



SEARCHERS GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.
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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 each Wednesday, 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM and every 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

On behalf of your 1990 Club Officers and Committee Chairpersons I wish each of you and yours a Happy and Healthy New Year.

1990 should be another great year for the Searchers. Each of the officers are committed to serving you the member. Our club can continue to be great with YOUR support, but the membership MUST get involved. Both new and seasoned members are needed. We still have a few vacant committee chairpersons positions, and, I'm asking for your help. When all is said and done serving the Searchers is a very rewarding experience.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the 3rd Annual Rock Swap/Aluminum can drive on the 27th of this month.

Jim Williamson

SHOW DATES:

Jan 20 - 21 Orange Coast Mineral Lapidary Society
Plumber's Union Hall
3904 W. First Street
Santa Ana, CA
Hours: Jan 20 - 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Jan 21 - 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Feb 2, 3 & 4 Southern California Micromineralogists
San Bernardino County Museum
2074 Orange Tree Lane
Redlands, CA
Hours: Feb 2 - 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Feb 3 - 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM
Feb 4 - 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

FEDERATION DELEGATE REPORT:

For those of you who may be interested in attending the "Pageant of American Gems" AFMS/CFMS National Show and Convention (hosted by the Conejo Gem and Mineral Club) June 28th thru July 1st, 1990, at the Ventura County Fairgrounds, Ventura, CA, I have some advance registration forms, maps, lists of motels and restaurants. In addition, there are forms for competitive exhibit entry, society exhibit and special Conejo competitive applications. These are available tonight at the table in the rear of our meeting room.

There will be a field hearing regarding Mel Levine's HR 780 on Saturday, February 10, 1990. Time and location had not been established at the time of this writing.

Following is an article from the CFMS Newsletter regarding Senator Pete Wilson's testimony before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, National Parks and Forests, on S-11, Oct 2, 1989.

Elmer Parsons

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

TESTIMONY BY: THE HONORABLE PETE WILSON, UNITED STATES SENATOR (R-CA). BEFORE THE SENATE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS, NATIONAL PARKS AND FORESTS. ON S. 11, OCTOBER 2, 1989 AT 2:00PM. DIRKSEN 370.

Thank you for the opportunity to appear here today to discuss S. 11. I, too, want a desert bill, but the right kind of desert bill. I, too want to protect the desert, but I want to protect it for people as well as for itself. I believe it is possible to preserve the beauty and the wonder of the desert ecosystem, and at the same time allow the people of California to see, appreciate and enjoy that beauty.

Mr. Chairman, you will shortly hear testimony from our distinguished House colleagues who represent the half million residents of the desert lands embraced by S.11. They too propose an alternative desert bill to S.11 that would put an additional two million acres into the National Inventory of Wilderness. Two million acres is a substantial addition, Mr. Chairman. It is in fact more than we added in the much celebrated California Wilderness Act of 1984 that placed in wilderness precious acreage of Forest Service Lands. But it is only a quarter of the total proposed for wilderness status by S.11.

You will hear from these House members their objections-- or, more accurately, the objections of their constituents who live in the desert --to the much more ambitious, much broader reach of S.11.

Mr. Chairman, because I represent these half-million residents of the California desert, I am sensitive to their wants and needs, as are my colleagues who represent them in the House of Represent-

atives.

I am also sensitive to the wants and needs of an even greater number of Californians who make repeated visits annually, traveling several hours each way in search of wholesome outdoor recreation and the unique ambience and beauty of the California desert. But the problem with S.11, as introduced, is that it seeks to protect the desert from present and future Californians rather than for them, and-- to do so--it effectively locks them out.

Mr. Chairman, people living under the increasing pressures of urbanization need wholesome outdoor recreation. And if they are deprived of it, people can become a threatened, if not an endangered, species.

