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# Bay Area Mineralogists

## October 2007

Next meeting: Oct. 10, 2007  
Foothill College

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### BAM Monthly Meetings Resume

With summer receding in the rearview mirror and fall upon us, it's time to get back on the school year schedule for BAM: Foothill College, second Wednesday of the month.

For this month, that translates to October 10. The theme is "What I Did This Summer, BAM Style." The main event will be the August trip to Butte (see below) – and hopefully some good stories from Magnasco about his travels in South America – but bring along your latest goodies and stories of collecting misadventures.

As always, start time is in the vicinity of 7:45pm. We meet in the Geology Lab at Foothill College. See <http://www.baymin.org/Meet/FoothillMap.gif> for a campus map. Bring \$2 for parking.

### CCMA Public Meeting

Just a reminder: the last of the public meetings on planning for the Clear Creek Management Area is in San Jose, October 12. See the BLM

notice on the BAM website for details,  
[http://www.baymin.org/CCMA\\_Agenda.html](http://www.baymin.org/CCMA_Agenda.html)

### Butte, MT Field Trip Recap August 6-11, 2007

In early August, a crew of intrepid BAM members set off to Butte, Montana, one of the West's great mining districts, to see if there was anything still left to collect. With the help of some local experts they hit classic localities, got an after-hours tour of the Montana Tech Museum mineral collection, and tried to make a dent in a house-sized block of bull quartz.



How did everyone do? What finds made it into backpacks and eventually Bay Area display cases? Did anyone get possessed by the gunslinging spirit of the Old West, swill too much rotgut and fall down a mineshaft?



Come on out to the October meeting to have these and other burning questions answered...



## **BAM Annual Picnic & Benefit Auction Held September 22**

This year's annual picnic and silent auction was held September 22<sup>nd</sup>, hosted by Stan Bogosian at his home in Saratoga. Mother Nature was less than obliging, providing unseasonably rainy weather that Saturday, but the drizzle eased up just before most folks arrived.

Every year BAM holds its Silent Auction at the picnic – largely to ensure there's enough money in the bank to pay for said picnic! – and this was a banner year. BAM members kicked in over 70 items for the auction, then opened their wallets to pay the “redistribution tax” to the club coffers. The bidding got hot and heavy in the closing minutes, with a final tally of \$430. The top pieces were a Mexican anglesite and a doubly-phantomed Brazilian quartz, both going for the princely sum of \$35.

Thanks to everyone who donated pieces to the cause or bid generously, and extra kudos to GrillMaster Stan for opening his home to us!



## **In Memoriam: Al Ordway**

News through the Internet grapevine, courtesy of Rick K.: long-time dealer and pegmatite collector Al Ordway (Hesperia, north of San Bernardino) passed away on September 29, 2007. He died of a heart attack while collecting in the field at Soda Lake. He is survived by his wife Betty.

## **Upcoming Shows**

October 13-14

66<sup>th</sup> Annual Trona Gem-o-Rama  
Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society  
SLG&MS Lapidary and Show Building  
13337 Main St., Trona  
13<sup>th</sup>, 7:30am-5pm; 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:30am-4pm

October 20-21

Santa Rosa Gem & Mineral Society  
Veteran's Memorial Auditorium  
1352 Maple, Santa Rosa  
20<sup>th</sup>, 10am-6pm; 21<sup>st</sup>, 10am-5pm

November 3-4

Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society  
Centre Concord, Clayton Fair Shopping  
5298 Clayton Rd, Concord  
10am to 5pm daily

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