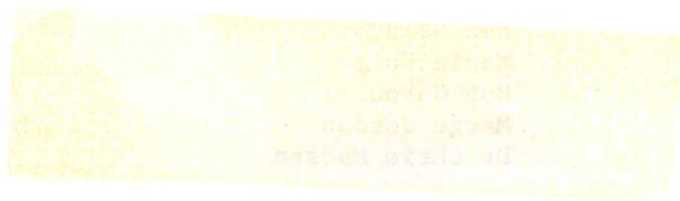


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SEARCHERS GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.  
Established June 20, 1958

Mailing Address: P O Box 3492  
Anaheim, CA 92804

CLUB OFFICERS

President	Herb Beckman	778-1496
1st Vice President	Lola Tapia	776-9815
2nd Vice President	Ken Nelson	(310) 431-7382
Secretary	Marie Cole	639-7983
Treasurer	Bob Gabourel	670-6786
Federation Delegate	Marge Jordan	897-2407
Director	Dr Chris Madsen	535-2936

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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.

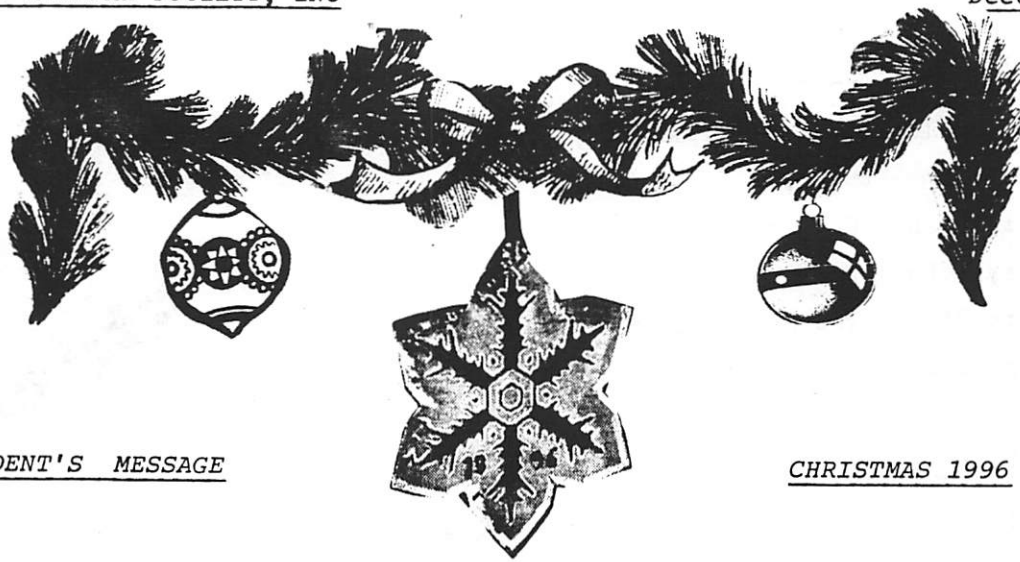
Membership dues are accepted January thru September. Adult Members: \$10.00 each, and Junior Members (under age 17) \$2.00.

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 92845-1525.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGECHRISTMAS 1996

Here we are into the holidays again. January 1st, 1996 seems like just yesterday. The years pass so fast now, and it seems like more things are piling up to be done than are getting done. It has, however, been a good year for Searchers. We had a very successful gem show, our 37th Annual Gem Roundup. We have had many interesting and enjoyable programs, field trips, and outings and our organization has been enriched by the addition of quite a few new members. Also, it now looks as though we may be able to move into a workshop facility before the end of the year. This was my primary goal for Searchers in 1996. I believe we will use this facility in many ways to work more closely together toward our objectives as stated in our By-Laws, to enrich our normal activities, and to attract new members.

