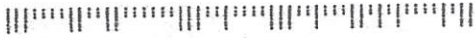
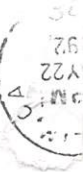


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SEARCHERS GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.
Established June 20, 1958
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The Searchers Gem and Mineral Society, Inc., meet on the third Thursday of each month at the Anaheim Cultural Arts Center, 931 North 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 92645-1525.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The show is over. Supplies are safely stored in "George's Locker." Most expenses have been paid. Post Show meeting has been held.

We had a great 33rd Annual Gem Roundup considering the chaos and rioting in nearby Los Angeles which contributed to a smaller attendance than we normally enjoy but, the show did go on and, it was successful.

Thanks to our 1992 Show Chairman, Beth Pelfrey and Co-Chairman George Lux and, all the committee chairpersons and all the members who spent many hours doing various jobs to make our show a success. Teamwork, yes, and that's what makes a successful show. Thanks also to the Anaheim Arts Council for their sponsorship and the Brookhurst Community Center staff for all their help.

I am pleased to announce that our 1993 Show Chairman will be Peggy Wesley and her Co-Chairman is Beth Pelfrey.

At our April General Meeting the membership approved the change of our meeting place from the Cultural Arts Center to Medical Office Building of the Anaheim Memorial Hospital and that beginning July 14, 1992 our meetings will be held the second Tuesday of each month rather than the third Thursday which has been our regular meeting night for many years.

Our meetings will be held in the Medical Office Building Auditorium. The location is 1211 W. LaPalma Ave., Anaheim, and the auditorium is located on the basement level of the building. There is a large parking lot with security. Meetings will begin at 7:30 PM.

We are indeed grateful to our new member, Dr. Lawrence "Chris" Madsen for all his help and interest in arranging for this meeting place.

Our June Meeting will be our Annual Potluck (Trophies and Awards Night) Dinner and it will be held at the Cultural Arts Center on Thursday, June 18th at 6:30 PM. A short meeting and presentation of awards will be made following dinner and then it will be BINGO time. This is a family affair, everyone is welcome. Please plan on bringing a dish, i.e., a main dish, vegetables, salad and dessert. The Club will provide the dishes, eating utensils and cups. Punch and coffee will be available.

Dennis Van Kampen will be doing the Awards and Trophies and conducting the Bingo but I will be asking for volunteers tonight to help with setting up the tables, decorations and table cloths and preparing coffee etc.

Let's make this night a memorable one.

Lola Tapia

A LITTLE PHILOSOPHY -

To err is human -- to really foul things up requires a computer.

via Staurlite, 5/92 and others

SHOW DATES:

May 23 & 24 Yucaipa Gem and Mineral Society
Community Center, First Street & Avenue "B"
Yucaipa, CA
Hours: May 23 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM
May 24 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

May 30 & 31 Glendora Gems
Goddard Middle School
859 E. Sierra Madre
Glendora, CA
Hours: May 30 10:00 AM to 7:30 PM
May 31 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

June 6 & 7 Rockatomics Gem and Mineral Society
Rockatomics Recreational Center
8500 Fallbrook Avenue
West Hills, CA
Hours: Jun 6 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Jun 7 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

FEDERATION REPORT:

The fall Earth Science Studies will be held September 6-12, 1992 at Camp Minaulta. This is located about 4 miles north of Nevada City/Grass Valley area. There will be field trips, classes on cabochon making, sculpting, faceting, rock picture making, gold panning and much more. The cost for the full six days of fun and learning will be \$200.00 per person. The facilities are rustic - small cabins with cots; flush toilets in adjacent buildings. For those of you who prefer RV parking there are plenty of level parking spaces available. The fee covers all instruction and food. There is a small fee charged for materials used in classes. Reservations must be made before August 1st. If you are interested I have applications.

Don't forget the 1922 "August Harvest of Gems", Hayward, CA, August 21-23, 1992 hosted by the Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley. Preregistration deadline is July 20th. If you plan to attend or camp on the grounds please see me for more information.

George Mitchum

PUBLIC LANDS:

I just recently attended the California Desert Coalition at Ridgecrest, CA. There were many things discussed that I will brief you on at a later date but one of the subjects of utmost importance was President Bush's participation in the Earth Summit Conference to be held in Rio de Janeiro in early June. One of the subjects will be the reduction of carbon dioxide of which the United States is responsible for only 25% of the world's carbon dioxide emission. It was suggested that we as individuals write the President urging him NOT TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE.

