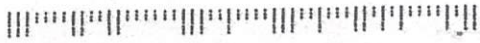


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SEARCHERS GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.  
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The Searchers Gem and Mineral Society, Inc., meet on the second Tuesday of each month at the Anaheim Memorial Hospital Medical Office Building, 1211 W. LaPalma 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 third weekend of each month. These are announced monthly. Trip maps, added activities, time changes and other pertinent information will be published in the bulletin

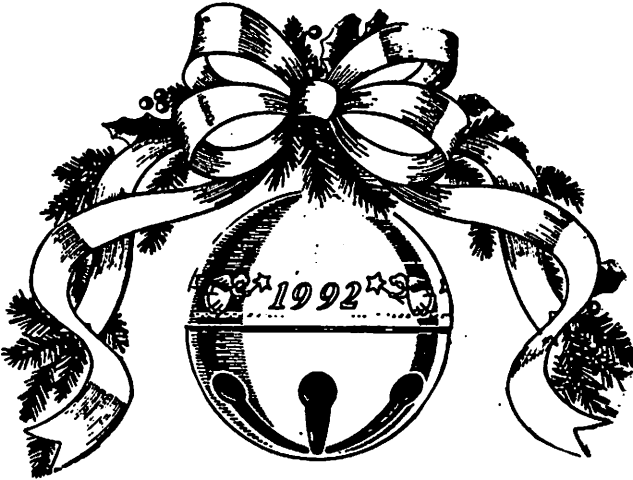
Board Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month. These will be held in the boardroom in basement of the Anaheim Memorial Hospital Medical Office Building at 7:30 PM.

WORKSHOPS: Workshops have been temporarily cancelled.

Silversmithing - Temporarily cancelled.

Deadline for items to be included in the bulletin is 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



1992 has been a very busy year. In January we held our 5th Annual Rock Swap and Can Drive. February was the Searcher's annual trip to Quartzsite. In March several members attended and worked at the Anaheim Arts Council Soiree.

Our 33rd Annual Gem Roundup in May was a success in spite of all the chaos and Los Angeles riots.

June was a very busy month. On the 18th we held our last function at the Cultural Arts Center, this was our Annual Awards and Potluck. June 20th was "moving day." The Searchers had to vacate the Cultural Arts Center where we held so many meetings and functions over the past 20 years.

Our July meeting was held at our new location, the conference room of the Anaheim Memorial Hospital Office Building.

The Annual Picnic was held in August at Irvine Park and September there was a BBQ at Yorba Regional Park. All this and our monthly field trips too.

At our October meeting a Jessie Vance Scholarship Fund was established. Yes, it has been a busy year.

I would like to thank all of the officers, committee chairpersons and members at large for all of your help and suggestions throughout the year, it made my job a lot easier. It is my hope that you will give our new President Merle Howe and, the new Board all the support they need. Remember "involvement" is what makes a great club.

I wish each of you and your's a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Happy New Year.

Lola Tapia

OUTGOING & INCOMING BOARD MEMBERS:

ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 6, 1993, THERE WILL BE A COMBINED BOARD MEETING FOR OUTGOING AND INCOMING OFFICERS. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU ATTEND. THE MEETING WILL BE IN THE BOARD ROOM IN THE ANAHEIM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL OFFICE BUILDING AT 7:30 PM.

LOLA TAPIA





FEDERATION DELEGATE REPORT:

The Annual CFMS Fall Meeting was held November 13th and 14th in Visalia, CA. The Treasurer's report was accepted and there were no new member applications. There are four delinquent member societies.

1993 CFMS Officers were elected. They are as follows: President - Bill Aprile; 1st Vice President - Jim Nelson; 2nd Vice President - Mary Anderson; Secretary - Rosemarie Young; Treasurer - Pat Larue.

The 54th Annual CFMS Show and Convention will be held at Ventura County Fairgrounds, June 25, 26 and 27, 1993. The host club is Oxnard Gem and Mineral Society. The theme, "Gems to See in '93."

The 1994 CFMS Show will be hosted by the El Cajon Society and held at the Del Mar Fairgrounds near San Diego. The dates will be April 8th thru 10th, 1994. Their theme, "Soar with Hot Air Balloons."

Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society will be hosting the 1995 CFMS Show the third weekend in June in San Jose, CA. The 1996 show is scheduled for the Orange County Fairgrounds. There are no firm dates or information at this time.

The CFMS Insurance Program dues have increased to \$1.60 per member (from \$1.40) but the CFMS dues remain at \$1.00 per member. The Searcher's expense per member to CFMS totals \$2.60 for 1993.

