





SEARCHERS GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.

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The Searchers Gem and Mineral Society, Inc., meet on the third Thursday of each month at the Anaheim Cultural Arts Center, 931 North Harbor Blvd, Anaheim. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM. Visitors are always welcome.

Membership dues are accepted January thru September. Adult members: \$10.00 each, and Junior members \$2.00 each.

Field Trips are usually held on the second weekend of each month. These are announced monthly. Trip maps, added activities, time changes and other pertinent information will be published in the bulletin.

Board meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at the Cultural Arts Center at 7:30 PM.

WORKSHOPS: Lapidary every Thursday except the third Thursday each month, 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM (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

On behalf of the Club I would like to thank Marie Cole and her Committee members (Dennis Van Kampen, George Mitchum, Jan Gillette, Walter Stewart, George Lux and Jim Williamson) for all their time and effort on the preparation and presentation of the proposed change to Article III, Section 1 of the current By-Laws.

Thank you Wes Miller for filling in for me at our September meeting, I hear you did well.

As a means of improving and reducing the business part of our general meetings it has been decided not to announce private sales during the meetings. Items for sale may be advertised in the Searchers Bulletin at no cost to members. Non-members who wish to purchase space in the Bulletin should contact Walt Mroch or the Bulletin Editor. Also, members and non-members may place flyers or sale information on the table provided at the rear of the meeting room.

It has been brought to my attention that sometimes workshop equipment is not being cleaned properly after use. I would like to remind you that if you use any of the shop equipment it is your responsibility to clean it thoroughly before leaving even if you leave early and other members are still working that my use that same equipment. If these members use that equipment after you have cleaned it, it is their responsibility to clean it again.

Patricia Pothier is doing a terrific job coordinating the "Learning from the Experts" sessions and so have the "experts", Clare Gagnon, De McLean and Jim Everitt. This is an excellent learning opportunity for anyone of you who may be interested.

The Anaheim Museum will open our Gem and Mineral Exhibit on October 23rd. This is a first for the Searchers and we feel quite honored to have been asked to provide this exhibit. A big thank you to Margaret Neeley and Jan Gillette for their planning and organization of this exhibit which will be on display until January 1992. Please see Margaret and Jan's article elsewhere in this bulletin.

Alice Lux

SHOW DATES:

Oct 19 & 20 Whittier Gem and Mineral Society
7605 Greenleaf Avenue
Whittier, CA
Hours: Oct 19 - 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Oct 20 - 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Oct 26 & 27 Orange Belt Mineral Society
Curtis Building, National Orange Showgrounds
San Bernardino, CA
Hours: Oct 26 - 10:00 AM to 6:30PM
Oct 27 - 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM



SHOW DATES (Cont'd):

- Nov 2 & 3 Montebellow Mineral and Lapidary Society
 Masonic Temple
 4017 N. Tyler
 El Monte, CA
 Hours: Nov 2 - 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM
 Nov 3 - 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- Nov 9 & 10 Oxnard Gem and Mineral Society
 Oxnard Community Center
 800 Hobson Way
 Oxnard, CA
 Hours: Nov 9 - 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
 Nov 10 - 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- Nov 15 & 16 & 17 El Cajon Valley Gem and Mineral Society
 Bing Crosby Hall, County Fairgrounds
 Del Mar, CA (I-5 to Via de la Valle exit)
 Hours: Nov 15 - 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM
 Nov 16 - 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM
 Nov 17 - 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

LAPIDARY JOURNAL'S SPECIAL CLUB PROGRAM:

In last month's bulletin we mentioned subscriptions to LAPIDARY JOURNAL may be ordered through the Searchers resulting in a 25% commission for the Searchers. This applies to both new subscriptions and renewals for Club members and non-members alike.

To order or renew your subscription simply record your name and mailing address (including zip code) on the "Lapidary Journal Special Club Program Registry" at the monthly club general meeting, or at our annual show.

These "Special Club Program" commissions are not large, but if you place or renew your subscriptions to this fine magazine through the Searchers, you will help the club treasury at no cost to yourself. Please make your checks payable to "The Searchers". We hope for your support.

Alice Lux

HIGHLIGHTS SEPTEMBER MEETING:

Wes Miller, 1st Vice President called the meeting to order.

