

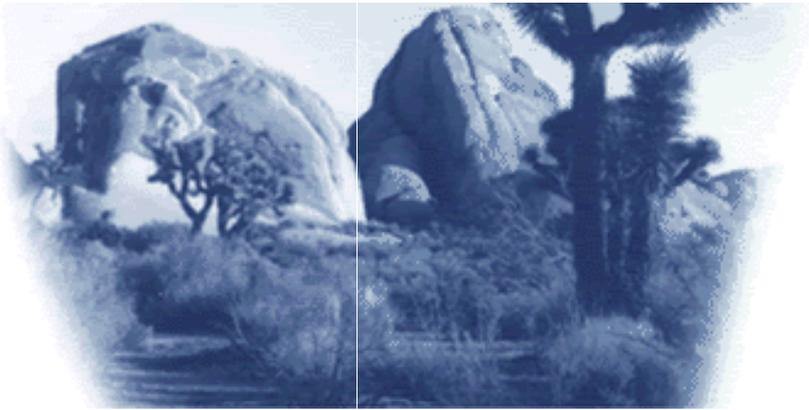
WHITTIER



**ROCKHOUNDING**

GEM & MINERAL  
SOCIETY

**PROGRAM FOR NOVEMBER:**  
***"THROUGH THE YEARS OF WEMS"***



**NOVEMBER 1999**

# ROCKHOUNDER

## A BUZZ FROM THE PREZ

**A great show!!** The club presented an attractive, informative, and educational show for the Whittier residents and the many visitors from all over. There was much preparation for the show which truly paid off. Stones were tumbled, cases were revamped, the signs were made, the easy-up displays were professional and advertisements were sent out.

When the doors opened at 10:00 AM Saturday morning, our show was well received by those in attendance at the *Opening Ceremonies*. **Janet Henke**, a Whittier City Council Member was very impressed with everything. **Angie Harwood** showed her around and she just could not believe what a professional job we had done.

Our next event will be a celebration at the November meeting. We actually will be celebrating 50 years of annual shows and meetings, learning much about rocks, minerals, fossils, and lapidary arts along the way. That is what we will do at our November 18th meeting. After the regular business is taken care of, we will have desert and coffee, and then **Sylvia Cliffe** is planning a program for us on *"Through the Years of WGMS."*

I hope to see every member there to help enjoy a wonderful evening of reminiscing.

*Izzie*



### “Through the Years of the WGMS”

Our general meeting will be held November 18th at 7:30 PM. We will be having a party to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Whittier Gem & Mineral Society. There will be a brief business meeting followed by coffee and cake, etc. Afterwards, **Sylvia Cliffe** will tell us about ourselves and where we are coming from. Come help us celebrate the day!

**For Your Information...**

**December 16th: WGMS Potluck at 6:30 PM**

Our Christmas Potluck will be held at Sorenson Park on December 16. The delicious potluck will begin at 6:30 PM. In previous years, the main course was provided by the club. This year, however, attendees will provide both the entrees and desserts. A gift exchange will be held for those who wish to participate. We will also be providing children's gifts for the kids attending. Contact Izzy Burns (626-288-2896) if you will be bringing a child and wish for them to receive a present.

**December 17th: The Christmas Party for Boys & Girls Club**

Each year, the WGMS provides small lapidary craft items which are given to kids at the Boys & Girls Club Christmas Party. We usually make a game out of it. The kids have a lot of fun and it's a chance for us to "give something back" to this fine community organization. The more WGMS members on hand for this event, the better.

**Whittier Police Department Toy Drive for Needy Families**

The local Whittier Police Department is holding their annual toy drive for needy families. If you wish to help, bring an UNWRAPPED, new toy to the November WGMS meeting and we will see that your gift gets to the appropriate department.

**Member Notes**

Several WGMS members were reported to be under the weather following the show and we have received other news of which you should be aware.

- Mary Maneth had surgery the Tuesday after the show. She is home now and recovering fine. Contact the Maneths for more info.
- Vern Cliffe spent a couple of days in the hospital but is at now back at home. He appears to be doing just fine, except his driving privileges have been curtailed for the time being.

