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SEARCHERS GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.
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The Searchers Gem and Mineral Society, Inc., meet on the third Thursday of each month at the Anaheim Cultural Arts Center, 931 North Harbor Blvd, Anaheim. 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 \$2.00 each.

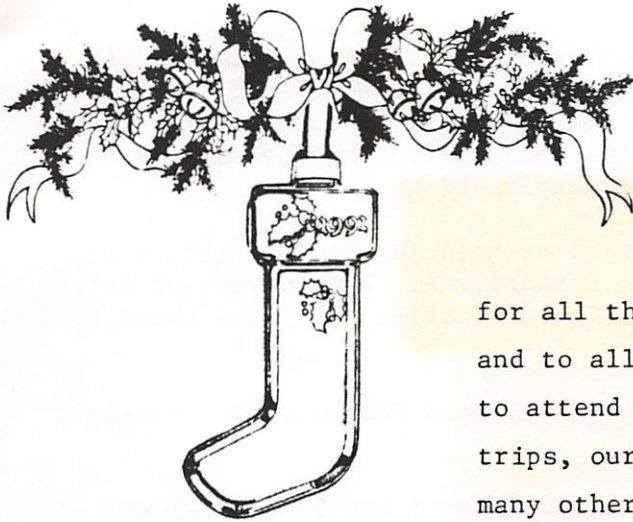
Field Trips are usually held on the second weekend of each month. These are announced monthly. Trip maps, added activities, time changes and other pertinent information will be published in the bulletin.

Board meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at the Cultural Arts Center at 7:30 PM.

WORKSHOPS: Lapidary every Thursday except the third Thursday each month, 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM (MEMBERS ONLY).

Silversmithing - Anaheim Cultural Arts Center
Thursday, Noon - 4:00 PM

Deadline for items to be included in the bulletin is the second (2nd) Wednesday of each month. Please mail all items to: Marge Jordan, 12161 Bartlett Street, Garden Grove, CA 92645.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

1991 is drawing to a close and it will soon be time to turn over responsibility to our 1992 President, Lola Tapia.

I would like to extend my appreciation for all the help from the Board, and appointed chairpersons and to all members who contributed their time and efforts to attend the general meetings, committee meetings, field trips, our annual show and participation in all of the many other Searcher events. Thank you!

Highlights of the year included the Rock Swap/Can Drive in January; the Anaheim Arts Council Soiree in March; regular and extended field trips; a very successful show; the sidewalk sale in June; the annual picnic; painting our workshop rooms in July; the "Learning from the Experts" sessions; working in the Gem and Mineral Building during the Orange County Fair; the Searcher's exhibit currently on display in the Anaheim Museum; winning 8th place (of the top ten) in the CFMS Editors competition; a delightful Christmas dinner and updating our Memoriam plaques honoring our deceased members.

Again, thanks to all of you who worked to help the Searchers function as a Club throughout the year.

Happy Holidays and best wishes for a prosperous New Year.

Alice Lux

SHOW DATES:

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| Jan 17 - 19 | 16th Annual Tailgate
Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club
Stoddard Wells Exit from I-15
Victorville, CA |
| Jan 25 & 26 | Orange Coast Mineral and Lapidary Society
Plumbers Union Hall
3904 W. First Street
Santa Ana, CA
Hours: Jan 25 - 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Jan 26 - 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM |
| Jan 31 & Feb 1 & 2 | Southern California Micro Mineralogists
San Bernardino County Museum
2024 Orangetree Lane
Redlands, CA
Hours: Jan 31st 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Feb 1st 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM
Feb 2nd 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM |



FEDERATION DELEGATE REPORT:

The CFMS Annual Fall Meeting was held November 9th in Visalia, CA. One of the items of business transacted by the executive committee included a Long Range Planning Committee to prepare recommendations for the CFMS 1993 show if there are no bids. There were no new delinquent member societies. The Treasurer's report was accepted and there were no new member applications.

The 53rd Annual CFMS Show and Convention will be held August 21st thru 23rd, 1992, at Centennial Hall, Cal State University, Hayward, CA. The Convention and Banquet will be on the CSU Campus. Camping will be available. The show theme is "August Harvest of Gems".

The 1992 Nominating Committee will be Jane McKay, Mike Kohinos, Nora Hawkins, Jean Stultz and alternate, Bob King.

