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SEARCHERS GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.

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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 \$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 fourth Wednesday of each month, 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 92645-1525.



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

1994 has been a good year for the Searchers,  
as you will see when you review the 1994 Highlights.

We worked hard to present a very successful 35th  
Annual Gem Roundup, produce an outstanding effort in support  
of the Orange County Fair Gem and Mineral Department, and  
renew our efforts with the Veteran's Administration Hospital  
Lapidary shop.

Our membership benefits from the great opportunities to  
explore the world of gems and minerals through well planned field  
trips and the informative programs presented each month.

The membership is to be commended, it's your involvement and support  
that make it happen, you've done a great job!! A special thanks to all  
board and committee members who give so much of their time to the Searchers.  
Your cooperation and support have made my job easy.

With your continued cooperation and support I'm certain our new President,  
Dr Chris Madsen will find his term in office as enjoyable and rewarding as I  
found mine.

I wish each of you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and  
prosperous New Year.

Jim Williamson

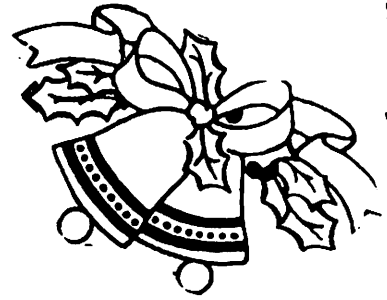
### FUTURE CLUB ACTIVITIES:

December 28th - Board Meeting  
January 3, 1995 - Bulletin Items Due  
January 7, 1995 - Field Trip to Lithium Queen Mine  
January 10, 1995 - General Meeting

### 1995 Searcher Officers:

President - Dr Chris Madsen  
1st Vice President - Herb Beckman  
2nd Vice President -  
Secretary - Doris Pelfrey  
Treasurer - Betty Nelson  
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**1994 HIGHLIGHTS****January**

- Jesse Hartman presents "Copper mining in Arizona".
- Field trip to Silverado Canyon for fossils.
- The Neeleys kick off '94 with a Show Committee meeting the 20th and a Craft meeting the 13th.

**February**

- Program presented was a video "Collecting Earth's Treasures".
- The field trip to "Quartzite" (of course).
- Show Committee met on the 16th.
- Searchers purchase a table in support of Anaheim Arts Council Soiree.
- Cliff Coan designed and crafts an Opal/Diamond pendent for donation to the Anaheim Arts Council Soiree.
- Jeanne Howe takes the position of Refreshment Committee Chairperson.
- World of Rockhounds Association, Inc. dues are paid.
- End of February 95 members have paid dues.

**March**

- Herb Beckman presents an information program, Bill Keyes discussed show case and presentation and Merle Howe pointed out the importance of our Gem show.
- 18th Annual Tailgate at Stoddard Well was the March field trip.
- Show Committee meeting was held on the 16th.
- Searchers help Anaheim Arts Council present their annual Soiree.
- Recently revised By-Laws, Standing Rules & Job Duties package was distributed.
- Milly Arvanites published and distributed the 1994 Roster.

**April**

- Warren Link presented "Rock Pictures with expression"
- Field trip to Opal Mountain/Inscription Canyon
- After an excellent job, Jeanne Howe turns the Bulletin Editor position over to Marge Jordan for the remainder of the year.
- Margaret Neeley Co-ordinates Searchers booth at the Children's Festival in Anaheim.
- Final '94 Show Committee meeting was held the 20th.

**May**

- Earl and Kathryn Burch present "Stones and their Superstitions"
- Carl Pitzler takes us to Last Chance Canyon.
- 35th Annual Gem Roundup, another excellent show at the hands of our Show Chairman Floyd Neeley.
  - Hazel Van Kampen sells 330 donation tickets.
  - V. A. Hospital guests are invited to show and lunch.
- Sandy Sandez donates his rock pile to the Searchers.



1994 HIGHLIGHTS Cont'd**June**

- Annual Potluck and Awards Presentation
  - Trophies were presented for 55 years of show case exhibits.
    - Grant Miller is presented his trophy for 25 years.
  - Connie Van Kampen presents "Searcher's Activities" slide show
- 29 members and guests attend the Annual Picnic at Ralph B. Clark Park hosted by Jeanne and Merle Howe.

**July**

- Len Cram presents "Australian Opal" and approximately 125 Searchers and guests attend.
- Field trip was "Searcher Day at Orange County Fair" on the 16th.
  - 44 members or 25% of the membership donate time in support of the fair.
  - 6 Searchers won ribbons with their exhibits.

