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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 92645-1525.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The first field trip of 1996 was an unqualified success. The day was clear, cool, windless and beautiful - just right for digging out pink quartz and nice turmolite (schorl) specimens. Small garnets and graphic granites were also found. The field trip was well attended, I counted 14 cars and about 25 Searchers and guests. Everyone went home with some nice material.

I do not have any good news to report about property we were hoping to rent for our shop. I will be scouring the papers and Anaheim rental properties after Quartzsite, trying to find another suitable location for a rent we can afford. We require a shop space to provide the facilities and programs we Searchers, and potential Searchers, need and want. If any of you know of any suitable shop areas we can rent or lease, or have any ideas which could help us get our shop, library and classes going again, please share them with me as soon as you can.

The Tucson and Quartzsite (our February outing) shows are over. As usual, many Searchers attended and all enjoyed the beautiful weather and the shows. Evening campfires were fun, the moon and stars were bright and the jokes, conversation and comraderie were absolutely wonderful.

The dismal January program (the slides were dependant upon the tape, and the tape was inaudible) was saved by the efforts of Marvin Mog, who put on a nice presentation based on gem rough and minerals collected on recent Searchers field trips. Debby Brooks short program to promote her evening mineralogy class at Rancho Santiago College (Orange Campus) was very dynamic, entertaining and motivating. So the meeting turned out pretty well after all.

Jim Williamson and Larry Ritchie and the entire Show Committee are shaping up our 1996 Annual Gem Show on schedule. All things considered, 1996 is getting off to a pretty good start. Again, if any of you can help us restart our shop, please do so, and we will really have a full and active year.

Thank you all for your support,

Herb Beckman

A special THANK YOU TO MERLE HOWE  
for leading our great January  
field trip.

FUTURE CLUB ACTIVITIES:

- February 22nd - Board Meeting
- March 5th - Bulletin items due
- March 12th - General Meeting
- March 15th, 16th, 17th - Stoddard Wells 20th Annual Tailgate (Victorville, CA)
- March 30th - 31st - Field Trip to Kramer Junction/Boron Tailgate Show

SHOW DATES:

Feb 17 - 18 Del Air Rockhounds, Sierra Pelona  
 Rock Club, VIP Gem & Mineral and  
 Woodland Hills Rockchippers  
 Valley Plaza Recreation Center  
 12240 Archwood Street  
 North Hollywood, CA  
 Hours: Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5



SHOW DATES (Cont'd):

- Mar 2 - 3      Ventura Gem and Mineral Society  
Seaside Park (Ventura County  
Fairgrounds)  
10 W. Harbor Blvd  
Ventura, CA  
Hours: Sat 10 - 6    Sun 10 - 5
- Mar 2 - 3      Monrovia Rockhounds  
Masonic Temple  
204 W. Foothill Blvd  
Hours: Sat 10 - 6    Sun 10 - 5
- Mar 9 - 9      Pasadena Lapidary Society  
San Marino Masonic Temple  
3130 Huntington Drive  
San Marino, CA  
Hours: Sat 10 - 6    Sun 10 - 5
- Mar 16 - 17    Northrop Grumman Gem & Mineral Club  
Northrop Grumman Rec Clubhouse  
12329 Crenshaw Blvd - Gate 16  
Hawthorne, CA  
Hours: Sat 10 - 6    Sun 10 - 5

FEDERATION DELEGATE REPORT:

The AFMS/CFMS Convention and Show "Diamond Daze" will be held August 9th thru 11th, 1996, Riverside, California. This is CFMS's 60th Anniversary. The Show and Convention will be held at the Riverside Convention Center, 3433 Orange Street, Riverside, CA.

There will be hundreds of displays plus many other attractions. There will be symposiums, field trips, speakers, RV information, gold prospecting and more. This will be a great opportunity for all of us to see the show and learn some valuable information about our hobby. Also, there will be camping but you will need reservations. Make note of the dates, this will be a show you will not want to miss. More information will be available in future bulletins.

Marge Jordan

SHOP HINT:

To clean obsidian needles, wash them in Castile soap, using a toothbrush to get the clay off. Never put obsidian in detergent as it leaves a white film on the stone which is very hard to remove. To remove iron stains, soak them in an oxalic acid bath. Wash well.

via Orange Coast Gazette, 2/96 and others

NOTICE:

I will need all items for the March bulletin not later than March 5th.

