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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 92845-1525.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's hard to believe that it is already November and the holidays will soon be upon us. More importantly, our national elections are history, and the Searchers election of Officers for 1997 will be at tonight's meeting. Over the past two months, the Nominating Committee, Alice Lux, Walter Mroch, and Betty Nelson have worked diligently, contacting most of you to put together a slate of officers for 1997. Let me extend my special thanks to this committee, and to those Searchers who have accepted the responsibility of an office in 1997. At last report, one opening remained, and we may have to solicit nominations from the floor at tonight's meeting. Let me again assure you that anyone who will accept the challenge and run for the vacant position will receive plenty of able assistance from veteran members (as I have), and will also find that the job duties and tasks for 1997 will be clearly laid out and organized for you. Also at tonight's meeting, are two of my personal favorites, pie night and a silent auction. Hopefully every member brought some nice gem materials, minerals, and other nice stuff for the auction, not to mention an appetite for pie.

The October field trip to Trona was an unqualified success, I saw many Searchers with nice crystal specimens from their forays out onto the dry (but not totally dry) lakebed. Our Thanksgiving field trip to the Wiley's Well area will likely be a wonderful one again this year. That area is so rich in good agate material, and beautiful desert scenery, and we generally have so much fun that I wouldn't want any of you to miss it. Hope to see you there.

At tonight's meeting, copies of the Standing Rules which were adopted at the October meeting will be made available to those in attendance. A special mailing will distribute these revised Standing Rules to the rest of the Searchers. The future planning committee is working on revising the job duties for reissue in time for use by the 1997 Officers and Committee Chairpersons to quickly get up to speed in their new roles. I ask that all 1996 Committee Chairpersons submit your revision recommendations as soon as possible so we can complete this task. Outgoing Chairpersons are further asked to update the notebooks you will pass on to your successors in order to assure a smooth transition.

The December meeting and installation of officers is scheduled for Friday, the 6th of December 1996 at the Fullerton Elks Club. I hope you all can attend as this will be a fun and festive occasion at a very nice facility. We will have the banquet room until midnight, so there will be plenty of time to socialize, dance, and have fun. The December Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday the 10th and will be a joint meeting of the 1996/1997 Board of Directors so that the new officers can get off to a good start.



Herb Beckman





FUTURE CLUB ACTIVITIES:

Nov 19th - Board Meeting

Nov 28th - Dec 1st - Thanksgiving Field Trip - Wiley's Well

Dec 5th - Bulletin Items Due

Dec 6th - Christmas Dinner/1997 Officer Installation - Fullerton Elks Club

Dec 10th - Board Meeting - 1996/1997 Joint Officer meeting

SHOW DATES:

Nov 27 - Dec 1st - North Island Gem & Mineral Society/San Diego County Council

OUTDOOR Rockhound Round-up Holt Park - 5th & Holt

Holtville, CA (approximately 16 miles East of El Centro)

Hours: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM each day

Nov 30th - Dec 1st - Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Society

Barstow Community Center

841 S. Barstow Rd Barstow, CA

Hours: Sat 10 - 6

Sun 10 - 5

HIGHLIGHTS - OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING:

The Workshop Committee is still looking for a suitable space for a workshop.

To date we do not have a 1997 Show Chairman however, Herb will be working on getting the show organized.

The Nominating Committee has been busy working on a new slate of officers for 1997. At this time they have all but two positions filled. The nominees are as follows:

President -

1st Vice President - Walter Mroch (temporary)

2nd Vice President - Connie Van Kampen

Secretary - Betty Nelson

Treasurer - Faye McDowell

Federation Director -

Nominations for the two open positions will be accepted from the floor at the November meeting. President Beckman asked that members think about volunteering.

Bob Gabourel suggested that we donate rocks and jewelry making supplies to the Child Abuse Services Team (CAST). CAST works with sexually abused children and it means a lot to the children to have projects to work on that helps them to begin a healthy recovery. Bob also asked if there are any members who would like to volunteer their time to help at the CAST center to teach the children how to create some jewelry, critters etc. CAST is located in Orangewood Children's Home in Orange, CA.

Our program for the evening was on cutting opals presented by Cliff Coan and was very interesting.

Refreshments served by Beth Pelfrey, Jan Gillette and Marie Cole.

FEDERATION REPORT:

The CFMS Fall Meeting was held November 9, 1996 in Visilia, CA. Meeting was opened by having the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Invocation and Memoriam by Mary Anderson and introductions with 92 directors, 5 officers, 15 chairmen present. A quorum was established and the Agenda Adopted. Standing Rules and Minutes of the August 10, 1996 meeting accepted.

The 1996 CFMS Show in Riverside resulted in CFMS share being approximately \$8,000.

