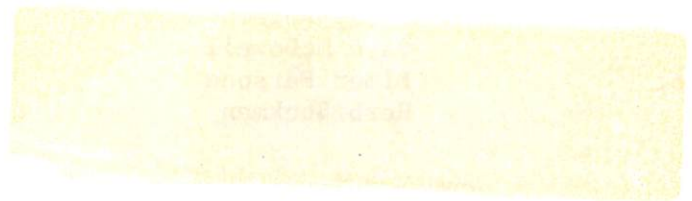


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SEARCHERS GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC
Established June 20, 1958

Mailing Address: P O Box 3492
Anaheim, CA 92804

CLUB OFFICERS

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Director	Herb Beckman	778-1496

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Phone Committee		
Social Director	Beth Pelfrey	774-2754
Workshop Foreman		

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

The Searchers Gem and Mineral Society, Inc. regular meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month on the basement level of the Anaheim Memorial Hospital Medical Office Building, 1211 W. LaPalma Avenue, Anaheim, CA. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM. Visitors are always welcome.

Membership dues are accepted January thru September. Adult Members: \$10.00 each, and Junior Members (under age 17) \$2.00.

Board Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month January through October and the third Tuesday in November and December. The meetings are held in the basement level Boardroom of the Anaheim Memorial Hospital Medical Office Building at 7:30 PM.

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

WORKSHOPS:

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: Marge Jordan, 12161 Bartlett Street, Garden Grove, CA 92845-1525.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!

Things really look good for 1997. We have a new workshop. Herb Beckman and his committee have found a way that we can afford the shop. Having a workshop should draw new members.

I would like to ask you to help set up the shop and to use it even if you have your own equipment. There is so much knowledge and experience in this Club that you can share with newcomers and the less experienced.

I learned today that we had over 210 members a few years ago. We had only 140 members in 1996, so lets really get behind the workshop and the show and GROW.

I would also like to ask you to bring extra material you collect on our field trips and share it with the new members or members who need material and could not go on some of the trips. Perhaps by doing this it may help to entice members to take advantage of our field trips.

We have a new format to try to make the meetings shorter. Can we try it to see if our meetings might be a little shorter and we can get home a bit earlier?

Doris Pelfrey

FUTURE CLUB ACTIVITIES:

- Jan 18th - Field Trip - Nuevo Dump
- Jan 21st - First Show Meeting
- Jan 28th - Board Meeting
- Feb 3rd - Field Trip to Quartzsite
- Feb 4th - Bulletin Items due
- Feb 11th- General Meeting

SHOW DATES:

- Jan 24 - 25 Pacific Micro Conference
So. Cal. Micro Mineralogists
San Bernardino County Museum
2024 Orange Tree Lane
Redlands, CA
"COPPER" Conference to register: Juanita Curtis (310) 427-0657
- Feb 8 - 9 San Diego Mienral & Gem Society
Al Bahr Temple
5440 Kearney Mesa Rd
San Diego, CA
Hours: Sat 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Sun. 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

FEDERATION REPORT:

LaPosa (Quartzsite) interdisciplinary resource management plan was brought about of the heavy winter recreation we within the planning area is the over-riding issue driving the management actions.

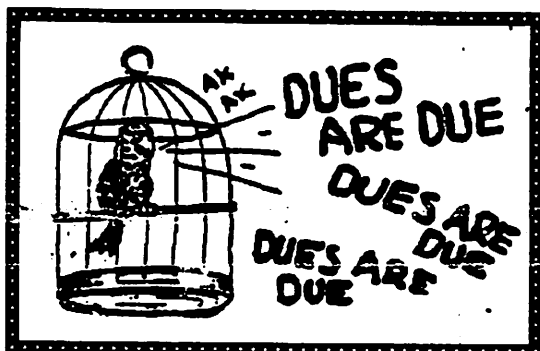
This reorganization results in the closure of approximately 5,500 acres including two heavily used areas (Clouds and Main Event) that are located on lands identified for disposal.

The amount of fuelwood in possession would be limited to a volume not to exceed one cubic yard in the approved areas.

