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SEARCHERS GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.  
Established June 20, 1958  
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AFFILIATIONS: California Federation of Mineralogical Societies  
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The Searchers Gem and Mineral Society, Inc., meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 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 \$2.00 each.

Field Trips are usually held on the third 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. These will be temporarily held in Dr Madsen's private office in the Anaheim Memorial Hospital Medical Office Building at 7:30 PM.

WORKSHOPS: Workshops have been temporarily cancelled.

Silversmithing - Contact Clem Ducobu or Clare Gagnon about location  
Thursday, Noon - 4:00 PM

Deadline for items to be included in the bulletin is the first (1st) Tuesday of each month. Please mail all items to: Marge Jordan, 12161 Bartlett Street, Garden Grove, CA 92645-1525.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The "zero hour" is fast approaching. As all of you know tonight will be our last meeting/function to be held at the Anaheim Cultural Arts Center.

For those members who did not attend our last General Meeting, we received our final eviction letter from the Anaheim Elementary School Dist. stating that the final date for closure of the Center is June 30, 1992.

I would like to thank our devoted members who over the past few weeks have gotten together and prepared for our final move on Saturday, June 20th. Remember these members have done all of the preliminaries and now it is up to YOU as members to be there and pitch in to help with the move on the 20th. These few people cannot and will not be able to do it all. WE NEED MUSCLE POWER. For more information on the move please call George Mitchum or Bill Keyes. For those of you who will be helping with the move please be at the Center NOT LATER THAN 9:00 AM on Saturday, June 20th.

Our next General Meeting will be held on July 14th at the Anaheim Memorial Hospital Medical Office Building, 1211 W. LaPalma Avenue, Anaheim, CA, at 7:30 PM, in the basement level auditorium.

Beginning with the July meeting the Searchers will continue to meet on the second Tuesday of each month until such time that we are able to move into a permanent location.

Our Board Meetings will be held the fourth Tuesday of each month in the same building but in Dr Madsen's private office. Our next Board Meeting is scheduled for June 23rd at the new location.

Tonight's Annual Potluck/Trophies and Awards Dinner will be our last get together at the Cultural Arts Center so lets make it a memorable one. I'm sure there will be some mixed emotions, happiness for those who will be receiving awards and sadness for all of us having to leave our meeting place where we have had our meetings and workshops for so many years.

Let's all enjoy tonight's festivities.

Lola Tapia

SHOW DATES:

Aug 15 & 16            The La Pacifica Gem and Mineral Show was to be held on these dates at the Hawthorne Memorial Center, 3901 W. El Segundo Blvd, Hawthorne, CA but has been cancelled by the LaPacific@Board of Governors.

Aug21 - 23rd            1992 "August Harvest of Gems"  
AFMS/CFMS Show and Convention,  
22292 Foothill Blvd  
Hayward CA  
Hours: Aug 21 & 22nd 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM  
          Aug 23rd            10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

PUBLIC LANDS:

On May 9, 1992 I attended the California Desert Coalition in Ridgecrest, CA. In attendance were many knowledgeable Federal, State, Industry and Special Interest Groups. This conference proved to be most enlightening.

Government representatives opened the conference Saturday. It was stated that much of the private property involved in restrictions is not being properly compensated for plus the Government dictates what you can or cannot do to your property. Department of Defense (DOD) is acting together with various groups in opposition of S-21 and from all indications it looks like the calendar will not permit the Desert Bill to pass this year.

Ray Asburn, Kern County Board of Supervisors, (1st Dist) stated that Government is a problem due to many Special Interest Groups, i.e., Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and others who are tearing our society apart. Because of this many other Special Interest are coming together to form the Desert Coalition and another group that is needed are the labor unions. It seems that Senator Cranston has done more to bring the Coalitions together than any other one item.

The Wildlife Federation representative told of how many of the outdoor sportsmen furnish water to much of the wildlife in the East Mojave and how the Park Service is in bureaucratic mayhem. A representative from the Cattlemen's Association was against the Government taking of mans property and determining access and trespass to fit their needs. Public lands should be managed for multiple use.