Mr. Chairman, a way must be found to reconcile the need for desert protection with the need to provide desert access for the hundreds of thousands of Californians who enjoy climbing, camping, rock collecting, and other legitimate recreation. The elderly, the disabled, very young children and California families must not be locked out of the desert and cut off from their choice of special recreation. AS the population pressures of California increase inexorably, the pleasures of the desert and its special solitude must not be reserved solely to survivalists. A way must be found to permit all Californians to enjoy and appreciate the unique ecosystem, while at the same time ensuring that negligent or willful misuse does not abuse or destroy it.

It is an unfortunate truth that there will always be some irresponsible people among off-road vehicle users, hunters and campers, just as among any other group. Even in the High Sierra,

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Some backpackers still collect fire wood or wash in streams. But I find that the vast majority of individuals, families and groups who legitimately want to be assured access to the desert and the recreation it provides, also want desperately to protect the fragile ecosystem. They go to the desert because it is beautiful. Perhaps more than anyone else they want to prevent the dispoilment of the environment. They care just as deeply as you and I that this fragile ecology is saved for our children and grandchildren.

The desert is a special place and it holds the imagination of Californians and of the nation too. And there is a special solitude and landscape and many natural qualities in the desert that demand protection. Both Joshua Tree and Death Valley National Monuments Deserve National Park status and appropriate boundry adjustments. These lands are national treasures and their appropriate place is in the National Inventory along side America's Crown Jewels of Sequoia, Yellowstone, Grand Canyon and Yosemite.

Mr. Chairman, what S.11 proposes is the disposition of 7.9 million acres. As proposed by my distinguished colleague, S.11 would designate that entire land mass as either National Park or wilderness forever. That designation would be the equivalent of closing off the states of Connecticut and New Jersey to vehicular traffic. Some of the areas proposed in S.11 as wilderness are as large as 250,000 acres. The designation in the law of an area as wilderness means that no wheeled vehicle--not a wheelchair, not even a bicycle--may gain access.

This lock-up approach simply goes too far, Mr. Chairman. I understand the temptation of a quick and simple solution to resolve the desert issue. But the proper treatment of so vast

an area, and the resolution of competing claims of the different groups who have interests in it, are not so simple. It is not right to lock millions of Southern Californians out of this magnificent and much needed outdoor recreation area, so long as they use it responsibly.

We must reconcile the need to protect the desert with the need to provide access to the hundreds of thousands of Californians who require it. And Mr. Chairman, the need for access continues to grow. The growth of the suburban areas near the desert which border the California Desert Conservation area will grow at a projected rate of 20 to 35 percent in the next ten years. These neighborhoods and communities look at the desert as Southern California's backyard. This recreational use is certain to intensify because of the rapidly growing population of Southern California

Vehicular access is not only required for recreational use, but there are also nearly 300 artificial water resources, called "water guzzlers", which are used for the introduction and maintenance of Bighorn Sheep, sited within the proposed boundaries of S. 11. These water resources require periodic inspection and maintenance, usually involving vehicle or aircraft for travel to and from the sites. Designating lands as "National Park" or "Wilderness" would substantially impair the ability of the California Department of Fish and Game to maintain the guzzlers and prevent the department from installing new ones. We should remember that the increase of the rare Bighorn Sheep has been one of the success stories in the Endangered Species Program.

Unfortunately, the Desert Tortoise has not fared as well.

Mr, Chairman, I am very concerned about the precipitous decline of the Desert Tortoise and I have called on the Secretary of the Interior to place the Desert Tortoise on the Endangered Species List on an emergency basis. (In the Desert Tortoise's natural area in the western Mojave Desert the decline in one study area was 58%). But I am confident that a way can be found successfully to reconcile different land uses for the desert that will result in effective protection for the tortoise.

Mr. Chairman, it is not only animals which need and use the California Desert. People live there too. Over 500,000 people live in the California Desert Conservation area. Their rural way of life revolved around the old west enterprises of cattle grazing and mining, as well as tourism.

In addition, There are five major military installations in the California Desert Conservation Area, including those having a truly unique importance to our National security and aerospace efforts; Edwards Air Force Base, Naval Air Test Facility at China Lake, and The Chocolate Mountain Aerial Gunnery Range.