**August**

- No program due to lengthy business meeting.
- 40 Searchers attend the 1st Progressive Dinner, Presented by Connie Van Kampen, Mary Jane and Elmer Parsons, and Jeanne and Merle Howe (GREAT job!). The cost: 3 nice rocks.
- Donation of \$100 made to Desert Coalition.
- American Opal Society presents Searchers with a video tape of Len Cram's Presentation on "Australian Opal".
- Membership totals 158

**September**

- Video presentation "Stewart Tourmaline Story"
- Annual Ice Cream Social the 24th at Yorba Regional Park hosted by Bernie and Elena Goldgorin. A beautiful day in the park with the Searchers.
- Standing Rules change concerning Show Trophies and Ribbons approved.
- Searchers withdraw from The Orange County Gem and Mineral Council.
- Alice Lux and Maxine Gagnon presented a very informative Bead stringing workshop.
- Henry Norek celebrates 90th birthday and De Mclean turns 91.

**October**

- Byron Lewis of the Amber Company presents "Amber".
- Jim Everitt takes 31 Searchers and guests to Jalama Beach for a super field trip.
- Larry Richey takes on the position of V.A. Hospital Co-ordinator.
- \$600 in equipment or parts donated to V. A. Hospital Lapidary Shop.
- 1st Show Committee meeting for '95 show held the 20th.

**November**

- Nominating Committee (Bill Keyes, Alice Lux and Nancy Reed) worked hard to present candidates for election.



- Club Officers for 1995 are elected.
- "Paleontology in Orange County and Southern California" presented by Lisa Babalonia-Jones. Opportunities for individual involvement at Ralph B. Clark Park were also discussed.
- Marvin Mog leads 41 Searchers and guests to Wiley Well for a great Thanksgiving holiday field trip.
- Alice Lux and Maxine Gagnon put on the 2nd bead stringing workshop.
- Federation Delegate attends C.F.M.S. business meeting.

## December

- Annual Christmas dinner and installation of new officers, What a Party.

### SHARING AND CARING

Peggy Cone has a broken hip. This happened a few weeks ago. We hope you are improving and that you will soon be fully healed.

Scott Lambert has had some health problems and is currently undergoing a series of tests.

Betty McCurdy has had health problems but is improving.

Betty Witzman's husband Norman passed away recently after suffering a stroke.

Queenie Osborne is feeling much better now after having a bout of pneumonia in early October. She and Alf had planned on going out with the club on Thanksgiving but because of Queenie's fragile condition Alf thought it best they forgo that trip and hopefully they will see everyone at Quartzsite.

Congratulations to Greg and Kathy Pelka who are the proud parents of a little girl born in September.

Froma Reiter

### SEARCHER'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY:

Our Annual Installation of Officers and Christmas Dinner was held Saturday, December 3rd at the Conestoga Hotel in Anaheim. This is our one time of year when members get together, do a little socializing and get to see other members who do not get to meetings or go on field trips.

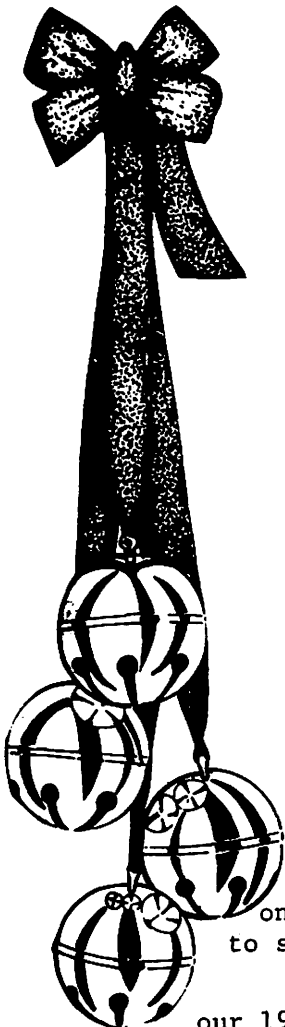
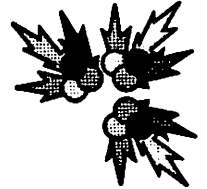
George Lux opened the festivities, was our MC for the evening and installed our 1995 officers.

Searchers dressed in their finest togs had a fun evening. The food was good, the entertainment delightful.

Kudos to Doris and Beth Pelfrey and Connie Van Kampen for organizing this years event. Doris and Beth did a fine job on table decorations.

If you couldn't attend you missed a nice evening.

