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Visitors are always welcome.

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PREESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Betty Nelson

OCTOBER 1999

I just got back from the Jade Cove Field Trip. It was another especially good one. Over 30 Searchers, including 2 juniors, were there scouring the shore at three different beaches for jade and other related rocks to polish. Larry Richey was the champion jade finder, but everyone brought back an exciting collection of materials to polish. There will be a lot of beautiful green rocks being worked on in our shop during the next few months.

Our group consisted of new and long time members camping in everything from motor homes and trailers to tents, pick-ups, and local motels. It was an ideal trip for members who do not have camping gear. Actually enough of our members do not have camping equipment so that we need to plan for some trips throughout the year in areas where motels are available. Camp fires were not allowed, but of course this did not deter the Searchers. Beth Pelfrey produced 2 long stemmed patio candles which were pushed into an abandoned ground squirrel hole, well, it's abandoned now, and the combined flames made a cheerful substitute. Nancy Reed provided cake for the group, and we all gathered around our makeshift campfire happy as {excuse the expression} clams munching away on our goodies while discussing our extraordinary beach finds and field trips past. After the candles burned down, we trudged off to bed and fell asleep to the sound of waves breaking on the shore. Altogether a successful trip.

Appointments on the year 2000 show committees have already begun. Think about what part you would like to play in the show and talk to George Lux about it as soon as possible. The first show meeting is being held on October 7th. Annual shows take a lot of planning and hard work both beforehand and during the set up day and the 2 days of the show. Those last 3 days are really labor intensive. Strong backs and willing hands are crucial. Everyone's help is needed. That way no one has to do too much and everyone gets to enjoy the show. So volunteer early. The Show Chairman needs lots of committee chairpersons and lots of committee members working on the show. If you aren't sure what positions need filling or what the duties are just ask either George Lux or Harry Nelson. They will be happy to talk to you about them.



The Norlund Report

SILENT AUCTION NIGHT

Don't miss October 12th Silent Auction. It will be the biggest and best we have ever had. We will have lots of new items like fossil shells, mineral specimens, books related to our hobby, jewelry findings, jewelry, rock slab pictures, fish fossil, geodes and more. The club has received gracious donations from Jim & Henriette Perlowin and Betty & Harry Nelson for our silent auction. Thank you for helping us. If you have anything you would like to put in to the auction, bring it and fill out a bidding slip. You must come and bring a friend to join in on the bidding. Bidding starts at 7:30 pm and when bidding is closed the last name on the slip will be the lucky one. See you at our auction.

Hearts and Flowers

Not that I needed much to be able to keep Dad ever fresh in my heart, but the service on Saturday was so impressive that I think I will add it to the lists of Memories in my memory book!

What wonderful friends and family we have. I do think that Dad's Memorial Service was the most effective I have been part of. The stories and comments that came fast and furious all day long we so wonderful.

Mom, my sister, my niece and I would like to let you all know how much we appreciated your outpourings of love and concern not to mention down to earth practical hard work! over these last few months. To paraphrase someone, if you have friends, you are wealthy beyond compare: well, we certainly must be among the richest people in the world.

Thank you all from the heart for everything each of you have done for us and for Dad.

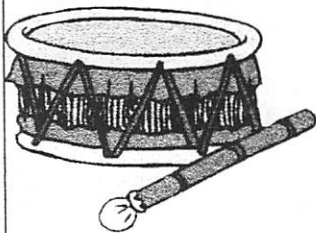
Doris, Beth and Mary Pelfrey and Layla Gibbon

Wind in the Buffalo Grass by Sam Packard

Protecting the past for future generations means different things to different people. Protection as envisioned by the federal government seems to mean that regarding historical or environmental preservation it's either the government's way or no way.

The Archaeological Resources Protection Act, (ARPA) is a federal law which includes a felony threshold of \$500 for destruction or tampering with historical sites. But apparently this law and others are selectively applied. Citizens of the United States are punished if they break them but there is no accountability required of the Federal agencies which administer them.

"Manifesto" Destiny



Faced with eviction from the last remnant of its traditional homeland in Death Valley National Park, on March 7, 1996 the Death Valley Timbisha Shoshone Tribe found that the Park Service would be removing them from trust land within the Park even

though they had been granted an exception by virtue of the California Desert Protection Act. During negotiations with the Federal government the Timbisha Shoshone Land Restoration Committee which included anthropologist Dr. Catherine S. Fowler of the University of Nevada, Reno, laid the foundation for the Tribe's restoration proposal.

