



SEARCHERS GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.  
Established June 20, 1958  
Mailing Address: P. O. Box 3492, Anaheim, CA 92803

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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 (ADULT 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) Thursday of each month. Please mail all items to: Marge Jordan, 12161 Bartlett Street, Garden Grove, CA 92645.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

November is an exciting month for the Searchers. Most importantly it is the time to elect club officers for the coming year, a process for involvement of all members. The Nominating Committee (Jan Gillette, Sharie Shaw, Wes Miller and Floyd Neeley) has earned a big thank you, as they have worked hard to present a slate of candidates for your consideration. Nominations will be open and accepted from the floor and where there is more than one person nominated for an office it will be necessary to vote. Following the nominations and elections there will be a silent auction and traditional pie serving.

Thanksgiving field trip will be to Wiley's Well and promises to provide a good time for all. What a way to enjoy the holiday! Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday.

I would like to remind all of you not to forget to get your Searchers Christmas Party tickets...you will not want to miss the good dinner and fun.

Jim Williamson

SHOW DATES:

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| Nov 17 & 18 | Orange Belt Mineralogical Society<br>National Orange Show Grounds<br>Citrus Building - Arrowhead Entrance<br>San Bernardino, CA<br>Hours: Nov 17 - 10:00 AM - 6:30 PM<br>Nov 18 - 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM |
| Nov 24 & 25 | Mojave Desert Gem and Mineral Society<br>Barstow Community Center<br>841 S. Barstow Road<br>Barstow, CA<br>Hours: Nov 24 - 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM<br>Nov 25 - 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM                         |
| Nov 24 & 25 | Mineralogical Society of Southern California<br>The Pasadena Center<br>300 E. Green Street<br>Pasadena, CA<br>Hours: Nov 24 - 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM<br>Nov 25 - 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM                      |
| Dec 1 & 2   | Red Carpet Show<br>Santa Monica Civic Auditorium<br>1855 Main<br>Santa Monica, CA<br>Hours: Dec 1 - 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM<br>Dec 2 - 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM   |



HIGHLIGHTS OF OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING:

The nominating committee is still having difficulty filling some of the officer positions and asked for additional nominations from the floor.

Bill Keyes announced that the Christmas Party will be Saturday, Dec 15th at Marmac's Restaurant in Garden Grove. It was requested that \$300 be allotted for gifts to be given out at the party. This amount was approved by the general membership. He also mentioned that anyone wishing to donate a QUALITY gift that they would be accepted. Bill also mentioned that if anyone has paper or ribbon they would like to donate it would be appreciated.

A motion was made and approved that the Searchers join the "World-of-Rockhounds Association, Inc".

Marge

SAFETY -- FILL IN THOSE HOLES

This article has to do with courtesy as well as safety because the uncourteous people who cause this problem are seldom the ones who suffer from the safety hazard they create for others.

While camping in the desert or other unimproved areas, we have all found it necessary at one time or another to dig holes in the ground to lower one side of our rig in order to level it. How many of us fill in those holes we've dug before we drive away? Do any of us go a step further and fill in the holes left by someone else? It only takes a few minutes, but it can save much heartache for others.

On this year's Quartzsite outing, our rock club was camped in one of the BLM campgrounds north of town. We were all able to level our rigs without resorting to "digging in." However, in the dark one of our club members accidentally stepped into a hole that had been dug, and then not filled back in, by a previous camper. The result: a femur badly broken at the hip, leg and hip surgery, a week in the hospital, at least three weeks in a rehab hospital, and a lot of pain and suffering. In addition, the lady's husband had to build her another bathroom with large shower because she can no longer get down into their bathtub. An expensive, painful mess from beginning to end, and all because some thoughtless person didn't exercise proper courtesy or safety considerations.

Some people boast that they have never had an accident. That's right, they haven't. But they sometimes create conditions that cause other people to have accidents, serious ones. Be a good, safe camper and fill in those holes as you leave. Let's all help make camping a safe and continuing pleasure for everyone.

De & Mary Sharp  
CFMS Safety Chairmen  
CFMS Newsletter, Nov 1990

SHOP HINT:

Put a few drops of rubbing alcohol in the bottle of water in which you keep opals. It will keep them from turning black and the water from turning stagnet.