- Ed Piechota was back in the hospital following a visit to the show and is now recovering at home. Kathy is very busy caring for him and also running a craft business with her mom.
- On the Monday after the WGMS show, Jay Valle’s wife, Josephine came home from a two-week stay at Whittier Hospital where she underwent surgery to remove cancer. She is regaining lost strength daily, and she and Jay both wish to express their thanks for the wonderful outpouring of sympathy, prayers, get-well cards and flowers which she has received.
- Bea Roy is scheduled for surgery at Whittier Prespeterian Hospital on Monday, November 8. If all goes well, she will be home the next day. Please send her your prayers and best wishes.
- Bill Sundgren, long-time member of the WGMS passed away some months ago (see Vern Cliffe’s article on page 19). \$100 will be donated to the CFMS Scholarship Fund in his name.

If you know of any other member news, please let your bulletin editor know!

**Nominating Committee Report**

The nominating committee for the Year 2000 Club Officers has been busy trying to fill positions. The following is the list of members who we are recommending for approval at the November General Meeting.

- President.....Jay Valle
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President .....Jack Zywocienski
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President .....Marcia Goetz
- Treasurer .....Dorothy Jacobs
- Secretary .....<Position Available>
- Federation Director ....Bill Burns
- Directors.....Les Roy, Joe Goetz, and Dave Martinez

As always, other nominations for any of the executive positions can be made at the meeting. Please come and participate in the election process.

*Jerry Turner, Nominating Committee Chairman*

## **1999 Show Roundup**

The 50th edition of our annual Gem & Mineral Show is in the bag. It was memorable in many special ways. The morning of the 16th was heralded by a 7.1 earthquake out in the desert next to one of our favorite collecting sites, Lavic Siding. I refer, of course, to the Hector Mine Earthquake. The night before, many willing participants arrived at the Masonic Temple to help set up tables and cases. The newly rebuilt cases were uncrated, and though a few minor bugs were discovered during setup, they were found to be much easier to handle, and they setup faster than the old "Pony" cases. At about 5:30 in the afternoon, the workers and dealers enjoyed **Sandie's Marvelous Spaghetti Feast** and the party broke up about 8 PM. Then the ground literally moved at 2:46 AM Saturday morning. Later that morning, the cases were examined for possible earthquake damage, but all was OK.

**Isabelle Burns** hosted the Opening Ceremony at 9:45 AM on the front steps. Whittier City Councilwoman **Janet Henke**, presented the Club with a proclamation, declaring the week leading up to our Show as *Earth Science Week* (see text on page 17). **Bob Stoltz**, 2nd Vice President of the CFMS congratulated the club on behalf of the CFMS, and **Bill Burns**, 1st Vice President of the AFMS also presented the best wishes of the AFMS. The ribbon was cut at exactly 10 AM and our 50th Anniversary Show was underway!

Guests began arriving almost immediately and rushed to finish final preparations. Things had just began to settle down from the morning rush when the power all failed. All of Uptown Whittier was without power for several long minutes. Plans were being brewed to attach generators to the building to provide lights so the show could continue. However, all that proved unnecessary as the power was restored within about 15 minutes.

**The Nugget Man** proved to be a crowd-pleaser at his location on the stage. Packages of gold-bearing sand were provided as the Children's Prizes and the fortunate winners visited his booth where he showed them how to pan out the gold.

The displays were outstanding, as usual. **Walt Abramson** put in an opal case and **George Cyrog** displayed some of the gold and gemstone rings he had

made for his late wife, **Fran**. The **Gem Carvers** had their work on display and **Virginia Pace** put in a case. At the demonstration table, **Walt Abramson** some of his showed his opal collection to visitors and members alike. He explained opal cutting and polishing techniques, and related some of his fascinating Australian adventures. **Bill Burns**, **Les Roy** and **Jay Valle** demonstrated cabbing, though Bill was there most of the time. **Dotty Jacobs** was the surprise favorite at the demonstration table with her silver chasing techniques. **Jerry Turner** brought his faceting machine and renewed old lapidary skills, much to the fascination of those observing his work. **Virginia Pace**, **Vince Jarrell** and other **Gem Carvers** were on hand to demonstrate various carving methods and materials (it is always a pleasure to watch small works of art be created before your eyes).