Motion was made, seconded and approved to pay \$125.00 to the World of Rockhounds Association, for our 1992 membership.

We are still in need of nominations for 1992 officers. We need nominations for President, 1st Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Federation Delegate.

There was much discussion on the changing of the By-Laws concerning the increase of membership dues for 1992. This will be voted on at the October meeting. Each member present shall be entitled to one vote. There will be no voting via mail or proxy.

Our program was on fire prevention in the home and household toxics presented by Fire Captain/Deputy Fire Marshall, City of Brea, Greg Edmonson.



HIGHLIGHTS SEPTEMBER MEETING (Cont'd):

Marvin Mog conducted a silent auction that netted \$48.00 which Marvin donated to the Club.

Margaret Neeley and Jan Gillette are working with the Anaheim Museum preparing for the opening of the Searchers Gem and Mineral Exhibit on October 23rd.

Lola Tapia



LEARNING FROM THE EXPERTS:

Have you ever looked at a beautifully faceted gem or stone, and wished you knew how to facet? If so, you will enjoy our third informal session of "Learning from the Experts". Our featured speaker and demonstrator for our October 24th meeting is Jim Everitt. Jim will share some of his expertise on the techniques of faceting and will bring his faceting machine and demonstrate the skill in addition to answering questions and sharing tips from his experiences.

We will be meeting Thursday, October 24th from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM at the Cultural Arts Center in the room adjoining the Searcher's Lapidary Shop. If you think you will attend please let me know so I can plan for light refreshments. My number is (714) 637-5558. Even if you don't call -- come anyway!

Our first meeting was held in August and featured Clare Gagnon's outstanding presentation on field identification for the rock collector. Clare also showed us some interesting specimens from his collection and helped us identify rocks we had brought in. De McLean was our September "expert". We had a marvelous evening examining De's fascinating collection and gaining tips on how he has used some of his collection in very creative ways, such as making gem trees.

We will not be holding the "expert" meetings during November or December but plan to resume again in January or February 1992.

Patricia Pothier



A BIG THANK YOU:

We would all like to thank Marvin Mog for a very successful Silent Auction (proceeds of this were donated to the Club by Marvin).

In addition, Marvin mounted and identified many pieces of the material and the location of where it is located and passed them around to the audience thus enabling and acquainting members, both new and old as to what type of material can be found in various locations throughout the USA and Mexico.

Not only was this very interesting but all of us had a chance to pick up some material that we would not normally have the opportunity to get.

So many positive comments! Kudos to you Marvin from all of us. We also want you to know that your time and efforts to do this for the Club is greatly appreciated.

Editor

ANAHEIM MUSEUM EXHIBIT:

The Anaheim Museum will be displaying the Searchers Gem and Mineral exhibit beginning October 23rd. Some of our members have willingly volunteered to display their lapidary work and collections. Our exhibit will be on display thru December.

The Museum is located at 241 S. Anaheim Blvd (Anaheim at Broadway). The Museum will be open during the following days:

Wednesdays thru Friday - 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM Saturday 12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM

The Museum will be hold a reception on Thursday, November 14th from 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM. All Searchers are invited. There will be refreshments served. Parking is available at the Museum or at the Post Office nearby.

If you are not able to attend the reception do try and visit the Museum while our exhibit is on display. Tell your friends, neighbors, business associates... talk it up! Spread the word.

Margaret Neeley
Jan Gillette

1991 CHRISTMAS DINNER:

For the Club to pay a portion on each member's Christmas dinner (as in the past) it must be voted on this evening (October 17th).

The Searcher's Annual Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 20th, at the Buena Park Hotel (Crescent at Grand) in Buena Park.

The menu will consist of 3 entrees, i.e., Stuffed Breast of Chicken, Roast Prime Rib of Beef and Halibut Steak. All entrees will include salad, vegetable, baked potato, rolls and butter, beverage and dessert.

There will be a complete menu and price list in the November bulletin along with a reservation form and a map. Tickets will be available for purchase at the November meeting. Mark your calendar for December 20th!

Joel Swanson

REFRESHMENTS:

Refreshments to be served at the November Meeting will be PIE. This is the Searcher's traditional "Piefest". We would like to remind everyone to bring a pie.

