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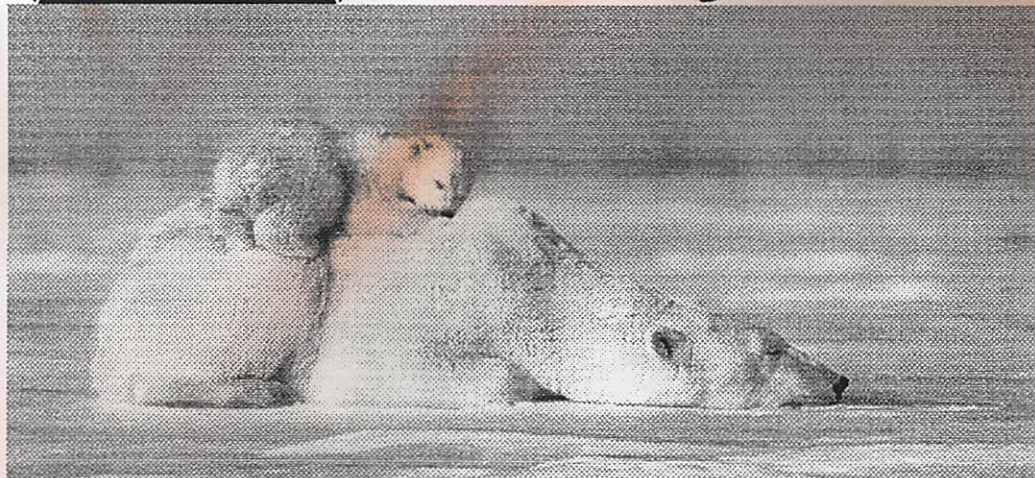
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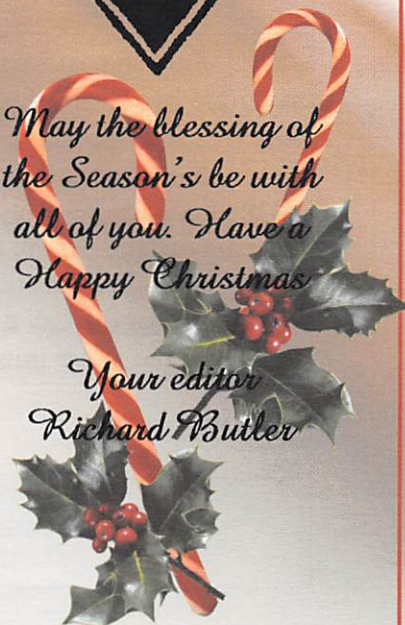
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*May the blessing of
the Season's be with
all of you. Have a
Happy Christmas*

*Your editor
Richard Butler*



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Announcements: All announcements must be in by the Friday after the regular meeting to make the next month paper.

GOOD BYE FROM YOUR EDITOR

For the past two years now I have had the good luck of being your editor. Now its time for me to say good bye to all of you as your editor and let someone else take over. Its been a lot of fun trying to make sure that this one of the best paper in the CFMS and one of the best papers for all of you.

Now its time for someone else take over The Rock Slab News and keep it up and running. To meet all the dead lines to stay up till 2 or 3 AM so they can get the paper to the printer the next day. Then taking the paper to the person that will be doing the mail out and when the mail out is dun taking the paper down to the post office for the mail out, but your not dun yet now you have two other post offices to go too. Now it's the end of the day and you can go home and start on the next month paper. So who ever the person is that takes the paper **good luck** and if you need help give me a call and I will see what I can do to help.

Your Editor
Richard Butler

GOOD BYE





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Regular Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the new **Anaheim Downtown Community Center, 250 E. Center Street, Anaheim, CA.**

Visitors are always welcome.

Board meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month, January through December. The meetings are held at the new **Anaheim Downtown Community Center, 250 E. Center Street, Anaheim, CA.**

Members are always welcome.

Membership Dues: Annually: \$20 for adults, \$25 per couple, and \$2 for junior members under 17 years in age.


