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**ROCKHOUNDING**

GEM & MINERAL  
SOCIETY

“Cady Mountain Agates: Pseudomorphs and Epimorphs”



Adam Dean (The Agate Hunter) and Teresa  
(see articles on page 4, 10 & 11)

# ROCKHOUNDER

## THE PREZ SEZ:

The show is upon us. Friday, October 16th is setup. Come on out and put your case(s) in and help in the rest of the show setup. Many hands will make it much shorter work for all. Now is the time to finalize your case display.

During the show come on out and show your support. Whether demonstrating or manning one of the stations i.e. kitchen, raffle ticket booth, sales table or security, the idea is for members to be there the whole time. In that way when someone needs a break you are there to help. This our time to shine and show the public the wonderful world of rockhounding and lapidary. As with all clubs shows we members become the ambassadors of our hobby.

Typically, if a family is into camping we are half way there into getting new members, since we go out and camp in a wide range of places. Our biggest ally is our friendliness to our guests and willingness to answer questions about our hobby.

We will have a fieldtrip to our club claim and the surrounding areas. It will be on Oct. 31st and Nov. 1st. Whether it is your 1st, 10th or 20th trip there, it seems we always find something new. Not far from the claim is red moss/plume agate. In the Calicos is boron and more agates and jaspers, more to the east is petrified palm and more varieties of agate than you could shake a stick at. It is always a fun and interesting trip.

This month we also take nominations for the general membership for our new officers of the club. So think of someone you believe could do a great job for the club. Now, if you think you yourself could do one of the jobs, at the meeting volunteer for one of the positions.

As always, be safe and have fun.

*Joe Goetz*

**WGMS General Meeting**

**Thursday, October 22, 2009**

**at 7:30 PM**

**Special Program!!**

**Adam Dean “The Agate Hunter”**

**Presents**

**“Cady Mountain Agates:  
Pseudomorphs and Epimorphs”**

**A**dam Dean is known in the rockhound community as “The Agate Hunter”. One of his favorite happy hunting grounds is the Cady Mountains. As an after-show treat, Adam will be bringing a selection of fine agates he (and his other half, Teresa) have personally collected. His program will be accompanied by a slide show of pictures of his adventures.

Note: He and Teresa are “Tying the Knot” in the Cady Mountains on November 7 (see article of pages 10 & 11).

See you there,

*Marcia Goetz*

**IT'S SHOW TIME!!**

**O**ur **2009 Gem Show** is here on **October 17 & 18**. As always we are planning a quality experience for our members and guests.

**Show Schedule:**

<b>Fri, Oct 16:</b>	8:00 AM	Meet at Joe & Marcia's
	9:00 AM	Go to Art & Ginger's to load cases & show equipment
	3:00 PM	Take to Community Center by 3:00 P.M. for setup
	8:00 PM	Community Center access closed for the evening

<b>Sat, Oct 17:</b>	8:00 AM	Doors open for venders and members
	10:00 AM	Show opens to the public
	5:00 PM	Show closes for the day.
<b>Sun, Oct 18:</b>	9:00 AM	Doors open for venders and members
	10:00 AM	Show opens to the public
	5:00 PM	Show ends. After all public gone from hall, teardown begins
	8:00 PM	All done
<b>Mon, Oct 19:</b>	8:00 AM	Meet at Joe & Marcia's
	9:00 AM	Drop equipment off at Art & Ginger's warehouse

**Show Cases:** Display cases are still available. Our theme this year is "The Beauty Inside". Contact Izzy Burns to reserve your case or cases today.

**Donation Awards:** Raffle tickets sales are our big money maker at the show, and the show provides the lion's share of the income needed to continue the club each year. Please sell tickets and buy tickets. Kathy Valle has more if you need them. And it is certainly NOT too early to give Kathy your prize donations for the show raffle.

**Setup and Teardown:** These two important phases of our show are the most physically demanding, and literally, *the more hands the less work*. If you don't mind a little manual labor and getting dirty (we are rockhounds, after all) then we can use your assistance. Setup starts at about 3 PM on Friday and teardown begins right after the show closes on Sunday.

**Working the Show:** Show time is about the busiest event of the year and we can use all the help you can give. We need helpers at the Sales Table, Donation Awards Table, Greeter's Table, Kitchen, Security and with the Demonstrators. These positions also can use much-appreciated relief during the show.

**2 six packs & brownies or cupcakes:** Members are asked to donate 2 six packs of name brand sodas, diet or regular, and some brownies, cupcakes or similar items (but no pies).

