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AFFILIATIONS: California Federation of Mineralogical Societies
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The Searchers Gem and Mineral Society, Inc., meet on the third Thursday of each month at the Anaheim Cultural Arts Center, 931 North Harbor Blvd, Anaheim. 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 first Thursday of each month at the Cultural Arts Center at 7:30 PM.

WORKSHOPS: Lapidary every Thursday except the third Thursday each month, 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM (MEMBERS ONLY).

Silversmithing - Anaheim Cultural Arts Center
Thursday, Noon - 4:00 PM

Deadline for items to be included in the bulletin is the second (2nd) Wednesday of each month. Please mail all items to: Marge Jordan, 12161 Bartlett Street, Garden Grove, CA 92645.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here we are in August already. It is time to think about what office YOU want to fill for the upcoming year. This is YOUR opportunity to be a guiding force in the club.

The Nominating Committee will be looking for nominees; so now is YOUR chance to take a more active part in the club. Tell Lola Tapia, Nominating Committee Chairman, which office YOU would like to run for.

I still have a number of ribbons for displaying a case in the show. If you have not received yours, please come to the general meeting or contact me at home.

Alice Lux

SHOW DATES:

- Sep 27 to Oct 6 Las Vegas Gem Club
Cashman Field Center
850 N. Las Vegas Blvd
Las Vegas, NV
Hours: Monday thru Thursday 4:00 PM to 10:00 PM
 Fridays 4:00 PM to 12:00 Midnight
 Saturday 12:00 Noon to 12:00 Midnight
 Sunday 12:00 Noon to 10:00 PM
- Sep 21 & 22 Delvers Gem and Mineral Society
Apollo Park Neighborhood Service Center
12458 Rives
Downey, CA
Hours: Sep 21 - 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
 Sep 22 - 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- Sep 21 & 22 Foothill Gem and Mineral Society
Lakeview Terrace Recreation Center
11075 Foothill Blvd
Lakeview Terrace, CA
Hours: Sep 21 - 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
 Sep 22 - 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- Sep 28 & 29 Faceters' Guild of Southern California
Orange County Fairgrounds
Bldg 14
Costa Mesa, CA
Hours: Sep 28 - 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
 Sep 29 - 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Patience is the ability to put up with people you'd like to put down.

via CFMS Newsletter, Aug '91
and Optimist Club, Grand Rapids, MI

FEDERATION DELEGATE REPORT:

The World of Rockhounds Association, Inc will be holding their Annual Meeting October 12th and 13th, 1991, near Boron, CA. Activities will include a general meeting Saturday morning, conducted field trips Saturday and Sunday and their annual auction of donated materials.

The U.S. Forest Service has announced it will begin enforcing a 63 year old law to halt prospecting along the east fork of the San Gabriel River in the river canyon. Rock collecting can be equated with mining. Regarding Prospecting, one can write or call the following persons:

Don Stickers, District Ranger (818) 335-1251
110 N. Walbosh
Glendora, CA 91740

Mike Rodgers, Angeles Forest Supervisor (818) 577-0050
701 N. Santa Anita Avenue
Arcadia, CA 91006

Ron Stewart, USFS Supervisor Region 5
630 Sansome Street
San Francisco, CA 94111

the Resource Ranger located at the Glendora office is Karen Fortus. If any of you should be writing to any of the above send a copy of the letter to your Congressman.

Elmer Parsons

HIGHLIGHTS - JULY GENERAL MEETING:

The program was a video on gold panning courtesy Bill Lynn.

Todd Schowalter, Gem and Mineral Supervisor, Orange County Fair asked for volunteers to help host in the Gem and Mineral Building during the Fair.

Margaret Neeley reminded us that we are to display rocks and minerals and the crafts of our hobby in the Anaheim Museum in October. Contact Margaret for further details.

Bob Hodges moved the Searchers give \$200 to the Register Campership Fund for disadvantaged children as we have in past years. Jay Cole seconded his motion and it was passed.

