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SEARCHERS GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC
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AFFILIATIONS: California Federation of Mineralogical Societies
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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.

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.

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.

WORKSHOPS: 651 South State College Blvd, Unit # 9, Fullerton. Thursday 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Phone Number: (714) 870-7625.

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

The Orange County Fair is now history. I would like to thank all of the members who helped out in the Gem and Mineral Building on Searcher Day, July 19th. We had a good group down there helping out.

I'm proud to report that our Searcher's Case took two first place ribbons and was presented with a beautiful Trophy.

Many thanks to Betty Nelson for coordinating this project and to Beth Pelfrey and Max Johnson for all their help setting up our case and all of our members who so willingly loaned their lapidary treasures to put in our case. Way to go!

Cliff Warner



FUTURE CLUB EVENTS:

August 15th	Huntington Beach Picnic/Beach Party
August 25th	Board Meeting
September 2nd	Bulletin Items Due
September 8th	General Meeting
September 17th	Arts and Crafts Day - New Senior Center - Anaheim

SHOW DATES:

Aug 28 - 30th	Valley Prospectors Gold & Treasure Los Rio's Apple Ranch Oak Glen, CA Hours: Sat 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Sun 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Sep 19 - 20th	Faceter's Guild of Southern Calif Brookhurst Community Center 2271 W. Crescent Avenue Anaheim, CA Hours: Sat 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM Sun 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Sep 26 - 27th	Delvers Gem & Mineral Society Downey Women's Club 9813 Paramount Blvd Downey, CA Hours: Sat 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM Sun 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Sep 30 - Oct 4th	JAMBOREE/TAILGATER The Sportsman's Club 6225 Sunburst Joshua Tree, CA Hours: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Daily

HIGHLIGHTS - JULY GENERAL MEETING:

Meeting called to order at 7:40 PM by president Warner.

Audrey Nichols and Betty Nelson introduced our speaker for the evening, Searcher member and beloved jewelery instructor, Dr Walter Johnson. His subject was historical notes concerning the Russian Faberge Eggs. Walt had a dazzling display from his personal collection, many slides depicting the evolution of this famous art form featuring precious gems and gold.

Betty Nelson was given a round of applause for her efforts of coordinating and arranging and placing a Club Case in the Orange County Fair Gem and Mineral Exhibit and thanked Beth Pelfrey and Max Johnson for their assistance. Their work on this project won a First Place Ribbon for the Searchers. Sunday, July 19th is Searcher Day in the Gem and Mineral Building this year. Those volunteering will receive a free admission ticket and parking for that day.

Floyd Neeley told us of his visit to the dentist and the possibility that we could lease an empty house on their property, rent free for two or three years with an option on another two to three year use if the property is maintained. This has potential and could perhaps be used for some classes (in addition to the one promised at the new senior center) and a great place to store and arrange our show supplies and equipment.

Cliff said he liked the idea of perhaps getting this place and asked Floyd to continue to "spear-head" this effort. Jay and Roger Cole agreed to volunteer on Floyd's committee.

Cliff reported that he met with officials at the new Senior Center and they have given us twenty-five percent more time than originally projected. Our General Meeting Night is to be on the third Thursday, the Board Meetings the fourth Thursday and Workshops Thursday from 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM and also on the second and fourth Thursdays 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Cliff also said that the personnel representing Anaheim Parks and Recreation re the new Senior Center will visit our present workshop to see what we have in equipment and saws to see if they can perhaps make any adjustment in the proposed storage area they have offered Searchers.

Bob Gabourel presented two certificates from the Orangewood Children's Home Child Abuse Services (CAS) thanking the Searchers for their support to CAS and and to Larry Richey thanking Larry for his many volunteer hours at their facility.

Workshop reports as requested by members is attached to the Minutes and available upon request to members who would like a copy. See Louise Oleson. Herb presented a detailed analysis of shop expenses and distributed some copies of this report. Also, he stated attendance is up especially due to the Saturday classes.

Betty Nelson asked the Searchers to raise the annual Donation to the Orange County Register's Camper Fund from \$100 for each boy and each girl to \$125 which would be \$250 up from the \$200 we have donated in the past. Wes Miller made a motion that we contribute \$250 this year to cover the camping fee for one boy and one girl. Audrey Nichols seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Nancy Norlund announced that the Annual Beach Party is scheduled for Saturday, August 15th at Huntington Beach. More details are in the bulletin. This is a day function. No over night camping.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 PM.