The CFMS officers move up - President - Isabella Burns; 1st Vice President - Bill Aprile; 2nd Vice President - Mary Anderson; Secretary - Jim Nelson; Treasurer - Pat LaRue.

Earth Science Seminars for 1992 will be at ZZYZX, April 5 thru 10th and northern Seminar at Camp Minaluta near Grass Valley (in Sierra County) from September 6 thru 12th. The cost of the Seminars will be \$140 per person.

The CFMS Endowment Fund totaled \$29,182 plus donations received Nov 9th.

Good news, the CFMS Insurance program will be \$1.40 per member this year (a 40 cent drop from 1991), and CFMS dues remain at \$1.00 making a total of \$2.40 per member.

For those members interested in competitive showing there will be a new Rules Book out in January covering competitive entries into the CFMS annual show.

Regarding the Public Lands Advisory Committee report the fiasco presently going on in Washington, D C makes one wonder about the intelligence of some members of the Congress. At the "hearing" held in September, our California Desert Congressmen were not given an opportunity to participate in the decision making process. The Sub-Committee did not have one member from the California Desert Area.

The full Committee "hearing" rejected all amendments presented by our Desert Congressmen. The process has degenerated into a power struggle between the Democratic Congressmen and the Administration.

The "key" player in the spotlight now is Senator John Seymour. According to his Washington Staff he has been talking directly to Senator Cranston. If Senator Seymour will hold his ground in supporting the position of the Administration in their recommendations, S-21 can be stopped. If that fails, President Bush has indicated his willingness to veto the Bill.

New Field Trip manuals are in the process of being updated.

Elmer Parsons



HIGHLIGHTS OF NOVEMBER MEETING:

Nominations for 1992 officers follow:

President - Lola Tapia

1st Vice President - Jorge Hurtado

2nd Vice President - Walter Mroch

Secretary - vacant

Treasurer - Margaret Neeley

Federation Delegate - Lowell Disney and
George Mitchum

Director- Alice Lux



Election was held for Federation Delegate. Jim Williamson in charge of balloting. George Mitchum was elected Federation Delegate and Lowell Disney alternate.

Our program for the evening was presented by our own Bill Keys, the subject was Arrowheads.

Marvin Mog displayed a table of rocks mounted and identified.

The CFMS is restructuring so that they can pay a lobbyist. Elmer Parsons will be on the CFMS Scholarship Committee and requested the Searchers consider donating to the Scholarship Fund. We now have Federation note paper packaged for sale by the club for \$3.50 per package. Proceeds will go to the CFMS Endowment Fund.

Esther Reyes, one of our new members donated a book on fluorescent minerals to our library.

President Lux showed our second Memorial Plaque listing the names of deceased members. The plaque (without the names) was donated by George Mitchum in memory of Beulah Lohmaier. The name plates added to the plaque were paid for by the club. The Memorial Plaques are on display in our workshop.

Tom Hollywood (Jessie Vance's son) donated 2 cases to the Club.

Beth Pelfry announced that show projects are shaping up and there will be a second show meeting in February. Chairpersons will be notified of date, time and place. We are still in need of a chairperson for Movies and Slides.

There will be two field trips in January. See Field Trip report.

Lola Tapia

PROGRAM REPORT:

Our program for November was presented by Bill Keyes. The subject was Arrowheads and Indian artifacts. If you missed it you missed a good one.

This was the Searchers Annual pie night and we had some good ones. A big thanks to Mary Jane Parsons and Mary and Ken Nelson for doing the cutting and serving.

Our December meeting will be our annual Christmas dinner to be held Friday, December 20th at the Buena Park Hotel.

The January program will be the Club's newly purchased video on "Gemstones of America". Its a good one.

Marge



FIFTH ANNUAL ROCK AND STORY SWAP AND FUND RAISER:

On Saturday, January 25, 1992, we will be holding our 5th Annual Rock and Story Swap and aluminum can collection. This will be in the parking lot of the Cultural Arts Center. Times will be from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. All Searchers are welcome to bring rock and/or stories to swap and turn in those aluminum cans.

This is a Searcher event for Searchers and their friends. It will not be open to the general public. The purpose is two fold:

- A friendly gathering to swap rocks and/or stories (NO SELLING ALLOWED).
- Turn in all those aluminum cans we've been saving for this fund raiser.

