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

UPDATE: We almost had a place for our workshop and meetings, in the old Methodist Church Buildings on the corner of Olive and Broadway in Anaheim. It would have been a temporary home, hopefully good for two or three years. Then the City decided to remove these buildings sooner than originally planned. We'll have to keep looking.

As for the scholarship fund, it is also progressing. The committee is working on criteria for eligibility.

We have a picnic and a Bar-b-que in the works, so watch for details in the bulletin.1

Again, the show was a great success. Congratulations to all of you who will receive trophies and "exhibitor" ribbons tonight.

Merle

PS Don't forget the big Federation Show in Ventura, June 25, 26, and 27. Hope to see you there.

M.H.

CLUB CALENDAR

June 8, Tuesday	General Meeting 7:00 potluck
June 23, Wednesday	Board Meeting
July 13, Tuesday	General Meeting 7:30
July 18 Sunday	Picnic, Irvine Park, 1:00 P.M.

SHOW DATES

June 25-27	Ventura Ca. CFMS Show and Convention Ventura County Fairgrounds, 10 W. Harbor Ventura
June 25-27	San Diego. El Cajon Valley Gem & Mineral Soc. San Diego Co. Fair Grounds, Del Mar
July 9-11	Arroyo Grande. Orcutt Mineral Soc. Arroyo Grande HS Parking Lot, Fair Oaks at Valley Road
July 10-11	Culver City Rock and Mineral Soc. Veterans Mem'l Auditorium, Overland & Culver Blvds. Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5

MEMBERSHIP REPORT"

Welcome new members at our May 11th Meeting:

Bullard, Frank
21132 Calle Ocaso
Lake Forest, CA 92630
714/855-7889

McLean, Lynette M.
11770 Pacific Coast Highway
Apt. "H"
Malibu, CA 90265-2202
310/582-1009

Re-join Members

Knox, Steve
24340 Via Aribiba Linda
Yorba Linda, CA 92687
714/692-1299

William R. (Randy) Smithson
2608 Lomita St.
Oceanside, CA 92054
619/721 8520

This makes a total of 157 members.

Milly Arvanite

THANKS FROM MARGE:

Words cannot express my thanks for all of your prayers, visits, cards, phone calls, flowers and being there for me during the many long days I was in the hospital and after I returned home. This has been one of the most difficult times in my life and knowing that you were there for me and giving me your support has meant so much. I'm happy to say that I'm recovering but not as rapidly as I'd like. Hopefully in a few weeks I will be able to be out among you. Some of you know that I have had a small setback on May 25th. Yes, my new hip slipped out and it was back to emergency for several hours however, the surgeon has assured me that everything will be all right. Again, thanks to all of you, my appreciation goes beyond words,

Loves Y'all

Marge

BOOKSTORE SALES

Bookstores report that sales of two books lead all others. The gourmet style cookbooks that tell you how to make delicious dishes, and the diet books that tell you how not to eat them.

WHAT'S A HOBBY? It's getting exhausted on your own time. It's something to go goofy over to keep you from going nuts over things in general. It's something you don't have to do for a living. The best thing about a hobby is it gives you something to do while you worry.

from Rocky Review

BLM NEWS RELEASE - Sent me by Hal Pelfrey

Jim Baca to head nation's largest
Land Management Agency

Jim Baca was confirmed Tuesday, May 18, by the U.S. Senate as Director of the Department of Interior's Bureau of Land Management. Baca was nominated by President Clinton in April and the nomination was unanimously approved by the senate Energy and National Resources Committee on May 8.

In his new position, Baca will oversee a multitude of activities on more than 270 million acres of public land mainly in 11 Western States, including 17.2 million acres in California. He will ensure that the land is managed for a variety of purposes including wildlife habitat, recreation, cultural resources, grazing, wilderness, mineral production and timber. He will lead a workforce of about 10,000 people in more than 210 offices and manage a budget of more than \$1 billion. - - -

"I look forward to working through the challenges facing this Bureau and creating an environment that will make everyone interested in good land management feel welcome to share their views and be given fair consideration," Baca said.

IF THIS IS WHAT YOU WANT, THEN DON'T
WRITE TO YOUR POLITICIAN.

