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SEARCHERS GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.
Established June 20, 1958
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Note: List of Committee Chairpersons will appear
in Searchers Roster

AFFILIATIONS: California Federation of Mineralogical Societies
American Federation of Mineralogical Societies

SEARCHERS: The Searchers Gem and Mineral Society, Inc., meets on
the second Tuesday of each month at the Anaheim Memorial Hospital
Medical Office Building, 1211 W. La Palma Avenue, Anaheim.
Meetings begin at 7:30 P.M. Visitors are always welcome.

Membershiip dues are accepted January through September. Adult
Members: \$10.00 each, and Junior members \$2.00 each.

Field Trips are usually held on the third weekend of each month.
These are announced monthly. Trip maps, added activities, time
changes and other pertinent information will be published in the
bulletin.

Board Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month.
These will be held in the boardroom in the basement of the Anaheim
Memorial Hospital Medical Office Building at 7:30 P.M.

WORKSHOPS: Workshops have been temporarily cancelled.

Silversmithing - Temporarily cancelled.

REQUIREMENT: Items for the bulletin must be in the hands of the
editor by the first (1st) Tuesday of each month. Please mail all
items to:
Jeanne Howe, 1482 Ponderosa Ave. Fullerton, CA 92635



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Where were you? It was the most gorgeous day of this year. The rains had stopped. The sun was out. The breeze was balmy, the sky clear, and the snow was beautiful on the mountains! Everything was perfect, except there were just a few Searchers at our Rock Give-away.

Alfons Kontvis was there and brought some fresh oranges from his trees. Delicious. Also, his wife sent him to the rock give-away with all his best slabs, and told him not to bring any home with him. You who are new to rockhounding missed a great opportunity to profit from trips the club has been on for several years back.

The club was fortunate to get many slabs from Alfons for the Wheel of Fortune and the craft activities, hundreds of slabs, of all kinds, shapes and sizes.

Marvin Mog brought some of his better rocks and identified where they came from. Other long time members brought specimens and slabs from their collections. The givers were there, it was the takers that were missing.

Merle Howe, President

CLUB CALENDAR

February 9, Tuesday
February 15 Monday
February 23 Tuesday
February 24 Wednesday

General Meeting
Craft Meeting-Potluck
Show Committee Meeting
Board Meeting

UPCOMING SHOW DATES

Feb. 20 & 21

North Hollywood, CA. - San Fernando
Valley Gem Fair, Valley Plaza
Recreation Center 12240 Archwood,
N. Hollywood. 20th 10-16, 21st
10-5

February 27 & 28

Needles, CA. Needles Gem & Mineral
Club, Elks Lodge, 1000 Lillyhill Dr.
10-5 both days

March 6 & 7

Arcadia, CA. Monrovia Rockhounds
State & County Arboretum, Ayers
Hall, 301 N. Baldwin Av, Arcadia
Hours both days 9-4:30

March 6 & 7

Ventura, CA. Ventura Gem and
Mineral Society. County Fair-
grounds, Harbor Blvd, Ventura
Hours 6th 10-6, 7th 10-5


REPORTS

FIELD TRIPS

The January trip to the annual tailgate at Stoddard Wells was cancelled due to the heavy rains.

Following is the tentative field trip schedule for 1993.

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>FIELD TRIP CHAIRPERSON</u>
February	Quartzsite, AZ	Phil Martinez
March	Lavie Siding	Phil Martinez
April	Red Cloud Mine, AZ	Steve Nohl
May	Extended trip	Jay Cole and George Mitchum
June	Open	Open
July	Annual Picnic	Open
August	B.B.Q.	Open
September	Open	Open'
October	Chuckawalla Mts, CA	Jim Everitt
November	Thanksgiving	Open
December	Christmas Party	George Mitchum and Marge Jordan



Please volunteer to take one of the "OPEN" trips above, or we may have to cancel. Contact Phil Martinez - 633-5328. I will help with any trip you volunteer for.

Phil Martinez

PROGRAMS

At our January Meeting we all enjoyed the slides of New Zealand that Marv and Jacque Mog showed for us, and Marv's comments on their trip. Too bad we all could not have fit into their caravan and gone along.

Tonight we will have a presentation by Ed Murphy on the archeological digs in California.

Herb Beckman

A THANKYOU TO ALL OF YOU who sent cards and good wishes to Sue Hodges. She wants you to know how much they were appreciated. Sue has had a serious bout with the flu and has been fighting to save the sight in her right eye which has been eighty per cent lost in the past couple of months.

