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The President's Message

Hello Searchers and Visitors!

I must forego some of the expected content of this month's message and instead share some sad news. Longtime Searcher, Larry Richey passed away February 22nd. Larry served selflessly and tirelessly to impact the lives of veterans. That being said, with all his efforts to help others he in turn gained so much, including vast amounts of respect and admiration. He was devoted to the Searchers and to "his" Vets. He was loved and will be missed. Not forgotten. For those who would like to attend, information on services follows. All Searchers are welcome. See Page 5 for more on Larry.



Celebration of Life for Larry Richey

Thursday March 10th, 2016

11:00 AM

Riverside National Cemetery

22495 Van Buren Boulevard

Riverside, CA. 92518

Please RSVP to Matt & Miles Richey at: 714.369.3685

Regarding regular club business... In February we had the pleasure of hosting Jim Bowden as our speaker. He showed off his considerable talent and enlightened us in the art of flint knapping. In addition, we held a small auction which brought in \$634 for the club. This month we are pleased to have Gregg Bunch speaking on the subject of lab created quartz. I hope to see you there!

Remember that our annual show is coming up. Please sign up to volunteer. If you are unable lend your time at the event please get involved in promoting the show. As always we can use donations of all sorts for the club and the show. [See Page 6 for details.](#)

NOTE: The **APRIL MEETING** will be held on **APRIL 19th** as the Community Center is closed for maintenance on our regularly scheduled date.

Heather Jaeckels 2016 President, Searchers Gem and Mineral Society

Silent Auction Needs

Searchers-we are again approaching our show, and again I need your help with material for the silent auction. This year we have been lucky to get the estates of 2 Searchers, and as a result I actually have quite a lot of good quality slabs. So what I need most this year is:

Quality rough , Windowed or one end cut is better, Fossils and Minerals

Please start thinking about what you could spare to help support your club. As usual you can bring donations to the monthly meeting, if you have a lot you can get in touch with me and I will pick it up, or you can bring it to the show. As usual we need high quality material, if you wouldn't want to bid on it in an auction we don't need it. And even though I have a lot of slabs this year if slabs are what you want to donate I'll take them. We are easy. Steve Duncan

Field Trips

DATE	LEADER	LOCATION	STATUS
3/20/2016	Steve Duncan/ Norbert Bernhardt	Ord Mt/Lucerne Valley	planned

Field Trip: Ord Mountain / Lucerne Valley Trip

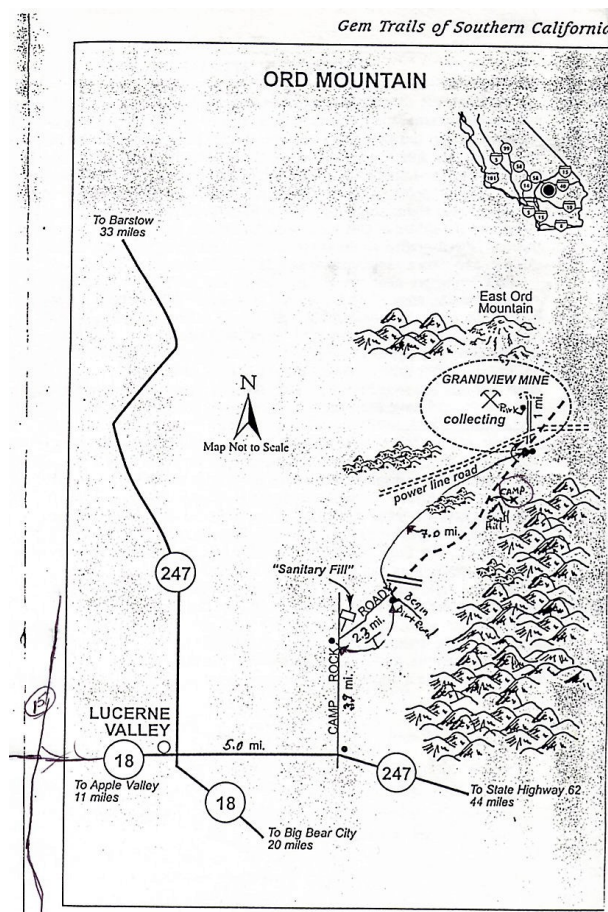
Sunday, March 20, 2016

By Steve Duncan and Norbert Bernhardt

Our March field trip will be to Ord Mountain, Lucerne Valley, CA. This area is just east of Victorville. On Sunday we will be searching for orbicular rhyolite which has a wide range of colors and is filled with "eyes". There is a lot of material to be found, but you have to be very selective, some of the material can be pitted. Some of the material is found in a small wall, so some heavier rock hounding tools (pry bars, gads and small sledges) will help break chunks out of the wall.

