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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

The Sidewalk Sale was a tremendous success! Thanks to all who helped especially Mae Freedman who did a smash up job of organizing everything!

A special thanks goes to all of those who prepped and painted the workshop and adjoining room on July 6th.

According to Sylvia Bula, the City of Anaheim has the "right of first refusal", so the School Board cannot sell or lease the Center to anyone else without the City's approval. The reason for painting, new carpet and drapes, is to indicate that the Center is being cared for and used.

Alice Lux

PROGRAM FOR THE AUGUST MEETING will be presented by Darlene Plaza, of the Anaheim Police Department Community Service Dept. She is a ten year member of the Anaheim Police Department and spent the last two years in Community Service. Her program will relate to safety, how to protect ourselves and our valuables.

GLEANED FROM THE CFMS. NEWSLETTER

A new video, produced in conjunction with the Smithsonian Institute, is available now. The film, Bemstones of America, is narrated by Efrem Zimbalist and presents gemstone hunting from the Rockhound's view. This is a sixty minute program and can be purchased from AFMS Central Office, 920 South 70th St., Oklahoma City, OK 73139 for \$24.00 including shipping.

Proposed Federal Legislation

S-50 - to ensure that agencies establish the appropriate procedures for assessing whether or not regulation may result in the taking of private property, so as to avoid such where possible.

S - 400 To set aside tax revenues collected on recreational fuels not used on highways for the purposes of improving and maintaining recreational trails.

HR -767 To give any state in which lands are more than 25 percent federally owned the right to disapprove the establishment of wilderness areas located in that state.

HR - 981 To modify the requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain lands, consistent with principles of self-initiation of mining claims, and for other purposes.

FROM MARVIN AND JACQUE

Greetings to the Searchers from Madras, Oregon.

May was our month for sightseeing, so June was our month for rock shows and field trips. After leaving Jackpot, Nevada, we stopped briefly in Boise, Idaho for a taste of the big city. Up here anything over 100,000 is considered big.

Arrived in Nyssa, Oregon, just over the border from Idaho in early June. The city allowed us to dry camp on a city park within a block of the show grounds.

The first field trip was to Haystack Butte for multi-colored jasper. The second one was to Jamieson for petrified wood. The last scheduled trip was to Graveyard Point for plume agate. I took another trip on my own out for some pink plume agate. Also drove up to see Leslie Gulch, a scenic drive where the ash beds are over 1,000 feet deep.

We had 10 days before the next show, so drove north to the Hell's Canyon area near Oxbow. It is the deepest canyon in the United States, over 6,000 feet. The Grand Canyon is third.

The highlight of that area was a jet boat ride over the Wild Sheep Rapids. They drop 17 feet in 200 feet with huge boulders to avoid. Going down, a large wave drenched us. Coming back up was rough but dry.

Next stop was Pendleton where the woolen Mills are. We took a tour to see how they make blankets.

Enroute to the Prineville show we stopped at the John Day fossil beds. They mainly had vegetation fossils. At Prineville we dry camped on the fair grounds. Their first field trip was to the Lucky Strike Mine for thundereggs. My prize was a 22 pounder - can hardly wait to get it cut open. Next trip was for limb casts and I found a green one. The third trip was to Moving Mountain for moss agate.

After that show we drove to nearby Redmond to see more of the country. Then on to Richardson Ranch for more thunderegg digging.

Next is the Madras show over July 4th. After that, we head out for Virgin Valley, Nevada. Hope to find some fire opal. Until next month,

Marv and Jacque Mog

SHOW DATES:

Aug. 10 & 11

La Pacifica Gem & Mineral Society (Long Beach)
Hawthorne Memorial Center
3901 W. El Segundo Blvd.
Hawthorne, CA

Hours: Aug. 10 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Aug. 11 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

REPORT FROM OUR FEDERATION DELEGATE

Regular Convention Meeting June 15, 1991

The regular Convention meeting of the Board of Directors proceeded on schedule with the initial formalities on June 15, 1991 at the CFMS show in San Jose, CA. A quorum was established with 113 Directors, 25 Chairmen and all Officers present. The minutes of the fall meeting, as corrected, were dispensed with by a motion from the floor.

