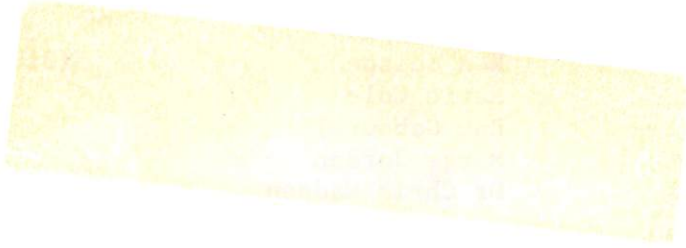


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SEARCHERS GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.
Established June 20, 1958

Mailing Address: P O Box 3492
Anaheim, CA 92804

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Treasurer	Bob Gabourel	670-6786
Federation Delegate	Marge Jordan	897-2407
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Historian	Jan Gillette	776-9467
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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.

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.

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.

WORKSHOPS: Workshops have been 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: Marge Jordan, 12161 Bartlett Street, Garden Grove, CA 92645-1525.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope your New Years holiday was enjoyable, and that 1996 continues with good health and prosperity for us all. The Searcher's Christmas dinner meeting and party was apparently enjoyed by all. The New Year promises to be full of interesting and challenging Searchers activities and programs.

Let me thank you again for electing me to head up the Searchers in 1996. I have high expectations for the New Year, in part because all the incoming board members are new to their positions and several have already started planning and organizing their activities. We can look forward to some great field trips and programs in 1996, and am hopeful that our renewed focus on "doing" in the field and in the shop will attract many new members.

My thanks to those who have accepted appointments to chair our various committees this year. Searchers are the most outgoing, and supportive group I've ever belonged to, and I have every confidence the few open positions can be filled at our January meeting. This is an opportunity for more new members to become involved in Searchers operations.

The availability of the workshop rental space will not be known for several weeks. In any case I'm confident that we will come up with a suitable workshop location early this year. This would open up our opportunities for membership growth, classes, provide a location for our library, archives, and perhaps other services. This is a high priority for 1996. I also plan to form a planning committee to address issues such as outreach, rockhound activism, rockhound internet communications, and inter club relations. This should be a growth year for Searchers!

Herb Beckman

FUTURE CLUB ACTIVITIES:

- January 20th - Field Trip
- January 23rd - Board Meeting
- February 6th - Bulletin items due
- February 7th - 11th - Quartzsite, AZ
- February 13th - General Meeting

SHOW DATES:

Feb 17 - 18 Del Air Rockhounds, Sierra Pelona
 Rock Club, VIP Gem & Mineral and
 Woodland Hills Rockchippers
 Valley Plaza Recreation Center
 12240 Archwood Street
 North Hollywood, CA
 Hours: Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5



SPECIAL THANKS TO MIKE KOKINOS

As you read in last month's Bulletin, the non-profit tax status issue has been resolved. The effort started mid year 1994, when the California Franchise Tax Board revoked the tax exempt status of three CFMS societies. CFMS immediately got involved. Mike Kokinos, CFMS Tax Advisor sent out an alert and offered his advice and guidance to all CFMS societies.

Mike's expertise includes a couple of years managing the California Franchise Tax Board Exempt Organization Unit and supervised another couple of years. This background gave him an excellent understanding of the processes, procedures and contacts necessary to determine a societies tax status and needed changes to avoid revocation of exempt status and payment of back taxes.

In July Mike's help was solicited and his response was immediate. He was sent all available information concerning our exemption status. Mike's advice and guidance was instrumental in leading the Searchers through the maze of procedures and process necessary to change the California taxation code assures our tax exempt status.

Mike provided the council necessary to rapidly complete this task and at no other cost to the Searchers than payment of his phone calls totaling \$8.28. CFMS charged us nothing for his services, however they suggested a donation to the CFMS Endowment Fund.

Through Mike's expertise and support the Searchers avoided cost of financial and/or tax advisors necessary to achieve the successful results in this matter. In appreciation of Mike's efforts, which were clearly above and beyond the responsibilities of the CFMS Tax Advisor, the Board has approved a donation of \$100 to the CFMS Endowment Fund in his honor.