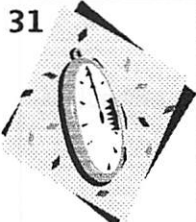
Field Trips: Held on the published dates of each month. Trip maps, added activities, time changes and other pertinent information will be published in The Rock Slab News.

Workshop: The workshop time and dates can be found on the monthly calendar.

Deadline for Articles: Must be in the hands of the editor by the **Friday following each regular monthly meeting** to insure publication for the next month.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	* Birthdays * Anniversaries				1	2 HOLIDAY BANQUET NO SHOP
3 *Dennis Ming	4	5 Show Committee meeting 7:00 to 9:00 PM Downtown Center	6	7 Work shop 6:30 to 10:00 *Jeanie Ming	8	9 Work shop 3:30 to 9:30
10 * Donald Shilling	11	12	13	14 Work shop 6:30 to 10:00 Board Meeting 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	15 *Marvin Mog * Robert Ciampa	16 Work shop 3:30 to 9:30
17	18	19	20	21 Work shop 6:30 to 10:00	22 Hanukkah	23 * Jeri Parkerson
24 * Margaret Neeley	25 seasons greetings  * Brian Zwick	26	27	28 * Donna Sidlin	29 * Eileen Hartsock	30
31  New Years eve						

This is my final message as your president. The new board with Nancy Norlund as President, will take over in January. They promise to be a good team. .

The last two years have been busy ones for our club.. We were faced with finding a new place to meet. on very short notice, and succeeded in acquiring excellent space at the new Anaheim Community Center.. We replaced our old shop equipment so that we could move into our present workshop location about 18 months ago and under the guidance of Herb Beckman and his crew, the shop has been prospering. If you haven't visited lately, you should do so. Not only will you have the chance to work on your lapidary skills, but we have members there who will teach you the art of wire wrapping

Thanks to Norbert Bernhardt, we now have an active youth group with a special Rock N Kids activity each month. Our membership has continued to grow and many of our new members have taken an active part in our club's leadership. This a good and very healthy sign.. In 1999 for the first time in many years, we took in significantly more funds than we spent, although we continued to maintain our community involvement. Even though we are a nonprofit service group, our reserve funds were reaching a level that threatened to curtail our service activities.

I especially want to thank the board members and the committee chairpersons for their hard work and active involvement over the past two years. They are the reason the past two years have been successful for the Searchers. I have enjoyed working with all of you. I also look forward to serving as director on the new board. in the coming year.

Have a wonderful holiday season. and return in January ready to embark on what promises to be another productive and enjoyable year for the Searchers

Betty Nelson, Searcher President

The passing of David Reed

We are saddened to report the death of another member of the Searchers. David Reed, the husband of Elsie Reed died on October 8th of a heart attack following a long and complicated illness. David and Elsie had been married for 50 years. He was born in West Virginia, was 80 years old, and. Had retired as an aerospace engineer from North American Rockwell in 1981. David joined the Searchers in 1994 and had recently bought a new motor home in the hope of getting out on Searcher field trips. He loved camping. Along with Elsie he was also active in the Anaheim Arts Council. He leaves behind 5 children, David A. Reed III, Andria Reed Keener, Michael Reed, Keven Reed, and Alyson Reed, 9 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. A Memorial Service was held at 10 AM on October 27th at the United Methodist Church at State College and Vermont in Anaheim. Instead of flowers, the family requests donations to the Anaheim Beautiful Inc. Tree Fund, PO Box 4939 Anaheim, 92803 Ca. A tree will be planted with a plaque in his memory. Alternatively, a donation may be made to American Cancer Research

The annual fall business meeting of the California Federation of Mineral Societies was held in Visalia, in the great California Bread Basket, the weekend of November 9-11. About 90 delegates attended - not enough for a total of 146 clubs! A highlight of the business meeting was the election of officers for calendar 2001. Bob Stultz from the Conejo Club was elected as our new President.

