members will be at Tucson taking in the various shows. (Therefore, there also will be no February newsletter – woo hoo!) At the January meeting we'll discuss a possible informal dinner gathering in Tucson.

DUES ARE DUE!

It's time to go through your pockets and couch cushions and scrape together your 2015 BAM dues – a whopping \$5 (the best bargain in the Bay Area!). Our treasurer, Dan Carlson, promises to be at the January meeting to collect your dues. If you aren't at the meeting, you can make arrangements to send yours to him.

January Program:
Field Trip Reports from Utah
and Imperial County CA
by Stan Bogosian and Barb Matz

Last September, BAM members Barb Matz and Stan Bogosian joined members of the San Francisco Gem and Mineral Society for a week-long field trip to the Thomas Range in western Utah. [Due to illness of the planned trip leader, Stan and Barb ended up in charge of this one!] In addition to topaz and associated minerals, the trip included Dugway Geodes and Trilobites near Delta. Stan also visited the Linka Mine (near Austin, NV), Garnet Hill (near Ely, NV) and Gold Hill, Utah.



The Cove, Thomas Range, UT

Come to the BAM meeting on January 14th to see photos from the trip and minerals collected at the various localities. Please bring minerals you have collected at these localities, and memories to share.



S. Bogosian

Comparing notes at the tailgate, Thomas Range UT.

Also at the January meeting, Barb Matz will report on Bob Walstrom's field trip to the Chocolate and Cargo Muchacho Mountains during Thanksgiving week. Two other BAM folk in attendance were Ted Hadley and David Lowe's mother, Nancy. They visited various mines in the area to collect micro mineral specimens (a.k.a. "lint").



B Matz

At camp (L to R): Bonnie and Bob Walstrom, Ted, and Nancy; Vitrefax Hill is in the background behind the mesquite.

Pre-Tucson Open House January 25th

Rick Kennedy will host his annual Open House to show his inventory before packing it all up for Tucson, and all BAM members are invited! The date is Sunday, January 25, from noon to 6 p.m. at Rick's home: 5360 Colony Park Circle, San Jose (408-529-9690 in case you get lost).

Pacific Micromount Conference

The Pacific Micromount Conference will take place at the end of this month. The event features a give-away table, sales table

(\$1 specimens!), a mineral auction, and several talks, including:

- "The Thallium, Arsenic and Silver Minerals of Jas Roux in the French Alps – a Getchell-like Assemblage" by Georges Favreau
- "Minerals of the Blue Lizard Mine and other Western Localities" by Joe Marty
- "Some Other Mineral Localities in Inyo County, CA" by Paul Adams
- Other contributed talks

There will be a pot-luck dinner Friday, buffet dinner Saturday (both at the conference venue), and a field trip on Sunday (Feb 1), location to be announced at the conference. A registration form is available from Barb Matz and from the web site www.mineralsocal.org/.

Tucson Shows

Jan 29-Feb 15; 37 shows, including:
 Jan 31-Feb 15, Tucson City Center/InnSuites
 Feb 6-9, Westward Look Fine Minerals Show
 Feb 12-15, TGMS: *Minerals of Western Europe*
 Feb 13, Rowe Micromount Symposium @TGMS

Nooo! Not Another TV Show!

Here we go again! A new mineral exploration series is scheduled to begin airing in January: *Mineral Explorers* ("Experience the Adventure"). This one will be on public television so at least there are no ads to fast-forward through. I don't know if any Bay Area channels plan to carry it – the nearest one listed on their web site is KVIE in Sacramento, which may be included in some local cable packages. Otherwise, you can probably watch episodes online.

The host is Thomas Nagin ("a veteran crystal hunter") and episodes announced on the show's web site include Bolivia (amethyst and ametrine), Colombia (emerald), Arkansas (quartz), Brazil (topaz, quartz, diamonds), Brazil again (aquamarine and tourmaline), and Mexico (silver). More information can be found on the show's web site: www.mineralexplorers.com.

And Finally...

Member contributions to this newsletter are appreciated! Send content, incriminating photos, suggestions, or feedback to me at matz.barb@gmail.com.