You do not have to bring rock to swap to take rock home, there is always an ample supply that many of the members bring down for this event

- Free Parking
- Free Admission
- Free Coffee
- Free Rock

Plan to attend, mark your calendar for JANUARY 25th, 10:00 AM. Load rocks (to swap) and your aluminum cans and come on down. Spend part of the day with the Searchers. You may find just the rock you have been looking for. See you there!

Jim Williamson

1ST CRAFT MEETING FOR '92 SHOW:

Ladies, please mark your calendars for Wednesday, Jan 15th at 9:30 AM. We will be meeting at Joan Everitt's home, 500 S. Lambert, Fullerton. This will be our first '92 craft get together to gather ideas for projects for our Annual Show. We will have a potluck lunch, share ideas for craft items and Joan has a project for us to do...making an Ozark toy and a small magnet.

This year we will be working on projects in our own homes but will get together once a month for a potluck lunch, show and tell, status reports and new ideas. Times and places will be announced. We would like to see more members get involved. Our needs are many.

We will need howlite cut for slabs, obsidian sliced for chimes, slabs for critters (Queenie Osborne will be our critter maker). We will also be selling plants at the show and now is the time to start them.

Bruce Leith our in-house "wood butcher" has volunteered to cut wood patterns for projects requiring wood.

Members wishing to contribute any finished items please do so, they will be appreciated. Please remember keep the cost to a minimum. Any of you ladies who would like to make and donate an afghan for the drawing held during our Friday night dinner (proceeds going to the Club) we would certainly appreciate it.

Ladies please join us for our monthly potlucks. It's a good way to get acquainted...good food, good companionship and a fun get together. If you have any questions please give Jan Gillette a call at 776-9467.

'Jan Gillette

SUNSHINE:

Les Klumb had surgery on November 22nd and is still hospitalized at the Garden Grove Medical Center. The healing process is slow but hopefully he will be able to have solid foods within a few days and gain more strength. Cards would be appreciated but please send to his home address. We're all wishing you well Les and hope you will be able to be home by the Holidays.

Froma Reiter

November Field Trip Report

23 rigs/cars and 48 rockhounds attended the outing. Temperatures ranged from 19°F to 50°F. It was quite windy - as noted by atleast one rig moving 4 times. Searchers and SARMS had great campfires each night. We collected at the Beck Mine, Amethyst Mine, Copper World, Apache Canyon Mine, and Toltec Mine. The material included talc, galena, silver, pyrite, magnetite, hematite, turquoise, amethyst, quartz, smithsonite, and labradorite. Elmer Parsons and I were the last ones on the hill collecting amethyst from an exposed vein as it began to lightly snow. There was no lack of food at the traditional Thanksgiving day celebration with plenty to be thankful for - no accidents or injuries on any of the 1991 field trips. The pancake breakfast was cancelled due to wind. The Super Chili Cookoff was held on Friday the 29th with 6 entrants and three top prizes. 1st Place was won by Joan Everitt with "Smog Free High Octane Chili" who received a certificate, a "Polishing Recipes for Gemstones" book and "Crystals and Gems" book; 2nd Place was won by Frank Davis with "Armadillo Surprise Chili" who received a certificate, a "Polishing Recipes for Gemstones" book and "Rocks and Minerals" book; 3rd Place went to Mary Jane Parsons with "Alamo Chili" who received a certificate and a copy of the "Polishing Recipes for Gemstones" book. The winning recipes for the Super Chili Cookoff : "1st" - brown 1# ground beef, drain well; add 1 jar Tabasco Brand 7 Spice Chili Recipe and 3/4 cup V8 juice; simmer 10 minutes and stir. "2nd" - lean shredded beef, chopped green chilis; chopped bell pepper; diced purple sweet onion; tomato puree; corn flour; chopped jalapeno peppers; a dash of sugar; splash of apricot brandy. "3rd" - ground beef; onion; garlic; chili powder; paprika; salt; cayenne pepper; sugar; oregano; cumin; whole tomatoes; tomato paste; tomato sauce and chili beans.

January Field Trips

On January 4, 1992 we have a trip to the Gems of Pala, whose operating hours are 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Wednesday thru Sunday except holidays. Only 25 adults can participate since there are only 20 screens available. There are four schemes for buying the mine rough - a 2 gallon low grade bucket for \$10.00; a 5 gallon medium grade for \$25.00; a 5 gallon high grade for \$50.00; and finally if you buy 10 buckets you get the 11th free. You will be responsible for your own transportation to and from Pala. Be there between 9:30 am and 10:00 am. Please contact Walter Mroch at 310-437-2825 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm if you plan on going. If more than 25 members show up I will be forced to exclude those who did not sign up.