Reports given by the heads of the many standing committees documented the good work being done by our Federation in areas like youth activities, education, field trips, scholarships, and recognition of clubs and individual members for their skills, accomplishments, or team efforts. In spite of all that good effort, CFMS clubs and memberships continue to decline (except ours!) Lets be sure to look at what makes us work well and hold on to it!

Last year, the focus was on insurance matters. That appears to have been competently addressed with a policy that now that gives each club far better protection for field trips and club rock shops. A recent brochure by Fred Ott summarizes this important benefit of CFMS affiliation. The Federation seems to be healthy, active and financially stable.

This year's attention initially focused on encouraging clubs to take on sponsorship of the Federation's annual show for 2002, 2003 and 2004. It is really important to spread the wealth of experience and ability around. There are a myriad of folks in the CFMS who will willingly help any club with specific guidelines for the "big shew".

Paso Robles is already well underway with arrangements for the Federation show in 2001. Several clubs stepped forward during the session to begin active consideration of future shows. The Valley Prospectors presented a check for over \$7500 as a 50/50 split of the profits from the August 2000 CFMS show in Riverside. Dry camping on the fairgrounds is a reasonable \$5 per night, \$10 for water and power.

One new project that sounds interesting is the formation of a new effort on publicity. CFMS started the project to help member clubs publicize their activities and attract new members. The initial meeting of the ad-hoc committee at Visalia developed a mission statement, goals for the next year, and a list of project ideas. These will be distributed to key officers in each of the Federation's 146 clubs during the next year.

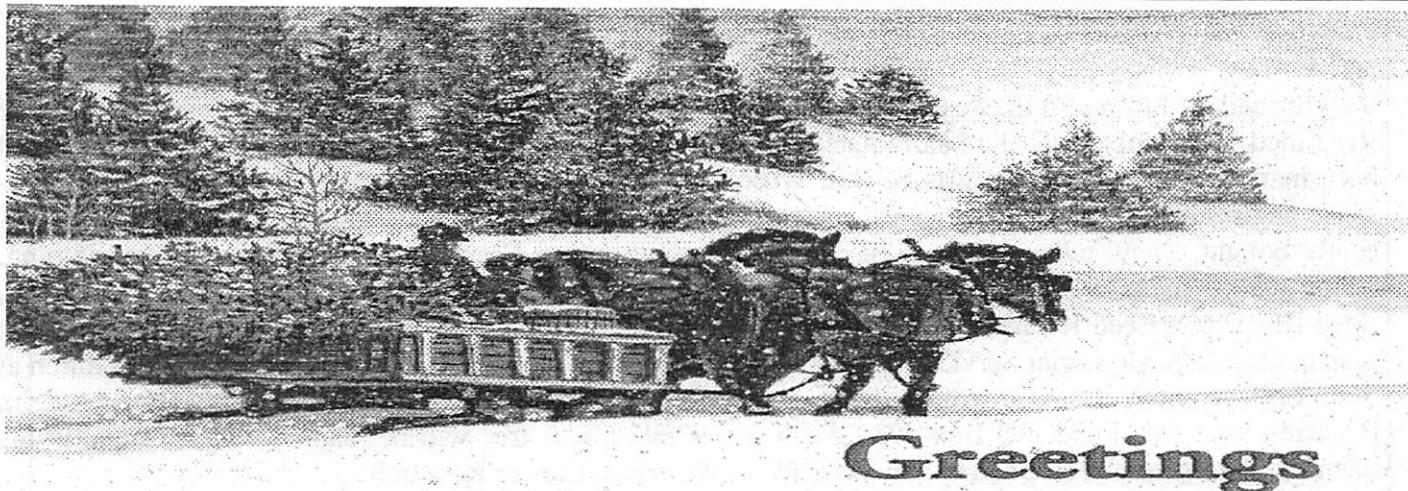
The CFMS plans at least three field trips this next year (my particular interest). Since the show is at Paso Robles, I understand a trip back to the ever popular Stone Canyon, less than 50 miles away may be anticipated. It would make a wonderful club field trip to Stone Canyon for that fab jasper and on to the P.R. show. I know I will be going, in addition to joining Burson's Binge on the extended trip. Put then both on your calendar and start filling the old piggy banks now. Maybe we can even anticipate a Searcher Case in it? Get busier, Shopsters.