The following clubs have disbanded: Mineral and Gem Society of San Mateo County, Carson City Gem & Mineral Society, NV, and there was no official notice from the Coachella Valley Gem & Mineral Society. Delinquent Clubs as of May 6, 1991 are: El Monte Gem & Mineral Society and Marquardt Gem and Mineral Society.

The 1992 CFMS show will be held at the Hayward Centennial Hall on August 21, 22, and 23, with the meeting and banquet room nearly 6 miles away. Camping will be 2-4 miles away. There is free parking next to the Hall. Admission will be \$4.50 and this is sponsored by the Castro Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley.

The AFMS is still sponsoring a VISA card with the AFMS logo. Any club who is willing to have literature sent regarding this program needs to send a copy of the Club roster to Dan McLennan, 920 W. 70th St. Oklahoma City, OK 73139. He will forward the roster to the bank and the members will receive information. If you do not wish to have further information you can then let Dan know and he will see that your name is taken off the list.

This program can provide some much needed cash for the AFMS treasury and perhaps even prevent the necessity for a dues increase. The AFMS will receive \$1.00 for each person that applies for a card and then will receive \$0.25 each time the card is used.

The American Federation is currently offering the new video Gemstones of American, (60 minutes) for the price of \$21.95. It is really an outstanding video and will be a great addition to the library. I saw part of it at the show and it could be used at our show.

The Financial Advisory Committee met in March and audited all CFMS financial records as of December 31, 1990 and presented some recommendations to the Executive Committee. They also reviewed, made recommendations and proposed changes to the CFMS Endowment Fund Committee Operating Regulations. These changes were made by the Rules Committee and accepted by the Directors.

A few nominations were received for the Golden Bear award. This year's award went to Ellen and Carl Schultze of the Sacramento Diggers Mineral Society. More nominations are needed for the Golden Bear Award for work in the CFMS, and Education through Sharing, for work in the clubs, etc. If we have anyone in our club that may be worthy of either nomination, please submit to the Searcher's Board.

State of the Federation is that there are 179 clubs with approximately 12,900 members. The Bear with Gavel will be available for \$8.00.

The California Federation All American Report for 1991 had only 10 entries. We need someone in the Searchers to take on this job and submit our own entry.

The Bulletin Aids report entries in the contest were rather small. There were 14 Small Bulletins, 2 Large Bulletins, and 4 Bulletins by new Editors. The greatest criticism from judges of the Bulletin Contest is a "lack of articles by members". Marion Fowler, Aids Chairman's message to all CFMS members is - be fair to your Editor. Report News Regularly in writing! I could have attended the Editors' Breakfast, as I understand, after the fact, the Searchers' Editor was awarded a Plaque.

The insurance program will remain the same or be reduced. By the time of the fall meeting we will know for sure.

Junior Activities reported that Dr. Bancroft would award only a first place trophy so the plaque that the Searchers had agreed to furnish for second place will not be awarded.

The Museum Committee report: If a Club was to donate \$1.00 per member to the California State Mining & Mineral Museum, 5007 Fairgrounds Road, Mariposa, California, 95338 one could go to the museum anytime free.

Public Lands Advisory Committee report gave the CFMS stand as opposing S-21, the California Desert Protection Act, and support of the California Desert Management Plan as completed by the BLM. S-21 is an overkill in establishing excessive wilderness areas in addition to the National Parks. Passage of legislation to finalize the BLM plan will result in a positive step forward in good land management procedures and techniques.

Senator Seymour's position is he hasn't made up his mind, but compromise will have to be made.