I would like to thank all of the members and associated who contributed to the successful production of our Gem Show. At the main entrance, **Isabelle Burns** greeted guests and distributed flyers and information. **Kathy Piechota** and **Marcia Goetz** were awesome at the donation award table. Kathy did a terrific job providing the special exhibitor/dealer ribbons and award tickets and Marcia kept track of all the awards after Michelle Sebresos left. **Sandie Fender** cooked up the delicious Spaghetti Feast on Friday before the show, then she, **Mary Rose Merton** and **Ruth Jarrell** ran the exhausting kitchen detail with their usual skill and aplomb. **Tony Fender** kept watch on the power distribution and **Jay Valle** provided the moderately successful sound system. **Angie Harwood** and **Dolores Maneth** provided the excitement and fun at the spinning wheel. **Joe Goetz**, **Mike Manneth** and **Pat Maggs** ably ran the sales table. The special WGMS Anniversary grab bags proved to be very popular items and I believe we sold out by the end of the show. **Sylvia Cliffe** was kept busy with the money end of the business and **Vern Cliffe** kept the security guys on their toes. **Dave Martinez** demonstrated a flair for collecting money at the kitchen. **Erin Valle** was bounced out of the kitchen due to a recurring cough and ended up at the donation award table. **Jason Valle** demonstrated the Endoscope and computer. **Robert Valdez** and **Ernie Gaytan** led the setup and tear-down charge on Friday and Sunday. The centerpieces and ever-popular pictures on the dining room tables were courtesy of **Kathy Turner**. (If I missed anyone, I apologize and if you let me know you'll be mentioned next month.)

*JValle, Show Chairman*

**Field Trip to the Whittier Claim  
October 23 & 24, 1999**

**Friday afternoon: “INCOMING!!”**

**I**t was hot in the city, the kind of heat that stifles and smothers, making wanting to leave urgent. We left Friday afternoon, none too soon. It was hotter on the road, which made the traffic seem even heavier. When we got to camp it seemed cooler than the city, because it was. We found **Tony and Sandy Fender**, and **Izzy and Bill Burns** already in camp. **Marcia and I** set about setting up the tent trailer. While we were attaching the awning, Tony came over and told us of predicted winds for that night. He told us of his attempt to gain access to the military base where the Hector Mine Earthquake had occurred by attaching himself to the CalTech group going to investigate the surface ruptures. However, it was prudence (or self-preservation) that kept him from leaving the group and going onto the base property when he and Sandie saw that for each of the Caltech Surburbans there were three Marine Humvees. I think they were wise not to tempt the Marine gods.

**Ed and Corrine Imlay** showed up around 5:00ish. After dinner we all sat outside enjoying the coolness of the evening. Tony called **Gail Poulson** on the cellphone to see when she would be arriving in camp. A few minutes later, Tony went to meet her at the offramp. As Tony was leading Gail back to camp he came upon **Vince and Ruth Jarrell**, who joined the caravan back to camp.

**Saturday morning: “A Rolling Stone Gathers No Moss”**

Saturday morning, the arrivals were fast and furious; that is, someone arrived about every 5 minutes. The campers were: **Michelle Sebresos, Angie Harwood, Kathy & Jerry Turner, Dotty Jacobs, Julia Biboyoff & sons, Art Ragazzi, Pat & John Henry**, and **Geoff & Pat Caplette**. Most all had gone up to the claim to get pieces of honey onyx, others stayed behind and chatted. About 10 AM, we went over to the moss agate area. Marcia found a small piece and showed everyone so they knew what to look for before heading off. Marcia & I strolled up toward the mountain and found small pieces, some with little vugs of quartz crystals. We called Julia and her sons over and they seemed to be very happy with what they found. We continued our stroll hither and yon, over hill and dale, up one side and down the other, until we came upon someone else's diggings. In the tailings we found beautiful small shards that had been knocked off of larger pieces and I had wished I could have been there to get the first pieces. I thought about how