There are over fifteen strategic minerals in the desert, including 97 percent of this country's domestic rare earths-- minerals that will play an important role in replacing toxic asbestos and new high efficiency minerals that may provide America with the means to lessen dependency upon fossil fuels. Mr. Chairman, S.11 proposes to save the desert from the people of California. I propose to save the desert for the people of California.

Mr, Chairman, much has been made of the GAO assessment of the BLM management of the desert. I am not here to defend the Bureau. But the most telling criticism of the BLM

is the GAO observation that "BLM funding shortfalls are so severe that even highly significant tasks cannot be performed." The simple fact is that the CDCA plan has never been adequately funded. Instead of the \$130 million called for by the plan for the years 1982 to 1988, only \$53 million was expended. Until most recently, the BLM has had fewer than 25 Rangers to supervise an area roughly the combined size of the states of New Hampshire and Vermont. This is woefully inadequate. But Mr. Chairman, it is doubtful that the paper designation of "Wilderness" by itself will any better patrol these precious lands without additional resources. A fiat declaring a status on paper is not self-enforcing and will not by itself achieve that status. Violations of the desert will violate the law if not prevented.

The question posed before this committee is not whether one is for the desert or against it. Californians of every view support the concept of preserving the desert. The issue, rather is how to even out those conflicting views. I believe the protection of the desert environment and the enjoyment of desert recreation are not mutually exclusive goals. Mr. Chairman, we must end the stalemate by the true accommodation not by a paper fiat like S.11, but by a fair and realistic approach that takes into account the many equally legitimate interests that are involved here. The time has come to match resources with our commitment to the desert, to its natural forms, and to its various human uses and visitors. I urge you not to move precipitously, for our posterity deserves the best efforts of your careful deliberation.

I thank the Chairman.

LAST CALL FOR ROCK AND STORY SWAP FUND RAISER:

The 3rd Annual Swap/Aluminum can drive is scheduled for Saturday, January 27th, just one week from this Saturday, at the Anaheim Cultural Arts Center. Bring any or all of the following.

- Stories - new, old, stretched or told and retold
- Rocks - cut, uncut, large, small
- Aluminum cans - crushed, uncrushed
- A friend if you want

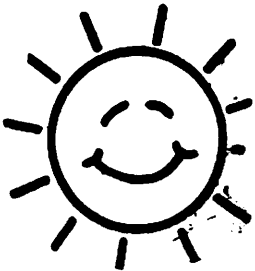
The Club provides:

- Free coffee
- Free Parking

Reserve 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM for a good time with the Searchers. Bring your aluminum cans, you don't need any money (NO SELLING ALLOWED), you don't even need to bring any rock to trade (you will still be able to select rock to take home). Hope to see you there.

Jim Williamson

SUNSHINE:



I have had no reports of illness or hospitalizations only a few cases of the flu and some colds. No serious illness is a great way to start 1990...lets keep it that way.

I would like to wish everyone of you a Happy, HEALTHY New Year.

Doris Pelfrey

PROGRAM REPORT:

Our February program will be slides and a descriptive talk by Marvin Mog on the Mog/Homewood Alaska trip (May '89 to Nov '89). Marvin will also have some rocks that they collected on their trip.

Bill Keyes

CRAFTS:

Ladies! We have many projects, lots of new ideas and will need lots of help to prepare for SHOW TIME. Please note the following Tuesday dates on your calendars:

January 16th, 23rd and 30th

February 13th, 20th and 27th

dates for the March meetings will be announced later.

We will be meeting at Jan Gillette's home at 9:30 AM. Lunch will be potluck so bring a dish to share. Come join the fun and bring any new ideas YOU may have. If you have any questions please call Jan or Roberta.

We are going to have plants again this year and we are asking that you start plants now for us to sell at the Show.

If any of you ladies crochet or knit and would like to volunteer to make an afghan for raffle at our Friday night dinner it would be greatly appreciated.

