

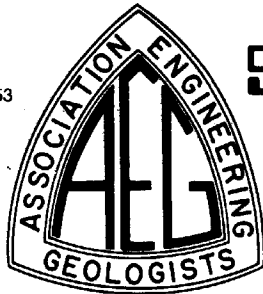
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## AUGUST MEETING

**DATE:** 14 August 84

**PLACE:** Stevens Steak House  
5332 Stevens Place  
Commerce

**COST:** \$ 13.00, including tip!

**RESERVATIONS:** Leroy Crandall & Associates  
(213) 413-3550, Ext. 50; ask for Jan

**TIME:** 5:30 Social Hour  
6:30 Dinner  
7:30 AEG Business  
8:00 Speaker  
9:00 Section Affairs (if scheduled)

**SPEAKER:** JOHN D. MERRILL, president, Geoplan, Inc.,  
consulting engineering geologist, Tarzana.

**TOPIC:** Basalt flow dams Topanga Creek. Basalt has been recognized in Topanga Canyon since the first maps of the area were published. The author has recognized 6 lines of evidence which demonstrate that basalt flows issued from fissure vents on the east flank of the canyon and for a time blocked the stream.

Among the interrelated features that demonstrate this observation are topographic expression, and geomorphology, as well as texture and structure of basalt.

The illustrated presentation will highlight outcrops and exposures that characterize the thesis and which you may examine. Some of the most interesting exposures are within and adjacent to Elysium, Topanga's own nude park and center for demographic illustration.

Merrill, who earned his B.A. and M.A. (geology) from UCLA and USC, respectively, has worked Topanga since 1960, with interesting, if sometimes controversial result. While standing on a fissure dome overlooking Elysium one day many years ago, the idea sort of grew on him.

## TIME ROLLS AROUND

It's time, once again fellow plebians, to select our new leaders. In this endeavor our noble profession rises to untold heights. Those running have cast themselves in the time honored tradition of candidates vying for your approval. Remember, they can't lower your taxes, but they'll do the next best thing, so use your ballot and vote.

SOUTH COAST GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY announces its annual field trip will be to Long Valley caldera (Mammoth Lakes - Casa Diablo area), Mono County, California; September 21, 22 & 23 (Fri, Sat, Sun).

