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The President's Message

Hello Searchers and Friends!

Do you love America? And Pie?

Get ready for some pie and Democracy because club elections are coming up!



Please indulge me in a personal note to membership...

I love working with The Searchers. I have found it very rewarding and have felt warmth and fellowship that is truly heartwarming. I don't know if I can express how much being a part of this group with you has meant to me and how much I have learned. The world can be a harsh, unkind place and there have been days when this club, more specifically the people in this club, have been the only thing that got me up in the morning. In the midst of criticism and crisis there are some truly good people who lent an ear or shoulder, and got me through tough times. These are people who pitched in and volunteered and helped shoulder the weight of the work. You good people are one reason I've kept faith in people and determination to hold on during challenging moments. Please know how valued and loved you are.

Having said that, I hate to have to say that it's time for someone new to step in as president. Hopefully some new blood with fresh eyes and ideas will take the club to new heights. I plan to stick around as the liaison to our Vets and certainly pester everyone to keep up the good work supporting our Vets at The Long Beach Veterans Hospital. I ask you to lend your support to our new president and even consider throwing your hat in the ring.

Nomination updates:

We have people ready to fill the 2nd Vice-President position currently held, or "Rocked!", by Robert Burson. We still need someone to fill the President's spot. If you're interested in becoming president or participating in another capacity please contact Steve Duncan. Steve will be our contact person for nominations. Steve can be reached by email at wsd@iteris.com, or by phone at 714.724.7102.

November Meeting:

For those who may not be familiar..... this month's meeting will consist of a pot-luck style Pie Party and club elections. Bring your favorite pie to contribute. Come by, eat some pie, and vote!

Please remember to bring a rock or slab for the Veterans!

Heather Jaeckels 2017 President, Searchers Gem and Mineral Society

Field Trips

DATE	LEADER	LOCATION	STATUS
11/4-5/2017	Joe Goetz	Barstow area	Planned
11/18-19/2017	Robert Burson	Baxter Wash	Planned
11/27-29/2017	Joe Goetz	Afton Canyon	Planned

Searchers FIELD TRIP Baxter Wash– North Cadys

Saturday & Sunday, November 18 & 19, 2017

MEET: 8am at Basin Road and I-15 off ramp (south side) east of Barstow.

We leave at 8:30am after waiver forms are signed.

NOTE: Open to all CFMS affiliated clubs and members. 4WD required OR 2WD truck with experienced driver. NO LOW CLEARANCE PASSENGER CARS! Roads are sandy and rough. Rides can be arranged at campsite. Food, water and gas can be had in Barstow or 20 miles to Baker. These are remote sites with no facilities. Camping site is within 2 miles on Basin Road, look for Searchers sign. Temperatures should be comfortable with cold nights. Be prepared. The material sought will include fluorite, agates, jaspers, onyx, and sagenite nodules. Other finds are possible. Be prepared for hard rock mining for better material although much float is present. Be reminded that these areas are not theme parks and that wildlife and rough terrain is common. Play nice and be safe. As usual potluck on Saturday night.

If you have any questions/concerns please contact Robert Burson at bursonrocks@verizon.net or call 562-706-4892.

Pasadena FIELD TRIP 1: Barstow Area WGMS Honey Onyx

Claim Novembr 4 - 5, 2017 Joe Goetz, Trip Leader



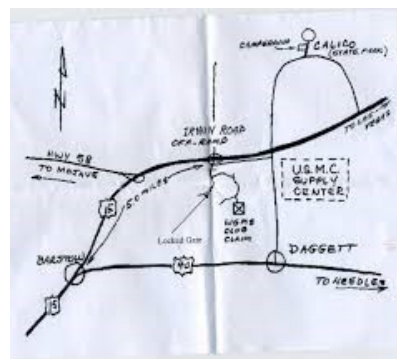
Where: The field trip will be to the Whittier Gem & Mineral Society's Honey Onyx Claim, located just east of Barstow, and to other sites in this area. We use the Claim as a place for camping and for gathering on Friday evening. Take I-15 from Barstow to Fort Irwin Road. Turn right at the end of the off ramp. To access the camp area you will unlock the gate on this road. The lock combination is 4321. After you pass through the gate, you must lock it behind you (this is very important). Follow the "P/W" signs to the camp.

Meet: There will be guided field trips on both Saturday and Sunday and we will leave from the Oak Tree Inn (each day at 8:00-8:30 AM). To get to the Oak Tree Inn take the Ghost Town Rd exit off of the 15 freeway, turn right, turn right again and go past the gas station and you will see the motel on the right. Saturday eve-ning we will meet at Peggy Sue's Restaurant for dinner.

