



September 1999



BIRTHDAYS

Arthur Harris - 8th
Max Johnson - 9th
Dot Johnson - 17th
Ed Lindsay - 18th
Roger Ewing - 19th
Craig Bluell - 23th

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----------------|----------------|---|-----|--|--|--|
| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 "NO WORK-SHOP" |
| 5 | 6 Labor Day | 7 | 8 | 9 Workshop 7:00 to 10:00 P.M. | 10 | 11 Workshop 3:30 to 7:00 P.M. |
| 12 | 13 | 14 Regular meeting 7:30 to 9:30 P.M. | 15 | 16 | 17 Dead line for ARTICLES and REPORTS | 18 Jade Cove Workshop 3:30 to 7:00 P.M. |
| 19 Jade Cove | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 Board meeting 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. Workshop 7:00 to 10:00 P.M. | 24 | 25 Workshop 3:30 to 7:00 P.M. |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | |

RECIPE FOR A GOOD ROCK CLUB

Assemble a group of rock hounds in assorted and personalities.

Measure accurately:

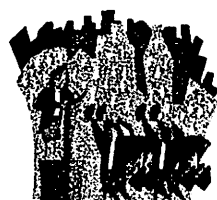
- 1 Cup friendly words
- 1 Cup understanding
- 1 Cup courtesy and patience

Sift carefully and remove malice ego. Add a dash of wit and humor, warm welcome for all, and heart full of co-operation.

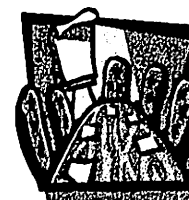
Praise where needed. Mix well until blended into a smooth running organization.

Plenty for all.

(Author Unknown—via ROCK CHIPS 4/99)



Regular meetings, Board meetings and the Workshop are now in the
DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY CENTER
250 E. CENTER ST.
ANAHEIM



APACHE TEARS

When lava from erupting volcanoes cools so quickly that it never crystallizes, it results in the formation of the relatively rare, glassy mineral called obsidian. Most obsidian is gray to black and can be streaked in such a way as to reflect light with a subtle iridescence. Sometimes cracks develop in obsidian and, when it is subjected to the forces of erosion, rounded, glassy pebbles are freed. They are often translucent and can be light and smoky or quite black-appearing. These pebbles are known as "Apache tears".

Obsidian, which is found along the western U.S. volcanic belt and into Mexico, was valued by the American Indians, the Aztecs, and Mayans for tools and decorative objects. In composition, it is high in silica.

Taken in part from:

Minerals of the world
Golden Field Guide Series
C. Sorrell & G. Sandstrom
1973, Golden Press

Peterson field Guides
Rocks and minerals
F. Pough
1983, Houghton Mifflin Co.

Simon & Schuster's
Guide to Rocks and Minerals
ed. M. Prinz, G. Harlow, J. Peters
1978, Simon & Schuster

"Rockhounds Code of Ethics"

I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.

I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.

will cause no willful damage to property of any kind - fences, signs, buildings, etc.

will discard no burning material - matches, cigarettes, etc

I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock

I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.

I will cooperate with field-trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.

I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without the owner's permission.

I will keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.

will leave all gates as found.

I will build fires in designated or safe places only and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.

I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what can reasonably use.

I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.

I will report to my club or federation officers, Bureau of Land Management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.

I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources. I will observe the "Golden Rule," will use "Good Outdoor Manners," and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and public "image" of rockhounds everywhere.

September trip to JADE COVE

The field trip to Jade Cove is on for the weekend of **September 17th and 18th**. The tide table indicates that we should be on the beach at Willow Creek around 10:00 a.m. then we go over to Jade Cove for lunch at the picnic area then down to the beach. All of this will be on the 18th, Saturday. For those of you that are going to join us and don't have a R.V. of any kind, just bring a cooler in your car, that will work just great.