Editor



FEDERATION REPORT:

I attended the CFMS Annual Fall meeting in Visalia, CA on November 12th. There were 5 CFMS officers, 18 Chairpersons and 95 Directors present. Meeting was called to order by President, Jim Nelson.

CFMS Shows for 1994, 1995, 1996 and 1997 were discussed.

The results from the 1994 CFMS Show held at Del Mar in April was discussed. Financially it was not as profitable as they had expected. Each society involved only received \$2,200. They did not get the attendance they expected, parking fees were higher, RV Parking was limited and other expenditures proved to be more costly than was originally planned. It was also discussed that they cannot raise dealers fees any higher in order to foot the bill for the Federation Show. Dealers are getting pretty discouraged.

The 1995 CFMS Show will be in San Jose, hosted by the Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society. The Theme will be "Nature's Surprises."

The 1996 CFMS Show will be held in Riverside at the new Convention Center. The theme will be "Diamond Daze." Show Chairman, Izzie Burns of the North Orange County Club. There will be 5 Clubs from Orange County working on this show.

Ventura Gem and Mineral Society has put in their bid for the 1997 Show to be held in June of '97. Their bid was accepted.

There are four new member Societies:

San Geronio Gem and Mineral Society - Banning, CA (65 adults)

Eastern Sierra Rock and Mineral Club - Mammoth, CA (33 adults and 4 junior)

American Opal Society - Anaheim, CA - 63 members

Convair Rockhound Club - San Diego - 194 members

The Estero Bay Gem and Mineral Society terminated its existence. It was founded in 1954. President Ben Fagan of the Estero Bay Club presented a check for \$10,175 to the CFMS designating its use for future scholarships. Any remaining funds after paying all bills etc will be donated to the CFMS General Fund.

New CFMS Officers for 1995:

President - Mary Anderson

1st Vice President - Pat LaRue

2nd Vice President - Rosemary Young

Secretary - Arlene Schwemmer

Treasurer - Roy Foerster



Our Club dues to CFMS for 1995 will remain the same, \$1.00 membership and \$1.80 insurance for a total of \$2.80 per person for each Searcher member.

Jade Cove will again be open for rockhounding beginning October 28, 1994.

The CFMS Endowment Fund trip to Washington, DC was won by Harold Anderson, Richmaond, CA area.

George Mitchum

GEODE HINT- Try tumbling a geode or nodule for a sphere effect to bring out the beauty of the exterior of your rock before cutting it. You'll be able to determine your saw cut easier, or you may not wish to cut your beauty at all.

via Gem Time and others



PUBLIC LANDS:

On October 20th, 1994, Congress passed and President Clinton signed into law the California Desert Protection Act (CDPA). In general, the CDPA designates certain federal lands in the California desert wilderness to be managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the National Park Service (NPS) or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). It added additional acreage to Joshua Tree and Death Valley National Monuments and upgraded both to National Parks, and established the Mojave National Preserve to be managed by the NPS. The Mojave National Preserve roughly includes those lands formerly managed by the BLM and designated in 1980 as the East Mojave National Scenic area.

Under the CDPA, cultural resources in the Preserve are to be left undisturbed. Thus, prospecting, rockhounding, and the use of metal detectors are illegal. We as rockhounds cannot take anything out of this area.

Interstates 40 and 15 provide access to the county road system within the Preserve. Sand dunes, a historic railroad depot, scenic canyons, and short hiking trails are only some of the few opportunities you may find along these roads. You may operate motor vehicles on roads (paved and unpaved), but not off road, i.e., in desert washes. All vehicles must be street legal.

Equestrian and bicycle users may use existing roads and trails. Bicycles are not permitted in wilderness. Cross-country motor vehicle travel is not allowed in the Preserve, but it is allowed at BLM off-highway vehicle areas in the surrounding desert region, such as Dumont Dunes and Razor open areas.

What is Wilderness?

Wilderness means many things to many people. To some, it is an attitude -- an escape to solitude and freedom. To others it means trees, birds, wildlife and lands untouched by civilization. To many, it is any piece of undeveloped land.

Under BLM Managed Wilderness hobby rock collecting is allowed only by non-mechanical means and for non-commercial purposes. Gathering wood for campfires, when permitted, is limited to dead and down materials. Live vegetation cannot be cut.

Under NPS Managed Wilderness collecting firewood, rocks and minerals, and vegetation are not allowed in any areas managed by the NPS, including wilderness areas.

Please see the California Desert Protection Act 1994 and the BLM Wilderness Areas National Parks and Preserve draft map elsewhere in this bulletin.