material comes out of layers, so I chose a spot about 2 feet below the original dig and sank my rock pick into the soil and without too much ado out popped a rock. It looked much like a lot of the rhyolite that is in the area and I almost tossed it aside but I chipped a corner off and was rewarded with beautiful yellow and red moss peeking back at me. I almost felt like a “miner 49er”. Then the yield was about 1 agate out of every 10 rocks. We filled two canvas water buckets before heading back to the car. Everyone got some of the moss agate and seemed eager to return again another time in the future.

After a nice lunch our guests had departed to whatever awaited them.

### **Saturday afternoon: “Mysteries of the Desert, or Hard Rocks”**

There were two trips on this Saturday afternoon. One group went on a Mystery Tour with the Fenders to see the unknown – hence “Mysteries”. It seemed like everyone had a good time and even Kathy came back with a large piece of jasp-agate.

Michelle, Angie and Dottie went with Marcia and myself to Mineolla Road to the infamous “Jason Zone”. Even before we got started a gentleman came by whose name alludes me (from the Barstow Club) and told us of a better place to collect palm, wood and agate. He showed us the big, beautiful pieces of palm in the bed of his truck and since he had been waiting for the San Diego Club who hadn’t shown up, and he had time, he took us to this new site. He said that looking for palm is difficult if you’re really looking and you almost trip over it when you’re not. Marcia and I both found a small piece. I think Dotty found some palm fiber as did Michelle. Angie found some agate and in a wash below where the trucks were parked. We (Joe & Marcia) found the largest single piece of agate I’ve ever laid eyes on. I went to chip it to see what was inside when a small piece grazed my cheek right above my beard, and I figured since the stone had drawn blood, I had to have it. I would not call this bloodstone. Marcia drove close to the piece and she and I lifted it into the back of Miss Dust Bunny (truck). There was another piece just like it partially buried in the wash just below it, and it’s still there.

We all headed back to camp and fortunately the “Mystery Tour” people were enjoying an extended happy hour (Tony always manages to park next to a blender, no matter where we go in the desert). They kidded us that dinner was over but we were fortunate to find that they were joking and so we all got to eat. Of course there was enough food to feed the Marines, and the Caltech workers too, so we did not go away hungry.

**(Field Trip to the Whittier Claim – continued)**

We sat around the campfire, told stories, laughed, and watched the gleaming, radiant full moon trace its way across the sky towards tomorrow.

**Sunday morning: “Holy Sagenite, Rockman”, said his sidekick Pebble, “where the heck are we?”**

We (Fenders, Burns and Vince, Gail, Michell, Angie and ourselves) started our quest for the holy grail known as sagenite around 9:00ish. The words **“we’ve got a map”** tore through the morning air, and then the yell of **“there’s sagenite in them thar’ hills”**, and we were off in a cloud of dust and a mighty **“hi ho agate”**. Getting to Mule Canyon was easy, even going through the canyon was easy. When we turned off near Tin Can Alley I thought I knew where we were headed. **Boy, was I wrong!** We went up the first hill and found Michelle’s truck not up to the task, so they rode with us. As we caught up to Bill they headed off again, only to stop and decide which way to go at the fork in the road. They choose the left fork and so we went. They choose well, as the right fork, which met the left fork on the other side of the hill, was much steeper and angled then the left. All the while Tony was taking readings with his GPS. After a few more decisions as to which way to go and some very steep hills and sandy gullies we finally arrived only to find out we had taken the wrong road. But being rockhounds (an inquisitive lot) we found many, many chalcedony roses and beautiful agates. Half the fun was getting there – wherever that was – and I know how it is to follow a map and directions and end up someplace completely different than described. The other half of the fun was finding the goodies, because it certainly was not on the getting out part. Miss Dust Bunny was not as agile going up some of the hills as she was going down. Thanks to Tony and Sandie we were able to return to work on Monday, as they pulled us up two different hills that we kept sliding back down or slipping sideways into divots.

