

The Loop



June 2014

Antelope Valley Treasure Hunter's Society

Lancaster, California

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

Mike's Place

I'm sorry to report that Mike Temple was not able to be at the Outpost Outing on May 24. Linda hadn't been feeling well for a few days and she was admitted to the hospital so they could keep her under observation. He had planned to give me his notes after the May 24 hunt.

From the Editor:

I wasn't at the May 5 meeting because I was returning from Philadelphia that night. I do plan to be at the June meeting! We had a very successful May outing with our annual Map Hunt. It's very popular with our members. At least 17 of us showed up for breakfast (scrambled eggs and pancakes plus various sides—and if we weren't diabetic before the breakfast, we probably are afterwards! LOL!) There were two teams with 6 members on one and seven on the other. Some of us didn't do the hunt for various reasons. The Yellow Team with six members won with 38 coins found. The Red team had 37 and came back only seconds after Yellow, so it was practically a tie! Team Yellow found coins as follows: Linda Bravo and Ralph Smith both found 9; Kirk Hansen found 8; Larry Blair found 7, Ron Renter found 4 and Larry Boettcher found 1. Ralph found the treasure box and two tokens; Kirk found one token and Ron found one token.

The Red Team found coins as follows: John Chartier—11; Jim Gilmore—7; Joe Covey—5; Ed Dorroh—4; Wes Weathers—3 and Robert Weaver—0. John found the treasure box and one token; Joe found one token; Jim found one token and Wes found one token. Robert was skunked! Prizes consisted of Lotto Tix as well as various

prizes provided by Keene Engineering. We all had a great time! Because the park gets crowded, we decided not to have the planted hunt in the park. We'll do that another time.

We had a fantastic turnout at the special outing held at Scott Sandahl's The Outpost. It's a great venue for these fun hunts! Everyone said they had a good time and there were plenty of prizes, thanks to Pat Keene of Keene Engineering! John Chartier won the top prize—a new Keene Cyclone dry washing gold pan that retails for \$79.99! Nice work, John! Everyone who participated got a prize plus 18 tokens were planted in the ground. Of those, 17 were found. *John & Rose Chartier* After the hunt, all who found tokens were given a raffle ticket that had a reciprocal ticket attached to the prizes. Most people found at least as much clad as it cost to participate in the hunt and all went home with some thing.

Our June outing will be held at Cajon Creek and will be for metal detecting and sluicing/panning and other forms of water prospecting except dredging, of course. Map and directions are on pages 4 and 6. Pix of the location are on Page 2. If you won a Keene gold pan at any of our outings recently, this is the time to use it! This location is located at a creek that is running and with recent rain may be running pretty good! There are lots of trees for shade and you can always lay down in the creek if you get too hot!



Connie Smith, Editor

Here are some pix of Cajon Creek so that you will recognize it when you see it. It is a very short distance down the road once you turn onto Swarthout Canyon Rd.

Left side of Cajon Creek



Right side of Cajon Creek



Both sides of Cajon Creek



Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

	Meeting Date	Outing Date	Location	Notes
June	6/2/2014	6/7/2014	Cajon Creek off I-15	BYOF (Bring your own food)
July	7/7/2014	7/12/2014	Castaic Lower Lake/ <i>Planted Hunt</i>	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/ <i>Planted hunt</i>	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!

Common Prospecting Terms:

alluvial fan—cone-shaped gravel deposit formed where a stream emerges from mountains onto a lowland.

bedrock—solid rock underlying gold-bearing gravel.

claim—mining ground held under federal or state laws by virtue of location and record.

color--a particle of gold found in the prospector's pan after the gravel has been washed.

concentrate—minerals which have been separated from less valuable materials.

false bedrock—a hard formation, usually a clay layer, within a placer deposit some distance above bedrock.

finer—sand or other fine-sized material associated with placer deposits. Usually the last material left during the panning process.

flour gold—finest gold dust, much of which will float.

