

SEARCHERS GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.
Established June 20, 1958
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The Searchers Gem and Mineral Society, Inc., meet on the third Thursday of each month at the Anaheim Cultural Arts Center, 931 North Harbor Blvd., Anaheim. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM. Visitors are always welcome.

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

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

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

WORKSHOPS: Lapidary every Thursday except the third Thursday each month, 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM (ADULT MEMBERS ONLY).

Silversmithing each Wednesday, 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM and every Thursday, Noon - 4:00 PM.

Deadline for items to be included in the bulletin is the second (2nd) Thursday of each month. Please mail all items to: Marge Jordan, 12161 Bartlett Street, Garden Grove, CA 92645.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone received their 1990 Roster. This year's Roster was published March 1st and distributed at the general meeting on the 15th. If you did not get a copy please let us know. I would like to thank Bob LaVariere, Milly Arvanites and Marie Cole for their efforts on this project.

In just two short weeks it will be SHOW TIME. The last Show Committee meeting was held on April 12th and all Club members are reminded time is running out on Donation Ticket sales. Also, ALL Sign Up Sheets should be filled this evening so please check with the Show Committee Chairpersons to see who needs help....Sign Up! Floyd and Margaret Neeley still need Donation Award prizes. They would like these as soon as possible.

Don't forget to wear your name tag to the show setup as well as during the show. Your name tags will be a must after the show is closed Sunday.

Jim Williamson

SHOW DATES:

- Apr 28 - 29 Antelope Valley and Palmdale
 Gem and Mineral Clubs
 Antelope Valley Fairgrounds
 Challenger Memorial Hall
 Division and "I" Street
 Lancaster, CA
Hours: Apr 28 - 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM
 Apr 29 - 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- May 5 - 6 Kern County Mineral Society
 Kern County Fairgrounds
 Ming Avenue & "P" Street
 Bakersfield, CA
Hours: May 5 - 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
 May 6 - 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- May 19 - 20 Yucaipa Valley Gem and Mineral Club
 Yucaipa Community Center
 Corner 1st and Avenue "B"
 Yucaipa, CA
Hours: May 19 - 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM
 May 20 - 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

FEDERATION REPORT:

The CFMS hosting the AFMS Show and Convention is to chose a Junior Member who will receive a \$500 Award known as the "Milton Turner Award."

It is up to the CFMS societies to nominate any junior member they believe is deserving of this award and send a resume to me as soon as possible. The check will be presented at the Awards Banquet in Ventura on Saturday night, June 30, 1990.

Earth Science Studies Programs has been expanded to Camp White Meadows located 26 miles east of Placerville via Highway 50 and 5 miles north via a good dirt road. This was a former boy scout camp (now privately owned) and consists of over 200 beds (typical scout cabins). Each cabin has electricity, flush toilets and beds. You will have to furnish your own bedding and other things that you desire. Showers are available close to each cabin in a sepearte building. RV camping will be permitted, but there are NO hook-ups or dumping station. The fee is \$185.00 for all. This includes seven days, six nights, nineteen meals, all lectures, instructions and field trips.

Elmer Parsons

"Pageant of American Gems"

AFMS - CFMS NATIONAL SHOW AND CONVENTION
Hosted by the CONEJO GEM & MINERAL CLUB

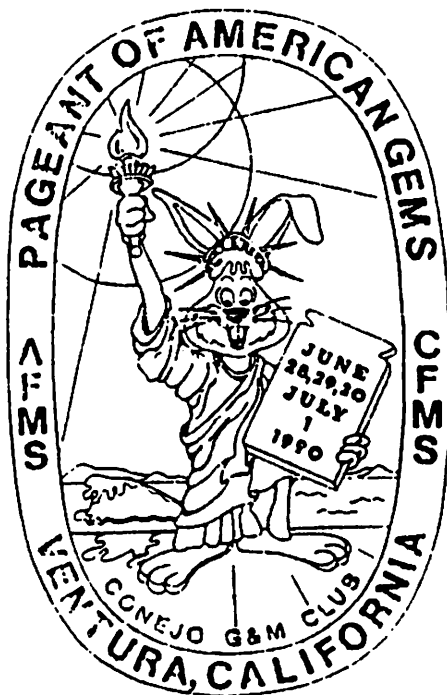
JUNE 28, 29, 30, and July 1, 1990

Thur., Fri., Sat. 10 AM - 6 PM; Sun. 10 AM - 5 PM

VENTURA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
VENTURA, CALIFORNIA

EXHIBITS: Minerals, fossils, gems, handmade jewelry
DEALERS: Jewelry, carvings, specimens, lapidary

