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Visitors are always welcome.

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Members are always welcome.

Membership Dues: \$20 for adults, \$25 per couple and \$2 for junior members under 17 years in age, annually

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: Will not be open in April due to the move to the new Anaheim Downtown Community Center. Workshop hours will resume in May,

Deadline for Articles: Send to the editor before the last day third week of the month to insure publication for the next month. Mail to Richard Butler, 205 N. Western Ave. #118, Anaheim, CA, 92801-7005 or Fax to (714) 484-1949 or (E-mail) Slabnews@aol.com



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As our club moves into the second half of 1999, we continue to have a busy and fulfilling year. In May we participated in Anaheim's Heritage Day at Oak Creek Park for the fifth year. We had 13 Searchers help almost 500 youngsters make tumbled stone rings and learn about the various kinds of rocks. Thanks to all of you who participated. In July the Searchers will again have a case in the Orange County Fair. We still can use more minerals, fossils, and jewelry in our case. If you have something you would like to display, please call me at (714) 530 1365 so that we can make arrangements to get everything by July 3rd at the latest. The case goes in on **July 7th** and we need to plan it ahead of time. Also this year **July 24th** is our **annual SEARCHER'S DAY at the Fair**. We are expected to have at least 3 Searchers or Searcher couples demonstrating or talking to kids and showing them various kinds of rocks, etc. from 10 AM to 10 PM in 3 hour shifts. I need to know in advance if you are interested and during which shift. Participants get free admission tickets to the Fair for the 24th and parking for the entire day. Please call me right away if you would like to take part.

We are now looking for a **Show Chairperson** and an assistant for next year. Yes, we have had both Chairmen and Chairwomen in the past. The show is our most important annual event. It is our primary money raiser, a chance to get our message into the community, and a way to contact potential new members. We especially encourage some of our more recent members to be involved as they were this year. Although most of the ground work is already in place, we need **new ideas and fresh leadership** to keep the show exciting.

For the third month in a row I am faced with the sad duty of announcing the death of a long time Searcher: **Sue Hodges** died on June 3rd after a lengthy illness. Sue and Bob were enthusiastic Searchers since they joined in 1976. Sue retained her membership even after Bob's death and the loss of her eyesight. We have lost so many of our stalwarts these last couple of years due to death, health problems, and the need to move to other areas, we must now ask others to step forward and share their time and skills. Right now, we are down to **3 shop foremen** who frankly are working their tails off. We need at least twice that number, more if possible. You don't need to be experts. You can learn on the job. The more foremen, or forewomen, we have the more hours we can keep our shop open, and the less time each one will need to be there.

We also need some instructors for our classes. I am sure that there are Searchers who would be willing to donate a few Saturday mornings or afternoons to share some of their skills with the rest of us. New members especially may need help getting started. We need your expertise. We sincerely thank those who have volunteered already. We are working on setting up our classes.

Our youth group is growing and I am sure Norbert would welcome ideas and help with projects and field trips. If you would like to participate, let him know. Most youth activities are one day or less on a weekend.

Finally we need lots of Searchers to take part in activities such as our annual show and to be a part of our involvement in community activities throughout the year. Things like the current **Searcher's Day at the Fair, Heritage Day**, in which we just participated, as well as speaking and demonstrating things related to our hobby before youth groups and school classes. We even need folks to write letters to elected officials about the proper use and protection of public lands before we are closed out of them altogether. There really is something for each of us whether we have a few days to participate, a few hours, or only a few minutes.

And now some special "Thank You" notes: First to **Herb and his small group of workers** who have been the keepers of our shop, maintaining it, moving it, redesigning it, and serving as shop foremen. Second to **Norbert and his helpers** who are contributing ideas, time and enthusiasm to work with and motivate our juniors. Third, to **Richard and his workers** who get out the Rock Slab News every month, vital to our club's successful operation. Fourth to **John and his crew** who give the Searchers an important and nearly unbelievable daily participatory presence at the jewelry workshop we sponsor at the Veterans Hospital of Long Beach. Fifth to **Jim and his chairpersons and committee members** who worked so hard to insure the success of this year's show. And finally to the **members of the board and the committee chairpersons** who week in and week out work hard to keep the club running smoothly. Both long time and recent members are a part of these groups, which is great. We are a big club with many activities. We need each of you to **share** in that involvement.

Betty Nelson

First Vice President's Report



THE JULY 1999, REGULAR MEETING WILL BE A BIT DIFFERENT: THIS WILL BE OUR ANNUAL POT LUCK DINNER TYPE MEETING WHERE WE WILL ALL BE SITTING AND EATING TOGETHER.

THIS WAS PREVIOUSLY PRINTED IN THE JUNE 1999, ROCK SLAB NEWS. OUR ANNUAL POTLUCK BANQUET NORMALLY HELD IN JUNE EACH YEAR TO CELEBRATE THE CLUB'S FOUNDING ON JUNE 20, 1958, WAS POSTPONED UNTIL JULY DUE TO THE FACT THAT A LOT OF THE MEMBERS HAD NOT COME BACK FROM THE EXTENDED FIELD TRIP.

THIS WILL BE THE EVENING WHEN WE GIVE OUT THE TROPHIES AND RIBBONS TO ALL THOSE THAT PARTICIPATED IN PUTTING A SHOW CASE IN OUR MAY 1999, SHOW. THERE WILL NOT BE A SEPARATE GUEST SPEAKER AT THIS TIME.

