

The Loop



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Antelope Valley Treasure Hunter's Society

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

Prez Sayz, Don Duncan said he's not much of a writer, but will let me know when he has something to say. Meanwhile, I'll keep you updated with the activities.

From the Editor:

Our 2015 outing to Lake Isabella was MUCH more successful than our previous one! Much of this success can be attributed to two of our new members, Robert Kent and Scott Savage, who knew the hot spots! The last time we went, the people who knew the spots didn't show up and the rest of us were left clueless! This time, we checked out one spot that was a previous swimming hole (I got my Prius stuck in the sand trying to climb the hill out of the area—and these guys shoveled and pushed me out! THANKS, GUYS!) then we went on to a park on the Kern River, where several dollars in clad was found by members and even a little bling jewelry. Mas Kadonaga told me that either he or one of the others found an Eisenhower dollar coin! Robert and Scott K. went back to the swimming hole, but I didn't hear if they were successful or not. David Bither said he and Gordon Stocks have detected the Kernville park after various events—mostly cars shows, etc., and have done well. The day couldn't have been more beautiful! There were people fishing in the river, as well as floating on their inner tubes and in general, just enjoying the day. Sure wish I had my bathing suit with me! This is definitely a spot we should consider as a regular outing spot. There were picnic tables,



restrooms and flowing water. Who could ask for more! Additional attendees were Lovetta Burns, Don Allen, Sonny Nudivitch & Ellen Susi, Chris Conn and Mary Black.

I apologize for being so late getting the newsletter out to all of you. In my flurry of activities here at home, I neglected to notice that the first Monday in August comes VERY EARLY! Today, as I write this, is Monday, July 27, and you should have been receiving this by snail mail by TODAY! I hope I can get it printed up, labeled, stamped and mailed before the last mail today so that it won't be TOO late getting into your eager hands! Email version will go out tonight and those who have email will be getting it tonight or tomorrow morning. I have some interesting articles from Ivan Herring for the email version. Again, my profuse apologies! I've been working some long and late hours with Uber and the calendar just got away from me.

A big thanks to Dick and Nancy Waters for bringing all the MD goodies to the past few meetings! I was able to pick up a White's Goldmaster II Operator's Manual to go with the detector I bought sometime back off eBay! I wasn't able to find it*Robert & Motoko Divine* in the White's archives for manuals, so this was a definite treasure to me! I will be scanning it into my computer so that I can't ever lose it! If anyone needs a copy, please let me know and I'll either print one for you or email the file. I also picked up a couple of books about prospecting in Nevada that I sent to a prospector friend who just moved to Las Vegas from Ohio. I hope they help her find a mining claim for herself!

From Exploring the Mother Lode—GOLD Country

Rough-edged miners enjoy Shakespeare plays

Edwin Booth, Brother of Lincoln assassin, favorite entertainer

Shakespeare for miners? Hard to believe. But amidst the rough-edge violence of the gold rush a young actor came, presenting entertainment much in contrast to the times. He was Edwin Thomas Booth, son of Junius Brutus Booth and an older brother of Lincoln's assassin, John Wilkes Booth.

Edwin Booth first performed as a banjo player, but when he left the mining camps a few years later, he had become an outstanding Shakespearean actor. His delight appeared to be in playing one of the many roles of tragedy depicted by the famous English writer.

Booth made many successful tours and became the best-known American actor of this genre during his generation.

Lotta Crabtree grabbed stage fame at an early age and the hardened miners went wild, showering the stages with coins, nuggets and fifty dollar slugs. Wearing a long-tailed green coat, knee breeches, and tall hat, she tossed aside a shillelagh and danced a robust Irish jig. Black-eyed, red-haired Lotta was an instant sensation.