We will have more information on the CDPA at our January 10th meeting. Please see Program Chairman's report.

Elmer Parsons

HELP FOR SORE HANDS - Did you know that if you have sore hands from "hard rock" mining that soaking your hands in warm vinegar will take away the swelling and the soreness.

via Gem Time, Pic N' Shovel, Owyhee Gem  
and Color Country Chips





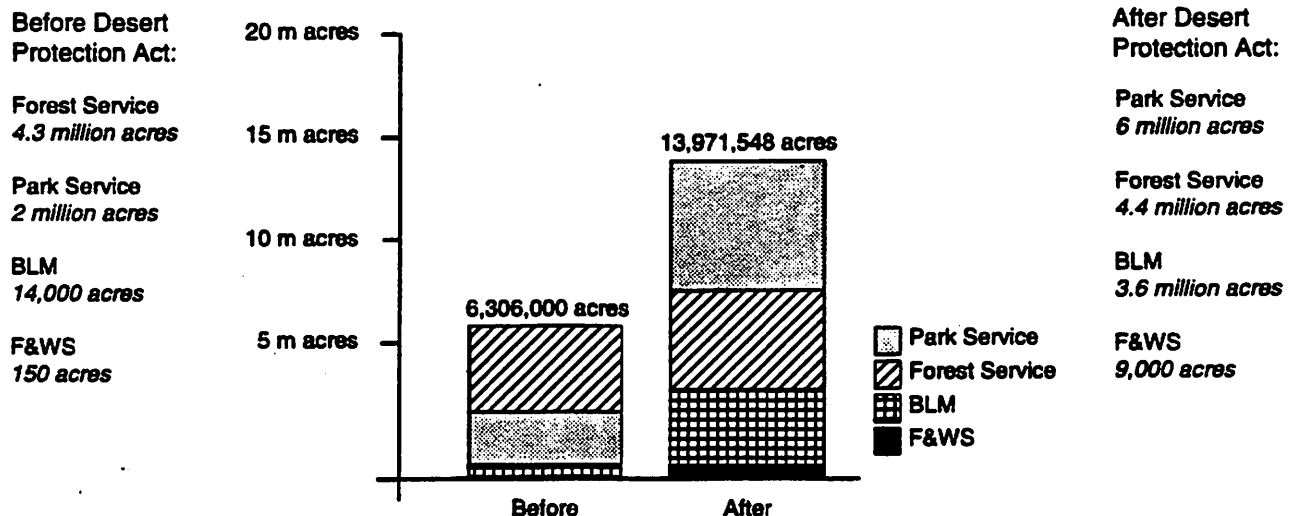


UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

## California Desert Protection Act of 1994

- Wilderness**
- Designates 69 BLM/Forest Service wilderness areas totalling 3,667,020 acres:
    - 3,571,520 acres of BLM wilderness
    - 95,500 acres of Forest Service wilderness
  - Establishes 8 new BLM wilderness study areas totalling 326,430 acres
  - Releases approximately 900,000 acres from further wilderness study
  - Designates nearly 4 million acres of wilderness in 3 National Park Service areas
    - Creates 3,162,000 acres in Death Valley National Park
    - Creates 132,000 acres in Joshua Tree National Park
    - Creates 695,000 acres in the Mojave National Preserve
  - Designates 9,000 acres of wilderness in 2 Fish and Wildlife Service areas
- Parks and Preserve**
- Upgrades Death Valley National Monument to a National Park:
    - Transfers approximately 1.3 million acres of BLM lands to be added to the existing Death Valley acreage of 2,067,627 acres
  - Upgrades Joshua Tree National Monument to a National Park:
    - Transfers 234,000 acres of BLM lands to be added to the existing Joshua Tree acreage of 559,995 acres
  - Designates the Mojave National Preserve comprising 1,419,800 acres
- Special Designations**
- Creates 2,040-acre Desert Lily Sanctuary
  - Creates 590-acre Dinosaur Trackway Area of Critical Environmental Concern
  - Transfers 20,500 acres to the State of California Red Rock Canyon State Park
  - Withdrawals 6,000 acres in the Bodie Bowl adjacent to the Bodie State Historic Park from mining and mineral leasing
  - Clarifies Department of Defense withdrawals for Chocolate Mountains, China Lake and other military lands

