

BROWN BAG LUNCH LECTURE

A Suicide Bombing at Giant Rock

presented by Mike Digby

November 15, 2018 ~ 12 p.m.

\$5, free for members

Beverages will be served



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In the summer of 1942, a fifty-seven year old engineer and local eccentric by the name of Frank Critzer was known for two things: as the owner/operator of the Giant Rock airstrip in Landers in the Mojave Desert, and as the man who lived alone - under a rock. The Giant Rock. During a criminal investigation Critzer caused a quantity of dynamite, stored in his home, to explode. Critzer was killed immediately while the three deputies suffered non-fatal wounds. But why? This lecture will focus on the forensic evaluation and post-blast investigation as well as address the many rumors and inconsistencies about this most bizarre case.

Mike Digby retired as a detective/bomb technician after serving 34 years with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and seven years with the United States Army. He has provided bomb training to police and military organizations around the world. He has also authored two books: *The Bombs, Bombers and Bombings of Los Angeles* (2016) and *A Bombing in the Wilshire-Pico District* (2018).

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