Elmer Parsons

HIGHLIGHTS - APRIL GENERAL MEETING:

Moving our meeting place from the Cultural Arts Center to the Anaheim Memorial Hospital Medical Office Building was discussed. Motion was made, seconded and approved that our meetings will be held at this facility beginning July 14, 1992. It was also approved that the general meetings will be changed from the third Thursday to the second Tuesday of each month.

Motion was made, seconded and approved that we rent a storage area to house all of our workshop equipment and/or other Searcher items and supplies.

Motion was made, seconded and approved that the last night that the workshop will be open for use will be May 14th.

Elsie Reed thanked the Searchers for all the help from Searcher members who worked at the Annual Arts Council Soiree and for the beautiful Liberty Blue Topaz necklace that the Searchers donated to be auctioned.

Walter Mroch discussed the extended field trip beginning May 22nd and ending June 12th.

Our program was on Death Valley presented by Mr Ed Murphy.

The ladies serving refreshments did a great job as usual and as an added treat one of our members brought in large tray of huge strawberries dipped in two kinds of chocolate and if you didn't have one you don't know what you missed.

Marge

MEMBERSHIP:

Please add the following members to your 1992 Membership Roster:

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Buena Park, CA 90621
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Santa Ana, CA 92701
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NICHOLS, Audrey 533-4675

MADSEN, Lawrence C., MD and family 535-2936

Milly Arvanites

SUNSHINE:



It is with sadness that I must tell you that the Searchers have lost a long standing member and old friend, Martin Wells Erthal who passed away on Saturday, May 2, 1992 in Fullerton. Services were held at Loma Vista Park in Fullerton on Wednesday, May 6th.

Wells joined the Searchers in June of 1964 and was very proud to be a Searcher. He did not have a rig and was unable to participate in the field trips but that did not stop him from taking great interest in the club. He made many items and donated them for the drawings in our annual show.

Wells also did beautiful leather work and always donated 12 items per year to be given away at our monthly meetings. Perhaps some of you were fortunate enough to win one of these items. In addition he donated more aluminum cans to our annual fund raiser each January than all of our members put together. The last three years totaled more than 900 pounds of cans.

Wells never married, lived with his mother for many years, caring for her until she passed away several years ago. His only survivors are his nephews Gregg of Fullerton and Robert of Redondo Beach. Wells was a small man in stature but a giant of a man in his heart. We shall all miss him.

Your editor

I have not heard of any other members who are ill. Jay Cole will undergo shoulder surgery June 10th at Martin Luther Hospital.

Froma Reiter

SHOW REPORT:

I would like to thank each and every one of the Searchers who headed committees, worked on committees, worked at the show, donated prizes for Donation Awards, Hourly Door Prizes and Wheel of Fortune and performed the hundreds of tasks it took for a successful show. You all made me look good.

In spite of the riot, the show was successful: with only two preliminary figures, I think I can say we done good. Attendance was only off about one-third whereas income by less than ten percent. That is success in anyone's book.

The Coles and Husbys did yoemens' chores in the kitchen; they and their helpers fed us well. Jay is ready to do another show soon, in about ten years.

Thank you so much once more for all the indispensable help; our show is impossible without total cooperation from each and every member of the club.

Beth Pelfrey
1992 Show Chairman

WANTED:

14-16 inch Slab Saw, Trim Saw,
Vibrating Rock Polisher, Big
Tumbler, Diamond Polisher, Cab
Machines.
Please call Beth Pelfrey at 774-2754

WANTED:

Genie Grinder
Please call Dr. Madsen - 535-2936

CRAFTS:



A special thanks to all the ladies who held the monthly craft meetings and potlucks in their home and the ladies who helped make the lovely items and the ladies who work and could not attend the get togethers but made items on their own. All of your help is what made our craft booth so successful.

Thanks to Queenie Osborne for making all the critters. To Doris Pelfrey and Evelyn Klumb for the beautiful afghans that were raffled during the Friday night dinner and, to Mary Parsons who handled our plant sales. Not to forget our male members who donated slabs and rocks for our various projects and who also made great wooden items which the ladies painted. All of you did a great job and we appreciate all you've done.

Jan Gillette

PROGRAM REPORT:

Our April program was presented by Mr Ed Murphy who showed slides and talked on the wonders of Death Valley, CA. It was very interesting. If you've been there it was nice to reminisce and if you've not been there it enlightened you to what a fascinating area this is to visit.