There were three donations made to the CFMS Scholarship fund, the amounts of each, \$1,000, \$325 and \$105.

The Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society is hosting a CFMS Workshop (March 20, 1993), for exhibitors, competitors, judges, and all those who are interested in learning about the newest AFMS rules, changes, the CFMS Supplementary Rules. You do not have to be a competitor or judge to attend. It is an opportunity to learn about making an interesting and attractive non-competitive case, too. The speakers will be knowledgeable, experienced and enthusiastic with plenty of time for a question and answer and discussion period. For any of you who may be interested I will have details and registration forms.

The CFMS Spring Earth Science Seminar will be held March 28th thru April 2nd, 1993, at Soda Springs on ZZYX Road. This will be a fun, interesting five days. The cost for the week is \$150 per person. Several of our members have attended this seminar in the past and have had a great time. I will have further information and reservation forms for anyone of you who may be interested. There will be field trips, lectures and workshops. The cost includes 3 meals per day and lodging (lodging is a private room - no private bath, Dormitory room or your own RV). RV parking is somewhat limited.

There have been no dates announced but there will be another petrified wood seminar held in Bakersfield, CA during 1993. North Orange County Mineral Society will have classes concerning petrified wood.

George Mitchum



REQUIREMENT FOR USE PERMITS:

Use permits will now be required when collecting obsidian in the Modoc National Forest - Davis Creek/Lassen Creek area. If planning a trip into this area for Rainbow, Pink Lady or Needles Obsidian you MUST get a permit. By not getting a permit you are risking a \$6000 fine. PERMITS ARE FREE and good for one calendar year.



Permits may be obtained in person at: Modoc National Forest (916) 233-5811  
Supervisor's Office  
441 N. Main  
Alturas, CA 96101

If ordering by mail: Minerals Officer (916) 279-6116  
Warner Mountain Ranger District  
Modoc National Forest  
385 Wallace Street  
Box 220  
Cedarville, CA 96104

It was mentioned that if applying via mail to do so at least 3 months in advance of your planned trip. It is not clear whether this 3 month advance applies to commercial enterprise or individual rockhounds. More on this at a later date. I have copies of permit application forms for anyone who may need them.

George Mitchum



NOVEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

Walter Mroch called the meeting to order.

Walter asked for a volunteer to represent the Searchers at the Orange County Gem and Mineral Council. No one volunteered.

Mae Freedman announced that the Arts Council annual Soiree will be held in March.

The November Field Trip will be to Wiley's Well and Jay Cole and George Mitchem will be hosting this trip. There will be rockhounding, the Thanksgiving potluck, a chili cookoff, kite flying contest and other activities. Some will be out to the campsite area as early as Tuesday, the 24th.

Peggy Wesley announced that the show committee will be advised at a later date via mail of the date, time and place of the first show meeting. Also, flyers advertising our show are available this evening.

Nominations for our 1993 officers were made: President - Merle Howe; 1st Vice President - Herb Beckman; 2nd Vice President - Phil Martinez; Secretary - Beth Pelfrey; Treasurer - Margaret Neeley; Federation Director - George Mitchum; Director - Lola Tapia. Motion made by Marie Cole to accept the nominations, seconded by Hal Pelfrey. Motion carried and approved.

The program for the evening was on making Spheres presented by Bill Keyes.

Jan Gillette





ROCK GIVE-A-WAY AND FIELD TRIP INFO:

There will be a Rock Give-A-Way on Saturday, January 23rd. This will be at the Twila Reed Park, 3100 W. Orange, Anaheim, CA from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. This is not a "Rock Swap". The purpose of the Give-A-Way is to give new members and members who do not always have the opportunity to go out on field trips a chance to gather some material. Also, to give information on where these various materials are found, how to get them etc. and, to answer any questions you may have. For those of you who have rock you want to give away please bring them and join us at the park. You do not have to have rock to swap. Mark your calendars to join us on the 23rd. Not only will you be able to get some good material but it will be a learning opportunity.

Marvin Mog

PROGRAM REPORT:

Our November program was presented by Bill Keyes and he did a fantastic program on spheres and how to make them.

No meeting in December - this is our annual Christmas dinner and installation of officers.

Our January program will be presented by Marvin Mog and will be on their travels and rockhounding experiences in New Zealand.

The February program will be given by Ed Murphy who will talk on archaeological digs in California.

Marge



NEW BULLETIN EDITOR:

Your Bulletin Editor for 1993 will be Jeanne Howe. For those of you who do not know Jeanne she has held many offices in the Club and has been bulletin editor several times. I hope that you will give Jeanne all the help and support possible and get your items in on time to meet the deadline.