Marge



HIGHLIGHTS - JANUARY GENERAL MEETING:

Meeting was called to order by the 1996 President, Herb Beckman. Three guests were introduced. Minutes from the last meeting read, corrected and approved.

Marvin Mog did a late, but a very welcome installation of our 2nd Vice President (Field Trip Chairman) Ken Nelson. This makes a full board for 1996.

Special guest Debbie Brooks, an instructor of Mineralogy, Rancho Santiago College, Orange campus, gave a talk on the classes she will be teaching and invited anyone who is interested to sign up. Debbie can be reached at (714) 564-4788 to answer any questions about the classes.

Ken Nelson announced there will be a one day field trip on January 20th, to the Nuevo Dump near Hemet for crystals. Merle Howe has volunteered to lead this trip. February 7th thru 11th will be the Searcher's Quartzsite trip. The March field trip will be the 30th and 31st to Kramer Junction/Boron Tailgate show.

Marvin Mog reported on an extended trip to Lordsburg, New Mexico after Quartzsite, February 16th thru February 25th. Some members showed interest and will journey on to Lordsburg. There will be camping at the Lordsburg Fairgrounds (dry camping). There will be some 50 field trips planned for that area.

Herb reported that there is no new information concerning the rental space for a future workshop/storage area. He also reported that we still need Committee Chairpersons for:

1. Bulletin Mailout or helper
2. Monthly Library Drawing
3. Meeting Host
4. Phone Committee

Elmer Parsons (Public Lands) read an article on the Earth Day Meeting that was held in South America.

Larry Richey, Veterans Coordinator made an appeal for help. He needs someone who can go to the VA during the day, find out the vet's needs and report back to him.

Jim Williamson reported that the first show meeting is to be held January 16th at 7:30PM in the Board Room, Anaheim Memorial Hospital Medical Building.

Margaret Neeley announced that Todd Schowalter is resigning as Coordinator/Director of the Gem and Mineral Department of the Orange County Fair and if anyone is interested in doing this job to please give her a call and she will give you the name of the person to contact.

Margaret Neeley and Mae Freedman made a request for a club member to make a nice piece of jewelry for donation to the Annual Anaheim Arts Council Soiree, March 23rd. The club will cover all costs. Please contact Margaret Neeley for further information.

Program for the evening was a slide show on the 1981 Golden Bear Federation Show held at Anaheim Convention Center. Also, Marvin Mog brought in some items to share with the Club. Home made geode/slab stands, rock flower vase, holder for rocks for slabbing.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Marie Cole



DONATION AWARD TICKETS AND PRIZES:

Donation Award Tickets will be available for pickup at tonight's meeting. The sale of these tickets is our biggest and only fund raising project for the year. It is the obligation of each member to either sell or buy himself/herself \$10 worth of tickets. Tickets will sell for 3 for \$1.00. REMEMBER this helps with club expenses throughout the year. The more YOU sell the more YOU help YOUR club. If you do not pick up your \$10 worth of tickets we will mail them to you and postage is expensive. All checks are to be made payable to "Searchers Gem and Mineral Society" and all monies and ticket stubs are to be returned to Jan Gillette or Roger and Jan Cole by show time, May 3rd.

First Prize will be \$200. All other prizes will be donated by Searcher members or businesses.

For any member who may be contacting business people for Donation Prizes there are copies of Donation Request letters available for your use. Also, Show Flyers and Posters advertising our show. Check with Jim Williamson (for letters) or Walter Mroch (for flyers or posters).

We will need Donation Award Prizes. These should be high quality (remember when selecting your donation prize please be sure that the image we project is the one we are proud of). These prizes may be brought to the General Meetings and given to Roger or Jan Cole.

Please pick up your \$10 worth of tickets tonight - if you don't we'll mail them to you and postage is expensive. Let's have a great ticket sale in 1996.

Donation Award Committee

CRAFT COORDINATOR:

Ana Gabourel has volunteered to coordinate the Craft Booth at the show. We will need a lot of help from all of you ladies (and men too) to make items for the Craft Booth. If each of you can make 6 items I know we can have a successful Craft sales. We will need lots of items. Like last year you can make these at home and bring them to a meeting or to the Center the morning of set up. If you would like them returned to you after the show please put your initials on them and also let us know what prices you would like on items.