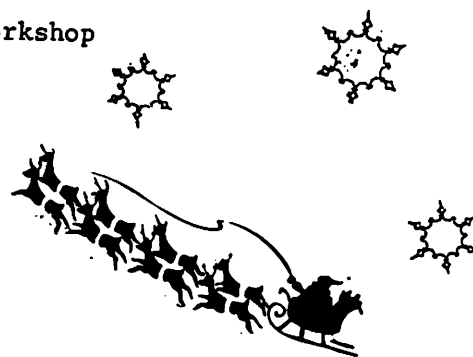
All of you have contributed to our successes this year. Our strength is in our diversity of talents and skills, combined with our common bond and focus on achieving our purpose as stated in our By-Laws. My sincere thanks go out to all of you for the wholehearted support you have given me, the club officers, and the committee chairpersons this year. And, I trust you will support the 1997 officers and chairpersons with as much enthusiasm, talent and creativity. If you do, 1997 will be an outstanding year for the Searchers because we will have a workshop and many more activities to bring us together, and help us reach out. My special thanks to the club officers, the future planning committee, the workshop committee and the standing committees and chairpersons who did such a thorough job this year.

I wish each and every one of you the merriest of Christmases, and the happiest of New Years.

HERB BECKMAN

FUTURE CLUB ACTIVITIES:

December 21st - Move Equipment from storage to future workshop  
January 7th - Bulletin Items Due  
January 14th - General Meeting  
January 18th - Field Trip - Nuevo Dump  
January 21st - 1st Show Committee Meeting  
January 28th - Board Meeting



SHOW DATES - 1997:

Jan 11 - 12      Tule Gem and Mineral Society  
Veterans Memorial Bldg  
324 N. Kaweah  
Exeter, CA  
Hours: Sat and Sun - 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Jan 24 - 25      Pacific Micro Conference  
So. Cal. Micro Mineralogists  
San Bernardino County Museum  
2024 Orang Tree Lane  
Redlands, CA  
"COPPER" Conference to register: Juanita Curtis (310) 427-0657

QUARTZSITE DATES

Jan 11 - Jan 26      Main Event  
Jan 15 - Feb 15      Clouds  
Jan 22 - Feb 16      Four Corners  
Jan 31 - Feb 9      Tyson Wells Sell-A-Rama  
Feb 5 - Feb 9      Quartzsite QIA Pow Wow



HIGHLIGHTS - NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING:

Meeting called to order at 7:45 PM.

Herb stated the Workshop Committee is still looking for a suitable space for a Workshop. We need more money to secure a building for the Workshop. Motion made by Jim Williamson to accept the responsibility for additional \$100.00 needed, bring the total to \$300.00. The remaining \$150.00 will be offset by the Opal Society, who will share the building. Motion seconded by George Lux. Motion passed.

Updated copies of the Standing Rules were handed out.

HIGHLIGHTS - NOVEMBER MEETING (cont'd):

Ken Nelson reported that the Thanksgiving field trip is to Wiley's Well from Nov 28th through Dec 1st. Thanksgiving dinner to be at 3:00 PM. Also, Mike and Michele Lee will host a pancake breakfast Saturday morning at 8:00 AM. Members are to bring a "White Elephant" item (valued less than \$5.00) for a fun auction Saturday evening. Ken and Mary will be there on Tuesday, 27 November.

Marge Jordan reported that she passed our 1997 Show Flyers out at the recent CFMS Annual fall meeting in Visalia.

Mae Freedman will be the Silent Auction Chairperson for the Anaheim Arts Council 1997 Soiree

Marie Cole made a motion that the Searchers present a plaque to our Dealers who have been in our Annual Show for twenty-five years. The plaque is to be presented during our Annual Gem Roundup in May. Motion seconded by Beth Pelfrey. Motion passed.

Searcher Officers for 1997 are:

President - Doris Pelfrey  
1st Vice Pres - Walter Mroch  
2nd Vice Pres - Connie Van Kampen  
Secretary - Betty Nelson  
Treasurer - Faye McDowell  
Federation Delegate - Elmer Parsons  
Alternate Federation Delegate - Bob Gabourel

There will be a Joint Board Meeting (1996 and 1997 Board) December 10th at 7:30 PM in the Hospital Board Room.

Froma Reiter will handle the subscriptions for "Rock and Gem Magazine." Please send your new and renewals to her. For further information call Froma.