Jim Williamson

PROGRAM REPORT:

Our December meeting was our annual Christmas dinner/meeting held on December 16th at the Fullerton Elks Club. All members and guests attending appeared to enjoy the evening. Many thanks to the planning committee and volunteers who combined their talents to make this event fun filled and memorable. The entertainment for the evening was the Note-A-Belles choral group accompanied by Froma Reiter at the piano. The program was well done and their selection of Christmas carols was excellent.

A special thanks to Beth Pelfrey our delightful Mistress of Ceremonies, Marvin Mog for installing the new officers, and Connie Van Kampen for her "sweet" characterizations of the 1995 Board members.

The January 1996 program is a slide presentation of the 1981 CFMS "Golden Bear" show in Anaheim. Several Searchers who were involved in this show will be seen in these slides.

The speaker we've invited to speak on agates and geodes has agreed to put on his program in February or March, the date has not yet been confirmed.

Herb Beckman

JANUARY FIELD TRIP:

Our January Field trip will be Saturday, January 20th. This will be a one day trip to Nuevo Dump near Hemet. We will be collecting pink and white quartz. Merle Howe will be leading this trip. We will be meeting at 9:00 AM on the corner of Briggs Road and Highway 74. Bring lunch, water, sodas etc. and bags to hold your goodies. See map elsewhere in this bulletin.

Merle Howe

FIELD TRIPS IN GENERAL:

An effort will be made to set up a list of field trips with sufficient lead time for planning purposes.

If anyone has any ideas about new (or old) places for a field trip or wishes to lead a trip, please let me know.

In the past the May field trip has been an extended trip. I would like an expression of interest in such a trip this year. Please contact me at the next meeting or by personal phone call (310) 431-7382. Thanks.

Ken Nelson

PRIMARY FEBRUARY FIELD TRIP:

As is the custom, the February field trip will be to Quartzsite, Arizona. See map elsewhere in this bulletin. The Searchers will camp in the usual spot on the Greasewood Greens golf course - Southwest corner.

The best weekend will be February 10th and 11th. I will be there on or about the 7th thru the 11th. There will be a NO-HOST Rocktail Party on Saturday the 10th, early evening (4:00 PM).

If there are new members needing directions to our camping spot or more information please don't hesitate to give me a call (310) 431-7382.

SECONDARY FEBRUARY FIELD TRIP:

There is a Rock Show in Lordsburg, New Mexico that runs from February 16th thru the 25th. According to the literature they will have extensive field trips (up to 50). In the past these trips have produced some very good material.

There will be dry camping available at the Fair Grounds in Lordsburg. The Mogs and the Everitts are planning on being there. Anyone interested in more information may call Marvin Mog (714) 774-6374