We all headed back to the city after packing up. Maybe next time we’ll find that illusive sagenite -- if we ever go back with longer tow straps.

Signing off as **Rockman** - fighting for trails, hunting spots, and polished rocks.

*Rockman, a.k.a. Joe Goetz*

**Thanksgiving Fieldtrip**

**November 24 thru November 28 1999**

*The last official fieldtrip of the millennium*

Wouldn't you like to spend Thanksgiving in a place that could be on a picture postcard? A postcard that shows the trees draped in the mantle of fall colors? No, you don't have to travel to the East Coast to see it, it can be found just a little bit north of where we are now. This special place is in Mariposa County, California! Just 5 or 6 hours on the freeways I-5, State 99, Rte 41 and Hwy 49, to the Mariposa County Fairgrounds.

To get there, take Interstate 5 over the Grapevine to the junction with Hwy 99. Take Hwy 99 north until you get to Fresno, then east on Rte 41 to Yosemite. You will soon leave the city behind and find yourself in a rural setting of flat fields with cows grazing on them. Soon this will turn into rolling hills that become steeper as the miles slip by. Signs of civilization will be scattered all along the way. Then you'll come to the town of Course Gold (mentioned in the history of the 49ers), driving through to the crest of the mountain known as Deadwood. As you start down you'll have to watch your speed, as it is a fairly steep mountain road. As you approach the bottom of the mountain you will see Oakhurst below and a signal light as well. This signal light is Hwy 49. Turn left and go 29 miles to the fairgrounds (located on the right side of the road). Once you have arrived, follow the instructions for paying your camping fee. If it hasn't rained recently we will be camping on the grassy area in front. There will be water and electrical hookups, which is included in the price. For the early birds the cost is \$12.00 / night. When we are official the cost is \$15.00 / night which includes the use of a building for eating in. Showers and flushing toilets are included in either price.

***Please note: if you have pets that will be coming along, they must be on a leash and cleaned-up after.***

We will be going after soapstone, mariposite, cross rocks, garnets, maybe quartz crystals and pan for gold. The last trip was quite good, the mining museum is there and if the Ramon Quarry Company replies soon we may have a tour of their cutting and polishing operations facility. There are lots to do and see and a pretty place to boot.

I hope all of you have a good Thanksgiving, whether at home or with us in Mariposa.

10-17-99 -

Dear members!

Thanks for a wonderful show. This was our first show we had ever attended or seen ever and didn't know what to expect. The oh's and ahs that we'd form the five of us. We "taw" and check out "all of the displays" real slow. Also enjoy the spinning wheel. The prizes we won were great and so the rocks that we won. At lunch we talk about the displays and we choose 1 and 2. We check out the displays going out. At home we choose 1 volcano rock love we never seen lava rock this close. 2- miners display this gave us all history that some of cannot see this things this close

Thanks to all of you for a wonderful and educational show, hope to see this show again

Mark Miller (12) and my dad, mom and two other bother and sister

**VROOM! VROOM! SCREECH!**

By Mel Albright, AFMS Safety Chairman

How much time saved on a trip is worth your life? Or the life of a member of your family? One second? Two? A minute? Five minutes? An hour? Any amount of time?

I'll bet that almost every person would answer that there was no time-saving worth risking a life. And, I'll bet that well over half of you have done so in the last month.

You want to turn right from a store lot. There's lots of traffic. You get more and more impatient. Finally you see a little space and "vroom vroom screech" you shoot into the driving lane. One and 1/2 seconds later, an oncoming car passes the store lot exit where you were. Behind that car there is no traffic for several blocks. Congratulations, you just saved one and 1/2 seconds -and bet your life that nothing would go wrong - your car might stall, the oncoming car was going faster than you thought, another driver turns left

from across the street, someone changes lanes - strange unplanned things happen, So, are those 1 and 1/2 seconds worth a life - yours?

How about a left turn from a shopping lot or a side street? Have you ever zoomed through a small hole in traffic - again risking your life? In these situations, you'll save 5 to 10 seconds. Is your life worth that saving?