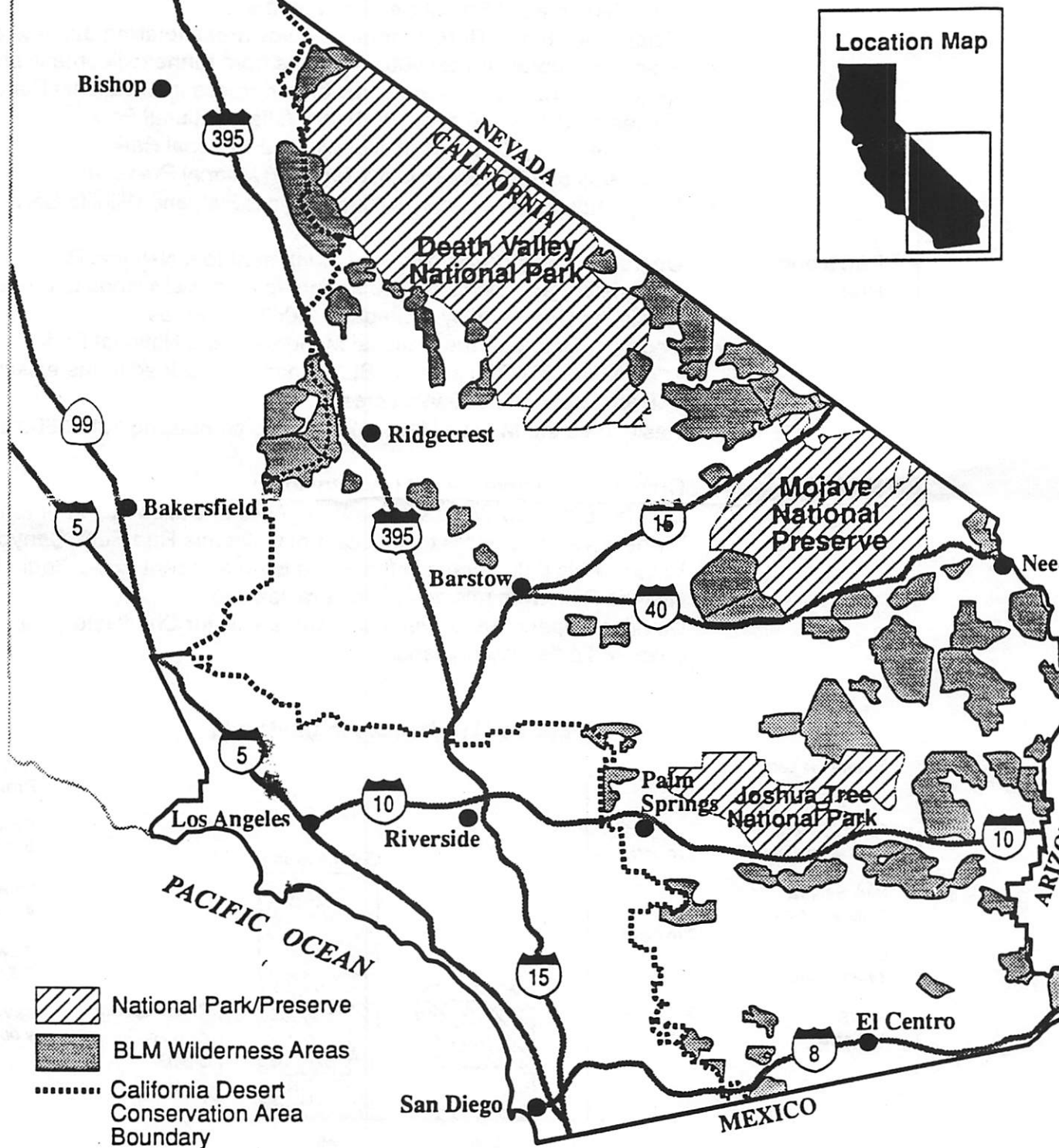
### Federal Wilderness in California



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# BLM WILDERNESS AREAS NATIONAL PARKS AND PRESERVE

Draft  
November 1994



*Boundaries subject to change upon receiving final Congressional maps.*

PROGRAM REPORT:

As you no doubt know, the California Desert Protection Act was recently signed into law. The 10 January 1995 Searchers meeting program will feature a speaker from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), one of the three agencies designated to manage protected areas covered by this new legislation.

Mr Rob Waiwood, BLM district Geologist in Riverside County will explain how this new law will affect our future rock and mineral collecting activities in desert areas. He will use detailed maps to define the boundries of the new protected areas and explain the new rules. If all goes per plan, Mr Waiwood will have a supply of new desert area BLM maps for purchase along with information pamphlets on the new law.