Ken Nelson

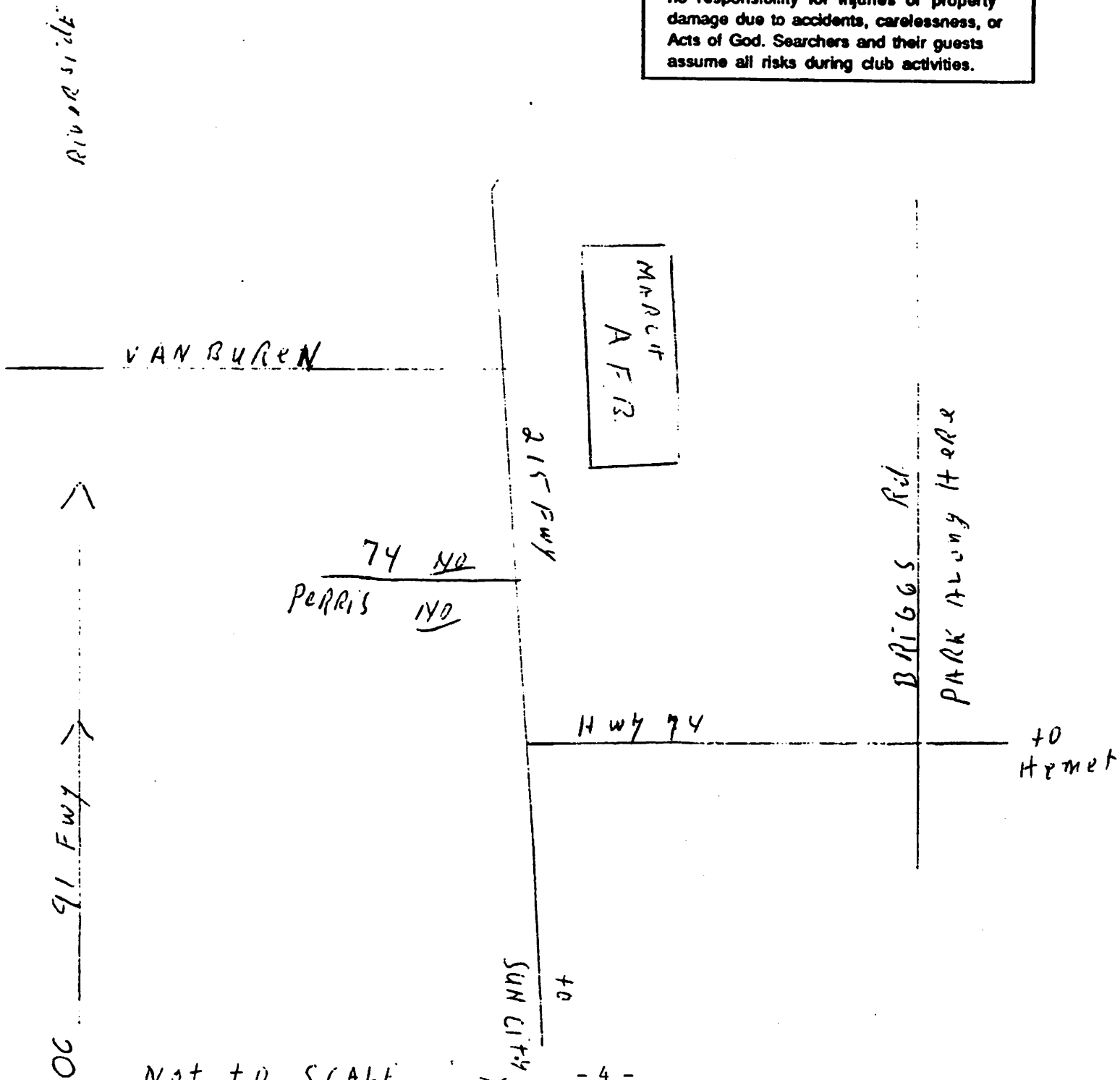
NUEVO DUMP FIELD TRIP
One day trip, Saturday January 20, 9 A.M.

Field trip will start at 9 A.M. from the corner of
Briggs Road and Highway 74.

Bring lunch and water or sodas. Very dry area, lots of
dust. Bring short handle hoe and bags for pink and white
quartz.

Merle Howe. Phone: 909/487-6907

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.



SEARCHERS SHOW TIME IS COMING!!

Our annual Gem Show is just around the corner and we are getting ready! as 1996 Show Chairman I am proud to present the 37th Annual Gem Roundup Show Committee. I commend those who have accepted the responsibility of each position. Its great to see so many new members involved. As in the past, this committee will need the full support of the membership.

SHOW COMMITTEE

Chairperson	Jim Williamson	995-9080
Co-Chairperson	Larry Richey	846-3573
Anaheim Arts Council	Margaret Neeley	535-2030
Anaheim Bulletin	Beth Pelfrey	774-2754
Cases	Barry Levy	310-364-4544
Children's Jewelry	Larry Richey	846-3573
	Jim Williamson	995-9080
Crafts		
Dealers	George Mitchum	897-2407
Decorations		
Demonstrations	Floyd Neeley	535-2030
Donation Awards	Jan Gillette	776-9467
	Jan & Roger Cole	639-9025
Electrical	Jim Everitt	909-679-5580
Financial	Bob Gabourel	670-6786
Friday Night Dinner	Beth Pelfrey	774-2754
	Trudie Reed	637-8067
Grab Bags	Ken Landers	535-5126
Hospitality	Marge Jordan	897-2407
Hourly Door Prizes	Milly Arvanites	838-1924
	Walter Mroch	826-2132
Kitchen	Jay Cole	639-7983
	Harry & Betty Nelson	530-1365
Layout	Herb Beckman	778-1496
Membership	Herb Beckman	778-1496
Publicity	Walter Mroch	826-2132
Security	Dick Reed	527-2480
	Wes Greenamyre	841-4515
Set-Up/Clean-Up	Dr Chris Madsen	535-2936
Signs	Hal & Beth Pelfrey	774-2754
Slides and Videos	Connie Van Kampen	993-2827
Special Exhibits	Karen Martinez	310-423-2832
Trophies and Ribbons	Ken Despain	750-8066
Wheel of Fortune	Tony and Lola Tapia	776-9815

All phone numbers are Area Code 714 unless noted.