The second field trip will be to the Victor Valley Tailgate on January 17-19, 1992. See map attached to this bulletin. Please make arrangements with other Searchers for a gathering place there. Signs will be placed up near the camp.

Searchers Annual Field Trip Summary

January- Victor Valley 24 attendees	February- Quartzsite 40 attendees
March- Chambless 7 attendees	April- Chuckwalla 28 attendees
May- (Arizona, 1st leg XFT) 15 attendees	June- (New Mexico, 2nd leg XFT) 13 attendees
June- (Colorado, 3rd leg XFT) 15 attendees	June- (South Dakota, final leg XFT) 9 attendees
July- Deep Springs 5 attendees	August- Rainbow Ridge - cancelled
September- Last Chance Canyon 16 attendees	October- Copper World 10 attendees
November- Kingston Peak/Tecopa Pass 48 attendees	



REFLECTIONS OF 1991 AND PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR 1992:

1991 was another interesting year of firsts. The club went to New Mexico, Colorado, South Dakota and some of us on to Montana, Washington, Florida, etc... There was even a July field trip. We saw a great increase in the number of new rockhounds on some trips. On the Last Chance and Copper World trips we actually had more new members than old. In total we had 230 members and guests on our field trips. For the most part I had to run the field trips. On occasion I asked for help from a few good Searchers who gladly took my place and to whom I am grateful. Please volunteer to lead one of the trips listed below. In 1992 the Searchers will have more joint field trips. Perhaps Chuckwalla or Hackberry Wash will provide the right forum for such a venture. The tentative field trip schedule for 1992:

January 4, 1992 Gems of Pala 10:00 AM
 February 5-9, 1992 Quartzsite Pow Wow
 March 13-15, 1992 Wiley's Well
 April 10-12, 1992 Tecopa Pass
 May 26-June 7, 1992 Extended Field Trip to NV, UT, ID, WA, MT
 June 28, 1992 Johnstone Grade
 July 18, 1992 Ice Cream Social
 August 8, 1992 San Bern. Co. Museum
 September 11-13, 1992 Hackberry Wash
 November 26-29, 1992 Mule Canyon

January 17-19, 1992 Victor Valley Tailgate
 February 22, 1992 L.A. County Museum
 March 28, 1992 Tick Canyon
 May 22-25, 1992 Copper World or Reno
 July 10-12, 1992 Big Bear area
 August 14-16, 1992 Big Pine
 August 22, 1992 Annual Picnic
 October 9-11, 1992 Copper World
 December 1992 Christmas Dinner

Walter Mroch

ANNOUNCEMENTS: DUES ARE DUE - Dues are payable AFTER January 1, 1992. Dues must be paid by March 1st or you will not be listed in the new membership roster.

Milly

BULLETIN ITEMS:

All items for the January Bulletin must be in NOT LATER THAN 8 January.