It is rush hour. You are driving down a four-lane city street. The car ahead slows for a turn. You immediately change lanes to go around them. Oops - that car was in my blind spot. But he doesn't need to honk like that. I was just saving a little time - 15 to 30 seconds.

It is rush hour. Traffic on the freeway (or highway) is heavy. And some of those idiots are driving only at the speed limit. First you tailgate the idiot to show that you're in a hurry and they should get out of the way. When that doesn't work, you change lanes and accelerate around them. You continue driving like this all through your commute - left-right-left-right-left-right. In a small city, you have saved 3 minutes when you get home. In a major city, you have saved 10 or 15 minutes.

You have bet your life and risked an accident 8 times during that drive. You bet your life to save a few minutes. Was that a good swap?

Trip time. You're going across country. The freeway speed limits are 60 near cities and 70 in the country. But, you have a long ways to go. Seventy in town and 80 or 85 in the country will get your trip over sooner. (If nothing goes wrong.) On a 400-mile trip you'll save an hour at 85 instead of 70 - unless you get stuck behind slower traffic occasionally. You'll have 11 close calls while dodging and weaving through traffic. Uh - how good are your tires? Is the hour saved worth your life - or your family's?

The carpool mom does all the above, too. Often they go to excess because they always feel rushed and pressed for time. These days, the whole world seems impatient. We all want instant satisfaction. We're always pressing to make what we're doing go faster.

Perhaps it is time that we put some brainwork into what we are doing and not bet our own and our family's lives to save a little time. NO amount of time saved is worth it!

*AFMS Newsletter 11/99*

**CFMS News**

The CFMS Newsletter just arrived. It is 30 pages long and I hardly know how to reduce that to a report.

1. The CFMS has a new insurance company as of October 16,1999. We are now insured by Federal Insurance Company, a member of the Chubb Group of Insurance Companies. It covers most of the things that our club needs in insurance. We no longer need to send in requests for field trips or for Shows.
2. There are three upcoming CFMS field trips scheduled:
  - Horse Canyon November 11, 12, and 13
  - Stone Canyon, November 20.
  - Northern field trip -Wiley Wells District Field Trip Jan. 31 - February 4, 2000.
3. The *Earth Science Studies Week* at Camp Paradise was a great success. The program at Zzyzx is scheduled for April 9 to 16, 2000. Applications are available.
4. Marion Fowler is seeking a program report of this year's programs.
5. The *All-American Award Program* will be the same as last year. Think about what you have done this year and report it to me.

***Bill Burns, Director***

**CFMS, Inc. Insurance Program for 1999 - 2000**

The new insurance coverage is through the Federal Insurance Company, a member of the Chubb Group of Insurance Companies. Chubb has one of the best reputations in the insurance industry and has an A.M. Best rating of A++. Your broker is Patt Wilson McDaniel with McDaniel Insurance Services, a brokerage firm specializing in insurance for nonprofit organizations and professionals. The limits of liability coverage are as follows:

- \$2,000,000 ----- General Aggregate (annual limit)
- \$2,000,000 ----- Products and Completed Operations Aggregate
- \$1,000,000 ----- Personal & Advertising injury

\$1,000,000 ----- Each Occurrence, Fire Legal Liability included

\$300,000 ----- Liquor liability

\$1,000,000 ----- Non-owned auto and hired auto.

\* Fidelity bond included at \$10,000 limits and Blanket Additional Insured is included.

**Who is an insured?**

The California Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. and all member clubs, their executive officers, directors, and volunteers with respect to their liability for the activities of the insured club or activities on its behalf, at the option of the insured. All clubs are listed on the policy. A club must maintain their membership with good standing and the individual club insurance is non-cancellable.

**What activities are covered?**

The Federation and its member clubs have General Liability coverage for all normal operations as described to the company. We have described to the company that most clubs have monthly meetings and workshops, some clubs have monthly field trips and some have annual shows (2-3 days). There are two annual statewide meetings with 150-200 in attendance. An annual 3-day show held in conjunction with one of the meetings draws public attendance of 6-8,000.

