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

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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 92645-1525.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The days are flying by, and it is April already, less than a month until our 37th annual "Searchers Gem Roundup". Time is running out on donation ticket sales. The show co-chairmen Jim Williamson and Larry Richey, and the committees have put in a lot of work to make this year's show a success. All the sign-up sheets will be available at tonight's meeting and should be filled. Please sign-up for several jobs and help assure a successful show. In addition to being our primary fund-raiser, it is our opportunity to show off our hobby to the community, and, perhaps, attract new members. If you are unable to attend the April meeting, please contact the committee chairmen to sign up for show jobs. Oh yes, please be sure to wear your Searchers name tags at the show.

Part of the reason the month seems to have flown by is that we had both a field trip and an optional outing in March. Both were well attended, good collecting opportunities, and, most importantly, fun. At the Stoddard Wells outing, Searchers in their usual generous manor invited people from other clubs to join in on our potluck, which added to everyone's enjoyment and camaraderie. The field trip to the Kramer Junction/Boron Show and tailgate was also well attended, fun, and a very good collecting opportunity, both at the US Borax mine, and near camp. Our April field trip will be to the Boron area too, and promises to be equally successful. I hope you plan to attend. Ken Nelson is doing a super job as field trip chairman this year.

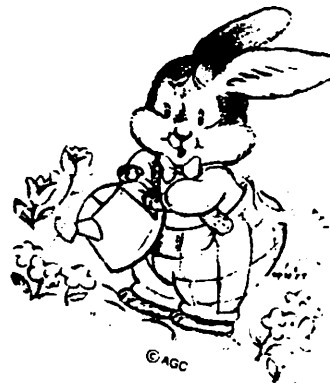
Another event in March was the annual Anaheim Arts Council soiree. Searchers Mae Freedman, Margaret Neeley, and Elsie Reed put in a lot of time working on this activity. Also, Larry Richey's donation of a beautiful piece of Jewelry, and the efforts of the Searchers in attendance contributed to this fund raiser.

My primary concern in March, however, has been the Searchers workshop. The major obstacle has been that the space we can afford to rent is considerably less we need, based prevailing rental rates. The American Opal Society also needs a workshop, and similarly, has limited funds. I met with the American Opal Society directors in March, and we reached an agreement in principal to join together in a lease arrangement, which would enable both clubs to afford a suitable workshop and use the facilities on a time share basis to conduct workshops, classes, etc.. A number of details have to be worked out before we can proceed. I have inventoried our stored equipment and other materials in order to develop a specification for the storage and multipurpose shop requirements of both clubs. When this specification is completed and approved, we will lease a suitable shop space. Details will be discussed under "old business" at the April meeting.

**Herb Beckman**

### FUTURE CLUB ACTIVITIES:

April 13th - 14th - Field Trip to Clay Mine Road  
 April 16th - Show Meeting  
 April 23rd - Board Meeting  
 May 3rd - Set Up Annual Show  
 May 4th and 5th - Searchers Annual Gem Show  
 May 9th - Planning Committee Meeting  
 May 14th - General Meeting  
 May 21st - Board Meeting (may change due to extended trip)  
 May 25th - Beginning extended Field Trip



SHOW DATES:

April 27 - 28 Antelope Valley & Palmdale  
Gem & Mineral Clubs  
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds  
Challenger Memorial Hall  
Lancaster, CA  
Hours: Sat 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Sun 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM



HIGHLIGHTS - MARCH GENERAL MEETING:

Meeting was called to order by President Beckman. Four guests were introduced. Minutes from the last meeting read, corrected and approved.

Motion made, seconded and approved to dispense with reading of the minutes of our general meetings in hopes of shortening our general meetings. Copies of the minutes will be available if anyone would like a copy.

We are still checking on rental properties feasible for a workshop/storage area. It was also suggested that it might be advantageous for us and the Opal Society to share a space and equipment.

The planning Committee (Herb Beckman, Jim Williamson and Marie Cole) has two volunteers, Bob Dixon and Jan Gillette.

Larry Richey made a lovely piece of jewelry for the Searcher's donation to the Anaheim Arts Council to be auctioned at their Annual Soiree for the benefit of Culture and the Arts in Anaheim.

Jim Williamson reported that show plans are moving along smoothly. Clip Boards are being circulated by the various Committee Chairpersons to help with these jobs. Everyone is urged to sign up to help a few hours during the show.

Due to a malfunction of our video equipment we were unable to proceed with our scheduled program on amethyst.

