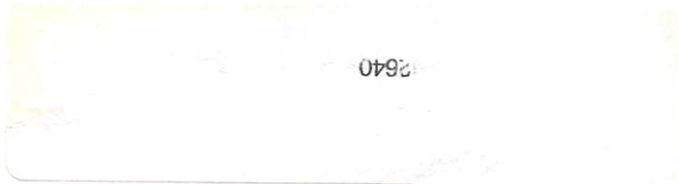




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SEARCHERS GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.  
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The Searchers Gem and Mineral Society, Inc. regular meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month on the basement level of the Anaheim Memorial Hospital Medical Office Building, 1211 W. LaPalma Avenue, Anaheim, CA. 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 (under age 17) \$2.00.

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 fourth Tuesday of each month January through October and the third Tuesday in November and December. The meetings are held in the basement level Boardroom of the Anaheim Memorial Hospital Medical Office Building at 7:30 PM.

WORKSHOPS: Workshops have been temporarily cancelled.

REQUIREMENT: Items for the Bulletin must be in the hands of the editor by the first (1st) Tuesday of each month. Please mail all items to: Marge Jordan, 12161 Bartlett Street, Garden Grove, CA 92845-1525.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, it's August, and the 100th Anniversary Olympic Games are over. Also, the combined AFMS/CFMS "Diamond Daze" Show is now history. I hope you all enjoyed both of them.

August is the month in which we appoint a nominating committee to nominate members for club offices in 1997. The membership of this committee will be announced in September. Elections will be held at the November meeting (also our annual pie night). The officers elected for 1997 will be installed at our December Christmas dinner/meeting.

We need more of you to participate in Searchers operations. What we particularly need is for you new members to take on some of the jobs that senior members have been holding down for so long. Often, new members are understandably reluctant to jump into the operation of the organization. Time (lack of it) is frequently cited as the reason for declining a nomination. We all make time for the things we hold important, or enjoy. See if you can make some time for Searchers. We need your talents. The Searchers Standing Rules, Job Duties, and officer's notebooks and file documents have recently been, or are being extensively revised to make incoming officers and chairpersons duties easier for newer members to assume and perform. In addition, senior members who have "been there, done that" many times over, are in my experience, always available to bail us out when we need help. When you contribute some of your time, talents, knowledge, and experience toward operating and improving Searchers, we all win. Especially you! Participate more and you will certainly get a lot more out of being a Searcher member.

One more item and I'll get off my soapbox. This year, we have had more new member participation in field trips than in previous years. So far, so good. However, there is a lot of room for improvement. Many of our field trips are one day trips that can be enjoyed without having to have an RV or tent. Our next one is to Bolsa Chica State Beach. Come on out and enjoy Saturday, and/or Sunday at the beach with Searchers on September 14th or 15th. In October, we'll be off to Trona to collect crystals galore (Hanksite, Borax, and other crystals on Saturday, and Halite crystals on Sunday). I hope to see you at both the September and October outings.

Herb Beckman

FUTURE CLUB ACTIVITIES:

August 27th - Board Meeting  
Sep 10th - General Meeting  
Sep 14th & 15th Beach Outing/Campout  
Sep 24th - Board Meeting

SHOW DATES:

- Sep 14 - 15      Delvers Gem and Mineral Society  
                    Womans Club  
                    9813 Paramount Blvd  
                    Downey, CA  
                    Hours: Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5
- Sep 14 - 15      Orange Belt Mineralogical Society  
                    National Orange Showgrounds  
                    Citrus Building  
                    Arrowhead Avenue Entrance  
                    San Bernardino, CA  
                    Hours: Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5
- Sep 28 - 29      Faceter's Guild of So. California  
                    Orange County Fairgrounds  
                    Enter Arlington Drive - Gate # 5  
                    Costa Mesa, CA  
                    Hours: Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5

HIGHLIGHTS - JULY GENERAL MEETING:

Herb Beckman will set up a meeting of the Workshop Committee during July and will have some information to report on in August.

Bob Gabourel reported that our profit from our 1996 Gem Roundup was up about \$150 from our 1995 Show. A follow-up show meeting is set for July 18th at 7:00 PM. The date of our 1997 Gem Roundup will be May 3rd and 4th with set-up being May 2nd.