Via T-Town Rockhound & Golden Spike News 2/90



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### Public Relations

"You only get one chance at making a good first impression." That cliché applies now especially, as we attempt to enrich and expand our hobby and its clubs. We now more than ever compete with other leisure-time activities.

This letter is addressed to you to solicit help in establishing a foundation to improve the public's perception of those of us in this great hobby of "Rockhounding."

As I see it, we meet the general public in three ways:

**FIRST**—at our gem and mineral shows (approx. 50%). The Lapidary Journal stated some time ago that many visit gemshows to see the "dealers" as well as the displays, special exhibits, jewelry-making demonstrations and other attractions. Our shows therefore should be built around all of these activities we enjoy so much as rockhounds and Earth Science students.

**SECOND**—fairs, mall shows, open houses, club meetings, etc.(30%) When we make visitors (potential new members) seem welcome to these events they see the things that can be made and collected from our efforts in this hobby. For impact, it must be an organized meeting or event to be impressive.

**THIRD**—General contacts (approx. 20%) Schools, library displays, Scoutoramas, Chamber of Commerce, etc. Adults as well as younger people take notice of our hobby and perhaps desire to belong.

We exert a tremendous work effort into our gem shows because they are of primary concern. That's where one of the first public impressions is made. We should be sure that these shows stand out for our hobby. They are not craftshows and fleamarket types of enterprises.

**GEM AND MINERAL SHOWS;** Lapidary arts (cabs, intarsia, etc.), gems and gemstones, silver- and goldsmithing, faceting, carving, tumbling, gem ID, minerals, fossils, specimens, crystals, spheres (natural), rocks, supplies, casting, jewelry making, rock painting, slabs, lamp and gemtree-making, geology, gemology, paleontology, jewelry designing and other "earth products." We work in earth science. Show chairpersons might wish to follow these guidelines when planning for gemshows and be aware that many first impressions are made on the general public at these times.

If it is at all possible, clubs might review their by-laws to see if it is a good idea to establish two new "appointed" positions in their clubs: (1) a chairperson for public relations, and (2) an education coordinator (schools). Persons selected to fill these positions should be personable, outgoing and enthusiastic as the future depends on our getting (and keeping) new-members...What better source for initial contact than school children.

In the next article we'll try to provide ideas on how to make contacts, draft stories and articles for your local newspapers, impress the public with examples of our work, how to promote our hobby and the extended use of club bulletins to further these efforts.

Hal O'Leary, Chairman  
AFMS Public Relations  
Post Office Box 5538  
Grants Pass, OR 97527-5538

GREETINGS TO THE SEARCHERS FROM ARIZONA

We left Kansas after a cold front moved in. Had intended to do some rock hunting in Oklahoma but by the time we got there the weather was really bad. Kept going until we reached Clayton, New Mexico. It started snowing and there was 2 inches by the next morning.

Leaving Clayton we took a scenic drive over the mountains from Cimarron to Taos. Stayed in Taos several days to see the Taos Pueblo and the downtown historic area. We also saw the oldest adobe church in the United States.

We went west to Farmington. Saw more pueblo ruins at Aztec National Monument. Stopped at the Camper Ranch south of Farmington and it was remote. We were the only ones there and didn't see another person for three days. I went rock hunting and found some petrified wood. Found some big logs but they were only rock...not agatized yet.

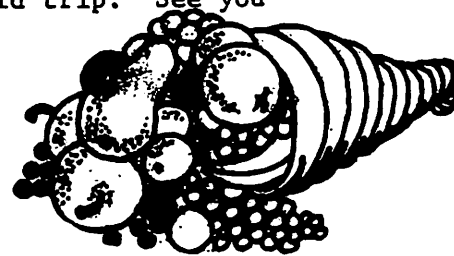
Heading south we stopped at Santa Fe. It is a very interesting town. Indians sell silver and turquoise jewelry right at the town square. It was the best quality I'd seen. There are a lot of art galleries in Santa Fe. Much to see and do there. Santa Fe's oldest building was built in early 1600's,

Our next stop was at Carrizozo (another Camper Ranch). There were 4 other rigs there and we had hookups. Drove over and saw Ruidoso Downs a big horse racing track. Also went to Lincoln and saw all the history about Billy the Kid. Continuing south we stopped at Alamogordo (our second time there this trip). Went on to the Camper Ranch at Deming and stayed there a week to rest up. I collected some carnelian and jasper on the ranch and surrounding BLM land. The winter residents were starting to arrive as we were leaving.