Another issue of concern is the Clear Creek area in Fresno and San Benito Counties. The EPA has some unusual opinions on the asbestos "hazard" that exists there. The CFMS Directors voted with no opposition to accept the Clear Creek Amendment BLM, Hollister Resource Area Alternative #1 of seven alternatives given in the Clear Creek Land Use Plan (RMP) Amendment.

ALTERNATIVE #1 - Continue Present Management. This alternative would include aggressive implementation of the existing Clear Creek Management Plan. A major component of the plan is to restrict OHV use within 1/4 mile of Clear Creek to designated routes. Extensive fencing would be installed to preclude OHV use in the Clear Creek riparian area and on most hillclimbs adjacent to the creek. Funding would have to be available from the "Green Sticker" fund.

The EPA has proposed to completely close a very large area known as Clear Creek. This area is of concern to rockhounds as there is beautiful material in this area.

The fall meeting of the CFMS Directors will be in Visalia, CA., November 9, 1991.

The Banquet was very enjoyable with good food and the presentation of show awards.

Elmer Parson

HINTS FROM SOME OF OUR EXCHANGE BULLETINS

From the Orange Coast Gazette:

SHOW EXHIBIT HINTS: In some displays you may want to use a slab of rock to show how it looks before polishing. Water won't stay wet; grease looks greasy, some waxes turn white under heat. But if you rub the surface with liquid detergent and wipe it off, there is no shine and the pattern will show distinctly without any objectionable residue or fading.

From "PLS" Bulletin, Pasadena

CARVINGS: When polishing hard to reach places with your flex shaft machine, take a Q-tip, cut in half and insert in handpiece and charge with polishing compound. The cotton end will produce a very high luster and will last an amazingly long time.

FOR ALL OF YOU who were not on the paint crew July 16, take a minute to go and see the workshop and appreciate the bang up job they did.

MEMBERSHIP:

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER:

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9612 ROSEBAY STREET
ANAHEIM, CALIF. 92804
(714) 774-2754

WELCOME BACK TO SOME "OLE" CLUB MEMBERS:

F. J. (PHIL) & JOYCE E. MARTINEZ
339 EAST LOMITA AVENUE
ORANGE, CALIF. 92667
(714) 633-5328

A CHANGE OF MAILING ADDRESS FOR:

KAY T. (MYERS) PETROVIC
P.O. BOX 714
NEWPORT, OREGON 97365

THIS BRINGS OUR MEMBERSHIP UP TO 166 AS OF THIS PRINTING.

MILLY

HILIGHTS OF THE JUNE MEETING

Our June meeting began as in previous years, with a celebration potluck. Dinner was served about seven o'clock and guests could choose from a great variety of dishes in the true Searcher tradition.

Christmas Dinner plans were announced. Friday, the 20th of December in the Buena Park Hotel, dinners from \$22 to \$26 was proposed. A \$400 deposit is necessary to secure the reservation. It was moved, seconded and carried that a check be issue for the deposit.

It was announced that there will be a picnic the second Sunday in August at Irvine Park. More details will follow.

Marie handed out an accounting for the show detailing receipts and expenses, showing a net profit of \$5,198.21.

Elmer reported that he had attended the CFMS show and convention in San Jose. He missed the breakfast meeting, only to find that Marge Jordan had been awarded and plaque for her work on our bulletin.

Elmer also reported that Coalinga Clear Creek area restrictions were discullled. The EPA wants to close it all, claiming that because asbestos was mined here at one time it constitutes a health hazard. There is some very good material in this area and rockhounds are loathe to see it shut off.

Ribbons were given out to all the members who exhibited at the show. This year we had only two trophies - one to Alice and George Lux for ten years and one to Margaret and Floyd Neeley for fifteen years. Special congratulations to them and to everyone who worked on the show.

THE 29th - BIG SUCCESS

June 29th, our parking lot sale was a day of work, fun and success. We grossed \$508.82 and less our expenses (advertising and refreshments) we netted \$466.82.

Thanks again to the "crew" who worked for so many weeks, and for the donations from Searchers and their friends.