Louise Oleson
Secretary

FEDERATION REPORT:

The Convention meeting of the CFMS Board of Director was held July 4, 1998, Monterey, CA. Directors from 99 Clubs attended the Saturday meeting. Meeting was called to order by President Beverly Moreau. A quorum was established, the Agenda and Standing Rules adopted. Minutes of the November 8, 1997 meeting were read, corrected and accepted.

The financial report was read, approved and accepted.

There are four delinquent societies:

Glendale/Verdugo Gem and Mineral Society
SoCal Paleontological Society
Valley Gems
VIP Gem and Mineral Society

Two Clubs/Societies have been or are in the process of disbanding:

San Dieguito Gem and Mineral Society
San Fernando Valley Gem and Mineral Society

There was one new club to apply for membership:

The Gold Coast Treasure Hunters
Ventura, CA

The 1999 CFMS Show will be hosted by the Mother Lode Mineral Society in Turlock, CA from June 18th thru 20th, 1999 at the Stanislaus County Fairgrounds. The 2000 Show will be hosted by Valley Prospectors to be held at the Riverside Convention Center, Riverside, CA. The Clark County Gem Collectors of Las Vegas, Nevada are working on a bid for the 2001 Show.

Isabella Burns announced that the Earth Sciences Studies program at Camp Paradise (out of Marysville, CA) will be held September 13 thru 20th, 1998. As of meeting time they had 56 people registered and reservations still coming in. Deadline was to be August 15th but since they had 69 people at the last ZZYX Earth Science Studies program they may be able to accommodate a few more than those who have already registered or reserved a spot by the time of the August 15th deadline.

The new regulation for collecting at Jade Cove should have the resolution signed as early as July 6, 1998.

There is a Web Site on the internet guide to Public Lands www.ca.blbgov

Thanks to Nancy Norlund who while representing the SARMS in Monterey was able to pick my Director's package and furnish me with informational notes since due to my hospitalization at that time I was unable to be there.

Please see additional report on the following pages from Jim Strain, Chairman, Public Lands Advisory Committee.

George Mitchum
Federation Delegate

PUBLIC LANDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT:
(to the Officers and Directors of the CFMS)

We (PLAC members) keep hoping that our Semi-Annual report will be nothing but good news. Unfortunately, this report is probably the worst news since the California Desert "Protection" Act was passed.

First, the U.S. Forest Service has determined that they only have enough funding to maintain 40% of the existing roads in the National Forests. They are currently inventorying them to see which roads are "unneeded" so they can decide which roads to close.

Since most of the roads we use for access in the National Forests are no longer used for logging or mining due to restrictions, they may be considered to be of no use. We must coordinate with each Nation Forest Office to be sure that the roads we need are kept on the list to remain open.

PLAC needs your help. Since we do not have members adjacent to all the National Forests we ask that all CFMS Clubs select a representative to contact the National Forests of importance to their Club and let them know which routes and roads should not be closed.

We further ask that when you do select a member that will represent your Club, please inform PLAC so we can coordinate our efforts. If there are other Clubs nearby that do not attend CFMS meetings, please let them know what is happening. Even if they are not CFMS members we all have the same needs. ACCESS!

Second, the Bureau of Land Management and several Federal, state, county and other agencies and groups have been working on the NECO Management Plan for more than 3 years. PLAC has been involved representing CFMS. Also, the California Desert District Advisory Council (Izzy Burns is a member of the Council) has been involved in the decision making process.

At each meeting held during the past 3+ years, the same rhetoric that no changes in access or use of the desert were being planned was voiced by various Governmental representatives.

Now that the final stages are occurring, we find that our fears were true. i.e. The Chuckawalla area has some wilderness areas designated by the California Desert "Protection" Act and some Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) designated under the California Desert Management Plan. Those areas total less than 30% of the land area.

The new proposed plan would increase the area to more than one million acres and would include all the geode beds near the Wiley Well area, the Palo Verde Mountains, the Chocolate Mountains, the Mule Mountains, the Little Mule Mountains, the Black Hills, Vinagre Wash Area, etc..

There is another ACEC planned near Needles of more than one million acres.