Lands would be disposed of within the town of Quartzsite to accommodate community growth and development. Please see BLM map concerning this closure on page 3 of this bulletin.

Elmer Parsons

MEMBERSHIP:



I will be accepting dues at our January and February general meetings. If you mail them in please send them directly to me at the following address:

Milly L. Arvanites, Membership Chairman
5200 Irvine Boulevard, Space 388
Irvine, CA 92629-2061

I will see that you get your receipt and new 1997 Membership card. Thanks.

Milly Arvanites

ANAHEIM ARTS COUNCIL:

Elsie Reed will be the Anaheim Arts Council Soiree/Silent Auction Chairman and Mae Freedman will be her Co-Chairman.

Margaret Neeley

SLABS FOR VET'S:

We can always use more slabs for the Veteran's Lapidary Shop. If you have old slabs that you're not using or you're running your saw cut one for the Vets. I will have a box marked "Searchers Slabs for Vets" at the back of our meeting room - near the doffee.

Larry Richey

NOTICE: AUDREY NICHOLS WILL BE DOING THE FEBRUARY BULLETIN. PLEASE SEND ALL YOUR ITEMS TO AUDREY NOT LATER THAN FEBRUARY 4TH. AUDREY'S ADDRESS: 2128 WEST SUNRISE AVENUE, ANAHEIM, CA 92801. THANKS.

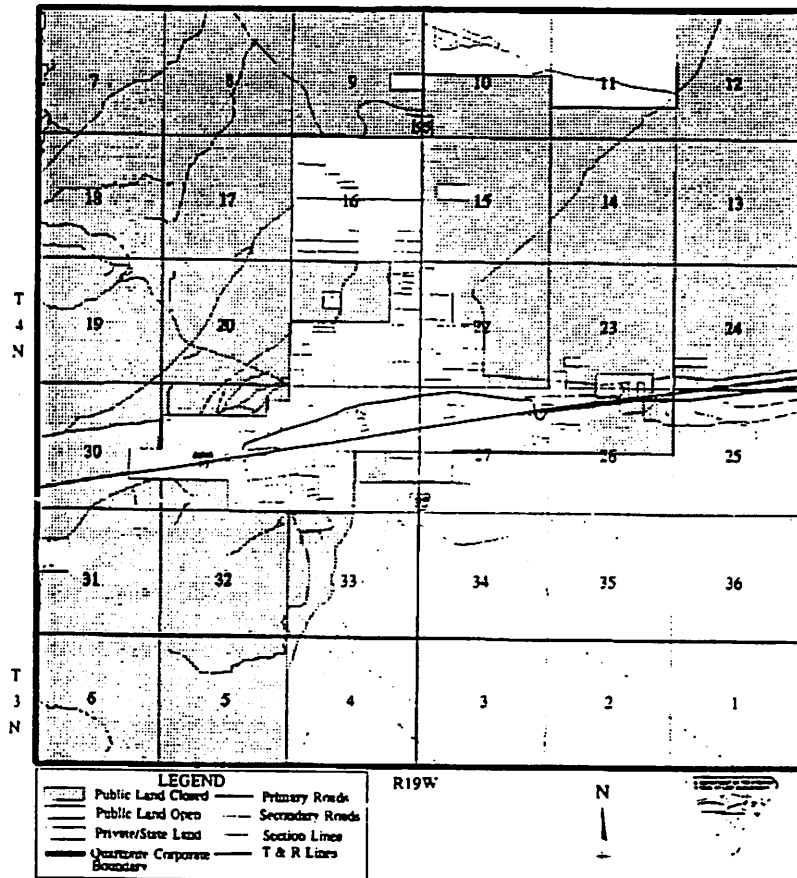
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, YUMA DISTRICT OFFICE
2555 EAST GILA RIDGE ROAD, YUMA, ARIZONA 85365

**OVERNIGHT CAMPING CLOSURE ORDER ON PUBLIC LAND
WITHIN THE TOWN OF QUARTZSITE, ARIZONA**

Public lands within the Town of Quartzsite highlighted in the darker shade on the map below are hereby closed to camping until further notice for the protection of health and safety under the provisions of 43 CFR 8364.1.



