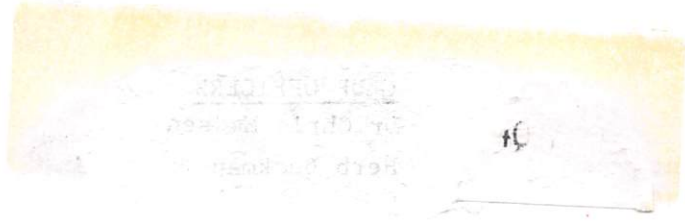


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SEARCHERS GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.

Established June 20, 1958

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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

1995 seems to be going by very quickly -- I'm told this is simply a sign of advancing age. While advancing age has it's limitations, I guess it still beats the alternative. It is now April and our annual show is less than a month away.

Clipboards will be circulating at tonight's meeting with a growing sense of urgency -- please be sure to take them seriously and sign up for all you feel you can do to help make the 1995 show our best yet.

The Board has been working on a number of projects ranging from plans for our Christmas Dinner to attempts to understand the implications of the recent California Desert Protection Act laws as they affect our future trips and collecting opportunities, and we'll discuss these at our general meeting.




During the coming month, we will be asking a lot of our members in terms of work and involvement on behalf of our organization. I am certain, however, from past experience, that "things will work out well" -- they always seem to with the Searchers.

L. C. Madsen, MD

FUTURE CLUB ACTIVITIES:

April 11, 1995	General Meeting	
April 26, 1995	Board Meeting	
May 2, 1995	Bulletin Items Due	
May 5, 1995	Show Set-up	
May 6 & 7, 1995	Searcher's Annual Gem Roundup	
May 9, 1995	General Meeting	
June 23, 24, 25, 1995	California Federation Show	-Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, San Jose, CA

SHOW DATES:

April 22 - 23	Antelope Valley & Palmdale Clubs Challenger Hall Antelope Valley Fairgrounds Lancaster, CA Hours: Sat 8 - 6 Sun 8 - 5	
May 6 - 7	Kern County Mineral Society Kern County Fairgrounds 1142 South "P" Street Bakersfield, CA Hours: Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5	
May 19 - 21	Palomar Gem and Mineral Club Valley-Rose Plaza (The Vineyard) 1529 E. Valley Parkway Escondido, CA Hours: Fri & Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5	

HIGHLIGHTS MARCH GENERAL MEETING:

Meeting was called to order by Dr Chris Madsen.

We welcomed new members and several guests. New members are Harold and Odena Wilkens and Karen Martinez.

A letter was read from the Fullerton School district thanking the Searchers and Connie Van Kampen for conducting a class on rock identification and a "touch and feel" session. It was well recived and a lot of interest.

George Mitchum announced that there will be a show meeting Tuesday, March 21st. He also reminded members that we still need items for the Donation Award Drawing, Hourly Doorprizes and Wheel of Fortune. Also we still have Donation Award tickets available and asked that you please pick up your tickets so we do not have to mail them. This is our one and only fund raiser for the year and we ask that members sell or purchase themselves \$10.00 worth of tickets.

Todd Schowalter has designated Saturday, July 22nd as Searcher Day in the Gem and Mineral building at the Orange County Fair. He also reminded members that if they are putting a case in the fair that their entries must be in by April 20th so that they may be published in the Fair booklet. The Fair dates are July 7th thru the 23rd. He also mentioned that there will be a fossil whale on exhibit inside the front entrance of the Gem building.

Connie Van Kampen had information on the March 25th field trip to the Lithium Queen Mine and also mentioned that if there was interest she would lead a trip to Anza Borrego/Blair Valley for Easter, no rockhounding to speak of but rather to do some hiking on nature trails etc. A show of hands was taken and there was no interest thus she cancelled the April trip. The next field trip will be in May, the extended trip to Cima Road and on to Utah. Marvin Mogg will be your leader.