Think Crafts and start making items...we need to make something innovative, clever and inexpensive. Your help will make the difference and I'm going to need a lot of it. If you need any info call any of the ladies who have been involved in Crafts and we'll all be willing to help.

Ana Gabourel

PLANTS:

We will have plants for sale at the show. Any member who has plants they want to start for the show...now is the time. We will also need someone to act as coordinator to help set up the plant booth.

Show Committee



HOURLY DOOR PRIZES:

Walter Mroch and I will be doing the Hourly Door Prize drawings and we will need lots of UNUSED ITEMS. These could include necklaces, key chains, pins etc, etc. Please, if you have any suitable items please bring them to the March and April meetings.

Milly Arvanites

WHEEL OF FORTUNE:

We will need items for the WHEEL. If you have polished rocks, slabs, geodes that you cannot use (cut ones) small vials of tumbled rock or other items that would be attractive to children (or adults) please bring them to a general meeting or let me know and we will arrange to get them.

Lola Tapia

## Dues ARE Due !!!

If you haven't paid your dues...now is the time. I will be accepting dues at tonight's meeting. Remember, dues must be paid by March 1st or your name will not be listed in the new 1996 Membership Roster.

Milly Arvanites

SLABS FOR VETS:

I will be needing slabs for use at the Veteran's Lapidary Shop and would appreciate it if you would donate any of those surplus slabs that you may have on hand. I will have a box available at our general meetings.

Larry Richey

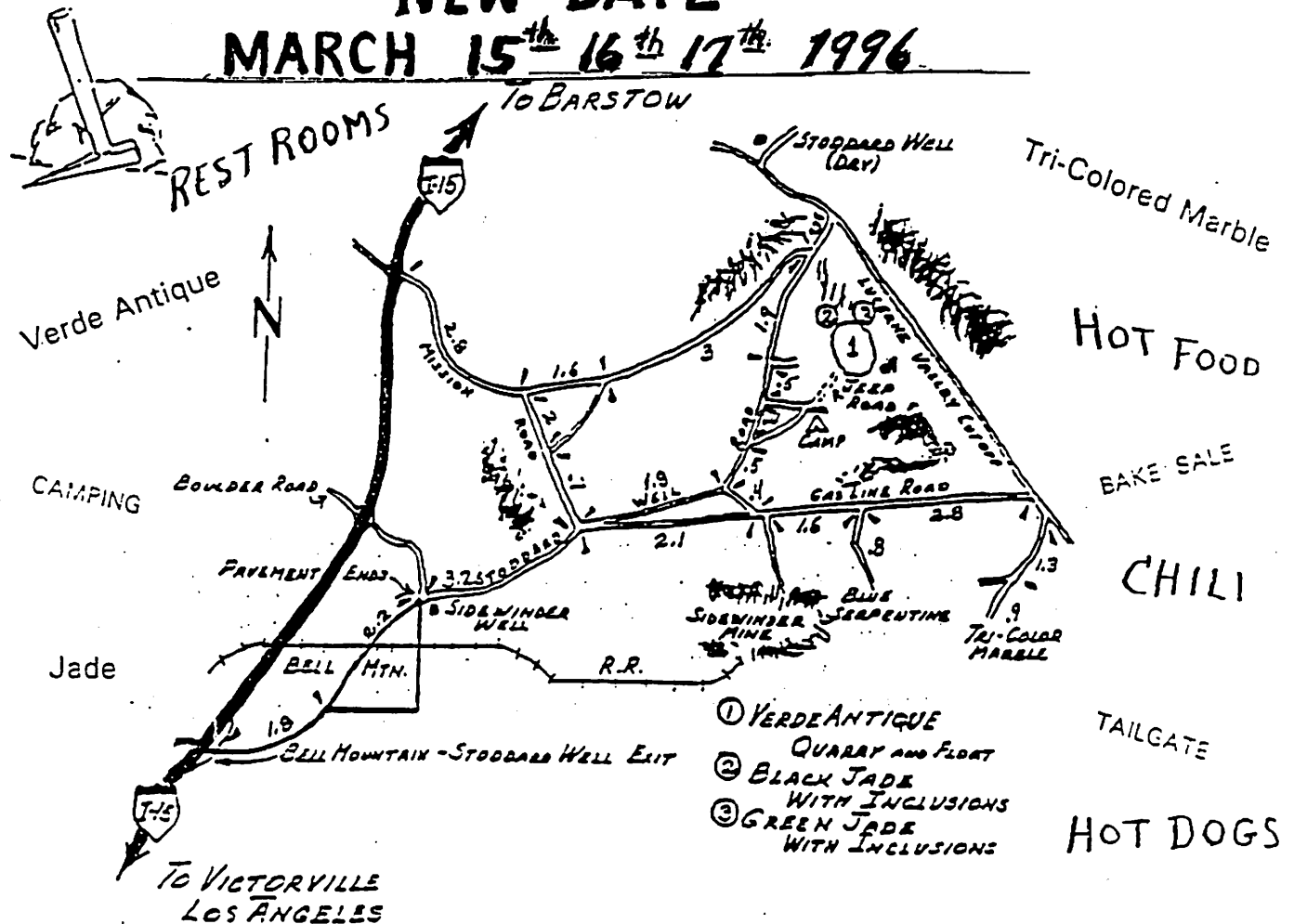
STODDARD WELLS TAILGATE:

The Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club will be holding their 20th Annual Tailgate at Stoddard Wells, March 15th thru 17th. All clubs in the area are invited to go and enjoy buying, selling, trading, sharing, visiting and having fun. Most items for sale are gem and mineral related but not all. There will be field trips to collect Verde Antique, Green and Black Jade and Tri-color marble. This is a dry camp area. Bring water and other necessities (portable toilets available on site). Roads are desert dirt that can handle motorhomes with no problems. Map elsewhere in this bulletin.

Ken Nelson

Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club  
**20th Annual Tailgate at Stoddard Well**  
**NEW DATE**

**MARCH 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> 1996**



**Verde Antique - Tri-Colored Marble - Jade**

**WHAT IS A TAILGATE?** It all began about 16 years ago when the Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club began hosting a free field trip and sale at Stoddard Wells collecting area. The Tailgate is open to all clubs and rockhounds. Everyone is allowed to sell or buy just about anything. Most items for sale are related to gems, minerals findings, and other related things, but you never know what you will see. The area is also noted for its abundance of rocks for collecting.

**CAMPING:** This is a dry camp area, so bring in your own water and other necessities. Supplies are available at the Bell Mountain service road. Roads are desert dirt and can handle motorhomes with no problem.

**GEM AND MINERAL COLLECTING:** Verde Antique, Green & Black Jade collecting areas are within walking distance from the Tailgate. The Verde Antique is in float and in a quarry. Jade with magnetite inclusions can be found in seams. Digging tools are needed for the better materials. A Field Trip on Saturday will take collectors to the nearby Sidewinder Mountains to find Tri-colored Marble which ranges from greys to dark green. A four wheel drive is advised for this trip.

**BAKE SALE:** There will be a Pie Booth with many delicious baked goods available throughout the Tailgate. This will be hosted by the Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club.

**RAIN OR SHINE**

SEE YOU THERE!



MARCH FIELD TRIP

For the March Field Trip we will be camping at Kramer Junction (see map attached) on March 30th and 31st.

This date was selected to allow us to take a field trip to the U.S. Borax mine near Boron. Years ago they allowed trips every weekend, but now only in conjunction with the Tailgate event and show at Boron. On this field trip, company personnel take you to the dump where you are allowed to collect any material you find. Materials include Ulexite, Colemanite, Kernite and many less common and relatively rare minerals. Tools for this trip should include sledges and chisels for breaking boulders to find the vugs. It used to be that safety glasses were also required.

I will be receiving information on the time of the field trip to U.S. Borax as well as information for anyone in the Searchers wanting to put a case in their show, or participate in the Tailgate selling event.

On the alternate day from the U.S. Borax trip, agate materials can be dug for or picked up within walking distance of the camp site.

Ken Nelson

APRIL FIELD TRIP

The Field Trip for April will be to the Clay Mine Road area west of Kramer Junction. It will be held April 13th and 14th. There is multi-colored travertine, agate and petrified palmwood in the area. A map with more specifics will be included in the March bulletin.