SHOW REPORT

There will be a meeting of the Show Committee, February 23, at 7:00 P.M. at the Westley's club house. (A map was in last month's bulletin.) We need donation awards prizes. Anyone who can contribute, please contact Eva Coan.

CRAFTS

The February 2nd Crafts meeting at Jan Gillette's, 120 N. Evergreen St., Anaheim (776-9467) has been postponed until February 15th at 10:00 A.M. This will be a potluck, so please bring a dish to share.

Many of the members are busy working on Craft projects in their homes. We also are continuing to meet once a month to work on projects together.

Our next meeting will be held March 15th at Betty Henderson's, 1427 Damon St., Anaheim (772-1996). The meeting will begin at 10:00 A.M. We will have a potluck, so please bring a dish to share.

We still need some rocks for chimes and cutting stones for magnets for refrigerators. If you have any to donate, please tell me.



Joyce Martinez (633-5328)

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to our new members who joined at our January meeting.

Ed Murphy
5930 La Cumbre
Yorba Linda, CA 92687
(714) 779-1319

and

Victor B. Matloff
18590 Warren Avenue
Tustin, CA 92680
(714) 731-6025

A reminder to the old and new members, when you pick up your monthly bulletin at the meetings, be sure to pull your mailing name label from the mailing list. This will prevent another bulletin being mailed out to you, which is costly for the club.

Also, we still have our items for sale such as a cloth patch searcher emblem that you can sew on a jacket at \$2.00, a large stick-on Searcher emblem at 50 cents, our small Searcher pins at \$2.50 and a 5" x 5" metal hang-up type Searcher emblem at \$2.00.

If anyone wishes to purchase any of these items to help out the club, you may see me. Thanks!

We're in another new year, and your dues are due now. All you 92 members who have not yet paid your dues, please do so now. If you can't make a meeting, send them directly to me. The new rosters will come out in March.

Milly Arvanites

PUBLIC LANDS

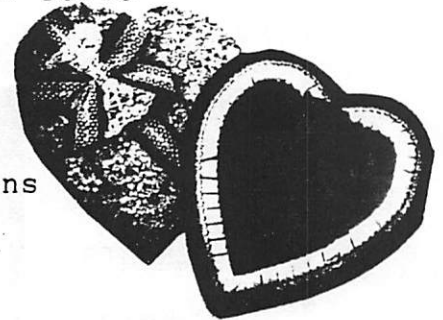
US Senator Feinstein and Senator Elect Barbara Boxer both have made post election commitments to pass a California Desert Bill this year, introducing it as early as this month. To block this bill, your letters are needed immediately. Please write a letter of your own, or send a copy of the one Paul Westley has made up to these people:

Sen. Diane Feinstein
United States Senate
Washington D.C. 20510

Rep. Jerry Lewis
US House of Representatives
Washington D.C. 20510

Gov. Pete Wilson
State Capitol Bldg.
Sacramento, CA 95814

Elmer Parsons



FOR SALE

Truck for Sale"

'85 Ford F250, 62,000 Mi.
Power Steering & brakes. Automatic
Transmission, Air Conditioner,
Trailer Hitch, P.U. Shell, Sliding
rear window, 2 gas tanks.

Ideal trailer

'78, 23 Foot trailer. Rear bath, new
catalytic Heater, large 'frig with
separate freezer, awning, jacks

For Either or both items see
Evelyn Klumb

Black & Decker

R.V. Electric coffee maker. Never used.
\$50.00

See Mary Jane Parsons

LOST:

A small grey collapsible umbrella, at the Christmas party. If found, please return to Alice Lux.

JUST MAYBE!

From the Los Angeles Times:

The Anaheim Cultural Arts Center, closed six months ago and supposedly ticketed for the wrecking ball, may reopen next year with a new owner--the city's arts community. . . . Andy Deneau, said the project has the backing of five local companies, Disneyland, Rockwell International, the California Angels, Fujitsu Business Communications and Yves' Bistro. . . .

Let's all keep our fingers croseed.

SUNSHINE:

Have not heard of anyone being ill this past month ...let's keep it that way.

Heard from Joyce Whalin that Burt's open heart surgery went well and six days following the surgery he had two more heart attacks and was rushed to surgery again and given a pacemaker. He had recovered and returned home from the hospital the 1st of February. We hope that he will soon be up and about and good as new.

Marge Jordan

Ed. Note: Marge, herself, had a miserable bout with cold and flu. Hope she is completely on top of it by now.

FEDERATION DELEGATE REPORT

To anyone who may be interested in attending the CFMS Earth Science Studies at Soda Springs, ZZYX Road, California, from March 28 thru April 2, 1993: Please let me know and I will give you the necessary form. Reservations must be in not later than March 1st, 1993. There is a charge of \$150.00 per person for the five day program.