The Rare and Endangered Species Act should be modified. Fish and Game has over 100 species on it's endangered species list. The State Forest Wildlife Service (FWS) has tremendous oversight over us, powers they should not have. Along these lines a representative from the California Forestry Association mentioned that the Endangered Species Act (EDSA) has caused the northern portions of California and parts of Oregon to get out of the lumbering business because of the Spotted Owl which is NOT ENDANGERED.

Bob Reveles, VP, Homestake Mining Company stated that people should have access to public lands, people should learn about each others interest. People need things, things need stuff and stuff is what is taken from the lands. Mining is one industry which is subject to and by every environmental law, State and Federal. Mining is a temporary use of land. California is the number two producer of gold.

Jim Strain, PLAC for CFMS reported the rules have been changed to "NO COLLECTING IN WILDERNESS AREAS," it was previously agreed upon that this could be done.

Keynote Speaker for the Saturday evening banquet was Mr Wayne Hage, Director, Free Enterprise Legal Defense Fund and author of "Storm Over Rangelands." Mr Hage is a native born Nevadan (1936) and a resident of Tonopah, Nevada. He is a successful rancher who has lived close to the land all of his life. He has become a leading authority on private rights in Federal Lands.

"Storm Over Rangelands" is today's headliner about the Congress threatening to increase the already stiff grazing fees ranchers pay for grazing on Federal Lands in eleven Western states. It's the Forest Wildlife Service (FWS) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) bureaucrats way of sharply curtailing grazing permits to broaden their regulatory powers. Their Public Broadcasting System TV specials depict environmentalists accusing ranchers of over grazing and pressing to eliminate the livestock industry from Federal lands with slogans such as "Livestock - Free By '93."

It is this and a thousand battles more that the news does not cover, all boding devastation for America's livestock industry -- and for every other resource extraction industry in the nation, from minerals and timber to fisheries and petroleum. Thus the fallout from this "Storm Over Rangelands" is confined neither to the range nor to the West. The political and economic destiny of all Americans is unalterably hitched to this multifaceted strife. (continued on next page)



PUBLIC LANDS (Cont'd):

Today's range war is for control of our Nation's greatest storehouse of natural resource wealth - the Federal Lands. Shall that control be centralized in the hands of Federal Bureaucrates or decentralized to give markets, users and the general public a say in the land's allocation? The outlines of this conflict have been etched in the public's mind for more than a decade as a familiar "developers versus environmentalists."

Elmer Parsons



MAY GENERAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

Lola read the formal eviction letter from the Cultural Arts Center and the Anaheim Elementary School District stating the final date for closure of the Center is June 30, 1992. She also reported that some of the Searcher equipment and supplies have been moved to our storage locker and that shelves have been placed in our locker to accommodate the shop equipment and furniture which is scheduled to be moved on June 20th. She also announced that lots of help will be needed to accomplish this move.

Walter Mroch announced the trip to Hackberry Wash was great. He reported on the 1st phase of the extended trip and said more information will be given to the participants as they go. The October field trip will be to Rainbow Ridge to coincide with the World of Rockhounds meeting. The Orange County Mineral Council needs to know if there is any interest in assisting with the AFMS/CFMS show in 1996. A show of hands indicated there is.

Todd Schowalter, Supervisor, Gem and Mineral Department, Orange County Fair, reminded us that the deadline for entering a case in the exhibit is June 3rd. He can also use more cases in the exhibit. He will also need host and hostesses for the Gem and Mineral building.

Gwen Anes needs volunteers to do refreshments for our monthly general meetings for the remainder of the year. Please see Gwen at the meeting or give her a call for more information.

Clare Gagnon was our guest speaker for the evening, the subject was carving.

Jeanne Howe

SHOP MOVE:

Over the past month various individuals have been packing and disassembling shop equipment. The last work crew cleaned the three slab saws and two trim saws. Thanks to Floyd Neeley, George Mitchum and Jim Everitt for past help. Thanks to Bruce Leith for making a saw blade storage holder. Thanks to Beth Pelfrey, George Arvanites and Bud Henderson. We are ready to move on June 20th.