Stopped at Mesa, Arizona to visit my borther and then on to Quartzsite to rest for a few more days. Then more visiting.

We intend to go to Wiley's Well for Thanksgiving field trip. See you all there.

Marvin and Jacque



FOURTH ANNUAL ROCK SWAP AND ALUMINUM CAN DRIVE:

Once again it's time to start saving those aluminum cans. Our Annual Rock Swap and Can Drive will again be held in January. Last year 45 Searchers enjoyed the Rock Swap and more than \$200 was raised for the club.

Look to future bulletins for more information.


Jim Williamson

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY - Nothing increases your golf score like witnesses.

via BITS & PIECES, S.C.R.I.B.E. Fall '88

ATTENTION: All items for Dec bulletin are due to Marge NOT LATER THAN 12 Dec  
Please note on your calendars.

Marge

SUNSHINE:


Evelyn Wilder is home from the hospital but still very ill. It is going to be a long road to recovery for Evelyn so keep the calls and cards coming. Harley would like to thank all of you who have donated blood and said they are still going to need more donors. Also, the Wilder family wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, calls, cards and support.

Margaret Neeley has had a nasty bout of bronchitis but is doing much better.

Doug Johnson is convalescing from the flu bug and a sore throat.

Beulah Lohmaier has been moved from Los Alamitos Medical Center to Alamitos West Convalescent Hospital. She has some good days but then lots of "not so good" days.

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It is with regret that I must tell you that one of our long time members, Bert Conway, passed away after a very short illness. Bert and Nadine had been married for 62 years. They both participated in club events and enjoyed the field trips and only stopped going out on field trips when it became difficult to do so. Both of them attended our annual show last May. The Searchers extend their deepest sympathy to Nadine and the Conway family.

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The Searchers would like to express their sympathy to Vivian Payton whose husband Roy passed away recently. The Paytons were hard working members for many years. Roy loved the field trips but was unable to go out on them for some time. As long as health permitted they never missed a show.

Doris Pelfrey

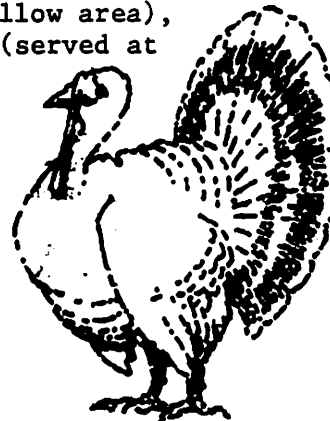
FIELD TRIP REPORT:

Our October field trip was to Hector Road in conjunction with the Annual "World-of-Rockhounds Association, Inc" (WRA) meeting. We had 34 Searchers attend. The weather was perfect. Some attended the WRA business meeting which included reports on SR-11 and other legislative matters. WRA also held an auction on Saturday afternoon and many of the Searchers obtained lots of goodies.

Our Thanksgiving Field Trip will be to Wiley's Well (Coon Hollow area), November 21st through 25th. Thanksgiving dinner will be POTLUCK (served at 3:00 PM). See map elsewhere in this bulletin.

There will be no field trip in December.

Jay Cole



PROGRAM REPORT:

Mr Joe Pierce of California Jewelers School was our guest speaker at the October Meeting. His subject was birthstones and was very interesting. There are more than one birthstone for each month.

Tonight is PIE night...tonight is ELECTION...tonight we have a SILENT AUCTION.

December there is NO MEETING. This is our annual Christmas Dinner to be held at Marmac's Restaurant, December 15th. See notice and information elsewhere in this bulletin.

I would like to remind you that tickets are available at tonight's meeting. If you are not in attendance at this meeting you may get your tickets via mail until December 1st.