Jan Gillette
Roberta Leith

MEMBERSHIP:



Just a reminder that it's that time of year... your 1990 membership dues are now due. Deadline for renewal will be March 1st. The new Membership Roster will be published in March and if you don't get your dues paid by March your name will not appear in the new roster.

For those members who have paid their dues earlier this month, your receipts and membership cards will be available for pickup at the January 18th meeting.

Milly

SEARCHERS 31ST GEM ROUNDUP
May 5th and 6th 1990

1990 SHOW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIRMAN - Joel Swanson
CO-CHAIRMAN - Lowell Disney
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DEMONSTRATIONS - Clare Gagnon
DONATION AWARDS - Floyd and Margaret Neeley
ELECTRICAL -
FINANCIAL - Marie Cole
FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER - Lola Tapia
GRAB BAGS - Ken Landers
HOSPITALITY - Jeanne and Merle Howe
HOURLY DOOR PRIZES - Marje Husby
KITCHEN - Lori and Ed Moore
LAYOUT - Jim Everitt
MEMBERSHIP - Bill Keyes
MOVIES & SLIDES - Grant Miller
PUBLICITY - Jim Williamson
SECURITY - Paul Wesley
SET UP & CLEAN UP - Jim Williamson
SIGNS - Hal Pelfrey
SPECIAL EXHIBITS - Marge Jordan
WHEEL OF FORTUNE - Lola Tapia

FIELD TRIP REPORT:

Our January Field Trip will be to Victorville/Stoddard Wells area this coming weekend. See map elsewhere in this bulletin.

The February Field Trip will be to Quartzsite, Arizona. Searchers who are going to the Quartzsite area will be staying at the Quartzsite Golf Course (see attached map). Most of the members I've talked with plan on arriving February 1st. We have talked with the owners of the Golf Course and they said that the first of the Searchers to arrive should tell him and they will designate an area for our group. We could have as many as 20 to 22 rigs. Following are the dates for the Quartzsite events:

January 15th to February 15th - Clouds

January 20th to February 4th - Main Event

January 27th to February 5th - Tyson Wells

February 7th to February 11th - QIA (Quartzsite Pow Wow)

January 27th to February 4th - 7th Annual Sports, Vacation and RV Show

Jay Cole

ROCKHOUND FIELD TRIP

You follow the map to guide your way,
Some travel by night, others by day.
By car, Jeep, trailer and camper,
You're free as a bird, no boss to pamper.
Arriving at campsite, you step out
and stretch,
Then you remember, there's firewood to
fetch.
Gather round the campfire without care,
Chatting and just breathing in the fresh
air.
There's grownups, kids and family dog,
But it's time to retire, you'll sleep
like a log.

Early next morning, you peek out and say,
"Hey, let's get going, it's a glorious
day".
You search till you're hungry and give
a big sigh,
Can't lick another rock, my throat is
too dry.
You return to camp to rest and have
lunch,
Debating who got the best rocks in the
bunch.
If this one would slice into a nice slab,
Or will this one make an outstanding cab.
The weekend flips by, you're homeward
bound,
A tired, contented happy Rock Hound.