The food was terrific at the banquet, for once, and it's always a pleasure to see friends again.

I know I have enjoyed my year as CFMS Director and wish Jim Perlowin even more fun. I know he will be a great one!

Beth Pelfrey

Federation Delegate



December

- 2 Holiday Party--Searchers, Elks Club, Garden Grove
2,3 Green Ash/Calico Hills--Connie Van Kampen/NOCCC, CconnieCat@aol.com
9 Tick Canyon, Agua Dulce, CA for Howlite, Colenanite, Ulexite--Woodland Hills Rock Chippers, Kevin 661/724-1202 and Sierra Pelona Rock Club, Santa Clarita

January, 2001

- 13 Refugio Beach--Woodland Hills Rock Chippers, Kevin, 661/724-1202
26-28 Quartzsite, AZ/Hauser Geode Beds--Joan Macomber, 714/821-0129 or Joanmacom@aol.com

LEAVE NO TRACE/TREAD LIGHTLY

"Leave No Trace!" and "Tread Lightly!" are 2 programs developed by the National Forest Service as guidelines for users of public lands. "Leave No Trace!" is an outdoor user's ethic that promotes more of an attitude and awareness than adherence to rules and regulations. "Tread Lightly!" is to encourage recreationists to be responsible during off-highway travel. These programs are just different ways of stating a number of articles of the American Federation Code of Ethics and therefore should be the practice of all rockhounds when using public and private lands. The following are selected points from each program to be attentive to and use when we are hiking, camping, driving and rockhounding.

"Leave No Trace!" was developed for back country users, but is applicable to all public land uses. It is a set of guidelines that will help lessen impact on the environment and on others. The principles of "Leave No Trace!" are:

Plan ahead and prepare.

Camp and travel on durable surfaces.

Pack It In, Pack It Out.

Minimize use and impact of fire.

Camping, off-highway travel, fires and garbage/litter removal are major concerns. When selecting a campsite choose one that is established or designated. Leave your site clean to increase the likelihood that others will use it. Leave the site cleaner than you found it, even if it means packing out someone else's trash. Use existing campfire rings to lessen the overall impact.

The USFS, and the BLM are not garbage removal services, therefore always pack out your trash and garbage. All food scraps and garbage should be packed out. They decompose slowly and are not natural to the environment. Burning or burying food causes problems. Keep food waste from animals to help prevent them from becoming habituated to humans as a source of food and becoming a nuisance around camp. Food waste also attracts and encourages non-native species.

"Tread Lightly!" began as a USFS program in the mid-1980's. Its goal was to educate the public on protecting public lands by practicing low-impact principles, applicable to all forms of recreational activity. The basic principles of the "Tread Lightly!" pledge are:

Travel only where permitted.

Respect the rights of others.

Educate yourself.

Avoid streams, meadows, wildlife areas, etc.

Drive and travel responsibly.

"Tread Lightly!" require four things: preparation, common sense, courtesy and respect for the environment. Before you head out on your next rockhounding trip or other off-highway adventure, a little preparation can make your life easier and safer. Planning for the unexpected will make your trip enjoyable rather than a disaster. Travel with a group of 2 or more vehicles to enable you to get out if you have mechanical problems, an accident or illness. A CB or the new FM walkie-talkies are valuable tools. Keeping in touch with others in your party is essential, and can alert them of hazards or if you are having a problem. Stay on designated roads--don't make your own short cuts. Respect fenced areas and No Trespassing signs. Leave gates as they are found. Remember -- Enjoy don't destroy. Defaced roads and trails caused by irresponsible people are often closed tomorrow. Be considerate of others on the road and in camping areas. Keep noise and dust down. Be cheerful and pleasant -- be a rockhound goodwill ambassador.

The "Tread Lightly!" pamphlet is an excellent source of off-highway driving tips and information. For brochures and more information on "Leave No Trace!" call 1-800-332-4100 and for "Tread Lightly!" call 1-800-966-9900.

