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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 \$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 fourth Wednesday of each month, 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

Congratulations Searchers, our 35th Annual Gem Roundup was a great show. In the capable hands of our 1994 Show Chairperson, Floyd Neeley and Co-Chairperson, Marie Cole, the setup, the show and the tear down happened with a smoothness even the participants found hard to believe. Our quality gem show presentation requires a tremendous effort and many, many hours of hard work. We can all be proud of this year's show. The Searchers also extend a big thank you to the Anaheim Arts Council for their sponsorship, the dealers that provide us with a complete line of equipment and supplies for sale and the Brookhurst Community Center staff. Thank you all!

Now is the time to start planning for next year's show. It was refreshing to see a group of new junior members get involved and dedicate time and work to the show. It's time for all new members to get involved! I urge you to step in and take over, after all, one day this club and its show will be your responsibility. The experience is a rewarding one.

In the past it has been customary to appoint next year's Show Chairperson and Co-Chairperson during the show. This year we were unable to find anyone willing to take on those jobs! Now is the best time to recruit the support necessary for another successful show in 1995.

I would like to remind you that our June general meeting is our Annual Awards (show exhibitors' trophies) meeting and potluck dinner. Dinner will be at 7:00 PM with the meeting and awards presentation following dinner. This is a family affair and everyone is welcome. Look for more information elsewhere in this bulletin.

Jeanne Howe deserves a special thank you for her great work as Bulletin Editor. Handling this club's bulletin is certainly a challenge. Thanks for a fine job Jeanne.

Jim Williamson

SHOW DATES:

- May 14 & 15 Conejo Gem and Mineral Club
Borchard Park Community Park
190 Reino Road
Newbury Park, CA
Hours: May 14 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
 May 15 10:00 AMto 5:00 PM
- May 21 & 22 Yucaipa Valley Gem and Mineral Society
Scherer Community Center
First Street & Avenue "B"
Yucaipa, CA
Hours: May 21 - 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM
 May 22 - 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- June 4 & 5 Rockatomics Gem and Mineral Society
Rockatomics Recreational Center
8500 Fallbrook Avenue
West Hills, CA
Hours: Jun 4 - 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
 Jun 5 - 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

SHOW DATES (Cont'd):

June 4 & 5 Glendora Gems
 Goddard Middle School
 859 E. Sierra Madre
 Glendora, CA
Hours: Jun 4 - 10:00 AM to 7:30 PM
 Jun 5 - 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

FEDERATION REPORT:

The CFMS Convention/Meeting was held April 9th, 1994 at San Diego County Fairgrounds, Del Mar, CA. CFMS President, Jim Nelson called the meeting to order. A quorum was established, minutes of the Nov 13, 1993 meeting read and accepted, Standing Rules adopted. In addition to 5 CFMS Officers there was 88 Directors attending.

Insurance rates are again on the rise. They have increased from \$1.60 per person to \$1.80 (this is per member per year).

The CFMS Endowment Fund is now at \$55,000 and the Endowment Fund goal is \$100,000. This fund was established to assist the CFMS financially. Only earnings of the Fund may be used. All memorials and donations remain in the Fund year after year to earn benefits for the CFMS for use in all of its activities. Any donations to the CFMS Endowment Fund (as well as the Scholarship and Museum Fund) qualify as charitable gifts and may be used for tax deductions. Our own Elmer Parsons is Chairman for the CFMS Scholarship Fund.

The CFMS Endowment Committee will have a drawing at the November 12th business meeting in Visalia. Grand Prize is a round trip ticket for 2 to Washington, D.C. for 3 days and nights. Travel is via America West Airline. Tickets will be good from anywhere in the United States and Mexico. Winner will be given vouchers and will be able to arrange for a travel date of their choice. Tickets must be used within 12 months of the drawing. Winner need not be present. If anyone is interested I have tickets available. Tickets are \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00.

The 1995 CFMS Show will be in San Jose, CA, June 23-25. The Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society will host this show. Frank Mullaney, Show Chairman.

The 1996 CFMS Show will be in Riverside, CA, Aug 8-11. Hosting will be the Orange County Gem and Mineral Council. Isabella Burns, Show Chairman.