SHOW CHAIRMAN: Bob Stultz, P.O. Box 723
Newbury Park, CA 91319



Reservation Forms for Camping or tickets may be obtained from Federation Director, Elmer Parsons. Also, anyone interested in entering a case at the AFMS-CFMS show should contact Elmer for forms.

HIGHLIGHTS MARCH GENERAL MEETING:

Our Guest Speaker was Mr Joel Haslam of Azusa who gave an interesting talk and demonstration on "Wire Wrap" which included design, how to and where to purchase necessary tools and supplies.

Future Field Trips were talked about, the March trip to Gem Hill, April trip to Hector Road, the Memorial Day trip to Copperworld and extended trip to Beaver and Delta, Utah and an extended - extended trip on to Oregon and other areas. The June trip will be the 3rd or 4th week to Last Chance Canyon, Carl Pitzler volunteered to take this one.

Mae Freedman, our Arts Council Representative, requested a donation from the Searchers for a table at the Annual Arts Council Soiree for \$450. Motion was made and approved for that amount. Also a motion was made and approved to donate a \$135 pendant/earring set (made by Floyd Neeley) to be auctioned off at the Soiree.

Marge

PROGRAM REPORT:

The Emergency Services Department of the City of Anaheim has provided us with tonight's program. the citie's representative is Ms Susan Herring who will speak on Earthquake Preparedness, show slides of San Francisco, and give out handouts. April is Earthquake Preparedness Month so this is most timely.

Wear your name badge. Support your Club.

Bill Keyes

DONATION AWARDS:

By this time all members should have Donation Tickets. Members are given \$10.00 worth of tickets to sell or purchase. The more you sell the more we can do. This is one of the ways we get income to operate the Club for the coming year. Make checks payable to "Searchers Gem and Mineral Society." Ticket money must be turned over to Floyd Neeley either by mail or at the show. Stubs may be sent to Floyd or deposited at the show. For more information or tickets please call Floyd Neeley (714) 535-2030.

Margaret and Floyd Neeley

SHOP TIP: To determine the hardness of a stone, mark it with an aluminum pencil. The fainter the mark, the harder the stone. No aluminum mark can be seen on a stone harder than 7.

via Rock Chippings 5/89 & Chips 'n Splinters 3/90

GREETINGS TO THE SEARCHERS FROM TEXAS - A BIG PLACE

Jacque and I have been on the road for over a month and thought it was time to bring you up-to-date on our travels.

After leaving Anaheim in late February, we visited friends and relatives enroute to Mesa, Arizona. There we met the Homewoods, our Alaska traveling companions. Sightseeing as we went, we ended up at Camper Ranch in Deming, New Mexico. They are finally working on improving the dirt road into the ranch.

The weekend after we arrived in Deming the local rock club had a show, which included three days of assorted field trips. The first day we went to "The Big Diggins" for some blue banded agate and brown moss agate. The second day was honey onyx and the third day was peridot bombs by the Mexican border fence east of Columbus, New Mexico. I left some of the honey onyx out overnight next to the coach and when it dries out it loses its color. So, I donated it as garden rocks to the ranch.

Reluctantly, we parted ways from the Homewoods and continued on to Las Cruces, New Mexico. From there we drove the car to Alamogordo to see the Space Museum and White Sands National Monument.

Continuing east we passed thru El Paso and then a little north to Carlsbad Caverns. Their tours are now self guided but still spectacular. From there we headed south to Pecos, Texas to get our first taste of "the Old West."