CFMS Officers for 1997 are:

President - Rosemarie Young 1st Vice President/Pres Elect - Beverly Moreau 2nd Vice President - Kenneth Kruschke Treasurer - C. Wesley Lingerfelt Secretary - Louis E. (Gene) Rutledge

The 1997 Nominating Committee:

Mary Anderson, Chairman Bob King Mike Kokinos Norvie Enns Toy Sato Joann Skinner, Alt

New Clubs that have been formed:

Sportsmans Club of Joshua Tree, CA - 31 Members - applied for membership and accepted.

Delinquent Societies as of Nov 1, 1996:

Eastern Sierra Gem & Mineral Society Galileo Gem Guild

Disbanded Clubs/Societies as of Nov 1, 1996

Foresters Rockhounds # 779
Golden Empire Gem & Mineral Society
Joshua Tree Gem & Mineral Society
Modoc Gem & Mineral Society
Red Bluff Lapidary Club
Redwood Gem & Mineral Society
Sequoia Mineral Society
Yucca VAlley Gem & Mineral Society

No further information on the GIA/NSF proposed mobile museums project and probably will not be available until perhaps summer 1997.

Isabella Burns will be the CFMS Representative to the AFMS for 1997-98.

Mike Kokinos announced that 1996 donations to the CFMS Endowment Fund has reached a market value of over \$104,000 as of November 1996.



FEDERATION REPORT (Cont'd):

Beverly Berg announced that she has four nominees for the CFMS Scholarship Fund. Moreinformation concerning Scholarship Honorees will be in the CFMS December newsletter.

Camp Paradise has been approved for a fall CFMS Earth Science Studies to be held Sep 7 - 14th, 1997. Camp Paradise is located approximately 40 miles east of Marysville, CA on Route 20. There will be space for 36 RVs. There are hookups and a dump station. There will also be 120 billets. The fee will be \$190 the same as ZZYZX - Soda Springs.

The 1997 CFMS show "Gold Coast Treasure Cove" will be held in Ventura, CA from June 20 thru 22, 1997. The 1998 show was bid by Central Coast Clubs, Monterey, CA, the dates, July 4 and 5th, 1998. There will be five clubs involved, the Monterey Bay Gem and Mineral Club, Carmel, Santa Cruz and two other clubs. Still no bid for the 1999 CFMS Show. The 2000 Show was bid by Valley Prospectors with plans to hold it in Riverside in June or August.

Bill and Isabella Burns (Isabella is on the Desert District Advisory Council) and BLM officials met with the U.S. Army at Camp Irwin (in October) at which time it was discussed that Camp Irwin is requesting 150,000 acres near Death Valley to be used by new tank units.

Jim Strain gave an interesting report on the Fossil Protection Bill and on public lands and how plans are being considered to levy fees for use of recreational public lands in addition to the fees already being charged by the National Parks. Elmer Parsons is our Public Lands representative and he will give you more information concerning initiation of fees for use of public lands. This will be discussed at the December meeting of the California Desert District Advisory Council meeting in El Centro, CA Dec 5th and 6th. Elmer has a copy of Jim Strain's report.

Marge Jordan Federation Delegate

MEMBERSHIP:

Just received a change of address for the Fredricks here it is:

Don Frederick and Carole James Frederick (909) 679-0944 28838 Amersfoot Way Sun City, CA 92586

Please update your current membership roster.

Milly Arvanites

THE LAPIDARY WORLD LOSES A GREAT ARTIST AND GENTLEMAN

Warren Link died October 2, 1996. He had been visiting the Magic Kingdom, Disneyland, and suffered a coronary attack and died. We might say, what an unusual place for Warren to die. But is it? Warren like the creator of Disneyland, Walt Disney, had the ability to create the most unique and fascinating things to delight the people around him. He tried to bring not only joy, but also knowledge to everyone with whom he met. He shared his fascination of nature and his ability to make something of beauty out of what some thought to be junk. Listed in CFMS "Podium People" he gave programs at many CFMS clubs and participated in many CFMS sponsored events, recently making momentos for the "Diamond Daze" show. He was well known and liked throughout California. His wife preceded him in death by a few weeks.

Via Orange Coast 9 Gazette 11/96 and Victor



PROGRAM REPORT:

Our October program was presented by Cliff Coan on Opals and Opal Cutting, This was a very interesting and enlightening program.

Tonight we will be having a Silent Auction and of course, our traditional "PIE NIGHT".

No meeting in December...that's our Christmas Party, December 6th at the Fullerton Elks Club. Plan on being there!

Lola Tapia





CHRISTMAS PARTY

Remember the Christmas Party is Friday, December 6, at the Fullerton Elks....You can purchase your tickets at the November meeting, through the mail from Beth Pelfrey, or pick them up at the door. Let's make the crowd much bigger than last year.

Froma Reiter and the Orange County Women's Chorus, the Note-A-Belles will entertain us as they did last year. Y'all come!

