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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	Merle Howe	529-3613
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Note: List of Committee Chairpersons will appear  
in Searchers Roster

AFFILIATIONS: California Federation of Mineralogical Societies  
American Federation of Mineralogical Societies

SEARCHERS: The Searchers Gem and Mineral Society, Inc., meets on  
the second Tuesday of each month at the Anaheim Memorial Hospital  
Medical Office Building, 1211 W. La Palma Avenue, Anaheim.  
Meetings begin at 7:30 P.M. Visitors are always welcome.

Membership dues are accepted January through 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 Wednesday of each month.  
These will be held in the boardroom in the basement of the Anaheim  
Memorial Hospital Medical Office Building at 7:30 P.M.

WORKSHOPS: Workshops have been temporarily cancelled.

Silversmithing - 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:

Jeanne Howe, 1482 Ponderosa Ave. Fullerton, CA 92635

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends,

Here it is almost at the end of my term in office. Some of you have put in a lot of effort and have seen some changes in our club.

We now have a local Scholarship Fund. A lot of work went into it - a lot more will be needed before we can see some of the fruits of your labor.

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I feel sure we can and will see the bylaws cleaned up and cleared up tonight.

We will have elections tonight for new officers! All in all, we kept the club afloat another year, and all seems to be well and stable.

Thank you for your support this past year. God bless you.

Merle

CLUB CALENDAR

Nov. 11, Tuesday - General Meeting  
Nov. 24, Wednesday - Board Meeting  
Nov. 25, Thursday - Field Trip - see map & info sheet  
Dec. 4, Saturday - Christmas Party - Marmac's, see attached  
NO GENERAL MEETING IN DECEMBER  
Dec. 22, Wednesday - Board Meeting (?)

SHOW DATES

Nov. 13, 14                   Mineralogical Soc. of So. CA.  
                                  Glendale Civic Auditorium  
                                  1401 N. Verdugo Rd. Glendale  
                                  Sat 10-6, Sun. 10-5

Nov. 27, 28                   Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Society  
                                  Barstow Community Center  
                                  840 Barstow Rd. Barstow  
                                  27th, 10-6; 28th, 10-5

Dec. 4, 5                     Red Carpet Gem & Mineral Show  
                                  Santa Monica Civic Auditorium  
                                  1855 Main St., Santa Monica  
                                  Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5

CFMS SCHOLARSHIP

The following is an excerpt from a letter written by Elmer Parsons to Merle Howe:

The following is a brief history of the CFMS Scholarship.

At the Convention meeting in 1974, Claude Schapers presented some ideas for a scholarship fund. A " Feasibility Committee" was appointed to consolidate the ideas.

On July 3, 1976, a new committee was appointed to prepare the Operating Regulations for the Scholarship Fund. At the November 13, 1976 business meeting, the Operating Regulations were adopted and Toy Sato was selected as chairman.

Thru 1977, 1978, and 1979 the Contributions continued to increase substantially and the Fund had reached a level in which it was possible to give at least two student grants each year.

In 1978, the first Honoree (ed. note.: Honoree is not student receiving loan) was selected by the CFMS Scholarship Committee and the following is a list of Southern California Universities or Colleges that were selected.

DATE	HONOREE	UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE
1979-80	Claude Schapers	Univ. of Redlands
1984-85	David Wilbur	U.C. Santa Barbara
1984-85	Jessie Hardman	U.C. Los Angeles
1985-86	Dr. William Wise	U.C. Santa Barbara
1985-86	Marian Godshaw	C.S.U. Northridge
1987-88	Agnes Hall	Occidental College
1987-88	Charles Howell	U.C. San Diego
1988-89	Fred Sellers	C.S.U. Fullerton
1989-90	J. R. Swartz	Pomona College
1989-90	Toy Sato	C.S.U. Long Beach
1989-90	Keesa Stewart	U.C. Santa Barbara
1990-91	Bill/Isabella Burns	Whittier College
1991-92	Shirley Leeson	C.S.U. San Diego
1991-92	Michael Kokinos	U.C. Santa Barbara

The fourteen selected in the southern California area, of the thirty two (scholarships) given, makes it come out to 43.75 %. \*Ed. Note. Since Oct. 13 when Elmer wrote this, 2 more scholarships have been given at U.C. Riverside and one at Occidental bringing the percentage to So. Cal. to 53.12%)

Our club has missed some of the chances that were available to have some of these students give us a program.

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Scholarship

## Method of Selecting Honoree

Criteria for selection

The person(s) selected to be honored shall have made great contributions toward the realizations of the avowed purpose and goals of the CFMS. The Honoree may or may not be a member of the CFMS society. The Honoree may receive this award only once.