Marvin Mog reported on the trip to Lordsburg, NM that several members went on to after leaving Quartzsite. They got some excellent material and went on field trips with the Lordsburg Club. Marvin mentioned that you must join the Lordsburg Club to be able to accompany them on their field trips.

Ken Nelson reported on our upcoming field trips. Our September 14th/15th trip is to Bolsa Chica State Beach. There will be two adjacent areas, one for members who will be there for the day only and the other for those who plan to bring their rigs and camp overnight. The charge for overnight camping is \$15. If you are going to camp you need to make your own reservations now. The number is 1-800-444-7275. If your rig is 25 ft or less you will be nearest the sand. If your rig is over 25 ft they will park you in the center. Make reservations now.

Betty Henderson has volunteered to take over Refreshments/Hospitality for Mary Nelson. Please sign up with Betty to do refreshments for the General Meetings. She has volunteers for April and May but will need help for our June Potluck. Please give Betty a call and sign up.

HIGHLIGHTS - MARCH GENERAL MEETING (Cont'd):

Bob Dixon has volunteered to do our Monthly Library Drawings.

Cliff Coan has forms and information on the Rapid Response Road Service for RVs if anyone is interested. This is approximately one half less than the competitors price. See Cliff to sign up.

Jim Williamson announced that Heritage Day is Coming up in June. There will be more information on this at a later date.

Editor



SLABS FOR VETS:

I will be needing slabs for use at the Veteran's Lapidary Shop and would appreciate it if you would donate any of those surplus slabs that you may have on hand. I will have a box available at our General Meetings.

Larry Richey

SHARING AND CARING:



Queenie Osborne writes that she is feeling much better but is still having some throat problems but is trying to pursue some of her hobbies. Both she and Alf miss all of the Searchers and the club activities but sent their best to all.

George Mitchum has been home from the hospital for a couple of weeks and is improving nicely but must take it easy for a few months.

Have not heard of any other illness.

Marge



SEARCHER NAME TAGS:

Members will be required to wear name tags during our show. If you need a name tag please let me know as soon as possible. The price of a name tag is \$5.00.

The following members ordered name tags at the last meeting and I have them here tonight:

Harry Nelson  
John Figueroa  
Carol McCluney  
Roger Cole  
Janet Cole

Ted Mickey  
Beth Pelfrey  
Don Frederick  
Carole Frederick James  
Bob Dixon

If anyone needs a name tag I will be taking orders again this evening.

George Mitchum  
(714) 897-2407

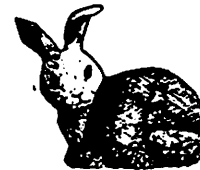
PROGRAM REPORT:

Our March program was to be a video on amethyst by Elmer Parsons but due to a malfunction of our video equipment we were unable to show it and will use this program for the April meeting.

Our May meeting will be presented by Jim Williamson and we will have a Silent Auction. We are asking members to please bring items to put in the Auction. Marvin Mog will be in charge of the Auction.

June will be our Annual Awards/Trophy Night and Potluck. Please plan to attend and bring a dish to share.

Lola Tapia



DONATION AWARD TICKETS AND PRIZES:

Donation Award Tickets will be available for pickup at tonight's meeting. If you do not pick up your \$10 worth of tickets we will mail them to you. Please pick them up, postage is expensive.

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 our Club expenses throughout the year. The more YOU sell the more YOU help YOUR Club. 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 3rd.

We are getting a few Donation Award Prizes but we need a lot more. These 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 Center during set-up on Friday May 3rd or give one of us a call and we'll arrange to get it. Thanks.

Roger and Jan Cole 639-9025  
Jan Gillette (776-9467



CRAFTS:

Ana Gabourel and Marie Cole report that they've had calls from members telling them they are working on items but we will still need a lot more items. With all of your help we are going to have a nice selection of items and the more items we get the better.

Please remember if you would like your items returned to you after the show please put your initials on them. Also, please let us know what prices you would like on your items.

If you have any questions or need any information please call me (714)670-6786 or Marie Cole (714) 639-7983. We're counting on you to help make this Craft Booth a success.

Ana Gabourel



PLANTS:

If you are donating plants for sale at the show please bring them to the Center Friday Morning, May 3rd during set-up.

Show Committee



HOURLY DOOR PRIZES:

Walter Mroch and I still need items for our Hourly Door Prize drawings. We need UNUSED ITEMS. These could include necklaces, key chains, bracelets, pins, earring, bolas etc, etc. Please, if you have any suitable items bring them to the Center Friday morning during set-up.

