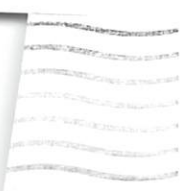


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SEARCHERS GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC
Established June 20, 1958

Mailing Address: P O Box 3492
Anaheim, CA 92804

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Director	Herb Beckman	778-1496

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Workshop Coordinators	Herb Beckman	778-1496
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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.

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.

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.

WORKSHOPS:

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

We are moving right along. The workshop is going great. Herb still needs lots of volunteers to help. I was there Wednesday night and was impressed by what our members have done and I think it will be a great attraction for new members as well as a place for current members to meet and exchange expertise and knowledge.

There are fun things being planned that we can all enjoy. Always express your ideas to the Board or bring them up at the meeting. New ideas are always welcome.

We still need a host, hostess or hostperson to make our guests and new members welcome at the meetings.

Our Show Committee members are busy working on our 1997 Show. Our Show Chairman and committee chairpersons will be needing all the help they can get. Please remember to make our show a successful show it takes ALL members to help so please give generously of your time and energy.

DORIS PELFREY

FUTURE CLUB ACTIVITIES:

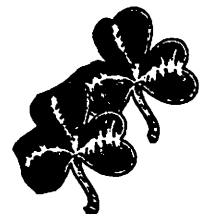
- Mar 15/16th Field Trip - Anza Borrego
- Mar 18th Show Meeting
- Mar 25th Board Meeting
- Apr 1st Bulletin Items Due
- Apr 8th General Meeting
- Apr 12/13th Field Trip - Crystal Ridge

SHOW DATES:

Mar 15 - 16 Northrop Grumman Gem and Mineral Club
 NGRC Clubhouse
 12329 Crenshaw Blvd - Gate 16
 Hawthorne, CA
 Hours: Sat 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
 Sun 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Mar 14-15-16th Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club
 21st Annual Tailgate
 Stoddard Well Road
 Victorville, CA
 Hours: 9:00 AM to Sundown (Friday, Saturday & Sunday)

Mar 22 - 23 North Orange County Gem and Mineral
 LaHabra Club House
 200 W. Greenwood
 LaHabra, CA
 Hours: Sat 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
 Sun 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM



SHOW DATES (Cont'd):

- Mar 22 - 23 Mojave Mineralogical Society
Boran High School, Multi-purpose
Boron, CA
Hours: Sat 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Sun 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- Apr 5 - 6 South Bay Lapidary and Mineral Society
Ken Miller Recreation Center
3341 Torrance Blvd
Torrance, CA
Hours: Sat 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Sun 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- June 20 - 22 CFMS Show and Convention



CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES
presents
The California Federation Show - 1997
The 58th Annual Mineral Show & Convention

"GOLD COAST TREASURE TROVE"

June 20-21-22, 1997 (10-6 Fr & Sa, 10-5 Su)
Seaside Park, Ventura County Fairgrounds
Ventura, California
Internet URL: <http://www.west.net/~jms/vgms/>

Hosted by:

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
Show Chairperson: Kathryn Davis
81 San Benito Avenue, Ventura, CA 93004
Phone: (805) 647-3096

Gems-Minerals-Rocks-Fossils-Jewelry-Exhibits-Displays
Demonstrations-Prizes-Speakers-Programs-Field Trips-Dealers
Adults \$4.50, 60+ & 12-18 \$3.50, Under 12 Free, 50¢ off with Flyer

HIGHLIGHTS - FEBRUARY MEETING:

Meeting called to order by President Pelfrey at 7:40 PM.

Two guests introduced; Robert Little from the Girl Scout Council and Tom Black.

Robert Little invited the Searchers to take part in the Girl Scouts 85th Anniversary celebration at the Pomona Fairplex on May 24-25th. They are interested in having booths that represent various projects that are appropriate to Scouting Badges, especially "The Great Outdoors." Either displays or demonstrations or both would be welcome. Parking permits and passes will be provided. As of now, we are the only rock club invited. Because of the small turn out due to many Searchers not yet back from Quartzsite, Doris said we would bring this request to the Board and get back to Mr Little with our decision. They are expecting about 30,000 Scouts and 5,000 adults. Scouts range from Brownies to Senior Scouts 17 years old.