Beth Pelfrey will be our 1992 Show Chairman and George Lux Co-Chairman.

Everyone was reminded that the annual picnic will be August 11th at Irvine Park. Lunch is potluck to be served at 1:00 PM.

Jeanne Howe

YOUR CHANCE TO LEARN:

Are there any of you who have recently become rockhounds and have questions about how to identify some of your collection? Do you wonder about cutting or polishing your rocks? Would you like tips from the experts on shop techniques or information on specific minerals? If so, there is something special planned for you.

There will be a 1-hour informal session of "Learning from the Experts" to be held on the 4th Thursday of each month, from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM in the room adjoining the Searchers Lapidary Shop in the Cultural Arts Center (931 N. Harbor Blvd).

The first session will be August 22nd at 7:30 PM. Clare Gagnon will be there to answer questions on identification of unknowns and will also bring some of his collection to demonstrate what to look for when collecting in the field. This would be a good time to bring any of your own collection you would like help with.

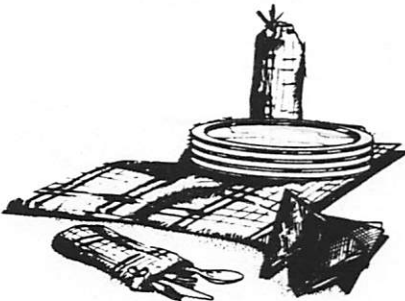
Some of the possible topics for future meetings include specific shop techniques (faceting and others), specific minerals, rocks etc. and ideas on what you can do with your material (jewelry making perhaps?). If you have other ideas, please share them so we can benefit from your interest.

If any of you more experienced Searcher members would be willing to share your knowledge, skills and expertise, I would like to know who you are. Also, please let me know of anyone who you think would be willing to share their special knowledge with those of us who would like very much to learn.

Light refreshments will be served at our sessions. For planning purposes I would appreciate it if you would give me a call if you know you will be coming, my number is (714) 637-5558. If you don't call, come anyway!!! Looking forward to our 4th Thursday sessions.

Patricia Pothier

SEARCHERS ANNUAL PICNIC:



Our annual picnic was held Sunday, August 11th at Irvine Park. Ten people got there early for a pancake breakfast which was super... it pays to get up and out early in the morning! Lunch was served at 1:00 PM. The weather was perfect and the food was delicious. Some played Bingo and our entertainment was country western music (courtesy friends of the Cole's). Fifty-two members and guests attended. It was a fun day

Joel Swanson

HOBBY HINT: If you have trouble with your rock specimens scratching your glass or wooden display shelves, put 3 or 4 drops of silicon rubber on the bottoms of the troublemakers. Place the piece on wax paper to cure. The results are worth it. This method will produce a nice smooth rubberlike cushion which will protect the shelf and the specimen.

Via CFMS Newsletter, Aug '91 and
SCFMS Newsletter, Mar/Apr '91 and others

SUNSHINE:



Queenie Osborn is doing well after her carpal tunnel surgery. Queenie sends a sincere thank you to all of you who sent cards and called her. Your kind thoughts and best wishes were appreciated.

Louis Schutty is home after hip surgery and is now walking with a cane. He hopes to be doing well enough to visit the jewelry making class very soon.

Froma Reiter

MEMBERSHIP:

Please add the following names to your 1991 Membership Roster:

NEW MEMBERS:

BURSON, Robert
1527 Dogwood
Anaheim, CA 92801
(714) 535-7156

NEWHOUSE, Ronald (Ron) (Renewal Member)
301 North Woods Avenue
Fullerton, CA 92632
(714) 871-7639

KARNES, Carolyn R.
1527 Dogwood
Anaheim, CA 92801
(714) 535-7156

ORTEGA, Carl
5808 Allessandro Avenue
Temple City, CA 91780
(818) 287-6065

LAMKIN, Noel
618 Briarwood
Brea, CA 92621
(714) 529-8031

REYES, Esther R.
5808 Allessandro Avenue
Temple City, CA 91780
(818) 287-6065

MAYER, Toby A.
14551 Jefferson
Midway City, CA 92655
(714) 895-3950

This brings out Club Membership total up to 172 members as of the end of July.