The program was given by Cliff Coan on travel in Australia.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Doris Pelfrey



SEARCHER DAY AT ORANGE COUNTY FAIR:

Saturday, July 22, 1995 will be our club day in the Gem and Mineral building at the Orange County Fair. The Fair opens at 10:00 AM. We will need a lot of members to work 2 to 4 hours. This is not hard work and it is a lot of fun. You can help answer questions and if you like to talk this is your chance to talk with lots of people or, you can show your skills and demonstrate. Just spend a couple of hours working in the Gem and Mineral building and then you are free to enjoy the fair the rest of the day or evening. You will get free parking and a free entry pass. You may sign up at our general meeting, see Todd Schowalter or Larry Richey. So-o-o-o SIGN UP and come on out to the Fair, it's fun and the work is easy. Mark your calendars for July 22nd sign up with Todd or myself.

Larry Richey

NOTICE: I will need all items for the May Bulletin ON MAY 2nd...no excuses, the 5th, 6th and 7th is SHOW TIME and I must have the bulletin done by Thursday night May 4th.

marge



MEMBERSHIP:

Welcome to new members:

Jones, Lisa Babylonia, Curator
Ralph B. Clark Regional Park, Int. Center
8800 Rosecrans Avenue
Buena Park, CA 90621
(714) 670-8045 Days only, Tues thru Sun



Martinez, Karen
309 E. Norton Street
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Renewal Members for 1995:

LAMB, Robert J., M.D.
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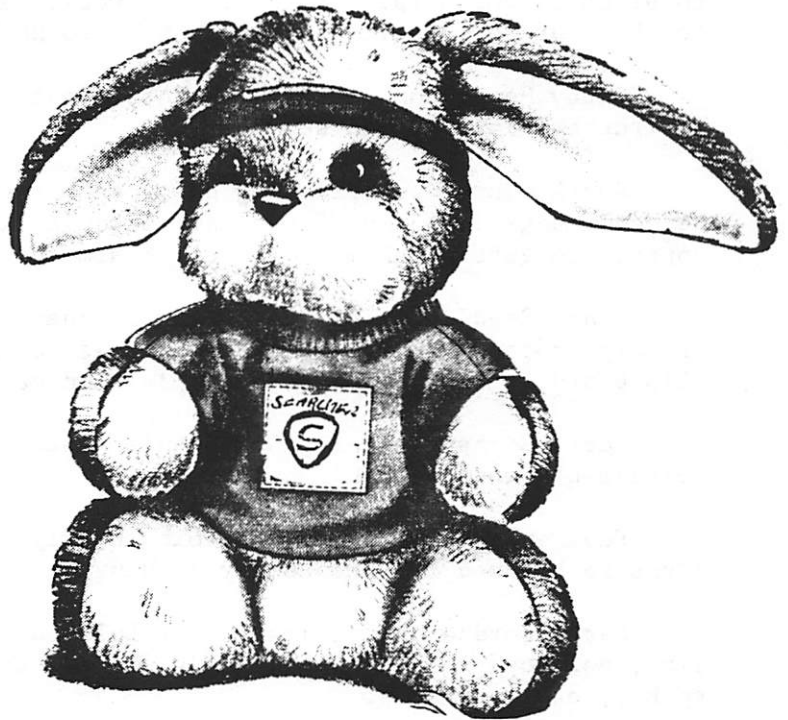
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Victorville, CA 92392-2819
(619) 245-1039



This brings our membership up to a total of 126 members. I apologize for not being at the March '95 meeting with the new 1995 Rosters. They had long been done and in my car, ready to go. Due to George's extensive illness, I was unable to make the meeting. I'm planning on being at the April meeting with the 1995 Rosters for everyone. Don't forget to add the above names to the back of your rosters. Thank you!

Milly



SHOW REPORT:

Time is running out! We held our third show meeting March 21st. Everything is moving along smoothly thanks to all the committee chairpersons. We will have our last show meeting before the show the later part of April. Chairpersons will be notified.

We will be getting our show supplies and equipment from the storage area on Thursday night (May 4th) so we will be ready for set-up at 8:00 AM on Friday, May 5th. We will need strong backs and bodies and all the help we can get PLEASE MEET US AT 5:00 PM at our storage facility, In Storage, 1776 W. Penhall St, Anaheim.

Clipboards will be circulated by chairpersons this evening and I encourage all you members to sign up to help a couple of hours. Help is needed in the Kitchen, the Serving Area, Donations, Crafts, Wheel of Fortune, Children's Jewelry, Hospitality, Security and during set-up and tear down. To make this show a success we all have to pitch in and help. If you've not worked at the show before now is the time to get your feet wet! PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP.

