
Bay Area Mineralogists

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November Doubleheader: Stan Bogosian, “BAM in Utah” Dan Evanich, “...And Colorado Too!”

Aforementioned government shutdown put the kibosh on our October program, so we'll shoehorn in a pair of talks this month.

The Bay Area Mineralogists assemble on the second Wednesday of every month during the school year. We now 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.

First, Stan Bogosian will hit the highlights of the May trip to Gold Hill, the Thomas Range topaz localities, and a few Nevada stops en route back home. This was originally in the works for October, but had to be postponed.

Back in the Saddle

October found BAM held hostage without our usual meeting place, thanks to an extended round of toy-throwing in the Congressional sandbox. Thankfully we're back to our usual haunts at the USGS for the foreseeable future, with the traditional second Wednesday meeting date. Upcoming meetings will include Barb Matz on her expedition to the MinDat mini-conference in Poland (December) and a return engagement by the ever-popular Alfredo Petrov (January). Alfredo's visit may tweak our meeting date slightly, though, so watch this space for details.



New approaches to collecting “stones”... in this case, hailstones from a storm weathered by the crew. (Jean Lee photo)



*Head frame from [Gold Hill?]
(Jean Lee photo)*

Then Dan Evanich will give us the BAM version of "Into Thin Air," with the stories of collecting amazonite and beryl in the Colorado Rockies with Jeff Self and Donna Ware (Self Aware Minerals). Those who made the Sept. picnic might have noticed some of the giveaways of amazonite shared by Rick Kennedy.



BAM diggers amidst the verdant Colorado vegetation (Ron Wolf photo)

Crystal Gazers / BAM Holiday Thang

Mark your calendars for the evening of Saturday, December 7... as we've done the past several years, the SF Crystal Gazers and BAM will hold the annual joint holiday party at the community room in Si & Ann Frazier's Albany apartment complex. Things will kick off around 5pm and run until 9pm.

Much like BAM's September picnic, there will be a benefit auction. Food will be bring-a-dish potluck. Plan on carpooling and probably a short walk down the street, as parking is extremely limited in the complex.

The Fraziers need to hear from folks by Dec. 1st, both for a headcount and to speed things along with a name list for the security desk. Please contact the Fraziers (siannfraz@aol.com) directly with a cc to me on your RSVP to receive more specific directions to their place and get any update messages. Always lots of good food and some nice rocks to bid on – and maybe the "Crystal Gazers & Friends" supplement to the *Mineralogical Record* will have arrived in folks' mailboxes to get signed by then?

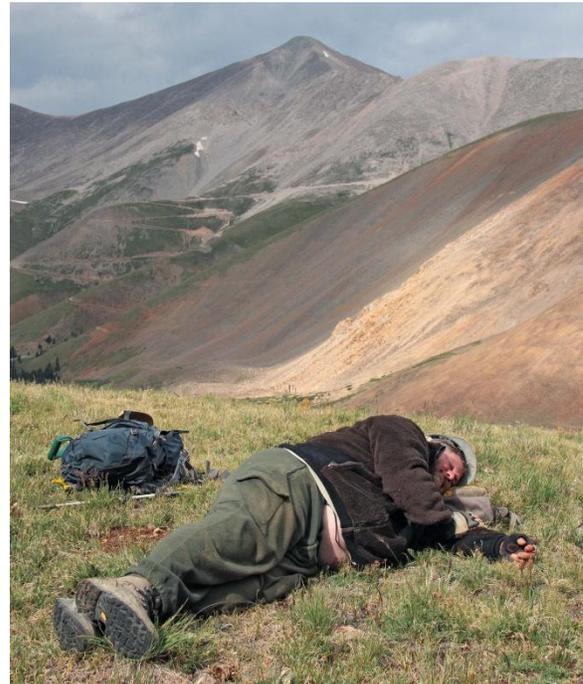
Upcoming Shows

November 9-10
Santa Cruz Gem & Mineral Society
Live Oak Grange
1900 17th Ave, Santa Cruz
10am to 5pm daily

November 23-24
Livermore Lithorama
Livermore Valley Lithophiles
3131 Pacific Ave, Livermore
Sat 10am-5pm; Sun 10am-4pm

Letters to the BAM Editor

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G'nite, Rick! (Ron Wolf photo)