He will also cover evolutionary background on BLM, the Park Service, the Forest Service and the development of the Desert Protection Act. He will discuss what can and what can not be done in the new protected areas as well as related issues raised by the California Federation of Minera;pgocal Societies. There will be handouts and a question and answer period.

The February program will be presented by Marvin Mogg. He will present slides and tell tales about his recent travels.

Cliff Coan is tentatively scheduled to present the March program on Australia and his recent travels there.

Hopefully Randy Elliott -"The Geode Man" at Knott's Berry Farm will still be able to present a program in April.

Herb Beckman

MARY JANE'S YUMMY CREAM PUFFS:

STELLA D'ORO  
ELEGANT, ANGINETTI CREAM PUFFS

- 1 Pkg (5 oz) Stella D'Oro Anginetti (purchase in frozen food section)
- 8½ oz Can Crushed Pineapple
- 1 Cup (8 oz) Cool Whip (not canned whip)
- 3 oz Pkg Cream Cheese

Prepare Anginetti by slicing off tops. Hold aside.

Drain Crushed Pineapple leaving a little juice.

Mix Cool Whip and Cream Cheese together in a bowl about 1 minute at medium speed.

Add Crushed Pineapple and blend all 3 ingredients for about 1 minute at low speed.

Drop filling from tablespoon on to the bottom layers of cookies, replace tops.

Refrigerate Puffs until ready to serve.

(Filling should be enough to fill all or most of the cookies in the 5 oz package).

Mary Jane Parsons





## NOVEMBER FIELD TRIP REPORT

Searchers began arriving at the Wiley's Well camping area as early as Monday before Thanksgiving Day. By the time the week was over 16 Searcher rigs had arrived with 32 people. In addition there were 4 rigs and 9 people from the Santa Ana club who joined us for a few days. We must have appeared to be a safe haven as several people stopped at random to join our field trips or leave camping trailers while they rock-hunted.

The weather cooperated all but one windy day. Thanksgiving Day was calm, and in the mid-70 's. As usual, we had lots of good food to enjoy. On Friday Marge Jordan and George Mitchum hosted a rocktail party for their new tow car and just being happy to be out with the group. That, coupled with a pot luck, made another enjoyable experience.



Field trips were started on Wednesday. In the morning we went to nearby Tom Thumb's Peak area to hunt psilomelaine, a manganese mineral. In the afternoon we searched through a nearby inactive manganese mine. Specimens were found at both locations. On Thursday morning we drove over to an area where small geodes were found.

On Friday we went to the geode areas, both the Potato Patch and the Hauser Beds. Had the best luck at the Hauser Beds. Another rockhound had started a big digging and, after he tired out, let the Searchers at it. Geodes the size of softballs were being found, some hollow with crystals.

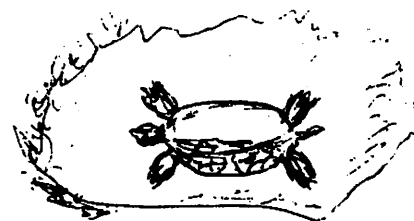
On Saturday we caravanned to the Chuckwallas in 4-wheel-drive vehicles to hunt for blue agate nodules. After we located the area, much digging went on and some nice nodules were found. Float materials were also available.

Sunday was a leisure day with a small trip to look for hematite. Some nice specimens were found.

The trip was great in every respect. It was well-attended, the weather was almost perfect, and we found some good rocks. We also had some games such as horseshoes, desert dice, washer toss, and some kite-flying. There were campfires every night but one, so we got to have a lot of Searcher camaraderie.

We had a slight casualty. Seems "Holey Hal" Pelfrey was standing on the edge of a Hauser Bed geode hole with his back to the hole when suddenly he did a backward summersault into that hole landing on his back with arms and legs flapping. 'twas a funny sight to his rescuers George Lux and George Arvanites. But, at the same time scared the living daylights out of them until they found that he was not seriously injured. They said he looked like a desert tortoise on it's back. They managed to get him upright and out of the hole. Luckily with only a few scratches and no broken bones.

