

# The Loop

Lancaster, California

November 2015

## Antelope Valley Treasure Hunter's Society

Volume 35 Issue 11

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:

Mike Snowden is making my job a lot easier this month! He submitted the following article regarding the October Chili-Cookoff Outing! Thanks, Mike! So with no further ado, here is what Mike had to say:



Well another Chili Cook-Off has passed with great success. As usual, Saturday was a very busy day filled with activities, Two hunts, Shooting Contest and the main event, the Chili Cook-Off. For those who dodged the water hazards on the main road to get to the campsite, (the pool in front of our campsite was at least 20 inches deep), we had a great time and I know there were at least forty members and family there. I would like to specifically acknowledge and thank Vicky and Rick Wyatt, Linda Bravo, Lovetta Burns for all their preparation, hard work and efforts to ensure we all had a great time. I think the earth tilted slightly west due to the weight of all the coins and tokens planted for the two hunts. Though it was hot, seems all participants came away with hands full with coins. At the beginning of each hunt, all were told to recover any unusual target. After the two hunts concluded, it was announced that there was a "Special" prize that had gone unclaimed, a GPS Bundle that included an Earthmate PN-30 handheld GPS and the latest version of topographic software, Topo USA 10.0. Unfortunately and surprisingly, or maybe not, nobody found the brass token. I say maybe not so surprising, because when I

went to recover the brass token, I recovered \$2.65 in coins looking for the brass token, and that was after two hunts and several members searching the hunt field long after the hunts ended.



We were disappointed that we were not able to see the look on a lucky finders \*Daniel & Frankie Holman\* face, however not all is lost. This \$200+ prize and others could turn up unannounced at a future hunt.

I personally would like to thank everyone who went to the trouble and expense to prepare and cook chili. For years I tasted and voted. This year I thought I give cooking chili a try. My idea of cooking is re-heating food in the microwave oven. I never gave much thought about how much effort went into the process, not to mention the cost. I tip my hat to those who have cooked chili for our October Outings past and present.

I did a Google search for a chili recipe then I was off to the market. Keep in mind; I don't cook, so as I am standing in the aisles I am doing Google Searches trying to figure out what a particular ingredient is, so I know where to look for it in the store. As an example, the recipe stated drain off the excess fat from the browned meat. Listed in the ingredients was Coriander

so I went looking for one of those bowls with a bunch of holes in it. It wasn't until after I found the bowl with hole did I realized what I found was a Colander. So I had to do a Google Search for Coriander, oh, it's a spice. I was so glad the male pride kicked in and did not asked a market employee for help. Anyway, it was truly an adventure.



I was so sure I could not make chili and to avoid the embarrassment of failing, I did not tell anyone I was cooking. Linda had done her count and there were to be six entries, but there were seven pots on the table. To say she was perplexed was an understatement. About all I could say was my pot of chili was somewhat edible. I really did not own up to my entry until after the threat of an inquest as to who made the stuff in the white slow cooker. After tasting the other samples of chili, I was trying to figure out if I should “accidentally” knock my pot off the end of the table or covertly walk away with the pot hopefully unnoticed. That's when Linda caught me and forced me to confess. No one could have been more surprised than me when the votes were tallied. So thanks to everyone who voted and thanks for a great weekend!

**Editor's note:** 1st Place—Mike Snowden  
2nd Place—(oops! I forgot!)  
3rd Place—Vickie Wyatt

**Trap shoot results:** Sudden death shoot-off between Bruce Barron and Dick Waters. Dick won the \$35 pot! Congrats!

**Elections in NOVEMBER!** The office of **Secretary** is open (and maybe others) Please consider running! It's your club—***be a part of it!*** The position of secretary is open as Lorelei Paland will not continue in the position.

**Scott Sandahl** announced at the September meeting that he will be holding a Treasure Day at The Outpost on November 14. You can \*Mark Belfield\* sell your MD treasures, as well as any yard sale items you may want, in the morning and participate in a MD Treasure Hunt in the afternoon! Details later.