NOTE FROM MIKE SNOWDEN:

Just wanted to let the membership know, the Club has purchased an electronic Diamond Tester, Gold Testing Kit, Scale and Magnifier, *Carl & Deborah Schadt* for use during our monthly General Meetings. The complete kit will normally be available near the back of the room, where the Club Apparel is being sold. *Apparel purchase is not necessary, but we will always be happy to accommodate anyone who needs a Hat, Polo Shirt, T-Shirt or Hoodie.....*



Month	Meeting Date	Outing Date	Location	Notes
January	1/5/2015	1/10/2015	Santa Monica Pier	BYOF
February	2/2/2015	2/7/2015	Zuma Beach	Club food/potluck (Hunt)
March	3/2/2015	3/7/2015	El Cariso Park—Sylmar	Club food/potluck
April	4/6/2015	4/11/2015	Lovetta's Mystery Hunt	BYOF
May	5/4/2015	5/9/2015	Map Hunt—Lancaster City Park	Club food (breakfast) (Hunt)
June	6/1/2015	6/6/2015	East Fork—San Gabriel River	BYOF
July	7/6/2015	7/11/2015	Lake Isabella and/or Lake Isabella ski area	BYOF
August	8/3/2015	8/8/2015	Silverwood Lake	Club food/potluck
September	9/7/2015	9/12/2015	Marie Kerr Park	Club food/potluck
October	10/5/2015	10/9-11/2015	Chili Cookoff—Rocky Road	Chili/potluck (Hunt 1 free, 1 paid)
November	11/2/2015	11/7/2015	AVT claim off 395	BYOF
December	12/7/2015	12/12/2015	Christmas Party	Medrano's Mexican Restaurant

THE MINER'S TEN COMMANDMENTS

From: The Library of Congress; An American Time Capsule: Three Centuries of Broadsides and Other Printed Ephemera; 1853; Sun Print, Placerville, El Dorado County, California.

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Prologue: A man spake these words and said: I am a miner, who wandered “from away down east”, and came to sojourn in a strange land and “see the elephant”. And behold I saw him, and bear witness, that from the key of his trunk to the end of his tail, his whole body passed before me; and, I followed him until his huge feet stood still before a clapboard shanty; then, with his trunk extended, he pointed to a candle-card tacked upon a shingle, as though he would say read; and I read the “Miners Ten Commandments”.

Thou shalt have no other claim than one.

Thou shalt not make unto thyself any false claim, nor any likeness to a mean man, by jumping one; whatever thou findest on the top above, or in the rock beneath, or in the crevice underneath the rock – or I will visit the miners around to invite them on my side; and when they decide against thee, thou shalt take thy pick, and thy pan, thy shovel, and thy blankets, with all that thou hast, and “go prospecting”, to seek good diggings; but thou shalt find none. Then, when thou hast returned, in sorrow thou find that thine old claim has been worked out, and yet no pile made thee, to hide in the ground, or in an old boot beneath thy bunk, or in buckskin or bottle underneath thy cabin, but has paid all that was in thy purse away, worn out thy boots and thy garments, so that there is nothing good about them but the pockets, and thy patience is likened unto thy garments; and at last thou shalt hire thy body out to make thy board and save thy bacon.

Thou shalt not go prospecting before thy claim gives out. Neither shalt thou take thy money, nor thy gold dust, nor thy good name, to the gaming table in vain; for monte, twenty-one, roulette, faro, lansquenet and poker, will prove to thee that the more thou put test down the less thou shalt take up; and when thou thinkest of thy wife and children, thou shalt not hold thyself guiltless, but – insane.

Thou shalt not remember what thy friends do at home on the Sabbath day, least the remembrance may not compare favorably with what thou doest here. Six days thou mayest dig and pick all that your body can stand under; but the other day is Sunday; yet thou washest all thy dirty shirts, darnest all thy stockings, tap thy boots, mend thy clothing, chop thy whole week's firewood, make up and bake thy bread and boil thy pork and beans, that thou wait not when you return from the long-tom, weary. For in six-days labor only thou canst not work enough to wear out thy body in two years; but if thou workest hard on Sunday also, thou canst do it in six months; and thou, thy son, and thy daughter, thy male friend and thy female friend, thy morals and thy conscience, be none the better for it; but reproach thee, shouldst thou ever return with thy worn-out body to thy mother's fireside; and thou strive to justify thyself, because the trader and the blacksmith, and the carpenter and the merchant the tailor, Jews, and buccaneers, defy God and civilization, by keeping not the Sabbath day, nor wish for a day of rest, such as memory, youth and home, made hallowed.