So there you have it. Prepare your cases, tell your friends, sell tickets and come out to help us put on a great show.

*Jay Valle*  
**2008 Show Chairman**

**Your Show Display: Think About it in Advance!**  
**By Bob Sherwood**

**W**ith our show less than a month away, it is time to be thinking about the “what and how” of your display. While our club does not include formal exhibit judging, advance preparation is important. Some points to keep in mind:

- Decide what you want to exhibit. Crystals would be nice, but not all cases need to contain them. The material should be the best that is reasonably available to the exhibitor.
- Provide basic information, sufficient to answer questions posed by others, especially non-rockhounds. Remember that as an exhibitor you are just as much an educator as you are a rockhound displaying a collection. Labels: should be neat, preferably typed, with name of specimen and its source; use proper language, spelling and geographic location.
- Use creativity and originality: the exhibit should be novel and imaginative. For visual interest, use risers to elevate specimens above background base so that not everything is flat. Consider fabric background that complements the material displayed. Use background color that is soft on the eyes and does not detract.
- Set up the exhibit at home in advance of the show using the same dimensions as the allotted display case. Determine how you want it to look from the standpoint of balance, with larger pieces to the back and sides. Your display should draw the eye inward. Don't overcrowd.
- Map or photograph the exhibit layout to help you reassemble it when you reach the show.
- Clean the exhibit case if necessary; the interior as well as both sides of the glass with the glass cleaner and clean cloths you have taken with you. And don't forget the lock and key.
- Assemble and then recheck the material based on your photograph or schematic, for proper placement of labels. Look at your display critically: does it give a striking effect? To what extent has background information / research been imparted to the viewer?
- Finally, will a non-collector understand the exhibit?

*From The Tulip City Conglomerate 8/09 via The Strata Data 9/09*

**Big Bear: The Trip**

**W**e had a day fieldtrip to the Big Bear area. We met at the Discovery Center on the North shore of Big Bear Lake. We were off like a herd of turtles, the first stop was the druzy - jasper area. It is no more than 1/2 mile west of the Discovery Center. We decided to do this one first while everyone was still fresh and rested. I know because I asked and many said they snoozed on the way up although I don't know if they were passengers or drivers. It was still cool and nice with a slight breeze. Usually the hills seem to get steeper as the day wears on. Though I doubt it seemed to be a little mole hill.

After everyone got back and showed off some of what they found, we were headed to the next locality the quartz area. The area is on the Pacific Crest Trail and from there you can see what the local Indians called "the eye of god". The quartz found are small but cute - some double terminated. Some of us didn't take the little hike to the area, however, crystals were found in the parking area.

The next stop was so some of us could walk out to see the Doble (ghost town) Cemetery and then on up to the Lucky Baldwin Mine. You would have thought there was a convention going on there were so many cars parked on the site. After a little chatting we decided to call it a day and head home.

*Joe Goetz*

**Seen on a Fortune Cookie...**

The Harder the conflict, the more  
Glorious the triumph.

Curiosity kills boredom.  
Nothing can kill curiosity.

Kind words can be short and  
Easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.

## **Field Trip October 10&11, 2009 Chuckwalla Springs**

**T**here will be a field trip on Oct 10&11 to Chuckwalla Springs (between Desert Center/Blythe). This will be a multi-club trip, combining the Searchers with members of the Whittier Club, North Orange County Club and Pasadena Lapidary Society. The trip will be led by Searchers Robert Burson and Jay Valle. We will be collecting agates (plume, moss, fortification, and banded), and jaspers of many colors. Sagenite is found here too. There are also agate filled geodes and amygdules.

The camp will be accessible by RVs and cars, although the last stretch of the road may need to be driven carefully. This will be a dry camp, bring what you need. Don't forget sunscreen and hats, lots of water. It could be hot during the day and cold at night. Gas and simple supplies are available at Chiriaco Summit, Blythe has anything you could need, including motels. We will be having our traditional potluck on Saturday night, so bring something good to share. Telling lies around the campfire is also on the agenda.

We will leave the camp every day at 08:30 AM, a high clearance vehicle will be necessary to reach the collecting sites. We will carpool as required. You will want to take lunch. Standard rock tools should suffice rock pick and spray bottle. You may want a small sledge and gad.