The Timbisha, who had remained in Death Valley abandoned many of their traditional practices rather than go through what was for them an odd and humiliating process of obtaining special use permits from the Park Service to carry out activities considered a regular part of their daily lives. In the summer when the Timbisha would leave Death Valley to escape the heat and return to their traditional summer camps the Park Service had a policy of bulldozing vacated homes. Ac-

cording to the Timbisha Shoshone and Restoration Committee the National Park will probably not survive many more years in the harsh elements at its 11,000 foot elevation. An honest mistake? Perhaps. In this beautiful remote area Nevada's first governor, Taskar Oddie, lived and made a mining fortune and in this place Will James earned experience as a cowboy inspiring him to write such western classics as Smokey.

But the grandeur of human effort and sweat don't seem important to Federal agencies in preserving the western legacy which have the misfortune of being located in or near a designated "wilderness" area. In addition, the ranchers who have lived in the region for generations are fewer in number, mostly driven out by the administration of Forest Service and BLM rules which in effect has denied them their livelihood. Apparently the only opinion that counts is the government's—influenced by special interests—of how things should be.

Roads No Longer Taken

Besides destroying man made structures, Federal agencies from the Department of the Interior are consciously destroying thousands of roads which lead into the back country of the intermountain West including Nevada. These back roads, some of which have historical importance and have been used for years,

are being obliterated in the name of protecting historic sites or to reduce erosion and degradation of wildlife. These are noble sounding goals but all too often the thrust of this Federal policy is to disallow use by locals or any one else.

The historic town of Jarbridge, Nevada, in Elko county has had its own experience with Bruce Babbitt's Interior Department and radical environmentalists' sterile version of wilderness. These forces are playing, judge, jury and executioner to history.

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In the Old West tradition, Jarbridge is a town with many of the same characteristics as Virginia City. The destruction of Jarbridge is taking place because of a historic road which runs near a river where yet another endangered species has been discovered. But the conveniently and newly endangered trout is merely the excuse. The real objective is to establish more wilderness area for the designer-hiking- boot crowd. In May of 1995, the Jarbridge River flooded and took out a section of South Canyon road which leads into a Federal wilderness area. The destructive effect of the water had even changed the river channel. The road had been in use since 1909 and was considered a county road which ran through Federally administered lands. As is customary the Forest Service used delaying tactics and reneged on its promise to help the county fix the road. Furthermore, they set up a log barricade on the section of the road used by locals to block access and this meant that the Wilderness area now had a three mile (hikers only) extension.

After a Jarbridge citizen reopened the road with his bulldozer, the feds responded with accusations, fines, lawsuits and an overnight discovery of an endangered species. All the red tape was created in order to keep what they had obtained through obstruction, delay and neglect.

Note from Beth Pelfrey:

I included these articles from Bob Cranston's ALAA Newsletter, October, 1999, because there is always a lot of discussion as to what "multiple land use" really means. Multiple for which groups, how often, in what kind of conveyance, and so forth.

I believe there is space for all of us on the Western Desert, including the Feds. We need to be flexible enough to be able to listen to one another's point of view, and consider all the consequences of change. If change is radical, who will NOT benefit: will older tax paying citizens be able to enjoy the land they have worked so hard to maintain if they cannot get out into that land area? What about all of us, rock hounds, dirt bikers, dune buggy folks, campers, day hikers and long term back packers, photographers, teachers, birders and wild flower enthusiasts. We all need to be respectful and courteous and allow each other to enjoy our beautiful desert.

We also need to write, speak, convince and protest any limited selfish use of the land we own. As Woody Guthrie so eloquently said, "This land is your land, this land is my land, from California to the New York Island." Let's all work together to take it back and keep open.

My Own Jade Cove

"Jade Cove," they said, "let's go to Jade Cove." It suited me just fine; I hadn't been there as many times as I have driven up and down the Coast Road of the Great Republic of California.

I cleaned the Mojave dust out of the chicken mobile and got her ready to go, as usual, the weekend before. Betty Nelson generously agreed to go with me, leaving Harry to cope with house, dogs, cats and horses. "It builds character," we said. It must; Harry is a character, after all. Doris said "Go, have fun, I have Annie O and Sam the soft shoe artist to keep me company."