The overnight camping closure is being implemented for health and safety reasons, to resolve conflicts relating to public/private lands interface within the town, to facilitate disposal of public land within the town and to prevent further environmental degradation of the area.

Information concerning this closure is available at the Bureau of Land Management, Yuma District Office, 2555 East Gila Ridge Road, Yuma, Arizona 85365. Legal descriptions and larger maps detailing the closure will be posted at the Town Hall, Chamber of Commerce, and the U.S. Post Office within the Town of Quartzsite.

Any person who knowingly and willfully violates this closure order shall be fined not more than \$100,000 or imprisoned not more than 12 months, or both.

August 13, 1996
Date

Gail Acheson
Gail Acheson, Acting District Manager

1997 Searchers Meeting Program Schedule

The schedule below is provided to all of the membership so that everyone will know how every meeting will operate. The entire BOARD has agreed to this schedule. Please help us follow it. **Times shown are approximate** except for the President's Call to Order and the Meeting Ending.

Silent Auction Setup by	7:10PM
Initial Bidding from	7:10 to 7:25PM
PRESIDENT'S CALL TO ORDER	7:25PM
Initial Meeting Formalities	7:26PM
Pledge of Allegiance --> Welcome and Recognition of Guests --> Membership Report --> Sunshine Report --> Field Trip Report	
Presentation / Program	7:35PM
Prize Drawing/Punch & Cookies	8:05 or 8:35PM
Final Bidding for Silent Auction here too.	
Excuse of Guests for Business Meeting	
Business Meeting	8:45PM
Secretaries Report --> Treasurers Report --> Federation Report --> Old Issues --> New Issues --> Motions, Votes and Closure	
Meeting ENDS	9:30PM

SILENT AUCTIONS - EVERY MEETING - All members are urged to bring rocks, slabs, minerals and other lapidary or gem related items to support these events. Setup and signups will occur between 7:15PM and 7:25PM or during the prize drawing timeslot.

ROCKSWAPS - Will occur on field trips or other scheduled events. Please bring some rocks, gems, minerals, etc... related to the hobby so that we can have friendly exchanges on our field trips and other annual events to educate other members as well as promote more spirit and exchange between our members.

PRELIMINARY 1997 MEETING PROGRAMS -

JAN The TUCSON Experience (60 minute video) **FEB** 16 to 1 Gold Mine Video
MAR Desert Program (Connie Van Kampen) **APRIL** Crystal Ridge Program (Steve Knox)
MAY Topaz Mountain Slides/Program (Walter Mroch) **JUNE** SGMS Show Videos
JULY Stewart Lithia Mine Video (60 minutes) **AUG** Silversmith/Lapidary Program (Larry Richey)
SEP Pegmatite Program (Walter Mroch) **OCT** Fire Agate Program (Cliff Coan)
NOV Out of the Rock Video (30 minutes) **DEC** Christmas Dinner

A Message from the Searchers Program and Show Publicity Chairman

For the coming year I, as most of you should know by now, will be the Searchers 1st Vice President and the Show Publicity Chairman (again). On behalf of the new Board, I want to welcome each and every one of you back for another fun filled year. We plan on making some minor changes to improve the overall flow of the meeting and, in particular, want to make sure that our meetings start at 7:30PM and end promptly by 9:30PM. Members are encouraged to bring side issues to the Board first, so that they can be evaluated and prepared for the general membership if appropriate, and allow the general meetings to flow smoothly.

Major objectives for the 1997 Board will be to increase our membership (dropped by 25% since 1989), change our meeting format, implement activities and projects that will be for our long term benefit, to hold true to our charter purpose and actively promote our hobby and most importantly resurrect some esprit de corps into our membership so that in 1998 officers will present themselves of their own free will. I hope that you noticed that I mentioned "our" a few times. It is our club and it is up to each and every one of our members to help out.