PLEASE, ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS, FRIENDS, ETC., BRING YOUR FAVORITE POT LUCK DISH TO OUR JULY MEETING. WE HAVE NO FACILITIES FOR KEEPING ANYTHING WARM OR HEATING UP DISHES, SO I WOULD SUGGEST BRINGING AN EASY TO SERVE MAIN COURSE, A NICE SALAD OR DESSERT. PLEASE BE SURE TO BRING ANY SERVING PIECES NEEDED FOR YOUR DISH. IF YOU ARE GOING TO BRING A DESSERT, PLEASE HAVE YOUR ITEM CUT INTO THE SERVING PIECES BEFORE IT ARRIVES AT THE MEETING ROOM.

DON'T FORGET, WE HAVE NO FACILITIES IN THIS ROOM.

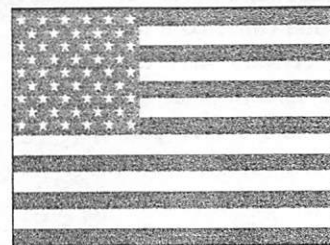
THE CLUB WILL FURNISH THE PLATES, NAPKINS, CUPS AND PLASTIC EATING UTENSILS AND DRINKS.

Milt Green

VETS SHOP TALK

from

John Velazquez



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Field Trip Diary

By
Walter Mroch

Searchers Extended Field Trip Report

Attendees: **Walter Mroch, Milt Green, Milly Arvanites, Dick Reed, Nancy Reed, Jerry, Nancy and Trona Norlund, Bob Gabourel, Beth Pelfrey, Herb and Carol Beckman, Tony and Diana Lira, Norbert Bernhardt, and Ana Gabourel.**

Friday, May 28

Surprisingly, despite it being Memorial Day weekend we all arrived and found campsites easily at **Taboose Creek**, 11 miles north of Lone Pine in the scenic Eastern Sierra Nevada country. It is a beautiful spot with a bubbling creek, lots of trout and rustling trees providing for a good nights rest.

Saturday, May 29

We went to **Crystal Ridge** and collected smoky quartz points and hematite. The best entertainment was provided by **Nancy Norlund** who sent a rooster tail of dirt up into the heavens as she drove up the last hill where we parked. **Bob Gabourel** and I went up high and collected a few large, crystals. Bob dug out crystals in place and then found a nice plate of smoky quartz. This was clearly the best find at Crystal Ridge. The best crystals are up to 4 inch smokies, but they require a lot of patience to find. I managed to drop my car keys as I left the hill we collected and had to hike back up in order to get back to camp.

Sunday, May 30

We went to the **Bristlecone Pine** forest high in the White Mtns. We started at Schulman Grove Center. **Milt** indicated that he had attended the very first New Years party nearly 4801 years ago – the year before the oldest known tree in the forest. Of significance is that Bristlecone Pines were used to

establish the legitimacy of carbon dating. We hiked around several trails and regrouped for lunch in **Patriarch Grove**; however a forest anger said there was a 100 yard long 6 foot high snow bank on the road. We then went to a high vantage point that overlooked Bishop and provided an awesome view for lunch. As we ate lunch an Edison truck came up to work on their equipment nearby and our trip mascot **Trona, (the Norlunds' dog)** defended s by barking and keeping the worker at a safe distance of 100 yards away. Everyone had a great time at the nearly 11,000 foot elevation. After lunch **Herb** had a flat tire and had to nurse his truck down the hill and back to **Taboose Creek**. As usual we had scheduled several eating and cooking events and this was the first spectacular one: We had steaks, fresh trout and a bevy of other goodies, to celebrate **Jerry Norlund's** birthday. After dinner we all sat around the campfire and exchanged stories and jokes.

Monday, May 31



At the 8,500 foot overlook to the Owens Valley and Bishop on our way to the Ancient Bristlecone Pines

I took our ram-bunctious group down to a spot that on previous field trips had failed to yield results. We went to **Haystack Mountain**, near Lone Pine, and stayed there a good part of the day .mining material out of the rock for the lapidaries of the group. We were in search of **amazonite, beryl and garnet**. Fortunately I had hiked the hill years before and knew where to guide the fool-hardest ones. **Tony and Diana Lira** found some seams lower on the hill and worked them for a while. As expected, Highway

395 was extremely busy as all our fellow southern Californians headed back home from the holiday weekend. We had another campfire and watched the heavens for passing satellites whizzing by the horizon.. **Nancy Reed** broke out some killer cream-puffs for dessert.

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Tuesday, June 1

We packed up and headed for Bishop early in the morning. Once everything was set at a local RV park, we headed up to collect some extremely lustrous grossular garnets. The garnets are never completely formed, however they are probably among the best in California. I collected some nice, large specimens and toted about 40 pounds of garnet down the hill.

Everyone saw the collecting site and I instructed them all on how to look for and mine it. We had another great evening of culinary festivities with steak, pork tenderloin, buffalo burgers, salmon and a host of side dishes. What are the odds: not one birthday party this trip but two from the same family! We gathered and celebrated Nancy Norlund's birthday in full style with cheesecake and ice cream with berries. After all that we couldn't even stand to have a campfire since we were all exhausted and it was too windy.