Marge

*Happy
Holidays*



January 4, 1991

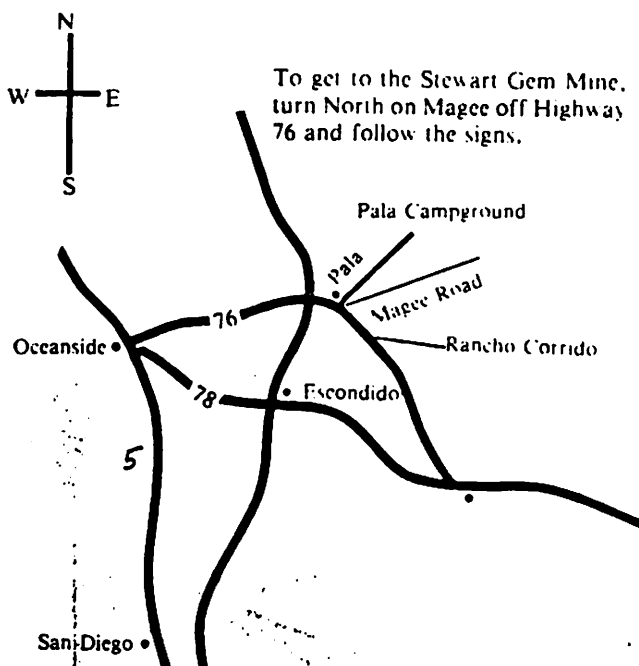
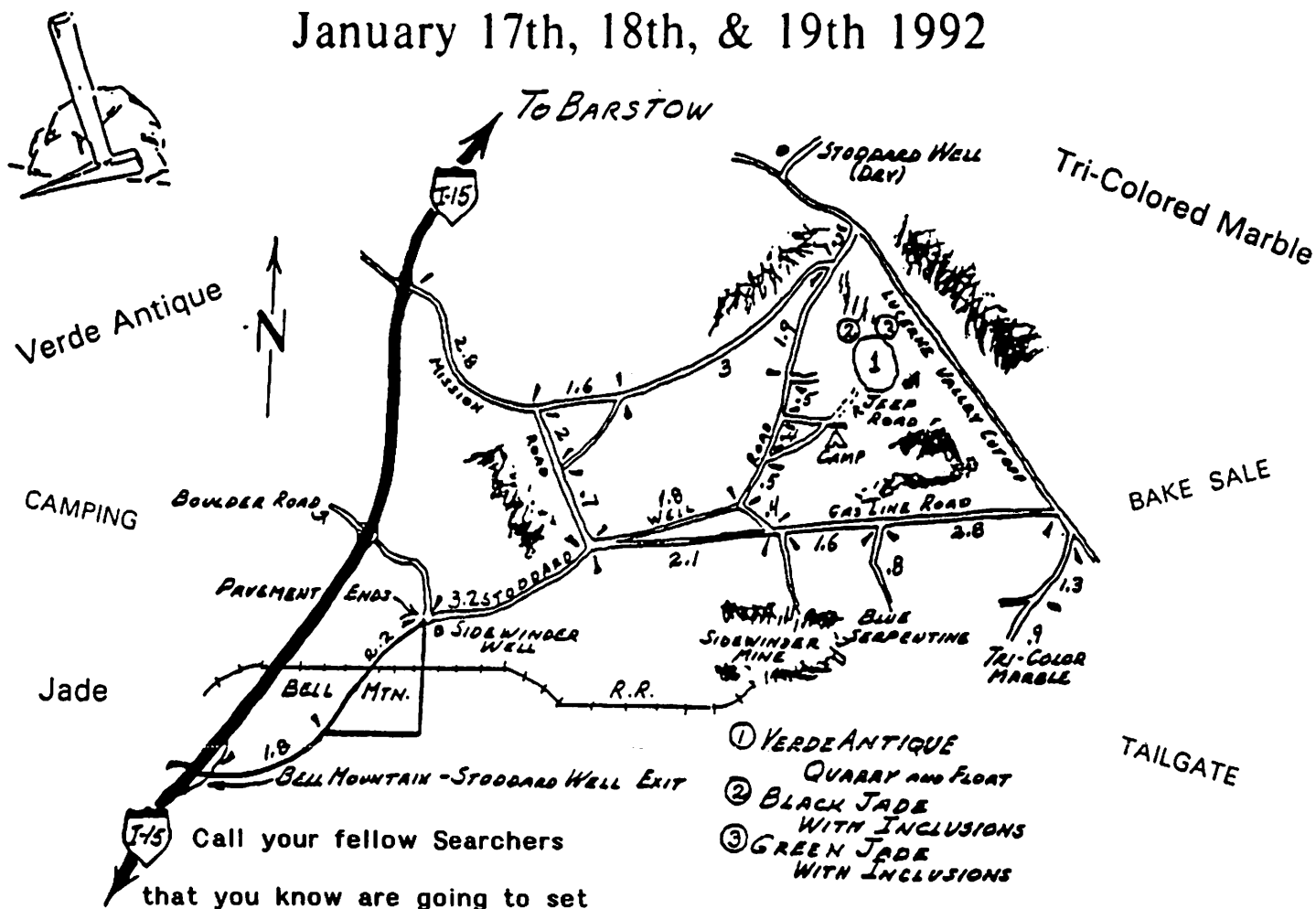
Bremerton, Wash. **The Sun****THE FAR SIDE**

"You know, I used to like this hobby ... But shoot! Seems like *everybody's* got a rock collection."

Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club

16th Annual Tailgate at Stoddard Well

January 17th, 18th, & 19th 1992



GEMS of PALA One Day Field Trip January 4, 1992

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

We will meet at the store.

See the bulletin for reservation.

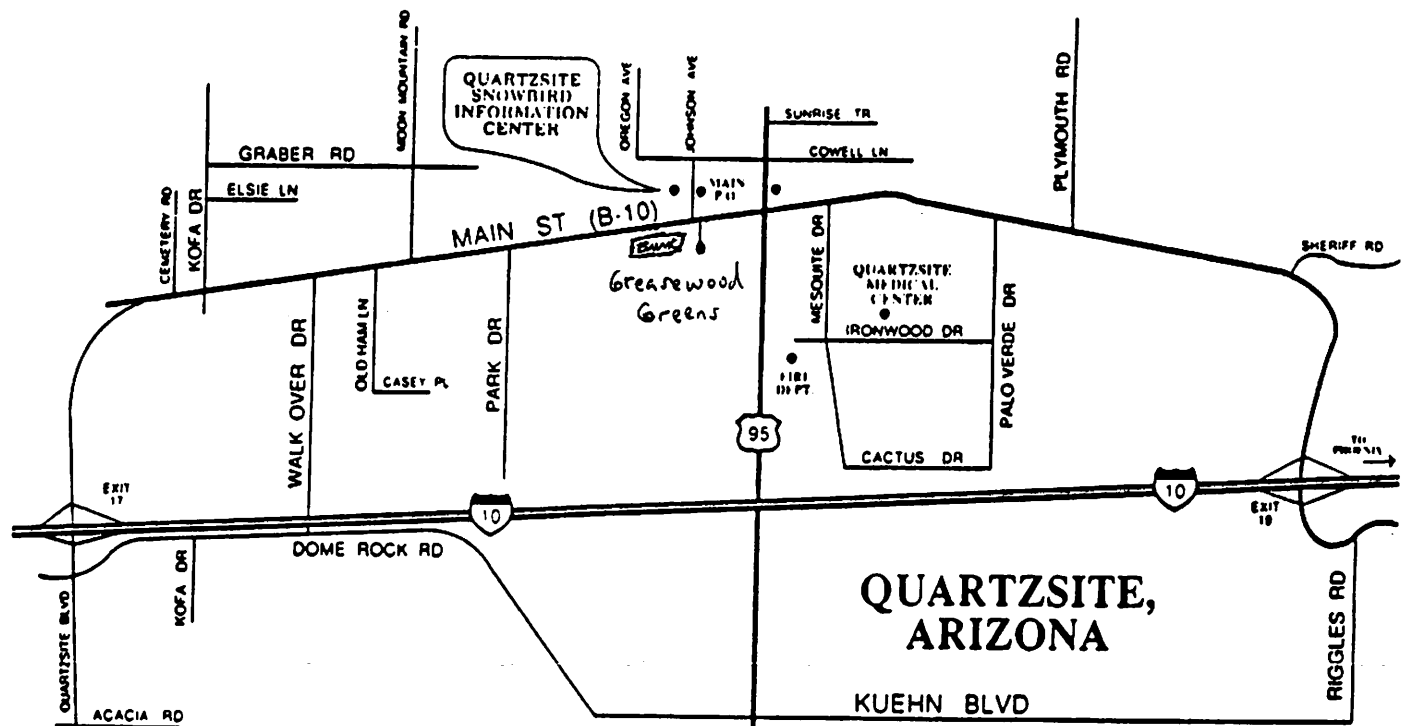
Group size limited to 25 members.

See bulletin for details on bucket pricing.

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QUARTZSITE

February 7-9, 1992 (Short Trip)
February 5-9, 1992 (Long Trip)



Searchers will be camping at Greasewood Greens.
 There will be enough space to accomodate all
 attending members.

Cloud's	1/15/92-2/15/92
Main Event	1/18/92-2/2/92
Pow Wow	2/5/92-2/9/92
Four Corners	1/16/92-2/9/92
Tyson Wells	1/31/92-2/9/92

I have contacted the Golf Course owners and they have given the OK for the Searchers once again. Please let the field trip chairman know if you will be attending so that the owners can reserve enough space for our group. The Searchers Gem and Mineral Society assumes no responsibility for any injuries or property damage due to accidents, carelessness, or Acts of God. Searchers and their guests assume all risks during Club activities.