From *Joan Macomber*

If any members would prefer to have the club bulletin, i.e. the Rock Slab News, sent via email or available through a login page on the Internet please register at <http://www.gemandmineral.com/searchers.html> (in the blue box at the top of the page). This will let us know how many people would be interested in receiving the bulletin in this manner and also allow other clubs to access the information as well. If you have any questions contact Walter Mroch at gameco@gemandmineral.com

NEWS FLASH II - NEW CASES PLANNED FOR 2001 SHOW

If anyone is interested in a new club designed case for the 2001 show please contact Walter Mroch. These cases will be a light-weight and compact design and help the club free up space in the storage unit. They will also save you space if you choose to buy one from the club as well. More details as we start working this important project.

From:

Walt Mroch

(714) 826-2132

Silent Auction and Donation Drawings for the year 2000.

I had a great year doing the donation drawings at our general meetings and this generated a revenue of \$486.00. The two silent auctions we held in June and November generated \$543.15 for a total of \$1,029.15, which I thought was very good. Thank you for all your participation.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Norlund

ROCK OF AGES

SOMEDAY I WILL FIND
THAT AWESOME ROCK OF AGES
CLEFT BETWEEN EACH BOOKMARK
TALKED ABOUT BY SAGES
A LEARNING FILLED WITH SPLENDOR
IN EACH WONDERMENT AMAZES
THIS CONTINUAL CYCLIC PROCESS
CAN BE BROUGHT ABOUT BY RAGES

WITH GALAXIES OF HEAVEN
TO EARTH IN ALL ITS PHASES
BRINGS QUESTIONS OR BEMUDERMENT
THROUGH COMPLEXITY OF STAGES
AND ITS BEAUTY BRINGS PROTECTION
FOR ALL THAT IT AMAZES
WHICH UNLOCKS THE SECRET MYSTERY
FROM THE SHADOWS AS IT DAZES

Season's Greetings



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10-15-2000

DUES ARE DUE!DUES ARE DUE!DUES ARE DUE!DUES ARE DUE!MEMBERSHIP:

WE SURELY HAD A GREAT TURN-OUT AT OUR NOVEMBER MEETING!, SO MANY CAME, SUCH A HUGE CROWD, AND SO MANY OF OUR OLE TIME CLUB MEMBERS WE HADN'T SEEN IN SEVERAL MONTHS - WAS STANDING ROOM ONLY! SO GOOD TO SEE EVERYONE!

OUR NEW PRESIDENT FOR 2001, NANCY NORLUND HAS GRACIOUSLY ASKED ME IF I WOULD CONTINUE AS "MEMBERSHIP" AGAIN FOR NEXT YEAR AND I ACCEPTED. DUES ARE DUE BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2001 FOR THE YEAR. YOU CAN MAIL THEM TO ME AT ANYTIME FROM NOW ON HOWEVER, AND I DO STRESS, IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND A CLUB MEETING IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY 2001, PLEASE DO MAIL YOUR DUES DIRECT TO ME, NOT TO THE POST OFFICE BOX. THERE'S A GREAT CHANCE I WILL NEVER KNOW OR RECEIVE YOUR DUES IF THEY GO ELSEWHERE, AND YOU WON'T BE COUNTED AS A MEMBER.

WE HAD ONE NEW MEMBER JOIN AT OUR NOVEMBER MEETING:

REGGIE C. HERMANO

P.O. BOX 844

ANAHEIM, CA. 92815-0844

714/412-9848

WELCOME REGGIE!

WE HAD ANOTHER NEW MEMBER JOIN US FROM RIVERSIDE. HE FOUND US ON THE WEB AND MAILED IN HIS DUES:

FRANK W. HEISER

3386 SOMIS DRIVE

RIVERSIDE, CA. 92507

909/784-0745

WITH THESE TWO NEW MEMBERS, THIS BRINGS OUR MEMBERSHIP TOTAL UP TO 212. YOU MAY ADD THESE NAMES TO YOUR ROSTERS.