Bill Keys

BULLETIN ITEM DEADLINE CHANGE:

Due to our meeting nights being changed to the 2nd Tuesday of each month the deadline for bulletin items will be NOT LATER THAN THE 1ST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

Marge

Hello Searchers:

6 June 1992

We left home 1 April and 6,780 miles, two months, one trailer spring, and one defective tire later we're now in Fairbanks. Arrived at the Alaska/Canada border on 15 May. We were greeted with our first snow storm. Spring is later this year. Planned on going to Fairbanks then but they had 18 inches of snow falling so we headed south thru Anchorage to Seward. Hit beautiful weather there - camped right on the bay. Watched two cruise ships come and go. Took the Kenai Fjord Cruise. Saw calving of glaciers, mountain goats, humpback and killer whales, sea lions, sea otters and eagles. Beautiful weather and mirrorlike flat ocean. It was outstanding.

From there we went back to Anchorage and flew to Kotzebue (an Athabascan Indian Village on the Bering Sea, north of the Arctic Circle. Then we flew to Nome. In Kotzebue, Indians work jade they get locally (50 miles away). They had tons of it - average size was 3-4 ft. through - nothing small.

From Anchorage, north to Denali National Park. Saw Grizzly bears, Caribou, Dall Sheep, Red Fox, a wolf, hoary marmots, but no Mt McKinley. It was hidden by clouds.

We continued our drive north to Fairbanks. We took a Sternwheeler cruise on the Chena and Tenana Rivers. From here we are going to the Kenai area through mid July for our try at salmon fishing and clam digging.

We travelled through California and Oregon with another couple (retiree from Ford) then we left them and went through Spokane and Coeur D' Alene and across the US/Canada border to Banff and Jasper National Parks. We saw the Columbia Ice Fields, Lake Louise, Stone Sheep, Caribou, Elk and Bear.

We then went to Edmonton and met up with another couple (retiree from Ford) for our trip to Alaska. First though, we had to see the Edmonton Mall. This is not just any old mall. It contains a "small Disneyland: all under one roof. There is an ice rink, large pool with waves and a beach, bungee jumping, Knotts Berry Farm like rides, a full-scale galleon (Santa Maria), miniature golf course, casino, antique car museum, and a porpoise show.

We are having a great time. Two months have passed so quickly. Only four more to go.

We have not seen the sun rise or set since we left the United States. At our current longitude the sun does not set. We currently have more than twenty-one hours of daylight, the remainder is twilight.

Ken and Mary Nelson

Ed. Note: Thanks Ken and Mary. Sounds like you're having a great time. Maybe we'll hear more from you as you move around Alaska. Your letter was a welcome surprise.

PROGRAM REPORT:

Our May program was presented by Clare Gagnon who did a very interesting and informative program on rock carving. From the comments I think we may have a few future "carvers" in our midst.

Tonight is our Annual Awards/Potluck Dinner and some Bingo for entertainment.

Our July program will feature Mr Walt Johnson (one of our members) who will speak on Fireagte.

Jorge Hurtado

ANAHEIM ARTS COUNCIL:

During our May meeting of the Anaheim ARTs Council Allocation Chairman, Ted Spriggs and Soiree Chairman, Chuck Cooper presented checks from the Soiree funds to the following organizations:

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| American Red Cross, Anaheim Chapter                  | Boys and Girls Club of Anaheim             |
| Anaheim Art Association                              | CypressCollege Patrons of the Arts         |
| Anaheim Museum, Inc                                  | Ebell Club of Anaheim                      |
| Anaheim TherapeuticRecreation Musical Theatre Troupe | Fullerton College Patrons of the Arts      |
| Anaheim City Schools                                 | Harp Guild of Anaheim                      |
| Anheim Parks, Recreation & Community Service         | Kofu Bonsai Kai (annual fall exhibit)      |
| Ana-Modjeska Players                                 | Michael L. Roston Creative Writing Contest |
| Auxilia d'Arts, Anaheim Assistance League            | Orange County Symphony                     |

New Arts Council Officers were announced:

- President - Mary Sloan
- Vice President - Alice Dwyer
- Corresponding Secretary - Joan Berlin
- Treasurer - Dorthea Stephenson
- Recording Secretary - Shirley Mendez

These new officers will be installed at our June 9th meeting. The next meeting for the Arts Council will be in September.