Time of selection

The Honoree shall be selected by the Scholarship Committee prior to March 1st of each year, be notified of the selection, plus the duties involved, as soon as possible. The Honoree may receive this honor only once.

Duties

The Honoree shall select the school(s) at the college or University level, within the territorial jurisdiction of the CFMS, which shall receive the Scholarship Grants and shall participate with the schools in the selection of the student awardee(s). The honoree shall report to the Directors at the Convention Meeting the name of the student awardee(s).

Ed. Note: This cleared up my misconceptions of "Honoree" and awardee. Hope it does the same for you. We are members of the CFMS and should know how their programs work.

## PUBLIC LANDS:

Bill S-21 has passed committee and is ready for introduction on the Senate floor. Because it has gone through substantial changes from the House version, it will probably have to go back through the House. Continue writing letters!

Elmer Parsons

## SUNSHINE REPORT

Wes Miller has been moved to an apartment near the traffic circle in Long Beach. This is a gated community where he will have professional care, but in a more relaxed atmosphere than the hospital. His new address is Apt 6101, 1809 Termino Ave, Long Beach 90805. Phone: 310/597-8320. Wes will welcome visitors, but because the place is gated, please call first. Parking is on the street.

Marge Jordan is at home, still awaiting her final surgery. She is sure hoping it will be soon enough so that she can be home for Christmas. Marge has had a long long session, and can use all the cheering up she can get.

## PROGRAM

Herb Beckman reports that tonight Marvin and Jacque Mog will tell us about their experiences in Australia and show slides of their trip.

For the coming year he has Jesse Hardman, Marie Brashears, and Carl Ortega lined up. These people will all have something of interest to share with us.

## TOPAZ AND CITRINE

Topaz, a hydrous aluminum silicate forms in crystals, some as large as 600 pounds. The color is highly variable and can be altered by heat treating. The largest and finest crystals come from Brazil and Siberia. Deep yellow gem materials come from Burma and Sri Lanka.

Clear or finely colored varieties have always been used as gems. The deep golden yellow variety is most highly prized, although blue or green stones are also popular.

In the jewelry trade many faceted yellow stones are known as topaz, but are really citrine. So what of citrine? It is a light golden crystalline quartz, probably colored by a slight trace of ferric iron. Spanish topaz and Saxon topaz are names given to the deep reddish or orange colored type of citrine.

Citrine, like many stones can be heat treated to change the color. Russian peasants of the the province of Perm, where smoky quartz crystals are found, are accustomed to alter them to a deep yellow by baking the crystals in loaves of bread. If the color is not sufficiently changed by the first baking, the treatment is repeated until the desired color is attained or stone given up as hopeless.

Reference Quartz Family Minerals  
Rocks and Minerals.

LAPIDARY HINTS: Malachite. We recommend sawing about 10 degrees away from directly parallel to the grain. This way, when you dome the stone, you will get a bullseye effect. Malachite is a fairly soft stone, so try to leave the slabs thicker than other material. When grinding, we recommend always wearing a breathing mask. Malachite can be toxic and can make you ill. After grinding, sand with a new 600 sanding belt, then a worn out 600. Finally, for polishing, we recommend ZAM on hard felt.

From Orange Coast Gazette

OCTOBER FIELD TRIP REPORT

The Searchers October field trip to the Chuckwalla/Wiley Wells was the weekend of the 8th, 9th, and 10th. There were four rigs and eight Searchers out by the afternoon of the 7th.

Jim Everitt started exploring for passable roads and areas to dig, and discovered 4 wheel vehicles were necessary to travel the roads, due to erosion and lack of maintenance.

With many more Searchers arriving Friday and Saturday it gave us a total of 17 Searchers and nine rigs.

We had several delicious potlucks and celebrated Queenie and Alf Osborne's 60th Wedding Anniversary with a rocktail party and the Osbornes provided a decorated cake and champagne for all.

It was great to see Jacque and Marvin Mog on this trip and they graciously shared their Australian adventure with us, answerings our many questions regarding their trip.

The rockhounds made several trips to the digging area with some finds of geodes and nodules.

Temperatures and weather were warm and sometimes breezy with campfires every night in typical Searcher style.

Thanks to Jim Everitt, our field trip leader, for a great weekend that all who attended enjoyed.

