Bay Area Mineralogists June 2004 Newsletter

Next meeting June 9th, 8:00PM Foothill College, Geology Building, Room P-24, Los Altos Hills, California http://www.baymin.org



Welcome to the June issue of The Bay Area Mineralogists (BAM) newsletter. The purpose of our club is to further spread the knowledge and interest of mineralogy in our world today and promote awareness in the field of natural sciences as they pertain to the geosciences.

Vacation Time

This month's newsletter will be an abbreviated one since your Editor is actually on vacation. In any case, everyone still gets to know what's going on. MAKE AT LEAST ONE FIELD TRIP THIS YEAR, THEY'RE A LOT OF FUN!

May Gold Hill Field Trip Report

Our first official BAM field trip of the 2004 season was held May 29th through June 1st. Four members participated this time and visited Gold Hill, Utah, and Garnet Hill, Ely, Nevada. Your newsletter editor is on vacation, so trip details will be given at the next BAM meeting this coming Wednesday night, June 9th. Pictures and a more detailed report will be provided in the July newsletter. Word has it that there was some pretty nice adamite collected in Gold Hill among a lot of other copper, iron, and zinc arsenates. Special thanks to BAM member Tim Rose for all the help in specific mineral location information regarding Gold Hill.



More on 2004 Field Trips

The next block of time for a BAM field trip will be July 8 -11. Tentatively planned is a trip to Majuba Hill Mine and surrounding environs. We will visit some other yet to be determined mines in the Humboldt Range between Willard Mine and Majuba. Of course it's hot in July, but

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Majuba is a pleasant 65 degrees (or so) underground and the evenings are very enjoyable. Interested parties will meet Thursday morning, the 8th, for collecting at the traditional spot, Willard Mine, fifteen minutes off of Highway 80. Some of us will be arriving Wednesday night late camping at Willard. From there, phosphate mineral collecting may be done or you can opt to head on up to Majuba. Camp will be at Majuba Thursday night. Any questions, call myself, Dan Evanich, or President Rick Kennedy, both listed here in the newsletter.

August 12 -15 will be the dates for field trip number three. Treasurer John Magnasco is working on access to The Strawberry Mine, a tungsten locale in the Sierra Nevada mountains east of Fresno. If permission is not possible, an alternate site will be selected.

Our fourth BAM field trip will to San Benito County October 8 -10. The collecting sites will be selected at the September meeting as there is a wealth of knowledge in the club regarding unusual minerals from this locale.

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Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at Foothill College, Room P-24, Geology Building, Los Altos Hills, California. 8-10pm. Take highway 280 North from San Jose toward San Francisco to the El Monte exit and head west.