CFMS 5th Annual Fall Earth Science Seminar will be held at Camp Minaluta, Sep 4-10, 1994. Camp Minaluta is located in the pines in the Mother Lode Country four miles North of Nevada City. The camp is used by Camp Fire Girls and other groups during the summer. Facilities are rustic with separate bathrooms and showers. There is a nice level camping area for RVs. Three home cooked meals are served each day. Meals are provided for those on field trips. There will be lectures on gold, fossils, minerals, flora and fauna of the area. Field trips to old mining areas and instructions in our hobby crafts. The main goal is to provide a place to learn and have fellowship with other rockhounds. The cost is \$195 per person and must be paid by August 15, 1994. Have talked with members who have attend the ZZYX Road Seminar and they have thoroughly enjoyed it and are ready to go back. I have the necessary forms if anyone is interested.

Regarding the incidents at Wiley's Well the beginning of 1994 in confrontations with a supposedly new owner who was intimidating rockhounds who were headed for the Houser Geode Beds or the Potato Patch, the BLM Office in El Centro and the Riverside Sheriff's Department (April 6, 1994) have ordered this individual to vacate his campsite in one week or be subject to arrest. It was learned that his campsite has been vacated and only his belongings remain. He does have land near the area but his campsite was on BLM Land. There have been reports of threats with guns and dogs. The Wiley's Well

FEDERATION REPORT, Cont'd:

Ranger Station is asking that anyone who has had a confrontation with this individual to please contact them. They will be taking this individual to court and will need any or all the information available from persons who have been harrassed.

George Mitchum

MEMBERSHIP:

We welcome back some longtime Ex Club members, Roger and Janet Cole. They were very active in the Club having joined way back in March 1972 and were members until January 1985. We're glad to see them back:

COLE, Roger D. and Janet Sue	C.B. = Ole Blue
c/o Jay & Marie Cole	
791 North Orange Street	(714) 639-7983
Orange, CA 92667	

Last Year's Club members who have re-joined:

Ortega, Carl	Wesley, Paul and Peggy Lee
241 Avocado Street, No. 9	14088 Tiffeny Drive
Costa Mesa, CA 92626	Westminster, CA 92683
(714) 650-2671	(714) 895-5579

This brings our membership total to 148.

Milly Arvanites

SUNSHINE:



Lew Gibilterra was hospitalized the last week of April and due to his condition was moved from Anaheim Memorial Hospital to the West Anaheim Extended Care Center, May 3rd. The Care Center address is 645 S. Beach Blvd, Anaheim, CA. Cards are welcome.

Marge

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IN REMEMBRANCE

It is with saddness that I must tell you that we have lost another friend and member. Clem Ducobu entered into rest April 7, 1994. Services were held in Orange, April 12th. Graveside rites and buriel was held in Chicago.

Clem had been a Searcher for some time and he along with others were the back-bone of the Thursday silversmithing classes which were held at the Cultural Arts Center before we had to vacate. They moved temporarily to the Anaheim Mall and only recently the class meets at the Brookhurst Community Center.

We shall all miss Clem and we extend our sympathy to Clem's wife and family.

Editor

TO THE SEARCHERS:

I would like to thank all of you who sent cards and letters concerning the loss of my sister, Mary Blood.

Mary was very fond of the Searchers and even though she lived in Austria for the past several years she always arranged to be in California for the Quartzsite Pow Wow and for the Searcher's annual show. She also enjoyed getting together with the Craft ladies prior to the show. Again, thank you.

Marje Husby

FUTURE CLUB ACTIVITIES:

May 14 - 15	May Field Trip to Last Chance Canyon - Carl Pitzler leader
May 25th	Board Meeting
June 14	General Meeting/Annual Awards Potluck
June 18	Searchers Annual Picnic - Ralph B. Clark Park

REFRESHMENTS:

Refreshments for this evenings meeting are in charge of George and Milly Arvanites.

Chris and Bobbie Madsen will officiate at the June Potluck, our annual celebration of all the award winners at the show. Connie Van Kampen volunteered to do decorations.

Jeanne Howe

POTLUCK/AWARDS NIGHT:

Mark your calendars for the Potluck/Awards Dinner, Tuesday, June 14th at 7:00PM to be held in our general meeting room.

This is a family affair, everyone is welcome. Please plan on bringing a dish to share, i.e., a main dish, vegetables, salad or dessert. The Club will provide paper plates, eating utensils and cups. Punch and coffee will be available.

The Madsens

PROGRAM REPORT:

Our April program was presented by Warren Link who did a program on "Rock Pictures With Expression". If you didn't make the meeting you missed a good program.

We will not have a guest speaker June meeting due to the Potluck but we will have some form of entertainment.

Our guest speakers for tonights program will be Earl and Kathryn Burch whose program will be "Stones and Their Superstitions".