Thou shalt not think more of all thy gold, and how thou canst make it fastest, than how thou will enjoy it, after thou has ridden, rough shod, over thy good old parents precepts and examples, that thou mayest have nothing to reproach and sting thee, when thou art left ALONE in the land where thy father's blessing and thy mother's love hat sent thee.

Thou shalt not kill thy body by working in the rain, even though thou shalt make enough to buy physic and attendance with. Neither shalt thou kill thy neighbor's body in a duel; for by “keeping cool”, thou canst save his life and thy conscience. Neither shalt thou destroy thyself by getting “tight”, nor “slewed”, nor “high”, nor “corned”, nor “half-seas-over”, nor “three sheets in the wind”, by drinking smoothly down – “brandy-slugs”, “gin-cocktails”, “whiskey punches”, “rum-toddies”, nor “egg-nogs”. Neither shalt thou such “mint-julips” nor “sherry-cobblers”, through a straw, nor gurgle from a bottle the “raw material”, nor “make it neat” from a decanter, for, while thou art swallowing down thy purse, and thy coat from off thy back, thou art burning the coat from off thy stomach; and, if thou couldst see the houses and the lands, the gold dust, and the home comforts already lying there – “a huge pile” – thou shouldst feel a choking in thy throat; and when to that thou addest thy crooked walkings and hiccuppings-talkings, of lodging in the gutter, of boiling in the sun, of prospecting holes half-full of water, and of shafts and

ditches, from which thou has emerged like a drowning rat, thou wilt feel disgusted with thyself, and inquire “Is thy servant a dog, that he doeth these things?” Verily will I say Farewell, old bottle, I will kiss thy gurgling lips no more. And thou slings, cocktails, punches, smashes, cobblers, nogs, toddies, sanagrees, and julips, forever farewell. Thy remembrance shames me, henceforth, I “cut thy acquaintance”, and headaches, trembling, heart burnings, blue-devils, and all the unholy catalogue of evils that follow in thy train. My wife’s smiles and my children’s merry-hearted laugh, shall charm and reward me for having the manly firmness to say NO. I wish the an eternal farewell.

Thou shalt not grow discouraged, nor think of going home before thou has made thy “pile”, because thou has not “struck a lead”, nor found a “rich crevice”, nor sunk a hole upon a “pocket”, lest in going home thou shalt leave four dollars a day, and go to work, ashamed, at fifty cents, and serve thee right; for thou knowest by staying here, thou mightiest strike a lead and fifty dollars a day, and keep thy manly self-respect, and then go home with enough to make thyself and others happy.

Thou shalt not steal a pick, or a shovel, or a pan, from thy fellow miner; nor take away his tool without his leave; nor borrow those he cannot spare; nor return them broken, nor trouble him fetch them back again; nor talk with him while his water rent is running on; nor remove his stake to enlarge thy claim, nor undermine his bank in following a lead, nor pan out gold from his “riffle-box”, nor wash the tailings from his sluice’s mouth. Neither shalt thou pick out specimens from the company’s pan to put them in thy mouth, or in thy purse; nor cheat thy partner of his share; nor steal from thy cabin-mate his gold dust to add to thine, for he will sure discover what thou hast done, and will straightaway call his fellow miners together, and if the law hinder them not, they will hang thee, or give thee fifty lashes, or shave thy head and brand thee, like a horse thief, with an R upon thy cheek, to be known and read of all men, Californians in particular.

Thou shalt not tell any false tales about “good diggings in the mountains” to thy neighbor, that thou mayest benefit a friend who hath mules and provisions, and tools, and blankets, he cannot sell – lest in deceiving thy neighbor, when he returneth through the snow, with naught save his rifle, he present thee with the contents thereof, and like a dog, thou shalt fall down and die.