Phil Martinez

FOR SALE:

Do you like to keep warm on cool nights? Here is the perfect answer. Electric Mattress pad, Queen size, dual controls. Operates on either 12 volts or 115 AC. Nearly new. \$50.00

Marvin or Jacque Mog

REFRESHMENTS:

Tonight is pie night in keeping with Searcher tradition. We hope you brought a good appetite along with your pie.

There is no December general meeting. The Christmas Party does it all, so tonight winds up the refreshment list for this year. Thanks to everyone!

YOU SAID IT!

The shortest distance between two points is always closed for construction.

Osage Hills Gems

SEARCHERS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

DATE: Saturday, December 4, 1993

PLACE: MARMAC'S RESTAURANT (714)898-5645
12777 Knott Avenue (just South of Lampson)
Garden Grove, CA

TIMES: 6:30 to 7:30 No Host Social Hour
7:30 - Dinner / 8:30 Entertainment
and Installation

DRESS: Searcher's Finest

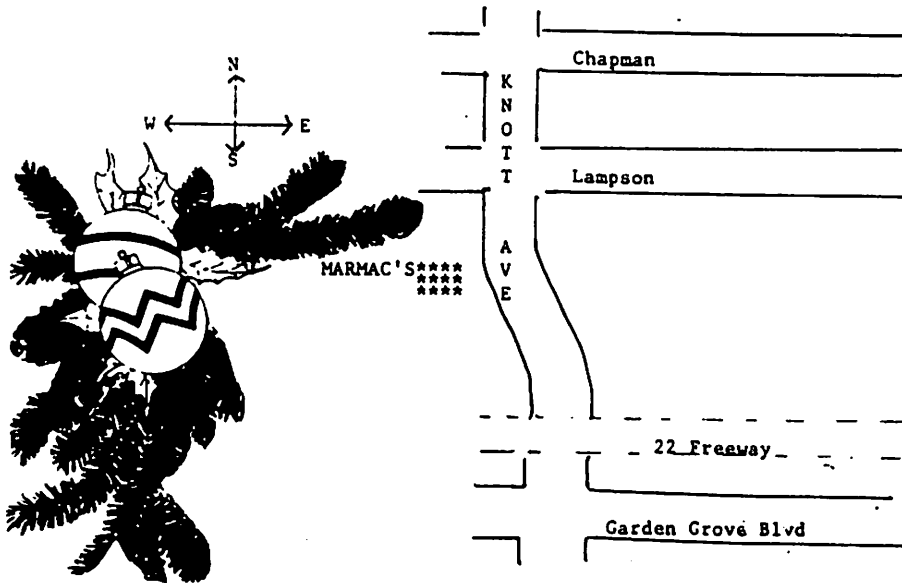
COST: Prime Rib - Member Only \$10.50\*
Prime Rib - Non-Member \$19.50\*

Baked Chicken - Member Only \$ 6.75\*
Baked Chicken - Non-Member \$15.75\*

All prices include tax and tip

\*This includes salad, stuffed baked
potato, vegetable, dessert & beverage

Please pick up your tickets early. Tickets will be available at the October 12th
and November 9th meetings after the programs.



TICKETS MAY BE ORDERED BY MAIL

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Entree: Prime Rib \_\_\_\_\_ Baked Half Chicken \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO SEARCHERS GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY

PLEASE SEND TO: George W. Mitchum BY NOVEMBER 16TH, 1993
12161 Bartlett Street
Garden Grove, CA 92645-1525



NOTES FROM OCTOBER MINUTES

The motion that interest only from \$5000 club savings be set aside to begin a fund for our club scholarship program was passed.

The Christmas party to be held at Marmac's December 4th was announced. In lieu of purchased door prizes, the club will pick up an additional \$4.00 of the ticket price for each member.

Attention was called to By-law changes and members asked to read them carefully so we can vote in November.

The nominating committee presented the following slate of officers:

President	Jim Williamson
1st Vice President	Herb Beckman
2nd Vice President	Connie Van Kampen
Secretary	Beth Pelfrey
Treasurer	Betty Nelson
Federation Delegate	George Mitchum
	Elmer Parsons

Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the November meeting and the Club will vote at the November meeting.

Beth Pelfrey

Note from Osage Hills Gems

The world is full of willing people. Some people are willing to work, and the rest are willing to let them.

HIDDEN VALLEY RANCH OYSTER CRACKERS  
Recipe from Mary Jane Parsons

- 3/4 cup salad oil
- 1 Pkg (1.0 oz.) Hidden Valley Ranch Milk Recipe Original Ranch Salad Dressing
- 1/2 tsp dill weed
- 1/4 tsp lemon pepper
- 1/4 garlic powder
- 12-16 Oz. plain oyster crackers.