Betty Henderson is our plant coordinator this year and still needs plants, for further information see Betty.

Ken Landers, our Grab Bag chairman has enough material to fill rock bags but he needs bags...if any of you ladies would like to make up some bags Ken would appreciate getting them. Please let him know.

Nancy Reed is in charge of the kitchen again this year and will need lots of help in the kitchen and serving areas so be sure and get your name on her clip board. She will also need pies and cakes for Saturday and Sunday.

Larry Richey is doing Children's Jewelry and needs help, please see his message elsewhere in this bulletin.

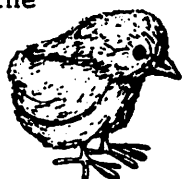
Paul and Peggy Wesley are doing Hourly Door prizes and still need many many items to be used for the hourly drawing.

Marge Jordan is filling in for Lola on the "Wheel" and still needs material, i.e., polished rocks, slabs, geodes (cut), small vials of tumbled rock, railroad spikes, etc. and help.

Margaret Neeley will be coordinating and running the Craft Booth. Several ladies and gentlemen have been making items and we still need more so either bring them in Friday morning for set up or give George Mitchum a call and we will arrange to get them there. Members who make items and we have some left you will be able to take them home if they are not sold. We ask that members make 5 or 6 items each.

Several of our ladies are getting together and making candy for the Show (remember that delicious candy they had last year?) so we are going to have a donation can/box available this evening and would appreciate any donation you would care to make towards the purchase of ingredients would be appreciated.

Donation Awards chairpersons report that they still need many items for the Donation Award Drawing on Sunday and please be reminded that when donating prizes these should be quality items. When selecting your prize please be sure the image we project is the one we are proud of. Prizes may be brought to the Center Friday morning during set-up or Saturday during the show.



SHOW REPORT - Cont'd:

Donation Award Tickets - If you have sold your tickets and need more...we have LOTS see Jan Gillette or Jan and Roger Cole. Remember, Donation Tickets is the Club's only fund raising project for the year and the more YOU sell the more YOU help YOUR club. Again, it is the obligation of each member to either sell or buy himself/herself \$10.00 worth of these tickets. Any monies earned from ticket sales helps with club expenses through the year.

Let's have a successful show.



George Mitchum, 1995 Show Chairman
Floyd Neeley, 1995 Co-Chairman

CHILDREN'S JEWELRY BOOTH:

Sign-up sheets will be passed again this evening to help out in the Children's Jewelry Booth...so please sign up. We need a lot of people to help Saturday and Sunday during the show.

This is easy work and a lot of fun working with the children. It is very rewarding to see how excited these kids get. You can help them fill out tickets for door prizes or, can help them pick a polished stone--ask them if they want gold or silver colored findings. Help them pick the color bolo cord needed...that's all you need to do to help us. Sign-up a couple of hours. COME ON NEW MEMBERS...IT'S EASY TO GET INVOLVED!

Remember too, that you members who are already committed to jobs can help us in the Jewelry Booth by donating items. We always need polished rock, findings, bolo cords, key chains, etc. Your abandoned projects or parts left over...we can use what you have. Please see me to sign up and to donate any items we can use. It will be appreciated.

Larry Richey

LOTS AND LOTS OF FREE ROCK:

Lots of old material...get it now! Some of this material we cannot get any more, thanks to S-21 and the closing of the many areas where we could collect. Includes tons of rock and shells for inlay, slabs, etc. FREE..haul it away. Material is located at South West Street and Katella. If anyone is interested call Glen Bradley (714) 538-1620. Also, Glen has tumblers, polishers and a 12 inch Flat Lap for sale. If anyone is interested please give Glen a call. If this material is not taken it is going to the dump.

Larry Richey

REFRESHMENTS:

Mary Ellen Disney will be serving refreshments this evening and Margaret Neeley and Mary Jane Parsons will serve refreshments at the May meeting. Thanks ladies.

