

# The Loop



Lancaster, California

March 2014

## Antelope Valley Treasure Hunter's Society

Volume 34 Issue 03

Meeting held 1st Monday of every month at 7:00 PM (unless otherwise noted in newsletter).

### Mike's Place

I would like to mention the coming hunt that the club will have for the members that have joined the club within the last two years. The hunt will be held on Saturday March 22nd at about 1:30 PM at Scott Sandhals "Outpost" on Highway 138 past Littlerock. If it rains, the hunt will be postponed until March 29, the following Saturday.

The cost of the hunt will be \$5 payable with a roll of dimes or 2 rolls of nickels plus 4 quarters or 10 dimes to total \$5. Put the money in a plastic sandwich bag with your name on a piece of paper inside then seal the bag and bring it to the March meeting on March 3rd. These coins will be used in the hunt.

If you want to be in the hunt, but cannot attend the meeting, call me at 818 341-8261 or any one of the \*Edward & Dee Barr\* officers listed in the newsletter. This is so we will have a count of how many people will be in the hunt.

If you haven't paid for the hunt at the March 3rd meeting, you will need to arrive at the hunt site with your plastic bag full of the necessary coins.

The club told me that tokens will be furnished for prizes.

If you would like to be in the hunt but don't have a detector let us know a few days before the hunt so we can have one for you to use at no charge at the hunt.

For members who have not submitted an article for "Know Your Member" start writing TODAY! We would like to know what you have done with your life, and what got you into metal detecting/Prospecting. Last months Feb. meeting 2 ideas were submitted in the idea box. (1) To do away with picking a number in the raffle and just picking the prize you want. (2) To have a work crew to repair the road on the Rocky Road Claim. Let's get more ideas in the box next month!

**Toodleloo!**

**From the Editor:**

We had another great outing at Zuma Beach in February! Lots of people showed up. The hunt was fun and a BIG thanks to the Wyatts for setting it up. Also to Rick for cooking the hotdogs. The only slight negative was that Vickie was not at the hunt as fast as she would have liked because she was cleaning up after the meal and could have used some help in that area. Please be sure that you lend a hand for that kind of thing at our outings. It shouldn't just fall onto one person to pack things up!



On a positive note, Nancy Waters found a gold ring with 35 (or 38??) diamonds! Wow! And yep, she won Best Gold category at the meeting, though she had some pretty stiff competition. I think a few other rings were found by members, but I don't have all the specifics on that.

And speaking of the meeting, we have continued to have great turnouts with lots of displays. The competition is getting pretty stiff, for sure. And I'm happy to report that the number of people displaying natural gold has increased significantly.

We are also really enjoying our new meeting place. It's a beautiful clubroom and fantastic kitchen with pass through counter. I hope Leisure Lake Mobile Estates continues to welcome us for a long time.

OK, so now down to business. Please be sure to get your membership dues paid up by the March meeting. **If you don't, you will be removed from the roster until you get paid up.** That means no newsletter and no using the claims as you will no longer be a member. A new roster will be mailed out to the active (read "paid up") members in the April newsletter. 2014 membership cards will also be included.

*Connie Smith, Editor*

## KNOW YOUR MEMBER: RICK WYATT

I was born July 29, 1952 in Richmond Kentucky, yes I am a hillbilly. In June of 1959 my father was transferred to Edwards Air Force Base to work on the X-15. So we loaded up the truck and moved to Beverly, Lancaster that is. In 1967 I met a beautiful young girl named Vickie, which later turned out to be my high school sweetheart. On April 11, 1971 Vickie and I were married.

I had held a couple of different jobs with Fed Mart and Lockheed, then on February 11, 1974 I got a job at Northrop where I retired from in 2011.