Marvin Mog was named by the Searchers to be their honored member for 1996. This was for the CFMS 1996 Special Member Recognition Honor Roll - "Each Club - Each Year - One Rockhound." All names and write-up will be published in the CFMS November newsletter.

Our program was a "Silent Auction." This too was our traditional "pie night."

Herb Beckman announced that he will be the 1997 Show Chairman. He also announced that our show flyers have been printed and that we now have signs for use at the show and proper instructions from the Brookhurst Center as to how the signs will be hung.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM.

Marie Cole  
Secretary

NOTICE:

I must have all bulletin items for the January '97 Bulletin NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 7TH.

Marge

MEMBERSHIP:

The end of 1996 is drawing near. January 1st is right around the corner. CLUB MEMBERS, YOUR DUES ARE DUE!!! I will be accepting them January 1st.

I'm making a request, and asking a big favor of all you Club members who mail your dues checks. PLEASE MAIL YOUR DUES DIRECTLY TO ME RATHER THAN TO OUR POST OFFICE BOX. This request has been concurred by our Outgoing and incoming Presidents and our Treasurer.

It's not always convenient for Club Officers' to make regular trips to the Post Office Box. Thus, if your dues go to the P. O. Box I may not know about it in time to publish your name in the 1997 Membership Roster and you will not be noted as a current member. SO, PLEASE MAIL YOUR DUES CHECK DIRETLY TO ME -

Milly L. Arvanites, Membership Chairman  
5200 Irvine Boulevard, Space 388  
Irvine, CA 92620-2061

and I will see that you get your receipt and new Membership Card for 1997.

This will make it easier for our President, Treasurer and myself. THANKS a whole bunch!

We welcome our new member who joined at our November meeting:

WARNAR, Cliff J. (714) 472-2083  
22911 Torino  
Laguna Hills, CA 92630

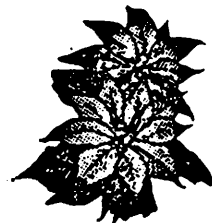
Cliff came out on our Thanksgiving trip and also joined us at our Christmas Dinner and installation. This is a great start for a new member.

Max and Dorothea Johnson tell me they have been able to move back into their home. Please correct their address to:

406 Wedgewood Drive (714) 535-8579  
Anaheim, CA 92801

Happy Holidays to all.

Milly Arvanites

NOTICE:

WE WILL BE VACATING OUR STORAGE AREA AND MOVING OUR EQUIPMENT TO OUR NEWLY LEASED WORKSHOP AREA LOCATED AT: 701 S. St College, Fullerton, CA ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21ST. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT HERB BECKMAN, (714) 778-1496.





TO KEN AND MARY NELSON:

What a great job you two have done, mapping, planning, arranging for accommodations for our many fun filled field trips plus hosting the potlucks, BBQs and other activities. The detailed information that you two furnished members was not only helpful but made all of your trips more enjoyable.

Thanks to Mary too for all her unique craft ideas and sharing her talents. What a top notch job Ken and Mary. We certainly have appreciated all your efforts. Happy Holidays.

Happy Field Trippers

SEARCHERS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY:

What a Party! December 6th we had our Annual Installation of Officers and Christmas Dinner at the Fullerton Elk's Club. Mrs Santa (Beth Pelfrey) and her elves did a great job planning, decorating and arranging a program and a choice of menu.

George Lux was MC for the evening and installed our 1997 officers.

Searchers dressed in their finery...so unrecognizable after our usual rock-hounding garb and grubbies. We had a nice evening and if you couldn't attend you missed an enjoyable party.

editor



PROGRAM REPORT:

Rather than a program for our November meeting we had a Silent Auction which all members enjoyed. This was also our traditional "pie fest." What an array of pies and all the no, no calories.

No meeting in December - this is our Installation Dinner and Christmas Party.

Walter Mroch will be your 1997 1st Vice President and Program Chairman. January Walter is tentatively planning a 60-minute video titled "The Tucson Experience."

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.