Herb Beckman

FIELD TRIP REPORT:

The April Field trip was to Opal Mountain/Inscription Canyon near Copper City Road out of Barstow. The weather cooperated and it was a beautiful weekend. The material was good, collected cherry opal, orange opal and banded rhyolite. We had side trips to Inscription Canyon to view petroglyphs and to Fossil Bed Road near Owl Canyon. Lots of wild flowers. Unfortunately only 3 people showed up which, needless to say is disheartening. We had a man from Colorado join us (an old gold prospector) on Friday and Saturday and he had some good tales to tell.

Our May Field Trip will be out to Last Chance Canyon (see map elsewhere in this bulletin). Carl Pitzler will be your leader. This is a dry camp so bring wood, water etc. We will be collecting jasper, jaspagate etc. with side trips to Jake's Tunnel and Dutch Cleanser Mine.

No field trip for June. This will be the Searcher Annual Picnic and will be held at the Ralph B. Clark Park, June 18th. The location is Rosecrans between Beach Blvd and Euclid. Merle and Jeanne Howe will be in charge of this. Map will be in the June Bulletin, also times. This will be Potluck.

July, August and September Field Trips are still in the planning stages.

The October trip will be to Halama Beach. Jim Everitt will be taking you there for Whale Bone and other goodies. Dates and Maps will be in the September Bulletin.

Marvin and Jacque Mog are busy traveling seeing the US of A and Mexico but before they left Marvin had agreed to do the Thanksgiving Trip. We'll all be looking forward to this. More information and maps in October.

Connie Van Kampen

SHOW REPORT:

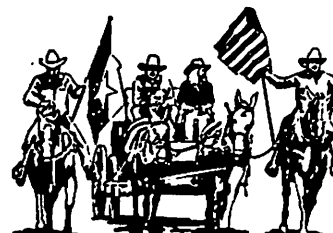
Thanks to my Co-Chairman and all my Committee Chairpersons and all members who worked on these committees and helped with setup and teardown, it was all of you who helped make our 35th Annual Show a success. Thanks too for all the fine Donation Award prizes, Hourly Door prizes and Wheel of Fortune goodies. Not to forget the cakes and pies that were brought in.

Hats off to Nancy Reed and her crew for efficient handling and good food put out by the kitchen. Margaret and I have done this job more times than we care to admit and it is not easy. Your hard work is appreciated.

I would also like to mention that we appreciate the good attendance of the chairpersons at the pre show meetings this made our plans run smoothly.

Without all of you we couldn't have done it and I hope that you will give our 1995 Show Chairpersons the same support. Again, thanks to all. Yes, the Searchers put on a great show. Let's do it again in '95.

Floyd Neeley
1994 Show Chairman



KUDOS TO JUNIOR MEMBERS:

What a fine job our junior members did. They helped with setup on Friday, worked at various jobs Saturday and Sunday and was there to give a hand & lots of help during teardown. It was rewarding to see so much initiative, interest and energy. We're proud of you.

Jim Williamson

CHILDREN'S JEWELRY:

I would like to thank our Junior Members, Elizabeth Madsen, Forest Reed and Daniel Gillette for doing such a fine job working in our jewelry booth. Not only did they help out they also learned the art of knapping arrowheads.

Elizabeth and Forest have volunteered to work with me at the Orange County Fair demonstrating how to knap arrowheads. Hopefully their enthusiasm will encourage other young people to become interested in the rockhound/lapidary hobby.

Larry Richey

CRAFTS:

My sincere appreciation for all the help I received from the guys and gals who worked on Crafts either at home or at our craft meetings. We had items to be proud of.

Bud Henderson made a lot of wood items. George Lux did some great howlite paintings. Carl Pitzler donated sand stone critters and also brought in beautiful flowers, some to be sold and some for decoration.

Betty Henderson coordinated plant sales and did a fine job. Had some beautiful plants thanks to all who donated them. A big thanks to all who participated in our craft projects

Any takers for Craft Chairman for the 1995 Show??? Think about it!!

Margaret Neeley



DONATION AWARDS:

Thanks to all members for our successful ticket sales, the great prizes that were donated for the drawing and, for all the help manning the Donation ticket booth.

Many of you know Hazel Van Kampen. Hazel is not a member but even though we lost her son Dennis in Sep 1992 (he was past President, Field Trip Chairman, Show Chairman and a real worker for the Searchers) she continues to be a Searcher booster. This lady asked for and sold over 300 Donation Award Tickets. I don't think anyone can top that. What a way to go Hazel. We all thank you. Hope you had some winners.

Herb Beckman

KITCHEN:

We did it! Thanks to all of you who worked the kitchen detail. The cooks, food servers, cake and pie cutters, cashiers and clean up. The kitchen is not one of the easiest jobs but teamwork makes it easier. Couldn't have done it without you. I appreciated all the help.