These ACEC's supposedly are to protect all the endangered animals and plants in the areas. Planning includes statements such as "No Vehicular travel within 500 meters of a known bat habitat," "no vehicular travel in washes unless designated open," No "surface disturbance" in areas of critical concern. Any one of these planned actions could eliminate access, collecting, or any normal use of the area. (next page)

PUBLIC LANDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT (Cont'd):

The threat is so serious that several county governments formed the QUADSTATE County Government Coalition to provide information to the Department of Interior for inclusion in the planning. So far, the Secretary of Interior has ignored all the correspondence. The latest effort has the signatures of 9 Congressmen from California, Utah, Arizona and Nevada. If this doesn't get some action, Litigation will be considered.

Attached is a list of the Congressmen and Women. Please let them know you support their actions and let them know of your concerns.

This is a major threat to our use of Public Lands for educational and recreational purposes. Since the impact is so widespread, most people who live in, or recreate in, the desert areas will be severely impacted.

Our back is to the wall. It is time to speak up and be heard. If we do not get involved, our rights to use the remaining Public Lands will be restricted even more than they are now.

/s/ Jim Strain
Chairman, PLAC

The Congressmen and Women who support the QUADSTATE County Government Coalition proposals are:

Mary Bono
California, 44th

John Ensign
Nevada, 1st

Jim Gibbins
Nevada, 2nd

James Hansen
Utah, 1st

Duncan Hunter
California, 52nd

Jerry Lewis
California, 40th

Buck McKeon
California, 25th

Robert Stump
Arizona, 3rd

Bill Thomas
California, 22nd

The address for all Congressmen is:

The Honorable _____
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

There are ten counties involved so far. The principle ones are San Bernardino, Kern and Imperial in California, Mojave in Arizona, Lincoln in Nevada and Washington in Utah. Clark County in Nevada and both Inyo and Los Angeles Counties have recently made commitments to get involved. Riverside County apparently needs encouragement from residents who live in the county.

While most of the County Government concerns are based on economics, they generally support access which is our primary concern. You will find that the County Governments really appreciate local support and they will listen to our issues.
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PUBLIC LANDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT (Cont'd):

All members of Congress throughout the Western United States should be contacted to let them know our concerns. If this continues to grow in strength as it has in recent months, we can expect positive results.

The Ball is in our court now. Lets make the most of this opportunity, all the members of your Public Lands Advisory Committee sincerely appreciate your help in accomplishing the overall goal of CFMS -- to keep Public Lands available to the Public.

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES - July 14, 1998:

President Warner called meeting to order at 7:35 PM. Copies of the June 23rd minutes distributed to Board members in attendance. Audrey Nichols moved we approve and accept the minutes. Betty Nelson seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

Betty Nelson displayed the two First Place Blue Ribbons and the Trophy that was presented to the Searchers at the 1998 Orange County Fair. Betty noted that this is the second year the Searcher's case has won in our Division. She also thanked Beth Pelfrey and Max Johnson for helping with the case, i.e., collecting the items to be displayed, transporting them and the large case to the Fair, and a big thanks to those members who loaned items for the case.

Betty and Beth Pelfrey had a "hands-on-table of rocks. They also distributed club flyers to interested persons. Tumbled stones were given to children and adults and answered lots of questions concerning the Club. Betty said the sphere making by William E. Brannon was very popular. Max Johnson has written to Mr Brannon asking him to do a demonstration at one of our General Meetings. Mr Brannon has devised an unusual method to fashion spheres. He also had a vibratory tumbler running and it was placed next to the finished tumbled stones. This was very popular with the show attendees and Betty suggested we might like to do this during our next show.

Cliff Warner continued the on-going project of updating and arranging for distribution of the Official Job Duties for the next year's incoming Officers. He quoted a price of under \$100 for two sided printing at Office Depot.

Cliff asked the Secretary to purchase a notebook and bring it to each General Meeting and Board Meeting with copies of all the reports to be submitted (in writing) at the Board Meeting by all officers and committee heads, etc. This is to be part of Cliff's efforts to make information available to club members who wish a detailed report of the Board's activities. The notebook is to be placed on the table near the Club bulletin. Many of you know there are a few copies of the complete minutes of the previous General Meeting placed on this table for members who may be interested to take hom. Cliff wants to keep all ines of communication on Board Activities open to all Club members.