A subcontract with the Opal Society concerning the Workshop is being completed. we hope to be in the shop by March first.

Doris circulated the clip board for any member to sign who has been involved with a community project during the last two months representing the Searchers. We need this information on a monthly basis for our tax free status. Please, if any member has done any appropriate volunteer service please indicate on the clip board.

We still need chairpersons for the Kitchen and Crafts for our annual Show. Please see Herb Beckman and sign up. (Highlights cont'd on next page).

HIGHLIGHTS - JANUARY MEETING (Cont'd):

Our March field trip will be March 15 and 16th to Anza Borrego. A map and itinerary is in the February Bulletin. There are extra maps on the back table.

The Luxs have scouted the Jade Cove field trip that will be the second weekend in May because the lowest tides of the year will occur then an advantage in finding Jade on the beach. We will camp at Pedras Blancas (\$7.50 per nite per rig) or, stay in a neighboring motel. Camping will be near the lighthouse. There are no hookups and no camp fires allowed. Digging is 22 miles from camp. Lowest tide is 5:00 AM, so early digging is recommended.

Walter Mroch will be leading our second May field trip, the annual extended trip over the Memorial Day weekend.

Jay Cole reported on an excellent turn out of Searchers on the February trip to Quartzsite. Changes have made camping at our usual site a problem, so arrangements have been made to move next year. The new site will be the same price but will have portable showers and toilets as well as a few electrical hookups for a small extra fee and a free dump station.

Because of her tireless contributions to the city of Anaheim and her enthusiastic support of the arts Elsie Reed was honored as Anaheim's Citizen of the Year at the Cypress College Americana Awards on February 22nd.

The program was presented by Marvin Mog. This was a video segment of California Gold by Huel Howser.

Connie Van Kampen showed a children's project made from small Potato Patch geodes cut in half. A suggested youth project for Searchers since kids really like them.

Bob Dixon reminded and invited Searchers to attend the Opal Society's meeting on February 13th to hear Bob Cramm.

Alice Lux and Mary Jane Parsons served Valentine refreshments. Following refreshments there was a Silent Auction.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Betty Nelson
Secretary

FEDERATION REPORT:

The CFMS Fall Earth Sciences Seminar will be held September 7 - 13th at Camp Paradise, about 45 miles northeast of Marysville on highway E21.

Camp Paradise is an old CCC camp now owned and operated by several churches. Elevation is about 3000 feet, the camp is somewhat rustic, reasonably level, and in the pines. Facilities are double rooms and dorm rooms with separate bathrooms for ladies and gentlemen inside.

The kitchen is large and modern, with a beautiful area for dining. RVs are very welcome. There are no steep or sharp winding roads into camp. Parking is on level ground, in the pines, with electrical and water hookups. A dump station is on the premises.

Pets are allowed if contained.

Classes scheduled for now are faceting, carving, casting and gold panning. More classes may be added if there is a large attendance. Field trips planned.

The cost is \$190 per person this fee includes rooms, instructions, field trips and three meals a day. Reservations taken until 1 August 1997. For more information and forms please see me.

Elmer Parsons

FEDERATION REPORT (Cont'd):WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH BLM - By Izzie Burns, Desert Advisory Committee

The Army has proposed to expand the N.T.C. at Ft. Irwin by 331,217 acres. This lies north west of I-15 in San Bernardino County. There are six alternate plans for this proposal ranging from all to none of the area being acquired for Army training.

Dispersed throughout the proposed acquisition area are rocks and minerals. Some lands which could be taken include the Coolgardie area, Avawatz and Alvord mountains. The north slope of the Calico Mountains are not included. The entire area has a wealth of minerals and great potential for paleontological discoveries.

There will be environmental impact on sensitive wildlife such as the desert tortoise and endangered plants. Over 100 cultural historic sites are dispersed throughout the area. Off road vehicle recreation has occurred throughout the area, especially in the Silurian Valley.

There is a ninety day comment period ending April 4, 1997. Send your comments to:

Attn: Fort Irwin Expansion Proposal DEIS
Bureau of Land Management
Barstow Resource Area
150 Coolwater Lane
Barstow, CA 92311

Copies of the entire EIS should be available from BLM or your Congressman. Some public libraries will also have a copy of the document.

