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SEARCHERS GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.
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AFFILIATIONS: California Federation of Mineralogical Societies
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SEARCHERS: The Searchers Gem and Mineral Society, Inc., meets on
the second Tuesday of each month at the Anaheim Memorial Hospital
Medical Office Building, 1211 W. La Palma Avenue, Anaheim.
Meetings begin at 7:30 P.M. Visitors are always welcome.

Membership dues are accepted January through 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 the basement of the Anaheim
Memorial Hospital Medical Office Building at 7:30 P.M.

WORKSHOPS: Workshops have been temporarily cancelled.

Silversmithing - 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:

Jeanne Howe, 1482 Ponderosa Ave. Fullerton, CA 92635

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Congratulations! You, and I mean you, did it again. The show is over, and I feel that it was one of the best we have ever had. Yes, a few things went wrong, but what show did go perfectly. It was GREAT!! I worked the front door this year for Marge Jordan who has had hip surgery, and will give that report here also. We had 1225 people. They came, stayed a while and purchased what they wanted, had something to eat and left happy. Everyone leaving commented on how nice our show was. You all can be proud.

Merle

CLUB DATES

May 11, Tuesday	General Meeting
May 26, Wednesday	Board Meeting
end of May	Unofficial field trip
June 8, Tuesday	General Meeting

SHOW DATES

May 22, 23, Yucaipa, Community Center, First St at Av B.
Sat. 10-6, Sun 10-5

May 29--31, Weaverville, Lowden Park. Sat.& Sun. 10-6,
Mon. 10-4.

June 2--4 Sacramento, Calif. Fair & Expo Ctr. 1600 Expo-
sition Blvd. Fri. 12-7, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-5

June 5 & 6 Glendora, Goddard School Gym, 859 E. Sierra Madre Av.
Sat. 10-7:30, Sun. 10-4

June 5 & 6 West Hills, CA. 8500 Fallbrook Ave. 10-5 both days.

June 5 & 6 San Francisco, Ft. Mason Ctr Bldg A, Laguna at Marina
Blvd. Sat 10-6, Sun. 10-4, \$4 ADULT Admission

June 9-11 Pleasanton, CA. Alameda Co. Fair Grounds, Exhibit
Hall, 4501 Pleasanton Ave. Fri. 12-7, Sat. 10-7,
Sun 10-5

June 11-13 Riverside, 1st Annual Gem Faire, Convention Ctr.
3443 Orange St. Fri 12-7, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-5

June 16-18 Santa Rosa, CA Sonoma Co. Fair Grounds, Grave
Pavillion 1350 Bennett Valley, Fri. 12-7, Sat. 10-7,
Sun. 10-5

June 18-20 Monterey, CA Fairgrnds & Expo Park. Fri. 12-7, Sat.
10-7, Sun. 10-5.

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to our new member who joined at the last meeting:

Taylor, Donald R. (Don)
2525 N. Grand Avenue Suite "T"
Santa Ana, CA 92701
714/538-168

Members rejoining:
Davis, Nancy J.
21212 Banff Lane
Huntington Beach, CA 92646
714/960-6959

Jensen, Astrid (Trudy)
P.O.Box 723
Brea. CA 92622
310/945-0649

Johnson, Walter M.
P. O.Box 314
Cypress, CA 90630
714/828-4900

Add phone 310/425-8779 to Greg and Kathy Pelka

Add Handles:
Dick Reed, C.B - Buckskin, Nancy Reed - Rusty

REFRESHMENTS:

Marie Cole is in charge of refreshments tonight and Chris and Bobbie Madsen will be our committee next month.

CRAFTS:

A great big THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the crafts and plants. Your energy, talent and support is appreciated. Your hard work helped to make the crafts such a success. We couldn't have done it without all of you.

Thanks again,

Joyce Martinez

SUNSHINE:

I am delighted to report that Marge Jordan is at home. It was a long stay in the hospital, and we are all glad to hear she is better, if not completely recovered!

Al Silverstein is having surgery. Unfortunately I do not know any of the details.

Doris Pelfrey will have a cornea transplant early in May. She says it is the third new lens, and she ought to be an expert!

FROM MARVIN AND JAQUIE MOG:

Goodday to the Searchers from the land down under, Australia.