The first objective, to increase membership, can not be accomplished solely by the Board - each and every member, young and old, needs to help bring new members into the club. For too long we, as a club, have all taken this for granted. The disbanded clubs listed in the November 1996 bulletin probably did too.

Second, we need to congratulate ourselves on the decision to support the New Searchers Workshop. This is a perfect example of adopting projects that provide long term benefit to our club. Special thanks are due to the Workshop Committee, and especially Herb Beckman and Jim Williamson. The workshop facility will be time-shared with the Opal Society. There will be a minimal fee for using equipment but there will also be many more free opportunities for pure learning. With the reestablishment of the Searchers Workshop we will have a great opportunity for both our membership and guests from other clubs.

At the January meeting you will find several things noticeably different. To help defray the monthly cost of the New Searchers Workshop the Board has decided, at my request as Program Chairman, to have silent auctions at most of our general meetings. Please bring good cut stones, minerals, slabs, etc... for the silent auctions starting in February. About 24 items will be up for auction at each meeting. Any excess donations will be used in future auctions so that we have good material at all of them. I will personally supply the minerals for the January meeting.

A new meeting format will be provided as a handout at the January meeting for all of the members in attendance. Our focus will be to take care of minor club business at start of the meeting followed immediately by the program. Next the silent auction, drawing and refreshments will all take place at the same time. After completion of the drawing, out of consideration for our guests, we will let them opt to stay or leave the business part of the meeting. Members are urged to stay and participate in charting the future course of our club.

Finally, do everything you can to help out Doris Pelfrey, our new President. She has a great deal of knowledge about the Club and its workings but she will from time to time ask our members to help out. Help her willingly and make 1997 the year that we make great strides to help the club grow in a positive manner.

Walter Mock

WORKSHOP REPORT:

We signed a 24-month lease on the Fullerton Workshop facility at 651 S. State College Blvd, Unit # 9. We vacated the "in-store" storage locker on 21 Dec '96. Our workshop lease is 1 Jan '97 through 31 Dec '98. The new Anaheim Senior's Center should be completed by Dec '98.

My sincere thanks to all the Searchers who used up part of their holiday weekend to help us move our stored stuff into the new workshop/storage facility. Thanks also to several bright eyed, jocular Searchers who helped move lapidary machinery donated by a former Searcher member, Afton Reinert to our shop. This was on a rainy Sunday morning (it rained only while we were moving, and then the rain stopped). This equipment included a 18" horizontal lap and much more surplus equipment and material which will help finance our workshop. We owe Afton Reinert a debt of gratitude.

Everyone who helped in these moves, including members of the American Opal Society who came by to look at the shop and stayed to help us unload, waxed enthusiastic about the potential of workshop activities to stimulate camaraderie, and growth in our organizations. We have identified a dozen types of classes we can conduct, and there are many other Searcher activities and projects that the workshop can support.

Our first meeting of the expanded workshop committee will be Thursday, Jan 9th at the shop. We will address and move on several issues including shop layout, Searcher/Opal Society schedules and equipment utilization, new funding, shop regulations, rules and equipment instructions. We will also prioritize and schedule bringing the workshop equipment on line. We have a lot of work to do to get the workshop going, however, Searchers always come through, and I'm confident we will have the workshop on line quickly.

There will be a brief workshop report at the Jan 14th meeting.

Herb Beckman



Rock Saws FOR SALE

(1) Blue Diamond	35.00
(1) 18" Highland Park	\$550.00
(1) Rock Display Case with lighting	\$125.00

Call Victor Matloff 714)731-6025

SHARING AND CARING:

We have received late word that one of our long time members, Bob Hodges, passed away on December 7th. Bob had had heart surgery.

Our deepest sympathy to his wife Sue and their family. Cards and notes would be appreciated.