Lola Tapia

SLABS FOR VET'S:

Thanks to all of you who have been donating slabs this past year it has been appreciated. We can always use more slabs for the Veteran's Lapidary Shop. If you have old slabs you're not using or running your saw cut one for the Vets. I will have a box available at our January Meeting - back near the coffee. Box marked "Searchers Slabs for Vets."

Larry Richey



FIELD TRIP REPORT:NOVEMBER - THANKSGIVING FIELD TRIP:

The majority of rigs arrived on Wednesday and by Thursday dinner we had 14 RVs and 32 members and guests. Thanksgiving dinner was wonderful as usual with everyone's culinary gourmet delights on the table. Marvin and Jacque had a second visitation party and blessing for their new rig and furnished champagne with the dinner.

Friday was windy, the only day of the holiday that was. No campfire that night but the Searchers were still out digging up the desert and making little rocks out of big rock.

Saturday dawned bright again with NO WIND and Mike and Michele Lee hosted a pancake breakfast which was really great. As you can expect many members were back for seconds. Saturday afternoon (time to eat again) Mike and Donna Sidlin hosted a Rocktail Party so everyone could see their new rig and all Searchers rose to wish them the best with their new rig with a champagne toast. This is going to sound a bit much but wouldn't you know that the Sidlin's bought a model called "Searcher." How's that for a true blue club member. During the Rocktail Party we also had the game with the White Elephant gifts.

In summary, except for Friday all other days were just outstanding with lots of sunshine and no wind. Except for Friday we had campfires every night under blankets of stars. We had visits from one or more Kit foxes. The Searchers explored lots of new and old digging areas. There was one point when I needed my camera and didn't have it, there was one Searcher digging and ten watching. Is this typical??? Sunday night we had 10 rigs staying over until Monday.

We had two new members, Cliff and Josie, out Saturday for the field trip and they stayed for the Rocktail Party - welcome aboard! We need more new members to join us in the club activities.

Once again the weather cooperated; four out of five days with sunshine, no wind and campfires. I put Mary in charge of the weather and she did a good job again.

Norm and Marje Husby, long time members, were with us all the way from Sequim, Washington. I'm sure it was the company that brought them down (as opposed to the weather).

JANUARY FIELD TRIP (January 18th, 1997):

Once again, as last year, the January trip will be a one day trip to the Nueva Dump for pink quartz and black tourmaline. Jim Everitt will lead this trip. This was very successful last year and Jim says there is lots of material left. If you have seen Ana Gabourel's pendant you know this is quality material.

We will meet at the corner of Briggs road and Highway 74 below March Air Force Base off the 215 Freeway (see map elsewhere in bulletin). All participants are urged to be there early. We will leave that area promptly at 9:00 AM and "carpool" to the dump. Anyone that arrives after 9:00 AM may be left behind.

Bring lunch and water to drink. This is a dry area with lots of dust. Bring short handled "gardening tools" for digging and moving the unwanted material aside as well as bags for the quartz.

January sometimes includes some inclement weather. If this should occur the trip will be cancelled since it will be difficult to get to the area during or after a rain. (Cont'd on page 7).

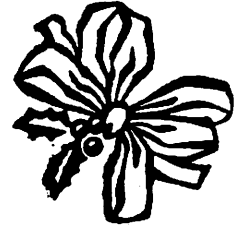
JANUARY FIELD TRIP - (Jan 18th - Cont'd):

It is requested that all members call me, Ken Nelson at (310) 431-7382 if they plan on attending. I will use this list as a "call list" in case the trip needs to be cancelled.

After the field trip everyone is invited to Jim and Joan Everitt's home for a pot luck consisting of soup, salad and dessert. Please bring one of these items to share and the Everitts will provide the condiments and utensils.

The map to the Everitt's home follows.