Now, for the new news: welcome back to the gift exchange. This is strictly voluntary; if you bring one, you get one. The only "rules" are simple:

The price limit is \$7.00.

It needs to pass the test that if you would like to own it, it's good enough to give.

Some suggestion by the committee were geodes, nice slabs, mineral specimens, fossils (not the live human ones1), books, etc. As you can see, the gifts must be rock-related, nicely wrapped and gender non-specific.

The committee has a fabulous evening planned, so be there or be square. If you have questions, call me. Both Polfrey, 774-2764; Marie Cole, 639-7983; or Connie Vankampen. 993-2827.

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November 1996

Searchers Christmas Dinner

Where:

Fullerton Elks Lodge No 1993 1451 North Brea Blvd (at Harbor)

When:

Friday, December 6, 1996

Questions?

Marie Cole

639-7983

Beth Pelfrey

774-2754

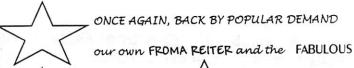
Herb Beckman

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Arrive & Visit....6 pm

Dinner....7 pm

Program....8 pm



NOTE-A-BELLES WOMEN'S CHORUS OF ORANGE COUNTY

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Beth Pelfrey 9612 Rosebay St. Anaheim, Calif. 92804

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DEADLINE FRIDAY, NOV 22

FIELD TRIP REPORT:



TRONA (OCTOBER) FIELD TRIP:

By Friday night fall we had seven rigs encamped at the RV Park and by daybreak we had two more for a total of nine rigs staying over Saturday night.

Saturday morning dawned bright and clear and we all got a start to the Searles Lake Show to pick up the first field trip for "lake surface" mineral crystals as well as a demonstration on how they use air pressure to "force" the brine and crystals to the surface. From what I understand there were over 250 vehicles on the lake trip. I would guess there was at least 3 to 4 people per vehicle average. If that was true there was 750 to 1000 people on the lake bed.

The Saturday afternoon trip was more or less fun depending on your prospective. Less people, maybe, but lots of black mud. The North American Chemical Company had dumped piles of black mud on the lake bed and everyone jumped in to see what cyrstals they could find.

Saturday night we had the planned Rocktail Party to celebrate the purchase of Marv and Jacques new motorhome. We had in addition to those camping with us, seven other members and guests for a total of twenty-five at the Rocktail Party. We thank the Mogs for the champagne with which we made a toast for many happy and safe miles.

Sunday was the day to wade in the brine for pink halite. Some were seen to swim instead of just wade. Everyone got all the specimens they wanted.

The weather the whole weekend was great with windless campfires every night. This trip is the first one where we had to get permission by a personal visit from the local fire chief.

NOVEMBER FIELD TRIP (November 28 thru December 1st):

Yes, back to Wiley's Well again. We will camp at the same spot as last year. See the following map.

Our Thanksgiving feast will be on Thursday at 3:00 PM. Bring your favorite dish to share.

Saturday morning Mike Lee voluntered to cook a pancake breakfast. This will take place unless he is required to work that weekend.

Everyone bring their favorite games to play between field trips. We plan on having one entertaining game that everyone needs to contribute to ahead of time. We need every individual to bring a humorous "white elephant" gift (not to exceed \$5.00 in value). Just put it in a brown paper bag closed with a ribbon at the top.

This will be a dry camp at the same location as last year. Please bring firewood. Don't forget, plenty of water!

There will be some Searchers out there as early as Tuesday the 26th.

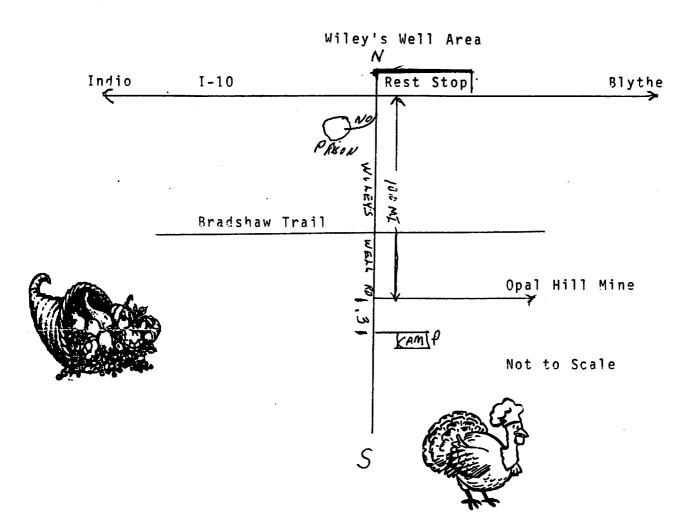
Any questions give me a call (310) 431-7382.

Ken Nelson



NOVEMBER FIELD TRIP - THANKSGIVING

November 28th thru December 1st, 1996



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