Doris Pelfrey



SEARCHERS FIELD TRIPS
1997 AGENDA

JANUARY 18th	NUEVO DUMP	Trip Leader: Jim Everitt Collect pink quartz and black tourmaline.
FEBRUARY 15-16th	QUARTZITE, AZ	Trip Leaders: Jay & Marie Cole Q.I.A. 31st Pow Wow, Cloud's Jamboree, Tyson Wells Sell-A-Rama & Four Corners swapmeet.
MARCH 15-16th	ANZA BORREGO	Trip Leader: Connie Van Kampen Wildflowers and geological tour. Possible fossil finds outside of state park.
APRIL 12-13th	CRYSTAL RIDGE	Trip Leader: Steve Knox Collect quartz crystals near Independence, CA
MAY/JUNE	TOPAZ MT.	Trip Leader: Walter Mroch Memorial weekend/extended trip
JULY 12th	BEACH PARTY	Trip Leaders: Bob & Ana Gabourel Annual social event.
AUGUST 16th	TO BE ANNOUNCED	Trip Leader: Herb Beckman
SEPTEMBER 13th	B.B.Q.	Trip Leader: Betty Nelson COUNTRY WESTERN B.B.Q. at the Nelson's.
OCTOBER 11-12th	TRONA	Trip Leader: Jim Williamson TRONA GEM-O-RAMA Collect: halite, hanksite & other minerals
NOVEMBER 27-30th	COPPERWORLD & KOKOWEEF	Trip Leader: Connie Van Kampen Collect chrysocolla & other minerals at Copperworld; collect cave coral at KoKoweef .
DECEMBER	NO TRIP	

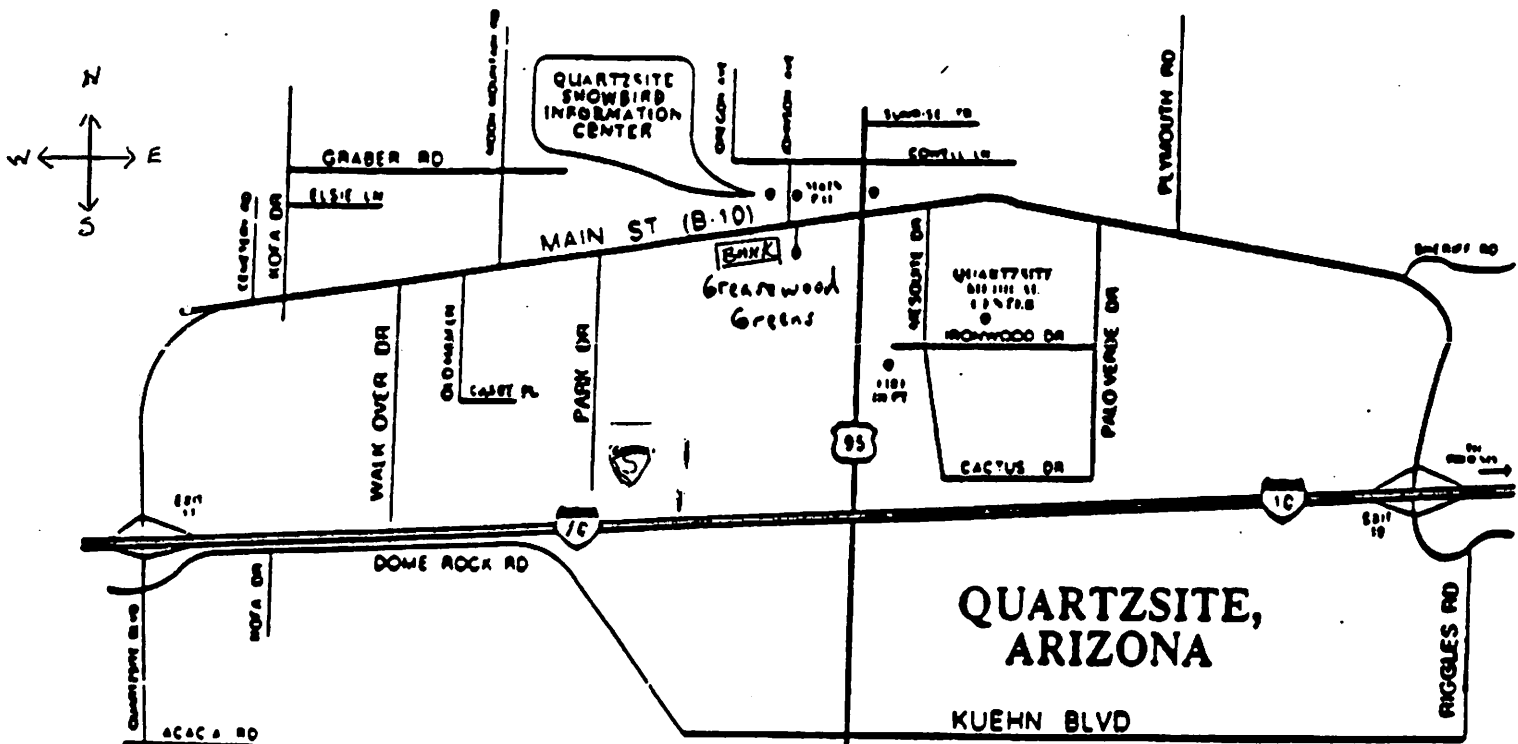
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN LEADING A FIELD TRIP OR COORDINATING A SOCIAL
EVENT; PLEASE CALL CONNIE VAN KAMPEN. (714) 993-2827.