The drive up the coast was a breeze and we made it into camp EXACTLY in time to go to dinner with the rest of the club in Cambria. What a treat to see old friend—Paul Kempf and Karen Fox and their new Rock 'n' Kid, Andreas, 9 months of action. New member Roger and Sally Ewing were there, Joyce Gillbank and her son, David, the four Lithgows and Lana Brown and the intrepid Daisy dog.

All night we slept to the soothing "white noise" of the surf (remember, boomers and gen-x-ers pay money for our kind of quiet!) The surfers were out in droves, with their long and little boards, dogs, kids, even a Woody on a gray windy Saturday morning, but we left promptly at 9 am to drive 26 miles to Willow Creek. The sun did come out and the day was cheerful. I found fun and many found Jade and good Serpentine. Alice got swamped and had to retreat to the camp (next time bring your wet suit.), most of us moved on to Jade Cove. Karen Fox and I clambered down the now steep cliff (I clambered, she sprinted.) and hiked and climbed over big and bigger rocks for the pleasure of digging through rotted kelp and teeming ecosystems. Karen was rewarded with a beautiful tumble polished piece of what appeared to be botryoidal jade, that is, green, hard, shiny and bumpy. I do not know my minerals and rocks well enough to hazard a guess. I even found a good piece, pre-shaped and tumbled, almost ready to polish.

Larry Richey and John Velasquez joined us, found jade, and we all managed to get back up to the top. Good hike: 500 feet down and 2 miles up.

We love to eat, so of course, the next item was dinner, this time in Morro Bay. Nancy and Dick Reed learned they became grandparents for the umpteenth time: little Ryan was born while we were out.

On Sunday, the usual "one more rock" syndrome set in and Betty and I picked up beautiful beach agates and jaspers, even petrified wood and a couple pieces of jade.

The camaraderie and friendship developed by working and playing in this club are invaluable. Nowhere else can I imagine having so much fun doing both. Y'all come on out!

Beth Pelfrey

HAROLD AMOS PELFREY

May 10, 1913 to September 28, 1999



Sadly I must again report the loss of a long time devoted Searcher member and a good friend. On September 28th, Hal Pelfrey lost his battle with the complications of a stroke that he suffered in May. The family he loved, wife Doris, their 2 daughters Beth and Mary, and granddaughter Layla were with him at the end.

Hal was born in Texas in 1913 and grew up in Kentucky. With his two brothers, he spent most of his childhood in a Masonic orphanage. While there he received an injury that stunted his growth but not his humor or his spirit. Once when I was complaining about the disadvantage of being short, he said, "No problem. We are both exactly the right height for our feet to reach the ground". Hal worked his way through college majoring in Science and Education, then went on to receive a Masters in Art. His first teaching assignment was in a one room school house in Kentucky. Later he established and directed the Commercial Art Department at Lamar State University in Beaumont, Texas.

Hal and Doris moved to Los Angeles in 1954 where both accepted teaching positions in the Los Angeles School District. They were to hold these positions for many years. The fact that former students came to visit Hal after his retirement speaks to his success as a teacher.

Hal and Doris were already inveterate rock hounds when they joined the Searchers in 1969. At one time they belonged to both the Gophers and the Searchers. Hal served as Searchers Vice President and more importantly as Chairman of the Public Lands Committee during the 70s when we all still believed the Bureau of Land Management meant it when they said our input was important. Hal attended many meetings, kept us informed, got us to write letters, and made sure we contacted our elected officials. He was a founder and Charter Vice President of the Western Rockhound Association, an advocate group for the multiple use of the desert for California citizens. Hal almost never missed a field trip, including the club's longest extended trip when 7 families took the Alcan Highway to Alaska. Hal seldom missed a meeting, or any other Searcher activity. Even after he could no longer handle a rig, he continued to go on field trips with his daughter Beth. He put a case in the show every year and took part in every show staying there all three days.

Hal was a teacher, a water color artist, a serious photographer, a wood carver, an inveterate story teller, and a consummate actor. His campfire stories of the magical potions of professor Puff-n-stuff, and the mythical mule Esmeralda who never quite made it the last 2 feet to the ground will be long remembered by old time Searchers.

Hal will be missed by his family including a brother and several nieces and nephews, the Searchers, his neighbors, and many of us who called him our friend.