Wednesday, June 2

Some went to the Laws Museum and Lake Sabrina since it was their first time in the area. Herb Beckman and Bob Gabourel recovered very nice specimens - clearly the best of the day. Thunderclouds were all around us and in the distance snow was falling but on our little piece of heaven it was sunshine. We dug for 7 hours with a short lunch break. At 4 PM we held a Rocktail Party for Milt Green and Milly Arvanitas who celebrated their new Subaru 4 WD car. We had taquitos, chips, salsa, guacamole, nuts, salami, and champagne. I suggested a proper christening of the Subaru by breaking a bottle of champers over the hood, but Milt wouldn't go for it! We decided to dispense with the dirty pots and pans and headed out for Chinese food at the Imperial Gourmet restaurant in Bishop. After dinner Milly Arvanites halted traffic on Highway 395 - both ways! - to let a duck to cross the road.

Thursday, June 3

We headed out to Bridgeport and the Falling Rock Marina boat launch and RV park. Beth Pelfrey's rig conked out on the last steep climb up Conway Pass. A county sheriff stopped to tell her she couldn't park in the road and adjusted her distributor, then a CHP officer stopped and offered to help as well. The problem turned out to be much simpler: Beth discovered she hadn't switched to her second fuel tank! Actually, Jerry Norlund said, "What happened, out of gas?" Off in the distance we could see thunderheads and heavy snow falling, but again we dodged the storm. Some folks went to Bodie and visited historical buildings in this mining camp. Milt Green posed for a photo next to the Green Street sign (I guess he really was at the first New Year's Party!) Bob Gabourel and I went to check out the road to the collecting site for smoky quartz and epidote crystals near Bridgeport.

All roads were passable with only a few mud holes. The snow

seemed to concentrate in the high mountains West and East of the general collecting areas. We dug two small pockets with about 60 smoky quartz crystals in an hour. We returned to camp and found some more Searchers had arrived for the weekend. When the club saw what we had found, they were all raring to go up the mountain.

Friday, June 4

We headed out with 4 vehicles and 11 people in search of smoky quartz crystals. The weather looked bad but we only encountered light snow flurries. When we arrived Norbert wished everyone a Merry Christmas for this out of season natural treat: snow in the pine branches! I showed everyone the pocket found the prior day to show the look of a "pocket" seam of quartz, normal exploration technique is to dig out the overburden. Most dug out float crystals from weathered pockets. I spotted a hole about 4 inches in diameter surrounded by bull quartz and invited Dick and Nancy Reed to help dig. We kept hitting smoky quartz points between quartz seams and occasionally some nice smokies a groundhog included in a stash of pine nuts. When we finished for the day, we had a bench of about 10 feet! The thing to remember is: it is not easy to find pockets, it takes time to develop skills and some luck to find superb pockets. That night, we had a weenie roast potluck with the Norlunds, followed by a campfire which warmed our weary bones and muscles after a hard day's work.

Saturday, June 5

Milt Green and Milly Arvanites went to visit Ron Lytle, a former member. Nancy and Jerry Norlund went fishing by Twin Lakes and limited by early afternoon. We headed out with three rigs for another session of smoky quartz. Beth had to go back to turn off the fire under the teakettle. Dick Reed went to the west side of the hill to dig but I decided to stay put and got into a pocket for hours and pulled out a point about 9 inches long; a superb group of smoky quartz; a plate nearly 12 inches a twin smoky about 5 inches long and a single 6 inches long with inclusions. Herb Beckman was digging adjacent to me but that resulted in little new so I had him digging to the right of where I was. We found the trend of the major quartz seam and started digging in and down until Dick ran into a ground squirrel burrow filled with pine nuts and crystals. He certainly lived up to his nickname for the smoky dig. Most of the people that dug had not chased quartz "pockets" before. We scored large plates of smoky quartz and lots of crystals. We cleaned up the crystals and plates and made sure everyone received some specimens for attending the trip. Norbert and Ana were both digging up clear points with epidote or actinolite inclusions - super wirewrap pieces!

Sunday, June 6

I headed out with Norbert Bernhardt and Ana Gabourel to show them where and how to collect grossular garnet near Bishop for several hours. I showed them what to look for and how to recover them and then I headed back for southern California

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Summary

I learned a lot about RV'ing while lodging with Milt and Milly during the cold wintry summer nights. Milly was clearly the water conservation queen of the trip - as she continually got after Milt and me. At one point she said I could take a shower with a thimble of water. I asked if I could have second to rinse off with. We had a terrific time joking around and I will be forever indebted to my gracious hosts who kept me from blowing away, boiling and freezing on this trip. Everyone had a terrific time on the trip and the weather and clean air provided a refreshing diversion from our normal southern California weather and smog.

It also provided most of the people with a unique opportunity to check out the natural wonders that abound in the greater Owens Valley area including Mule Days in Bishop, the Bristlecone Pines, wonderful streams and creeks providing super trout fishing, terrific rock collecting and of course the great company of the Searchers members that attended the trip to make a memorable experience for all.

I am sure that we won't have any problem finding members to attend another 3 day trip in the fall.

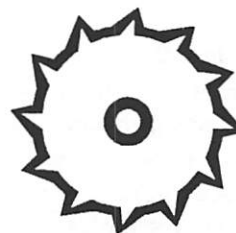


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Sierra Field Trip Reflections

By Norbert Bernhardt and Ana Gabourel



The mountains were shimmering with snow.

Pine trees, dusted white with early morning snow, made it look like Christmas or so.

The air so fresh and clean.

Rabbits, deer, birds and the bobcat were waking up after the long winter, greeting these visitors to their wonderland.

Who are these strangers, driving funny vehicles that look like white cows and very large buses?

What are they doing, laughing and joking and having a good time?

Clinking and clanking and making such a ruckus! Saying such words as "Wow what a beauty," "Oh look at that one," "Ouch," and "Is this a dream"?