Milly

PROGRAM REPORT:

Our program this evening will be on safety - protecting ourselves and our valuables. Darlene Plaza, Anaheim Police Department Community Services will be our guest speaker.

Our September program will be our newly purchased club video titled "American Gems".

Marge

GREETINGS TO THE SEARCHERS FROM SAN SIMEON, CALIFORNIA:

We started out July at the Richardson Ranch hunting Thundereggs. They have other material on the ranch also but the Thundereggs are the best collecting. One of the beds - the plume Thundereggs - is only open on holidays. So I got to go in there over the 4th of July.

The Madras show consisted mainly of dealers (about 75). There weren't any showcases but they did have some videos and evening entertainment.

After the Madras show we headed Southeast toward Lakeview which is almost to the California border. Our destination was Virgin Valley, Nevada which is 100 miles East of Lakeview. The only town we passed through on the way to Virgin Valley was Adel which consisted of one general store including a bar, restaurant and gas station.

Near the Virgin Valley turnoff is a CCC camp where you can park. They did have hot running spring water that fed a swimming hole plus a one temperature shower that ran continuously. It was 84° but felt good after digging in the dirt all day long.

I chose the Rainbow Ridge mine to collect. At opening time the owner uses a big skip loader and takes a load right out of the bank. He dumped it near the tailings and you could dig through it fairly easy. The dirt was clay and if wet came out in big chunks. For \$40 you got to dig in the pile until finished then you could hunt the tailings. This all went on from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. I found some white opal with fire. My prize was a good piece of black opal with brilliant fire which I found in the tailings. It appears to be stable since it was laying out for some time. Everything else I put in water to save it in case it wasn't stable.

There was another mine - Royal Peacock that you could dig in the clay for \$45 a day. Everyone I talked to said it was very hard work.

After leaving Virgin Valley I stopped outside of Plush, Oregon to collect sunstones. BLM has set aside 2600 acres for rockhounds. It is best to collect on a sunny day as the stones glisten. I just collected the ones on the surface. They ranged in size from sand to 1/2 inch.

We entered the Northeast corner of Claifornia and stopped at Alturas. From there we drove over to the Lava Beds National Monument. They have lots of Lava Tubes you can enter and explore.

Davis Creek was nearby so I went there to hunt Obsidian. The diggings were among the trees and shady. The Obsidian layer was 3 to 4 feet deep. As I dug the stones out I looked for the colors they were supposed to have. Put them in a pile behind me and the sun happened to stike it. I was discarding some good material so I went back over everything and kept the best.

Our next stop was Redding to visit the Homewood's. They are enjoying small town life.

Heading South again stopped at Clear Lake to look for Lake Diamonds. Found some small ones which are really clear quartz.

We are on our way home now so this concludes our trip reporting. Hope to see you all at the next meeting.

Marv and Jacque Mog

"HOW SWEET IT IS!" -ORANGE COUNTY FAIR '91:

A special thanks to the Searcher members who so willingly volunteered their time to work as host and hostess in the Gem and Mineral Building during the '91 Fair and to those who spent time doing demonstrations of the different facets of the lapidary hobby. Following is a list of those who signed up for one or more three hour sessions:

Milly and George Arvanites
Joan and Jim Everitt
Conrad Cone
Clare Gagnon
Merle Howe
Marge Jordan
George Mitchum
Margaret and Floyd Neeley

Mary Jane and Elmer Parsons
Doris and Hal Pelfrey
Trudie Reed
Larry Richey
Allen Silverstein
Jim Williamson
Ed Zinn

If I've missed anyone please accept my apology. I would also like to mention that this is Merle Howe's sixth consecutive year of helping me out nightly for the duration of the fair.