Collecting: Materials which may be collected: red moss agate, petrified wood and palm root, algae agate, and other unnamed agate, jasp-agates, jaspers, fossils, etc. The honey onyx is still there but it is hard rock mining. If you have any or have seen it, you know that it is well worth the effort involved.

Tools: rock pick and bag for general collecting: sledges, wedges, chisels, pry bars, etc. for those rock-hounds who really want to get serious with the honey onyx.

Overnight: Camping is available at the WGMS Claim. Also, Barstow is very close. For beginning rock-hounds (without campers, trailers, etc.) you may wish to stay in a motel in town and drive to the Oak Tree Inn each morning – many of the regular folk on the trip stay at the Oak Tree Inn (760-254-1148 ext. 400), the address is considered in Yermo.



Pasadena FIELD TRIP 2: Afton Canyon

November 23– 26th 2017

by Mark Nelson, Secretary

History: About 15,000 years ago there was a massive lake catching the snow melt on the north side of the San Gabriel and San Bernardino mountains. Lake Manix was 11 miles wide and stretched 90 miles from the mountains to the hills at Afton, where it was 500-600 feet deep! Whether by erosion or earthquake there was a catastrophic raining of the lake which cut the beautiful canyon that we see today!



The Plan: Each day over the long Thanksgiving weekend we will lead guided trips to areas within Afton Canyon and Baxter Wash. This area is known to be productive for rockhounds, and is a great field trip that is interesting to both the novice and the seasoned Rockhound. The views will surprise and amaze you!

Registering For This Trip: Registration is required for this field trip.

Access: With any luck the weather will be perfect to collect lapidary material and a good time will be had by all. This field trip is not suitable for passenger cars. High-clearance vehicles, trucks and SUV's are required. 4x4 travel is recommended.

Collecting: Red and yellow agate, jasper, plume and sagenite, opalite, calcite rhombs, chalcedony roses, amygdules, green fluorite, onyx and much more — don't forget great photographs!

Day Trip or Lodging ?: Because of the distance to the meeting point, from Pasadena, this trip is not recommended as a day trip without at least one overnight stay. There are plenty of motels in Barstow, which is only 42 miles (1 hour) from the camp site.

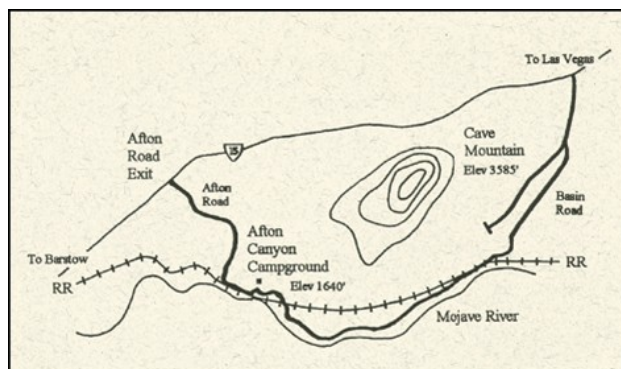
Camping: The camping area is just above the BLM Afton Canyon Camp-ground (at the group camp or overflow camping area). The camp area is on the right just before going downhill to the official BLM camping area and at the end of the curve. There should be a PLS field trip sign on the fence where you turn to pull into the overflow camp-ing area. The overflow camping area is excellent for self-contained campers. The regular BLM campground is nearby and is another option for our members as a place to camp that has toilets, water and fire pits.

Meals: There are no facilities for food in the area. Those planning to camp should be self-contained with enough food and water for the days you are there. Those "motel camping" in Baker or Barstow should plan to bring food and water each day. For those joining us on Thursday, our Thanksgiving feast will be a potluck - pre-prepare enough on one dish so that it can be shared by 8 people.

Briefing: Whether you camp or "motel camp" we will meet for a briefing at 8am each day. If you drive up on Friday and arrive after we have departed, we will leave a note giving you suggested areas to explore until we return to camp between 3 and 4pm that afternoon.

Registering For This Trip: Registration is required for this field trip.

Weather is a factor that could affect this trip and could determine where we actually end up going. It is important that we know who is planning to attend the trip, how many and a good cell phone contact number because, as with everything in life, plans can change - so let our field trip leader know if you are planning to attend! The field trip leader for this trip is Joe Goetz and he can be reached at (626) 260-7239 or at joenmar1@yahoo.net.