For those that have R.V's, we will be staying at Pt. Piedras Blancas motel and camp area. It is a very large field next to the motel, at the edge of a cliff over looking the ocean, and the view is just spectacular, so be sure to bring your cameras.

We will try to take as many people with us in our pick ups as we can, because the parking at the cove area could be a little tight, but don't be concerned just come up planning on having a very relaxed and fun weekend on some of the most beautiful coast areas in the world.

For those of you who are coming up early Friday, if you want, please plan having dinner with us at the Brambles Dinner House in Cambria. Casual dress, \$5.00 to \$20.00. Please let us know.

If you miss the Brambles on Friday, don't fret, because we are planning to go down to Morrow Bay Saturday night for dinner at the Great American Fish Co. Casual dress, \$10.00 to \$19.00 please let us know.

NOW AS TO THE LODGINGS

As I said, for those that have R.V's. we will be staying in the field next to the motel at Piedras Blancas: \$10.00 per night. **NO HOOK UPS.**

For those coming up in cars pick ups, ect, you have quite a choice:

***Piedras Blancas Motel**

Rooms from: \$69.00 to \$89.00, cute cabin type units.

1-805-927-4202, tell them you are with the Searchers.

In San Simeon

***California Seacoast Lodge**

Rooms from \$55-65

AAA-3 Star rating

1-805-927-3878

***Best Western Inn**

Rooms from \$69-125

1-805-927-4691

***El Rey Garden Inn**

Rooms from \$79-99

AAA-3 Star rating

1-805-927-3998

***Motel 6**

Call for rates

1-805-927-8691

Alice and I look forward to seeing all of you there

George Lua

Note: There are some campgrounds very near the area where we will be: State and County. No reservations, first come etc, but tenters are welcomed, even preferred! You can look in the AAA campbook, the DeLorme index, or call me at home; maybe I can get some information for you....Beth Pelfrey 774-2754

SNAKEBITE

I have been spending a lot of time out in the Great Plains, the Great Basin and the desert mostly tent camping and hiking and have met up with some interesting critters, among which have been snakes. To date, all have been of the harmless variety, and just as reluctant to make my acquaintance as I was theirs. BUT, there is always the unexpected time when either you or that big ole rattler can't get away from each other gracefully and one of you gets bit: probably you. I have been reading a lot of stuff on the internet about this and decided to share a couple of results:

Alan Wilkins writes (by the way, he is a member of a CFMS club, can't recall which one, and provided this through an on-line field trip group):

After my post yesterday, I went home and consulted my "bible" of Wilderness Medicine, *The Field Guide to Wilderness Medicine*, by Paul Auerbach, Howard Donner, and Eric Weiss, which I keep in my backpack. Though the pressure immobilization technique I described briefly yesterday has been used to treat Australian elapid (a very poisonous species) bites, they stop short of recommending it for routine use because of its theoretical disadvantage of increasing local tissue damage because of the necrotizing [death of surface tissue] effect of the venom remaining localized to certain sites over time. Thus, it theoretically could sacrifice an extremity to save a life; if you're dealing with a relatively less venomous snake, this might not be the best course of action. Their recommendations for the field management of snakebites:

(1) Avoid panic. Instruct the victim to back out of the snake's striking range, approximately the length of the snake (personally, if I'm the victim, I'd prefer a bit more of a margin of safety than that!).

(2) If the snake has been killed, transport it with the victim for identification purposes. Remember, though, that decapitated head reactions persist for 20-60 minutes, and that even the severed head of a snake can envenomate (poison) a person.

(3) Immobilize the extremity by splinting, as for a fracture. Do not release the bandaging until the victim receives proper medical attention, or after 24 hours have elapsed. Check pulses in the bitten extremity frequently to ensure that swelling under the bandage has not compromised the arterial circulation, a condition known as "compartment syndrome," which may threaten the viability of the extremity.