Cliff wanted formal guidelines for Dealer Show Cancellations to be added to the Job Duties of the Show Chairperson. Cliff suggested the following:

"If any exhibitor cancels their paid perticipation to the Searcher's Show event 30-days or more a 50 percent credit will be applied to the next Searcher event. Cancellations less than 30-days will receive NO credit. NO CASH REFUNDS. An Exhibitor cancelling 60-days from the date of the show will be refunded 100 percent of the money paid."

BOARD MEETING MINUTES - July 14, 1998 (Cont'd):

Betty Nelson made the Motion that these "guidelines" be adopted by the Club. Audrey Nichols seconded this motion. Motion passed, 5 Yeas and 1 Nay.

The 2nd and 4th Saturday morning Wire Wrap Workshops are now being conducted by Ben Byland from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Workshop. The Workshop fee is \$3.00.

Margaret Neeley asked Herb Beckman to change his method of bookkeeping for the Workshop when we move into the new facilities. Herb will take this suggestion before the membership at the next General meeting.

Nancy Norlund submitted her revised Committee Report on the study to Change the method of distributing Show Opportunity/Donation Award Tickets and upgrading the Donation Award Prizes. Cliff called for an estimate of the amount the Committee would have to spend for these "upgraded" prizes.

Cliff is working on an October Field Trip to Hemet to visit the new Reservoir construction site (completion date - in two years). The rock quarry site is open to the public. Buses will take us to the quarry where we may walk to the bottom. This would be a one day trip. Cliff suggested we could visit wine country on the return trip and Max Johnson said we could go via Lake Matthews if we wished.

Margaret Neeley wanted to make clear that the "Anonymous" letter appearing in our July bulletin was NOT written by a Searcher member but was taken from the Las Vegas Bulletin, "Gem Time." The following motion was made by Betty Nelson that "nothing should ever be published in the bulletin that is signed "anonymous." Herb Beckman seconded the motion. Motion carried. 5 Yeas and 1 Nay.

Margaret Neeley reminded the Board of the "Arts and Crafts Day" at the opening of the new Seniors' Center to be held on September 17th from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Cliff reported on news of the Open House, one of many planned events for Opening Week Celebrations. He said that the Searchers' will have 100 tickets. Lots of gala happenings will take place including, "A Taste of Anaheim."

Herb Beckman said we will need insurance on our equipment at the new Seniors' Center. The city is not responsible. We may get insurance via a rider to our current CFMS insurance.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM.

Louise Oleson
Secretary

SHARING AND CARING:

I've had word from Sue Hodges and she has moved to a new address, seems to be doing well and recalls fond memories of the Searchers. Cards and notes would be appreciated. Her address is:

Martha Sue Hodges
c/o Mountain View Manor
423 Daisy Lane
San Marcos, CA 72069

Had word from Froma Reiter and she reports she is feeling much better after a severe bout with anemia.

SHARING AND CARING (Cont'd):

Nancy Norlund and her brother Gary (visiting from New Foundland, Canada) went up to Big Bear (August 4th) and rode the lift to Snow Summit and was hiking down when Nancy hit a loose patch of dirt and rock, slipped and pitched forward tearing a flap of skin and a 4 inch gash to her right knee exposing the entire kneecap and cartilage. Thanks to a down hill mountain biker they was able to get a rescue vehicle and transport her to the hospital emergency room. The wound had to be irrigated and cleaned so after that and 30 internal and external stitches, pain & antibiotic shots, a leg brace and prescriptions she was on her way back to their RV to meet with the rest of their group.

Glad to report that she is doing pretty well but will have to do with a "straight" leg until the stitches come out at which time she should be able to move about more freely.

Nancy sez, the lesson she learned, wear hiking boots when hiking, not tennies! She hopes to make the beach picnic but will stay close to their RV.

A speedy recovery to you Nancy, and Congratulations on your blue ribbon for your case of Gem Trees you exhibited at the recent Orange County Fair.

Doris Pelfrey

MEMBERSHIP:

Welcome new members who joined at our July 14th meeting.

HARRIS, Arthur R. (Art)
23701 South Western, Space # 58
Torrance, CA 90501-5600

MING, Dennis L.	(Renewed Member)
MING, JEANIE S.L.	" "
6013 West View Drive	
Orange, CA 92669	

This brings our membership total to 176.