I have enjoyed being your bulletin editor for the past four and a half years but it is time to take a break. Doing the bulletin has been rewarding and has been a learning curve. It's fun to look back and see the progress I've made since my very first bulletin. Thanks to all of you for putting up with me these past years. I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a great 1993.

Marge

PLEASE MAIL YOUR JANUARY BULLETIN ITEMS TO JEANNE NOT LATER THAN 5 JANUARY 1993.  
Her address is: 1482 Ponderosa Avenue, Fullerton, CA 92635



SUNSHINE:

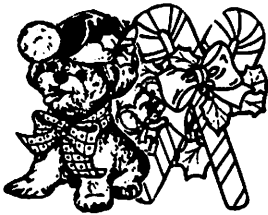


George Lux had three heart attacks the 12th of November and was hospitalized for a week. George is out and about now and doing pretty good but says he tires very easily and the doctor has ordered that he take it easy.

Have not heard of any other illness. Hopefully you will all stay well over the holidays. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas.

Froma

CRAFTS:



Again this year we will be working on projects in our own homes but will get together once a month for show and tell, status reports and new ideas. We will also be working on some items.

Our next craft meeting will be held January 11th at Mary Nelson's home, 11922 Weatherby Road, Los Alamitos, CA (310) 431-7382. The meeting will begin at 10:00 AM. We will have a potluck lunch so please bring a dish to share.

We have lots of ideas and things to make but more new ideas are always welcome. If you have any questions please give me a call (714) 633-5328.

Joyce Martinez

FOR SALE ITEMS:



6" Lortone Polishing Unit - Variable speed with pods for either diamond or powder - \$75.00

Home made Trim Saw Unit with 8" blade - well used - \$50.00

9" Color TV - RCA - operates on 12 volt. '86 Model hardly used - \$75.00

If interested, please call Marvin Mog (714) 774-6374



WANTED: 6" Trim Saw - Please call Marguerite Muise.(714) 994-5748

SHOW DATES:

Jan 15 - 17

17th Annual Tailgate  
Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club  
Stoddard Wells Exit from I-15  
Victorville, CA

DUES ARE DUE:

Dues will be due beginning January. Membership will begin accepting 1993 dues at the January meeting. Dues must be paid by March 1st to insure that your names will be listed in the '93 Membership Roster.

Milly Arvanites

CONGRATULATIONS:



We would all like to extend our congratulations to Nancy Kramp and Frank Davis who were married in October. This happy couple had a lovely wedding and have just returned home from a honeymoon cruise to the Caribbean and the Caymen Islands.

Again, Congratulations and much happiness to you both.

All the Searchers

SEARCHER'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY:

For those members who were unable to attend the Annual Installation and Christmas Dinner on the 4th of December, you missed a good time. Good food, great entertainment, lovely door prizes and an all around fun evening. Isn't it fun to see all the members in their "Sunday go Meetin' clothes"...what a transformation from our usual rockhound duds.

Marvin Mog opened the meeting and was our M C for the evening, doing a fantastic job. Merle Howe gave the invocation. Beth Pelfrey started the festivities off with a toast to her Mom and Dad, Hal and Doris Pelfrey, who celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on December 24th. Marie Cole did the installation of our new officers. Great job Marie. The beautiful table decorations were done by one of our new members, Frieda Koenig. Several members donated lovely pieces of jewelry that was given as door prizes.



Our entertainment was Susan and Stan Lowry. Susan, a wonderful vocalist, sang some jazz and Christmas favorites. Everyone was impressed. Thanks to Lola for arranging this.

George and I would like to thank all of you for making this such a successful evening and, a special thanks to Marvin, Merle, Beth, Marie, Frieda and to all the members who donated the door prizes. We wish all the Searchers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

George and Marge



NOTE FROM WALTER:

I would like to thank all members who attended the field trips that I conducted during my tenure. I appreciate your support and company. It has been my pleasure to serve as 2nd Vice President in the way I saw fit and I wish the new field trip chairman and the Club the best of luck in their endeavor. Please extend a willingness to help the 1993 field trip chairman and show him your full support. Happy Holidays.

Walter Mroch





### FUTURE FIELD TRIPS:

The January field trip will be to the Victor Valley Tailgate at Stoddard Wells Road (Victorville, CA), Jan 15 thru 17. See attached map.

Quartzsite information. Clouds will be open from 15 Jan to 15 Feb; Tyson Wells - 28 Jan thru 7 Feb; QIA - 3 Feb thru 7 Feb. Reservations for 20 rigs have been made at Greasewood Greens beginning Jan 28th. Not everyone will be there that early and some will get there as late as the 4th or 5th. We asked for spaces along the West fence near the tunnel rather than the spaces next to the Interstate. There will be a map in the January bulletin.