See Pasadena's website: <http://www.pasadenalapidarysociety.org/Calendar.html>

Club Meeting Activity

DATE	PRESENTER	SUBJECT
11-14-2017	None	Pie Party and Cabinet Member Elections
12-2-2017	None	Christmas Party

For a more complete listing of shows go to web-site: www.cfmsinc.org

Upcoming 2017 CFMS Gem Shows

NOVEMBER

November 3, 4 & 5: EUREKA, CA
Humboldt Gem & Mineral Society
Redwood Acres Fairgrounds
3750 Harris Street
Hours: Fri 9 - 6; Sat 9 - 6; Sun 10 - 5
Contact: Toni L Tyson, (707) 502-9574
email: bluiis911@msn.com

November 4 - 5: ANAHEIM, CA
American Opal Society
Business Expo Center
1960 S. Anaheim Way
Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 5
Contact: Veronica Purpura, (714) 501-9959
Email: info@opalsociety.org
Website: www.opalsociety.org [Show Page](#)

November 4 - 5: CONCORD, CA
Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society
Centre Concord
5298 Clayton Road
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Mary Hicks, (925) 779-0698
Email: maryhicks@comcast.net
Website: (Temp. under construction) [Show Coupon](#)

November 4 - 5: RIDGECREST, CA
Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society
Desert Empire Fairgrounds
520 South Richmond Road
Hours: 9 - 5 daily
Contact: John DeRosa, (760) 375-7905
Email: jfrocks@dslexreme.com

November 11 - 12: YUBA CITY, CA
Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Society
Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds - Franklin Hall
442 Franklin Avenue
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Karen Horita, (530) (916) 677-6696
Email: horita@comcast.net
Website: www.sutterbuttes.net

November 18 - 19: LAKESIDE, CA
El Cajon Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Lakeside Rodeo Grounds
12584 Maplevue Street
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Mary Ness, (619) 449-0759
Email: ecvgms@gmail.com
Website: www.ecvgms.org [Show Page](#)

November 18 - 19: OXNARD, CA
Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society
Oxnard Performing Arts Center
800 Hobson Way
Hours: Sat. 9 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4
Contact: Stephanie Hagiwara, (805) 394-8002
Email: webmaster@oxnardgem.com
Website: <http://oxnardgem.com> [Show Page](#)

November 18 - 19: SANTA CRUZ, CA
Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society
Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange
1900 17th Avenue
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Michael Cox, (831) 459-0572
Email: scrzmgms@gmail.com
Website: www.scrckngem.org

DECEMBER

December 9 - 10: RIALTO, CA
Orange Belt Mineralogical Society
Near Rialto City Hall Lot
105 South Palm Avenue
Hours: 9 - Dusk daily
Contact: Jessica Pierson, (909) 381-0089
Email: OBMSTailgateInfo@gmail.com
Website: <http://OBMSrocks.yolasite.com> [Show Page](#)

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JANUARY (2018)

January 20 - 21: EXETER, CA
Tule Gem & Mineral Society, Visalia

Exeter Veterans' Memorial Building
324 N. Kaweah Avenue
Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4
Contact: Margaret Buchmann, (559) 799-6034
Email: margaretbu03@gmail.com
Website: www.tulegem.com

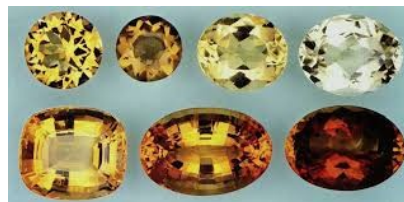
FEBRUARY (2018)

February 16 - 25: INDIO, CA
San Geronio Mineral & Gem Society
Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival
82-503 Highway 111
Hours: 10 - 10 daily
Contact: Bert Grisham, (915) 849-1674
Email: bert67@verizon.net

February 17 - 18: ANTIOCH, CA
Antioch Lapidary Club
Contra Costa County Fairgrounds
1201 West 10th Street
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Brenda Miguel, (925) 301-6957
Email: brenda.miguel@yahoo.com
Website: www.antiochlapidaryclub.com

February 24 - 25: VALLEJO, CA
Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society
Solano County Fairgrounds, McCormack Hall
900 Fairgrounds Drive
Hours: 10 - 5 daily
Contact: Dan Wolke, 707 334-2950
Email: dncwolke@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.vjgems.org

November Birthstone: Topaz & Citrine



Announcements:

Searchers Auction: Nov.14th at Searchers meeting

I have had 2 Rose Engineering 24" Rociprolap vibrating flat laps donated, the plan is to raffle them off after the elections at the November meeting. These are old well-built pieces of equipment, I understand that they are both in operating condition. If you want a flat lap this is a chance to get a serious piece of gear for very cheap. I was looking for the price of equivalent laps on line and stumbled on the exact units. Here is what is written about them:

Some of the best vibrating flat lap machines ever built! PERIOD!