Betty Nelson



FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Milt Green

"MARV-ELOUS MARV"

We are in for a real treat for our October 12th meeting night. Our own Marv Mog (better known as the Marvin-mile) will be here to give us a program on his adventures in South America. He will show us slides and tell us about his tours of Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands.

Knowing Marv, this will be a very interesting program. So mark your calendars and don't forget this meeting. I know you will enjoy all that Marv has to say.

A LONG TIME SEARCHER MEMBER RECEIVES AN "AWARD"

On Wednesday evening, September 1st, 1999 long time member of the Searchers, Floyd Neeley was honored by his Masonic Lodge, Anaheim Azure Lodge #207 which holds their meetings in the DeMolay building on Lincoln, near Harbor Boulevard in Anaheim.

He received the Grand Lodge of California's Golden Service Award by being a Master Mason in good standing for 50 years. The pin he received was made of solid gold from California's Gold Country.

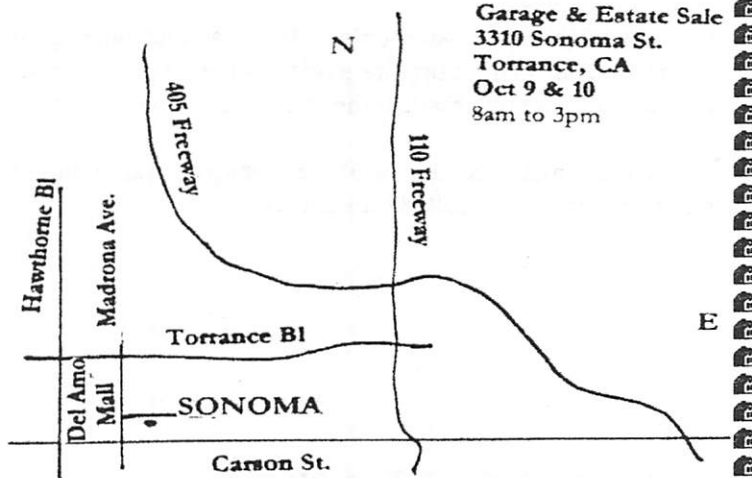
Before the ceremony, Margaret, their daughter Pattie, Milly and myself enjoyed a delicious steak dinner prepared by their DeMolay Chapter along with members of his lodge.

During the ceremony, Margaret had the honor of pinning the gold pin on Floyd's lapel. What an honor Floyd! We are all very proud of you! **Congratulations!!!**

Your Masonic Brother, Milt Green

UNIQUE LAPIDARY/GARAGE SALE

Material from 5 different Estates to be sold on Oct. 9 & 10, 1999 8 am to 3 pm 3310 Sonoma St, Torrance due East of the Del Amo Mall. See map other side. ITEMS INCLUDE Slabs, cuts, cabs rough and polished including dino bone, petrified wood, obsidian, turquoise, opal rhodonite, jade, rhodochrosite, much more, TOOLS & MACHINERY many saws and blades, faceting machines, many tumblers and trim saws. For more info call (310) 328-3246 or 318-2170 or 329-8864



Garage & Estate Sale
3310 Sonoma St.
Torrance, CA
Oct 9 & 10
8am to 3pm

Adventure Pass

From: Robert Cranston

Here are some facts the Forest Service would rather the public not be aware of:

In case you did not see the article in the LA Times, Bob Bartsch won his case in court against an Forest Service citation, and for the following stated reason: violation of (his) right to free speech! He told the judge, Magistrate Roslyn M. Chapman, that he parked his car and was talking to other people in protest of the "pass". The judge knew that he had the government over a barrel on this one! Justice prevailed and the citation was dismissed. Mr. Bartsch did not need an "Adventure Pass" on his vehicle while exercising a Constitutional right! Even though he spoke in protest of the "pass" program it self, he was both protected and entitled. The Adventure Pass has since had every contested citation thrown out of court.

This has had a chilling effect on this "test" program. The Forest Service has changed directions away from enforcement and is now concentrating on publicity, keeping their stations open on weekends, and offering "Free Days" in a soft-hearted approach to SELL more passes. All to impress Congress to keep the program going so as to become permanent LAW throughout the nation! Ironically, it may prove more productive if conducted on a "voluntary" basis and not mandated by law.

Non-Compliance Notices can be easily challenged in District Court, and the Forest Service is well aware of this fact. Obviously, the definition of "recreation" will be argued in future hearings if the program is allowed to continue unchecked.