- By Ethel Blood (Sally)
1966

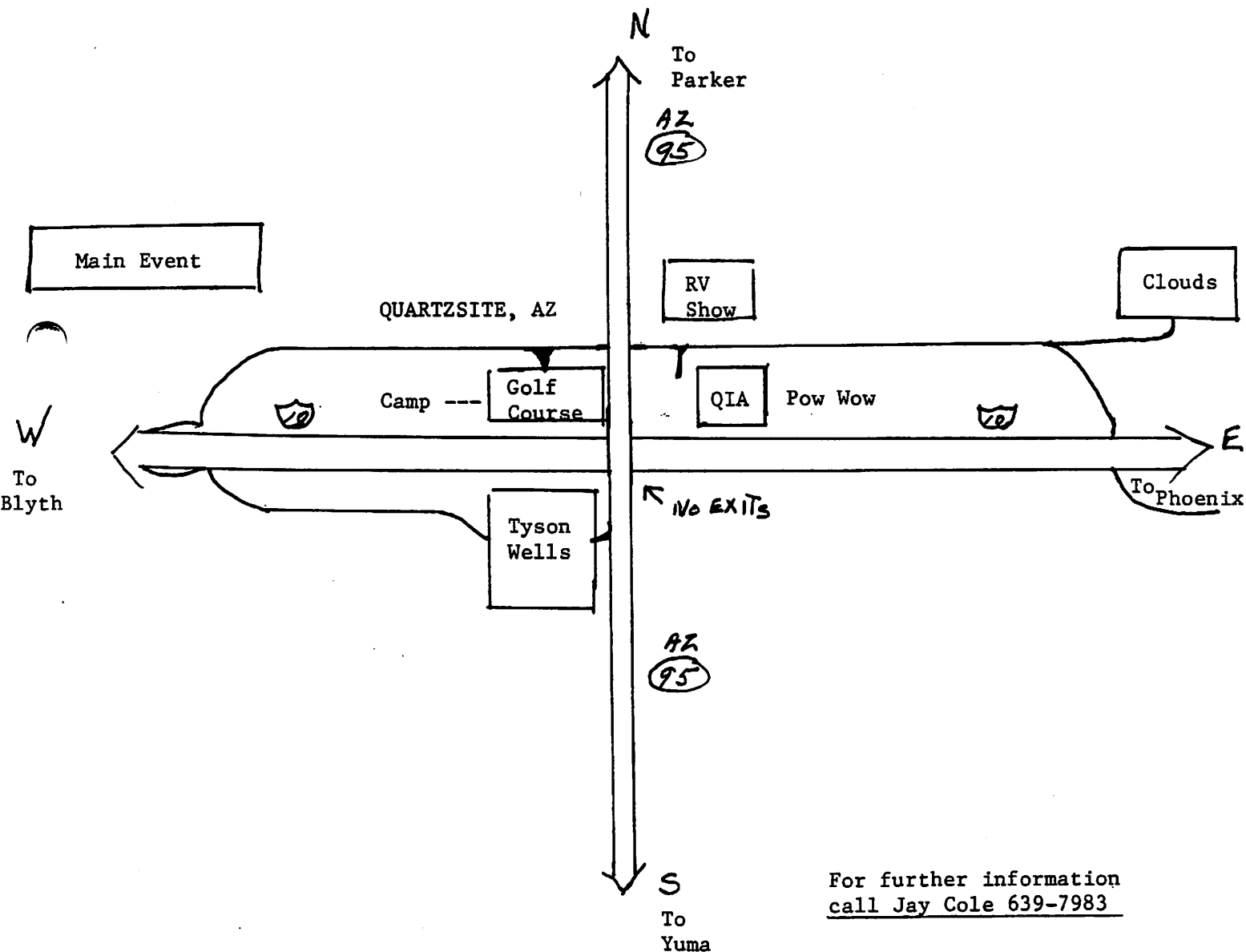
Ethel (Sally) Blood was a former Searcher member and Bev Erhart's Mother.