PLEASE REMEMBER I MUST HAVE YOUR RESERVATIONS AND MONEY NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 1ST. Lets have a good turnout.

Wear your badge - support your club.

Bill Keyes

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Our Nominating Committee (Jan Gillette, Sharie Shaw, Wes Miller and Floyd Neeley) report that they have the following nominees for the 1991 Offices:

President -  
 1st Vice President - Wes Miller  
 2nd Vice President - Walter Mroch and Carl Pitzler  
 Secretary - Lola Tapia  
 Treasurer - Marie Cole  
 Federation Delegate - Elmer Parsons and Lowell Disney  
 Director - Jim Williamson

WINNERS

We still need nominations for President and I would like to remind you that we can have at least two (2) nominees for each office. We will be asking for additional nominations from the floor at our November meeting.

Voting will take place at the November meeting and, only current members are eligible to vote.

Jan Gillette

THIS 'N THAT:

Anyone who believes that a Rolls Royce is still the most expensive vehicle hasn't been pushing a cart in a supermarket.

via SLAB-GAB & others 9/89



SEARCHERS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Date: Saturday, December 15, 1990

Place: Marmac's Restaurant (714) 898-5645  
12777 Knott Avenue (just South of Lampson)  
Garden Grove, CA

Time: 6:30 - 7:30 - No Host Social Hour  
7:30 - Dinner / 8:30 Entertainment

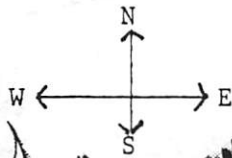
Dress: Searcher's Finest

Cost: \*Members - Prime Rib \$12.30\*\*Baked Half Chicken \$ 8.60\*\*  
\*Non Members - Prime Rib \$17.30 Baked Half Chicken \$ 13.60

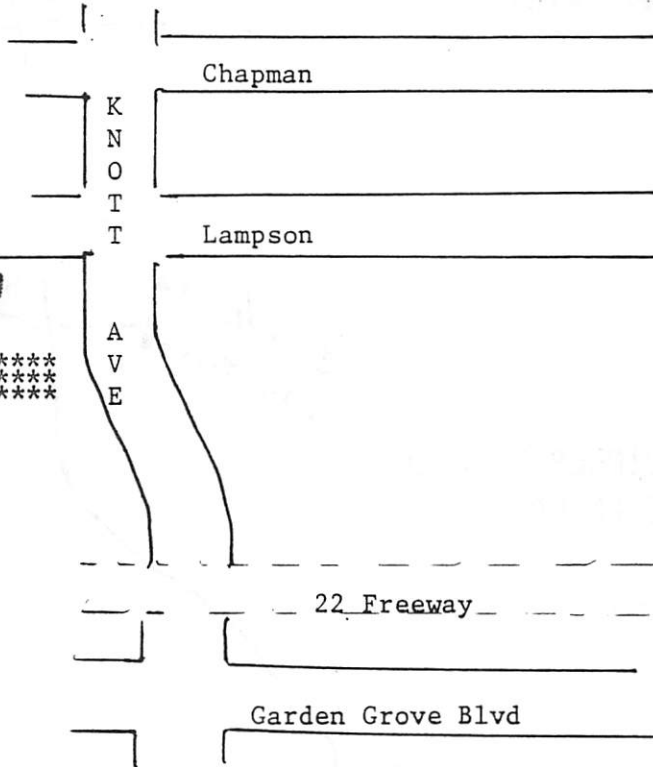


\*Includes tax and tip \*\* Club pays \$5.00 balance

Christmas Tickets are available tonight and via mail NOT LATER THAN 1 December 1990



MARMAC'S\*\*\*\*  
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TICKETS CAN BE ORDERED BY MAIL

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ Member: \_\_\_\_\_  
Non-Member: \_\_\_\_\_