**Ken Nelson**



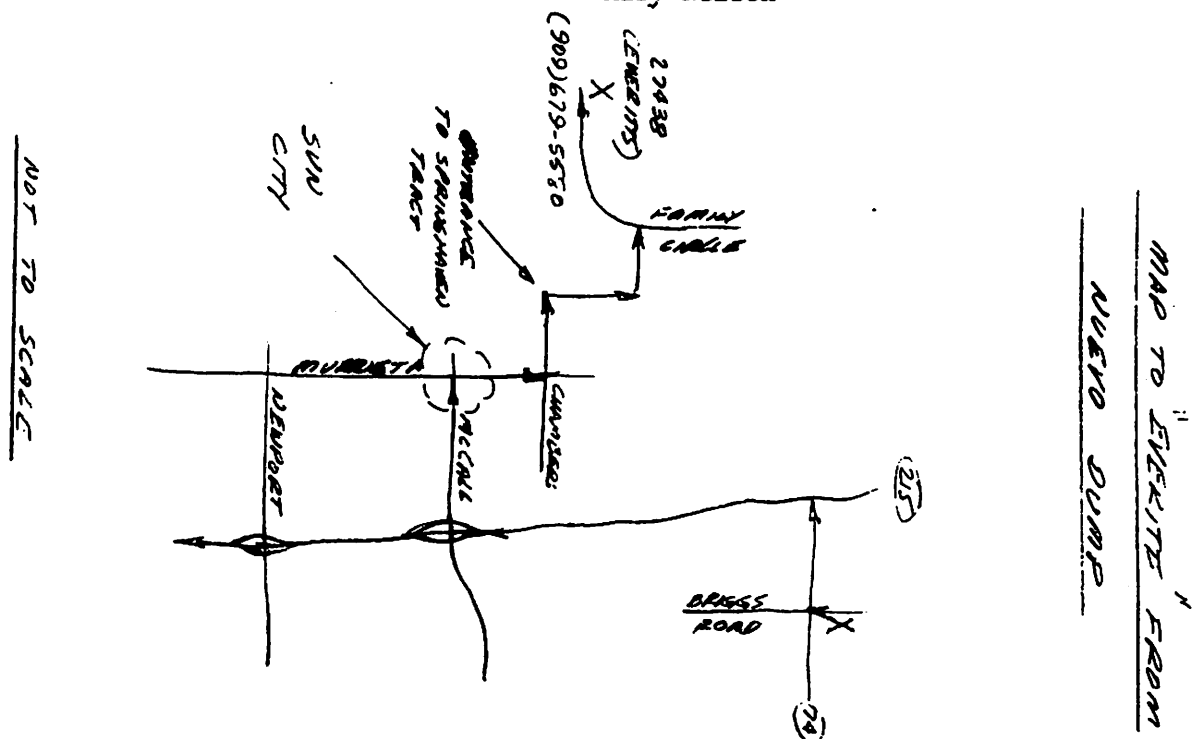
**YEAR END REPORT:**

The year 1996 is coming to an end and so are my responsibilities as the Field Trip Chairman. Mary and I have had lots of fun this year and we wish to thank people who helped me with field trips, specifically, to Marv Mog for helping with the detail trips on the extended trip and at Thanksgiving.

I also than Marv Mog, Jim Everitt and Bob Gabourel for their four-wheel drive rides to the giggins.

We appreciate all the help we've had with the social activities; i.e. pot-lucks, Rocktail Parties etc. Happy Holidays!