Jacque and I arrived in Sydney early March, after a fifteen hour flight from Los Angeles with a short stopover in Honolulu. We took a few days to adjust our body clock--18 hours ahead over here. Also, we needed some time to decide on what transportation we'd use. Motor homes are scarce and long term hires are too expensive. So we decided to buy a car, a Ford Station Wagon, and a small travel trailer--14 ft. Both are with the provision the seller will buy them back when our trip is over.

While we were getting organized, we did some sightseeing in Sydney. Of course, the famous opera house was one thing we toured. We also went up on their 1200 foot space needle for a tremendous view of the city. Australia has 18 million people, and 6 million are in the Sydney area. We understand that the majority of the rest live near the coast.

Australia has six States, Queensland, Victoria, New South Wales, Tasmania, South Australia, and West Australia. There are two territories, Australia Capitol Territory, and Northern Australia Territory. Sydney is in New South Wales on the Coast.

After getting our rig outfitted, we headed for Canberra, the Capital of Australia, in Australia Capital Territory--ACT. The setting was rolling hills with lots of trees and wide easy to get around streets. Toured their parliament building that was opened by Queen Elizabeth of England in 1988. Also visited the Royal Mint to see all the history of their coins. While in a caravan park--campground, at the edge of Canberra, Jacque saw the first Kangaroos in the wild, nibbling grass behind the trailer.

We are now in autumn heading for cold weather. So we decided to do the southern area first and then head north. Tasmania is as far south as you can go. We booked a week excursion there. Crossed the Boss Strait on a catamaran ferry. It was fast, 160 miles in four and a half hours. Took the car over and stored the trailer on the mainland. Stayed in cabins at the major cities of Launceston, Hobart, and Queenstown. The island is 250 miles long by 200 miles wide. During the ice age when the ocean was much lower, there was a land bridge from Australia, so most of the animals are common to both places. The exception is the Tasmania Devil, a small vicious meat eater able to chew bones up to three inches in diameter. You don't pet them!

Queenstown had a big copper mine operation. Originally, it was open pit, but now strictly underground one half mile deep. It rains there 240 days out of the year, being on the West Coast. Our stay was a part of the 240 days.

Arriving back on the mainland, we drove to Melbourne, Victoria, the second largest city, 3 million with about 400,000 Greeks. Did the usual tourist things, museums and sightseeing.

Then on to Ballarat where the big gold strike was in 1850. They found the second largest nugget in the world, 212 lbs. They had a replica of a gold mining town which we labeled the Knotts Berry Farm of Australia. Next to it was a magnificent gold museum with gold coins from all over the world, donated by the Paul Simons family after his passing.

Our next stop was Warrnambool on the coast. There we took the great ocean drive to see the ocean carved limestone formations such as London Bridge (fallen) the Bay of Islands and the twelve apostles. I have pictures of all these.

We are now in Mount Gambier, South Australia, a volcanic region. They have a minature Crater Lake.

From here we head north through Adelaide. Of course, we'll spend some time at Coober Pedy seeing how they find those opals. Next time we'll have an impression of the Outback.

Until next month,

Marvin and Jacque Mog

THE PROGRAM TONIGHT: Russ Korn speaking on Agate!

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

The Scholarship Committee has been formed with the following club members:

Hal Pelfrey - Chairperson	Elizabeth Madsen
Marie Cole	Beth Pelfrey
Jan Gillette	Larry Ritchie
Lola Tapia	

A brainstorming session was held after the General Meeting on April 13, 1993. Many excellent ideas were presented on how to get the Scholarship Fund off the ground.

Another meeting is scheduled to be held after the General Meeting in July. We should then have some definite plans to present to the Board at their August meeting. More information will follow in the Bulletin.

Hal Pelfrey, Chairperson.

OVERHEARD AT WRITING CLASS

The Church was having its fund raising Fish and Chips dinner. As the priest was visiting with the crowd, one wag asked, "Ah Father, are your the Fish Friar?" "No," he replied thoughtfully, "I'm the Chip Monk."

FIELD TRIP REPORT.

I received a report from George and one from Phil, so I'll try to pick hilights from each for you.

George Arvanites April field trip was to Newberry Springs. Club member, Norm Hickman was generous enough to offer, and allow us to camp on his five acres.

Three rigs of us arrived early on Wednesday, the Arvanites, Martinez, and Neeleys. The weather was sunny and warm with a low of 60 and high of 78 degrees. Late Thursday night the winds came up. The rock hunts brought in jasper, petrified palm root and soapstone.