Phil Martinez



### THANKSGIVING FIELD TRIP REPORT:

We had many vehicles coming or going and it was difficult to keep track of the number of folks. We had 31 rigs in all, 22 Searchers and 9 from Santa Ana Rock and Mineral Society (SARMS). We had 60 people. Five rigs came out on Tuesday and the remainder arrived from Wednesday on and one as late as Saturday.

Thanksgiving Potluck dinner was a feast, turkey, ham, dressing, plus all the trimmings. Lasagne and other delicious casseroles and beautiful desserts. Good cooks these Searchers and SARMS.

Thanksgiving morning some went rockhounding for fire agate and some just to visit Opal Hill Mine. We had a kite flying contest at noon. Prizes and ribbons were given for the Smallest, Largest, Most Unique, Best Store Bought and the one that stayed up the longest. There were some beauties. Those who didn't have kites served as judges.

We were able to have campfires 3 of the 6 nights we were there. As a whole the weather was great. Not too warm or too cold and the wind only prevented campfires on Wednesday and Sunday nights.

Friday morning we had a field trip to the Potato Patch and the Hauser Beds and later up to Opal Hill. Some members of the SARMS ventured off to Bouse, AZ for the day and some Searchers went to Red Cloud mine near Yuma. Still others to Gold Rock Ranch. Later that afternoon we had a Chili Cookoff.

We had 6 entries for the Chili Cookoff and prizes were given to the winners. 1st Place - Marie Cole; 2nd Place - Joyce Martinez; 3rd Place - the Hendersons; 4th Place - the Sedlins and 5th Place - Nancy Reed. Mary Parsons made chili but did not enter the contest (she should have it was very tasty). After the judging we all proceeded to stuff ourselves with chili, salads, corn bread and desserts.

The Saturday Rocktail/Champagne party was hosted by Jay and Marie Cole who now have a new toy to them - a Jeep Golden Eagle. They say the party wasn't to celebrate the purchase, but rather, a wake for "Old Orange", their bug that they had for a few years...you know folks...the one Marie threatened to take out to the desert and bury.

Many had to return home on Sunday but 4 rigs from each club stayed over. It was nice of the SARMS to join us over this holiday and I hope they enjoyed the campout as much as we enjoyed having them.

This was to have been Dennis' trip and I'm sure he would have been proud of the way Jay and George handled the events and Connie too was a big help. As Dennis always said, "the only way these trips can be successful is by attending as well as participating in the activities and for these efforts there are no equals to our Society."

Marge



CAMPFIRE SAFETY:

Do not throw plastic bags into fires. Plastic food bags or containers can melt into enclosed "bubbles" when tossed into a campfire, and then explode with dangerous force. A person can be severely burned with molten plastic if standing near when it explodes.

via CFMS Newsletter, 12/92 and others.



KUDOS:

The following note was given to us by the SARMS after the Thanksgiving campout.

To the Searchers,

What a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner and champagne party - and my husband (Garth) enjoyed the chili cookoff.

The good book says "seek and thee shall find" and where could you find better friends than the Searchers.

Many thanks,

/s/ S.A.R.M.S.  
Harry & Betty Davis  
Dave & Roberta Gordon  
Garth & Joan Nicholson



Ed. Note: Garth was one of our kite contest judges and he vows to have a kite ready for the next contest.

LAPIDARY AND MINERALS POISONS:

Why must we always wash up after doing any lapidary work? It may seem to those of us who snack or smoke while working that there could be little harm in a little rock dust. But, many substances we use can be hazardous. For example, emerald, aquamarine, and other varieties of beryl, plus chrysoberyl, all contain beryllium. The federal minimum exposure guideline for this material is set at less than one millionth of an ounce of airborne material per cubic foot of air in a work area.

Many other minerals, such as asbestos and those containing mercury (cinnabar), arsenic (realgar, orpiment), selenium, copper (chaloanthtite), uranimum (urani-nite), autunite, pitchblends, carnotite, and boron are hazardous if you get dust or mineral fragments from them into your mouth and lungs. Also, many polishing compounds contain oxalic acid, the same poison found in rhubarb leaves. Finally, the dust from dry polishing quartz or any silicate can cause silicosis if one incautiously inhales enough.

via CFMS Newsletter, 12/92  
and others





INFORMATION ON STODDARD WELL 17TH ANNUAL TAILGATE:

Many members have asked, "whats at Stoddard Well?" "If you don't sell what else is there to do?" Perhaps this will give you all some idea what goes on out there.