float—rock separated from the parent vein by weathering.

heavies—minerals of high specific gravity in a placer concentrate, also called black sands.

lode deposit—a vein of mineral ore deposited between nonmetallic rock layers.

nugget—a piece of gold that can usually be picked up with the fingers.

patent—a government deed that conveys legal title of public land to the party to whom the patent is issued.

pay streak—a limited horizon within a placer deposit containing a concentration of gold rich enough to mine.

placer deposit—a glacial or alluvial deposit of sand or gravel containing eroded particles of valuable minerals.

point bar—the area on the upstream end of a gravel bar which can contain superficial concentrations of flour gold in a thin surface layer.

poke—a bag or sack of gold.

prospector—a person who searches for valuable minerals.

riffles—small ridges in the bottom of a sluice box that catch gold in sand and gravel.

sluice box--an elongate wooden or metal trough with riffles, over which alluvial gravel is washed to recover gold.

stake—laying out and marking the corners of a mining claim. Originally wooden stakes were used.

suction dredge—uses a water jet and venturi effect to suck gravel off the stream bed and run it over a set of riffles.

troy ounce—1/12-pound, used in reference to amounts of precious metals.

MEMORANDUM TO DAVE McCracken RE: CURRENT STATUS OF SUCTION DREDGING

To: Dave McCracken, New 49'er Association

From: James L. Buchal

Date: May 2, 2013

Re: Developments in San Bernardino County Coordinated Cases.

On May 1st Judge Ochoa heard arguments for and against summary judgment on the federal preemption issue. He appeared to be familiar with the pleadings and arguments, and made some statements challenging the State that appeared helpful. However, at the end of the argument, he announced that he wanted to see all counsel in chambers. There he announced that he really did not know how he was going to decide, and that it would be better for all of us if we could settle the case. I explained that the opposing forces had no incentive whatsoever to bargain unless and until the Judge took the "just shut them down" option off the table, and that it made a lot more sense to pursue settlement in a context where permits had to be issued, with the negotiations concerning the contents of the permits. I even explained that we could have no faith in any settlement, because the Tribe could immediately turn around and get its puppets in the Legislature to overturn the settlement, and that only the Supremacy Clause and the Judge could protect us. But the Tribe and the State played to the Judge and expressed their willingness to compromise, and how much more efficient it would be to delay the case for a few months (just enough to get through the summer season) to work on this, etc. I pointed out that this was the same thing they had been doing for ten years and that justice delayed is justice denied, but the Judge finally shut me down and told me I was being too emotional. Judge Ochoa has set a mandatory settlement conference pursuant to Rule 3.1380 of the California Rules of Court on June 24, 2014, and will make an attempt to personally settle the case. To make matters worse, you are required to attend, but can attend by phone. I will provide further information, including a copy of the Court's order, and the telephone information, as soon as it becomes available.

Sincerely,

James L. Buchal

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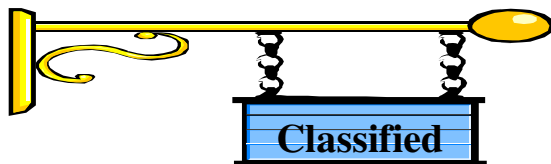
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Wanted: Bigfoot Coil for Whites DFX Call Ben Molstad at **562-209-2344**

FOR SALE: Keene 151 dry washer. Older black box style with Briggs & Stratton blower. Works great! \$550 Call Connie Smith 661 526-7494 (H) 818 414-6707 (C) I've purchased a new style drywasher.