Editors Note: Please see Quartzsite dates on page 8 of this bulletin.

QUARTZSITE DATES

1997

- Jan 11 - Jan 26 MAIN EVENT
 - Jan 15 - Feb 15 CLOUD'S JAMBOREE
 - Jan 22 - Feb 16 FOUR CORNERS SWAP MEET
 - Jan 31 - Feb 9 TYSON WELLS SELL-A-RAMA
 - Feb 5 - Feb 9 31ST ANNUAL QUARTZSITE POW WOW
- QIA = Quartzsite Improvement Association



The Searcher's will be camping at Greasewood Greens again this year. Jay and Marie Cole will be there on Monday, February 3rd. This is a dry camp and the fee is \$5.00 per night. There will be no camping behind Cloud's or Main Event this year. At Greasewood Greens we will park in the usual area (Southwest corner near the freeway and tunnel).

Jay and Marie Cole

SHOW REPORT:

The 1997 Searchers Annual Gem Show is fast approaching. The first show committee meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM on 21 Jan 1997 in the Anaheim Memorial Hospital Medical Office Building. All committee chairpersons should plan to attend. Status of Committee Chair appointees, and vacancies (#), are listed below. This committee needs your full support. Area codes are 714 unless noted.

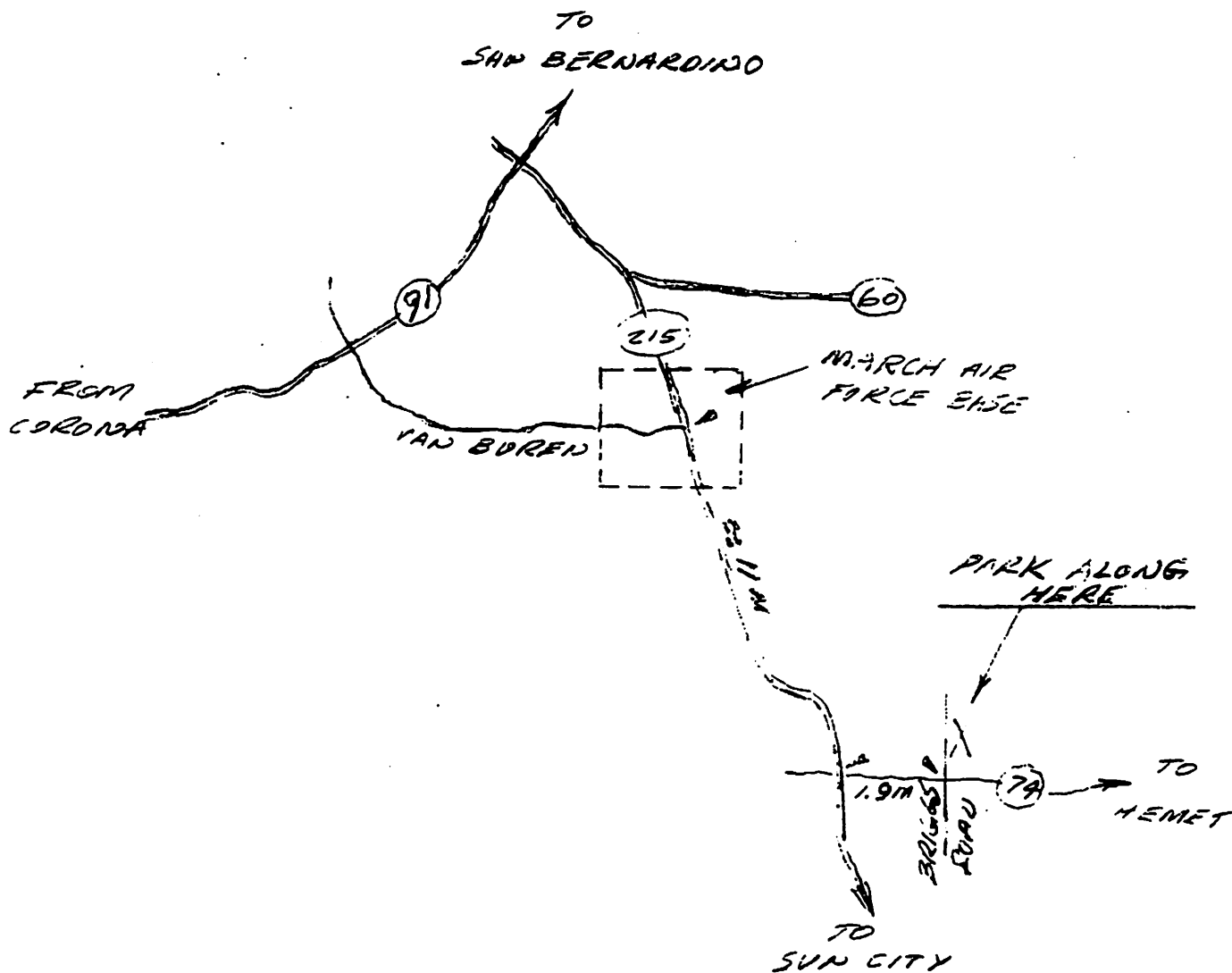
1997 SHOW COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Chairperson	Herb Beckman	778-1496