Ord Mountain is about 2 hours from Orange County and is easy to get to. It is not a 4 wheel drive to the meeting spot but you will want a 4 wheel drive (or high clearance and experience on rough roads) to get to the dig site. If you don't have a 4x4 we can have you car pool with someone who does.

Directions: Take 15 towards Barstow, exit at Bear Valley Rd. and go east towards Lucerne Valley. When Bear Valley Road ends, turn right onto 18. Keep driving and when you get to the Big Bear Lake turn-off just keep going another 5 miles. (Do not turn right towards Big Bear)! Turn left on Camp Rock Road and drive 3.9 miles, right at Sanitary Fill sign and drive 2.3 miles more. At this point the road turns to dirt. Drive 4.7 miles and turn right around a small hill with gray and black boulders. This will be our meeting area. There are no facilities at the meeting spot or the dig site. The dig site is 3.7 miles from the meeting area. We will be leaving for the dig site at 9:00 am, so you should plan to be at the meeting spot by 8:45.



For field trip
information

contact: Robert

Burson V.P. Field

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Trip Report: Sperry Wash

Zabrinski ruins overlooks alkaline white hills, in the creases of a small canyon. A middle size camp forms the Searchers, Pasadena, Whittier, Palo Verde, S.A.R.M.S, Delvers and Pahrump. If I missed any other clubs, forgive me. Twenty six vehicles caravanned on a perfect day to learn paleontology. Fifty three students were instructed in field extraction techniques. Many novice rock persons searched patiently through the shale for bug frags. Most were successful, some sadly not. It appeared most enjoyed the activity. A glimpse of the past.



The next stop was a cultural geological historical spot called China Ranch. One travels along flat ground not seeing a drop-off down a spiral road to an oasis below. A beautiful farm with Date Palms, grass and a refreshingly cool river. Multiple walking trails crisscross the terrain. There is a museum, nursery, expansive date farm. A gift shop spotlights dates, baked breads, cookies and a killer date shake. This a marvelous place.

Finally we traveled into the mining districts considered the Death Valley legacy. We passed gold, silver and copper mines on our left side. Traveling Western Talc road we head through the canyons past old stranded cars, mostly 30s, 40s and 50s. The heyday of the mining years. Along the route in this vast area urging people to spread out to the massive remains of the floods of an ancient glacier melt off. Tons upon on tons of fossilized organic debris highlight the top of the mud hills in this big valley. I have to rate a failure in this area, on this day a very large convoy was difficult to communicate but those who waited for Sunday were well rewarded.

Saturday night the potluck dinner, I was amazed at how well it worked. This by far was the most successful operation. Kudos to everyone.

Because of the incredibly nice weather and flowers blooming, ghost towns, China Ranch trails, hot springs, trips to Pahrump, Dumont Sand Dunes made it a great diversion to a trip back to Sperry Wash. Twelve people who remained were rewarded with good material. I wish to personally thank Andrew, Jimmy, Jay and everyone else.



March Speaker Description: Our favorite new member with the bags of free lab quartz cut-offs has returned to share his presentation on the various developments and utilizations of lab-created quartz. He retired from Statek Corp, which is a U.S. manufacturer of ultra-miniature quartz crystals, oscillators and sensors. His 2.0 presentation includes video on the actual laboratory growth process of synthetic quartz.

Club Meeting Activity

DATE	PRESENTER	SUBJECT
3-8-2016	Gregg Bunch	Lab-created Quartz 2.0
4-26-2016 ?	Robert Burson	Rock Swap Overview: Elements of Field Trips

For a more complete listing of shows go to web-site:

www.cfmsinc.org

Upcoming 2016 CFMS Gem Shows

2016

March 5 - 6: ARCADIA, CA Monrovia Rockhounds Los Angeles Arboretum-Ayres Hall 301 Baldwin Avenue Hours: 9:00 - 4:30 daily Contact: Jo Anna Ritchey, (626) 358-1624, Email: joan-ritchey@gmail.com Website: www.Moroks.com

March 5 - 6: VENTURA, CA Ventura Gem & Mineral Society Ventura County Fairgrounds 10 West Harbor Blvd. Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4 Contact: Show Chair, (805) 312-8467 Email: info@VGMS.org Website: www.vgms.org

March 12 - 13: SAN MARINO, CA Pasadena Lapidary Society San Marino Masonic Center 3130 Huntington Drive Hours: Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 5 Contact: Marcia Goetz, (626) 260-7239 Email: joenmar1@verizon.net Website: www.pasadenalapidarysociety.org