Todd Schowalter

"HOW SWEET IT WAS!" - ORANGE COUNTY FAIR '91:

We had several Searchers enter their cases in competition at the recent Orange County Fair, Gem and Mineral Exhibit. I would like to congratulate Conrad Cone and Jim Everitt on their 1st Place Ribbons; Marge Jordan for a 2nd Place, and George Mitchum for 3rd Place. Also thanks to Conrad Cone, Ed Zinn and Allen Silverstein for entering their special exhibit cases.



Thanks to Todd Schowalter, supervisor of the Gem and Mineral Department for giving the Searchers the opportunity to present our rockhound hobby to the general public.

Alice Lux

A BIG THANK YOU!

A big thanks to Marv and Jacque Mog for their interesting trip reports and the good information on the many rockhounding areas and historical sites. We all appreciated your taking the time to keep us informed and we all thoroughly enjoyed your experiences. We're all wondering how many pounds of rock you are coming home with and hopefully when you have time will give us a "show and tell."

Again, thanks Marv and Jacque and WELCOME HOME.

All of us

JULY FIELD TRIP REPORT:

Our July field trip to the Big Pine area was good. Sorry we did not have more participants. I met the Searchers (the Nelsons and the Parsons) at Taboose Creek campground. The trip to Deep Springs was great with temperatures in the 70° and 80°. We collected quartz points and limonite. Found several interesting mineral specimens - one complex double terminated crystal with a crest of aragonite coating on one of the points; two scepter points; and a limonite pseudomorph after pyrite. No plates were found.

After collecting and lunch we decided to go on to the Bristlecone Pine Forest where we had a spectacular view of Owens Valley and Bishop from the 9,000 foot level. Saw the Bristlecone Pines about 10,000 feet. These trees are among the oldest known - the average age is between 3000 and 4000 years old.

On our ascent down the White Mountains we visited the Grandview Mine which overlooks the Sierra Nevada to the West. There we collected some barite specimens and found some large pieces of what looked like onyx although it was much harder.

On our return to camp Ken and Elmer did more fishing and both of them limited out the day. This made for a very good potluck...Ken's rainbow trout, seafood salad, beef stroganoff, appetizers, Shepherders bread and of course wine (what would a fish dinner be without wine). We ate and drank while watching the sun set over the cloud covered mountains to the West. Later we enjoyed another campfire and good company.

AUGUST FIELD TRIP - (16 - 18 Aug 1991):

Please see your July Bulletin for map to Rainbow Ridge/Inyokern area. On my return trip from Big Pine I checked out the road to Rainbow Ridge and the camping site. This is a dry camp and NO campfires would be recommended here. I believe the best sites to camp are actually past the 1087 powerline tower on the left side of the road. There are plenty of places for an RV to park. There will be a Potluck Dinner on Saturday evening.



For those of you who don't like roughing it you might want to stay in Ridgecrest. I prefer the Carriage Inn on North China Lake Blvd. Travel time to Ridgecrest is about 3 hours. The field trip will start at 8:00 AM both Saturday and Sunday.

SEPTEMBER FIELD TRIP - (13 - 15 Sep 1991):

Our September field trip will be to Last Chance Canyon/Red Rock Canyon. This will be dry camp so bring food, water and firewood. Please see map elsewhere in this bulletin.