Thou shalt not commit unsuitable matrimony, nor covet “single-blessedness”; nor forget absent maidens; nor neglect thy “first love” – but thou shall consider how faithfully and paitently she awaiteth your return; yea, and covereth each epistle that thou sendest with kisses of kindly welcome – until she hath thyself. Neither shalt thou covet thy neighbor’s wife, nor trifle with the affections of his daughter; yet, if thy heart be free, and thou love and covet each other, thou shalt “pop the question” like a man, lest another more manly than thou art, should step in before thee, and thou love her in vain, and in the anguish of thy heart’s disappointment, thou shalt quote the language of the great, and say “sich is life”; and thy future lot be that of a poor, lonely, despised and comfortless bachelor.

A new Commandment give I to unto thee – if thou hast a wife and little ones, that thou lovest dearer than life – that thou keep them continually before thee, to cheer and urge thee onward, until thou canst say. “I have enough – God bless them – I will return”. Then as thou journiest towards thy much loved home, with open arms shall they come forth to welcome thee, and falling upon thy neck, weep tears of unutterable joy that thou art come; then in the fullness of thy heart’s gratitude, thou shall kneel be’ore thy Heavenly Father together, to thank Him for thy safe return. AMEN – So mote it be!

(Signed: FOURTY NINE)

(The foregoing article was submitted to AVTHS by Ivan Herring.)



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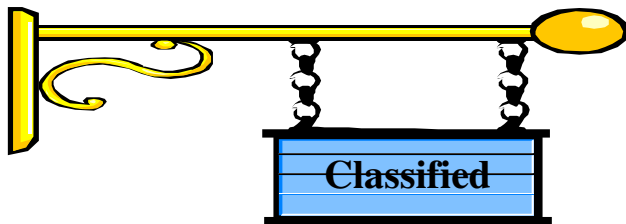
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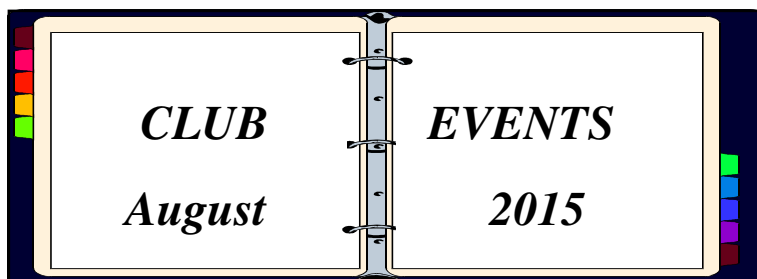
Refreshments volunteers for 2015

Aug **Linda Bravo**

Sep Linda Reitz

Oct Don Duncan

Nov Wes Weathers



Aug. 3, 2015 General Meeting - 7:00 pm
 Leisure Lake Mobil Estates
 48303 20th St. West
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Aug. 3, 2015 Board Meeting following
 immediately after the General
 Meeting

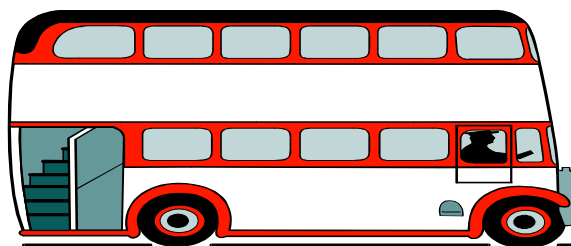
3rd Qtr. 2015 Scavenger Hunt

**Scavenger Hunt items for
 July 7, 2015 to October 5, 2015*****

1. Name tag—dog/cat
2. New Jersey quarter
3. 5 different ALUMINUM bottle caps
4. Carriage bolt
5. Any earring
6. AAA Battery
7. ID bracelet
8. Underwire from bathing suit
9. King Cobra bottle cap
10. Bird shot
11. Silver charm
12. Any metal charm (not silver)
13. Any 1950-1955 coin
14. Any New Belgian Brewery bottle cap
15. Cuff link

Finds must be brought to the July 6, 2015 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 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. If all items are not found, the member finding the most will win a Silver Quarter. If there is a tie, a cut of a deck will decide the winner. Members finding at least 10 items will get a Silver Dime. *** Only Items found between April 7, 2015 meeting and the July 6, 2015 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



August 8, 2015—8:00 a.m. SILVERWOOD LAKE

This is always a popular outing. Hopefully, we will find some nice stuff in and around the lake. For newer members, this is an outing where we can go into the lake with water detectors to hunt for lost coins and jewelry. But if you don't have a water detector, there is plenty of park area surrounding the swim area to hunt with your land detectors.