**CHRISTMAS IS COMING!** Vicki is taking payments for the Christmas Party at Medrano's at the November meeting! You can also mail in your reservation/check to the address on this newsletter. We need at least 50 prepaid dinner tix to get the room for free! Get 'em while they're hot!

| 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) |
| <b>November</b> | <b>11/2/2015</b> | <b>11/7/2015</b> | <b>AVT claim off 395</b>                    | <b>BYOF</b>                         |
| December        | 12/7/2015        | 12/12/2015       | Christmas Party                             | Medrano's Mexican Restaurant        |

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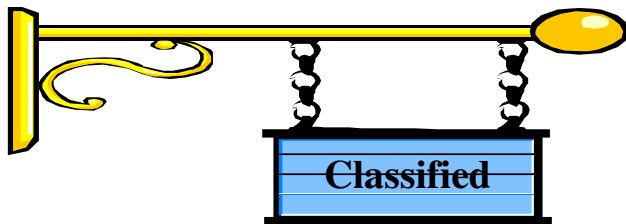
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**SCOTT SANDAHL**

Proprietor



**FOR SALE:** Minelab GPX5000 plus all accessories. \$6800 investment for \$4500. Must sell due to health issues. Contact **Martin Hill** at 760 305-9956 or [lylehilljr@hotmail.com](mailto:lylehilljr@hotmail.com)

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

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

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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.

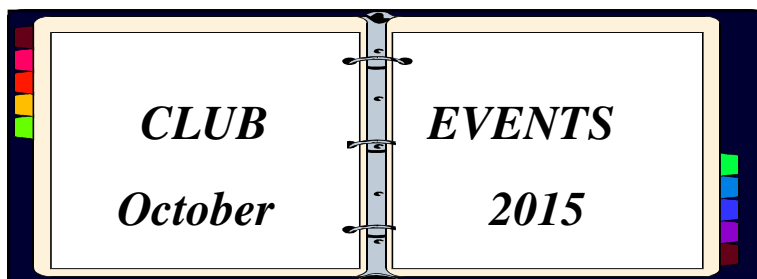


Refreshments volunteers for 2015

Nov Wes Weathers

Dec David Young





- Nov. 2, 2015    **General Meeting - 7:00 pm**  
**Leisure Lake Mobil Estates**  
**48303 20th St. West**  
**Lancaster, CA 93534**
- Nov. 2, 2015    **Board Meeting following**  
**immediately after the General**  
**Meeting**

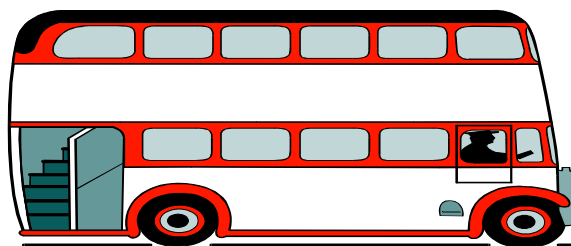
### ***4th Qtr. 2015 Scavenger Hunt***

**Scavenger Hunt items for  
October 6, 2015 to January 11, 2016\*\*\***

1. Earring - large metal hoop
2. Nut - large iron (2" or larger)
3. Quarter - West Virginia
4. Earring - silver
5. Quarter - Rhode Island
6. Gold nugget (.5 gr. or larger)
7. Faucet handle
8. Quarter - Illinois
9. Pull tab - green
10. Tent stake - metal
11. Spring
12. Coin - 1955 (any)
13. Quarter - South Carolina
14. Key - house
15. Hook - fish hook triple

Finds must be brought to the January 11, 2016 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 Oct, 6, 2015 meeting and the January 11, 2016 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**



### **Nov 7, 2015-AVT CLAIM:**

Tentative plan is to meet at the Jet Hawk Stadium parking lot under the Solar Panels west of the 14 Freeway at Ave. I at 7am for those who wish to Caravan on Saturday. If for any reason the parking lot is closed, meet in the parking lot across the street where the Movie Theater is, closest to the road. Sign up is recommended. Final details will be discussed at the November General Meeting. Some members may arrive on Friday and stay the weekend. There will be a Pot Luck Dinner Saturday Evening if we have a big enough sign-up. Please sign up at the General meeting indicating what you plan to bring. If you will not be at the meeting, please contact me via email to let me know you plan to go. There are no restrooms at the claim. Member should bring lots of water, sunscreen, chairs and food . And don't forget your prospecting equipment! Let's hope the weather holds out for us this year! The GPS coordinates are N35° 19' 42.28" W117° 38' 2.94" See included map for more details. Lovetta and Don Allen stopped by the claim after the November outing and sent pix of a very trashy area. Maybe we should think about making this a "clean-up" outing. This can be discussed at the November meeting.