FEBRUARY FIELD TRIP

QUARTZSITE, ARIZONA

Turn in at Golf Course entrance. This is our campsite. There is a camping Fee

No hook-ups. Dry Camp. Bring plenty of water, food and of course, money \$\$\$\$



For further information call Jay Cole 639-7983

TEAR OFF AND TAKE ALONG

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15TH ANNUAL 1990

Field Trip/Tailgate

FRIDAY - JANUARY 19TH

SATURDAY - JANUARY 20TH

SUNDAY - JANUARY 21ST

SPONSORED BY VICTOR VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB

Good Collecting

- verd antique
- serpentine
- tri-color marble

ALL Rockhounds and Gem Clubs invited

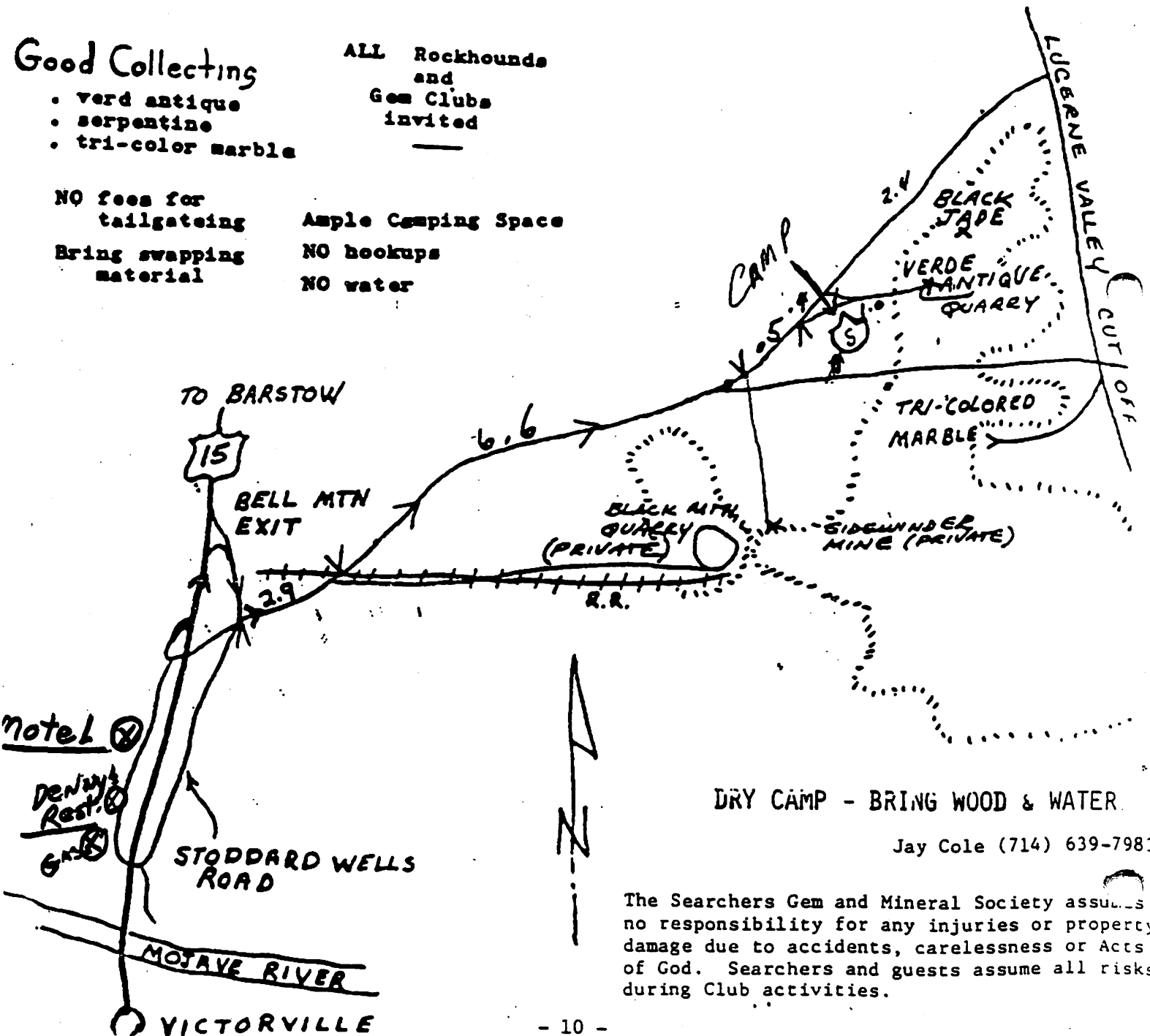
NO fees for tailgating

Ample Camping Space

Bring swapping material

NO hookups

NO water



DRY CAMP - BRING WOOD & WATER.

Jay Cole (714) 639-7983

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