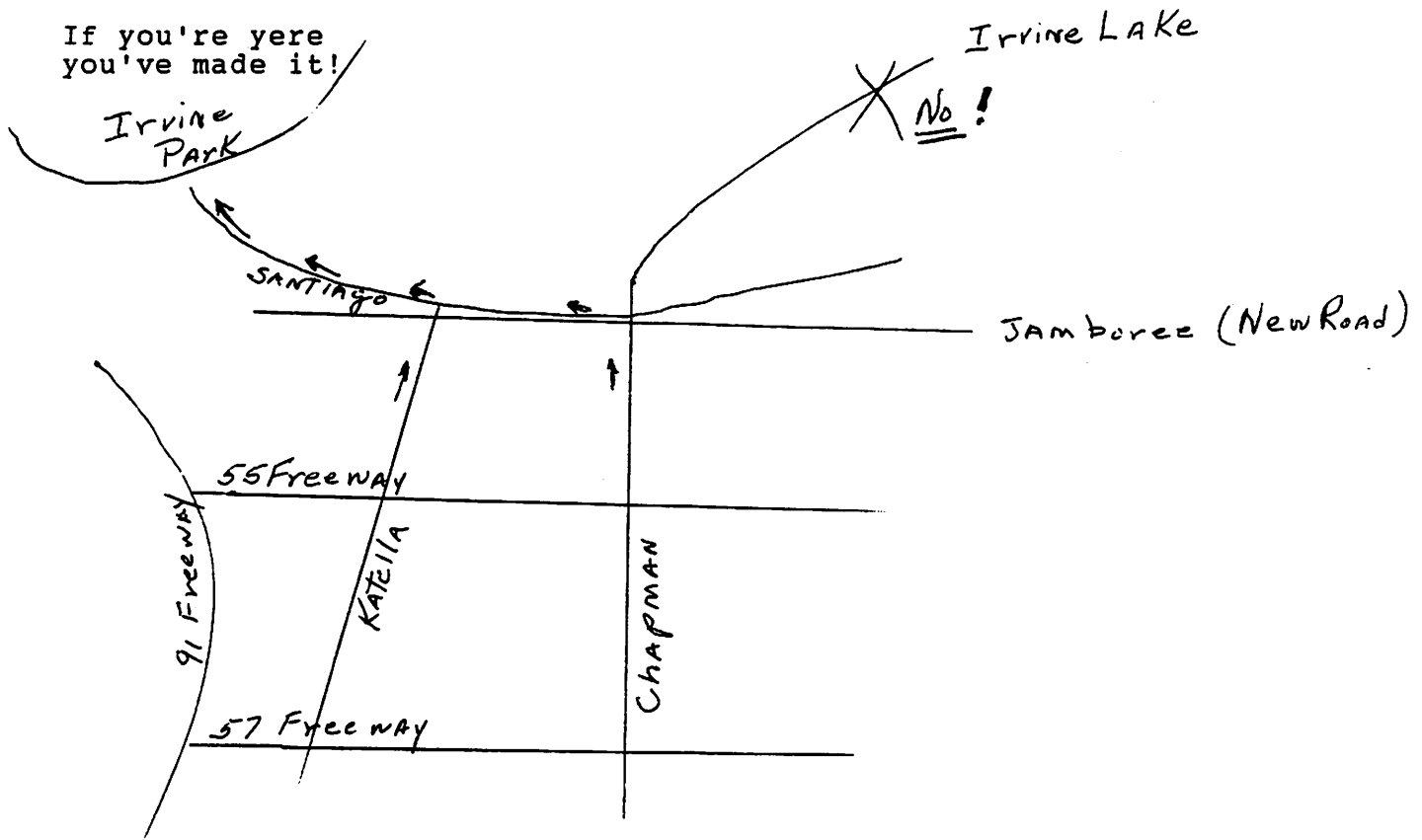
Friday the signs were put up and Saturday, early, everyone joined in working. Tables were set up, items put out, and then we sold our "stuff". The Searchers left the parking lot clean and neat, and we had a huge success for all our efforts.