## ***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"***

## ***October Finds of the Month***

*Member must be present to display finds*

### ***Most Unique***

Scott Sandahl—Train thing

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

Nancy Waters—Heavy gold band

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

None displayed

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

Harry Surtees—1897 quarter

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

Harry Surtees—1955 .720 silver Guatamala  
25 centavos

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

Gary Spain—1978 Silver Class Ring

### ***Best Overall***

Harry Surtees

### ***Attendance Drawing***

James Gilmore (Ebon) \$30

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

Robert Weaver for \$36 with \$36 to Club.



### ***November Birthdays***

*David Bither, Mary Black, Martin Hill,  
Rodney Jackson, Donald Lucas, Sonny  
Niduvich, Jerry Paland, Russell Reitz*

**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**

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## **MEMBERS AT LARGE**

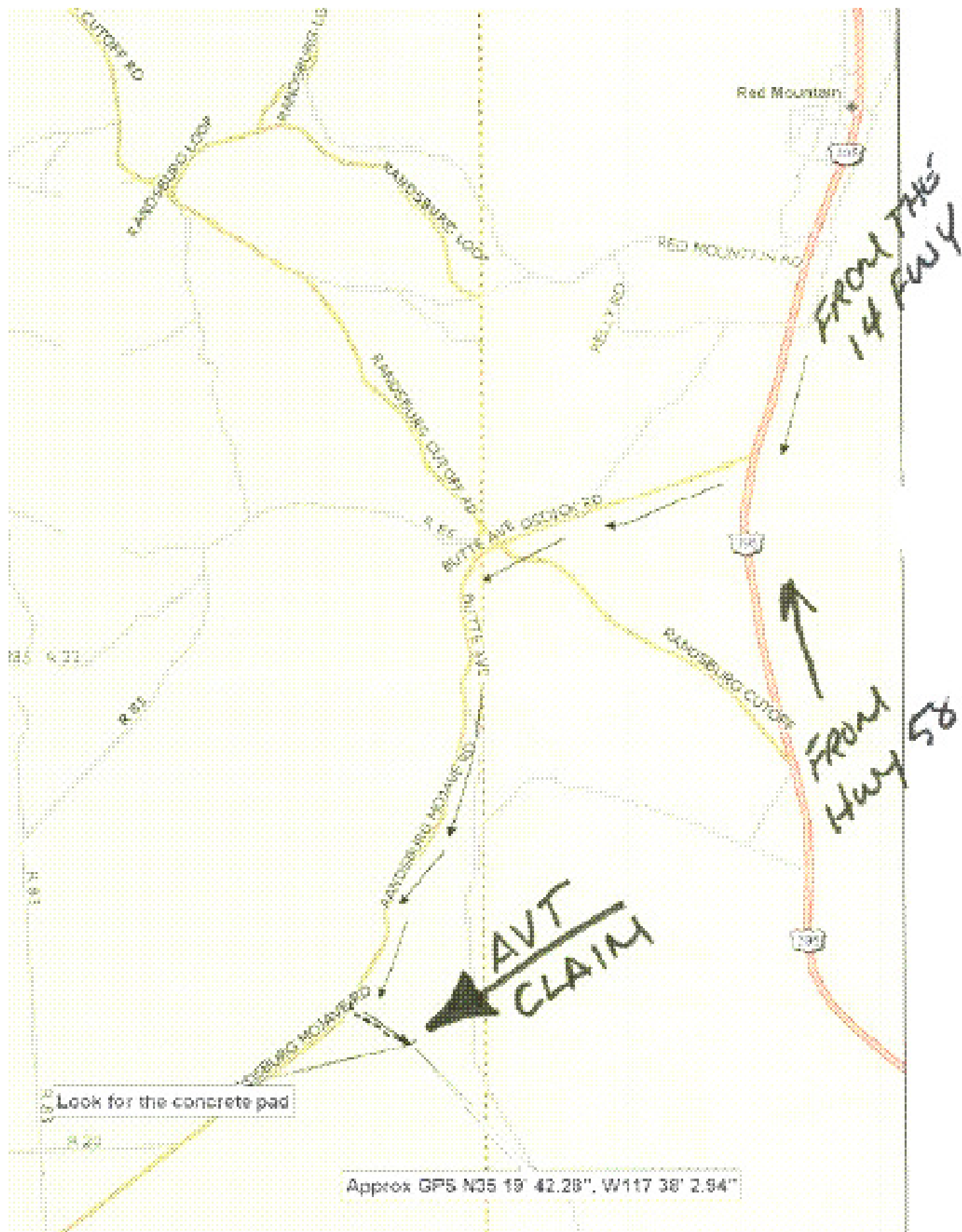
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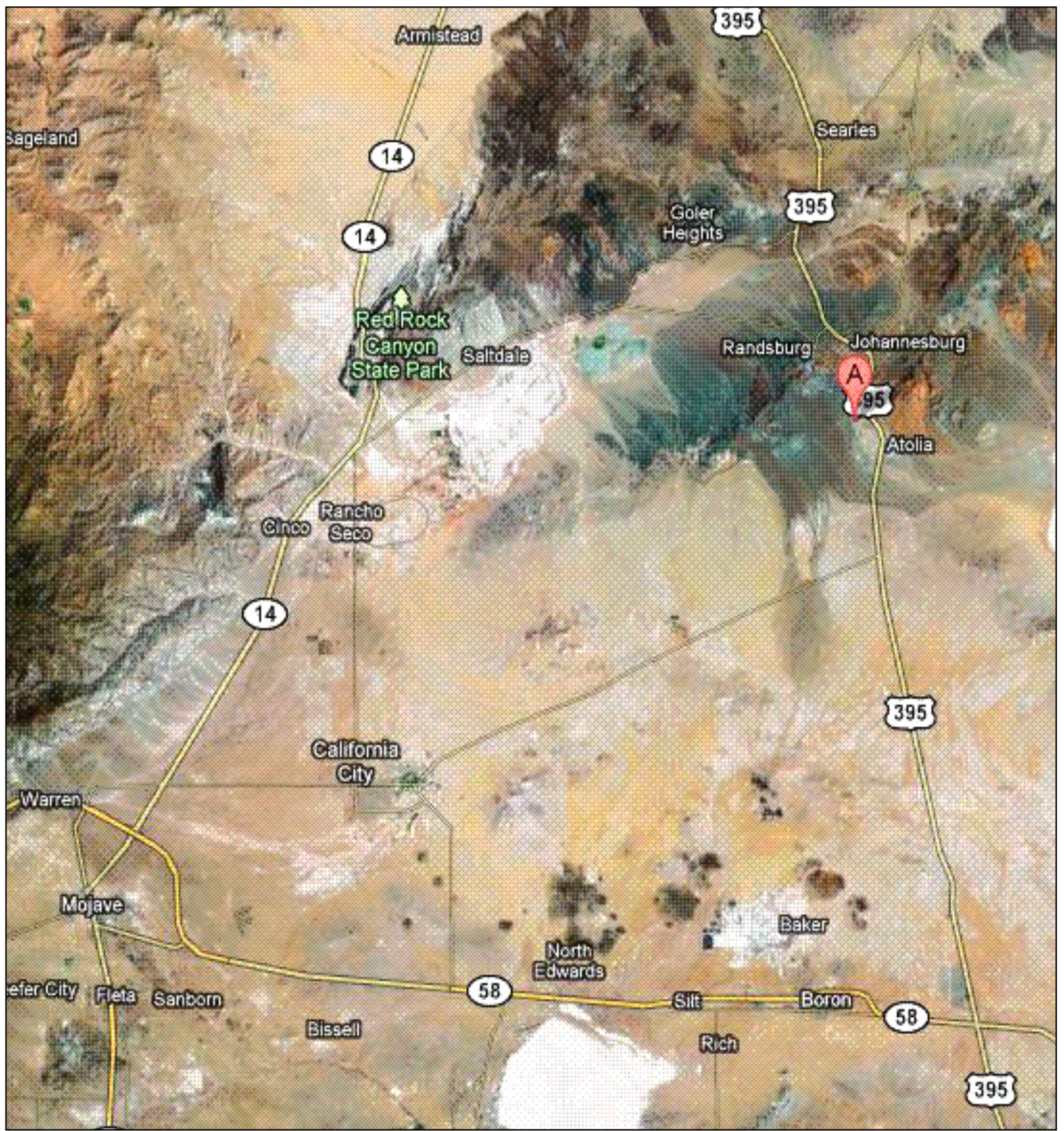
Welcome.....Vivian Sexton  
Raffles.....Connie Smith, Harry  
Surtees, Larry Blair  
Club Photographer.....Anyone With Camera  
Find of the Month.....Scott Sandahl  
Claims.....Linda Bravo  
Metal Detecting.....Scott Sandahl  
Refreshments.....Volunteer for each meeting  
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Remember, 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.