Friday night we drove to Yermo for a delicious Chinese Dinner at the International Cafe. Saturday was another great food day. Arvanites and Martinez hosted a rocktail party to celebrate their anniversaries, 35 years for Joyce and Phil and 31 years for Milly and George. The potluck dinner was moved inside Norm and Sue Hickman's big red boxcar to avoid the winds.

Early Sunday morning the Easter Bunny, looking much like Betty Nelson paid a visit to each doorstep and left tiny blue baskets filled with eggs and candy. George Lux made the greatest find of the day, a perfect star burst crystal.

The desert was just beginning to bloom and we took many pictures of the desert aster, desert lily, Mohave Yuccas and many more.

There were 8 rigs and a total of 18 Searchers on this trip. Norm and Sue were great hosts and we all thank them for their great hospitality.

George & Phil

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE REPORT

In April we made use of the telephone committee for the first time in 1993. We had the sad duty of informing club members of the death of Burt Whalin.

I wish to thank those who helped with the calling. Evelyn Klumb, Joyce Martinez, Doris Pelfrey, and George Mitchum.

Also my thanks to the club members for the donation toward the food, as well as to the three ladies who came to my home on Saturday to help prepare the food trays, Milly Arvanites, Betty Henderson, and Jan Gillette. A very special thank-you goes to Bud and Betty Henderson for their help in delivering the food trays to the Whalin's home in Norwalk.

Thanks to all.

Marie Cole

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IN MEMORIAM

Burt Whalin
1918-1993

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Burt joined the Searchers in 1990, and was an enthusiastic field tripper. He was a friend to all, and we will surely miss him.

DEAR SEARCHERS,

My sincerest gratitude for all that you have done to help me in the loss of my dear husband, Burt. I'm very pleased that he could spend his last weekend out on a field trip, looking for the rocks that he loved, with you, our friends. Thank you so very very much.

Joyce Whalin

MORE SAFETY TIPS FOR YOU AND YOUR VALUABLES

The coin dropping scam: Joel, the editor and publisher of a Travel Industry Magazine is a most experienced world traveler. Recently he lost his attache case, portable computer and other valuables to a "stall and dip" scheme at London's Heathrow airport. While waiting for his limo to drive up, one con man (known as the stall) accidentally dropped some coins; and Joel, the friendly American that he is, helped to pick them up while his wife watched. During these few seconds, the accomplice (police call him the Dip) came up from behind and snatched his case.

German police report this scam takes place every day in Frankfurt and all over the world. Pay attention only to your wallet & bags.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Clean out the trunk, sweep out the car,
Haul in the rocks in cartons and jar.
Down in the basement, stack them with care;
And five years later they will still be there.

Petroskey Stone via Quarry Quips

STREET FAIRE REPORT

Saturday, April 24, a number of Searchers brought displays, and helped man our booth at the Street Faire. Thanks to the Neeleys, the Howes, Jan Gillette, Rus Korn, Ken Despain and Clare Gagnon for their time and effort.

Clare brought his display board to our booth at the Anaheim Street Faire, a part of the nation's Imagination Celebration. At the top, the board read, Turn Me Over. There were about twenty rocks on it. When each stone was lifted, its name showed on the board below it. The under side of each of these ordinary looking rocks was polished to bring out the colors and patterns in it, or to display the wonderful crystalline formation of the inside of a geode. Most of the children were intrigued, and spent some time lifting and looking, and lifting again. The older ones could read the names, the little ones just enjoyed the beauty.

Farther along Ken was making rings for the youngsters, and giving them a chance to make a blind drawing from a barrel of tumbled rocks.

One little fellow stood watching for some time, and then came up to the counter.

"Do you want a rock?" Ken asked.

The child nodded, and Ken offeren him the barrel. As he started to put his hand in, his mother said, "Remember, you can only choose one."

Like a flash, his hand darted over to one of the geodes on Clare's board. If it was going to be only one rock, he knew exactly which rock he wanted to take home.!

Jeanne

UNDERCOVER SILVER

Paul Revere's apprentices, during the cold winter days, working in an unheated shop, donned their winter underwear with the first chill of fall and neither removed nor washed it until the weather improved. Over this period of time, the daily dust of silver accumulated in the fibers of the material. In the spring, the heavy underwear was burned for many reasons, and the silver reclaimed. So it is said this is how we got the term Long John Sliver.

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