Marvin Mog



QUARTZSITE 1995 SHOW DATES:

CLOUD'S JAMBOREE  
Jan 15th - Feb 15th

TYSON WELLS SELL-A-RAMA  
Jan 27th - Feb 5th

QUARTZSITE SPORTS, VACATION  
& RV SHOW (BIG TENT)  
Jan 29th - Feb 6th

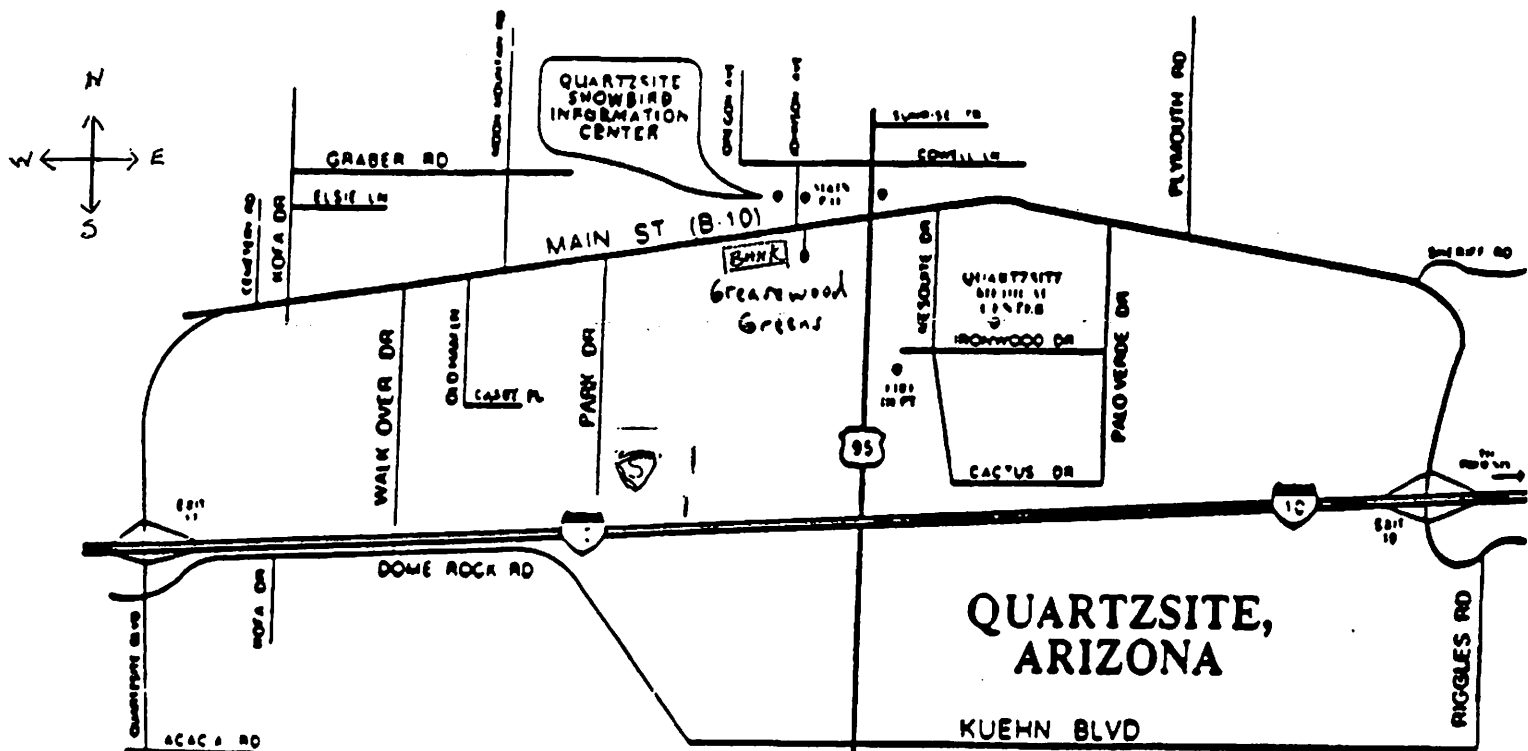
THE MAIN EVENT  
Jan 14th - Jan 29th

29TH ANNUAL QUARTZSITE POW WOW  
QIA = Quartzsite Improvement Association  
Feb 1st - Feb 5th

FOUR CORNERS SWAP MEET  
Jan 19th - Feb 13th

# QUARTZSITE

24 JANUARY 1995 THRU 6 FEBRUARY 1995



The Searcher's will be camping at Greasewood Greens again this year. George Arvanites will be taking a headcount at the January meeting and reserve an area for us (usually the Southwest corner near the freeway & tunnel).

The March '95 Field Trip will be to the 19th Annual Tailgate at Stoddard Well sponsored by the Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club. Dates and further information will be in future bulletins.

JANUARY 1995 FIELD TRIP (Saturday, January 7, 1995):

I will be your leader for this trip. We will be going to the Lithium Queen Mine near Banner Grade, San Diego County. The cost will be \$10.00 per person. I will meet you at the location at 9:00 AM.