(4) Arrange for transport to the nearest medical facility, with minimal exertion by the victim.

(5) Encourage the victim to drink fluids to maintain hydration.

(6) Application of an arterial-occlusive tourniquet they term "controversial," representing a conscious decision to sacrifice a limb to save a life. A lympho-occlusive (lighter-pressure) constriction band applied above the extremity bite site may be beneficial, as long as arterial circulation is not compromised.

(7) The classic recommendation to incise and suck the wound is also "controversial." A negative-pressure device called "The Extractor" by Sawyer Products can remove a clinically significant amount of venom if applied over the bite site within 3 minutes and left in place for 30 minutes. I'm trying to locate my recent Campmor catalog to check on the size and price of this device. This sound like what Nancy mentioned in her post from last night; maybe she can shed some light on this.

(8) Electroshock therapy has no value and can be injurious. Best to avoid trauma to envenomated tissues to whatever extent possible.

(9) Cryotherapy (freezing) is not recommended because vasoconstriction (shrinking the superficial arteries) already compromised tissues can worsen tissue necrosis.

(10) Use of antivenin in the field is unwise, given the extensive equipment and drugs needed, and the possibility of life-threatening allergic reactions such as anaphylaxis.

(11) Administer an oral antibiotic targeted at "skin bacteria" such as Staph and Strep: Cephalexin (Keflex) or Dicloxacillin (Diclox) 250-500 mg 4 times daily for 7-10 days are the best choices.

(12) Immobilize the bitten extremity in a functional position within a well-padded splint.-AL

Sherry Pauley, also from LARocks e-groups, and a CFMS club member wrote:

I've been told to relax and reduce the blood flow to the area of the bite to reduce spread of venom through the rest of the body.

Rattler bites rarely kill adult victims over 150 pounds who are in good health. Nerve and tissue damage can be severe. The best plan is to get to where anti-venom is available as fast as you can.

If you are under 150 pounds, have allergies, asthma, heart problems, liver illness, the list goes on and on...., you may not survive a rattler bite.

Some rattlers just bite and not inject. mature rattlers can hold their poison and save it for something they can eat. Drops will get through, but the dosage is lessened.

It is also said that baby rattlers have a stronger venom for self protection, but this may be because they cannot control their "load" and give it all to you.

If the rattler just ate, the venom is low and they have little to inject into you.

I would suggest finding some antivenin quickly. There is little value in tourniquets or cutting the wound and sucking. You can try them but there is probably little value. Best is to lay down, calm down and hope

Hope this will be of help...Beth Pelfrey

1999 CFMS SHOWS

Sunshine Report

September 3-6 Fort Bragg, CA

Mendocino Coast Gem & Mineral Society
Town Hall - Main & Laurel
Hours: Sat. & Sun. 10-6, Mon. 10-4
Don & Karen McDonnell (707) 964-3116
643 McPherson St.
Fort Bragg, CA 95437

September 18-19 Paso Robles, CA

Santa Lucia Rockhounds
Pioneer Park and Museum
2110 Riverside Ave.
Hours: Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-5
Harry Kuffel (805) 467-3457

September 25 Los Altos, CA

Peninsula Gem & Mineral Society
Los Altos Rancho Shopping Center
Foothill Expressway & South Springer Rd.
Hours: 9:30-4:45
Frank Dina (650) 967-3424

September 25-26 Downey, CA Show Flyer

Delvers Gem & Mineral Society
Woman's Club of Downey
9813 Paramount Blvd.
Hours: Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-4
Fred Dexling (562) 425-0192

September 25-26 Monterey, CA

Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Monterey Fairgrounds
2004 Fairgrounds Road
Hours: Not Listed
Sky Paxton (831) 6978; e-mail skyler@ips.net

September 25-26 Stockton, CA

Faceters Guild of Northern California, Inc.
Scottish Rite Temple
33 West Alpine
Hours: Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-4
Al Cee (650) 991-9175; e-mail theclees@aol.com

September 29 - October 3, Joshua Tree, CA

Sportsmans Club of Joshua Tree
Sportsmans Hall
6225 Sunburst Street
Hours: Wed. 9-5 Sun. 9-3
Gary Palmer (760) 366-2990

Hal Pelfrey is home and improving from his stroke. He enjoys visits and cards (After lunch and before an early supper are probably best for visits.)