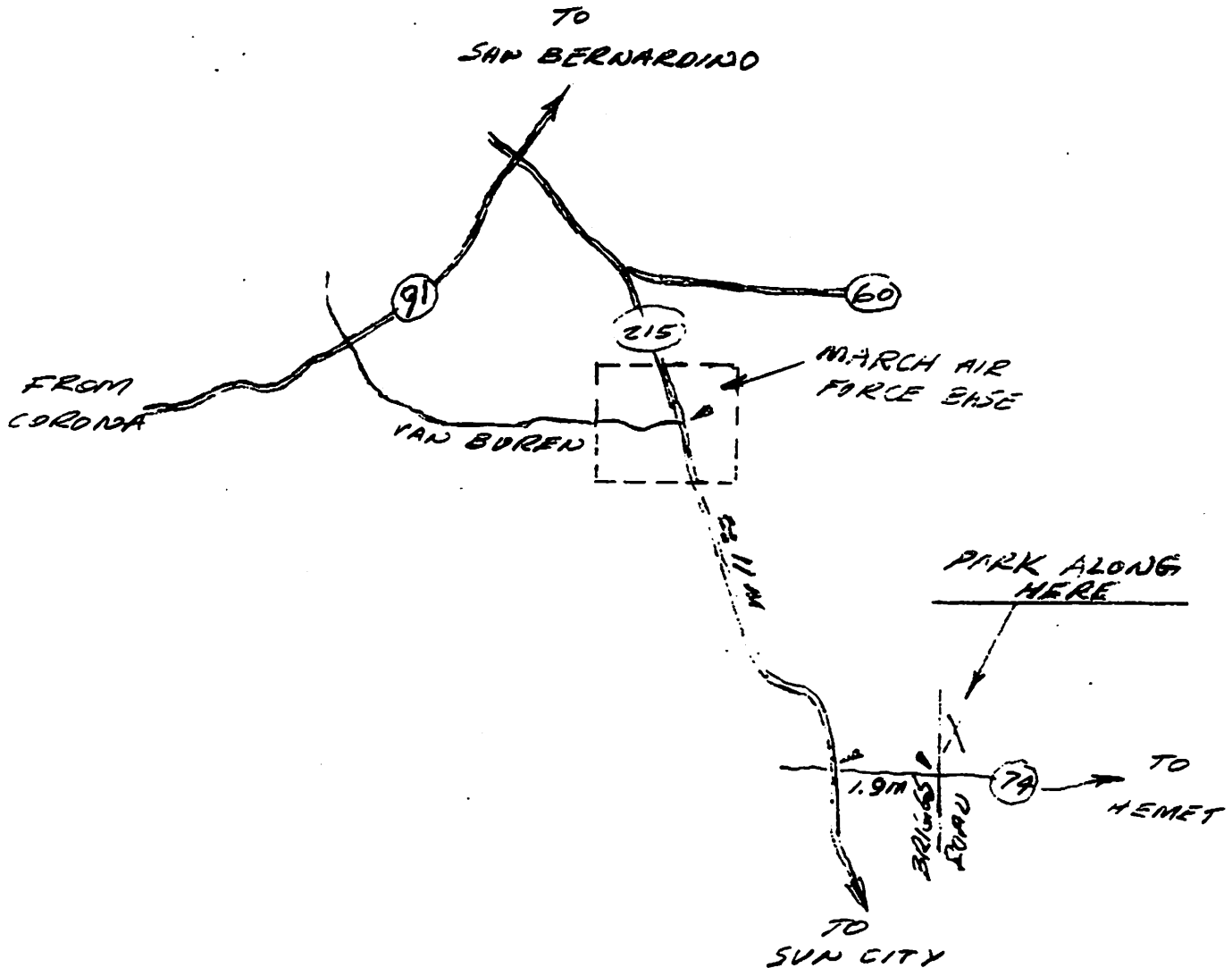
Ker. and Mary Nelson



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# NUEVO DUMP FIELD TRIP

JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> 1997



FIELD TRIP WILL START AT 9 A.M. FROM  
THE CORNER OF BRIGGS ROAD AND HIGHWAY (79)

MAP IS TO SCALE

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*MEAT*  
 Prime Rib, Baked Potato,  
 Mixed Veg. Roll,  
 Coffee, Tea or Milk, Dessert  
 or  
 Grilled Chicken Breast, Rice Pilaf,  
 Mixed Veg., Roll  
 Coffee, Tea or Milk, Dessert

# 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 778-1496

Arrive & Visit....6 pm

Dinner....7 pm

Program....8 pm

ONCE AGAIN, BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND  
 our own FROMA REITER and the FABULOUS

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

.....PLEASE CLIP THIS SECTION AND SEND WITH YOUR CHECK TO: .....

**Beth Pelfrey**  
**9612 Rosebay St.**  
**Anaheim, Calif. 92804**

How Many \_\_\_\_\_ **PRIME RIB**  
 How Many \_\_\_\_\_ **GRILLED CHICKEN BREAST**  
 How Many \_\_\_\_\_ **VEGETARIAN**

member	non-mbr	price
12.50	15.00	_____
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**DEADLINE FRIDAY, NOV 22**