Address Correction: Hazlett, Tyler
6524 Notre Dame Drive
Buena Park, CA 90620
(714) 527-2945

Change of Address: Thomas Talip
3030 117th Street
Toledo, Ohio 43611
(419) 727-8624

Please update your Membership Rosters.

Milly Arvanites

PROGRAM REPORT:

Our July Program was presented by Walt Johnson, Searcher member and well known jewelry making instructor. The program was on Russian Faberge Eggs. There were many slides depicting the evolution of this famous art form featuring precious gems and gold and a fantastic display from his collection. Directions of "how to" were distributed. Walt is planning to present a workshop in this art form in the fall at Walker Junior High.

Tonights program will be Presentation of Awards from our 1998 Annual Show, a video of our 1998 Show and a Silent Auction. Donations and material from our workshop will make this a fun event. Open bid slip for your name and amount will be provided. Some will have minimum bids to start and increase amount will be twenty-five cents.

Bidding will start when you come in the door and also at our break time. Bidding closes 15 minutes before end of break so you can collect your items, slips, and pay the treasurer. Jerry and Nancy Norlund will be running this.

Audrey Nichols

July 15, 1998

Dear Searchers members.

This letter is just meant as a great big thank you for being such a great club.

As a family the Nelsons have been enthusiastic Searchers for more than 25 years. No one stays with a club that long unless they think it is worthwhile and very special. The Searchers definitely is that I think it is time to point out some of those special qualities that make the Searchers outstanding and more than just another rock club and to say "Thank You" to the many members who have given and now are giving so much of their time and effort to the Searchers. At this time our club is even more active and successful than I have ever seen it in the past, and that's saying a lot.

First and foremost we have not been afraid of change. At a time when most clubs have been losing membership and some even shutting down, our membership has more than doubled. Our efforts these past several years to establish an effective work shop and to conduct jewelry making classes, utilizing the skills of our own members in most cases, has been an important factor in increasing our membership. Setting up a shop after we lost our old one was not easy, and several members deserve special thanks for the time and effort they have put into it. We have persisted in maintaining our field trips on a regular basis in spite of problems of access and the loss of several "old timers" who were among our field trip experts. We welcome the new blood that is helping us in this essential area. We are fortunate to have members with this expertise and interest. Our monthly bulletin, which keeps everyone in touch, has also been vital to our club over the years. So has the quality of our programs. We have great annual shows and a number of active committees with enthusiastic chairpersons. These things all take time and effort.

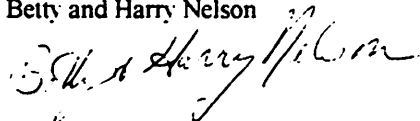
As a club we have reached out into the community especially regarding youth and veterans. We are involved in Anaheim's Heritage Day, Scouting programs, school presentations, camperships, and scholarships, and we support the Orange County Children's Center. We maintain the jewelry workshop at the Long Beach Veterans Hospital and teach the veterans how to become skilled in making jewelry. We are actively involved in the Anaheim Arts Council. There are probably some things I have left out. Anyway, all these things should make us very proud to be Searchers.

Our boards have continued to be hard working and dedicated. We know because Harry and I have served on a number of them now and over the years, but come to the board meetings when you can and see for yourself. Of course not everyone agrees all the time with everything that we do. That's OK. As long as the criticism is kept constructive. We need all the ideas and suggestions we can get if we are to continue to grow as we must. Besides, it has always been a Searcher trait that when a joint effort needs to be made as happens annually at our shows and when something special needs to be accomplished, everybody is there pitching in to the best of their ability.

So a BIG BIG thanks to all you "old timers" like us, who put so much into our club in the past. And a BIG BIG thanks to the "young timers" on whom the Searchers depends now and in the future. This club belongs to the members, and we will always need every member's ideas and contributions.

Gratefully,

Betty and Harry Nelson



SLABS FOR VETS: The box marked "Slabs for Vets" is located at the back of our meeting room - near the coffee pot. I will also have a box at our workshop and if you are down to the shop slabbing rocks and you have extras that you will not be using put them in the VET'S box. Believe me they are used by the Vets and appreciated.

Larry Richey

REFRESHMENTS:

Refreshments this evening will be served by Dottie Johnson and Alicia Ojeda.

How about those delicious freshly baked peach cobblers donated by Nancy Reed and served by Imelda Allen, Nancy Reed and Nancy Norlund (Yum, Yum, Yum) served at our July meeting.