Doris Pelfrey's 83 year old sister cooked dinner for Doris' 86th birthday in Long Beach. They were able to attend.

Tom Black has had triple by-pass surgery, after four miserable weeks following his knee surgery! It looks like it is going along better now. Tom and **Trudie Reed** would certainly appreciate cards and calls.

Mae Freedman is well and happy in her new home. She would like to hear from all her Searcher friends. Her address is:

Westminster Plaza
2228 Westwood Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90064

Thank you so much for the donations to the club, Mae. Some of the material was used and enjoyed at the new workshop open house on Saturday, Aug 28.

Audrey Nichols' first Great Granddaughter, Taylor Ann, daughter of Audrey's Granddaughter, is coming to visit from Cincinnati, Ohio, with her husband and 5-month old baby, Ron Hilton, on August 30. What a treat; THAT will help your sore foot, Audrey!

I have to assume you are all hale hearty and have no good news to share, as I have not received many calls!



*Doris
Pelfrey*

SAFE NOT SORRY

From: Audrey Nichols



PLEASE BE SAFE AND NOT SORRY! JUST A WARNING TO ALWAYS BE ALERT
AND USE YOUR HEAD!!!

Recently on Inside Edition there was an article about several new scams to abduct women.

In one, a man comes up to a woman in a Mall or Shopping Center and asks if she likes Pizza. When she says she does, he offers her \$100.00 to shoot a commercial for Pizza, but they need to go outside where the lighting is better. When the woman goes out of the mall she is abducted and assaulted.

Another ploy is a very nicely dressed man asks a woman if she would be in a Public Service announcement to discourage drug use. The man explains that they don't want professional actors or celebrities they want the average mother to do this. Once she leaves the mall she is a victim.

The third ploy, and the most successful, a very frantic man comes running in and asks a woman to please help him, his baby is not breathing. She runs out of the mall following him and also becomes a victim.

These have been happening in well-lit parking areas, in daylight as well as nighttime, all over the country. The abductor usually uses a van to abduct the woman.

'Inside Edition' set up a test in a Mall and 10 out of 15 women went out of the Mall on the Pizza and the PSA scam. And all of them went out of the Mall on baby scam.

Please pass this along to your friends and family as now that it has been shown on nationwide TV there are bound to be copycats of this.

The third one, I think, is the scariest. You might resist pizza or becoming a commercial celebrity...but who would be able to resist a frantic father asking for help for his child? I'm sure that one would get me.

I was going to send this to the ladies only, but guys, if you love your mothers, wives, sisters, daughters, etc., you may want to pass it on to them, as well.

Send this to any woman you know that may need to be reminded that the world we live in has a lot of crazies in it better safe than sorry...

A woman was shopping at the Tuttle Mall in Columbus. She came out to her car and saw she had a flat. She got her jack, spare out of the trunk.

A man in a business suit came up and started to help her. When the tire had been replaced, he asked for a ride to his car on the opposite side of the Mall. Feeling uncomfortable about doing this, she stalled for a while, but he kept pressing her. She finally asked why he was on this side of the Mall if his car was on the other. He claimed he had been talking to friends. Still uncomfortable, she told him that she had just remembered something she had forgotten to pick up at the mall and she left him and went back inside the mall.

She reported the incident to the mall security and they went out to her car. The man was nowhere in sight.

Opening her trunk, she discovered a brief case the man had set inside her trunk while helping her with the tire. Inside were rope and a butcher knife. And, when she took the tire to be fixed, the mechanic informed her that there was nothing wrong with her tire, that it was flat because the air had been let out of it.