George Mitchum, Federation Director.

BULLETINS: DON'T TAKE TWO IF ONE WILL DO.

A word about our bulletins. For a long time we have acknowledged that they are the single greatest expense for our club. Postage is costly, but it is a fixed expense. We know it will be 29 cents for every bulletin we mail. In contrast, the bulletin costs just over 50 cents a copy to produce. Wastefully used, they can be more costly than mailing.

The following page is a report of what went on at the Orange County Gem and Mineral Council Meeting.

On Saturday, Jan 23, 1993 I attended the Orange County Gem and Mineral Council meeting held at the Orange Coast Mineral and Lapidary Society Show, Plumbers Union Hall in Santa Ana, CA.

Member Council Clubs attending:

Capistrano Valley - Dick Knox and Mrs Dustin
Santa Ana Rock & Mineral - Harry and Betty Davis
Orange Coast Mineral & Lapidary Society - Cleo Wardlow
Autonetics Rock and Mineral - their President and 2 other members (didn't get their names)
North Orange County Gem and Mineral - Isabella and Bill Burns
Faceters Guild - Clare Gagnon
Gem Carvers - Todd Schowalter
Searchers Gem and Mineral Society - George Mitchum (Walter Mroch - no show)

North Orange County Gem & Mineral announced that they will be holding cabochon making classes on Monday and Wednesday evenings and Silver classes on Thursday evenings. They said if there is anyone from any other club interested in attending these classes they are welcome and to call Izzy Burns for times, places and dates. Her number (818) 288-2896. These will be held in LaHabra either near or at the Civic Center. The North Orange County Club will be holding another Petrified Wood Identification Class on 27 February. Anyone interested please call Izzy at the above number.

Orange Coast Mineral - will host a Field trip to the Mailbu area for Fossils. No firm date was mentioned for time and places please call (714) 859-5514 (did not get name of a contact but think that is the person who will be leading the trip.

The Santa Ana Club will have a trip to Hackberry Wash on April 16, 17 and 18, 1993. Harry Davis will be leading that trip and said it would be a good trip and good material. Anyone interested should ocntact Harry at (714) 542-8480.

There will be a Rock and Fossil Discovery Day at Clark Regional Park, Saturday, March 13th, 1993. This will be at the Ralph B. Clark Interpretive Center at 8800 Rosecrans Avenue, Buena Park, CA. Times: 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Lisa C. Babilonia will be leading this event but please call in advance so they have some idean as to how many to expect. She can be reached at (714) 670-8052 (see attached material).

Todd Schowalter announced that he will have the old building back for the '93 Orange County Fair. The Fair will run 17 days this year beginning 9 July 1993. Todd mentioned that he would like clubs to think about having their club sponsor a day where there could be several members doing demonstrations, hosting, giving out information, etc. Todd will also need volunteers for 3 hour shifts. He will have more information later.

There was mention of newly elected Senator Feinstein's Desert Protection Bill which she has said she would get passed within 100 days. The areas to be effected would be the Owl Hole, Strawberry Onyx, North Cady Mountains - Wildneress, Hackberry Wash, etc. The feeling was that even though Feinstein is going to push hard to get this done ASAP that it will take at least 3 or 4 months minimum or more to get this accomplished. Both the World of Rockhounds Association (WRA) and the American Lands Access Association (ALAA) are fully aware of this and have their lobbyists working on it.

The future AFMS/CFMS combined Show to be held in 1996 was discussed but there was nothing decided at this point in time. The tentative dates would be the last week of Autust or the first week of September of 1996. Anything further on this '96 Show will be brought up and discussed at the next Orange County Gem and Mineral Council Meeting which will be held at the Searchers Gem and Mineral Roundup, at the Brookhurst Community Center on Saturday, May 1st, 2:00 PM.

George Mitchum

CLUB CASES

34th Searchers Gem Round-up

May 1-2, 1993

A sign up sheet will be available tonight to sign up to display a case in our upcoming show. A ribbon will be given for each case displayed. Trophies are awarded for each five years.

This show offers a chance for our new members to show their talents or their favorite collections. Just remember we all were new members at one time.

If anyone has cases they would be willing to loan or sell, please let me know.

Please sign up tonight and get involved in your club show.