In 1975 I had seen some advertisements about metal detecting but not able to buy at the time I decided to rent one from the local White's dealer. I took it to the local schools and parks but didn't find too much. A little disappointed I returned it back to the dealer. Vickie and I then realized that we weren't going to get rich treasure hunting so we decided to try something else. That year we had our first child, Christie. Well that was so much fun that 20 months later along came our second child, Ricky Jr. We decided that our family was now complete since we all had someone to ride the rides with at Disneyland. In 1978 the treasure bug bit again so this time I bought my first detector, a Bounty Hunter Outlaw BFO. \*Dan & Frankie Holman\* It worked great, I was finding silver coins and jewelry. Then I thought I needed another detector so I bought a White's, and then another detector Compass. So after three I checked into becoming a dealer, so I picked up the local White's dealership in 1978. In 1980 a friend and I opened up a treasure-hunting store which only lasted a little over a year due to no business (bad location). I continued to sell detectors and supplies from our house until 1993, then we opened up shop in PNS coins in Lancaster. Business was good for a few years but then the Buzzard from GPAA past away and business dropped off. We stayed in the shop for a couple of more years then decided to move the business back home where we are now. We now have more time to enjoy the important things in life, our family. Well this is pretty much the story of Rick, so until next time happy hunting.



	Meeting Date	Outing Date	Location	Notes
March	3/3/2014	3/8/2014	Marie Kerr Park	Club hamburgers/Members sides
April	4/7/2014	4/12/2014	TBA (Mike's choice TBD)	BYOF
May	5/5/2014	5/10/2014	Map Hunt, Lancaster City Park/ <b>Planted Hunt</b>	Club- Breakfast/Members sides
June	6/2/2014	6/7/2014	Cajon Creek of I-15	BYOF (Bring your own food)
July	7/7/2014	7/12/2014	Castaic Lower Lake/ <b>Planted Hunt</b>	BYOF (Bring your own food)
August	8/4/2014	8/9/2014	Silverwood Lake	BYOF (Bring your own food)
September	9/8/2014	9/13/2014	San Gabriel R. East Fork	BYOF (Bring your own food)
October	10/6/2014	10/10-12/2014	Rocky Road Chili Cook Off/ <b>Planted hunt</b>	Chili + Pot Luck
November	11/3/2014	11/8-9/2014	AVT Claim Sat/Sun	BYOF
December	12/1/2014	12/6/2014	Christmas Party	Medrano's Mexican Restaurant

**URGENT:** We are losing our webpage and Rick needs someone who can set up and build a new one. He's not "technically savvy" and has just managed to handle the current one because it's pretty simple. Please contact Rick W. if you can help!

RICK & VICKIE WYATT (661) 943-1124

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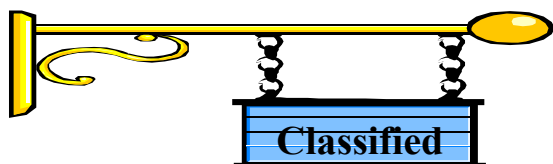


## The Outpost (661) 944-1200

More Than Just a Gift Shop (661) 944-1548  
Rugs & Blankets - Amer. Indian Arts & Crafts  
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34141 116th St E Pearblossom, CA

SCOTT SANDAHL

Proprietor



**FOR SALE:** Fisher 11" DD F2/F4 push on type coil and cover. \$125. Contact Harry Surtees at **661-285-1298 (H)** or **661-878-1782 (C)**

**Wanted:** Bigfoot Coil for Whites DFX Call Ben Molstad at **562-209-2344**

**Wanted:** 151 Keene dry washer. Ok if it needs engine if the price takes that into account and the unit is in good condition otherwise. Contact Steve & Peggy Howard at 661 951-7375

Any Member who is interested in receiving *The Loop* via E-mail can send their request to me at [avthnews@gmail.com](mailto:avthnews@gmail.com) and I would be happy to send it as a .pdf file. It is generally about 2mb for the issue. If any member has something of interest for the general membership, send it my way and I will include it. The Deadline is the 15th of the month for inclusion in the following month's edition.



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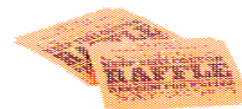
44835 Beech Ave  
Lancaster, CA 93534  
1/2 Block off Lancaster Blvd

Douglas Dillingham  
Owner/CEO



## Club Apparel is available

Support your Club by purchasing one of our new hats or shirts.