Pass this along to every woman you have access to. Never let your guard down.

COLLECTING IN TRANSIT

by Marvin Mog



I've wanted to collect Keokuk, Iowa, geodes for a long time, and was finally able to fit it into our travel schedule, going from a family reunion in Kansas on our way to one in Minnesota

Scheffler's Geode Mine near Keokuk is a fee area where for \$10 one can collect 50 pounds of geodes. That is cheap enough, but the downside is that the geodes have to be chiseled out of a tough shale. Normally shale is brittle but this wasn't, and a chisel was the only tool that worked in getting the geode out. Because the matrix was so tough some of the geodes were broken during the chiseling process. You can see them in the picture.

Jacque and I also traveled through Missouri so I did collect some Mozarkite, which is a type of colorful flint.

Currently we are near the Black Hills of South Dakota, and I have been looking for Fairburn agates in the grasslands. I have found some prairie agates, but no Fairburn yet. I'll keep looking.

LET US INTRODUCE OURSELVES!



For 10 years we belonged to the Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club in Victorville. We enjoyed field trips and tailgates. Very interesting was the Borax mine in Boron. "John Wayne" collected ulexite, the TV rock from the mine and we sold much of it to teachers and school children there.

We collected buckets of pieces of Turquoise, Malachite and Azurite. We crushed some to mix with epoxy and made interesting rings.

Last September, when we had to move to Huntington Beach, we made many trips back and forth to Victorville to carry our "exotic" rocks from 2 1/2 acres to our present mobile home with a very small yard which we have covered with our precious collection along the front, sides and back....even inside under our bed!

We have many polished cabs of mostly Turquoise free forms which we hope to wire wrap. You can see we are so happy to have found the Searchers and to have the workshop to continue doing our most favorite favorite thing.

We are also looking forward to making many new friends here in the Searchers,

Thelma L. Clinard and John Wayne Clinard
714-377-8941

First Vice-President's Report

Milt Green



We have another fine program lined up for you for our September 14th meeting.

Cliff Coan, who is a past, long time member of the Searchers, will be giving us a hands on program on "Fire Agates", how they are made, taken out of their captive rocks, polished, etc. I have seen his work, and believe me, he is an expert.

I hope you will all try to make every effort to be at our next meeting (at our new meeting place), the new Anaheim Downtown Community Center" to enjoy this program.

Rock N Kids

By: Norbert Bernhardt



Our Rock 'n' Kids and parents had a great time at our July kids event. The location was Woodbridge Lagoon in the City of Irvine. All participants enjoyed swimming, canoeing, riding water bicycles, barbecuing, a campfire, roasting marshmallows and a fantastic fluorescent mineral demonstration by our member Alan Wilkins.

In all we had 12 rock 'n' kids and 14 adults!

August is a busy month. Many of us are taking those much needed vacations. I did manage to organize a lapidary class for two of our rock 'n' kids, on August 14, 1999.

We all met at the club shop, two of our junior members, Caroline Chang and Simone Truong each made a cabochon. One of onyx and one of rhodonite. I must say that they did a great job!

We are planning our next exciting event for Sunday, September 26, 1999.

The location will be Cliff Warner's house, in Lake Forest, for an exciting trip into the deep reaches of his garage and back yard. Who knows what exciting things we might see back there! I here there will be plenty of rocks and minerals for all to take home! Plan on meeting there at 9:00 AM sharp!

Then it's on to the **Discovery Science Center at 2500 N. Main Street in Santa Ana**. Admission is \$6 for kids and \$8 dollars for the adults. We plan on being there at around 10:30 - 11:00 AM We will have lunch at the center. The Discovery Science Center provides exciting interactive exhibits.

Plan to make this trip! Please RSVP for above events by Sept. 21, 1999.