Jeanne Howe



SUNSHINE:



George Arvanites was admitted to Irvine Medical Center March 13th in the early A.M. with a fractured back after suffering two bad falls in our home. He remained at the Medical Center until March 27th at which time he was transferred to Carehouse Convalescent Center, 17th and Tustin Avenue in Santa Ana. He is in the Windsor Hall Section. George's cancer is very advanced and he is almost comatose at this time. Visitors are not recommended.

I wish at this time to thank everyone for the many beautiful cards, the constant phone calls and moral support from all the Searchers. Since neither of us has a family, the Searcher's have been our close family through the many friendships since 1976. I have surely learned how every important it is to have close friends at this, my time of need. My heart goes out to you all!

Milly

I'm happy to report that Henry Norek and Faye McDowell are recovering from injuries they received in an auto accident on their way to the Searcher February meeting. Henry had a broken collar bone and 3 broken ribs plus internal injuries. Faye, a broken heel. Henry is doing well and is expected to be home from the hospital April 11th. He is able to get around and walk with a walker. Faye had her cast removed but must wear a brace type boot until she is able to put full weight bearing on that leg. We wish them both the best.

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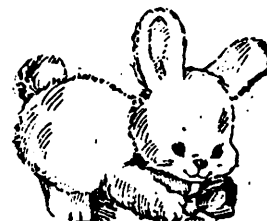
Just prior to leaving for the Stodddard Well campout Joan Everitt suffered a nasty tumble while she and Jim were on their early morning walk. Seems she tripped on a hole in the asphalt and headed face down. Thank goodness, no broken bones but she did receive a very bad and serious gash on her right hand that resulted in a trip to emergency and 13 stitches. Also a few other scrapes and bruises but she is doing alright and hopefully now has full use of her hand.

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Hal Pelfrey has had a lens implant, March 29th and is doing very well and will be fitted for new glasses the end of this week.

Have not heard of any other sickness among members.

Marge



PROGRAM REPORT:

In March, Cliff Coan gave a great presentation on his and Eva's recent trip to Australia, showing slides and describing their adventures.

This evening we will have a slide presentation by Betty and Harry Nelson and our May Program will feature a slide program by Marvin Mogg on his extensive travels during 1994.

Our guest speaker for June will be Klaus Cuthbert from the Long Beach Veteran's Hospital. He will explain how the lapidary shop contributes to the overall rehabilitation process for veterans.

I've made reservations for our annual Christmas dinner. It will be December 16th at the Fullerton Elk's Club.

Herb Beckman

STODDARD WELL FIELD TRIP - March 17th:

The Searchers had 10 rigs and 29 people attend the 19th Annual Tailgate hosted by the Victor Valley Gem Club. Some sold, many purchased a lot of goodies and some participated in their field trips and others just relaxed and enjoyed the surroundings. The weather couldn't have been better, the hills were green, green, green (a rare sight) and the desert flowers starting to bloom.

Some arrived as early as Thursday afternoon and others came in early Friday afternoon and some as late as Saturday morning, and we had several members who came out for the day.

We had good campfires each evening. Saturday the Everitts hosted a rocktail/potluck to celebrate their 45th Wedding Anniversary. What a feast. Several of the gals got together and cooked corned beef and cabbage, carrots and potatoes. All this plus many many other yummys...a potluck like only the Searchers can whip up.

Several headed for home Sunday evening but a few stayed over until Monday morning. Everyone enjoyed being out there...what a fun trip.

Marge



MARCH FIELD TRIP - LITHIUM QUEEN MINE - March 25th:

After being delayed and postponed several times due to our heavy rains earlier this year we finally got our field trip to the Lithium Queen Mine near Julian, CA on March 25th. This was an exciting trip. The weather was beautiful, the countryside enroute was all decked out in spring colors - wild flowers, new grass growth and the drive of approximately 125 miles each way was beautiful.

Approximately 12 Searchers visited the mine along with several people from other gem and mineral clubs (LaPacifica and San Diego).

Howard (Hal) Butler, the mine owner, met us at the Banner store below Julian at 9:00 AM. During our wait at the Banner store for late arrivals, Mr Butler pointed out some of the many mine sites visible along the Elsinore fault, visible both North and South of the store, and gave us a talk on the history, geology and mining activity in the area. The Lithium Queen Mine we visited later is also located on the Elsinore fault. Mr Butler then lead us up the steep dirt road to his mine, a distance of 4.2 miles. He stopped at several mines enroute to continue his interesting briefing on local mining history. All but two vehicles parked 1/8th mile below the mine and hiked up to it because the road was so steep and overgrown.