AFTER THE FEBRUARY 2001 MEETING, I WILL BE SENDING OUT A POST CARD TO EACH AND EVERYONE OF YA AS A REMINDER IF YOU HAVE NOT AS YET PAID YOUR DUES. THE CUT OFF DATE FOR PAYING YOUR DUES IS MARCH 1ST, AS THIS GIVES ME THE TIME TO MAKE UP THE NEW MEMBERSHIP ROSTERS FOR 2001. THESE ARE THEN GIVEN TO EVERYONE AT THE MARCH 2001 MEETING. THAT'S HOW IT WORKS, SO PLEASE, PLEASE GET YOUR DUES TO ME ASAP, MAKES MY JOB SO MUCH EASIER!! THE NEW ROSTERS WILL BE "MY" OLD STYLE TYPE, THE SMALL BOOKLET AS IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN. YIPEE!!!

I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE SOME BIG THANKS AT THIS TIME TO JERRY & NANCY NORLUND. JERRY DID A GREAT JOB AS HE HAS BEFORE ON OUR SILENT AUCTION WE HAD IN NOVEMBER. IT WAS WELL DONE, WELL ORGANIZED AND HE HAS DONE A GREAT JOB IN GREETING THE NEW VISITORS AS THEY WALK THROUGH THE DOOR, AND SELLING THE RAFFLE TICKETS. GOOD JOB GUYS!!!

YOU CAN START SENDING IN YOUR DUES NOW! HERE'S MY ADDRESS:

MILLY ARVANITES

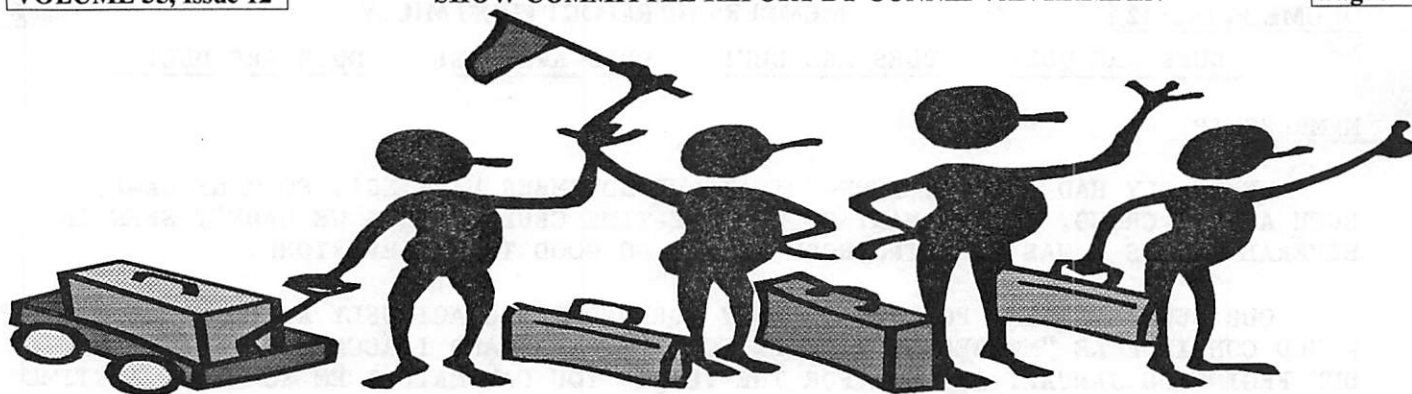
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THANKS A BUNCH!



IF THERE IS ANY CHANGE, CHANGE OF ADDRESS, PHONE NO., E-MAIL ETC. PLEASE LET ME KNOW SO THAT WE CAN HAVE A ROSTER THAT IS ALL CORRECT



2001 AN ODYSSEY IN GEMS AND JEWELS

YOUR SHOW COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE	CHAIRPERSON	PHONE	E-MAIL ADDRESS
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Hospitality	Dot Johnson	(714) 535-8579	
Kitchen	Nancy Norlund	(714) 960-6957	njnorlund@netzero.net
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