SEARCHERS SHOW TIME IS COMING !! (Cont'd)

Our first Show Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 16th, at 7:30 PM. This meeting will be held at the Anaheim Memorial Hospital Medical Office Building. All Committee Chairpersons please plan on attending! MARK YOUR CALENDARS - FIRST SHOW MEETING, JANUARY 16th, 7:30 PM.

NOTICE:

I'm happy to announce that Audrey Nichols has willingly agreed to be the Alternate Bulletin Editor for 1996. I would like to remind all of you who need articles published in the newsletter that you get them to her by deadline. She will be doing the February Bulletin and the deadline will be FEBRUARY 6TH. For those of you going to Quartzsite get those articles in early! Audrey's address is: 2128 West Sunrise Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92801. Items for the March bulletin should be sent to me. Thanks.

Marge Jordan

ASTERISM IN GEMSTONES:

Asterism is the display of a mobile star of light on top of the dome of a stone when cut as a cabochon. It is an optical effect caused by the reflection of light by fibers, needles or channels oriented in various definite directions. The star is usually 6-rayed, but may be 4-rayed or rarely, 12 rayed. Some stone that display asterism are:

Corundum - (ruby, sapphire) may be 6 or 12 rayed stars.

Diopside - black colored stone with 4-rayed star.

Rose Quartz - pink shades may be translucent with 4-6- or 12 rayed stars.

Chrysoberyl - rarely, green shade transparent 6-rayed stars.

Garnet - almandine 4 - or 6 rayed stars.

Quartz - white gray transparent to translucent with 6-rayed star.

Beryl, Enstatite - brown black with 6-rayed star.

The rough crystal of corundum, producing such a stone, consists of three sets or series of parallel silk inclusions (rutile needles) each extending throughout the stone and intersecting each other at angles of 60 degrees. These inclusions are parallel to the lateral axis of the crystal and at right angles to the vertical axis. The stone is cut into a cabochon so that the silk is parallel to the girdle plane of the stone. The vertical axis of the stone passes through the top at the point where the silks intersect.

If the cabochon orientation is incorrect the star will be off-center and the effect less obvious. The stars of other materials are similarly produced, but the sets of silk occur in other crystallographic directions; e.g. in garnet, parallel to the sides of the dechedron.

via Staurolite Jul/Aug '95 and others

SAFETY REPORT
Joe Hafeli, Chairman

Safety doesn't mean personal safety only, but also safety for your property. We all know about the safety of materials brought to shows, but we also tend to forget about the possibility of loss until it happens.

It happened at our show in 1995. Someone took the liberty of pilfering tools and material from one of our dealers.

Rockhounds as a whole are a great group of honest people. I think this lulls us into a sense of being secure; however, the people around a show are not all rockhounds. The Tucson Police Department published "Gem Show Safety Tips". It has many valuable ideas and should be read by everyone to refresh their memory. All of their ideas are good common sense. We all know about these things, but we must be "safety conscious".

I have seen shows clear everyone out at quitting time and then allow only those with proper identification to reenter to open cases and remove the displays. However, at that time, a back door--big enough to drive a truck through--was wide open with no one on duty to check anyone who might enter.

Do you have a dinner for dealers and exhibitors? Do you have people assigned to be sure all booths and open cases are safe during this time. These are the types of things you must think about.

I'm sure there are dozens of other items that you will cover if you are "safety conscious". If your efforts are not needed, GREAT! You are having a safe, pleasant show.

via CFMS Newsletter 1/96

Dues ARE Due !!!

I will be accepting dues at the January and February meetings. Remember, dues must be paid by March 1st or your name will not be listed in the new 1996 Membership Roster.

Milly Arvanites

SHARING AND CARING (SUNSHINE):

Have not heard of any illness or hospitalizations of members. Let's hope this will be a healthy 1996 for members.