## FREE RAFFLE TICKET

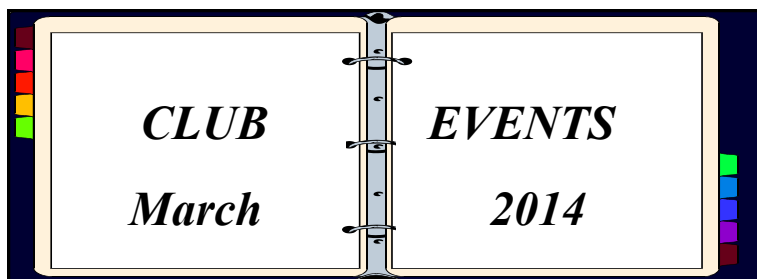
If you find your name in the newsletter and it looks like this: \*Your Name\* You get a free raffle ticket at the next general meeting. Bring it to the attention of the ticket seller. If two names appear (i.e. husband/wife) ONE ticket is given out.

**WANTED:** White's Surf PI Pro with **yellow label and ridges on coil** Please contact Steve Molstad at **818-891-9778**

## Refreshments volunteers for 2014

Jan Mike Temple  
Feb Linda Reitz  
Mar Connie Smith  
Apr Peggy & Steve Howard  
May Mike Snowden  
Jun Lorelei Palland  
Jul Anna & Gregg Bergman  
Aug Linda Bravo  
Sep Rick G. & Bonnie  
Oct Harry Surtees  
Nov Don Duncan  
Dec Dan Petrozzi





**Mar. 3, 2014    General Meeting - 7:00 pm**  
**Leisure Lake Mobil Estates**  
**48303 20th St. West**  
**Lancaster, CA 93534**

**Mar. 3, 2014    Board Meeting following immediately**  
**after the General Meeting**

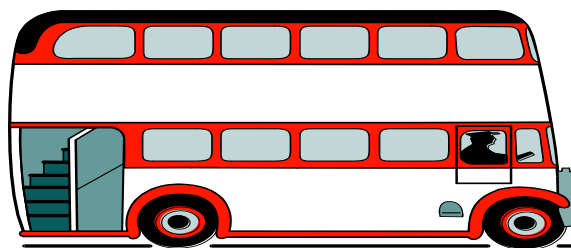
### ***1st Qtr. 2014 Scavenger Hunt***

**Scavenger Hunt items for**  
**Jan. 7, 2014 to Apr. 7, 2014 \*\*\***

01. 5 Consecutively dated dimes
02. **1965** Quarter
03. Any New Belgian Brewery beer cap (i.e. Fat Tire)
04. Canadian Quarter
05. Silver bracelet
06. "D" cell battery
07. Fishing hook (any size)
08. Large iron nut (2" or larger)
09. Tweezers
10. 100 pull tabs
11. Non disposable lighter
12. 1982 coin
13. Underwire from bra or bathing suit
14. Gold nugget (.5 gr. or larger)
15. Any **Central** American coin (Check map for countries)

Finds must be brought to the April 7, 2014 General Meeting or earlier if all found. Display owner must be present to win. First member that finds all 15 items will win a Silver Half Dollar\*. If all items are not found, the member finding the most will win a Silver Quarter\*\*. Members finding at least 10 items will get a Silver Dime. \*If there is a tie, the winner will be decided by the cut of a deck of cards and runner-up will receive a Silver Quarter. \*\*\* Only Items found between Jan. 6, 2014 meeting and the Apr. 7, 2013 meeting, qualify to be displayed. All items must be found **in the act of** treasure hunting or while prospecting. Items found with the naked eye qualify. ***No purchased items or planted hunt finds allowed.***

### **CLUB OUTINGS**



**Mar. 8, 2014—Marie Kerr Park—Palmdale, CA**  
**8:00 AM**

This will be a metal detecting outing. The club will furnish the hamburgers and members will bring side dishes.