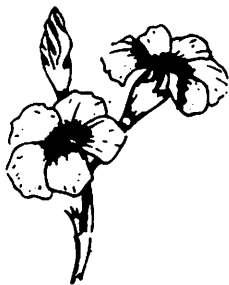
Mary Jane Parsons

TIP TOP TIPS:

For the gloss finish on Tigereye, polish once, dry the stone, then put a drop of vinegar on it. Leave a couple of minutes and then give it another polish. The result will be a deep gloss finish.

via CFMS Newsletter, Sep'91 and other bulletins

SUNSHINE:



I'm happy to report that after last months triple by-pass surgery Johnny Wease is making a good recovery and is out of the hospital. Marge (Johnny's wife) tells us that he is weak but doing well considering his other health problems prior to surgery. They are currently at their son's home but will be returning to Newberry Springs in a week or so. Keep up the good recovery Johnny!

Froma

The following letter was received by Doris Pelfrey from our Florida friend, George Shepard:

Thursday, 26 Sep 1991

Dear Searchers and Doris

It was very nice to receive your kind remarks and card today.

Millie and I are slowly getting settled and integrating into the various activities and social goings on here at the Haven.

We are looking forward to the planned activities here for Thanksgiving and Christmas. For me personally, it looks like it will be 1992 before we get lapidary started here, and I do miss the teaching at the V A Hospital. I've just started volunteer work at the VA Outpatient Clinic in Orlando twice a month, but of course, there is no lapidary shop there.

I can't tell you how much the Searchers and it's membership has meant to me over the past 4 or 5 years. Your support of the Veteran's program alone is really terrific. But, as a group you have accepted several vets as members and treated us royally.

As an example, Jorge and Hilda Hurtado took the time to call on me here and pay their respects. I would invite any member to call and/or stop and say "howdy" if they are down this way. Anyone down this way, would probably be surprised to see what a nice place it is here.

I plan to continue my membership in Searchers. May only a few new moons pass before we see one another again.

Best regards,

/s/ George Shepard
"The Montana Sheepherder"



BOWLING AND PIZZA NIGHT:

We had 26 members and guests participate in our bowling and pizza night. We had one person roll a 562 for three games and another 144 for three games. As you can see, none of us are "pros" but we had a great time. Lets do this again at a later date. It was a fun night. Thanks to George Mitchum for making the bowling arrangements.

Joel Swanson



SHOW REPORT '92:

Our first show meeting was held October 8th and I'm happy to report that things are beginning to take shape. We have all but 3 Committee Chairpersons (see the following list).

1992 SHOW COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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| CHAIRMAN - Beth Pelfrey | GRAB BAGS - Ken Landers |
| CO-CHAIRMAN - George Lux | HOSPITALITY - Marge Jordan |
| ANAHEIM BULLETIN - Doris Pelfrey | HOURLY DOOR PRIZES - Floyd and Margaret Neeley |
| CASES - Dennis Van Kempen | KITCHEN - Lori and Ed Moore |
| CHILDREN'S JEWELRY - Nancy Kramp | LAYOUT - George Lux and Carl Pitzler |
| CRAFTS - Jan Gillette | MEMBERSHIP - Bill Keyes |
| DEALERS - George Mitchum | MOVIES and SLIDES - |
| DECORATIONS - | PUBLICITY - Jim Williamson |
| DEMONSTRATIONS - Clare Gagnon | SECURITY - Paul Wesley |
| DONATION AWARDS - | SET UP & CLEAN UP-George Lux and Carl Pitzler |
| ELECTRICAL - Jim Everitt | SIGNS - Hal Pelfrey |
| FINANCIAL - Club Treasurer | SPECIAL EXHIBITS - Connie Van Kampen |
| FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER - Marje Husby | STAFFING COORDINATOR - Marie Cole |
| | TROPHIES AND RIBBONS - Dennis Van Kampen |
| | WHEEL OF FORTUNE - Lola Tapia |

This will be the Searchers 33rd Annual Gem Roundup (May 2 and 3, 1992). As you all know shows just don't happen they require a lot of work and coordination so I'm asking ALL OF YOU TO VOLUNTEER to assist these chairmen. Doing these jobs is the easy part - agreeing to do it is hard! Any questions please give me a call.