Jan Gillette

Experience the World of
"Rock Hounds" & "Fossil Finders"
at Clark Regional Park's

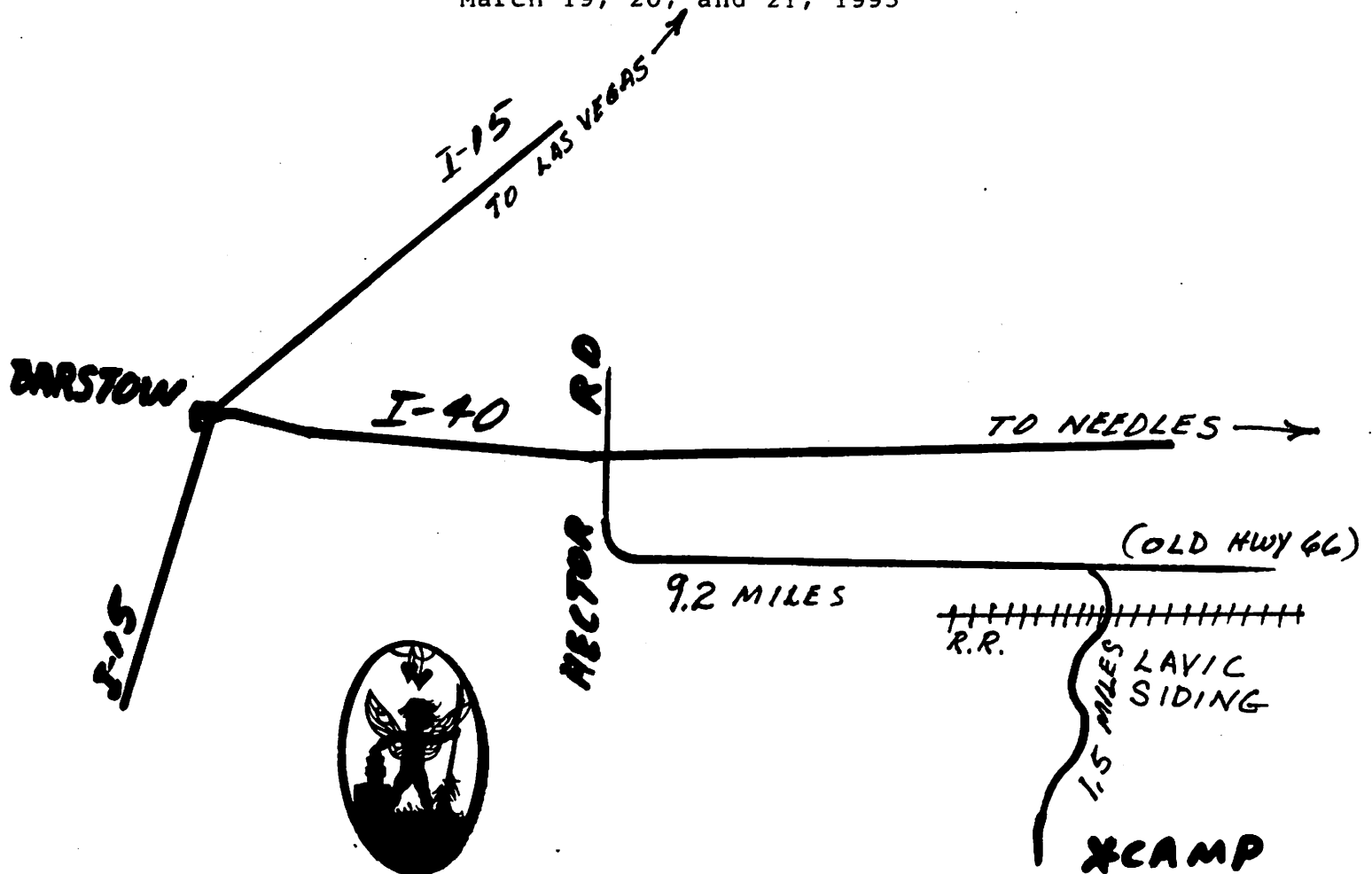
**ROCK & FOSSIL
DISCOVERY DAY!**

Saturday, March 13

10 am - 3 pm in the Museum

FOR INFO CALL (714) 670-8052

LAVIC SIDING
March 19, 20, and 21, 1993



1. Follow Interstate #40 east from Barstow, past Newberry Springs to Hector road off ramp, continue east on old Route #66 for 9.2 miles. Turn right and cross railroad tracks and go approximately 1.5 miles to campsite.

2. What to collect:

Agate, jaspagate, jasper & chalcedony in float. The extra material you collect can be put in boxes for grab bags located at Field Trip Chairman's rig.

3. Dry Camp - bring wood and water and enjoy a weekend in the outdoors.

Phil Martine