Excerpts from CFMS Newsltr, March 1997.

Elmer Parsons

SECRETARY BABBITT REVOKES R.S. 2477 -
via "Baker Valley News" Feb 14, 1997

Right on the heels of his very controversial proposed BLM law enforcement regulations, Bruce Babbitt is at it again.

On January 22, Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt wrote a department memo "revoking" the Department's prior policy regarding RS-2477 road right-of-way, which forms the bulk of the rural transportation network in the Western public land states and is critical to all public lands access from natural resource production to recreation. The revoked policy (the "Hodel Policy"), set forth by Secretary Donald Hodel in 1988, was an attempt to reflect long-established law regarding these rights-of-way, which are typically owned and managed by state and local governmental entities.

Interior Department personnel have been instructed to offer no recognition of any RS-2477 rights-of-way, without prior authorization from the Secretary unless the holder gives evidence of a "demonstrated, compelling, and immediate need." Babbitt has created a situation where personnel say, in effect: "You can't exercise your right unless we acknowledge that it's valid (or you go to court to prove it), and we are prohibited from taking action to acknowledge its validity. Therefore, if you exercise your right, the United States may sue you."

Since Congress has specifically prevented any new regulations, Babbitt's memo specifically says that this is not a rule making, but it has the same effect. The memo states that the department will determine whether a right-of-way meets criteria concerning "withdrawals and reservations," "construction" and "highway." Obviously given the Department's overall hostility toward existing laws, these terms will not be solidly defined, but applied on a case by case basis.

This is another example of the BLM being totally out of control! Babbitt is using these regulations as another way to keep human beings off public lands! Congress is for writing laws, not the Secretary of the Interior.

Elmer Parsons

WORKSHOP REPORT:

On Wednesday, Feb 26, Searchers and the American Opal Society board of directors met to review the sublease contract. Concerns of both parties were resolved, and a contract agreement in principal was achieved. As of this writing, the contract revision to incorporate these agreements is in process, and the Opal Society board meeting is scheduled for 17 March 1997. I am anticipating a close cooperative association between these two premiere gem societies in our workshop timeshare venture, and perhaps other endeavors.

In the past six months, Searchers has received significant donations of rock-hounding tools, lapidary equipment, and rough cutting materials. These generous donations are especially welcome now as they will help defray some of our workshop expenses through sales, auctions, etc. These generous donors, all former Searchers, were Philip Bass, Afton Reinert and Myrna Gibson. Many thanks and our continuing gratitude are owed to these generous donars.

Several active Searchers have also donated needed workshop equipment and supplies including a desk and telephone (Walter Mroch), window blinds (Marge Jordan), ducting (Bob Dixon), and refuse containers (Cliff Warner). Others have donated generously of their time and talents, especially Bud Henderson. We still need many items including a 4 or 5 drawer locking file cabinet, folding chairs, a locking metal stationary/storage cabinet and, eventually, three 8 inch grinding/sanding arbors to replace the old Lortone units I am now patching up.

The workshop opening is now expected to be between Thursday, 20 March '97 (earliest date), and Thursday, 3 April '97 (latest date). So far, one Searcher has volunteered to serve as workshop supervisor, and we need three more. Please contact me if you are willing to share your expertise and experience with workshop attendees as a workshop supervisor. Four supervisors will give us the scheduling flexibility we need.

Workshop fees havenot yet been established. They were \$2.00 per session before we had to vacate our previous facility. Workshop attendance will be limited to active Searchers, each of whom will be required to execute a waiver, and be, or become through training, proficient in operating lapidary equipment. As a result of recent donations, a nice variety of quality cutting rough will be available at very reasonable cost to workshop attendees.

Herb Beckman (714) 778-1496
Workshop Coordinator

MEMBERSHIP:

Our new 1997 Membership Rosters are here. I will be passing them out this evening. If I miss you pick up your new Roster before you leave. I've tried very hard to make all changes/corrections re Zip and Area Codes. If either are incorrect, I'm sorry. Let me know and I'll make the correction. Our total membership at the end of 1996 was 140. As of now we have 120 members.