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 an sale at Stoddary Wells Collecting area. The Tailgate is open to all clubs and rockhounds. Everyone is allowed to sell or buy 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 and 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 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.

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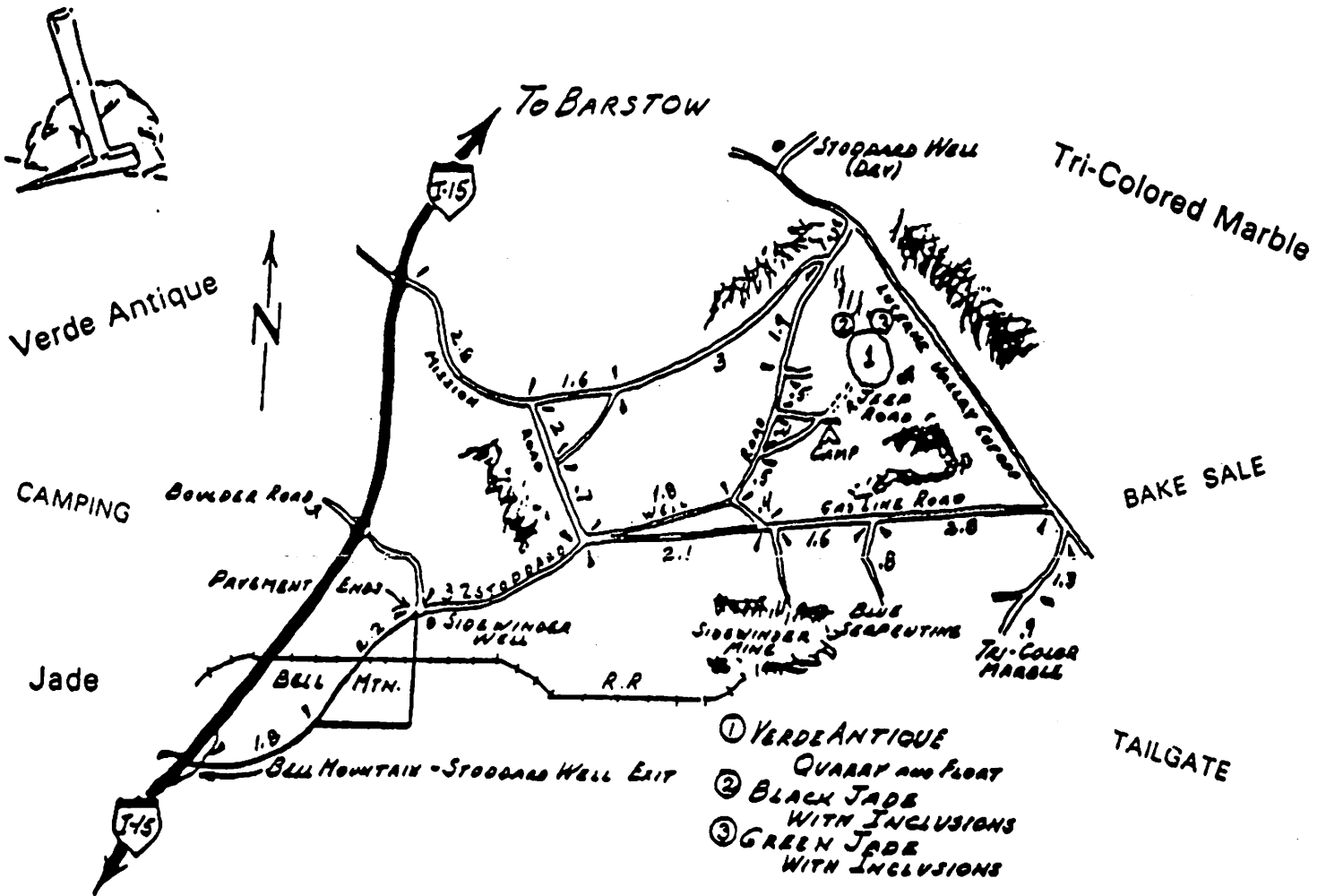
THERE ARE 4 AGES OF MAN -

1. When you believe in Santa Claus
2. When you don't believe in Santa Claus
3. When you are Santa Claus
4. When you look like Santa Claus

- anonymous -

*Holiday Greetings*

# 17th Annual Tailgate at Stoddard Well January 15-17, 1993



Exit I-15 at Bell Mountain -  
Stoddard Wells Exit

DRY CAMP, bring water, wood and  
warm clothes!

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.