Thanks is such a small word when thanking everyone for their support and help.

Thanks again, Mae Freedman

SEARCHERS PICNIC, Irvine Park, August 11, 1991

Note: Chapman Avenue to the East of the City of Orange has been realigned. Jamboree Road now crosses Chapman at about the same place as ~~Santiago Blvd.~~ Be sure to make a left turn from Chapman onto Santiago for the new entrance to the park.



Bring food for a pot-luck type meal to be served at 1:00 P.M. Soda, coffee and watermelon will be furnished by the club. Bring your own table service, lawn chairs, games and anything that's appropriate for a picnic. There are many other activities available in the park.

Jay and Marie Cole will be at the park at 7:00 A.M. If you would like to come out and join us for breakfast, give us a call, 639-7983.

May and Extended Field Trip Report

Sorry for the late report but I've had a rather busy schedule. My trip started in Reno, Nevada at nearby Hallelujah Mountain for smoky quartz crystals and amethyst scepters. I collected several nice cathedral amethyst crystals and scepters. I reached Quartzsite, AZ on Memorial Day just as some Searchers were headed for Deming. I stayed and chatted with Henry Norek for awhile and thanked him for leading this leg of the trip. A total of 15 Searchers were in attendance and they collected at Crystal Hill and swapped campfire stories. The best specimen collected was a limonite cube found by Elmer Parsons.

We regrouped in Deming, NM where we met the Lira's and Gagnon's. We collected at Rockhound State Park and visited the Geolapidary Museum. The museum is well worth a visit if you are in the area. Members collected carnelian, geodes, fluorite, opal, and drusy quartz. There were, however, no outstanding specimens to be found except for geodes which have probably not yet been cut. Other interesting places in town were the Luning Mimbres Museum and a few agate shops.

Next we drove to Socorro, NM where the big event of the day was the major blowout on Nancy Kramp's rig. We needed a diesel wrecker to move it the remaining three miles to town. Once things settled down we went to the Graphic and Nitt Mines to collect the sparse carbonates and sulfates. Smithsonite, barite, chrysocolla, malachite, azurite, pyrite, zincite, and hedenbergite were collected. The best specimen collected was a fine smithsonite piece found by Clare and Maxine Gagnon. The claim owner allowed us to collect at the mine dumps and also gave us credit towards a free mineral specimen. One evening we went out to the Don Juan Restaurant for dinner. Their salsa would melt the paint off a sign at thirty paces, but all kidding aside the food and company were both great.

The next day we headed for the Blanchard Claims near Bingham, NM. This was the best collecting site to date. We collected blue, purple and green fluorite, cubic galena, linarite and barite. There was no single outstanding specimen since they were all exceptional in color and quality. Several nice plates were also collected. After the 13 members and guests finished collecting we headed for Salida, CO.

We regrouped in Salida and met the Arvanites', Neeley's, and the Nelson's. We collected at the Topaz Mtn. Gem Mine and later some of us hiked around in the rain. It sounds bad but it was fun! The finest specimen found was a very fine 25 carat bicolored (blue/sherry) topaz crystal. After collecting we met at the Gourmet Chef Chinese Restaurant for fine cuisine to sooth even the most discriminating rockhound's palate and to celebrate Nancy's birthday.

The next day we went to the King Beryl Mine, Calumet Mine and Ruby Mtn. Ken Nelson found a nice 3" tall, 3/8" diameter quartz crystal with epidote crystal inclusions. I found the prize at Ruby Mtn. - a crystal cluster on rhyolite comprised of a 3/8" almandite garnet and a 1/2" topaz. Frank Davis and I climbed a talus slope to collect the fine specimens. We enjoyed it so much that we climbed up and over the cliffs above the talus slopes and found some fine boxcar topaz crystals the next day enroute to Colorado Springs. We also stopped at the Sweethome Mine near Alma, CO where Frank found a nice purple fluorite plate and we found low grade rhodochrosite. We had the members climbing hills and slopes several times during the trip, but all who went made it - quite an accomplishment when you consider that the median age of the membership is probably 65. A total of 15 members collected in Salida.