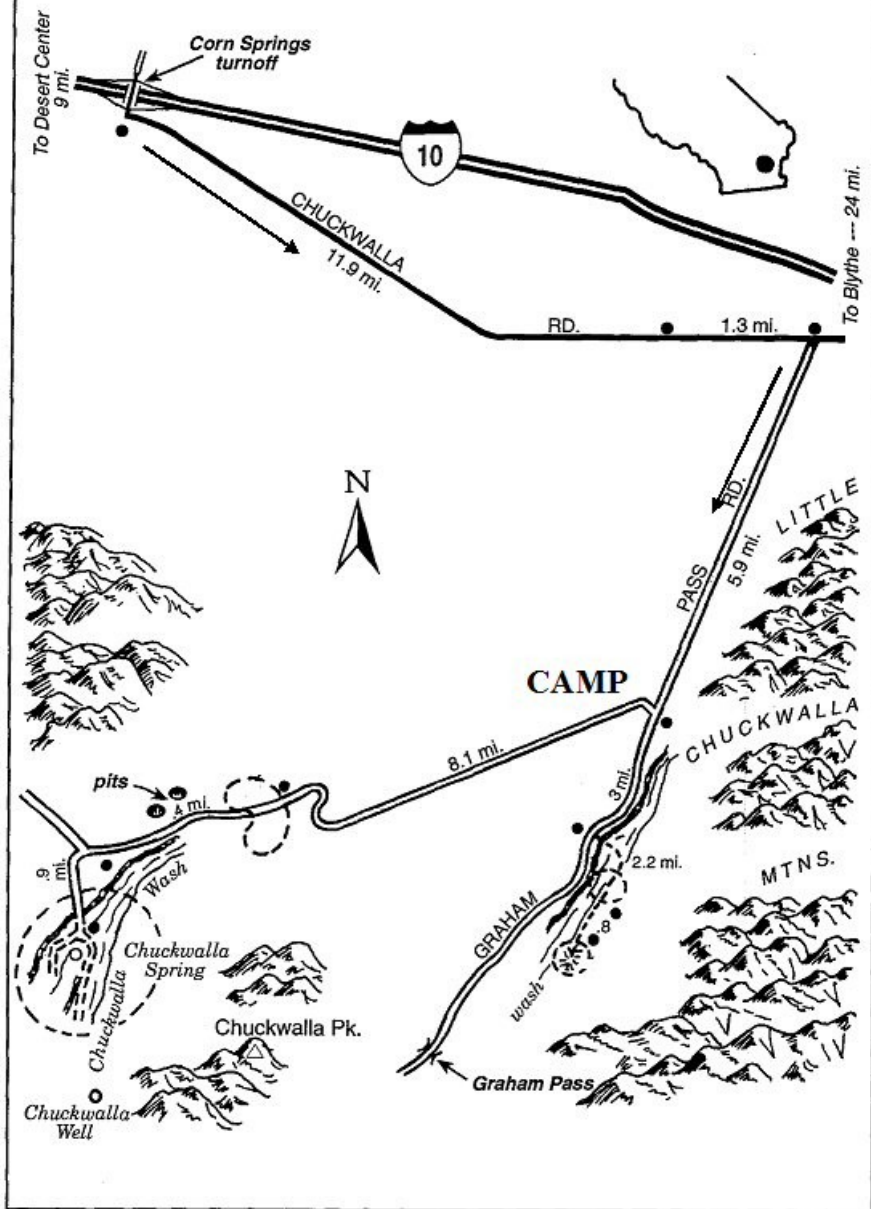
### **Directions:**

Take I-10 east to Ford Dry Lake off-ramp (exit 217) east of Desert Center. Turn right onto Chuckwalla Rd (which parallels the freeway), and go back west for 2.9 miles to the junction with Graham Pass Road. This road has a sign (BLM vertical type). Turn right and go south for 5.9 miles to the junction with Chuckwalla Springs Rd, there should be a sign here. Take the right fork and follow the signs to the campsite. Chuckwalla road is paved but very tore up and rough. Graham Pass road is a good graded dirt road. From the Chuckwalla Springs turn off to camp is "washboardy". We will put out some Searcher signs to help you find your way. These directions are mostly taken from the Desert Gem Trails book, and the original info is copied below. Without traffic it is about 3 hours from Anaheim to the freeway turn off.

If you have any questions about the trip you can contact the leaders; Robert at (562) 860-5938, or Jay at (626) 934-9764. Or you can contact me (Steve Duncan) directly at (714) 724-7102, or [wsd@iteris.com](mailto:wsd@iteris.com).

