

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:

OOOPS! Meeting and outing dates for September have changed!



When the Dual Board Meeting was held last December, we failed to notice that we put the September General Meeting date as September 7, 2015. **THAT IS LABOR DAY!** I did an email poll of the board members who have email addresses and we all agreed that both the meeting and the outing for September should be moved (per AVTHS Bylaws) to the following Monday/Saturday so we will have our General Meeting on Monday, Sept. 14 and our Marie Kerr Park outing on Saturday, Sept. 19. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause any members who were arranging their schedules by the dates that have been in the Newsletter since January, 2015. I confirmed with Robert Weaver that 9/14 is available for the Leisure Lakes room and he said he had already taken care of it when he annually sets up our meeting dates! At least someone was on the ball! Many thanks, Robert! Robert also said he has set us up through next year, as well, so that we have every first Monday unless it falls

on a holiday and then it is moved to the following Monday. Whew!

We had a great outing at Silverwood Lake in October. Everyone who signed up (11) came and a couple of additional members who hadn't signed up joined in the fun, as well! It was a beautiful day for the lake and the outing. I failed to order the giant sub sandwich in time (24 hours in advance) so ended up buying bread, meat, cheese, onions, tomatoes and condiments so everyone could make their own sandwiches. And they all seemed to enjoy doing that. Linda Reitz had the best find, that I am aware of, a wide band silver ring! And she found that in the sand, not the water! Whoo hoo! It also seems that those who detected the beach/park areas came up with a lot more clad than those of us who detected the lake bottom. Mostly bottle caps and pull-tabs, along with twist-ties, were found in the water!

The September outing will be held at Marie Kerr park in Palmdale a few blocks west of the Antelope Valley Mall. This is a big park with baseball and soccer fields as well as general grassy areas and tot-lots. Please note—the concert area is OFF LIMITS! I will be out of town for this outing so I hope *Dan & Adrienne Sherwood* someone will be able to get there early to reserve some covered tables for the group. The club will also provide the main dish (TBD) for this outing. We will discuss more details at the meeting and determine what the club will be bringing. We need a count of who will attend so we can bring an appropriate amount of food, with few leftovers. If you won't be at the meeting to sign up, please call one of the board members to let us know you plan to be there.

OCTOBER CHILI COOKOFF!!!

The biggest outing of the year is coming up quickly! Start thinking about your favorite prizewinning chili recipe! This is always a fun outing with plenty of activities and good eats! Please be aware, however, that all chili must be prepared ON SITE and not cooked in advance! No canned chili. You can use canned ingredients (tomatoes, beans, etc.) but NO CANNED CHILI that has been “doctored up.” As always, it will be held off the CA-14 about a mile. The details will be in next month’s newsletter, but we wanted to be sure that everyone is ready! The October Outing is a 3-4 (or more) day outing, for those who wish to camp/RV and prospect the Rocky Road claim. If you are interested in staying over, please be sure you have everything you need for “dry camping” including plenty of water. It can get warm out there, even in October! The main events are on Saturday and last year several people got lightheaded during the two hunts that we hold, so before you participate be sure you have eaten something AND are hydrated. Carry water on your belt, if necessary, so that you won’t be affected so much by the heat. A wet bandana around your neck or head is also helpful! We want everyone to have fun **AND BE SAFE AND HEALTHY!**

SPECIAL RAFFLE! The raffle for the Gold Miner Gold Wheel will be held at the October outing! Be sure to buy your tickets at the September and October meetings as well as the October outing. You don’t have to be present to win—but we sure would like to see your happy face when *John & Joan McGrath* YOUR ticket is pulled! All proceeds from this raffle will go towards the next SPECIAL RAFFLE! Each special raffle will feature a quality prospecting or detecting item(s) that are too expensive to put in the monthly General Meeting raffles. The better we do selling these tickets, the better the prizes will be. And remember, if you already have a similar item, you can still sell it to another member or on eBay so there is CASH VALUE for winning!

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, 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 | 9/14/2015 | 9/19/2015 | 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 |

This project is at your own risk. Metal Detecting In The USA will not be held responsible for any damage in case you burn your house down or any injuries caused by this project. Heed the warnings in RED.

Electrolysis is a very popular way of cleaning coins. It is the fast lane of coin cleaning and what can take months of soaking in olive oil can be done in seconds with electrolysis. But, with all of this power comes the risk of ruining a good coin. Electrolysis will strip away the patina of a coin. Sometimes the patina is what holds the surface of the coin together. Any holes, pits, and deep scratches will readily be visible once a coin goes through electrolysis. It is best advised to keep a very close watch on the coin or object while going through the cleaning process.

There are however, safety precautions that must be observed as it is an electrical device. Water and electricity do not mix so keep the power adapter away from any fluids. Do not let the clip ends touch or they could short out your adapter. Work in a well ventilated area.

Find an old power adapter or transformer with a voltage around 6 - 12 volts D.C. output. Higher voltages just increase the possibility for electrocution and does not speed up the cleaning process. Cut off the plug end, separate the two wires and strip the wiring down to the metal. You will need to solder or attach the wires to alligator clips. The clips can be purchased at Radio Shack or an auto parts store. File the end of one of the clips smooth to prevent damage to the coin.



This is a charger used for an older White's metal detector.



The larger clip is the positive (anode) side and will not come in contact with the solution.



File the ends smooth so they do not harm your coins.

One of the clips will attach to the coin and one will be used as the anode. The negative side of the adapter will clip onto the coin and the positive clip will attach to the anode. You do have to consider what you use for the anode. Carbon or graphite will eliminate any issue of plating. Aluminum will not plate out onto your coin and would be a very good choice. Always test out on a junk coin first to be sure. A spoon will work, but make sure it is not stainless steel. A thick piece of lead (graphite) for a mechanical pencil works just fine.