On further south we visited Fort Davis. Then on to Woodward Ranch for rock collecting of red Texas plume which is near Alpine, Texas. Rock hunting there was a matter of looking closely on rocky hills for an agate that looked like a biscuit. It had weathered out of basalt and still had a coating. I found about twenty pounds but can't tell exactly what I have until I can remove the coating.

Next we went to Big Bend National Monument - it happened to be Spring Break for school so all campgrounds in the parks were filled so we stayed just outside the Monument and drove around in the car. It is huge, 70 miles across (east to west) and about 60 miles north to south. We saw desert, mountains, Rio Grande River and Old Mexico. The wildflowers were starting to bloom such as Bluebonnet, Wild Daisies and Cacti.

Continues south through Del Rio and Laredo. Now at a Camper Ranch near Edinburg, Texas. From here we have seen Brownsville, South Padre Island and McAllen. Lots of farming around here. The big freeze got the tomatoes as well as the citrus.

The weather has been from cold in New Mexico to hot and humid here. Has been very cloudy with scattered showers. We have more of Texas to see and then on to Arkansas to try our luck on diamonds.

Marvin and Jacque Mog



MARCH FIELD TRIP

The March Field Trip to Gem Hill brought out 10 rigs and 21 people who camped out for the weekend. Mae and Henry Freedman, Jan Gillette and Walter Mroch came out Saturday for the day. We did get some good material in float.

We had warm weather but very windy so no campfire Saturday night but, we had a great potluck Saturday evening thanks to Marie Cole and Bobbie Leith who furnished the corned beef, cabbage and potatoes and the other ladies who made green salads, vegetables, jello, etc. for a terrific Irish dinner. Some members from the Conejo Club camped with us and we invited them to share our potluck.

APRIL FIELD TRIP

Our Easter Field Trip to Hector Road was led by Norm Hickman (thanks Norm). We were sorry that his wife Sue was unable to accompany him but, due to a sudden illness of her Mother she was unable to join us. We sincerely hope her Mother is doing well.

We had 16 rigs and 33 people including Don Pomeranke, President and Don Asher, Field Trip Chairman of the Conejo Club and two members from the Santa Ana Club.* Our own Marge and Johnny Wease came over from Newberry Springs and spent the day with us. Three rigs arrived as early as Thursday and eleven on Friday and two very early Saturday morning. Everyone got some good material - agate, amethyst crystals, jasper, psilomelane and chalcedony.

The weather was great, hot days, cool nights and some wind but not enough to stop us from having a campfire each evening. Saturday evening we had a rocktail party/potluck and christened George and Marge's (and Beulah's) new "Rounder" Boulder.

The Easter Bunny came Sunday morning and everyone awakened to find a sack of "goodies" on their steps. Sunday morning several went rock hunting and after lunch many departed for home. We had seven rigs stay over until Monday.

*Nancy Kramp is President of the Santa Ana Rock and Mineral Club

MEMORIAL DAY AND EXTENDED FIELD TRIP

Our Memorial Day Trip will be to Copperworld at Cima Road and I-15 beginning May 25th. For those who do not have to return home and are planning to go on to Utah we will depart Copperworld Monday morning (May 28th) for Beaver, Utah. We will be camping at the United Campground on the edge of Beaver for a few days before proceeding on to Delta, Utah (Topaz Mountain area). Some will spend a few days at Topaz Mountain and then return to Beaver and journey on home while others will go on to other areas in Idaho and Oregon. Maps to Copperworld and Beaver elsewhere in this bulletin.

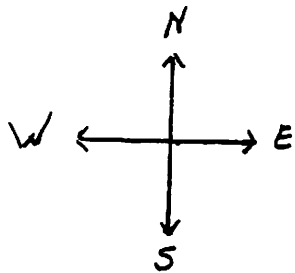
Any questions concerning Copperworld area please contact Jay Cole (714) 639-7983. For the Utah area contact George Lux (714) 992-2757.