Who are these creatures with their picks and their shovels, gathering crystal after crystal till drop do they fear?

It's-- the Searchers!!!



40th Annual Gem Round Up

1999 Show Chairman

Jim Williamson

Congratulations Searchers, our **40th Annual Gem Roundup** was another great show. We overcame some unusual obstacles this year with three committee positions going unfilled, and a shortage of volunteers to help during the show. Our quality gem show presentation requires a tremendous effort and many, many hours of hard work.

It was refreshing to see our junior members get so involved this year. This year the Searchers presented a stronger focus on the involvement of kids in the activities of our hobby. After all they are the future of not only the Searchers, but the hobby as well.

A special thanks to the Searchers who headed committees, worked on committees, worked at the show, donated prizes, cakes and/or pies, our show would never happen without support and help from all of you!

The Searchers also extend a big thank you to the **Anaheim Arts Council** for their sponsorship, the **Brookhurst Community Center staff**, and the **dealers** that supply us with a complete line of equipment and supplies for sale. Thank you for a fine job, we can be proud of this year's show.

It was a pleasure to see so many new members get involved, dedicate time and work to the show. I urge both new and seasoned members to step in and take over, after all, one day this club and its show will be your responsibility. The experience is a rewarding one!

Now is the time to start planning for next year's show. We will hold a post show committee meeting, to be scheduled possibly late June or July to review this show and identify potential changes for next year. I will notify Show Committee members when a date is set.

Heritage Day 1999

On June 6, 1999, the **18th annual Heritage Day Celebration** was held at **Oak Canyon Nature Center**. As you may know the event was Co-sponsored by the **Anaheim Parks and Recreation** and the **Canyon Hills Junior Women's Club**. The focus of the day was on demonstrating arts and crafts of early California. Children were involved in such things as weaving, throwing clay pots, bead work, nail pounding and ring making. Demonstrations included face painting, Native American Dancing, quilting, Bee Keeping and more.

For the 5th consecutive year, the Searchers have committed their support to this project, taking advantage of the opportunity to educate the public concerning the earth sciences. The support started with a donation of \$100 for materials to build the rings and approximately 68 hours of members' time. The children, and a few adults (approximately 496) who passed by our booth received a free ring of their design and an opportunity to compare Petrified wood to fossilized Whale Bone to Agate, Obsidian, and

more. They (and their parents) were also provided information about the Searchers Gem & Mineral Society. Several were interested in attending a club meeting. The weather was fantastic and the day was a busy one: we all had a lot of fun!!

Special thanks to: **Ken Despain, Larry Richey, John Velazquez, Max and Dottie Johnson, Ed and Irene Lindsay, Grant and Wes Miller, Elmer and Mary Jane Parsons** and new members; **Thelma and John Clinard**, who donated time and/or material to make the day a great success.

Special thanks is also sent out to the **Canyon Hills Junior Women's Club** for providing the Searchers this opportunity to participate in their Heritage Day Celebration. They are to be congratulated for another fine job of orchestrating a problem free event! When we arrived our tables and chairs were in place and we were provided coffee, donuts and bagels. Well, as if that was not enough, to show their appreciation, the Canyon Hills Junior Women's Club presented a donation of \$100 to the Searchers.

MEMBERSHIP

We welcome some newcomers to our club:

DAVID' RIGGER

ALLISON RIGGER - JR. MEMBER (DAUGHTER)

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I don't recall a year when we have had so many new Junior Members. This is what we need to keep our hobby going on through all the years to come.

OUR MEMBERSHIP NOW STANDS AT A TOTAL OF 182 MEMBERS.

Milly Arwanites



Milt Green



Milly Arwanites



After we left Brown's Campground in Bishop, on the morning of June 3rd, we all drove to Bridgeport to finish out our trip. We about got blown away the night before in Bishop. Milt, Dick and Beth had decided to go trap shooting at the Bishop Gun Club range only to reappear back in camp in a very short while as they about got blown away, never mind hitting those birds.

The scenery was just gorgeous driving up and we stayed at the Falling Rock Marina and RV Park in Bridgeport. Most went for the hook-ups (Beth needed heat), but Milt and I and the Reeds took the last two spots facing the Bridgeport Reservoir. And what a lovely sight it was with the snow-covered mountains— what a view every morning with our coffee! Walt and Bob went out to check on the crystals we were there to find and came back that evening with some truly outstanding specimens. The Norlunds, Milt and I and Beth took a drive over to Bodie ghost town where we took most all of it in and lots of pictures.

Ana Gabourel and Norbert Bernhardt showed up in camp that evening so we had two more folks for the last hunt. We all drove into the Nevada mountains the next morning; it snowed on us and it was so gorgeous! Norbert sang "Jingle Bells all the way". It was fun digging and lots of crystals were found.

Saturday morning, June 5th, Milt and I left camp to head back for Orange County. The weather took another big change and it was nice and sunny and warm. We drove back to Lee Vining, on Mono Lake, where we

wanted to visit an old friend and ex-Searcher, Ron Lytle. He has the largest log cabin on the whole hill and it's really a "biggie". He has a separate building for his motor home and a house size work room most guys would die for. We left the next day and drove on to Death Valley from Big Pine. That State highway really tests your skills driving up and down and around those scary curves and steep grades! Down to the bottom and back up to the top again. After being up to 11,000 feet and back to sea level and 110° F, this was a real challenge.