Nancy Reed

NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR:

Jeanne and I would like to thank Jan Gillette and Marie Cole for the "Show Time" article in April Bulletin. Fine job gals. How about more articles from you members on our hobby or collecting experiences. You write we'll publish!

Marge

ROCKS FOR FREE:

Carl Pitzler visited a former member, Sandy Sandez who is trying to sell his machine shop and invites the Searchers to come and carry away his rock pile. Tons and tons of material collected between 1966 and 1976, some material not found anymore. Sandy's shop is located at 10659 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove. For more info call Carl.

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P O Box 510, Temple City, CA 91780-9510.

NEWS FROM TRAVELERS:

Milly Arvanites received this card from Ken and Mary Nelson who are touring the US this summer. Much to their surprise while attending a rock show in Alpine, TX they ran into the Mogs. Would you believe, Searchers everywhere!.

Happy touring Ken and Mary.

marge

DOWN IN BIG BEND COUNTRY

Down in the Big Bend
Lookin' for rocks,
I tore my shirt,
Lost my hat,
And ruined a pair of socks.

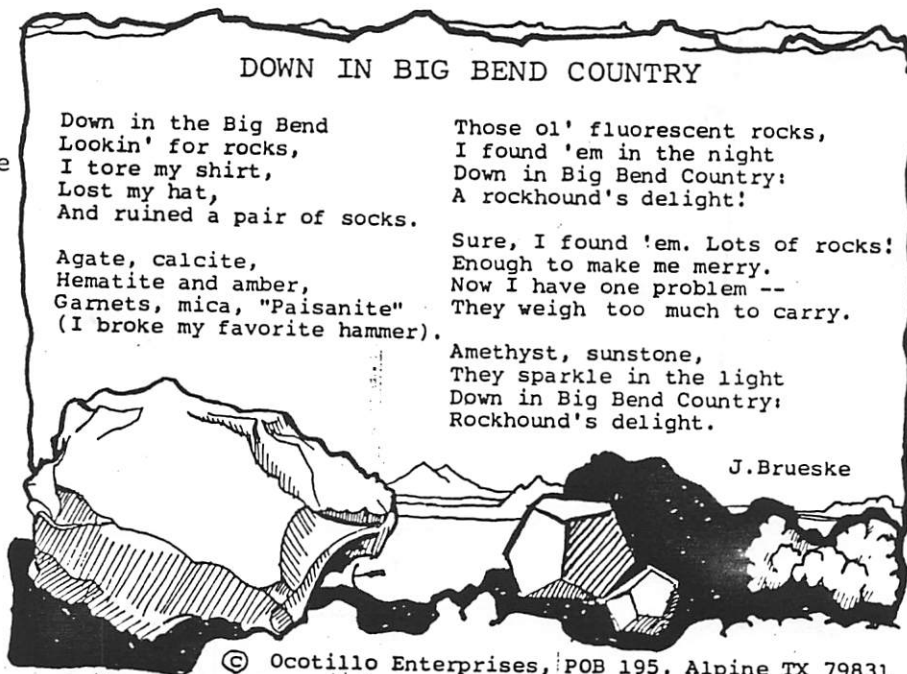
Agate, calcite,
Hematite and amber,
Garnets, mica, "Paisanite"
(I broke my favorite hammer).

Those ol' fluorescent rocks,
I found 'em in the night
Down in Big Bend Country:
A rockhound's delight!

Sure, I found 'em. Lots of rocks!
Enough to make me merry.
Now I have one problem --
They weigh too much to carry.

Amethyst, sunstone,
They sparkle in the light
Down in Big Bend Country:
Rockhound's delight.

J.Brueske



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SHOP HINTS:

Often a chemical dissolved in denatured alcohol is called a tincture. When a saturated solution of boric acid is dissolved in alcohol, it can be used to protect either silver or gold when soldering. Dip or paint the article in this tincture, burn off the alcohol with a torch, then solder. Dip in usual pickling solution and little or no fire scale will develop.