CALIFORNIA DESERT
CLOSED!
BY ORDER OF THE U.S. GOVT.

COURTESY: BAKER VALLEY NEWS

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The "BOX-STEIN" WALL.

MARVIN'S SECOND REPORT

Gooday Mates, from Northern Australia!

Last month we had just arrived in Adelaide, which is a beautiful city with a one kilometer green belt all around the city center, that separates it from the suburbs. The city is about one million.

Leaving there, we headed north to Darwin, a 3,000 KM trip or about 1800 miles. There is only the one North-South highway through the center of Australia -- The Stuart Highway.

The first of the opal fields was Andamooka. The town was like a poor Quartzsite. Lots of dirt with miles of tailings. Mining is done underground 30 - 60 feet deep. They claim to have the most stable opal in the world. Of course, there was plenty for sale and it doesn't come cheap!

The next major opal area was Coober Pedy. The town was also very dirty. They say 90% of the homes are underground because of their severe summers - 50 degrees centigrade or over 120 F. There was even a hotel in town that was mostly underground and maintained a temperature of 75 degrees. They are still finding new opal fields. The current ones are about 50 miles long and 10 miles wide.

Farther north, we entered the Northern Territory. Our first side trip was to Yulara near Ayers Rock, another famous landmark. As we arrived everyone was waving at us. We thought what friendly people, but it turned out they were swatting at flies. We had never seen them so thick, some people wore hats with nets to keep them off their faces.

Ayers is a sandstone rock which stands alone in the outback. It is red stained by iron oxide so the surrounding area is also a red sand. The aborigines control the area and would prefer you not climb their sacred rock - so we didn't.

Next we came to Alice Springs where we got to see the annual camel races. We wanted to do some fossicking - rock collecting - for zircons nearby. It started raining, and before it ended it rained 2½ inches, half of their annual amount. The roads were impassable so we traded for some specimens and went on. (Roads out to the diggings, I assume, ED.)

We are now in the outback or bush country. It is so dry that nothing grows big. When it's dry everything looks dead. There are long distances between fuel stops which are road houses only.

Now we are as far north as we will go, in the city of Darwin. It was the only area in Australia severely bombed in WWII. The town was again wiped out by a cyclone in 1974, so all downtown is new.

On to Perth. Until next month, Marvin and Jacque Mog.

SHOW REPORT

The 1993 Gem Show was definitely another Searcher success. As with any annual event, it isn't too early to begin thinking about 1994.

NEXT YEAR WILL BE OUR 35TH ANNIVERSARY.

I will be calling or contacting you for help. Some of you have already agreed to take a chairmanship. Desperately needed is a craft leader. This group starts early in the Fall. There are always many helpers.

It takes the whole membership to make a show great. Please volunteer or just say YES.

More later. Thanks.

Floyd Neeley, 1994 Show Chairman

MY APOLOGIES!

In unifying the April field reports, I erred in the description of the Easter Bunny. It was MARY NELSON as Millie reported, not Betty, who left the baskets and eggs at the trailer doors. Seems all the rabbit talk left your editor a bit "hare"brained. - Jeanne

BY GUM!!

One airline made it a practice to give its passengers sticks of chewing gum which were labeled: "To prevent unpleasant pressure in your ears during take off and landing." On one trip an elderly woman plaintively appealed to the stewardess, "Help me get this stuff out of my ears. It hasn't done a bit of good anyway".

TEMPORARY ADDRESS CHANGE:

As of July 1st,
Phil and Joyce Martinez
39335 Vineland #82
Cherry Valley, CA 92223 Phone: 1-909-845-8965

CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR JULY AND AUGUST.

We have no field trips during these very hot desert months, but plans are in the works for a Picnic, Sunday July 18 at Irvine Park. Potluck luncheon at one o'clock. Entertainment - Games, gossip, whatever you bring or find available in the park.

August, BBQ Saturday the 21st at Yorba Regional Park. Also one o'clock. More later on this event!



Remember Me?

Hello - remember me? I'm your flag. Some folks call me Old Glory, others call me the Stars and Stripes, the Ensign, or just . . . the flag. But whatever they call me, I am your flag. And, as I proudly state, The Flag of the United States of America.