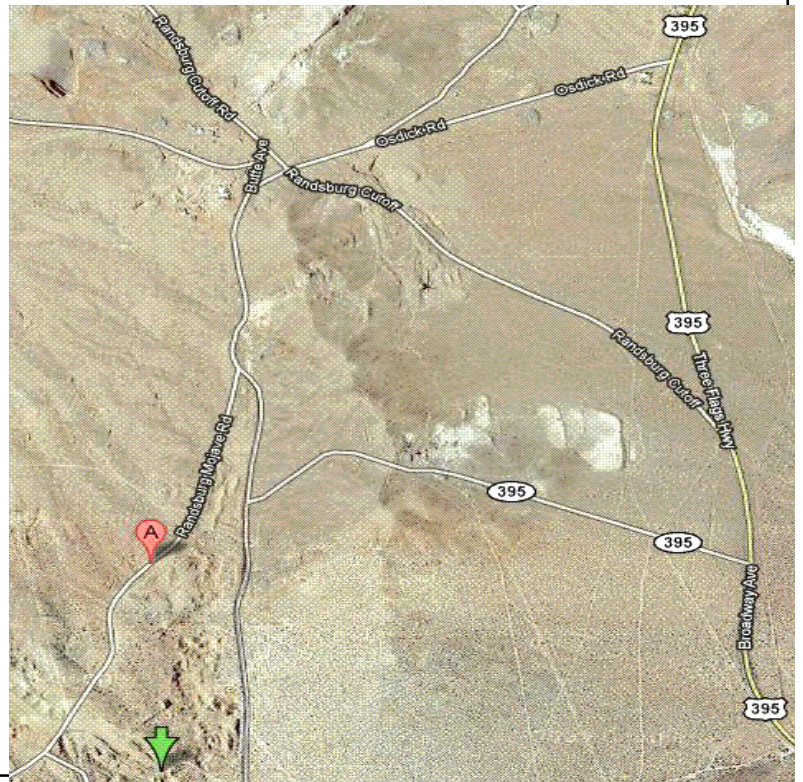
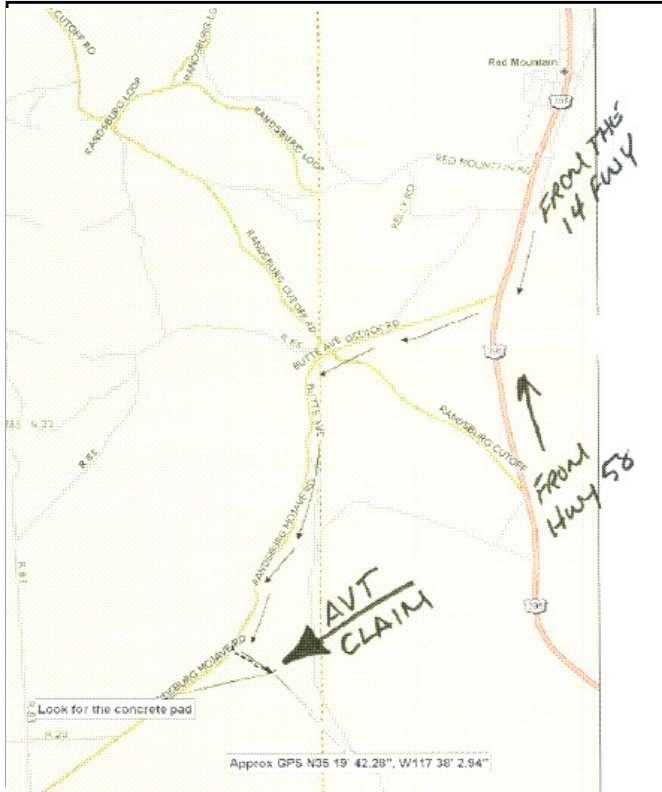








# Outing Map—AVT Claim



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**This Month's Club Outing**  
**AVT CLAIM**