Get to the junction of I-15 and 138 by the best route for you. Take 138 east toward Silverwood Lake. Follow until you see signs for the lake entrance (see map on back.) As you leave the pay station at the entrance (\$10/\$9 for seniors—carpool to save\$\$) follow the main road (Sawpit Canyon Rd.) until you see a sign pointing to the left for parking (see satellite picture on back.) We park in Lot #1. Make the left turn then turn right where it says Lot#1 and Lot#2. Lot#2 comes first. Bypass that and go into Lot#1 and park wherever you can. We will try to get a table under the trees. There is water hunting as well as sand/recreation area detecting, so don't stay away just because you don't have a water detector!

The club will provide the main dish and members will bring the sides.

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"

July Finds of the Month

Member must be present to display finds

Most Unique

Ben Molstad

Best Gold Item

Ben Molstad

Best Natural Gold

Steve Howard

Best U.S. Coin

Harry Surtees

Best Foreign Coin

Ben Molstad

Best Silver Item

Dan Petrozi

Best Overall

Ben Molstad

Attendance Drawing

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50/50 Draw

50/50 ? for ? with \$? to Club.



***Mark Bellfield, Linda Bravo, James
Gilmore, Jordan Glen, Jerry Mozoruk, Gary
Spain,***

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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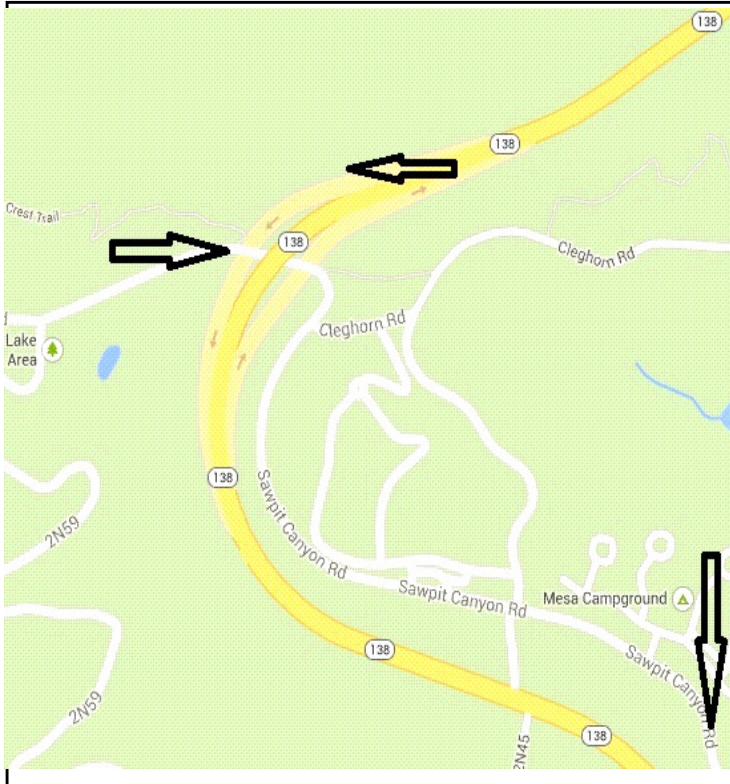
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Raffles.....Connie Smith, Harry
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Find of the Month.....Scott Sandahl
Claims.....Linda Bravo
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Remember, as with the recycling collection, the proceeds from the sale of apparel are put back in the club to fund prizes and food at the outing.

Outing Map—Silverwood Lake



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This Month's Club Outing
Silverwood Lake