Whisk together the first five ingredients .  
Pour over crackers, stirring to coat.  
Place on baking sheets and bake at 275F for 15-20 minutes.  
Makes 11-12 cups.

THANKSGIVING FIELD TRIP

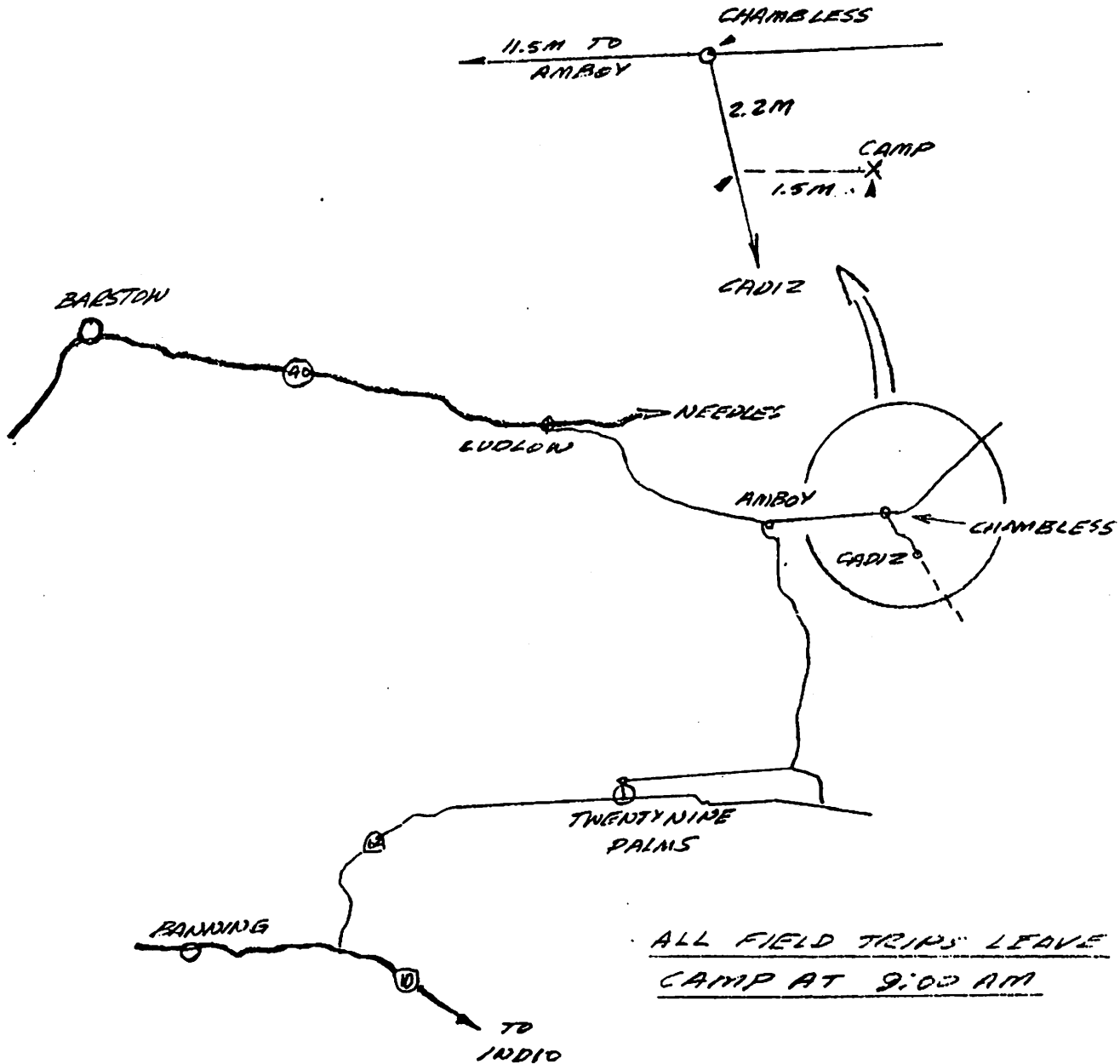
- POT LUCK THURSDAY 11/25
- LEFT OVERS FRIDAY 11/26

- DRY CAMP
- BRING FIREWOOD

MATERIAL

- SHAFFERITE
- TRILOBITES

- FIELD TRIP CHAIRMEN WILL BE THERE WED 11/24
- GAMES AND PRIZES ARE PLANNED



ALL FIELD TRIPS LEAVE  
CAMP AT 9:00 AM