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# Bay Area Mineralogists

## July 2007

Next meeting: Sept. 22, 2007  
Casa de Bogosian, Saratoga CA

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### New BAM Officers Coronated

Outside of the annual Tucson Wrap-Up, June's BAM meeting was probably the best-attended of the year. This was in no small part due to Rick Kennedy's subtle hints that "those not in attendance may find themselves in charge."

After a few rounds of requests for volunteers and nominations, several brave souls stepped up to take on the mantle of BAM leadership. The roster of new officers includes:

President:	Bill Spence
Treasurer:	Dan Carlson
Newsletter Editor:	Don Windeler
Program Chair:	Dan Evanich
Field Trip Chair:	Rick Kennedy

Please check out Bill's request for feedback on where BAM should go in the future.

Many thanks to Rick, Dan, and John Magnasco for all their past service – and that still to come, no doubt!

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### Butte, MT Field Trip in the Works August 6-11, 2007

Many of you may have already received the e-mail from Dan Evanich regarding the collecting trip to Butte planned for the first full week of August. Butte, Montana, is one of the world's great copper mining districts, with a long and colorful history.

If you ever want to go collecting in the Butte district, give this trip serious consideration. The area continues to develop, access is becoming more difficult, and folks like Claude Huber with knowledge of the area from its heyday are harder to find.

The preliminary schedule, as per Dan:

Mon, 8/6	Montana Tech Museum, World Museum of Mining and Hell Roarin' Gulch
Tues, 8/7	Mine locations north of Butte in the Walkerville area
Wed, 8/8	Mine locations west of Butte
Thurs, 8/9	In-town locations and revisiting promising spots from Tuesday and Wednesday
Fri, 8/10	Mine locations south of Butte in the Pipestone Pass / Toll Mt. / Radar Creek areas
Sat, 8/11	Calvert Hill area southwest of Butte

### **Butte Field Trip, cont.**

Most folks will be flying there rather than driving; current flight prices run about \$500 on Delta. Intel on hotel lodging and campgrounds is being gathered. The plan is to meet each morning at a specified time and place, then head out for the day's stops. The group will rent one or two large 4WD vehicles, depending on the number of attendees, and split the cost.

Also note: the Northwest Federation Show is happening in Butte on Friday through Sunday, August 3,4,and 5. If you come in early, plan to attend the show.

To get your fantasies a-rollin', check out the 2002 *Mineralogical Record* special issue on Butte, volume 33, number 1. Or for history buffs, try Reno Sales' 1964 book on claim jumping, *Underground Warfare at Butte*.

If you're interested in attending, please contact one of the organizers:

Dan Evanich	408-505-2960
Rick Kennedy	408-529-9690
John Magnasco	408-838-9186

### **Mark Those Calendars: BAM Annual Picnic September 22**

This year's annual picnic will be held Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at Stan Bogosian's home in Saratoga. More details to follow, at the latest in the newsletter to precede our resumption of meetings in September. Please start thinking about donations for our Silent Auction fundraiser...

Bill Spence has offered to bring along a microscope and fiber optic light for folks to use during show-and-tell. Anyone else have another they can bring along?

### **Summer Meeting Hiatus**

As always, BAM's out for the summer – hopefully in the field accumulating new treasures! Just a reminder that there are no meetings scheduled for July or August. We'll see you at the picnic and resume our second-Wednesday meetings at Foothill College on October 10.

### **A Message From President Spence**

As the incoming President, I would like to try to focus BAM's attention on those things that will maximize membership and member participation. To that end, please take a few minutes to think about what you would like to see (or see more of) at BAM meetings and events. Are there things to be improved or eliminated? What are your thoughts about the following?

- Program topics for meetings
- Events or relationships with other clubs and organizations
- What do you want to see in field trips? What factors will encourage or discourage your participation?
- Where can we find new members?
- What can we do to maximize your satisfaction and participation in BAM?

Please forward your thoughts to me at [bill.spence777@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bill.spence777@sbcglobal.net) or call me at 408-398-7502.

Thanks, Bill

### **Upcoming Shows**

August 4-5

San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society  
SF County Fair Bldg, Golden Gate Park  
9<sup>th</sup> at Lincoln Way, San Francisco  
4<sup>th</sup>, 10am-6pm; 5<sup>th</sup>, 10am-5pm

August 31 – September 3

Mendocino Coast Gem & Mineral Society  
Town Hall  
Main & Laurel, Fort Bragg  
31<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>, 10am-6pm; 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10am-4om

September 15-16

Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society  
Community Activities Bldg,  
1400 Roosevelt Ave, Redwood City  
10am to 5pm daily

### **Letters to the BAM Editor**

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