Something has been bothering me lately. I was wondering if I might talk it over with you. It's about you and me.

I remember sometime ago (I think it was Memorial Day, or was it the 4th of July) when people lined up on both sides of the street to watch a parade. When your father saw me coming along, waving in the breeze, he took his hat off and held it against his left shoulder. His hand was directly over his heart. Remember?

And you. I remember you! Standing there - straight as a soldier. You didn't have a hat on, but you gave the correct salute. They taught you in school to place your hand over your heart. Remember your little Sister? Not to be outdone, she was saluting the same as you. I was proud, very proud, as I came down that street. Oh, Yes, there were ~~some~~ Servicemen there, standing at attention, giving the military salute. Ladies as well as men, civilians as well as military, paid me respect . . . reverence.

Now, if I sound a bit conceited . . . well . . . I have a right to. I represent the finest country in the world - The United States of America. More than one aggressive nation has tried to haul me down, only to feel the fury of this freedom loving country. Many of you had to go overseas to defend me. A lot more blood has been shed since those patriotic parades of long ago and I've had a few stars added since you were a boy, but I'm still the same ole flag.

Dad is gone now . . . and the hometown has a new look. The last time I came down your street, I noticed that some of the old landmarks had given way to a number of new buildings and homes. Yessir, the old town sure has changed. I guess I have too, 'cause I don't feel as proud as I did back then.

I see youngsters running and shouting through the streets, college boys and girls disrupting our campuses, people selling hot dogs and beer while our National Anthem is played . . . everything from apathy to riots. They don't seem to know - or care - who I am. Not too long ago, I saw a man take his hat off when I came by . . . he looked around, didn't see anybody else with their's off . . . so he quickly put his back on.

Now - when I come down your street, you just stand there with your hands in your pockets. Occasionally, you give me a small glance and then look away. When I think of all the places I've been . . . Normandy, Guadalcanal; Iwo Jima; Battle of the Bulge; Korea; and now, Vietnam; I wonder - what's happened? I'm still the same ole flag.

How can I be expected to fly high and proud from buildings and homes when within them, there is no thought, love, or respect for me? Whatever happened to patriotism? Your patriotism? Have you forgotten what I stand for? Have you forgotten all the battlefields where men fought and died to keep this nation free? When you salute me, you salute them. Take a look at the Memorial Honor Rolls sometime. Look at the names of those who never came back. Some of them were friends or relatives of yours . . . maybe even went to school with you. That's what you're saluting - NOT ME!

Well, it won't be long before I come down your street again. So, when you see me, stand straight, and place your hand over your heart. Do this because I represent you. You'll see me wave back, my salute to you . . .

Authored by David C. Graham of San Diego
Submitted by Betty Leach

SUNSHINE REPORT

We were saddened to hear that George Lux' son died this past month. Michael was only 32 years old. The Funeral was private, only family. If anyone wishes to provide a gift of remembrance, the family suggestes DARE. Contact your police department.

Marge Jordan is at home, unfortunately the healing process is not going without a hitch as she mentions in her note. Hope things progress "more, BETTER, FASTER!" from here on.

Sue Hodges has not been to a meeting for some time, and we understand her health has been poor. We're looking forward to your improvement, Sue, and hope to see you soon.

Froma Reiter

Ed. Note: There has been so little sunny news to report lately we are casting about for a new title. Maybe, Member Concerns, Friendship, Keeping Track. Any suggestions, please let me know.

FEDERATION REPORT

I'd like to remind everyone of the Fedeation Show in Ventura on June 25, 26, and 27 of '93. Called "Gems to See in '93, it will be held at the fairgrounds on the beach at Ventura.

Judging by the CFMS show held there several years ago, it should be an interesting show.