Beth Pelfrey
1992 Show Chairman



MEMBERSHIP:

Please add the following new members to your 1991 Membership Roster:

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| GOUGH, David I. and Anna Lou
437 N. Wanda Drive
Fullerton, CA 92633
(714) 525-4184 | KAEISER, Brenda L.
9090 Moody, # 266
Cypress, CA 90630
(714) 527-6214 |
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This will complete the update of the '91 Roster. We do not accept renewal or new memberships after our September meeting.

Milly Arvanites

For your information, the following was taken from the Baker Valley News, dated September 20, 1991.

MINING IN CALIFORNIA

- California is the second-leading national producer of non-fuel materials. Almost half of about \$3 billion in annual production comes from the California Desert.
- Mining is compatible with the environment. There may be no more regulatory-intensive location to operate a mine than the California Desert. Mining on public lands must comply with all the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as well as the State Surface Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA). The Bureau of Land Management employs a high administrative standard in the California Desert. Companies with mining in the California Desert are exceeding even that intense regulatory framework with voluntary programs to enhance their environmental commitment.
- The very proposals for greater desert preservation highlight the compatibility of mining and environmental protection. These lands still retain the pristine and wild values required for wilderness or national park designation after years of mineral activity.
- Mineral resources cannot be used in the future if they are not available for discovery today. Mining is a basic industry and as such, mineral exploration and development is delicately woven into the supply and demand which drives this nation. Proposals which prohibit exploration for mineral resources jeopardize our future.
- Minerals can only be taken from where they are located. They cannot be planted, created by artificial means or moved. They cannot be seen or defined because they lie hidden under the surface of the earth. Only a mining company has the ability and resources to conduct physical exploration needed to 'prove' a deposit's location and economic viability.

No More Mining? No More...

BOOKS. CLAY, TALC, & SODA ASH are used in the production of paper.
FILM. SILVER is required for light sensitive emulsions.
TELEVISION depends on RARE EARTH METALS for a quality picture.
SHEET ROCK/WALLBOARD is made of fireproof GYPSUM.
COMPUTER CHIPS wouldn't exist without GOLD & SILVER mines.
LIGHT BULBS use TUNGSTEN for the filament.
SOAP. BORON is an Important Ingredient.
GALVANIZED NAILS are coated with ZINC.
KITCHEN SINKS are made of CLAY and MAGNESIUM.
KITCHEN TILE. It's glazed with FELDSPAR CRYSTALS.
TOOTHPASTE. LIMESTONE is a key Ingredient.
MIRRORS are made of Industrial SANDS with a SILVER backing.
CONCRETE is a mixture of LIMESTONE, SAND and GRAVEL for building everything from highways to high-rises.

via CFMS Newsletter, Oct '91
and other bulletins

PROGRAM REPORT:

Our September program was on fire prevention in the home and household toxics presented by our own Greg Edmonson.

Tonights program will be a presentation on Opals by Mr Dick Koch, President of the Opal Society and one of our members.

The November program will be on Indian artifacts presented by Mr Bill Keyes, also one of our Searcher members. This will be a very interesting and informative program -- try not to miss it.

Marge

**DESERT NEWS**

by
Sue Hickman

This summer I had the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C. to speak with members of Congress regarding desert legislation. It was a very informative experience. Each of the offices visited expressed the importance of letters from their constituents. Congressmen really do want to hear your views on pending legislation. Writing does take a bit of time and thought, however, the time you spend now may assure you the freedom of access you need to enjoy the desert in the future.

Sue

DON'T FORGET THE VINEGAR::

Next time you go camping be sure to take along the vinegar. Vinegar has long been a seasoner, preservative, cleanser, purifier, and healing agent. When the cook tent or camper smells of frying fish, or a screwhead refuses to move, or you wake up with a raspy throat, bug bites drive you half crazy with itching, just reach for the vinegar bottle. There are more than 40 nonculinary uses for vinegar but it is often overlooked or replaced by over-advertised products that cost more and are less effective.

If you can't budge a corroded screw, soak it in vinegar for a few minutes. It loosens rusty bolts and hinges. After you have fried fish, pour a little vinegar in the hot frying pan and the odor will fade away. When washing dishes, add a little vinegar to the soapy dishwater. It helps cut the grease.