Welcome new member Alan J. Wilkins, MD who was brought into the Club by the Lee's and was with us at Quartzsite.

Milly Arvanites
Membership

REFRESHMENTS:

Refreshments this evening will be served by Doris Smith and Jan and Roger Cole. April refreshments will be served by Audrey Nichols and Karen Fox.

Betty Henderson



SHOW REPORT - 1997 GEM ROUNDUP:

Our second Show Committee Meeting was held Thursday, February 27th. Sixteen Committee Members attended. The meeting was productive, covering several areas. Our progress to date is encouraging, however, we need two more Chairpersons. One for the Kitchen and another for Crafts. We need your help so please volunteer to head one of these Committees. Please give me a call!

Donation Award Tickets - Sales of these tickets are the second largest source of our income from the annual show. The drawing Grand Prize is \$200 and many other great prizes. Tickets come in sets of three and sell for \$1.00 per set. Tickets will be available at tonight's meeting and our April General meeting. Each Searcher member is expected to sell, or buy at least \$10.00 worth of tickets. If you are unable to attend the meetings would you please save us postage by asking a friend to pick up your tickets at one of our meetings. Remember, the more tickets you sell, the more you help the Club.

Sign-Up Sheets - For us to have a successful show we need all members to help. Sign-up sheets for all show jobs will be circulated at tonight's General Meeting and during the April meeting. Now is the best time to sign up, when all the prime task choices and times are available. If you are unable to attend tonight's meeting, please call the Committee Chairperson for the activities you are interested in and sign-up. See Committee Chairperson list. GET INVOLVED - HELP OUT - SEE HOW MUCH FUN IT IS!!!

Herb Beckman
1997 Show Chairman

1997 SHOW COMMITTEE

Chairman	Herb Beckman	778-1496	Grab Bags	Ken Landers	535-5126
Co-Chairman	Milt Green	456-0550	Hospitality	Marge Jordan	
Anaheim Arts Council	Margaret Neeley	535-2030	Hourly Door Prizes	Milly Arvanites	838-1924
Cases	Alice Lux	992-2757	Kitchen (need Volunteer)		
Children's Jewelry	Larry Richey	846-3573	Layout	Herb Beckman	778-1496
Crafts (need Volunteer)			Membership	Betty Henderson	772-1996
Dealers	Milly Arvanites	838-1924	Publicity	Walter Mroch	826-2132
Decorations	Audrey Nichols	533-4675	Security	Wes Greenamyre	841-4515
Demonstrations	Floyd Neeley	535-2030	Set-Up/Clean-Up	Bob Dixon	534-5063
Donation Awards	Roger & Jan Cole	639-9025	Signs	Hal & Beth Pelfrey	774-2754
Electrical	Jim Everitt (909)	679-5580	Slides/Videos	Connie Van Kampen	993-2827
Financial	Bob Gabourel	670-6786	Special Exhibits - Karen Martinez (562)		423-2932
Friday Night Dinner	Marie Cole and Joyce Martinez	639-7983	Trophies & Ribbons-Ken Despain		750-8006
			Wheel of Fortune-Tony & Lola Tapia		776-9815

SHOW SECURITY:

To help ensure the trouble-free operation of our show this year, all members are urged to conspicuously wear their club badge whenever they are at the show site. Searchers must also make sure that any non-members they designate to help them set-up or take down displays be clearly identified by a ribbon/badge, available at the show site from Larry Richey or Wes Greenamyre.

Members needing to order a new or replacement Club badge should contact George Mitchum ASAP at the general meeting or give him a call at (714) 897-2407. The cost is \$5.00.

Wes Greenamyre

PLANTS:

If you plan on donating plants for the Show now is the time to start getting them ready. Please bring them to the Center Friday morning during set-up.