Minerals found at the Lithium Queen Mine included graphic granite, lepidolite (and compressed gem grade lepidolite) ambligonite, grossular garnet, tourmaline (schorl, indicolite, green, and blue), beryl crystals, and spodumone and, the ubiquitous feldspar. Several pieces of graphic granite exhibited all or most of the minerals named.

Everyone who attended the field trip left with nice specimens. Some of these will be on display at the April meeting. It was a truly beautiful spring day in a lovely area complete with abundant flowers (and their fragrances) and wildlife and good collecting.

submitted by
Herb Beckman



FIELD TRIP REPORT:

There will be no field trip for the month of April. Our May field trip will begin May 26 at Cima Road where we will camp until the morning of the 29th at which time we will begin the extended field trip. Marvin Mog will be your leader. This will be a good trip. Please see information and map elsewhere in this bulletin.

Connie Van Kampen



FOR SALE:

1990 BOUNDER CLASS "A" MOTORHOME 32' 40,000 MILES
PATENTED BASEMENT FLOOR, TONS OF STORAGE SPACE INSIDE AND OUT.
MOUNTED LOAD LEVELER JACKS, WORTH \$2000.00. 454 CHEVROLET CHASSIS ENGINE
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\$23,450 WHOLESALE \$31,735 RETAIL WOULD LIKE TO GET \$28,500.00.

LAST TIME IT WAS USED WAS OUR THANKSGIVING FIELD TRIP 94. WAS A DREAM! HATE TO GIVE UP

ALSO: 1971 V.W. BAJA DUNE BUGGY, DARK BLUE GREEN COLOR, GREAT FOR A TOW VEHICLE AND IN THE DESERT, TOW BAR GOES WITH. GEORGE JUST PUT IN A NEW RE-BUILT ENGINE IN IT, PLUS MANY OTHER MECHANICAL PARTS. WOULD LIKE TO GET MONEY BACK PUT INTO IT. ASKING \$2500.00. ONLY USED ON ONE TRIP, LAST THANKSGIVING WITH THE SEARCHERS.

NEED TO PART WITH THE ABOVE TWO VEHICLES ASAP. ANYONE INTERESTED, GIVE ME A CALL.

MILLY 838-1924



MAGNETIC MIGRATION:

The mineral magnetite, used in compass needles, has been found in Monarch butterflies. This discovery may help explain the well-known yearly migration of this species from eastern North America to Mexico.

via Gem Time, 11/94
and others

FIRST AID HINT:

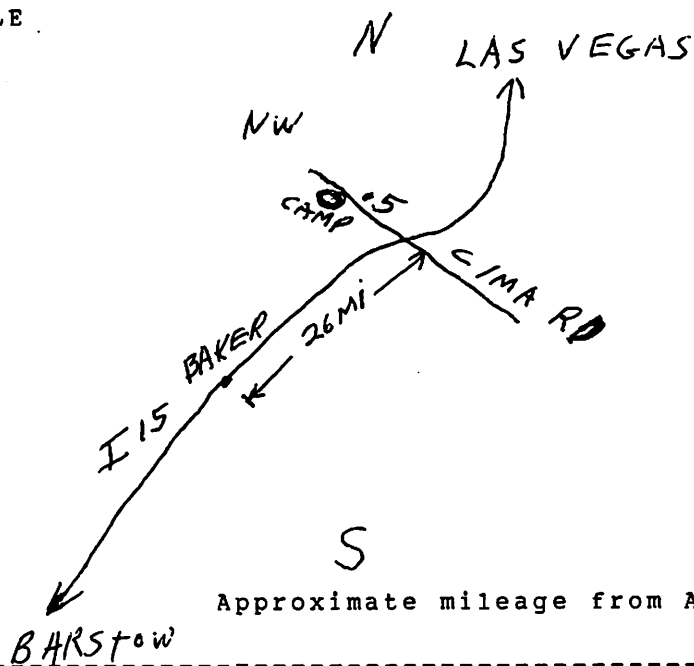
When on a trip, always carry a supply of juicy onions just in case someone gets burned. Immediately slice and rub the burned area, squeezing the onion slightly to release the juices. The effect will be cool and soothing and the burn will completely disappear within seconds. Try it, it really works. We have been using it as a remedy for burns for almost 30 years.