Religious gatherings on public land, such as Chumash Indian rituals on Mount Pinos, or Easter Sunrise services above Lake Arrowhead, will provide similar situations where Constitutional rights could be impeded by the whims of the Forest Service in citing otherwise legally parked vehicles. Many other entries onto public land may qualify as Constitutionally protected in a court of law, such as star-gazing or stopping to use one's cell phone, where no intent to forage upon or disturb in any manner the natural surroundings is implied, but merely to observe or communicate.

Perry Mesa

From: Robert Cranston

**Tuesday, September 21 1999
Babbitt wants protection for 'lost city' of Perry Mesa**

BLACK CANYON CITY, Ariz. (AP) - Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt said yesterday that an Arizona plateau rich with prehistoric Indian ruins needs new protections to preserve it from encroaching urban sprawl.

"With the future coming at us, I think we have to acknowledge that a well-kept secret can be hidden no longer," said Babbitt, standing on a rock wall that forms part of a bastion overlooking one of Perry Mesa's many canyons.

Archaeologists say Perry Mesa was home to thousands of people from roughly A.D. 1200 to A.D. 1400. Some believe its many ruins were militarily and politically allied fortresses designed to fend off attacks from outsiders.

"This is a lost city we have up here," said Babbitt.

The federal government already owns most of Perry Mesa, which is managed by the Bureau of Land Management and the National Forest Service. The 180-square-mile area is between Cordes Junction and Black Canyon City and straddles Interstate 17. Babbitt said additional protection is needed to focus attention on the area so the public has an opportunity to learn of its history

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and to help ensure the ruins - most of which have not been studied in depth by archaeologists - are protected. Phoenix is only about 30 miles to the south, and new development is closer than that, Babbitt noted.

Though making the area into a national park is a possibility, the more realistic options are to make it a national monument or designating it as a national conservation area, Babbitt said.

Monuments can be created either by Congress or, under the Antiquities Act, through presidential act. Babbitt said it may be appropriate for President Clinton to use that authority if Congress does not act.

"I'm hoping that the United States Congress and the Arizona delegation will join in this discussion and that there will be congressional hearings so that we can together work this out," Babbitt said.

Clinton and Babbitt have been criticized in Utah for the president's use of his authority to create Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. But Babbitt said it was "uniquely appropriate" to consider using Clinton's power in Arizona because the law was enacted in 1906 to create Casa Grande National Monument and has been used repeatedly in the state since then.

Members of Arizona's congressional delegation have reacted cautiously to talk about possible monument status for Perry Mesa and have publicly urged that Clinton not take that step unilaterally.

"We'll have this discussion again. Maybe by the end of the year we'll have a clue as to which way we could go," Babbitt said.

Babbitt said a Perry Mesa monument could be managed by the BLM and the Forest Service and still permit current uses, including hunting and grazing, to continue.



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2nd Vice-President Field Trip

Walter Mroch

The October Field Trip will be to the Owens Valley area again. The trip is a second chance for those that missed the extended field trip to the Bishop and Bridgeport areas. The field trip dates are October 22, 23. I will already be in the area on October 21st. Members wishing to attend this trip must inform the field trip chairman at the October general meeting and must have completed a field trip waiver on file or sign one prior to collecting. I will verify that you have a form on file before we go to any of the collecting areas.

October 21st - Unofficial Collecting Day

October 22nd - Official Collecting Day

Meet in Bridgeport at the shopping center parking lot on the north end of town, heading towards Reno on Hwy 395. Drive to collecting area and spend all day there collecting smoky quartz and epidote and possibly some other minerals at another nearby locality.

Recommend staying at the **Redwood Motel 760-932-7060**. The rates are the best in town. The last time we went it ran about \$50 per room for a single. RV'ers may want to coordinate a location but the last time we stayed at **Falling Rock Marina**.


October 23rd - Official Collecting Day

Drive down to Bishop in the morning and collect beautiful garnet specimens. Stay at any reasonable motel in the evening. RV'ers coordinate a location.

October 24th - Unofficial Collecting Day and drive home

More detailed handouts will be available for those members attending the October meeting.

November Field Trip - working on arranging a trip to the Stewart Mine and another local mine. More details as they become available.