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The 24" model lists for \$2150. Here is a chance to get a great deal. Speaking from personal experience buying old lapidary equipment at low prices is the only way to go. Old equipment is heavily built and can be rebuilt forever. More info about these laps is available at http://www.cyberrockhound.com/Vibrating_Lap.htm

So if this interests you, be sure to be at the November meeting, this will be a normal spoken auction, not a silent auction. So come prepared to bid and buy. Checks will be accepted from club members. Cash is always accepted.



13100 Spring Street, Baldwin Park, CA 91706 Tel 626-814-2257 ■ www.jeweltunnel.com

An invitation for the members and friends of the

Searchers (this invite is for Searcher members only)

Attend an open house at Jewel Tunnel Imports

Saturday December 9th 10 AM to 4PM

History Note From Steve Mulqueen

Henry G. Hanks became the first State Mineralogist for California, serving during the period 1880 – 1886. The mineral hanksite, from Searles Lake, is named in his honor.

History:

On May 15, 1880, the California Governor, under the Act of 1880, appointed Henry G. Hanks the State Mineralogist. Under this act, Hanks reported directly to the Governor and as a result two new publications were created under his service, the Annual Report of the State Mineralogist series and Special Publication series. Prior to his appointment, the State Legislature established the State Mining Bureau, which required the Bureau and the mineralogist to be located in San Francisco. Hanks later started his own assaying company, Pacific Chemical Works, while in San Francisco.

Searcher's Holiday Banquet



Carolina's Italian Restaurant
December 2nd 2017 at 5 P. M.
Price \$20
915 S Harbor Blvd, Anaheim, CA



Questions: Veronica's cell # (714) 501-9959 or return email angeldragonoflight@yahoo.com)

Checks made out to: "Searcher's Society" or "Searcher's Gem and Mineral Society"

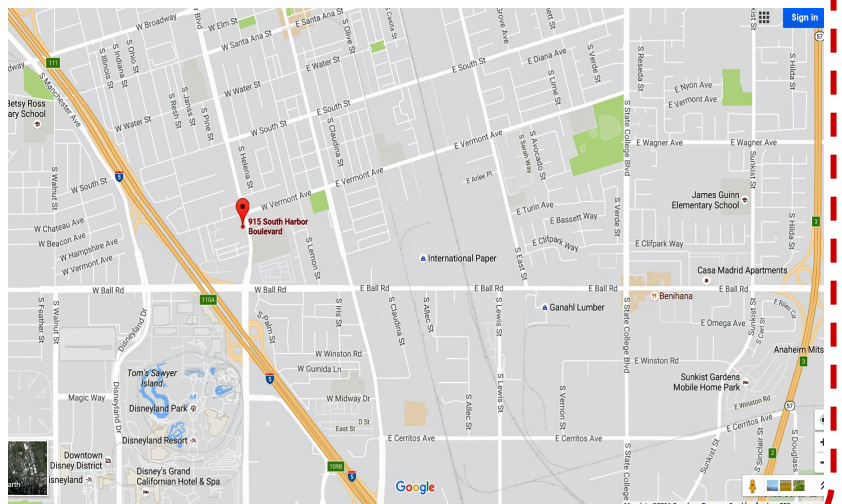
Cash or Check payments need to be sent to: P.O. Box 3492, Anaheim, CA 92803

Deadline for payments and sign-up needs to be no later than: Wednesday November 30th

Gift exchange: only those who bring a wrapped gift may participate in the gift exchange, and the gift should preferably be related to rocks/rock-hounding/minerals if you can
(minimum \$10 or more value)

Dinner Choices: The dinner is buffet style with a variety of Italian options

Desserts Options: Tiramisu, Spumoni, Chocolate Mousse Cake



Searchers Gem & Mineral Society

General Information



Check our website for unexpected changes in schedule!

www.searchersrocks.org

General Meetings: 7 PM, 2nd Tuesday of each month, Jan - Nov

Board Meetings: 6PM, 1st Tuesday of each month, Jan - Nov

Workshop: Thursday, 6 – 10 PM, free wire-wrap class.

Saturday, 3 – 7 PM Free silver-smithing class 1st, 2nd, 3rd Saturdays (schedule varies).

Location: Anaheim Downtown Community Center
250 East Center St.
Anaheim, CA 92805

Mailing Address: Searchers Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
P.O Box 3492
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Website: www.searchersrocks.org

Membership Dues:	Individual	\$25
	Couple	\$35
	Junior (17 & under)	\$10

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