Any Member who is interested in receiving *The Loop* via E-mail can send their request to me at 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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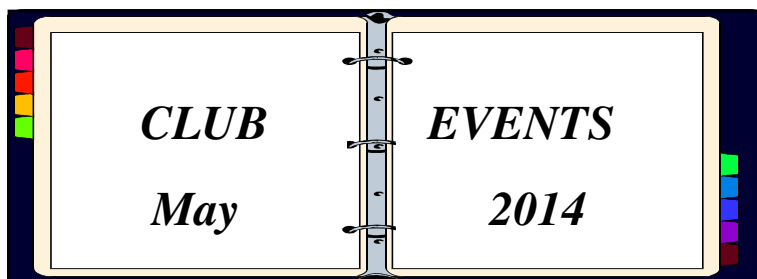
FREE RAFFLE TICKET

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	
Feb	
Mar	
Apr	
May	
Jun	Lorelei Palland
Jul	Anna & Gregg Bergman
Aug	Linda Bravo
Sep	Rick G. & Bonnie
Oct	Harry Surtees
Nov	Don Duncan
Dec	Dan Petrozzi



June 2, 2014 General Meeting - 7:00 pm
Leisure Lake Mobil Estates
48303 20th St. West
Lancaster, CA 93534

June 2, 2014 Board Meeting following immediately
after the General Meeting

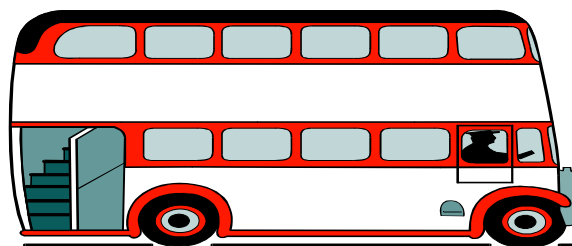
2ns Qtr. 2014 Scavenger Hunt

Scavenger Hunt items for
April. 7, 2014 to July 7, 2014 ***

01. 5 Consecutively dated nickels
02. **1985** Quarter
03. One or more Jacks (game)
04. Bus token
05. Any pearl (real or fake) jewelry
06. Earbuds
07. Half ounce fishing hook
08. Screwdriver
09. Nail file
10. 100 bobby pins (or pulltabs)
11. Any silver coin
12. 1950 coin
13. Ring with a green stone
14. Any natural gold
15. Any *Asian* coin (Check map for countries)

Finds must be brought to the July 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



June 7, 2014-Cajon Creek-9:00 AM

This is a new one for the club. Get to I-15 whatever way works best for you. From the north take Cleghorn Rd. (just south of 138) and follow to the right. From the south take Cleghorn Rd. and turn left (now Cajon Blvd.) Follow to Swarthout Canyon Rd. Turn right onto Swarthout Canyon Rd. a short distance and you will see a metal culvert on the left. *Frank Muller* This is Cajon Creek. You can follow the creek to the west or to the east, but west is better. Bring your own food. There are no picnic tables, so you can find a rock to sit on or bring a chair. And don't forget your sluicing, panning and detecting equipment!

See ya there!

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"

May Finds of the Month

Member must be present to display finds

Most Unique

Harry Surtees

Best Gold Item

Dan Petrozzi

Best Natural Gold

Gordon Stocks

Best U.S. Coin

David Young

Best Foreign Coin

Scott Sandahl

Best Silver Item

Scott Sandahl

Best Overall

Scott Sandahl

Attendance Drawing

Cliff Jensen (not present - \$25.00 for June)

50/50 Draw

Gary Spain (\$72.50)



June Birthdays

Larry Blair, John Chartier, Mike Depasquale, Alicia Klommhaus, Joan McGrath, John Sexton, Robert Weaver, Vickie Wyatt

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.