Show Committee

DONATION AWARD TICKETS AND PRIZES:

We have Donation Award Tickets available for pickup at tonight's meeting. The sale of these tickets is our biggest and only fund raising project for the year. It is the obligation of each member to either sell or buy himself/herself \$10 worth of tickets. Tickets sell for 3 for \$1.00. REMEMBER this helps with Club expenses through the year. The More YOU sell the more YOU help YOUR Club. If you do not pick up your \$10 worth of tickets we will mail them to you and postage is expensive. All checks are to be made payable to "Searchers Gem and Mineral Society" and all monies and ticket stubs are to be returned to Roger Cole by show time, May 2nd.

First Prize will be \$200. All other prizes will be donated by Searcher members or businesses.

Any member who maybe contacting business people for Donation Award Prizes there are copies of Donation Request letters available for your use. Also, Show Flyers and Posters advertising our show are available. Please check with Herb Beckman (for letters) and Walter Mroch (for flyers or posters).

We need Donation Award Prizes. These prizes should be high quality (remember, when selecting your donation prize please be sure that the image we project is the one we are proud of). These prizes may be brought to the General Meetings and given to Roger and Jan Cole.

Don't forget to pick up your \$10 worth of tickets tonight so we wont have to mail them to you - postage is expensive! Let's have a great ticket sale in 1997.

Roger and Jan Cole

HOURLY DOOR PRIZES:

We need donated items for our Hourly Door Prize drawings. Gals, clean out your stash of UNUSED ITEMS. These could include necklaces, key chains, bracelets, pins, earrings, bolas etc, etc. Please, if you have any suitable items bring them to the April meeting and to set-up Friday morning.

Milly Arvanites

WHEEL OF FORTUNE:

Prizes are needed for the WHEEL. If you have any polished rocks, slabs, tumbled stones, geodes (cut ones) small vials of tumbled rock or other items that would be attractive to children (or adults) please bring them to the April meeting or let me know and we'll arrange to get them or bring them to set-up Friday morning.

Lola Tapia

SLABS FOR VET'S:

If you have slabs that you're not using or you're sawing slabs for future use, cut one for the Vets. I'll have a box marked "Searchers Slabs for Vets" at the back of our meeting room - near the coffee.

Larry Richey



Tow Hitch for a Baja Bug Dune Buggy. Asking \$25.00. Good shape, extra tow lights. Call Milly at 838-1924 or Milt at 456-0550. After 4:00 PM call 633-6505.