Tonight our program will be "Introduction to Carving" to be presented by our own Clare Gagnon.

There will be no program for June since this is our Annual Potluck/Awards Dinner.

Mr Walt Johnson will be our guest speaker for our July program and the subject will be Fireagate.

Jorge Hurtado

POTLUCK/AWARDS NIGHT:

Remember the Potluck/Awards Dinner, Thursday, June 18th at 6:30 PM at the Cultural Arts Center. Please plan on bringing a dish to share, i.e., main dish, vegetables, salad or dessert. The club will furnish eating utensils, cups, punch and coffee.

I will be doing the Trophies and Awards and the Bingo but Lola will need VOLUNTEERS to setup tables, handle table decorations, eating utensils and to prepare beverages. PLEASE VOLUNTEER THIS EVENING. I would suggest that those people volunteering should be there at about 5:30 PM.

The Park Place Inn of Anaheim has donated a two night complimentary stay for two at their Inn and dinner for two at the California Bistro Restuarant. This will be a special door prize for the evening and tickets will be given to MEMBERS ONLY AND YOU MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE TO BE ELIGIBLE.

Dennis Van Kampen

REMINDER: I will need all items for the June Bulletin NOT LATER THAN 10 June.

Marge



SAFETY REPORT

by

Chuck & Addie Davis
Safety Chairmen, CFMS

(We thank Toni Ewers for her contributions for this article.)

An incident at Quartzsite this year brought to mind an ever present problem in campsites.

How many of you have driven into a campground and found trailers, motorhomes, etc., parked so close together that it would have been impossible to get any one of the rigs out in a hurry? Not only right next to each other, but end to end with absolutely no room in between!

A minimum of eight (8) feet is required by the fire department. They advise no "circle round", although with the minimum requirement between rigs this should be no problem. They emphasize that we are not protecting ourselves against Indians -- just FIRE!

At the Quartzsite fire this year, the rig became engulfed in flames and next to it was a locked truck and camper--no way to move it. Another was pushed out of the way.

At a fire several years ago, a fifth-wheeler was parked right up to the front of a motorhome and behind that was a van which caught fire. There was absolutely no way to get that motorhome out of the way. Please watch the spaces between rigs. With lots of rockhounding coming up soon, keep this in mind.

And what are the causes of these fires? There are many. We heard that the one this year was caused by not wiring solar panels correctly although we have been unable to verify this. Nevertheless, take heed and be sure to follow directions very carefully, or better yet, have it done by someone who knows what they are doing.

The fire in the van several years ago was caused by a propane stove, inside the van, which was left on to make coffee while the owner went for a shower. Needless to say, he did not have his coffee and the van was a total loss.

A forgotten curling iron was the cause of another fire. Leaking gas lines are almost always a sure way to cause a fire.

Friends were following an RV down the highway and saw one of the propane tanks which had been secured with a bungy cord come lose. The canister was dragging behind the rig on the road. That one was helped by a trucker before a fire erupted. Be sure to secure everything!

A vehicle or recreational fire is almost always a total loss so be safe--not sorry. Always check your rig before each travel trip. Keep a "checklist" so nothing is skipped. You check your food, don't you? What is more important than to.....

CHECK SAFETY!!!

Take heed so we can see you on the next trip.

Via CFMS Bulletin
April 1992

Perhaps when making reservations for our group at Greasewood Greens we should remind them of the minimum eight foot requirement between rigs required by the fire department.

Ed

HOBBY HINT:

AMBER is easy to clean. Use alcohol Immersion, where possible, is the best method for articles which have gotten very dirty. The alcohol will dry almost without a trace. If it leaves a thin, white deposit, rub the amber with a piece of chamois.

Via Rocky Review, 5/92
and others

April Field Trip Report - Hackberry Wash (SARMS hosted)