Maps and directions will be sent out to those who RSVP.

We have some exciting field trips planned for the future. One of them will be a gold panning excursion, a field trip to an Opal mine, and a trip to a mineral location in Riverside County.

For more info. and RSVP's call 949-786-4691

- SR * Plan Christmas Dinner meeting and entertainment, in coordination with the Board
- SR * Be responsible for the installation of new officers
- * Make sure all needed equipment is available for program presentations
- * Plan recognition of present officers, bulletin editor and other person making outstanding contributions to the Society

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

- BL * Conduct the duties of the President and First Vice-President in his or her absence
- SR * Be responsible for planning of coordinating all field trips and associated events during the year, February through January
- SR * Enforce all field trip rules and regulations (see Standing Rules)
- SR * Maintain the searchers First Aid Kit and be responsible for it being taken on every field trip
- * Provide The Rock Slab News Editor a written description of future field trips or events to include:
 - maps, including unusual conditions/circumstances
 - mileage, distances, fees, dates, special needs and activities
- * Provide written report on last field trip to The Rock Slab News Editor and oral report to Board and membership at the next General and Board meetings.
- SR * Oversee the activities of the Social Director

SECRETARY

- BL * Keep the minutes of both the Board and General meeting and give a written/oral report at the next meeting
- BL * Perform such duties as assigned by the President of Board
- BL * Be custodian of the corporate records (History book kept by Historian, President keeps some correspondence)

TREASURER

- BL * Shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for funds and securities of the corporation
- SR * Report to membership at both Board and General meetings, including:
 - Income, expenditures and balance on hand
- BL * Perform such duties as assigned by the President or Board
- SR * Present the club ledgers to the March, June and September Board meetings for review
- SR * Receive shop/class fees and paperwork at least quarterly
- SR * Order C.F.M.S. pins and bars for outgoing board members
- SR * Have books ready for audit by November and audited by December 10th
- SR * Prepare all bank signature cards before December 15th
- SR * Collect all outstanding Searchers' monies not later than December 15th
- SR * Present incoming Treasurer with a list of January duties

C.F.M.S. DIRECTOR

- BL * Shall be the representative of the corporation to the C.F.M.S. meetings and shall provide the necessary coordination between this corporation and C.F.M.S.
- BL * Provide report, verbal and/or written, to Board and membership, of C.F.M.S. activities
- BL * The delegate may appoint, with the Board's approval, an alternate to act in his or her absence at C.F.M.S. meetings
- SR * Attend any unscheduled meeting deemed beneficial to the Society and approved by the Board
- * Obtain information from:
 - Newspapers, World of Rockhounds, California Desert Coalition, Weekly Congressional Reports (accessible at Public Library), C.F.M.S. and P.L.A.C. publications, Baker, Ca., Newspaper etc. and report pertinent information to club

DIRECTOR

- BL * The immediate past President shall remain a member of the Board of Directors with a vote
- BL * Provide experience and advice to the new Board
- * Purchase and gavel for the outgoing President for the December meeting and present him/her with C.F.M.S. pin or bar

Nominating Committee for Officers for year 2000



The Nominating Committee is working hard at finding volunteers to fill the positions of President, First Vice-President (Program), Second Vice-President (Field Trip), Secretary, Treasurer, and Federation Director. Past officers and members are being asked to volunteer to run for an office for the year 2000. Once again we would like to give the club an active voice by having more than one candidate for each office. If you are interested in the operation of the Searchers Club, don't hesitate to let us know when we contact you. Being involved as an officer gives you a better picture of how the club operates and shows how much you care about the club.

Nancy Norlund, Chairman
Faye McDowell

714-960-6957
562-597-7684

Richard Butler
Doris Pelfrey

714-484-1947
714-774-2754

OFFICERS JOB DUTIES

Searchers Gem and mineral Society, Inc.