October 10-11, 2009

# CHUCKWALLA SPRING





**CFMS FIELD TRIP & WEDDING**

**C.F.M.S. Field Trip**

**C**alling all Rockhounds!

Please come and celebrate this one of a kind ROCKHOUND WEDDING and ROCK HUNT.

On, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2009, Federation Director, Adam Dean & his fiancée Teresa will be united in matrimony in THE CADY MOUNTAINS. They would like to invite all Rockhounds, far and wide, to come together and join them for a day of fun and Rock Hounding in The Cady Mountains.

THE EVENTS WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM. Everyone will meet at the AFTON CANYON GROUP CAMPGROUND (directions below).

THE DAY WILL BEGIN WITH THE WEDDING, FOLLOWED BY A POTLUCK LUNCHEON (PLEASE BRING FOOD TO SHARE WITH OTHERS). ALSO BRING A FOLDING CHAIR TO SIT ON.

AT 12 NOON, the Bride and Groom, plus Shep Koss, will lead a ROCK HOUNDING TRIP TO ONE OF THEIR FAVORITE LOCATIONS IN THE CADYS.

DRESS TO ROCK HOUND!

No gifts please, if you so desire, there will be a money tree at the wedding.

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**DIRECTIONS:** To the AFTON CANYON GROUP CAMPGROUND (50 miles east of Barstow, off the 15 freeway)

**COMING FROM THE SOUTH:**

Drive North on the Interstate 15. Pass Barstow and go around 45 miles to the AFTON ROAD EXIT. Exit and turn right. Follow the dirt road about 2 1/2 miles to the top of a rise. THE GROUP CAMPGROUND IS ABOUT 1/2 MILE FROM THE REGULAR CAMPGROUND.

**COMING FROM THE NORTH (Las Vegas):**

Drive South on Interstate 15. Pass Baker, CA, and go around 25 miles to the AFTON CANYON ROAD EXIT. Turn left and cross over the freeway. Follow the dirt road. about 2 1/2 miles to the top of a rise. THE GROUP CAMPGROUND IS ABOUT 1/2 MILE FROM THE REGULAR CAMPGROUND.

**GPS DIRECTIONS:**

THE AFTON CANYON EXIT CAN BE LOCATED BY ENTERING YOUR DESTINATION AS "DUNN, CALIFORNIA"

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From the Freeway to the campground there is a good dirt road, no need for 4wd. From the campground to the collecting sight 4wd will be necessary. If you don't have 4wd and would like to join in, come to the campground and we will car pool people over to the collecting sight.

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Please join us and have fun.

Adam Dean  
The Agate Hunter  
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**THIRTEEN THINGS YOUR BURGLAR  
WON'T TELL YOU**

1. Of course I look familiar. I was here just last week cleaning your carpets, painting your shutters, or delivering your new refrigerator.
2. Hey, thanks for letting me use the bathroom when I was working in your yard last week. While I was in there, I unlatched the back window to make my return a little easier.
3. Love those flowers. That tells me you have taste ... and taste means there are nice things inside. Those yard toys your kids leave out always make me wonder what type of gaming system they have.
4. Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway. And I might leave a pizza flyer in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it.
5. If it snows while you're out of town, get a neighbor to create car and foot tracks into the house. Virgin drifts in the driveway are a dead giveaway.
6. If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it's set. That makes it too easy.
7. A good security company alarms the window over the sink. And the windows on the second floor, which often access the master bedroom-and your jewelry. It's not a bad idea to put motion detectors up there too.
8. It's raining, you're fumbling with your umbrella, and you forget to lock your door-understandable. But understand this: I don't take a day off because of bad weather.
9. I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. (Don't take me up on it.)
10. Do you really think I won't look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet.
11. Here's a helpful hint: I almost never go into kids' rooms.
12. You're right: I won't have enough time to break into that safe where you

keep your valuables. But if it's not bolted down, I'll take it with me.

13. A loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system. If you're reluctant to leave your TV on while you're out of town, you can buy a \$35 device that works on a timer and simulates the flickering glow of a real television. (Find it at [faketv.com](http://faketv.com).)