We were the only campers, RV or otherwise, in Furnace Creek if that tells ya anything! This just wasn't the time of year to go there. We toured the Wild Rose area where Milt had served in the Civilian Conservation Corps; some of the buildings are still there. We saw the charcoal cones that had been built back in the 1930's by some Swiss engineers.

All in all, it was a great fun trip, especially being with our close friends and getting to know some even better. My favorite spot was the Bristlecone Pine Forest. I could not get over those ancient trees!

We are certainly looking forward to next year's extended field trip! Thanks, Walt!

Milt and Milly



SHOP REPORT

The workshop has been open on schedule Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons since the member meeting this month, however, the turnout has been disappointing. Equipment available has been the Genies and a 6" trim saw so far. I expect to get one or two or two slabbing saws going by mid-month. The July workshop schedule is posted to the calendar elsewhere in this bulletin.

As most of you know, the workshop has been relocated to the Downtown Community Center, 250 E. Center St., Anaheim. This is a new building with lots of free parking on street, in an open lot east of the building on Philadelphia St., and in a city parking structure north of the building on Center St. The staff of the center are helpful, friendly and courteous. The room provided for our workshop sessions is the "visual arts" room located on the north side of the building, approximately in the middle. Because we share this room with other users, all equipment must be cleaned and put away before the end of each session.

To date, we have three workshop supervisors including myself. Every effort will be made to keep our July schedule, however I can't guarantee total schedule compliance as I will be out of town the last half of the month. All offers of assistance will be appreciated. With eight or ten workshop supervisors we could guarantee shop schedule compliance, and no one supervisor would be overly committed. I am trying to arrange for more Thursday nights and fewer hours on Saturdays. I am still working on the authorization procedures for use of torches. I will keep you posted on these items.

The official open house will be in August and will include activities such as a rock swap. Every member is encouraged to come.

Herb Beckman, Shop Coordinator

ROCK 'N KIDS CORNER

Our May 23, 1999, outing was a success. We were welcomed to Ana Gabourel's house, for a jewelry making class. Ana taught 5 of our rock 'n' kids how to make several pairs of dazzling earrings! After the class, we were treated to sodas and cake. Everyone had a great time. Thank you Ana!

July 10th Rock 'n' Kids Event

Come join us for a **barbecue, swimming, trade rocks and hands on Fluorescent Mineral Demonstration**. Our Searcher member **Alan Wilkins** will do this fluorescent mineral program. **KIDS n' PARENTS** only, please.

It will be held in Irvine, CA in the Village of Woodbridge, at the South Lake Lagoon Beach Club. Swimming starts at 3 p.m., a barbecue at 5 p.m. and fluorescent mineral program at approx. 8:45 p.m.

You must RSVP to Norbert Bernhardt by July 7, 1999. Call 949-786-4691.

More info. and directions to the lagoon will be mailed to all rock 'n' kids. See you there!!



Norbert Bernhardt



CFMS.

We all Flocked to Turlock

I went to the CFMS show,
Up old 99 I did go,
The editor and me
And his old truck made three
All going to the annual show,

At midnight we left the home basin,
Driving over the Grapevine at forty or less,
We saw moons and stars,
Trucks, trailers and cars,
Arriving at Modesto for breakfast.

We arrived at Turlock at eight,
Too early by one for the gate.
We signed in unnoticed,
To make friends and be focused
On the elegant displays and the cases.

Cases of opal and onyx, fire agates, sardonyx,
Petrified wood and fossils and spheres,
More cases of bone,
And carving of home,
Barite and borate and rutiles and beers?

Rocks from Stone Canyon, Jade from the cove,
Fish from places remote.
Each artist and craftsman had his or her standard
Of brilliance and color and plan,
Of eye pleasing, sense reeling, taste appealing thangs.

We spent all day Friday in awestruck admiration,
I got some ideas for new skills to garner,
Spoke with some folks who helped me to learn
What to look for, look at and around
To properly enjoy the artistry found.

The lunches were filling, the service divine,
Mother Lode gets some kudos and cheer and awards.
The silent auction had pumice and obsidian from Oregon,
Abalone from California was abundant
And pictures from Utah resplendant.

There was even generic green rock and turitella,
Shells, wood, opalite and of course, agate,
A kids' sale for good stuff,
In fifteen minute increments,
To tell us to spend and support our Federation.

The dealers were fine, with variety galore,
I saw carvings of chickens and eggs to entice,
I saw amber and beads and fossils and facets.
There was Mojave Blue chalcedony,
Smithsonite, Bixbyite, Benetioite and Serpertonite.

Gold, Silver and Copper and
Tools and equipment,
Even quartz crystals to woo thinning wallets.
The banquet was warm, the temperature rising
The awards were impressive and winsome.

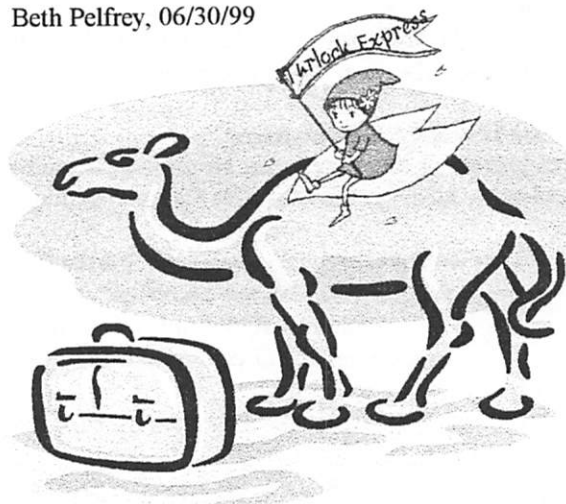
It made me aspire
To win for our club a trophy or three
For bulletin or membership or case or all three.
The end of the show
All too soon came to be.