George Mitchum

DEFINITIONS:

Sheer Luck	Someone else's good find.
Hard Work & Brains	Your own good luck.
Greed	Someone else's large quantity of one specimen
Foresight	Your own large quanti of one specimen
Stinginess	Someone else's refusal to divulge a good location.
Shrewdness	Your own refusal to divulge a good location
Bunch of junk	Someone else's collection
Museum Pieces	Your own collection1
Botched up job	Someone else's first lapidary attempts
Promising beginning	Your own first lapidary attempt

Pasadena Lapidary Society

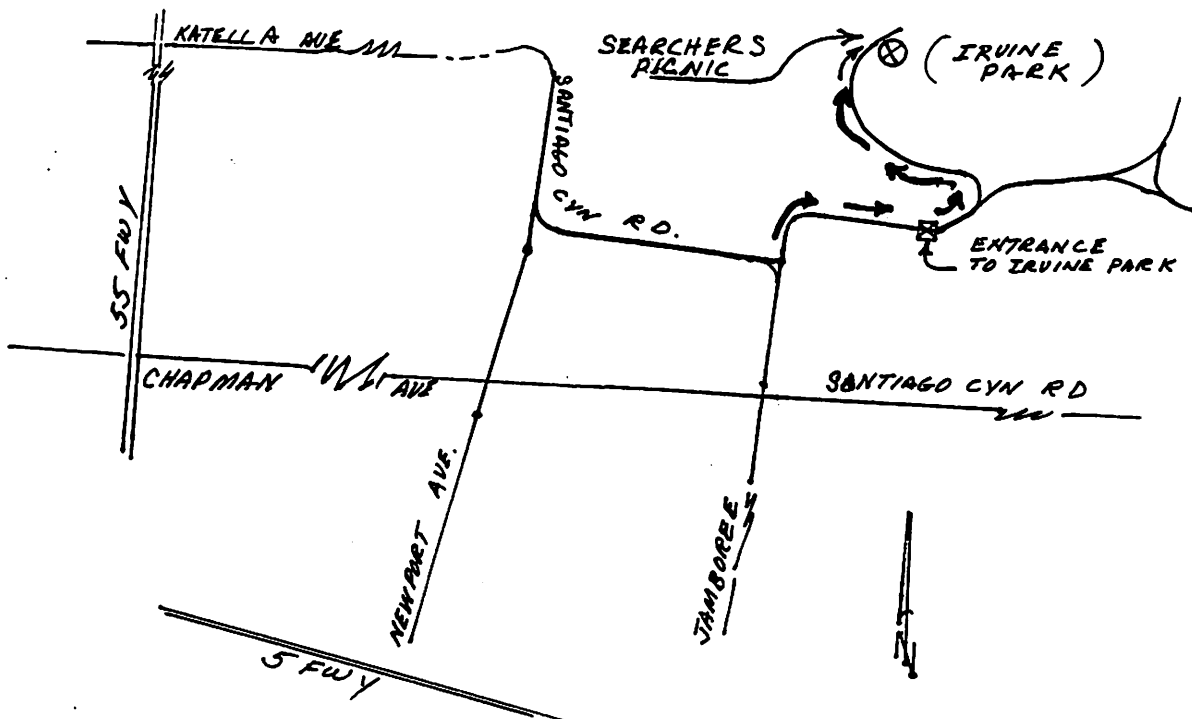
SEARCHERS ANNUAL PICNIC Sunday July 18, 1993 Irvine Park

The Searchers Annual Picnic will be held July 18th.
Mark your calendars. POTLUCK WILL BE SERVED AT 1:00 P.M.

YOU need to bring food for a potluck, (your favorite dish), plates, eating utensils, lawn chairs, games and anything else that's appropriate for a picnic.

THE CLUB will furnish soft drinks and watermelon.
There are NO electrical outlets. If you want coffee or tea, you must bring your own.

Phil and Joyce Martinez will be at the park at 7:00 AM.
If you care to join them for a Continental Breakfast, bring your goodies and come by 8:00 AM. Info call 529-3613 (Howe)



Drive east on Chapman to Jamboree Road, (it deadends at Chapman) Turn left; stay to right side, make a small jog, then a left turn into the park.

Or drive Katella (becomes Villa Park Rd, then Santiago). Stay on this till you get to Newport Ave. Continue to next signal. Then turn left and back to the right and you're at the Park entrance.

Searchers Gem and Mineral Society assumes no responsibility for any injuries or property damage due to accidents, carelessness or Acts of God. Members and guests assume all risks during Club activities.