Milly Arvanites

NOTICE: I WOULD LIKE ALL ITEMS FOR THE APRIL BULLETIN NOT LATER THAN APRIL 1ST. THANKS,

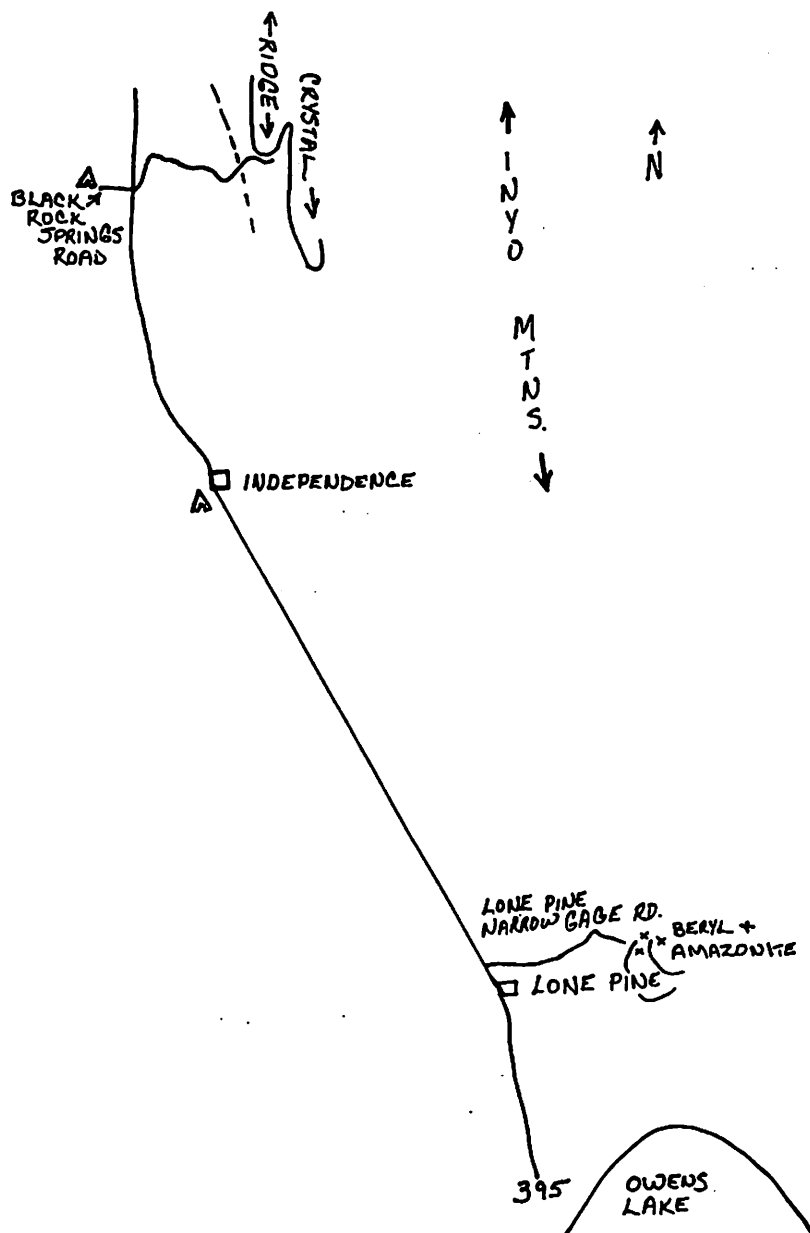
Marge

SHARING AND CARING:

Harry Nelson broke his wrist in a fall. We hope he's doing well.

Marge





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.

SEARCHERS FIELD TRIP CRYSTAL RIDGE SMOKY QUARTZ APRIL 12 & 13, 1997



THE APRIL FIELD TRIP WILL INCLUDE A WEEKEND LOOKING FOR SMOKY QUARTZ AT CRYSTAL RIDGE IN THE OWENS VALLEY ABOUT 10 MILES NORTH OF INDEPENDENCE. ALSO, DEPENDING UPON TIME AND INTEREST, A STOP NEAR LONE PINE FOR AMAZONITE AND BLUE BERYL MAY BE SCHEDULED.

SATURDAY APRIL 12

9 A.M. - MEET AT BLACK ROCK SPRINGS ROAD APPROX. 10 MI. NORTH OF INDEPENDENCE OFF HIGHWAY 395.

ONCE AT CRYSTAL RIDGE THERE WILL BE A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE AREA, WHAT CAN BE FOUND, AND WE CAN EXAMINE SOME RECENTLY DUG POCKETS FOR SIGNS OF WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN SEARCHING FOR NEW POCKETS OF QUARTZ.

CAMPING MAY BE DONE AT THE RIDGE. ALTHOUGH ANYONE WITH AN RV WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO CAMP AT A DESIGNATED CAMP SITE OFF 395 DUE TO POOR ROAD CONDITIONS AT CRYSTAL RIDGE.

SUNDAY APRIL 13

9 A.M. - RETURN TO CRYSTAL RIDGE WITH POSSIBLE SIDE TRIP TO LONE PINE IN THE AFTERNOON FOR AMAZONITE AND BLUE BERYL.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

THE QUARTZ IS FOUND IN SEAMS AND POCKETS (UP TO 2' X 5' ACROSS) WITH SOME POCKETS CONTAINING SEVERAL HUNDRED CRYSTALS AND PERHAPS A DOZEN PLATES OF CRYSTALS. THE CRYSTALS ARE USUALLY LONG AND SLENDER, OFTEN PITTED AND COATED WITH CHLORITE OR HEMATITE. SOMETIMES HEMATITE ROSETTES WILL FORM WITH THE QUARTZ, AND ON RARE OCCASIONS, YELLOW SPHERE MAY BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE QUARTZ.

MORE INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW IN THE NEXT BULLETIN AND SAMPLES OF WHAT WE WILL FIND WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE MARCH AND APRIL MEETINGS.

TWO ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE LOCATION INCLUDE: DESERT GEM TRAILS BY MARY FRANCES STRONG AND GEM TRAILS OF CALIFORNIA BY JAMES R. MITCHELL.