Once we reached Colorado Springs we went to Crystal Peak near Florissant, CO where some fair specimens of smoky quartz and amazonite were found by all who

collected there. We took one day off for a personal day where members could visit, go fishing, shopping or whatever they wanted to do. I visited Ackley's Rocks and Stamps and then collected opaque green and purple fluorite up on St. Peter's Dome above Colorado Springs. My search for smoky quartz there was nonproductive but the scenery was excellent. (The latter is henceforth known as an Elmerism. Definition - no matter how bad the rockhounding is there is always something good to be found in the day's activities; source - Elmer Parsons).

Well, as most of you active rockhounds know, the Searchers can do just about anything to surprise one another. At the May show several of us were talking about the trip when we learned that we were all planning to go to South Dakota and points beyond. So the "hyperextended field trip" was begun. We headed for Custer, SD and regrouped there for some collecting and sightseeing trips to Mt. Rushmore, the Ingersoll Mine, and the Etta Mine. Most of the local pegmatites produce very poor grade tourmaline and beryl crystals and the Teepee agate was literally nonexistent since none has been actively mined recently. We were able to collect some fine rose quartz suitable for making spheres and cabachons as well as agate, spodumene, schorl and books of mica. No spectacular specimens were found but several large chunks of rose quartz were collected. Several of us had buffalo burgers and buffalo steak while we were in town. It tastes great and has less fat, cholesterol, and calories than beef.

Throughout the trip the weather was most cooperative with lows in the 40's and highs in the 100's. Fortunately, most of the temperatures were toward the lower end of the scale. From Custer, S.D. some members went off to Montana and others to Indiana and points beyond. I went to Delmoe Lake, about 20 miles east of Butte, and collected the best smoky quartz and amazonite that I have ever personally collected to date. It is a site well worth visiting when in the area. I collected silver/lead ore near Kellogg, Idaho and took a 1.5 hr tour of the Galena Mine and received some beautiful tetrahedrite and galena specimens. Whenever you are in any area with working mines do yourself a favor - stop at them and ask for the mining geologist or office manager, it may be well worth your while and you will most likely find that you are welcome. This is most likely since rockhounds and miners are allies in the fight against "over-environmentalism". In closing, I would like to thank all members that joined in on this expedition for both their attendance and hospitality and for making it the great success that it was.

The following Searchers and guests were in attendance: Walter Mroch, Henry Norek, Elmer and MJ Parsons, George and Milly Arvanites, Floyd and Margaret Neeley, Charles and Casey Pierce, Tony and Dianna Lira, Dick and Nancy Reed, Clare and Maxine Gagnon, Nancy Kramp, Frank Davis, Jordan Schroeder, Greg and Cathy Pelka, Ken and Mary Nelson, and Harry and Betty Davis.

Walter Mroch, '91 FTC

July Field Trip Information

The actual collecting will take place on July 20th. We will be departing at 8:30 AM from the information center/campground area near the junction with the highway leading to Tonopah. There are motels in Big Pine and Bishop. If you stay in Bishop there are more facilities for everything. From Bishop south to Big Pine is only about 30 minutes. Bring gloves, gads, chisels, shovels, hammers, etc... since you will need to find a vuggy area before resorting to hand tools. There will not be any Searchers signs present at the campground. We will meet there to depart to the collecting site(s) - do not leave if you cant find anyone else there. Please let me know if you are planning to go so that I wont you behind.