March 12 - 13: SPRECKELS, CA Spreckel's Veterans Hall 5th & Llano Streets Hours: 10 - 5 daily Contact: Karin Salomon, (831) 375-5233 Email: kcbakes27@yahoo.com Website: www.salinaskandgem.com

March 12 - 13: TURLOCK, CA Mother Lode Mineral Society, Modesto Stanislaus County Fairgrounds 900 North Broadway Hours: 10 - 5 daily Contacts: Bud & Terry McMillin, (209) 524-3494 Email: Bud.mcmillin.b7yj@statefarm.com Website: www.motherlodemineralsociety.com

March 19 - 20: LEMOORE, CA Lemoore Gem & Mineral Society Lemoore Trinity Hall 470 Champion Street Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 4 Contact: Christopher Wertinberger, (559) 309-3433 Email: kimmorrell@hotmail.com

March 26 - 27: ANGELS CAMP, CA Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society Calaveras County

Fairgrounds 101 Frogtown Road hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4 Contact: Robin Williams, (209) 728-8277 Email: robin-ski@yahoo.com Website: www.calaverasgemandmineral.org

March 26- 27: ROSEVILLE, CA Roseville Rock Rollers Gem & Mineral Society Placer County Fairgrounds 800 All American Blvd (off Washington) Hours: Sat 10 - 5 daily Contact: Gloria Marie, (916) 216-1114 Email: gloriarosevillerockrollers@gmail.com Website: www.rockrollers.com

APRIL

April 2 - 3: CHICO, CA Paradise Gem & Mineral Society Silver Dollar Fairgrounds 2357 Fair Street Hours: 10 - 5 daily Contact: Kevin Wright, (530) 534-8364 Website: <http://pgmclub.wix.com/paradise-gem-and-mineral-club>

April 2 - 3: TORRANCE, CA South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society, Palos Verdes Ken Miller Recreation Center 3341 Torrance Blvd (entrance on Madrona Ave) Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4 Contact: Larry Hoskinson / Leslie Neff, (310) 318-2170 Email: lesneff@aol.com
April 8 - 10: VISTA, CA Vista Gem & Mineral Society Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue Hours: 9 - 5 daily Contact: Ray Pearce, (760) 726-7570 Email: raysrocks@cox.net

April 9 - 10: MARIPOSA, CA Mariposa Gem & Mineral Society Mariposa County Fairgrounds 5005 Fairgrounds Road (south of Mariposa on Hwy 49) Hours: Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 4 Contact: Martin Fodin, (209) 742-4036 Email: mar-tin@safarigold.com Website: www.camineralmuseum.com

April 16 - 17: SAN JOSE, CA Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society Santa Clara County Fairgrounds 334 Tully Road Hours: 10 - 5 daily Contact: June Harris, (408) 265-1422 Email: info@scvgms.org Website: www.scvgms.org

April 16 - 17: THOUSAND OAKS, CA Conejo Gem & Mineral Club Borchard Park Community Center 190 Reino Road at Borchard Road Hours: 10 - 5 daily Contact: Robert Sankovich, (805) 494-7734 Email: rmsorca@roadrunner.com Website: www.cgamc.org

April 23 - 24: ESCONDIDO, CA Palomar Gem & Mineral Club California Center for the Arts 340 N. Escondido Blvd. Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4 Contact: Gayle Hamilton, (760) 726-0131 Email: gem-show@palomargem.org Website: www.palomargem.org

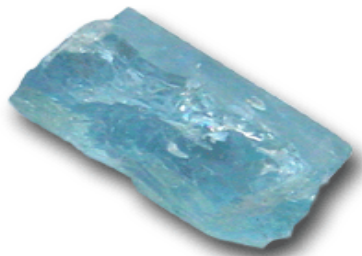
April 23 - 24: PASO ROBLES, CA Santa Lucia Rock Hounds Paso Robles Event Center 2198 Riverside Ave. Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4 Contact: Mike Judy, (805) 238-4469 Email: mrhaludy@gmail.com Website: www.slrockhounds.org

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May 7 - 8: ANAHEIM, CA Searchers Gem & Mineral Society Brookhurst Community Center 2271 W. Crescent Avenue Hours: Sat 10 - 5; Sun 10 - 4:30 Contact: Margaret Hogarth, (909) 597-7033 Email: hogarth.m@gmail.com Website: www.searchersrocks.org

May 7 - 8: JACKSON, CA Amador County Gem & Mineral Society Kennedy Mine 12594 Kennedy Mine Rd (off Hwys 49/88) Hours: 10 - 4 daily Contact: Gaylene Lichty, (209) 245-5388 Email: mouna-ingirl@volcano.net Website: www.amadorgemandmineral.org

March Birthstone - Aquamarine



Memorial: Larry Ritchey

Long time Searcher Larry Ritchey passed away 2/22/16. Larry was a master lapidary and metal smith, his display case was often the high point of Searchers shows. His pieces were so detailed and precise that they seemed almost impossible. His work was easily the finest I personally have ever seen, and I am including what I have seen in magazines and museums.