Milly Arvanites

WHEEL OF FORTUNE:

We need items for the WHEEL. If you have any polished rocks, slabs, tumbled stones, geodes, etc that you cannot use (cut ones) small vials of tumbled rock or other items that would be attractive to children (or adults) please bring them to the Center Friday morning, May 3rd.

Lola Tapia

DEMONSTRATIONS:

If there are any member Searchers who have not signed up to demonstrate during the show but would like to do some demonstration please let me know immediately.

Floyd Neeley (535-2030)

SHOW SECURITY:

TO HELP ENSURE THE TROUBLE-FREE OPERATION OF OUR SHOW THIS YEAR, ALL MEMBERS ARE URGED TO CONSPICUOUSLY WEAR THEIR CLUB BADGE/NAME TAG 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 AN ON-SITE-ISSUED RIBBON/BADGE (SEE SECURITY).

MEMBERS NEEDING TO ORDER NEW OR REPLACEMENT BADGES SHOULD CONTACT GEORGE MITCHUM (714) 897-2407 ASAP.

WES GREENAMYER

BULLETIN ITEMS FOR MAY - Please submit to Marge not later than 7 May 1996.

Thanks



FIELD TRIP ACTIVITIES

APRIL FIELD TRIP (April 13th and 14th)

The April trip will be to the Clay Mine Road area west of Boron. A map to the camping area is attached.

Once again as always, this will be a dry camp so bring some wood and your other necessities. It is also suggested again that you bring a sledge, your chisels and safety glasses for the Travertine.

The miles (1.3m) off Clay Mine Road may not be exact so bear with me and watch for signs and orange ribbons. There will be a no-host Rocktail party Saturday night.

MAY "LONG RANGE" FIELD TRIP

The plan is to rockhound in Northeastern California and Central Oregon. We will meet at the first camping spot, Lassen Creek Campground, just north of Davis Creek, CA on May 25th of the Memorial Day Weekend. This will allow those that work to leave and cover a lot of miles quickly while those of us that are retired may leave and take our time. Note that it is approximately 725 miles to the Davis Creek area. This area is in Northeastern California north of Alturas off of highway 395. Upon reaching Alturas, the last good-sized shopping community, you will go north on Highway 395. About 22 miles north of Alturas you will go through Davis Creek, your next landmark. Pay close attention and don't blink or you will miss it, there is not much there! Eleven miles further, north of Davis Creek the highway crosses Lassen Creek. You will be driving alongside of Goose Lake and starting down a slight grade. Look for the small, dirt South Willow Ranch Road on your right. Drive on this road about 5.5 miles in a generally south by southwesterly direction to the turnoff to the Lassen Creek Campground (Note: at the first crossroad, about 3 miles, go straight ahead) Take a right turn and cross Lassen Creek and you will see the campground almost immediately on your left. At the campground there is spring water and one outdoor privy.

Attached to the back of this bulletin is a map and rough itinerary for the biggest portion of the trip. The itinerary is subject to change as we approach the end of May so don't get too fixed in your thinking.

Two of the stops, Davis Creek and Glass Buttes, are for obsidian. This is volcanic glass. Don't forget, gloves and safety glasses, this is sharp stuff.. Shovels and a short pry bar would be helpful. The Davis Creek area is in the Warner Mountain which separate California from Nevada. The area at Davis Creek is heavily timbered.

One of the obsidian oddities in the area are obsidian needles. You dig these among the tree roots, if this area is still open. Again keep the "Shop Hint, in the February bulletin for cleaning obsidian needles. These are used for wind chimes.

I still would like to have an estimate of the number of people making this trip. It is difficult to make camping arrangements with the number of rigs unknown. Please call me and give me an indication of your plans.

JUNE FIELD TRIP - NONE SCHEDULED

Anyone wishing to lead a trip in June may volunteer to do so. We will be on the "Long Range" trip.

KEN NELSON

SHOP HINT:

To freshen a sander, take a piece of obsidian and sand on it. You will be surprised how that livens up the sander.

Via: Chips 'N Splinters 2/96 and others

TAKE THIS ON THE TRIP



JULY BBQ (JULY 13th)

Once again this year Mike and Michelle Lee have graciously agreed to host a BBQ at their home in Elsinore. This will be a potluck with everyone bringing whatever they want to BBQ as the main entree. More details later on this one, keep the date open.