A Non-Profit Corporation

Officers Job Duties

November 1996

Reference Source Notes:

BL indicates By-laws and **SR** indicates Standing Rules

PRESIDENT

- SR * Set up a working schedule for the year
- SR * Appoint committee chairpersons and provide with job descriptions
- BL * Conduct monthly meetings (to include, but not limited to, Board and General meetings)
- BL * Serve as ex-officio member of each committee except the Nominating committee
- BL * Provide President's message each month to The Rock Slab News Editor
- BL * Handle Correspondence, Check Post Office Box regularly
- BL * Coordinate special classes/programs during the year
- BL * Appoint Nominating committee in August, announce to members in September
- BL * Be responsible for all keys and security devices in person or by appointee
- BL * Be responsible for securing meeting rooms as necessary

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

- BL * Conduct the duties of the President in his or her absence
- SR * Plan programs/speakers for the General meeting, February through January
- Available sources: Club Resource Book, C.F.M.S. resources, library, other clubs, personal recommendations, etc.
- SR * Provide bulletin editor with a written announcement of future programs to include:
 - Speaker's name
 - Short Biography or background
 - Subject of program
- SR * Introduce the guest speaker to the membership at the General meeting

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The trauma of losing our meeting place as of August first is over, thank goodness. The Searchers have a great new meeting place in the Anaheim Downtown Community Center. I apologize for the suddenness of our move, but the Anaheim Memorial Hospital Medical Building where we have been meeting for so many years gave us only a few days notice that we would need to find a new location. For a while I thought Searchers would have to go dark in August. But Beverly Rodriguez, who is new at the Downtown Community Center, came to our rescue. Many thanks to Beverly who made some quick adjustments to accommodate us. We had originally been scheduled to move into the Center when it first opened in January, but the space they had saved for us could accommodate only 40 people and we were told no adjustments could be made for the foreseeable future. We usually have about 75 members at our meetings. There will be no change in our meeting schedule. However, I would like some feedback about the possibility of changing our meeting time to **7 PM instead of 7:30 PM** since we must be out of the building by 10 PM sharp. Please let me know your feeling about this.

Our thanks to our member Tyler Hayzlett and his employer AVT for providing the great professional sound and video equipment at our August meeting. They are letting Tyler provide it for the Searchers at no charge for those meetings when we need it as long as we let them know in advance. So far the Center does not have any of this kind of equipment. Again, thank you Tyler for bringing it and setting it up for us.

Many thanks to **George Lux** who is our Chairman for the Searchers' Show 2000. My husband **Harry** is going to be his Co-chairman. They want this to be a really terrific show and are very interested inside as from all of you. Be thinking about suggestions for them including a possible theme, and let them know what your ideas are as soon as possible. It actually takes 27 committees to put our show on each year, so there are plenty of activities for each of us to be involved in. The first show meeting will be coming up in early October. Don't make George and Harry guess what your interests are for the show; let them know as soon as possible what show activity you want to be involved in.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at the workshop Open House on August 28th, the September monthly meeting at our new location in the Downtown Center and the upcoming field trip to Jade Cove.

Betty Nelson

From the Editor



Since the first of the year I have been wanting to be able to send *The Rock Slab News* out by Bulk mail. We have been sending out between 125 to 130 up to now, and now have 250 on the mail out list. We can now use the Bulk mail process as the minimum is 200.

This will mean some changes in deadlines for Reports and Articles. The new deadline will be the **Friday after the regular club meeting** each month. It takes time to edit and produce the paper and the bulk mail system can be a slower delivery system.

This is in the best interests of the club; we will be saving money, and in the long run, time by taking this step, please be patient while we make the transition.

Richard Butler
Editor

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Visitors are always welcome.

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Members are always welcome.

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Field Trips: Held on the published dates of each month. The trip maps, added activities, time changes and other pertinent information will be published in The Rock Slab News.

Workshop: The workshop time and dates can be found on the monthly calendar.

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