via Gem Time, Jan '94 and others

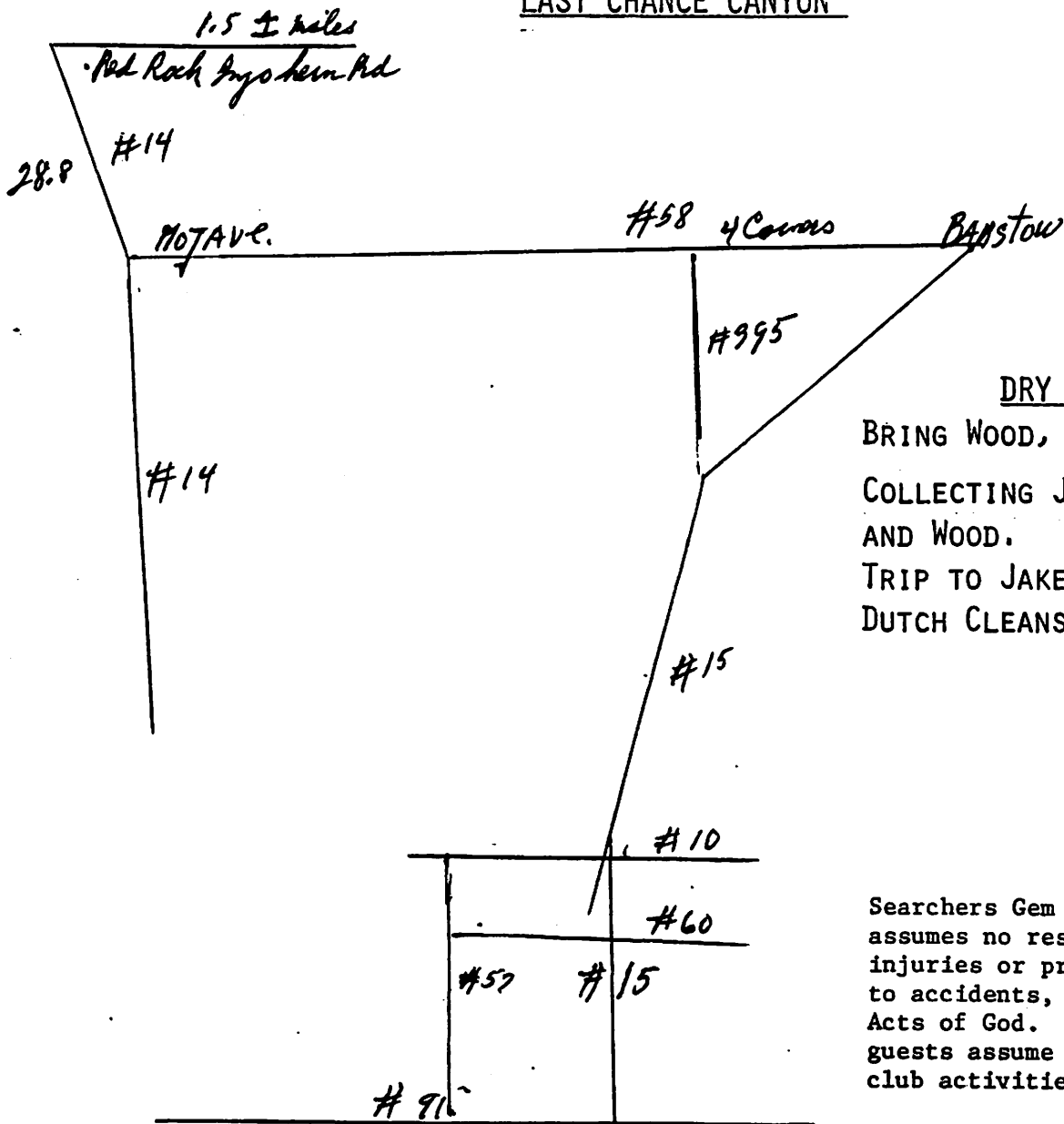
DID YOU KNOW . . .that about 99.5% of all plant and animal species that have ever lived are now extinct! There are about 5 million species living today, but had nothing become extinct, there would be 980 million.

via Gem Time, Jan '94 and others

NOTE FROM EDITOR: I will need all June Bulletin Items IN WRITING and in my hands Not later than June 7th. ALL FIELD TRIP MAPS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO ME THE MONTH BEFORE THE ACTUAL FIELD TRIP so that members may have time to make plans to attend the field trips. Many members are not participating because they do not receive their maps in time for planning.

marge

SEARCHERS MAY FIELD TRIP
 MAY 14 - 15, 1994
LAST CHANCE CANYON



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.

Take Hwys 91 - 57 - 15 to 395.

Hwy 395 to # 58 at 4 Corners go to Mojave then Right on Hwy 14. Check mileage its 28.8 miles to Red Rock Inyo Kern Road. Turn Right 1.5 miles - On Right side there is a cattle crossing painted on the road surface - turn Right at next next gravel road. See you There.

Carl Pitzler