To relieve the pain of minor burns apply cold cider vinegar -- for sunburn, put it on gently. To decrease dandruff, rinse hair with a mixture of 1/4 Cup cider vinegar and 3/4 Cup lukewarm water. Applied full strength, it not only helps repel insects but eases the sting and itch of bites.

Cheese will stay soft and moist and free of mold if wrapped in a wet cloth sprinkled with vinegar. Also vinegar removes stains by adding a cup to the wash water. A dog's pelt will be glossy by adding a few drops to the drinking water. Unclog a stopped-up sink by putting 3 Cups of boiling vinegar down the drain.

via CFMS Newsletter, Sep '91
and other bulletins



November Field Trip Information Update - REPEAT NOTICE

The Thanksgiving field trip is to the Tecopa/Kingston Peak area. The collecting events on the 29th and 30th may be swapped depending on the Apache Mine owners availability. It will most likely be as shown. On Nov. 28th - Turkey Day Potluck from 2 to 4 pm. (I will not arrive until evening); Nov. 29th - Tour of the Apache Canyon Mines and Toltec Mine; Nov. 30th - Kingston Peak Amethyst collecting; Dec. 1st - Head home at your own pace. Other mines to check out include the Copper World and Mohawk mines. The Apache Canyon Mine tour will consist of a visit to the actual area where primitive Indians collected turquoise with hand tools. The collecting today is done much the same way, i.e. no backhoes or heavy equipment. On the way back home you might want to stop off at the Barstow Gem and Mineral Show at 841 S. Barstow Road from 10 am to 5 pm. It is open on the weekend only. Remember only you the individual members can decide what you want to do - I can only provide you with the opportunities for collecting. Read the attached Field Trip Guide for more important details.

Special Notice

The Earth Sciences Division of the San Bernardino County Museum will be hosting "The Cutting Edge" faceted gemstone and mineral exhibit/competition from October 25th thru November 10th. The Mineral Localities Symposium will be held October 26th with presentations on Evaporite Minerals at Searles Lake; Mineralogy of Goodsprings, Nevada; October 27th will be the Benitoite Gem Mine; Crummy Little Pegmatites in Southern California; Tsavorite: Collecting Green Grossular in East Africa. For additional information call 714-798-8570. To get there and see the exhibit drive east on Interstate 10 and take the California Street exit north. Some very fine cut gems will be on display there - dont miss it!

OCGMC Meeting

Many thanks to Frank Davis for taking my place at the OCGMC meeting since I was off on a business trip. The Orange County Museum of Natural History is still alive but needs some funding and a permanent resting place. The OCGMC would like to get a list of show suppliers and dealers from each club to allow other clubs access to a dealer network for shows. Making a list of college courses and miscellaneous offerings related to geology and lapidary. The next meeting of the OCGMC will be in January at the Orange County Fairgrounds.

OCTOBER FIELD TRIP:

Our trip was to Cima Road/Copperworld. In spite of the good weather we only had 10 people out there. Saturday we went up to the Mohawk Mine and was able to get some good azurite and malachite specimens and cabbing material.

Saturday night we had a potluck and Nancy baked a delicious carrot cake for Frank to celebrate his birthday.

Sunday was another nice day and we went over to Kingston Range to an amethyst mine and found some good material and also found some large quartz crystal plates and some good iron ore at a nerby iron mine.

We had no wind and the temperatures ranged from the middle 50°s to the high 80°s. We were able to have good campfires every night.

Walter Mroch

NOTICE:

I will need all items for the November bulletin NOT LATER THAN 13 NOVEMBER.