Mae Freedman

MEMBERSHIP:

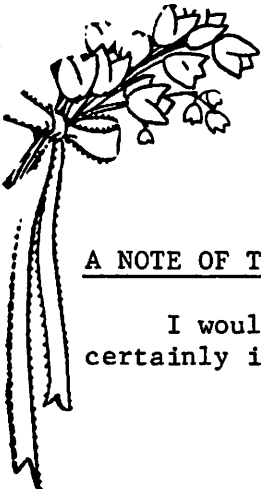
Please add our newest member to your '92 Membership Roster:

HUNTER, Patricia A. (Pat)  
 1270 Deer Park Drive, No. 100  
 Fullerton, CA 92631  
 (714) 524-9291

Total membership as of 31 May '92 = 165.

Milly Arvanites

SUNSHINE:



Jay Cole had surgery on his shoulder, June 10th and we are happy to report that the surgery went well and he was able to be released from the hospital Thursday however he will have to keep the arm and shoulder immobile for some time.

Froma Reiter

A NOTE OF THANKS:

I would like to thank all of you for the cards, phone calls and visits. It certainly is making recovery a lot easier to know that you're thought about.

Jay Cole

NOTE TO THE SEARCHERS:

Dear Mrs Reiter

I wanted to take a moment to thank you and the Searchers for sending the beautiful flowers in remembrance of my uncle, Wells Erthal. My uncle was 83 years old, and it had been awhile since he was able to get out to any of the Searchers meetings. But he always looked forward to receiving your newsletter, and he never forgot the friends he had made over the years. Thank you for your Thoughtfulness.

Sincerely

/s/ Bob Erthal

FIFTH WHEEL FOR SALE:



1986 Wilderness 5th Wheel, 28 Ft., new tires, brakes, loaded with all the stuff. Hitch thrown in. Twin beds, full tub and shower. Clean, owner non-smoker. Health forces sale. \$11,500. Truck for sale separately.

Bill Keyes (714) 535-1484

ROCKS AND SAWS, ETC:

Approximately 8,000 lbs. assorted rough rock, obsidian, plume, picture jasper, much, much more; 14" Saw with diamond blade, 30 gallon cutting oil, metal rock bins. \$1,500 for all. MUST TRAVEL TO OBTAIN - Bend, Oregon.

Marilyn Sholes (310) 921-3265

- 30-295 AMP Dual Range Arc Welder (Sears) 220 volt, extra-long cable, heavy steel cart, hood with extra lens and welding rod.
- Cement Mixer (includes tamper and spreader).
- Franklin ACE 2000, two Drive Disc Computer, Star Dot Matrix Printer and more - LIKE NEW.
- Bronze Pool Pump, motor and filter.

If interested, contact Marilyn Sholes at (310) 921-3265

Marilyn Sholes

LAST ROCK SALE - MUST SELL:

Many slabs, wood, agates, thundereggs, onyx, horse canyon, etc. Too many rock to list. Also some equipment. June 20th, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Saturday, June 20th, 1841 S.E. Rainbow Drive, Tustin, CA.

Doug Johnson (714) 538-5668



1ST PART EXTENDED FIELD TRIP - Beaver, UT and Delta, UT Area

We arrived in Beaver Saturday afternoon expecting to be the only Searchers there but much to our surprise, the Husbys, Luxes, Parsons and Walter were already there. Arriving Sunday were the Gagnons, Pelkas, Frank and Nancy and Searcher guests, Frank and Betty Davis, Santa Ana Club and David and Bobbie Gordon, Lake Havasu Club. We had 9 rigs and 19 people.

Sunday in Beaver was a day of leisure to do sightseeing or whatever. Sunday late afternoon we had a rocktail party hosted by George and Alice Lux to celebrate the purchase of their new rig. A Jamboree "Searcher" no less. It was a nice party and another Searcher first...it rained...not gently...it poured...so we all cozied under George and Marge's awning (we have photos to prove it) plus shared umbrellas. Was a little "dampie" but fun. That's Beaver, Utah weather this time of year, afternoons can be very uncertain.



Monday morning Steve Hodges (of Beaver) arrived early to take us out to his claims and other areas where we were able to get hematite, martite, picasso rock and much more. That evening the gals from United Campground hosted a BBQ/Potluck for not only us but for all the people staying at their campground. They had a social hour and then dinner. It was a great get together and a chance to meet other couples many of whom spend their summers there. The food was excellent. Kudos to Searcher member Norm Husby who did a terrific job helping the gals BBQ (and they loved him for his help). That's our Norm, he just has that certain way with the ladies!