Then I, the Editor, his old truck making three,
Bubbled and steamed and sputtered our way
South via Old 99 to LA.
We passed almonds, pistachios, grapes and alfalfa,
Onions and cotton, and trucks filled with beets.

On over the summit to Anaheim we spluttered,
Arriving fatigued, worn out and wasted
At midnight on Sunday.
You ask, would you do it?
Journey again to the CFMS show?

You bet! Next June off to Riverside I go,
Then off to Paso Robles in 2002!
The CFMS and our fellow rock clubs,
Put on great shows for the senses,
Let's all go enjoy the excesses.

Beth Pelfrey, 06/30/99



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ROCKHOUNDS A CALL TO ARMS

Word has been passed down to me that on July 9, 1999, there will be a really big meeting in Hemet, California, chaired by Richard Pombo, at which time the Committee on Human Resources from Washington DC will be investigating the actions of the US Fish and Wildlife Service. According to Jim Foote, Bureau of Land Management, the US Fish & Wildlife Service is the entity to which the BLM must answer.

Kim Waltrip, of Congressperson Mary Bono's office, suggested that our organization might wish to bring signs and banners to the meeting place an hour before the meeting begins, and stage a protest by carrying signs and banners:

**Do Not Lock Out Our Children From Public Land
Do Not Lock Out Our Seniors From Public Land**

- Equality for All - Age Discrimination by BLM - Age Discrimination by USFWS - Do Not Lock Us Out Of Public Land - No More Road Closures -

The lettering should be large enough for the TV cameras to pick up clearly. The media will be there in force. Once the meeting begins, all we will be allowed to do is listen.

The protest period will be from 8:30 a.m. until the meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. The meeting is scheduled to last until 1:30 p.m. It will be at the Simpson Senior Center, 305 East Devonshire, Hemet, CA. For directions, telephone 909-765-2390, or e-mail RockhoundNotes@Juno.com

Michael Peterson, Rockhound Notes LA-Rocks 6/29/99

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*"The best part of the day is over when the
alarm goes off."*

or

" You burn the midnight oil at 9 p.m."

FIELD 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:

***Pt. Piedras Blancas Motel**

Rooms from: \$69.00 to \$89.00, cute cabin type units.
1-800-927-4202, tell them you are with the Searchers.

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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 Lux

Field Trip Notes

The Searchers extended field trip in May/June. The turnout for this trip was small, but we were a spirited group. We visited several productive collecting sites near Highway 395 in the Eastern Sierra area of central California. As you may imagine, each day was full of many adventures – especially notable was the great beauty this very scenic area offered us this Spring.

The highlight of the trip for me started out as a problem, but on reflection, it will forever stand out in my mind as one of the reasons why I belong to, support, and am proud to be a member of the Searchers. On Memorial Day we visited the Bristlecone Pine Forest, high (11,000 ft) in the White Mountains, East of Bishop. We all had a wonderful morning exploring the self-guided trails and the Visitors' Center, and were awed and humbled by these magnificent ancient tree creatures, some of which are five millennia old! The remoteness and enormous beauty of this place is beyond description.

For lunch we drove up a dirt road to a viewpoint overlooking Bishop which was many thousands of feet below us, surrounded by the snow filled Eastern slopes of the High Sierras. This was certainly one of the most beautiful picnic spots I have ever experienced. The problem found me as we were returning from our picnic along a high, narrow, rocky dirt road – the left rear tire on my truck blew out! Very soon, this wasn't just my problem, it was a "Searcher Problem", and the rest of the Searchers made sure that our return to camp, driving down a steep, narrow, winding mountain pass road with a (space saver) spare tire, would be safe and uneventful.

When I was asked to write up a trip highlight, my review of this episode made me realize that belonging to the Searchers enables us to engage in many activities more fully and safely. This is because our common bond brings together people with many different skills and vast collective knowledge to use for our common benefit. And, Searchers are always ready and willing to give each other, and others, a helping hand. At the nightly campfire we often get a razzing about our bonehead actions, but this camaraderie is another sign of how close our bond really is. I always enjoy the evening campfires; they are some of the best parts of any trip.

This time, However, the tire blowout was the highlight for me!

Herb Beckman

HOLDING TANK INDICATORS

Milt Green submitted the following information in case your holding tank indicators are not working:

If the problem is the black water tank, do not remove the probes. Just dump in a few bags of ice cubes before your next trip and add about 1/4 tank of water. Drive 50 miles or so at least. Dump the tank when you get to the next stop.

The indicator should work ok. Do this a couple of times a year.

HOW TO FIND THE STAR IN A GARNET

Cut both ends out of a three pound coffee can. Put a light with a 300 watt bulb inside the can. Make a cover with a 1-inch hole in it and put over the can with the light inside.

Make a bar with holes ranging from 1/4 to 1/2 inch. Place the garnet in the appropriately sized hole.

Rotate garnet over the light coming through the 1-inch hole until the dark spot in the garnet shows up in the middle of the garnet. Mark this spot with fingernail polish. Dop on to the spot marked and shape and polish the garnet.

The star should be exactly opposite the spot you marked. You can also dop exactly opposite the spot marked and work the stone accordingly. Either side should produce a star.