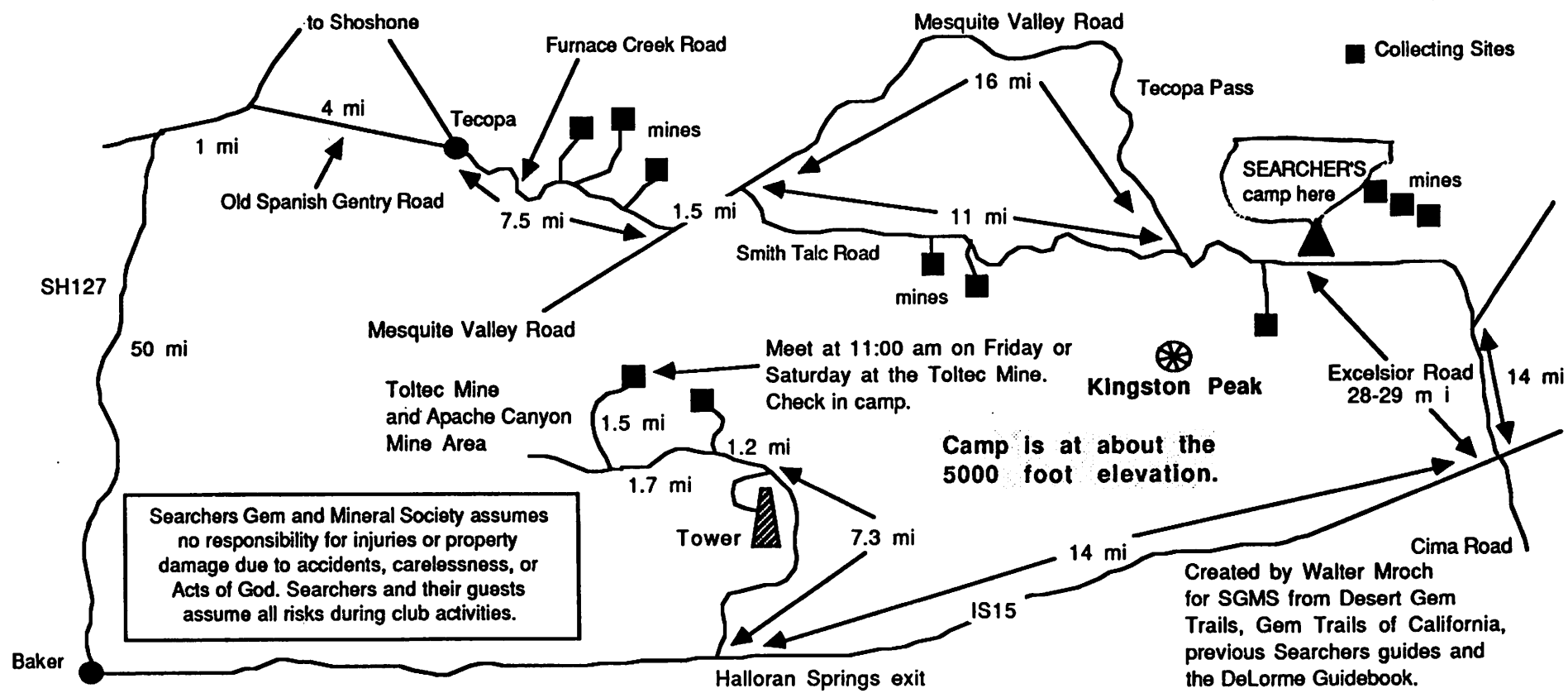
Marge

November 28-31, 1991 Field Trip Tecopa Hot Springs/Kingston Peak

Directions: The total driving time to the camping area is about 5 hours. Follow IS15 north towards Las Vegas. Exit the freeway at Cima Road and go north for 29 miles. Note Cima Road goes south and north it turns into Excelsior Road. Camp anywhere flat. The DV ranger said there were plenty of flat spots for RV's there. The collecting sites are adjacent to the camp area and more within 10 miles with the exception of the Toltec Mine and Apache Canyon Mines. From base camp to Tecopa Hot Springs is 25 miles on a good graded road. From base camp to Death Valley Junction is about 60 miles. On Thursday we will have the traditional potluck turkey dinner between 2 and 4 pm. On Friday we will have a potluck pancake breakfast. Bring stoves, batter, bacon, sausage, syrup, etc... for breakfast. Saturday evening will mark the Super Chili Cookoff - snake, armadillo, chicken, whatever you want goes. No rules except it has to be hot and/or different from canned chili. Judges will be appointed on site to determine 1st, 2nd and 3rd place with certificates and prizes. Other sites of interest are the Death Valley Playhouse and Tecopa Hot Springs for visiting of your own free will.

What to bring: Water, firewood, food, flashlights, hard rock tools. Dry camp. Supplies in Tecopa, Baker and Cima Road exit.
What to collect: Quartz, amethyst, opal, agate, chalcedony roses, iron, onyx, turquoise nuggets and chips

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