Any members who would like to attend the CFMS Field Trips during the "Diamond Daze" show must make their reservations as soon as possible. Marge Jordan has the necessary information. Times, dates, where to and who to contact.

Our program was a video presented by Paul Wesley on the process of how the Llardo Ceramics are crafted from start to finish. An excellent video on this subject.

Ken Nelson gave a detailed summary of the extended field trip to Oregon. A good time was had by all and lots of good material was brought back. Our July trip is a BBQ at Mike and Michele Lee's home in Elsinore on Saturday, July 13th at 4:00 PM. Please bring a dish to share and your own meat to BBQ. Our August trip will be to the AFMS/CFMS "Diamond Daze" show in Riverside. Our September outing will be to Bolsa Chica State Beach.

A motion was made by Beth Pelfrey that a check in the amount of \$200 be sent to the city of Anaheim to cover the cost of wages for the extra time their employees at the Brookhurst Center will work during the 1997 Show. Motion seconded by Grant Miller. Motion passed.

Jim Williamson made a motion that the Searchers send a check for \$200 to the Orange County Register's Campership Fund. Motion seconded by Jay Cole. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Marie Cole  
Secretary

FEDERATION REPORT:

The Convention meeting of the CFMS Board of Directors was held August 10, 1996, Riverside, CA. The meeting was called to order by President Pat LaRue. The Pledge of Allegiance followed by the invocation and introductions, with 106 directors, 5 officers and 22 chairmen present. A quorum was established and the agenda and standing rules adopted. Minutes of the November 11, 1995 meeting were read, corrected and accepted.

At mid-year the financial reports look good. Income is running close to budgeted amounts. Expenses are below budget at this time.

The increase in Dues has brought in much needed revenue. Everyone is watching expenses closely.

If all trends continue through the last half of the year CFMS will have a good financial year.

There are three delinquent societies:

- Eastern Sierra Gem and Mineral Society
- Galileo Gem Guild
- Redwood Gem and Mineral Society

Seven Clubs/Societies have been disbanded:

- Foresters Rockhounds
- Golden Empire Gem and Mineral Society
- Joshua Tree Gem and Mineral Society
- Modoc Gem and Mineral Society
- Red Bluff Lapidary Club
- Sequoia Mineral Society
- Yucca Valley Gem and Mineral Society

Three new clubs applied for membership to CFMS and was accepted:

- The Original California Searchers, Inc (metal detecting)
- San Leandro, CA (not sure how many members they have)

- Central Coast Treasure Hunters Association
- San Luis Obispo, CA (43 members)

- Yuba Sutter Treasure Seekers
- Yuba City, CA (35 members)

The 1997 CFMS show "Gold Coast Treasure Cove" will be held in Ventura, CA from June 27 thru the 29th, 1997. No show bid yet for 1998 or 1999. The 2000 Show was bid by Valley Prospectors and plans are for it to be held in Riverside, CA either in June or August. A firm date will be established at the Fall meeting in Visalia, CA in November.

Isabella Burns was appointed to the Desert District Advisory Council to represent recreation. Appointment by the Secretary of the Interior. Also appointed, Imperial County Supervisor, Sam Sharp, also a member of CFMS. With these appointees we will be assured of having our concerns voiced for the next three years.

The Fossil Conservation Act, H.R.2943 (includes minerals as well) will require strong unified support from all members of CFMS and AFMS to achieve the desired results. We need to voice our concerns and get correspondence out to our representatives.

Marge Jordan  
Federation Delegate

NOTICE:

The future Planning Committee has completed it's first task, an update of the Standing Rules. The purposed revisions will be reviewed and discussed at the September General Meeting.

Please plan to attend this meeting. As always, your input is the key to a successful club.

The membership will be asked to vote on this revision package at the October General Meeting.

Jim Williamson

MEMBERSHIP:

We welcome new members who joined at our July 9th meeting:

JOHNSON, Max A and Dorothea L.  
Residence Inn (this is a temporary address)\*  
700 West Kimberly  
Placentia, CA 92670 (714) 996-0555

\*Due to the fire at their home in Anaheim, this will be their address until they are able to move back into their home. If anyone is interested in going to look at their rocks in the yard or equipment they would like to sell, phone the above number to set up a time and obtain the address.