(From Rollin' Rock Club Newsletter, 9/85,
via Rocks Digest, 2/96,
via Hound's Howl – 7, June/July 1996,
via The Golden Frog, 1/1999)

MORE REAL LIFE BUMPER STICKERS (Partially quoted from the May, 1999, Chips 'N Splinters)

LOTTERY – A tax on people who are bad at math.

"Be nice to your kids: they'll choose your nursing home!"

"We are Microsoft. Resistance is Futile. You WILL be Assimilated." CONSCIOUSNESS: That annoying time between naps.

PURITANISM – The haunting fear that someone, somewhere, may be happy.

2 + 2 = 5 for extremely large values of 2.

IN MEMORIAM

MARTHA SUE HODGES

In June the Searchers lost Sue Hodges another enthusiastic and involved member. Sue and Bob Hodges joined the Searchers in 1976. They moved here from Colorado where they owned a jewelry store and they immediately became active Searcher members. They enjoyed taking their truck and trailer out on field trips and looked forward to the extended ones. Sue was an expert at tatting and made many lovely things for our show's craft booth each year.

Even after Bob passed on in 1993, and Sue became blind, she continued her membership in Searchers. Sue's daughter moved her mother to a care home in San Marcos to be near her family. Sue and Doris Pelfrey kept in touch and Sue told Doris how much she enjoyed getting our club bulletins and learning about her friends and how things were going with the club

Sue died on June 3rd. She was 93 years old. Sue was a wonderful person and those who knew her will truly miss her.

Betty Nelson

Sunshine Report

Mae Freedman has moved to a new convalescent residence in North Hollywood to be closer to her family. She will send us the address and phone number, so she and her friends can stay in touch.

The Pelfreys thank you all so much for the calls, visits and best wishes for Hal Pelfrey. He did have a stroke and has moved to the

West Anaheim Extended Care Hospital
645 S. Beach Boulevard - Room 339A
Anaheim, CA 92804
(714) 821-1993

He has no phone in his room, but can go to the desk to get call sometimes. We especially want to thank Richard Butler for his daily visits, which we are convinced are helping his morale better than any medicine.

I talked to Louise Oleson and she is recovering well and hopes to see us soon at a meeting.

Daniel Cole, grandson to former long-time Searchers, Jay and Marie Cole, has been nominated to an all-Arizona high school football team. They will be going to Australia soon for 12 days to participate in football games and clinics and show those boys down under how we do it here. It is quite an honor and we thought friends of the Coles would want to know.

"Rockhounds Code of Ethics"

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.

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 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.

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

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.

ALAA Report: QUARTZSITE, AZ and the Southwest DESERTS,

ALAA at Quartzsite is more disappointing each year-, the number that are interested gets smaller. We talked to people, but most were disinterested. Very little material was distributed.

Surface Management Regulations for Locatable Mineral Operations [BLM 3809 rules] had several pages on Recreation Affected Environment; so Isabella and I attended the hearing in Southern California. There was a large delegation who had concerns about how this would affect the prospecting for gold and a box of letters was delivered regarding their concerns. Keene Manufacturing (metal detectors and dredges), were represented and expressed concern of the loss of business if the recreation is curtailed. The prospectors are apart of the CFMS (California Federation of Mineralogical Societies)

Isabella was appointed for her second three year term on the BLM California Mojave Desert Advisory Council (DAC). We attended the recent meeting which was primarily spent in regard to the Desert Tortoise Protection Act. The implementation of this act is fast approaching. They had a field trip where biologists, botanists, etc. explained their work in surveying the Desert Tortoise Habitats and other endanger species. There was much discussion and some suggestions on inclusion and exclusion of the areas. Until the Reports are completed and presented for hearings, it is difficult to say how this will affect us. The boundaries of the Arms of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) have not all been set. Roads in these areas will be a concern, but we felt that we will be able to accept their suggestions. They plan to try to keep a road open to areas of use, but this may need to be modified in some areas.

As an example: Requiring parking within 50 feet of the center of the road in the ACEC was discussed. The DAC suggestion was that camping areas established by years of use be accepted instead of trying have all camping with in a specified distance from the center line of the road. Of course we need to review the open and closed roads established in the final report.

Another issue before the DAC was the expansion of Ft. Irwin National Training Center. They [Dept. of Defense] changed their original request to accept a BLM request to expand to the South, but changed the boundaries to include some areas to the west and east This only slightly disturbs our hobby collecting areas, but this plan would take one of the heavily desirable tortoise habitat areas.

We should try to encourage our ALAA members to attend all of the Regional Advisory Council (RAC) meetings in their areas. They are open to the public and public comments are always welcome. It would be great to get hobby representatives on more councils.

by Director Bill Bum

CFMS SHOW DATES

July 3-4 Taylorsville, CA
Mt. Jura Gem & Mineral Society
Rock Club and Museum Building
4288 Cemetery St., Taylorsville
Hours: Sat 10-5 Sun 10-4
Francis Musser (916) 284-7785

July 9-10-11 Arroyo Grande, CA
Orcutt Mineral Society
Arroyo Grande High School
Fair Oaks & Valley Rd.
Hours: 8-5 all days
Wes Lingerfelt (805) 929-3788
P.O. Box 106; Santa Maria, CA 93456
e-mail rock4u@cwix.com

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July 10-11 Culver City, CA Web Page
Culver City Rock & Mineral Club
Veterans Memorial Auditorium
Culver Blvd. & Overland Avenue
Hours: Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-5
Bradford Smith (310) 472-6490
e-mail brad@bigdiff.com
Judith Gould (310) 258-8662

July 31 & August 1 San Francisco, CA
San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society
San Francisco County Fair Building
Golden Gate Park
9th Avenue and Lincoln Way
Hours: Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5
Showchairman Ellen Nott (415) 564-4230
Publicity Chairman Nont-Eton/Ione Brain (415)
447-5482

CFMS DIRECTORS MEETING - TURLOCK, 1999

The meeting was held June 19, 1999, in one of the buildings on the Stanislaus County Fairgrounds. Of course, June in the San Joaquin Valley is WARM; of course, there was no air conditioning; of course, we in this hobby are used to long-suffering hardship and endurance and enforced cheerfulness...always assuming we have enough coffee and cookies, that is! There was no shortage of the former or the latter, but also an abundance of hearty cheerfulness, and open friendliness in that place.