Co-Chairperson	Milt Green	456-0550
Anaheim Arts Council	Margaret Neeley	535-2030
#Cases		
Children's Jewelry	Larry Richey	846-3573
#Crafts		
Dealers	Milly Arvanites	838-1924
#Decorations		
Demonstrations	Floyd Neeley	535-2030
Donation Awards	Roger and Jan Cole	639-9025
Electrical	Jim Everitt	1(909) 679-5580
Financial	Bob Gabourel	670-6786
#Friday Night Dinner		
Grab Bags	Ken Landers	
Hospitality	Marge Jordan	897-2407
Hourly Door Prizes	Milly Arvanites	838-1924
#Kitchen		
Layout	Herb Beckman	778-1496
#Membership		
Publicity	Walter Mroch	826-2132
Security	Wes Greenameyer (co-chair)	841-4515
#Set-Up/Clean-Up		
Signs	Hal Pelfrey	774-2754
Slides and Videos	Connie Van Kampen	993-2827
#Special Exhibits		
#Trophies and Ribbons		
Wheel of Fortune	Tony and Lola Tapia	776-9815
<u>Show Dates - May 3 and 4, 1997 (set-up Fri, May 2nd)</u>		

Herb Beckman
1997 Show Chairman

NUEVO DUMP FIELD TRIP

JANUARY 18TH 1997



FIELD TRIP WILL START AT 9 A.M. FROM THE CORNER OF BRIGGS ROAD AND HIGHWAY 79

MAP IS TO SCALE

Searchers Gem and Mineral Society assumes no responsibility for injuries or property damage due to accidents, carelessness or Acts of God. Searchers and their guests assume all risks during club activities.