Editor

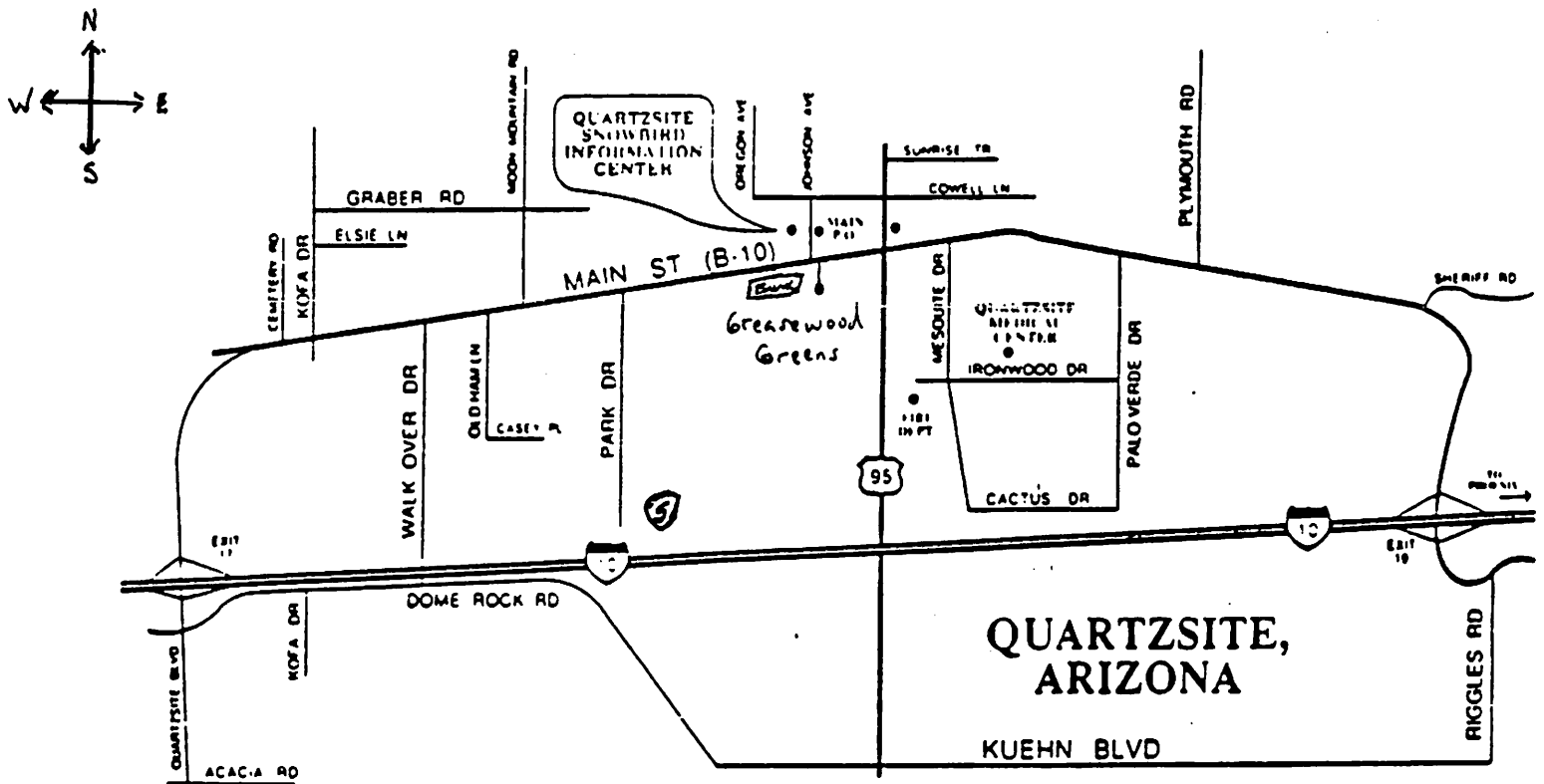
QUARTZSITE February 1996

CLOUD'S JAMBOREE
Jan 15th - Feb 15th

THE MAIN EVENT
Jan 13th - Jan 28th

TYSON WELLS SELL-A-RAMA
Feb 2nd - Feb 11th

30TH ANNUAL QUARTZSITE POW WOW
QIA - Quartzsite Improvement Assoc.
Feb 7th - Feb 11th



DRY CAMP

BRING WATER & FIRE WOOD

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