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

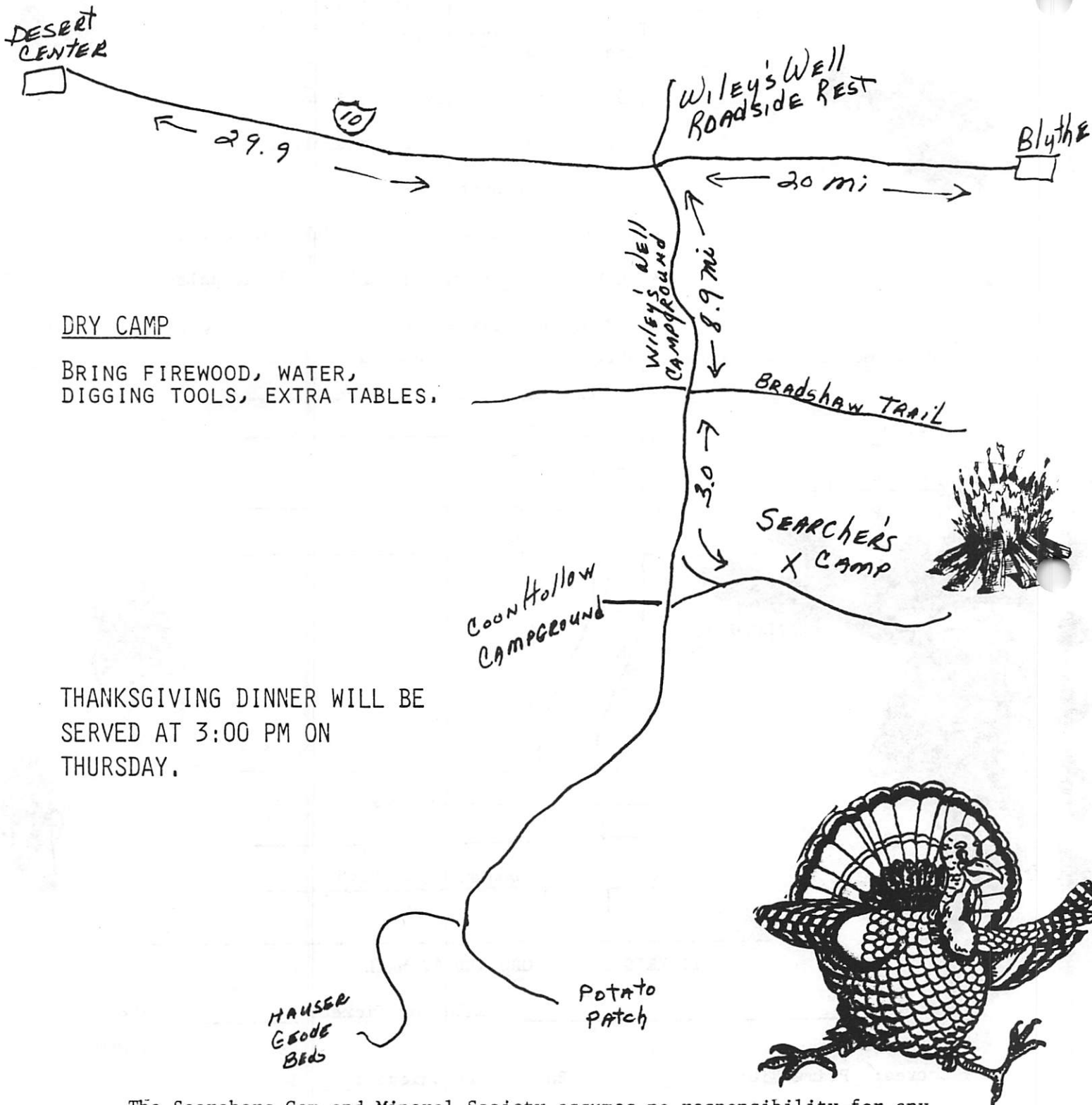
Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send to: William L. Keyes by Dec 1, 1990 ←

Make Checks out to Searchers  
by Dec 1, 1990

1814 E. Willow Street  
Anaheim, CA 92805  
Phone: 535-1484

THANKSGIVING FIELD TRIP  
WILEY'S WELL (COON HOLLOW AREA)  
November 21st thru 25th



DRY CAMP

BRING FIREWOOD, WATER,  
DIGGING TOOLS, EXTRA TABLES.

THANKSGIVING DINNER WILL BE  
SERVED AT 3:00 PM ON  
THURSDAY.

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