AUGUST FIELD TRIP (AUGUST 10th and 11th)

The AFMS/CFMS "Diamond Daze" Gem and Mineral Show is being held in Riverside, Ca. The show is from August 6th through August 11th. The weekend of the 10th and 11th will be our Field Trip. The camping will be at the Rancho Jarupa Park. There will be transportation from the Park to the show. Reservations may be made at Rancho Jurupa Park but only after May 1st. Reservations are made through 1-800-234-PARK.

SEPTEMBER BEACH GET TOGETHER (SEPT. 14th and 15th)

This September weekend get together will be held at Bolsa Chica State Beach which is between the "cliffs" at Huntington Beach and Sunset Beach. A suggested route is down Golden West, off the 405 freeway, to the ocean and turn right (west) for a couple of miles.

One section is for overnight camping. The cost is \$14.00 a night (\$12.00 for Seniors). Reservations should be made early and can be made now by calling 1-800-444-7275. One person can make reservations for two sites only. Mary and I as well as the Everetts will arrive Friday and stay thru Sunday night. Those wishing to come for the day may park in day parking adjacent to the camping area. The cost is \$5.00 per vehicle (\$4.00 for Seniors).

OCTOBER FIELD TRIP (OCTOBER 12th and 13th)

This trip will be to Searles Dry Lake at Trona which is east of Ridgecrest. The folks that went on this trip last year enjoyed it so much they want to go again.

NOVEMBER THANKSGIVING FIELD TRIP - OPEN - Nothing scheduled as yet.

Do I have any volunteers to lead this trip or suggestions as to the desired location?? Please call me.

KEN NELSON

MEMBERSHIP:

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED AT OUR MARCH 12TH, 1996 MEETING.

RE-JOIN MEMBER

JOHN FIGUEROA  
CAROL L. McCLUNEY  
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GARDEN GROVE, CALIF. 92644  
(714) 530-4746

ROSE, JOHN L.  
14101 C STREET  
TUSTIN, CA 92680  
(714) 778-5336  
(714) 731-0480



This brings our membership total up to 130 members as of March 12th.

Please make the following correction in your 1996 Membership Roster.

ERHART, JAMES F. & BEVERLY  
15111 PIPELINE ROAD, SPACE 271 (Rather than 1511)  
CHINO HILLS, CAL. 91709

MILLY



KRAMER JUNCTION/BORON FIELD TRIP REVIEW

Those that didn't make this trip missed a really good one. The weather was wonderful, the rockhounding good and the comradery great. Twenty-one Searchers were there. Most of us spent both Saturday and Sunday at the Borax plant on the tailing. The material collected included Ulexite (TV rock), Kernite, Colemanite and anhydrous Borax. Jim Everitt and Mike Sidlin got the nicest Colemanite crystal specimens. Everyone got all the other material they wanted. The Saturday trip was to the west dump, mostly Kernite and anhydrous Borax. The Sunday trip was to the east dump and more productive, lots of Ulexite and some Colemanite.

The Boron Show and Tailgate was very nice, the Searchers did there usual shopping. Saturday morning before the field trip most of us had the pancake breakfast at the show. That evening we had a really outstanding potluck dinner and later around the campfire we watched the Hyakutake Comet.

In between all the other activities individuals walked over from camp and collected red agate and green opalite.

I hope everyone had a good time, I know Mary and I did.

Anyone not attending the April meeting that wants some Ulexite and anhydrous Borax, please let me know.

Ken Nelson

\*\* CONGRATULATIONS \*\*

Elsie Reed was named one of the Nation's top Senior Achievers as the recipient of the KFC Colonel's Award. Elsie placed first in California and will compete nationwide on June 6, 1996. There were 131 finalist from 15,000 nominations for "The Colonel's Way Award". The final cut will be to 8 finalist, there will be one \$10,000 winner and five \$1,000 runner-ups.

She has helped raise more than \$250,000 for the Anaheim Arts Council. Over the years Elsie has served as President and Board Member of just about every Arts Council, Guild and committee in town.

We all wish Elsie our best to be top winner, as her greatest wish is a building for the Arts and a Theater.