Walter Mroch

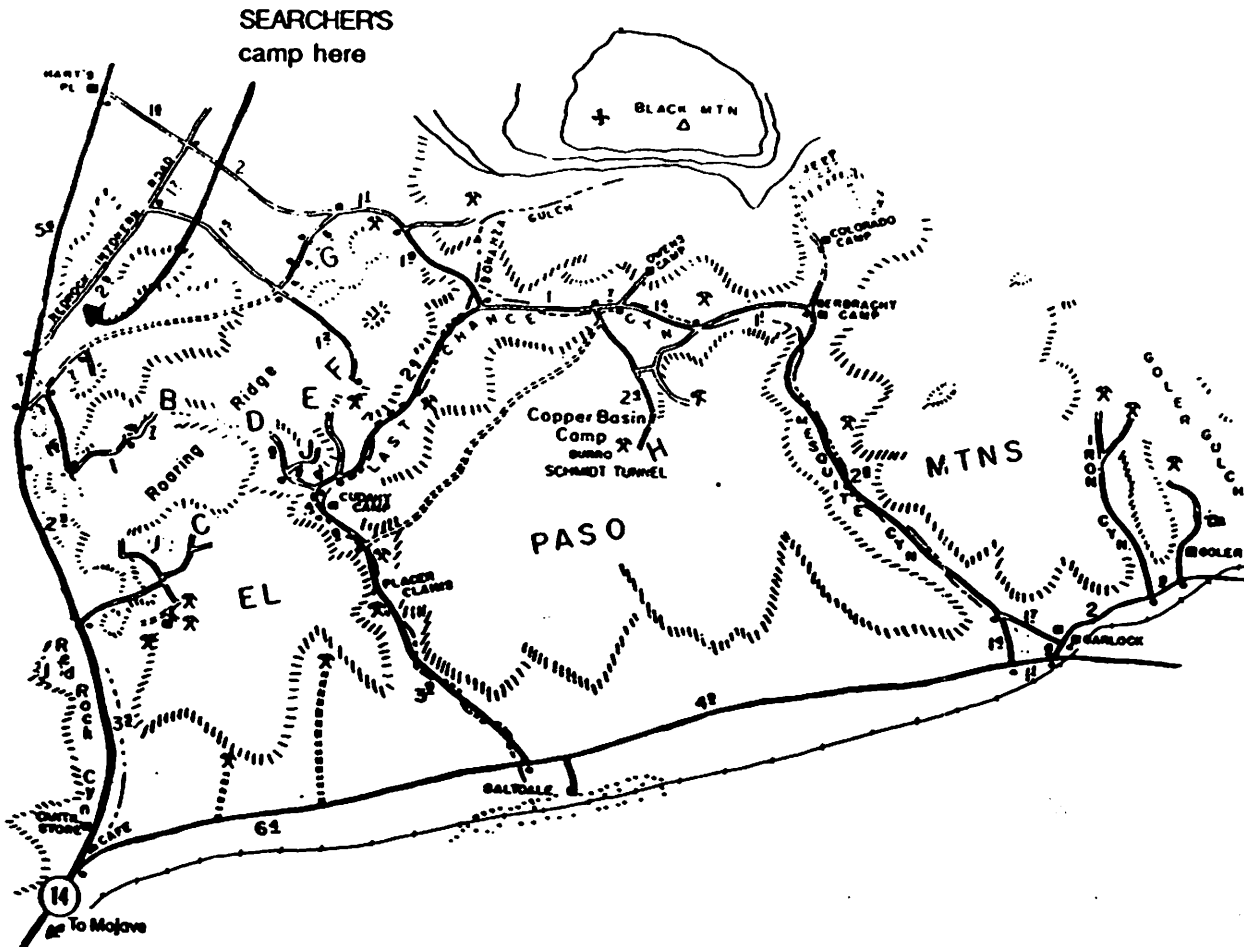
A VACATION consists of 2 weeks which are 2 short, after which you are 2 tired 2 return 2 work and 2 broke not 2!

via Gem Time, GI Nugget
and Pegmatite

September 13-15, 1991 Field Trip Last Chance Canyon/Red Rock Canyon

Directions: Take SH14 or IS395 north and SH138 west to Mojave. From there continue north on SH14 to Red Rock Canyon. About 2 miles past Red Rock Canyon you will cross a painted cattle crossing on the highway (for dumb cows). You will pass a 3,000 foot marker. About 100 yards further turn right on to Red Rock - Inyokern Road which is a graded gravel road. The Searchers campsite will be 0.5 miles up the road on the right side.

What to collect: Yellow and red jasper, black agate, petrified wood, opal, geodes, nodules, chalcedony
Recommended tools: Sledgehammer, gads, chisels, goggles, gloves, picks
Nearby supplies: Inyokern. Bring firewood, food, water. Dry camp.



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.

X ■ Collecting Sites

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