Larry was also heavily involved in the Long Beach VA lapidary group, part of vocational rehabilitation therapy (VRT) at the Long Beach VA hospital. He shared his knowledge and expertise with the vets, and the result was that the vets from the group would routinely have their work make it to the nationals, and they would occasional win national championships. But as proud as Larry was of the work of "his" vets, if you asked him what the best thing about the program was he would tell you it was the changes the program made in these veteran's lives. Larry also served as the conduit for the Searchers to support the VA lapidary group with slabs to work with.

Larry will be sorely missed by the Searchers, the vets, and his friends and loved ones. Missed, but never forgotten.

The Searchers are proud to continue their support of the VA lapidary group.



LARRY RITCHY



Searchers Show Information

Searcher show meeting schedule:

March 5, 2016

April 2, 2016

1:00-2:30 p.m., 2016

Meetings will be held at Veronica's house; please contact Margaret for directions

Margaret Hogarth hogarth.m@gmail.com 909-815-3045



Our 2016 Searchers show is just around the corner, and the Show Committee has been preparing all year. We encourage all Searchers to help at the show; we have jobs for every ability! Be sure to come to our monthly meetings and sign up on our various sign-up sheets for show help. In case you miss the meeting, please see the contacts below. My strategy is to come to the entire show, help with security, the Searchers sale table, the kitchen, the hospitality table, and check in on the busy silent auction room. If you want to appreciate over 50 years of show experience, come and help load/unload the trailer or set up or take down. We have benefited from many years of expert planning and preparation that makes a task like setting up our electrical system very straightforward. It is so much fun to help, the people are friendly and also love rocks! Who could ask for more?

Additional needs we have:

We need children's prizes for the tickets in grab bags and Minor Miner sand sifting. We need prizes for all ages for hourly ticket drawings at the hospitality desk. Go through your stash and bring some materials for the silent auction. We need tumbled or beautiful or interesting stones or related items for the grab bags. Join us at the grab-bag stuffing lunch party on **March 20!** We're having a taco bar. We need sparkly or special items for the Wheel of Fortune. We need large opportunity drawing items such as equipment or other special rock-related items. Last year, our bounty of prizes drew a lot of attention. Remember, Searchers can give a tax letter to anyone who donates. If you, or you know a company that would like to donate things like paper plates, etc., please let our president Heather or me know.

Would you like to:	Contact	Phone	Email
Be a demonstrator	Bob Gilland	657-201-3737	rgilland@sbcglobal.net
Set-Up/Tear Down	Rick Webber	714.585.5606	richwebb3245@att.net
Load/Unload the trailer	Rick Webber	714.585.5606	richwebb3245@att.net
Stuff grab bags (March 20, 2016, 10am-2pm)	Karen Kremer	714-639-8082	karenandkay@aol.com
Help with the Friday Night Dinner	Adrian Callard	714-368-9575	adricyn@hotmail.com
Help with Hospitality	Karen Kremer	714-639-8082	karenandkay@aol.com
Help with Hospitality	Teri Lynn Wheeler	714-425-0983	We34god@yahoo.com
Hourly Door Prizes	Teri Lynn Wheeler	714-425-0983	We34god@yahoo.com
Kitchen	Adrian Callard	714-368-9575	adricyn@hotmail.com
Security	Virgil Talbott	714.871.7900	virgiltalbott@roadrunner.com
Donate to the silent auction	Steve Duncan	714-724-7102	wsd@iteris.com
Sell at the Searchers' table	Margaret Hogarth	909-597-7033	hogarth.m@gmail.com
Have a display case	Veronica Purpura	714-974-3982 (C) 714-501-9959	angeldragonoflight@yahoo.com

Searchers Gem & Mineral Society

General Information



Check our website for unexpected changes in schedule!

www.searchersrocks.org

General Meetings: 7 PM, 2nd Tuesday of each month, Jan - Nov

Board Meetings: 6PM, 1st Tuesday of each month, Jan - Nov

Workshop: Thursday, 6 – 10 PM, free wire-wrap class.

Saturday, 3 – 7 PM Free silver-smithing class 1st, 2nd, 3rd Saturdays (schedule varies).

Location: Anaheim Downtown Community Center
250 East Center St.
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