To get to Marie Kerr Park, from the south, take the 14 Freeway to Rancho Vista Blvd (AKA Ave. P.) and head west on Rancho Vista Blvd. to 30th St. West. From the north, exit at 10th St. West, turn right on 10th St. W then right on Rancho Vista Blvd. to 30th St. West. The park is on the right corner. Pull into the parking lot from 30th St. W and look for the AVTHS sign near a pavillion. There are a few pavilions with picnic tables. Someone (me?) will arrive early to try to secure one of these pavilions for our use. Marie Kerr Park has a couple of Tot Lots (bark) and two soccer fields. There are also several baseball fields, but most are behind locked gates when not in use.

### ***Treasure Hunters Code of Ethics***

I will always check federal, state, county and local laws before searching; it is my responsibility to know the law.

I will respect private property and will not enter private property without the owner's permission. Where possible, such permission will be in writing.

I will take care to refill any holes and try not to leave any damage.

I will remove and dispose of any and all trash and litter that I find.

I will appreciate and protect our inheritance of natural resources, wildlife, and private property.

I will, as an ambassador for the hobby, use thoughtfulness, consideration and courtesy at all times.

I will work to help bring unity to our hobby by working with any organization of any geographic area that may have problems that will limit their ability to peacefully pursue the hobby.

I will build fires in designated or safe places only.

I will report to the proper authorities any individuals who enter and/or remove artifacts from federal parks or state preserves.

# ***"THE END OF THE LOOP"***

## ***February Finds of the Month*** *Member must be present to display finds*

### ***Most Unique***

Scott Sandahl—?

### ***Best Gold Item***

Nancy Waters—Gold diamond ring

### ***Best Natural Gold***

Steve Sannes

### ***Best U.S. Coin***

Ben Molstad—1945 Walking Liberty Half

### ***Best Foreign Coin***

Ben Molstad—Costa Rican coin

### ***Best Silver Item***

Robert Weaver—?

### ***Best Overall***

Harry Surtees

### ***Attendance Drawing***

Kirk Hansen

### ***50/50 Draw***

Steve Sannes



### ***March Birthdays***

Kent or Nancy Hess, Allen Klommhaus, Don Reed, Steve Sannes, Mike Temple (91!), Jake Via, Adam Wilson, Linda Zeigler

**Please note:** If your birthday isn't listed in your birth month, you probably didn't give us your information. This information is gleaned from the active membership roster. Contact Linda Bravo. to update.

## **OFFICERS**

President..... **Mike Temple**  
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Robert Weaver..... 661-948-8350  
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Mike Snowden..... 661-269-2937  
Rick Wyatt..... 661-943-1124  
James Gilmore..... 661-492-8707  
Vicky Wyatt..... 661-943-1124

## **COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

Welcome..... Vivian Sexton  
Raffles..... Ted Bell & Ed Barr  
Club Photographer..... Anyone With Camera  
Find of the Month..... Scott Sandahl  
Claims..... Linda Bravo  
Metal Detecting..... Scott Sandahl  
Refreshments..... Volunteer for each meeting  
**Club Apparel..... Vacant**  
Club Public Web Page..... Rick Wyatt  
Newsletter..... Connie Smith  
661 526-7494

Membership..... Vivian Sexton / Jim Willson  
Recycling..... Jay Zeigler

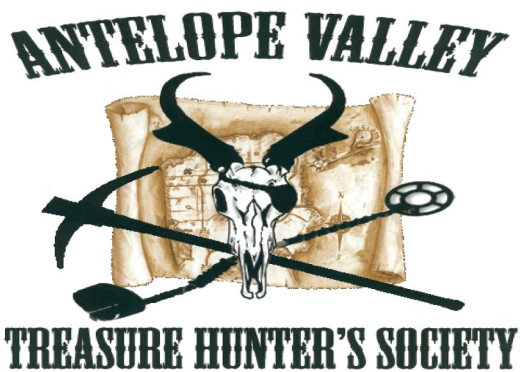
Remember, as with the recycling collection, the proceeds from the sale of apparel are put back in the club to fund prizes and food at the outing.



# Outing Map—Marie Kerr Park



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This Month's Club Outing

Marie Kerr Park