They were so welcoming of me, such a "newby" to the fold, and patient when I needed some help on procedural matters. During the Invocation and "In memoriam" portions, I thought about the many wonderful Searchers who have left us, I hoped for better places to find float material! All are going to be greatly missed both as friends and mentors in the hobby.

I will touch only on a few highlights, as the meeting was long and filled with much administrative detail, as all such meetings are. The reports of the future shows were fascinating: In 2000 we go to Riverside and pan for gold, in 2001, we take our own shade tree to Paso Robles, and in 2002 and 2003, the "big show" will be in Las Vegas. What fun all those places will be! A call was issued to ask for a host club for 2005 and beyond.

There are currently 149 clubs and 11,062 members in the CFMS. We have lost one club to dissolution: Rancho Bernardo, and one to non-renewal at the time of the meeting. In the early days of the CFMS, there were almost twice as many clubs and many thousands more members! Are we making progress to find "juniors" and turn that trend around? We had better!

The bylaws were modified to take out old, befuddling language, not changing the intent of the "law"; the AFMS and CFMS scholarship honorees were announced; that's a good program. The various committees reported on their activities so far; interesting was a reminder that the CFMS has many aids we can use to spiff up our meetings. We need only contact the right person: if you want to know who the committee chair is for certain areas, contact me.

PLAC-Public Lands Access Committee, the lobby arm of the CFMS, reported on the disastrous happenings to our public lands. Each club has to become more activist as in the old days in order to preserve pub lands for public ownership; let's not allow the greedy and thoughtless politicians sell us out of the desert.

The insurance question was addressed long and detailed with the ultimate resolution that more information had to be gathered in order to determine whether or not the CFMS will stay with the same underwriter or change. The committee chair is looking into what kind of liability coverage the other regional federations have and how we can negotiate better with the carrier. Brad Gates, the broker's representative was there and our position was clarified: Our policy through the CFMS, for which we pay \$1.50 per paid up member as of Dec 31, each year, cover us for up to \$1 million per occurrence, \$2 million combined total per policy year (Feb-Feb) for Bodily Injury, PL and PD. We are protected against any damage we do in the course of conducting the activities of the club to someone else's property, as long as legal liability has been established. Medical payment which are not necessarily automatic up to \$10,000 will fix our broken arms and legs, as long as the member has no other insurance and as long as the request is for actual payments only. No legal liability has to be established for the medical payments to be made, but they are voluntary not automatic.

The field trip insurance issue arose as a result of a tragic accident on a field trip which resulted in the death of a CFMS club member. Because the insurer does not understand what we do and how and why we do it, they got all excited and decided we needed to pay extra even though no lawsuit has been started in the case of the unfortunate tragedy.. CFMS is in the process of trying to get through to Great American Insurance Co the that we are careful, remind them we have been paying thousands in premiums for 10 years with no claims and establish what is normal for rock hound club activities. Stay tuned for further developments! Meanwhile, we sign waivers, fill out forms and work with the Field Trip chairman until this is resolved.

The meeting was fun; the fairgrounds are shady, green, close to the show and the people from the local clubs are super. I encourage all of you to go the show every year, but especially Riverside next year. We need the CFMS as an umbrella organization to help us to have a more powerful say in the behavior of governments over our property.

Beth Pelfrey, Federation Delegate

Birthdays

Jeanne Aasen – 7th
 Ray Braley – 9th
 Braley Richman – 9th
 Robert Gabourel – 17th
 Wallace Bagley – 21st
 Alan Wilkins – 24th
 Cliff Warner – 25th
 Wesley Greenamayer – 31st



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11	12	13 Regular Meeting 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM at 1211 W. La Palma Ave. Anaheim	14	15 Board Meeting 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Downtown Center 250 Center ST. Anaheim	16 Dead line for all ARTICLES and UPDATES	17 Work Shop at Downtown center from 3:30 PM to 7:00 PM
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- (2) Guests shall be informed about hazards of the Site(s) and must follow directions from the Leader or property owner and acknowledge that known and unknown dangers exist with, or arising out of, current and/or past mining operations conducted at the Site(s);
- (3) The Searchers has not made, and does not now make, any representations as to the condition, whether safe or unsafe, of any Site(s) and holds Guests accountable for acting responsibly at all Site(s);
- (4) Persons entering upon any Site(s) must assume ALL risks of personal injury, including death and property damage.
- (5) The Searchers and/or property owners authorize Guests to enter the Site(s) on the day(s) of the actual scheduled field trip and in accordance with the Rockhounds Code of Ethics. See the back of this document.
- (6) The Searchers, a member society of the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies, has in effect an insurance rider which covers damage or trespass by Guests. This in no manner implies that we engage in trespass or the creation of damage but provides protection if we do so accidentally. This implies that camping is also at your own risk.
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