The Rock 'n' Kids Corner

by: *Norbert Bernhardt*

Our Rock 'n' Kids are once again invited to the Searchers shop. We will be teaching how to cut a cabochon. The date will be **October 16, 1999**. Please arrive at **3:30 PM sharp!** The class will last till approx. 5:30 PM.

The shop is located at the Anaheim Downtown Community Center, 250 E. Center St., Anaheim. The cost is \$1.00 per hr. for the people using the equipment.

Remember kids must be accompanied by an adult.

Please RSVP to Norbert Bernhardt by October 12, 1999. 949-786-4691

CFMS Show Dates

October 2-3 Napa, CA

Napa Valley Rock & Gem Club
Napa Valley Exposition
575 Third St.
Hours: 10-5 both days
Gaylord Jerde (707) 552-2324

October 6-17 Fresno, CA

Fresno gem & Mineral Society
Fresno County Fair Grounds
Ventura and Cedar Ave.
Hours: 10-5 both days

October 9-10 Lancaster, CA

Valley Gems
Valley Gems
9050 1/2 West Ave. J
Hours: Sat. 9-5 Sun. 9-4
Connie Wilhelm (661) 942-1570

October 9-10 Placerville, CA

El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society
El Dorado Fairgrounds
150 Placerville Drive
Hours: 10-5 both days
Show chairman Merryan O'Neill (530) 622-4229
Publicity Chairman (530) 677-8440

October 9-10 Trona, CA

Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society
13337 Main St.
Hours: Sat. 8-5 Sun. 8-4
Bonnie Fairchild (760) 372-5356

October 10-16 Earth Science Week (ESW) '99 Web Page

Participating CFMS Clubs
The CFMS voted to become a sponsor of ESW.
Local clubs to provide displays at libraries etc.

October 16-17 Grass Valley, CA

Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society
Nevada County Fairgrounds
11228 McCourtney Rd.
Hours: Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-4
David Liedstrand (530) 272-6845; e-mail
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October 16-17 Santa Rosa, CA

Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society
Veterans Memorial Bldg.
1351 Maple Ave.

Hours: Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-5

Roland Michaelis (707) 544-3118

October 16-17 Whittier, CA

Whittier Gem & Mineral Society
Masonic Temple
7604 Greenleaf Ave.
Hours: Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-5
Jay Valle (626) 336-3714

October 17 Canoga Park, CA

Woodland Hills Rock Chippers, Inc.
Canoga Park Community Center
7248 Owensmouth Avenue
Hours: Sun. 10-5
Mary Backus (805) 578-9886; e-mail
mbackus@pacbell.net

October 23-24 El Cajon, CA

El Cajon Valley Gem & Mineral Society
El Cajon Masonic Temple
695 Ballantyne St.
Hours: Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5
Dick McWhorter (619) 447-0088

WHITTIER GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

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"Treasures of Rockhounding"

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SATURDAY, OCT. 16, 1999 - 10 AM TO 6 PM
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7604 GREENLEAF AVENUE
WHITTIER, CA

FREE PARKING AND ADMISSION

Practice Safety for Bites and Stings

By: Richard Pankey, Safety Chairman CFMS
CFMS Newsletter October 1999

Rock hounds, by the nature of our hobby, are more exposed to insects, spiders and snakes than most other people. We spend more time out of doors, turning over rocks, climbing through brush and over rocks, and putting our hands in wrong places. Therefore we are more likely to experience bites and stings of insects, spiders, scorpions and snakes. I recently purchased a copy of the American Red Cross "*Standard Safety Manual*". This manual is a worthwhile addition to your club library and should be required reading for field trip leaders and shop foremen, and recommended reading for all club members. The Manual was my source for this safety article.

The bites and stings of **snakes, spiders and insects** are painful but seldom fatal. Some people, however, can have a severe allergic reaction to insect stings. This allergic reaction may result in a breathing emergency. If stung by a bee, wasp or hornet, remove the stinger. Scrape it away from the skin with your fingernail or a plastic card, or use a tweezers. Be careful not to squeeze the venom sac. Wash the site with soap and water, cover and keep clean. Apply a cold pack to reduce pain and swelling. Watch the victim for signs of an allergic reaction.