At least fifty rockhounds, 20 of whom were Searchers, were present at Hackberry Wash on April 24-26, 1992. Dr. Madsen and family (6 members) came in full force plus brought a guest on their first trip. 23 rigs were in attendance with the Santa Ana Rock and Mineral Society, the Victor Valley Club and the Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Club also present. On Friday afternoon Frank Davis, Nancy Kramp and I went up to the California Mine where we collected garnet, chalcopyrite, chrysocolla, azurite and mica. Saturday morning 15 Searchers and about 15 other club members collected geodes from 1 cm to over 7 inches in diameter. Small but attractive limb casts; beautiful red flame agate; some palm root; and yellow/green oolitic opal were also collected on Saturday afternoon. Some of us drove to Caruthers Canyon in search of topaz and other pegmatite minerals. The canyon and its formations were spectacular but the hike to the rhyolite formation would have required more than the few hours that we had so we opted for the next best thing. Elmer Parsons, Russ Korn, Frank Davis and I hiked up to the nearby Sagamore Mine where we collected some pyrite, calcite, and epidote specimens. The weather was quite pleasant with some cloud cover providing temperatures in the high 80's and low 90's. Evening temperatures ranged from the high 40's to the 50's. There was plenty of wildlife too.... jackrabbits, snakes, lizards, birds, a tortoise, and ground squirrels. Some members ventured into Laughlin for some gambling. Saturday evening there was an excellent potluck dinner. Nobody left disappointed with the weather, the company or the collecting. A big THANKS to the Santa Ana Rock and Mineral Society for their invitation, hospitality and well marked trails to the collecting sites. Some of the collected material will be on display at the May general meeting.

Extended Field Trip Notes

The weather can often turn from sunshine to snow and this year will no doubt be the same. Be prepared for different weather conditions that we may encounter. On Saturday there will be one or two trips to collecting sites in the area. In the morning we will collect at Copper World Mine (azurite, malachite, chrysocolla) and the Mohawk Mine (smithsonite, galena, sphalerite, cerussite) and/or the Mile-Hi and Amethyst Queen Claims (phantomed amethyst and clear quartz crystals). Additional information will be handed out for the remaining legs of the extended trip depending on your particular destination or breakpoint. The extended trip trekees will head to Beaver at their own pace on Sunday. There are no planned trips for Sunday so you may want to stop in Las Vegas or Mesquite for some gambling or do some sightseeing.

All members interested in collecting on Monday morning should be in their vehicles and ready to go at 8:30 AM. On Monday or Tuesday we will have a chicken dinner at the Ponderosa Restaurant and we will have Steve Hodges at our disposal on Monday and Tuesday to guide us to a few collecting spots possibly for martite (black, metallic, nonmagnetic magnetite) in single crystals and plates, obsidian, rhodonite, agate, copper minerals, and other mineral specimens. Steve has been concentrating on lapidary materials the past few weeks.

World Rockhound's Association

This organization to which we belong is having its annual meeting this year on October 10-11, 1992 at Rainbow Ridge near Inyokern, CA. We have not participated in their trips in the recent past and to show our support this will be designated as the October Field Trip. Information will be published in the coming months regarding camping and collecting opportunities.

Walter Mroch

May 22-24, 1992 Field Trip Copper World/Cima Road

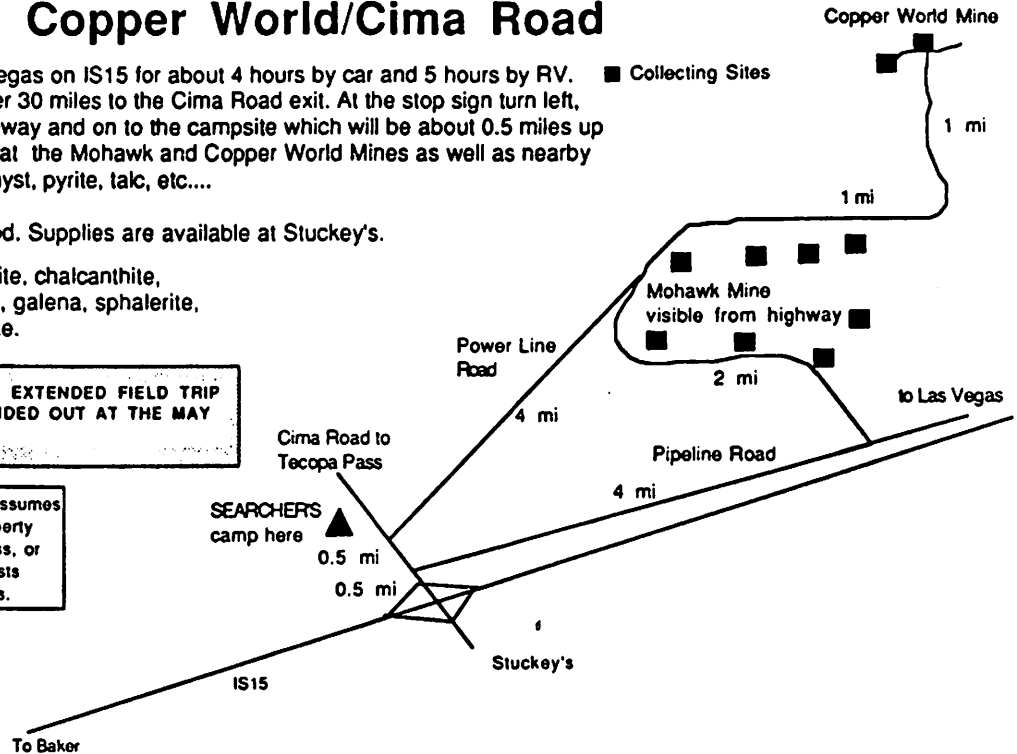
Directions: Head towards Las Vegas on IS15 for about 4 hours by car and 5 hours by RV. Pass Baker and continue another 30 miles to the Cima Road exit. At the stop sign turn left, which will take you over the freeway and on to the campsite which will be about 0.5 miles up on the left side. You can collect at the Mohawk and Copper World Mines as well as nearby Tecopa Pass which offers amethyst, pyrite, talc, etc....