This brings our membership up to a total of 134 to date.

More Zip Code Changes:

COLE, Jay and Marie 92867  
COLE, Roger and Janet 92867  
DOAN, Cliff and Eva 92841  
FREDERICK, Don 92841  
PARSONS, Elmer and Mary Jane 92831-2120

For those members who have had a Zip Code change, if you haven't already given me your new Zip Code please notify me so that I can change your record card and all of us can update our '96 Roster. Thanks.

Milly Arvanites

SLABS FOR VET'S:

Remember we can always use more slabs for the Veteran's Lapidary Shop. If you have old slabs you're not using, or you're running that saw - cut one for the Vets.

I will have a box available at all of our General Meetings - back by the coffee. Just drop them in the box marked "Searchers Slabs for Vets."

Larry Richey

PROGRAM REPORT:

Thanks to Paul Wesley for our very interesting and informative program, a video on Lladro (porcelain - ceramic figurines) depicting how Lladro is moulded, colored and fired. Anyone who is fortunate enough to own a Lladro figurine has a treasure.

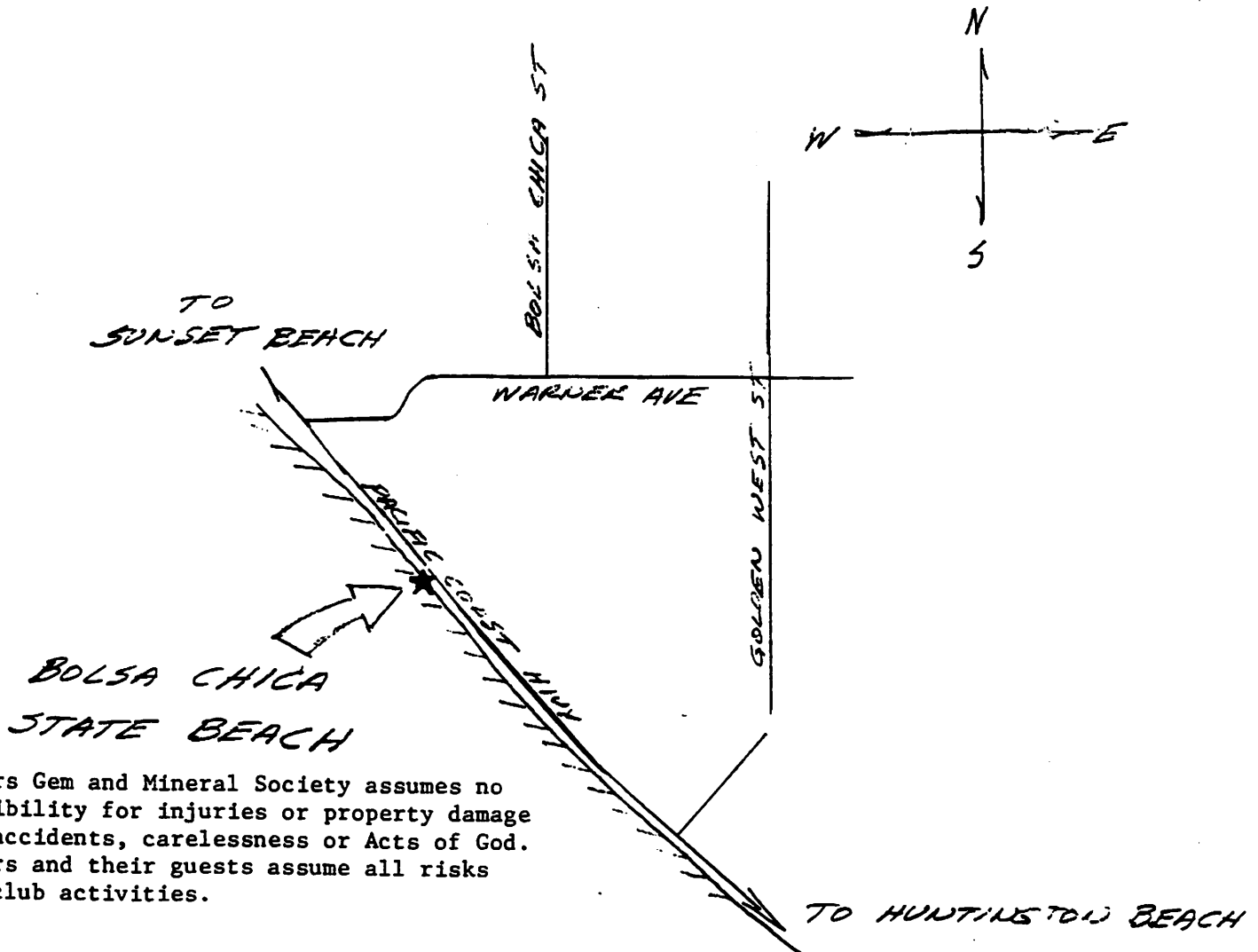
Our August program will be conducted by Jim Williamson - this will be a surprise - haven't a clue but I'm sure it will be a good one.