**What if we own or rent a meeting place? What if we own or are responsible for land?**

There is no premises liability unless the location is scheduled as a covered location. If land or buildings are owned or leased, they must be added to the policy as a liability location. (There should not be any unscheduled liability risks). Property must be specifically scheduled if coverage is desired for loss to property (buildings or contents). We have currently scheduled locations based on the best available information. If your club owns or leases a building or property, please check with the Federation to see that the coverage is scheduled and the property values and square footage or acreage are accurate. Each club is responsible for providing this information. Please contact the CFMS insurance volunteer to add or change property or land.

**What if we need proof of insurance?**

- Evidence of Insurance Certificates will be mailed to each club. An informative CFMS Insurance Brochure will be enclosed. Often these certificates will provide adequate proof of insurance.
- If a 'third party certificate' is required, clubs will request them through

the CFMS insurance volunteer who will fax an approved form to McDaniel Insurance Services. To make this as easy as possible for your volunteer, fill out the forms completely. McDaniel Insurance Services will then mail certificates to the 'certificate holder' and the requesting club.

**What is meant by third party?**

The insurance agreement is between two parties: the company and the insured. The insurance addresses bodily injury or property damage to a 'third party' for which the insured may be held legally responsible (liable). If someone, other than these two contractual parties, requests proof of insurance or to be added as an additional insured, we call the document evidencing this coverage a 'third party' certificate.

**Accident Insurance:**

Your organization does not currently have accident coverage. This coverage can provide some payment in the case of a member injury. The General Liability is not intended to act as an accident policy for members. Accident coverage, however, is available and highly recommended.

**Non-owned and hired auto:**

If a volunteer is using their own auto in the business of the club (such as going to the bank or transporting displays) and is involved in an at-fault accident, they are not only personally liable, but the club may also be held liable. This coverage is designed to protect the club in that event. The drivers are responsible for obtaining their own insurance. We recommend at least \$500,000 CSL (Combined Single Limits) or greater. The clubs should not allow an individual to drive on behalf of the organization unless it has been determined that the individual has at least minimum legal limits of coverage.

IN THE EVENT OF A CLAIM OR POTENTIAL CLAIM, IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY MCDANIEL INSURANCE SERVICES AND REFER TO YOUR CLUB BROCHURE FOR DUTIES IN THE EVENT OF A CLAIM.

Please note that the above information is for summary purposes only. The insurance policy is the legal document and supersedes any information herein. Patt McDaniel, McDaniel Insurance Services. DOI Lic #0820481

*Via CFMS Newsletter 11/99 and Bill Burns*

**City of Whittier, California**

**PROCLAMATION  
HONORING EARTH SCIENCE WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, Geoscientists help connect us to Earth's past, manage our present, and prepare for our future, and their work includes providing the resources that heat and light our homes, fuel our vehicles, build our cities and support industry and modern life; and

**WHEREAS**, Geoscientists design systems that help alert us to natural hazards, such as volcanic eruptions, hurricanes, earthquakes and floods, as well as help us better understand our dynamic Earth and the processes that contribute to global change - understanding that is critical for environmental and resource planning; and

**WHEREAS**, The American Geological Institute (AGI) initiated Earth Science Week in 1998, the Institute's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, as a way to achieve its mission and to educate people about Earth, the earth sciences and the importance of earth scientists' work in solving the challenges we face as the planet changes; and

**WHEREAS**, The Whittier Gem and Mineral Society, Inc. will be holding its 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Show on Saturday, October 16, 1999 at the Whittier Masonic Temple in commemoration of Earth Science Week; and

**WHEREAS**, This event is an educational presentation free to the public to educate them about earth science, and the specialty this year will be the mineral gold; and

**WHEREAS**, The Whittier Gem and Mineral Society has invited fourth grade classes, in particular, to this year's show due to a new California State curriculum which requires that students learn about the property of rocks in the fourth grade; and