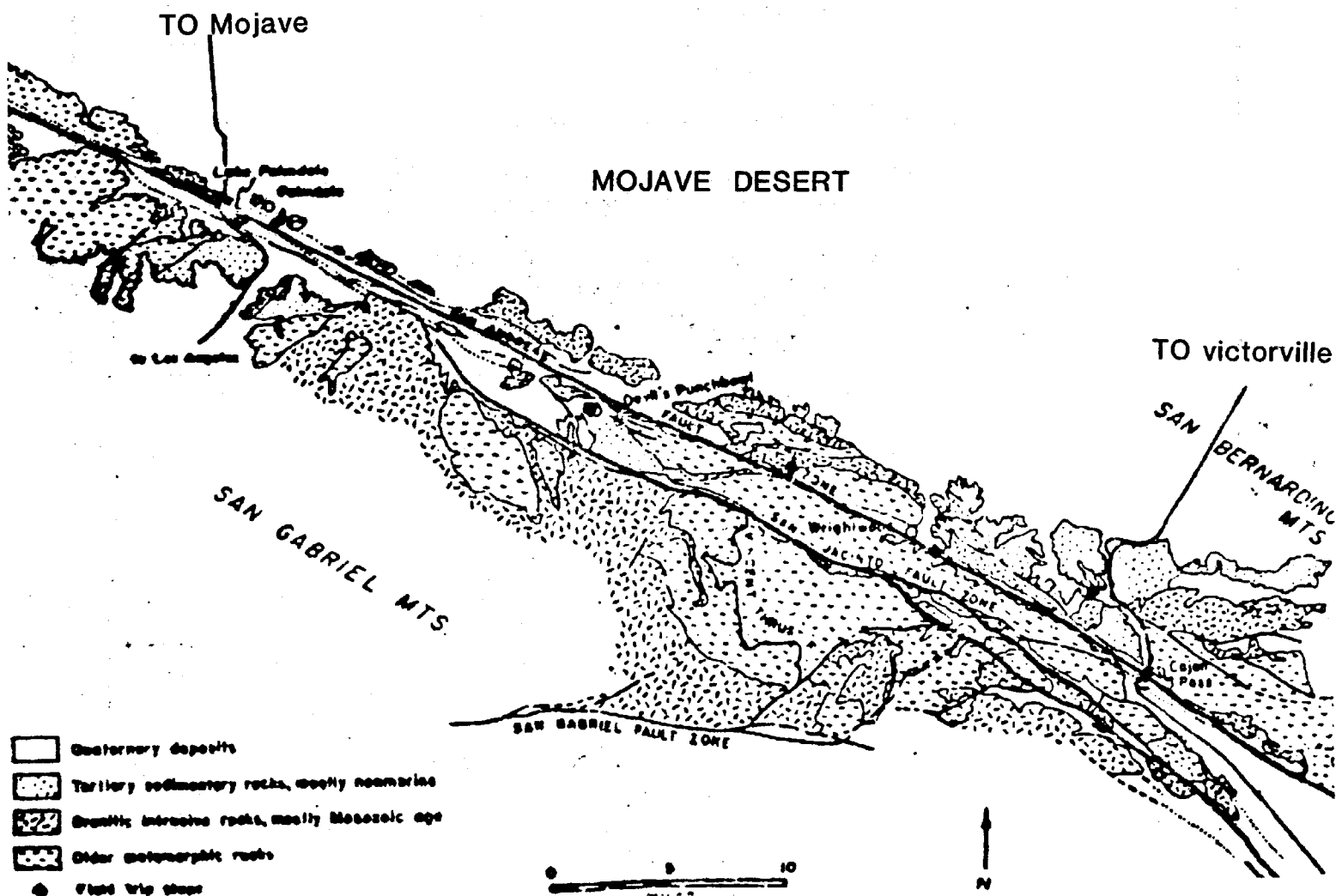
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AWG, 1984 Summer Field Trip - San Andreas Fault, Cajon Pass to Palmdale; August 19.  
Geologic Highlights: Cajon Pass, Lost Lake, Lone Pine Canyon, Wrightwood Mudslide, Devils Punchbowl, Palmdale, Pelona Schist, Vincent Thrust, etc.

Meet: 9:00 am SHARP! Montclair Plaza (Monte Vista Exit off San Bernadino Freeway)

Bring: Lunch, snacks, beverages, full tank of gas, sunscreen and hat, information about the area.

Information: Betty Johnson, 213-977-6009. Please call for reservations.



SECOND ANNUAL QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Place:

Calif. Country Club \_\_\_\_\_ Stevens \_\_\_\_\_ Luminarias \_\_\_\_\_  
Saddleback (Santa Ana) \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Cost:

\$13 \_\_\_\_\_ \$14 \_\_\_\_\_ Float \_\_\_\_\_ ? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Raffle:

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

4. I drive \_\_\_\_\_ miles N S E W to get here

5. I have been to \_\_\_\_\_ meetings in the last 2 years

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. Program Interests: (range in order of preference)

Technical (rock bolt fun) \_\_\_\_\_  
Scientific (new pile of schist off coast) \_\_\_\_\_  
Controversial (citizens for hazardous waste) \_\_\_\_\_  
Travelogue (geology of Lichtenstein) \_\_\_\_\_  
Promotional (Slope Glue Co.) \_\_\_\_\_

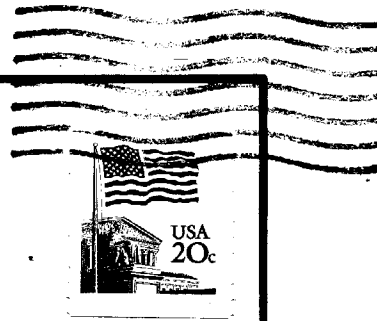
7. Activity Interests:


Meetings \_\_\_\_\_ Field Trip(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Classes \_\_\_\_\_  
Publications \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

8. Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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