Walter Mroch will be presenting a program on minerals for our September meeting.

Lola Tapia

SEPTEMBER BEACH GET TOGETHER (Sep 14th and 15th):

This weekend get together is at Bolsa Chica State Beach. A suggested route is South on Golden West Street off the 405 Freeway to the ocean and turn Right (West) for a couple of miles. The entrance will be on the Left across from a bird sanctuary. See map below:



Searchers Gem and Mineral Society assumes no responsibility for injuries or property damage due to accidents, carelessness or Acts of God. Searchers and their guests assume all risks during club activities.

SEPTEMBER BEACH GET TOGETHER (Cont'd):

One section near Lifeguard Station # 19 to the East of the entrance is for camping only with day-only parking areas on both sides. The cost is \$14.00 a night (\$12.00 for Seniors) for overnight camping. Day parking is \$5.00 per vehicle (4.00 for Seniors).

Our "Hot Dog" feed will be held Saturday afternoon. The Searchers will provide the hot dogs, buns, condiments and soda pop. Club members can bring a side dish to share as well as an alternate to the hot dogs if they so desire. Members should bring their own chairs and small table if possible. We will have our usual campfire (in a wash tub) at the campsite. Alcohol may be consumed but only on the campsite.

Ken

OCTOBER FIELD TRIP - October 12th and 13th:

This trip will be to Searles Dry Lake at Trona, east of Ridgecrest. The best route is up highway 395, through Kramer Junction and turn right at Johannesburg. I contacted the person in charge and expect to get a "flyer" for inclusion in next months bulletin. The schedule is pretty much the same as last years, however, with two field trips Saturday on the dry lake surface and in sticky black mud for lake minerals and a trip Sunday morning for Natural Pink Halite.

For the trip for Halite on Sunday a large pry bar is recommended for prying loose the Halite specimens as well as cardboard boxes (like soda pop flats) and newspaper for transporting the specimens home.

It is suggested that you wear old clothes and either rubber boots or tennis shoes since the field trips can be dirty, wet and salty. Also bring some sort of containers so you can bring home some lake brine for use in cleaning crystals. If you try to clean them with water (instead of lake brine) you will dissolve them.

This year we will be camping at the Trona Trailer Park with full hook ups. The ownership has just changed hands and I couldn't find out their current reservation policy. The owner is to call me back. I'll try to make reservations for the whole group.

Ken Nelson

REFRESHMENTS:

Refreshments this evening will be served by Alice Lux. Elena Goldgorin will serve the September refreshments and Marie Cole and Jan Gillette the October meeting.

Betty Henderson

WHAT IS CALCITE ONYX?

Onyx is a variety of the mineral calcite that is deposited in caves. Rain water becomes charged with carbon dioxide as it passes through the air and takes into solution a small amount of calcium carbonate as it passes through limestone and dolomite formations. When this rain water eventually enters cave openings, it loses its carbon dioxide and deposits the remaining calcium carbonate as onyx.

via Oregon Rockhound, 11/89 and Breccia 6/96