Nancy Norlund needs volunteers for September and October.

Nancy Norlund

WORKSHOP REPORT:

In addition to the Thursday evening workshop sessions, the workshop is open from 8:00 AM until 12:00 Noon on the second and fourth Saturdays each month. Cliff Warner is the Saturday supervisor and instructor in steam casting techniques. At the last Saturday session (July 25th) Ben Byland also gave instruction in wire wrap jewelry techniques. Workshop attendance was very good in June/July, averaging over 6.5 Searchers per session. There were eight workshop sessions during this period. The Searchers library is open for members to check-out, or check-in lending materials during all scheduled workshop hours.

The Genies on order should be operational in the workshop in August. I hope to see more members turning out for the workshops now that we will have more lapidary work stations.

The "Searcher's Night" at the shop facility on Tuesday, 21 July was very successful. Seven Searchers attendd this event to work on club projects, and much progress was made. We inventoried, repackaged, reorganized and stored all the show materials located in the show storage unit. The slabbing saws were also in full use slabbing for veterans and opening up donated rocks to facilitate sorting. Many thanks to Richard Butler, Lenda Davis, Art Harris, Nancy and Jerry Norlund and Dick Reed for their efforts on a very hot night in the workshop. The next "Searcher's Night" is scheduled for Tuesday, August 18th. I hope to see you there.

Herb Beckman

SEARCHER'S LIBRARY:

Searcher's Library welcomes our members to use it's vast number of books and video tapes on lapidary, silversmithing, past Searcher Shows and many aspects of rockhounding. The Library is located in our workshop and checkout of material may be done by shop supervisors.

Bob Dixon

HINT:

You can re-polish cabs that have become dull from ear without removing them from their mounting. Cut 1/4th inch diameter soft leather discus and put three of them on a Dremel or screw type mandrel. Use this tool with Linde A or diamond paste and you can work carefully close to the bezel and around the prongs. Source unknown.

via Rickhound's Rag, 7/98
and Rocky Review, Aug/Sep 98

POSSIBLE FIELD TRIPS:

The Long Beach Senior's Center has two interesting trips scheduled for August and September and has generously donated a bus for these trips. If there are any Searcher members who may be interested in participating please contact our Secretary, Louise Oleson at the General Meeting or give her a call at (562) 930-0989.

The August trip will be to Carlsbad Beach on Friday, August 21st. The bus is scheduled to leave from the Long Beach (4th Street) Senior's Center. Departure time will be 8:30 AM and is scheduled to return to the Center at 5:00 PM. Those participating will be able to have a box lunch prepared by Jean Rabune from the Center at a cost of \$2.00. Menu to be announced. Reservations are required.

The plans are to wade in the water and search for cutable material of agate, jasper, petrified wood, aventurine, quartz and on rare occasions nephrite jade. These pebbles come from the dredging of Oceanside Harbor and were piped down the beach to provide fill. Geologically, they came from the San Onofre formation.

Items you need to locate your treasures are: bare feet, a pail to carry water to wet down the stones and a bag to bring home your treasures. Also bring drinking water, hats, and sunscreen.

PALOS VERDE TRIP:

The Palos Verde Trip will be Friday, September 25th. Again, the bus is scheduled to leave from the Long Beach Seniors' Center (4th Street) at 8:30 AM and return at 5:00 PM. Courtesy the Center.

Retired Professor Wally Ford of El Camino College will lead the trip. Professor Ford, geologist and well known expert on the Palos Verde area will board the bus at the "Shops of Palos Verde" and direct us to Bluff Cove. On the first level we can see fossilized fish scales, further down, some small crystals of pyrite and the world famous barite in white, pink and orange translucent colors, if we are lucky! For those who are hardy and don't mind the return climb, petrified wood, whale fossils, glaucophane and diatomaceous earth. Professor Ford once found a whale's skull photographed it before it washed out to sea. He has also seen petrified California maple and mesquite. On the third level at the water's edge, our next stop is to be White's Point (small fee required here) and we will enjoy the \$2.00 box lunch.

Professor Ford will have a map for us and show us other interesting geological features of this area, show us where minerals are located that can only be found in the Palos Verde area...the only place in the world! We will then head back to Long Beach.

This is a time to ask questions of Professor Ford concerning the formation of the Palos Verde Peninsula and to learn it's secrets. A dream come true for we rock and mineral enthusiasts.