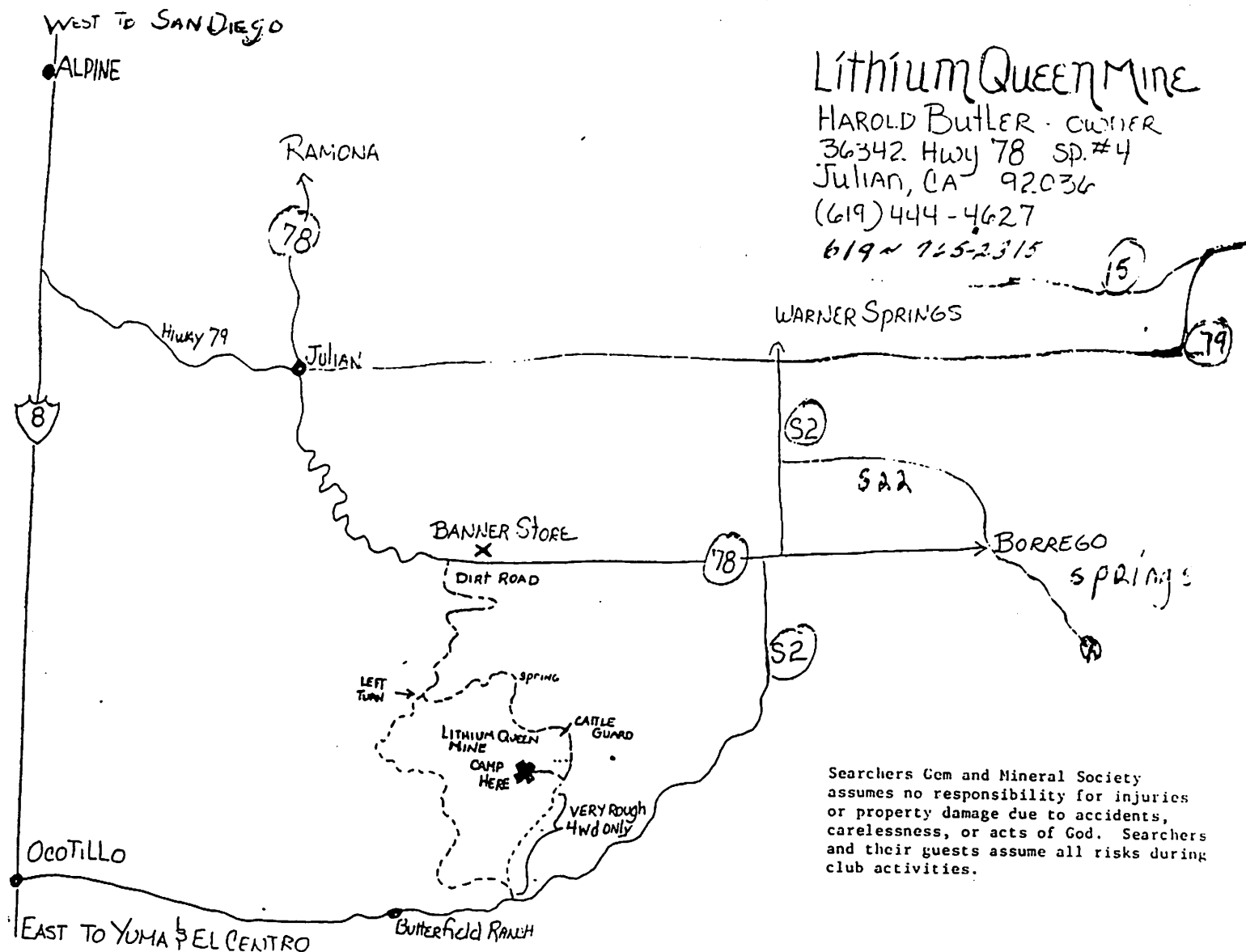
Be prepared to walk a quarter of a mile uphill to the mine. Make sure to bring sturdy bags or packs to carry food and water up and specimens and trash down. We'll be digging for lepidolite so bring appropriate tools; digging is to take place in the tailings only.

Camping arrangements can be made at Banner Recreational Ranch. There is a \$15.00 hook-up fee with six spaces available. Please ask for Dan or Peaches.

Options are to camp in nearby Anza Borrego Desert State Park, hotel it in Julian or return home.

Rain will cancel the trip. Let's have a good time and a great turn out. Any questions please give me a call at (714) 993-2827.

Connie Van Kampen



NOT TO SCALE