Tuesday morning Steve had us on our way early. It was a long day and we covered lots of miles and got lots of good material. We found zebra rock, bubble opal, pyrite, calcite, selenite crystals, obsidian (snowflake, golden sheen and mahogney) and other goodies.

That evening when we arrived back in camp it was raining. Matter-of-fact it rained all the way back. After we'd all had a chance to clean up and get out of our rockhound duds we had a mini type banquet (arranged by George Lux) at the Ponderosa Restaurant in Beaver. It was chicken family style with all the trimmings and was yum-yum good.



Wednesday morning was the beginning of a beautiful day as we all headed out to Delta and Topaz Mountain area. Unfortunately the Pelkas had to leave us and head back to Southern California. Arriving at Topaz area we busily set up camp. Some parked in our regular area and 2 rigs about 150' higher up which we referred to as "Cat Hill." On the "Hill" the tenants enjoyed their feline and canine mansions overlooking the vast valley below. It was a quick lunch then off to hunt Topaz. Thursday and Friday was spent hunting Topaz. Some went over to a red beryl mine nearby but was not fortunate enough to come back with any good material. Several found some good Topaz specimens and crystals and lots of pieces of rock with vugs in them which may or may not have some good crystals. Unfortunately we did not have the time to visit the Dugway Geode beds but anytime you're in the Topaz Mountain area it is a fun time.

Tony and Diana Lira joined us Friday morning. We had a total of 19 people out there and 8 rigs. Leaving Topaz Saturday morning we went different ways. The Luxes headed back to California, the Husbys and George and Marge went on to Glass Butte, Hampton and Prineville, Oregon for obsidian and petrified wood. The rest went on to Spencer, ID for opal. The Gagnons left there for Nyssa & Tahoe and the "Explorers" continued on to Montana.

On Wednesday, June 3rd George and yours truly parted company with the Husbys. The Husbys headed for Sequim, WA and we ended up in Nyssa, OR for their Annual Thunderegg Days. There we ran into Searchers Clare and Maxine Gagnon and Burt and Joyce Whalin. We had a fun time there before starting home.

The first 7 days with the group was fun and we certainly got our share of good material. Walt Mroch will have a report on the 2nd part of the extended trip in the July bulletin.

WORKING FIRE AGATE

So-called "fire agate" is actually a chalcedony with a layer of iridescent limonite which is trapped between the layers of chalcedony. The layer is so thin that it is sometimes less in thickness than a breath upon a window pane. The deposition of limonite is such that a dense spot is where the best colors are usually dominant. This form of "fire agate" is usually botryoidal. Work with caution!

1. Study the stone carefully before sawing or grinding.
2. Grind slowly on a 100 grit wheel, wetting the stone often and examining to see that the "fire" is still there.
3. Do the same thing on a finer wheel until satisfied that the "fire" is coming to the surface.
4. Start sanding, checking the stone periodically to see that you have not sanded the "fire" away. Keep the stone wet at all times.
5. When satisfied that you have the "fire" on top of the cabochon surface, finish on a leather buff with tin oxide.

by Jack Brasing, The Rock Rattler 10/91,  
via Amador Nugget 5/92 and Rocky Review 6/92

AN AUTHENTIC Black Pearl shows a pink to reddis glow under ultraviolet light. Imitation black pearls do not flouresce except for a weak white or greenish glow.

via Gem Time 6/92 and others

AFMS ANNUAL SHOW:

The 1992 AFMS Show will be held in Brunswick, Ohio from July 23rd thru 26th. The location will be the Brunswick High School. The show will be hosted by a youth group, the "Geology Society of Brunswick High School" and by other gem and mineral societies in the Cleveland area. In addition to the show there will be several field trips; a special panel discussion to be held by junior representatives from the different Federations.

On Thursday, opening day, the Assistant Postmaster General will unveil a large poster depicting the artwork for a new set of mineral stamps to be issued in September.

If any one of you are going to be in the area at that time it might be worth your time to take in the show.

George Mitchum  
Federation Director

THE FASTEST way to research your family tree is to run for political office.

via Gem Time 5/92 and Osage Hills Gems 2/92