Only a few species of **scorpions** have a sting that can cause death. However, most stings can be painful or cause an allergic reaction. There are also only two spiders in the United States whose bite can make you seriously ill or be fatal. These are the Black Widow and Brown Recluse spider. Spiders and scorpions prefer dark out of the way places. Bites usually occur on the hand and arms of people reaching into wood, rock or brush piles, or rummaging around in dark attics or garages. Often victims won't realize that they were bitten until they become sick or notice swelling or bite marks. Signals include nausea and vomiting, difficulty breathing or swallowing, sweating and salivation, and severe pain in the bite area. If stung by a scorpion or bitten by a spider, clean the wound, apply a cold pack and get medical help immediately. Antivenins are available for scorpion stings and black widow bites.

Snakebites kill very few people in the United States, only 12 out of over 8000 people that were bitten. Rattlesnakes account for most of the snakebites and nearly all of the deaths. Most deaths occur because the victim has an allergic reaction, is in poor health, or too much time passes before medical attention is received. The "old" rules have changed for treating snakebites. To care for someone bitten by a snake, wash the wound and immobilize the injured area, keeping it lower than the heart, if possible. Get the victim to medical care as quickly as possible. Do not apply ice to the bite. Do not cut the wound. Do not apply a tourniquet. Do not use electric shock. If necessary, carry a victim who must be taken to a medical facility or have them walk very slowly. If you know the victim can't get professional medical care within 30 minutes, consider sucking the wound using a snakebite kit. People at risk of snakebite away from professional care (on a field trip or hiking) should always carry a snakebite kit and know how to use it.

The key treatment for life threatening bites and stings is to keep the victim calm, watch for an allergic reaction, and get professional medical care. Be prepared, know what to do and **PRACTICE SAFETY** for Bites and Stings.





VETS SHOP TALK

from
John Velazquez

Please remember to bring slabs to each meeting for the VA Rehab Center. They should be uniform thickness and fracture-free. The box will be in its usual place at the tables in by the front door.



Be Special to OTHERS

From
Anne Marie Kirkham

A group of frogs were traveling through the woods, and two of them fell into a deep pit. All the other frogs gathered around the pit.

When they saw how deep the pit was, they told the two frogs that they were as good as dead. The two frogs ignored the comments and tried to jump up out of the pit with all of their might. The other frogs kept telling them to stop, that they were as good as dead. Finally, one of the frogs took heed to what the other frogs were saying and gave up. He fell down and died. The other frog continued to jump as hard as he could.

Once again, the crowd of frogs yelled at him to stop the pain and just die. He jumped even harder and finally made it out. When he got out, the other frogs said, "Did you not hear us?" The frog explained to them that he was deaf. He thought they were encouraging him the entire time.

This story teaches two lessons:

1. There is power of life and death in the tongue. An encouraging word to someone who is down can lift them up and help them make it through the day.
2. A destructive word to someone who is down can be what it takes to kill them. Be careful of what you say.

Speak life to those who cross your path. The power of words it is sometimes hard to understand that an encouraging word can go such a long way. Anyone can speak words that tend to rob another of the spirit to continue in difficult times. Special is the individual who will take the time to encourage another.