## **8 MORE THINGS A BURGLAR WON'T TELL YOU**

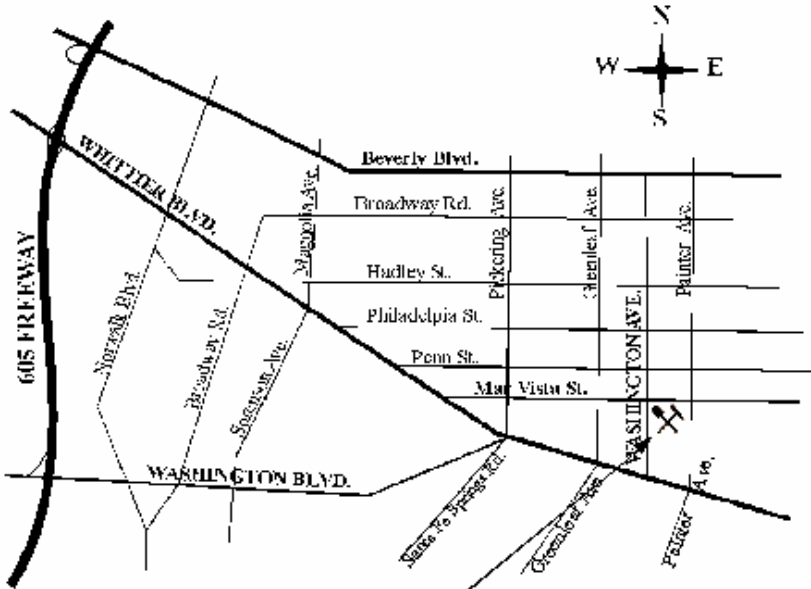
1. Sometimes, I carry a clipboard. Sometimes, I dress like a lawn guy and carry a rake. I do my best to never, ever look like a crook.
2. The two things I hate most: loud dogs and nosy neighbors.
3. I'll break a window to get in, even if it makes a little noise. If your neighbor hears one loud sound, he'll stop what he's doing and wait to hear it again. If he doesn't hear it again, he'll just go back to what he was doing. It's human nature.
4. I'm not complaining, but why would you pay all that money for a fancy alarm system and leave your house without setting it?
5. I love looking in your windows. I'm looking for signs that you're home, and for flat screen TVs or gaming systems I'd like. I'll drive or walk through your neighborhood at night, before you close the blinds, just to pick my targets.
6. Avoid announcing your vacation on your Facebook page. It's easier than you think to look up your address.
7. To you, leaving that window open just a crack during the day is a way to let in a little fresh air. To me, it's an invitation.
8. If you don't answer when I knock, I try the door. Occasionally, I hit the jackpot and walk right in.

*Sources: Convicted burglars in North Carolina, Oregon, California, and Kentucky; security consultant Chris McGoey, who runs [crimedoctor.com](http://crimedoctor.com); and Richard T. Wright, a criminology professor at the University of Missouri - St. Louis, who interviewed 105 burglars for his book *Burglars on the Job*.*

**Upcoming CFMS Gem Shows**

- Oct 10-11 Trona, CA.** Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society  
Searles Gem & Mineral Show Building, 13337 Main Street  
Hours: Sat. 7:30-5; Sun. 7:30-4
- Oct 17 Woodland Hills, CA.** Woodland Hills Rockchippers  
First United Methodist Church, 22700 Sherman Way  
Hours: Sat. 10-5
- Oct 17-18 Whittier, CA. Whittier Gem & Mineral Society**  
Whittier Community Center, 7630 Washington Ave.  
Hours: Sat. 10-5 both days
- Nov 7-8 Lancaster, CA.** Palmdale Gem & Mineral Society  
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds, 2551 W. Ave. H, Hwy 14  
Hours: 9 - 5 both days
- Nov 7-8 Ridgecrest, CA.** Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society  
Desert Empire Fairgrounds, 520 S. Richmond Rd.  
Hours: 9 - 5 both days
- Nov 14-15 Victorville, CA.** Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Society  
San Bernardino Co. Fairgrounds, 17800 - 7th Street  
Hours: 9-5 daily
- Nov 21-22 Oxnard, CA.** Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society  
Oxnard Performing Arts Center, 800 Hobson Way  
Hours: Sat. 9-5; Sun. 10-4
- Dec 5-6 Barstow, CA.** Mojave Gem & Mineral Society  
Community Center, 841 Barstow Road  
Hours: 10-5 daily
- Feb 12-21 Indio, CA.** San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society  
Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival  
Gem & Mineral Building - Bldg #1, 46-350 Arabia Street  
Hours: 10 am - 10 pm
- Mar 6-7 Arcadia, CA.** Monrovia Rockhounds, Inc.  
Los Angeles Co. Arboretum & Botanic Gardens  
301 Baldwin Ave.  
Hours: Sat. & Sun. 9-4:30

**WGMS MEETING LOCATION!**  
**Whittier Community Center**  
**7630 Washington Ave. Whittier**



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