**WHEREAS**, During the months of September and October, the Whittier City Library has had displays on rocks, minerals and geology.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that I, Greg Nordbak, Mayor of the City of Whittier, do hereby honor Earth Science Week - October 10-16, 1999, and commend the Whittier Gem and Mineral Society on its efforts to educate the community on the importance of earth science,

**PROCLAIMED** this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 1999.

**Greg Nordbak, Mayor**

**Gem and Mineral Shows  
November/December '99**

- Nov 5 – 7 **SAN DIEGO, CA** - San Diego Lapidary Society Annual Rockhound Jamboree, Al Bahr Shrine, 5440 Kearney Mesa Road. Hours: 10 - 5 Daily.
- Nov 6 – 7 **ANAHEIM, CA** - American Opal Society Annual Opal & Gem Show, Quality Inn Hotel, 616 Convention Way.  
Hours: Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5
- Nov 6 – 7 **FONTANA, CA** - Kaiser Rock Club Annual Rock & Gem Show, 9400 Cherry Ave. Hours: Sat. 9-6, Sun. 9-5.
- Nov 6 – 7 **RIDGECREST, CA** - Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society 44th Annual Show, Desert Empire Fairgrounds, 520 S. Richmond Road. Hours: 9 - 5 Daily.
- Nov 20 – 21 **OXNARD, CA** - Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society. 30th Annual Galaxy of Gems. "Rainbow Reflections." Oxnard Community Center, 800 Hobson Way.  
Hours: Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 5.
- Nov 20 – 21 **LAKE HAVASU CITY, AZ** - Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society. 30th Annual Diamond Jubilee. Community Center Facility, 100 Park Ave. Hours: 9 - 5 Daily.
- Nov 20 – 21 **PASADENA, CA** - Mineralogical Soc. of So. Cal., Gem, Jewelry and Lapidary Arts. Pasadena Convention Center, 300 E. Green St. Hours: Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5
- Nov 27 – 28 **BARSTOW, CA** - Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Society 25th Annual Gem & Mineral Show. Barstow Community Center, 841 Barstow Rd. Hours: Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5
- Dec 4 – 5 **RIALTO, CA** - Orange Belt Mineralogical Society. 53rd Annual "Rockin' Along." Masonic Lodge, 260 South Palm Avenue Hours: Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 5

*Vern Cliff*

**IN MEMORIUM  
BILL SUNDGREN**

The society recently received word about the passing of **Bill Sundgren** several months ago. *Bill* had been quite active right up to the end and his passing came as a great shock to his wife, Vickie, and family and friends. *Bill* has been a truly loyal Whittier Society supporter and, while not really too visible in person, his energy was devoted to printing, stapling, labeling, stamping and mailing the Rockhounder bulletin for many years. He was always willing to go "the extra mile" when it came to making sure the bulletin got into the post office on time.

Bill also devoted a great deal of his time in working with other non-profit organizations, publishing their newsletters in addition to our own bulletin. He was well known in the community of Buena Park where he served for many years as a commissioner on the Buena Parks Board of Directors.

*Bill Sundgren will be sorely missed by our society, his beautiful wife, Vickie, close friends and associates from all over Orange County.*

*Vern Cliffe*

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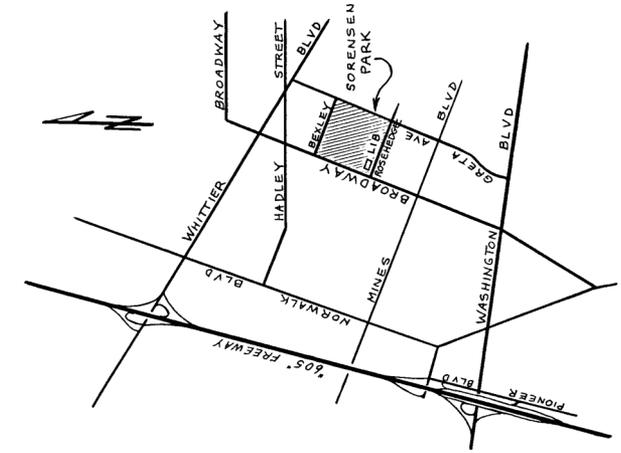
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