Do not use stainless steel as an anode during electrolysis. Why? Because it will produce chromates in your electrolyte solution. If your solution turns yellow, that is a sign of chromates. Stainless steel contains chromium and the solution can cause burns and even cancer. It is illegal to dispose of this solution onto the ground or down the drain. It needs to be dried and the residue placed in sealed containers and disposed at a hazardous collection site.

There are two ways to determine positive and negative on your power adapter. A multi-meter would be the first choice. If you do not have one, simply make your solution of water and baking soda or vinegar and baking soda in a small bowl and place both clips in the solution (do not allow them to touch). The one that "fizzes" is the negative side and it will be placed on the coin. Remember, electricity always flows from positive to negative. Use enough vinegar or water to cover the object for cleaning. A couple tablespoons of baking soda should be sufficient. The baking soda is used for the electricity to flow through the water (more efficiently). If you use salt, know that it will break down into sodium (harmless) and chloride gas. **The chloride gas fumes are harmful.** If you use salt make sure it is in a well ventilated area.

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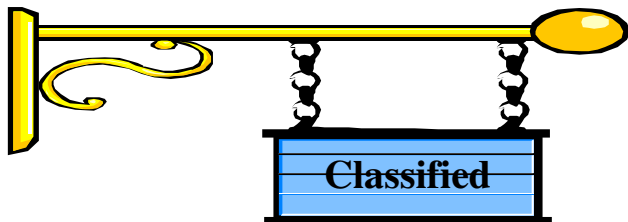
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WANTED: Old ANVIL—the bigger the better. Call Steve Molstad at **818-891-9778**

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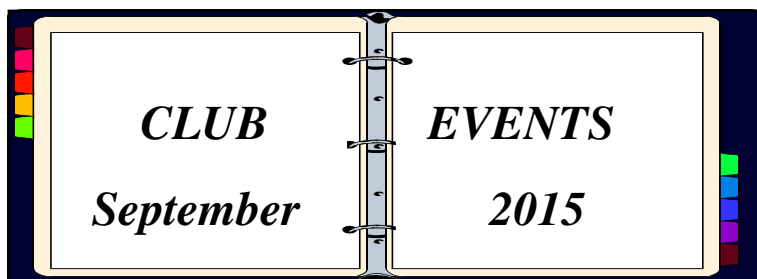
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FREE RAFFLE TICKET

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.

| Refreshments volunteers for 2015 | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Sep | Linda Reitz |
| Oct | Don Duncan |
| Nov | Wes Weathers |
| Dec | David Young |



Sept. 14, 2015 General Meeting - 7:00 pm
Leisure Lake Mobil Estates
48303 20th St. West
Lancaster, CA 93534

Sept. 14, 2015 Board Meeting following
immediately after the General
Meeting

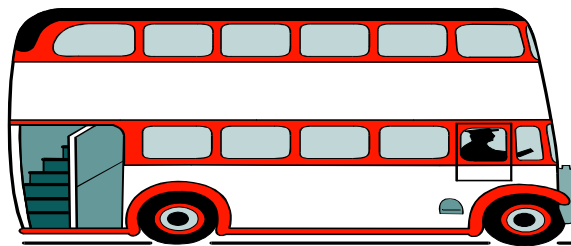
3rd Qtr. 2015 Scavenger Hunt

**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 July 7, 2015 meeting and the August 5, 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



Sept. 19, 2015—8:00 a.m. Marie Kerr Park

The club will provide the main dish and members will bring the sides. Marie Kerr Park is located in Palmdale, CA at the corner of Rancho Vista Blvd. (aka Ave. P) and 30th St. W. For those coming from the SOUTH, take CA-14 North to the Rancho Vista Blvd (Ave. P) exit and go LEFT on Rancho Vista WEST to 30th St. W. Turn RIGHT and the park entrance is on your RIGHT. For those coming from the NORTH take CA-14 South to the 10th St. West exit. Turn RIGHT onto 10th St. West. Travel south to Rancho Vista Blvd. and turn RIGHT onto Rancho Vista Blvd. Continue WEST on Rancho Vista Blvd. to 30th St. W. Turn RIGHT onto 30th St. W. and the park entrance will be on your RIGHT!

Just a reminder—this is a very nice Palmdale park and all who are metal detecting please be sure to dig SMALL HOLES to find targets and cover up them so that it doesn't look like anyone ever disturbed the soil/grass. Newer members who would like to learn how, please contact Scott Sandahl (or other members) to arrange instruction.

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"

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

Most Unique

Larry Blair—Airplane part

Best Gold Item

James Gilmore—gold ring

Best Natural Gold

Steve Howard

Best U.S. Coin

Scott Sandahl—1892 Barber dime

Best Foreign Coin

Scott Sandahl—old Chinese coin

Best Silver Item

Harry Surtees—Silver skull ring

Best Overall

Harry Surtees

Attendance Drawing

Robert Sans—not there—rolls over

50/50 Draw

50/50 Robert Weaver for \$37 with \$37 to Club.



September Birthdays

**Jack Clark, Steve Harnos, Steve Howard,
Penny Petrozzi, Ron Renter, Robin Sams,
Scott Sandahl, Renee Sandahl, Butch
Smith, Dee Weaver,**

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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Surtees, Larry Blair
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Find of the Month.....Scott Sandahl
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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—Marie Kerr Park



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This Month's Club Outing
Marie Kerr Park