If you plan to join this group please bring drinking water, hats, sunscreen, rock chisels and picks, rock hammer and a bag for mineral crystals, etc.

Again if you are interested in these outings please call our Secretary, Louise Oleson at (562) 930-0989. If she is not available please leave your name and number. Louise will return your call. There will be more details on these trips and a Sign-Up Sheet at the General Meeting. See Louise.

Louise Oleson

HUNTINGTON BEACH PICNIC

DATE: Saturday - August 15, 1998

WHERE: Pacific Coast Highway at State Beach - the Newland Entrance between Lifeguard towers 11 and 12.

Other entrances: Brookhurst, Magnolia or Beach Boulevard

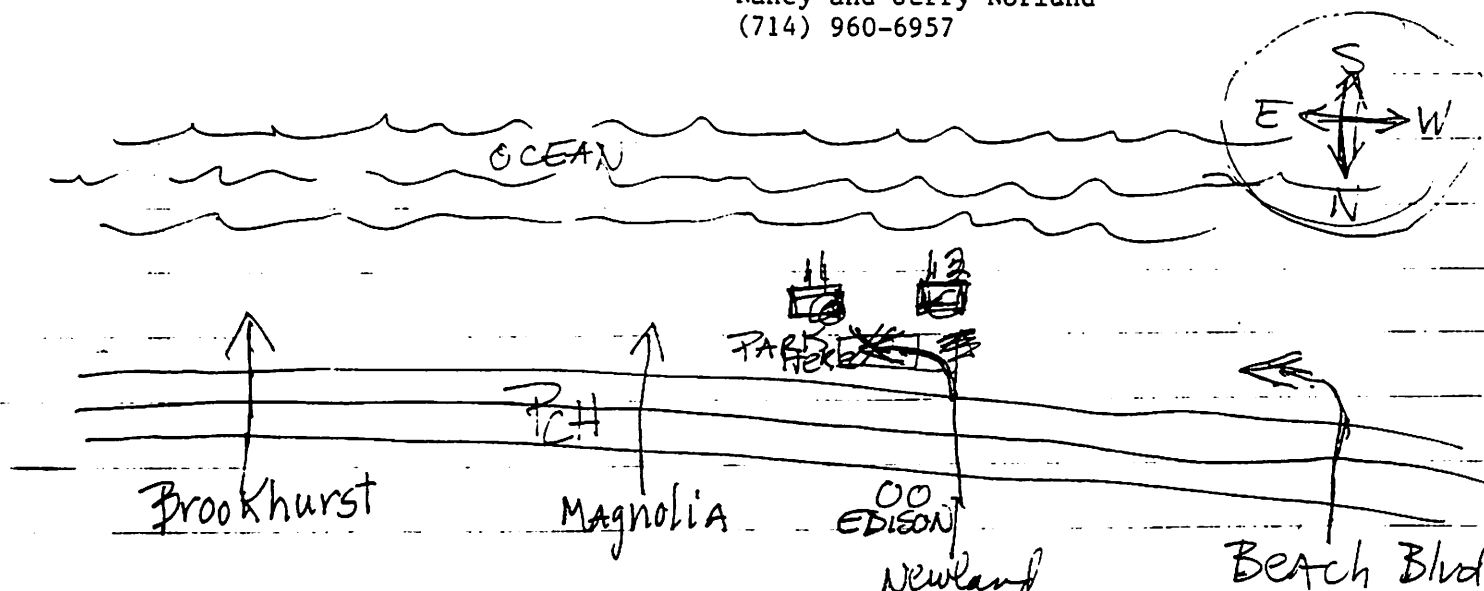
TIME: 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM - BREAKFAST - For early risers to help hold our Fire Ring.
Pancakes/coffee/orange juice..YOU bring
Bacon or Sausage - WE Cook!

Look for our JACO RV

PICNIC TIME: 11:30 AM until Closing - 10:00 PM

The Club will provide Corn for a Corn Boil. You bring a dish to share, salad, main dish, dessert and your choice, hot dogs, burgers, steaks, whatever you want to cook and your beverage. Bring chairs, blankets, games and FIREWOOD, jackets small tables (like we use on campouts.

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ATATE BEACH PARKING FEE: \$6.00 per car or RV

\$5.00 per car or RV - Senior Fee

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