Ken Nelson

**DENNIS/Hank Ketcham**



"Naw, I don't collect rocks ... I collect what's under 'em."

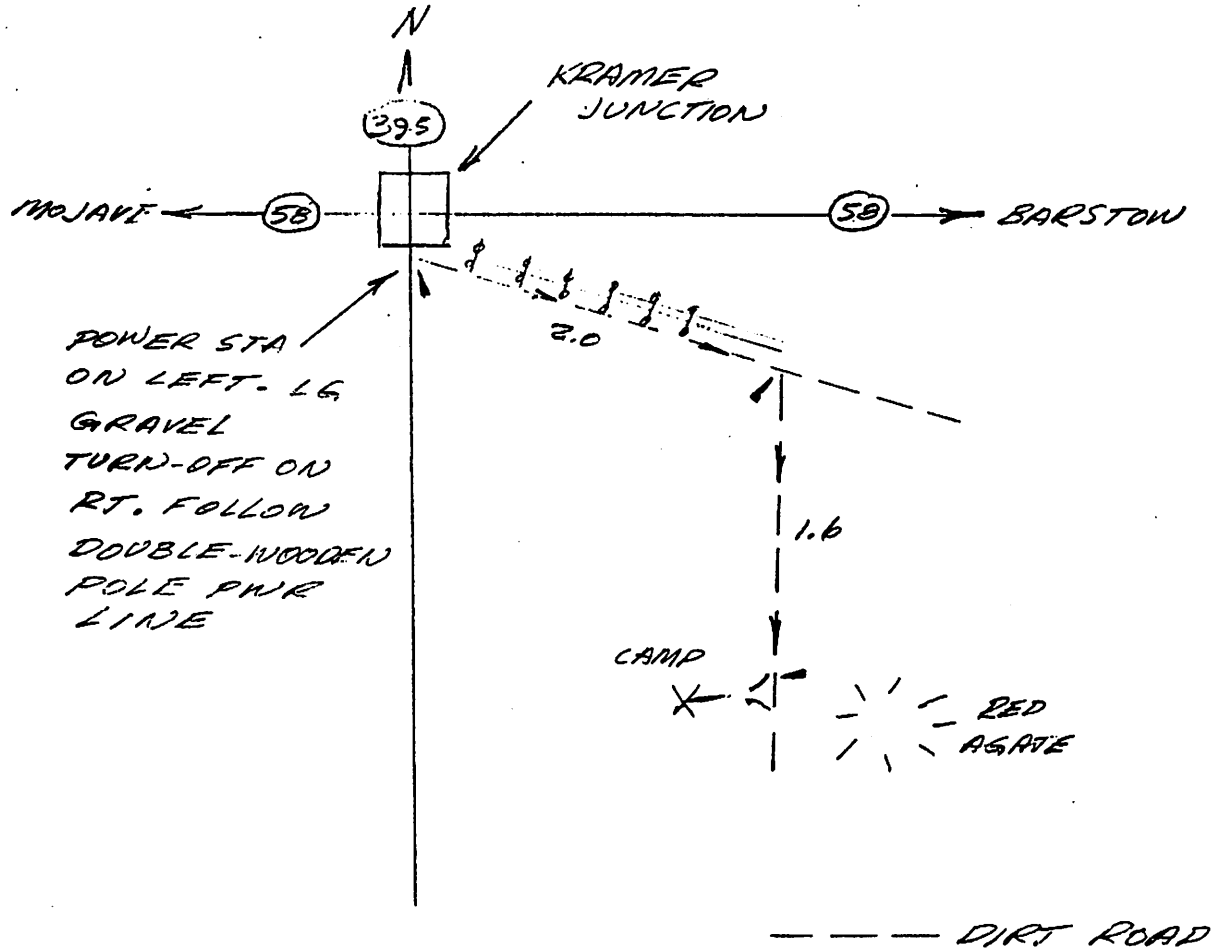


TARANTULAS - Called the Bird Spider, they are near-sighted and have a strong, sharp bite, which is quite painful. They normally bite only in self-defense. They are beneficial, rather than harmful to mankind.

via CFMS Newsletter 2/96

KRAMER JUNCTION FIELD TRIP

MARCH 30/31 1996



DRY CAMP: BRING WATER AND FIREWOOD

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.