Mae Freedman

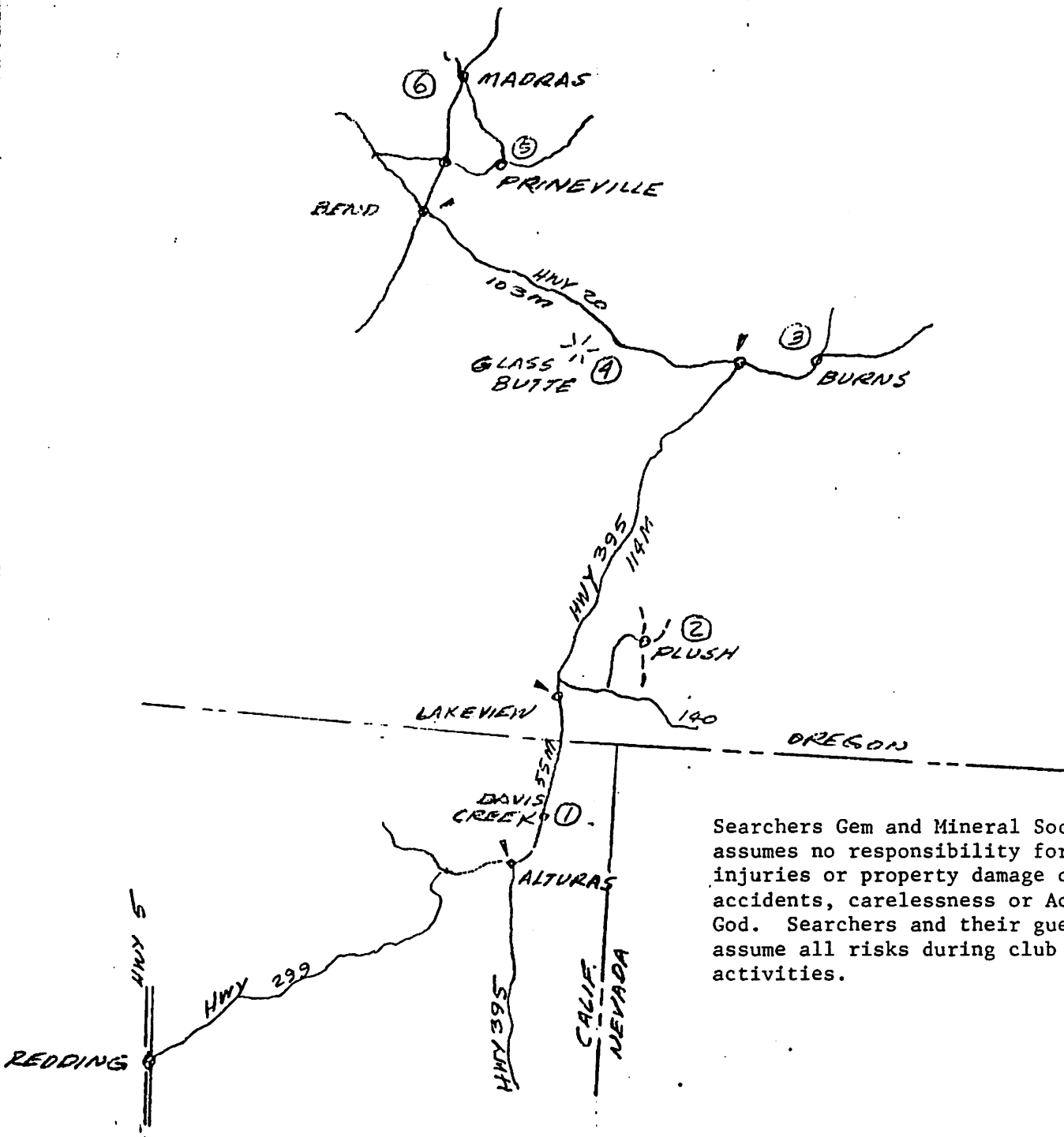


196 Long Range Field Trips Itinerary \*

Stop #	When	Camping	Area	Fa
①	5/25 thru 5/27	Lassen Creek Campground <del>Plum Lake Campground</del> No Hook-ups	Davis Creek, Ca	Rainbow Obsidian and Obsidian needles
②	5/28 & 5/29	Open as yet	Phish, Or	Smecton (Facetable Fieldspas)
③	5/30 thru 6/1	Open as yet	Eureka, Or	Petrified Wood
④	6/2 thru 6/4	Boonlooking at Glass Butte or Capity Commercial Park. To Be Selected, with Hook-ups	Glass Butte, Or	Gold Sheen, Silver Sheen & Fire Obsidian
⑤	6/5 thru 6/9	Commercial Park, To Be Selected, with Hook-ups	Prineville, Or	Limh Gata, Agate, Petrified Wood, Thunder egg, Jasper
⑥	6/10 thru 6/14	Commercial Park, To Be Selected, with Hook-ups	Madras, Or	Thunder egg, Agate & Jasper

\* This itinerary subject to change, additional detail and clarification as more information becomes available. Only the initial dates at Davis Creek are firm.

1996 LONG RANGE FIELD TRIP



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.

Participant

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