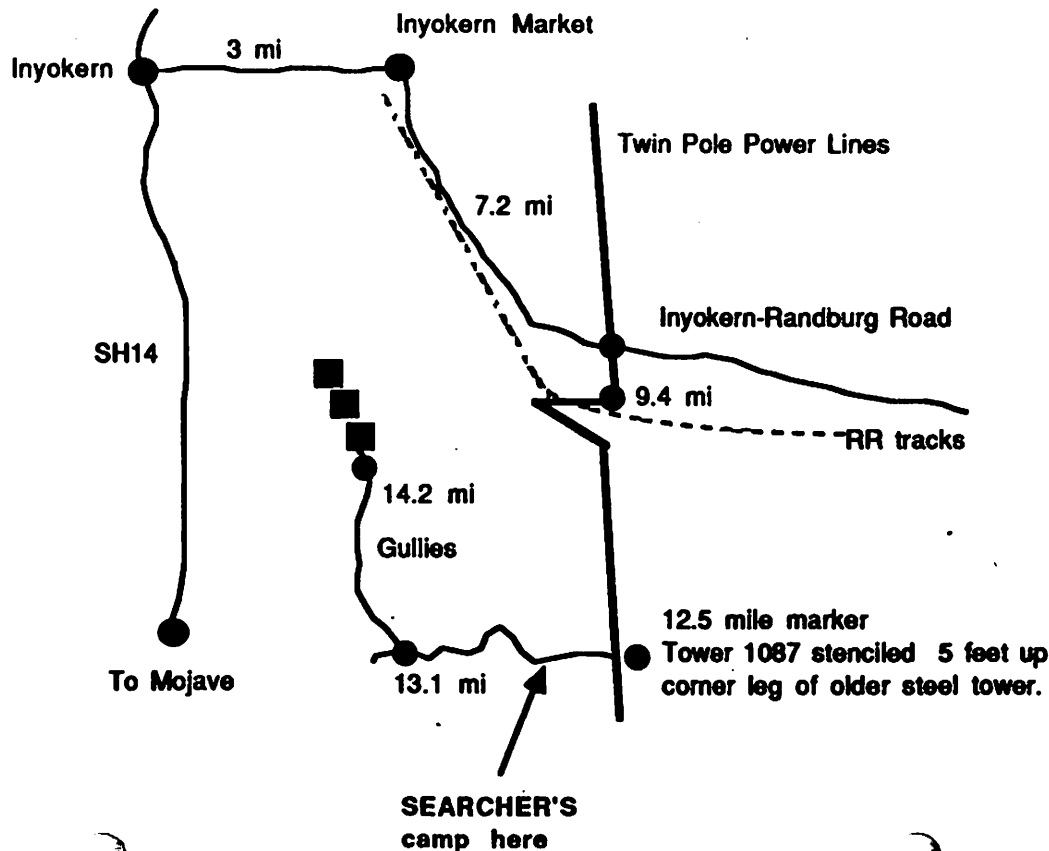
NOTE: The July map was in the June Bulletin

August 16-18, 1991 Field Trip Rainbow Ridge/Inyokern

Directions: Take SH14 or IS395 north to Inyokern. For those driving in cars there are some motels in Inyokern. For those with RV's camp as shown. Recommend having a 4WD vehicle along to drive to Rainbow Ridge. The approximate driving time is 3 hours by car to Inyokern. The collecting site is about 14 miles from town and about 12 to the RV sites. The elevation of Inyokern is about 3,000 feet and the collecting area is at 3,500 feet.

What to collect: A rainbow of colors of opalite, red and orange agate, jasper

Nearby supplies: Inyokern. Bring firewood for campfires.



■ Collecting Sites

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.

This claim is owned by the Indian Wells Gem and Mineral Society. Please respect their property and keep it in a traditional Searcher "clean" state.

NOTE: SOME SEARCHERS MEMBERS MAY BE ARRIVING ON FRIDAY EVENING OR AFTERNOON. DO NOT EXPECT SIGNS TO BE UP UNTIL SATURDAY MORNING.

Created by Walter Mroch for SGMS from Desert Gem Trails, Gem Trails of California and the DeLorme Guidebook.