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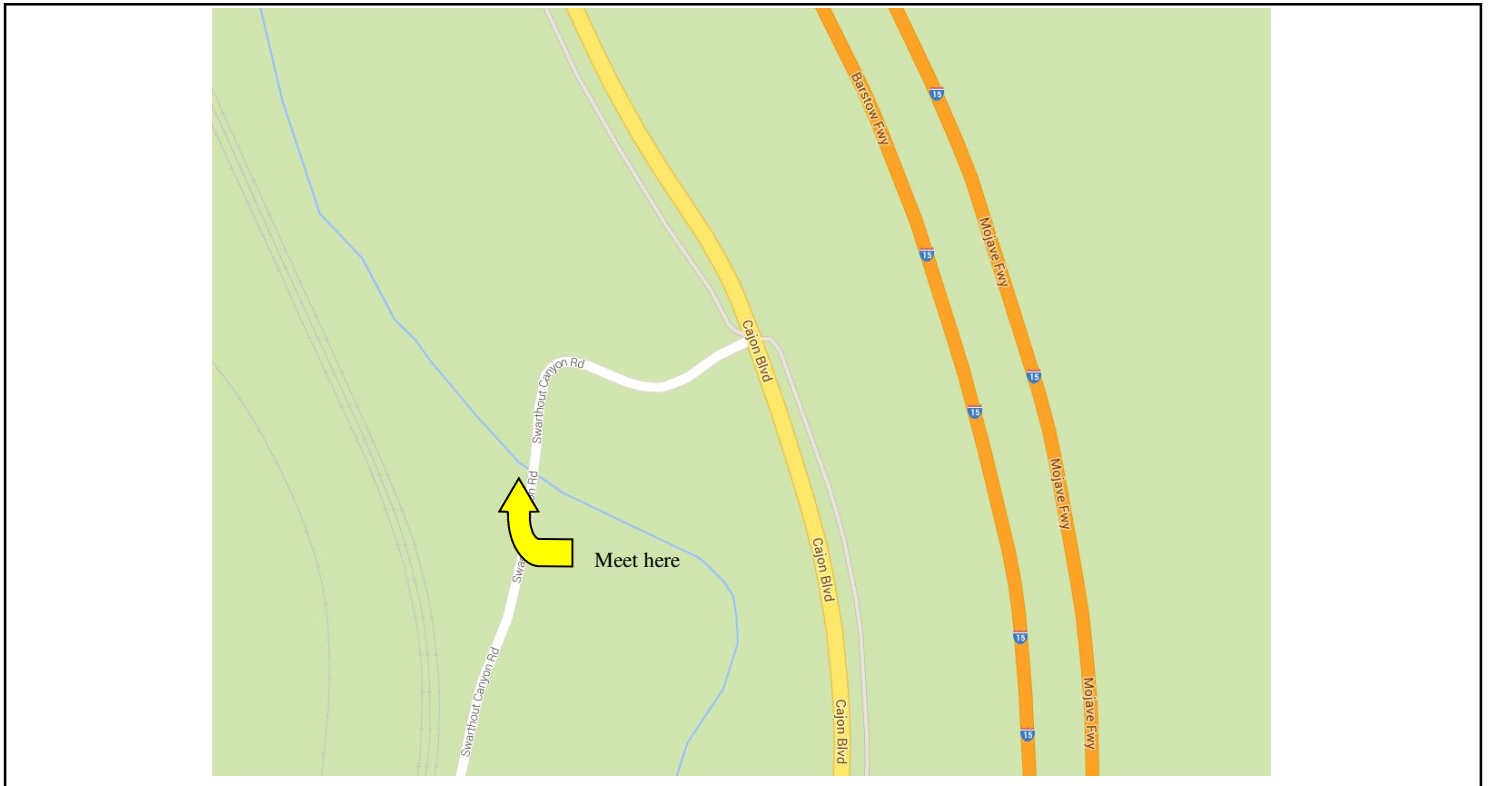
Welcome.....Vivian Sexton
Raffles.....Ted Bell & Ed Barr
Club Photographer.....Anyone With Camera
Find of the Month.....Scott Sandahl
Claims.....Linda Bravo
Metal Detecting.....Scott Sandahl
Refreshments.....Volunteer for each meeting
Club Apparel..... Vacant
Club Public Web Page.....Rick Wyatt
Newsletter.....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



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This Month's Club Outing

Cajon Creek