Jay Cole

MEMORIAL DAY FIELD TRIP (Part 1)

May 26, 27 & 28, 1990

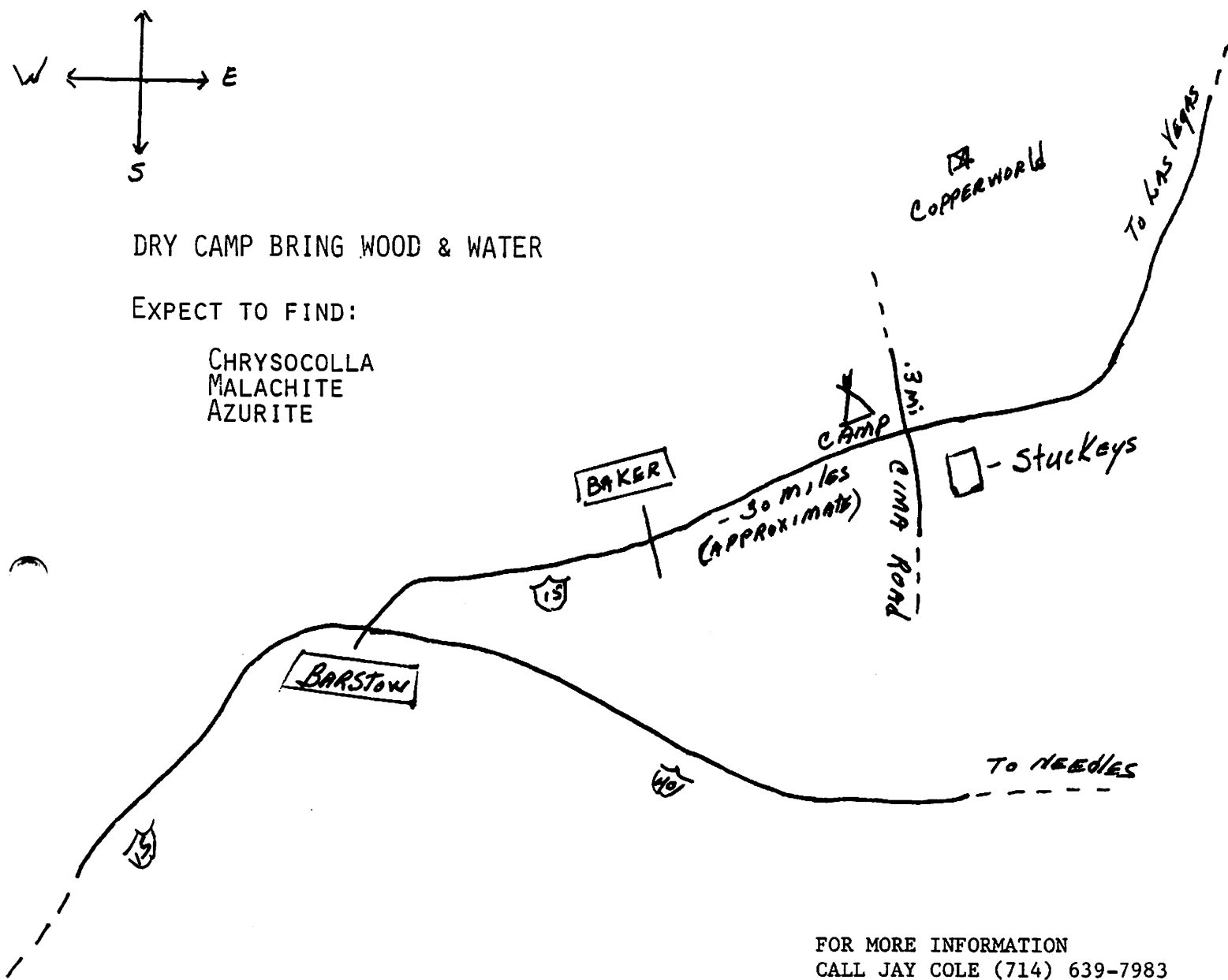
Copperworld/Cima Road



DRY CAMP BRING WOOD & WATER

EXPECT TO FIND:

- CHRYSOCOLLA
- MALACHITE
- AZURITE



FOR MORE INFORMATION
 CALL JAY COLE (714) 639-7983

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MEMORIAL DAY EXTENDED FIELD TRIP

May 28, 29 and 30, 1990

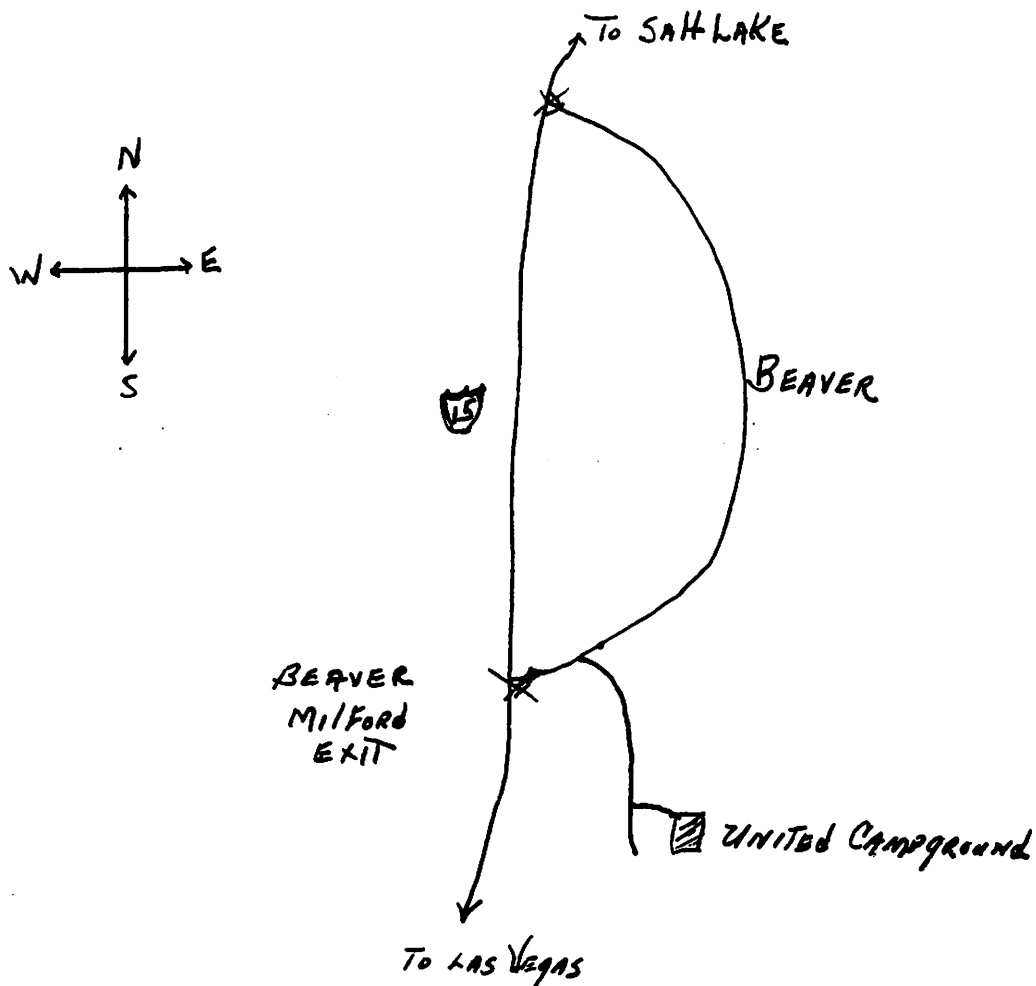
Meet at United Campground - Beaver, Utah

Reservations made for Searchers.

Field trips have been arranged. Dutch BBQ Tuesday evening - United Campground
(There will be a \$10.00 charge per person)

Beaver is 6,000 feet in elevation so be prepared for all types of climate.
Actual miles from Las Vegas to Beaver - 225 miles.

Any questions or further information call George Lux (714) 992-2757



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