via Gem Time, 11/94
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Memorial Day Field Trip
Plus Extended Field Trip to Utah

NOT TO SCALE



May 26 - arrive - dry cam
May 27 - Field trip
and pot luck - 5 p.m.
May 28 - Field trip or
try your luck at
Stateline
May 29 - free day

Approximate mileage from Anaheim - 200

EXTENDED FIELD TRIP

- May 30th - Arrive Kanab - Crazy Horse Campground
Six blocks east of 89 and 89A junction.
Approximate miles from Cima Road - 210
- May 31th - Field trip - Orderville - Septarian nodules
- June 1st - Field trip - Kanab area
- June 2nd - Move to Beaver - United Beaver Camperland
Exit I-15 at 109 - South 300 yards
Approximate miles from Kanab - 115
- June 3rd - Field trip - Local guide - Dutch oven dinner
- June 4th - Field trip - Local guide
- June 5th - Move to Topaz Mountain - Northwest of Delta
Dry camp - Approximate mileage from Beaver - 100
- June 6th - Field trip - Topaz Mountain - Topaz crystals
- June 7th - Field trip - Dugway geodes

If there is enough interest, a further trip to another place, such as Green River, Utah, can be planned.

Any questions, call Marvin Mog at (714)774-6374.

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.

SNAKEBITE INFORMATION:

Some things you should know about snakes. They are cold-blooded animals, don't have thermostats. Their body temperature fluctuates with the ambient temperature, but like automobile engines, they have optimal running temperatures. Snakes hum along at 80 to 85 degrees F. Below 45 degrees, they stop in their tracks, such as they are and they roast when their temperatures get much above 105 degrees. So they sun themselves on rocks on cool days, feed at night during the warm season, and hibernate during the winter.

Snakes are meat-eaters, but they are not aggressive hunters. The rattlesnake's "modus operandi" is to use its natural camouflage to hide alongside a game trail or gopher burrow, wait patiently for a tasty morsel to come within striking distance, and then lunge at it like a fanged rocket.

Although their tastes normally run to rabbits or rats, mice, and other rodents, rattlesnakes will bite larger animals or humans when provoked. Most human bites occur in the Southeast and the Southwest. Since snakes are most aggressive when emerging from or preparing for hibernation more bites occur in the early summer and early fall than at other times of the year.

Some rattlesnakes found in the Southwest:

Prairie Rattlesnake - rock hills, grasslands, and open mountain slopes in the central states, grasslands and hills in the Southwest.

Sidewinder - sandy flats, dunes, and arid rocky hillsides in the southwestern and western deserts. Rests with body buried in sand.

Western Diamondback Rattlesnake - Open and cultivated areas in the Southwest and Southwestern California. Likes farm buildings.

Northern Pacific Rattlesnake - semi-arid areas to 11,000 feet in northern California, Oregon, and Washington.

Southern Pacific Rattlesnake - semi-arid areas in southern California.

Snakes don't hypnotize their prey, nor do they necessarily hiss or give a warning rattle before attacking. Nor do they have to be coiled to strike. They don't even have to be alive to strike. A primitive reflex enables a severed rattlesnake head to bite for 20 to 60 minutes after decapitation.

Some tips on snakebite prevention:

1. Stay away from snake hangouts (swamps, caves, deserted mines, and out-buildings) and avoid rocky crevices and ledges.
2. Watch where you step, sit and reach. Be careful walking over rocks and fallen logs, and don't reach into holes or bushes. Stay on clear paths when possible.
3. Dress for success. That means knee-high leather boots, long pants, and long-sleeved shirts.
4. Take a friend with you into snake country.
5. The night belongs to the snakes. Nighttime is Miller time for you. Stay in camp.
6. Let sleeping snakes lie. Don't handle a snake unless you're a herpetologist (if you don't know what the word means, you aren't one).

Excerpts from American Hunter 6/90