What to bring: Food, water, wood. Supplies are available at Stuckey's.

What to collect: Azurite, malachite, chalcantite, smithsonite, calcite, chrysocolla, galena, sphalerite, hemimorphite, limonite, cerussite.

NOTE: ANY NEW OR ADDITIONAL EXTENDED FIELD TRIP INFORMATION WILL ONLY BE HANDED OUT AT THE MAY TRIP SITE, I.E. COPPER WORLD.

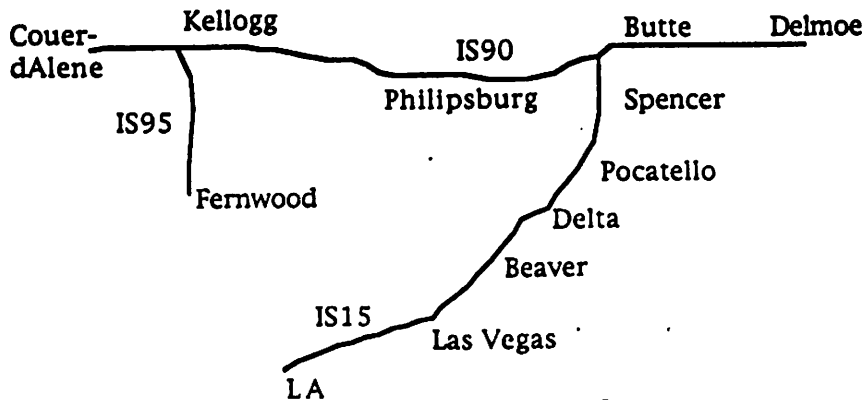
Searchers Gem and Mineral Society assumes no responsibility for injuries or property damage due to accidents, carelessness, or Acts of God. Searchers and their guests assume all risks during club activities.



1992 Extended Field Trip Nevada, Utah, Idaho, Montana

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| Drive to Beaver, Utah on 5/24 | Smoky quartz, molybdenum, copper minerals, bubble opal. |
| Drive to Delta, Utah on 5/27 | Camp at Topaz Mtn. Topaz, garnet, beryl, bixbyite. |
| Drive to Spencer on 5/30 | Spencer Opal Mine. Opal digging. |
| Drive to Butte, Montana on 6/3 | Berkeley Open Pit Mine tour and collecting. Smoky quartz xls, albite, amazonite, schorl, garnet |
| Drive to Anaconda, Montana | Sapphire digging. Smoky quartz xls, clear quartz xls. |
| Drive to Kellogg, ID on 6/9 | Silver, galena, pyromorphite, cerussite, anglesite. Mine tours? |
| Drive to Fernwood, ID on 6/12 | Collect at USFS Emerald Creek garnet digging area. |

Minerals to collect include titanite, schorl, albite, almandite garnet, pyromorphite, malachite, azurite, galena, tetrahedrite, fire opal, silver, hemimorphite, smoky quartz, amethyst, sapphire, agate, feldspar, and much, much more.



Mileage Guide

- LA to LV 250 miles
- LV to BV 200 miles
- BV to DL 130 miles
- DL to PC 200 miles
- PC to SP 200 miles
- SP to BT 150 miles
- BT to PH 80 miles
- PH to KL 200 miles
- KL to FW 100 miles
- KL to Cd 50 miles
- Cd to CA 1200 miles