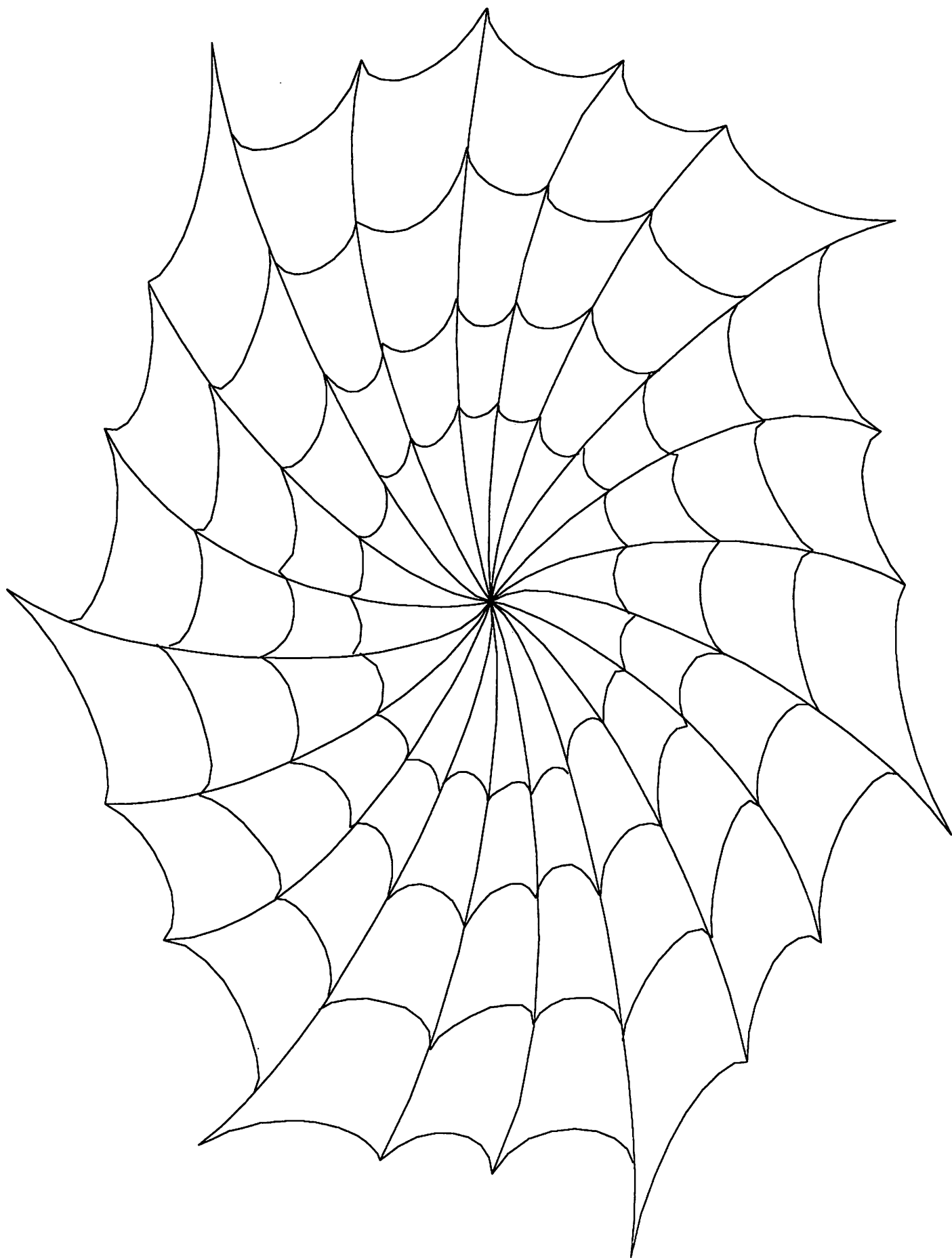
Thinking Ahead

Mrs. Squiffy decided to have her portrait painted. She told the artist, "Paint me with diamond earrings, a diamond necklace. Emerald bracelets and a ruby pendant."

The artist replied, "But you are not wearing any of those things."

"I know," said Mrs. Squiffy. "it's in case I should die before my husband. I'm sure he will re-marry right away, and I want his new wife to go nuts looking for the jewelry."







October 1999

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Workshop 3:00 to 7:00 P.M.
3	4	5	6	7 Workshop 7:00 to 10:00 P.M.	8	9 Workshop 3:00 to 7:00 P.M.
10	11	<i>New Time</i> 12 Regular meeting 7:00 to 9:30 P.M.	13	14 Workshop 7:00 to 10:00 P.M.	15	16 Workshop 3:00 to 5:30 will be kids day and from 5:30 to 7:00 P.M. will be big kids
17	18	19	20	21 Board meeting 7:00 to 9:30 P.M. Workshop 7:00 to 10:00	22	23 Workshop 3:00 to 7:00 P.M.
24 <u>Daylight saving Time</u> <u>Fall back 1 Hr.</u>	25	26	27	28 Workshop 7:00 to 10:00 P.M.	29	30 Workshop 3:00 to 7:00 P.M.
31 Halloween						

Happy Birthday



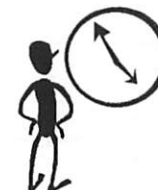
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Carol McLuney—16th
Imelda Allen—25th
Sally Ewing—26th
Ana Gabourel—26th
Jacque Mog—29th

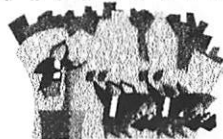
Happy Anniversary



Douglas & Diana Lithgow—3rd
Tim & Gayle Davis—22nd

Remember fall back
one Hr. on the 24th





Regular meeting, Board meeting and the workshop are in the
DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY CENTER
250 E. CENTER ST.
ANAHEIM

