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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).

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:

Wow! HUGE attendance at the AVT Outing! NOT! Only Carl Schadt showed up at the JetHawk's Stadium. I just figured that the other people who signed up would show up at the claim site, since the rest had been



there before. I expected to see other cars at the site when we arrived or at least show up shortly afterwards. I was wrong. Only Mas came out and he got there just as Carl and I were getting ready to leave. So, since Mas was there, we stayed and visited for a while. We also cleaned up a little bit and dismantled the fire ring that had been built on the cement slab next to the pit (now a dump pit!) It seems that BLM hasn't done anything, at this point to clean it up and I didn't notice any cameras in place to capture images of people dumping stuff there. But all in all, we did have a good time. Carl found out just how hard it is to prospect! We only ran a few buckets through my dry washer—a new experience for Carl—and then did a clean-up just to see if we were getting anywhere. We weren't! We didn't even have any lead to show for it! Bummer! Not that we didn't find lead, but not even a tiny speck of gold! But Carl did get some hands on experience with panning. We were in an area that Jim Gilmore often digs in, so maybe he played that spot out! LOL! Even with little participation, it was a fun and informative outing.

Elections! Well, I guess you can't really call it an ELECTION—more of a VOLUNTEERTION! Lorelei Paland agreed to continue on as Club Secretary, so our Officers remain the same:

President: Don Duncan
Vice President: Lovetta Burns
Club Secretary: Lorelei Paland
Treasurer: Linda Bravo

The Members at Large will also remain pretty much the same. Committee Chairpersons will remain the same, as well.

We will have a dual board meeting on Wednesday, December 16 with the location TBD. Of course, since the "Dual Board Meeting" usually included the outgoing and incoming officers, it will pretty much be the same people! The Dual Board Meeting is where we determine the outings for the coming year. If you have any suggestions or preferences, please let your officers know. We are always open to alternate locations, though some are "set in stone" like the October Chili Cookoff and the Christmas Party. If there are certain outings that you rarely attend, please let us know why and what kind of locations you would prefer. We always look forward to the fun and camaraderie of the outinas.



<u>CHRISTMAS IS COMING!</u> Vicki is taking payments for the Christmas Party at Medrano's so if you haven't already reserved, please make your reservation with Vickie and bring your check to the December meeting or mail IMMEDIATELY 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!

We continue to hold our Christmas Party at Medrano's because they give us a very good price and they have a large enough room to accommodate our large group. BUT if you know of another venue that could offer us a similar price and space, please let us know so we can look into it.

Be sure to bring your "Lucky Charms" with you to the Christmas party to increase your luck winning one or more of the MANY "door prizes" that will be on display throughout the dinner. There are well over 100 items up for grabs! And remember, like the Lotto, you can't WIN it if you aren't IN it! Prizes will also be given out in the Attendance Drawing (one ticket entered for each meeting/outing you attended), and Find of the Month Drawing (those little tickets you filled out when you displayed your Finds of the Month throughout the year!)

Refreshments for 2016:

January: Robert Weaver February: Dan Petrossi

March: Rick and Vickie Wyatt

Mary Black April: Mike Snowden May: Connie Smith June: Harry Surtees July: August: Linda Bravo September: Gary Spain October: Don Duncan Jay Zeigler November:

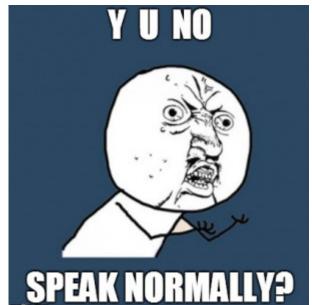
December: Steve and Peggy Howard

If you did not sign up for one of these months, please let me know. They will be published in the 2016 newsletters.

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	ВУОР
Мау	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	ВУОР
July	7/6/2015	7/11/2015	Lake Isabella and/or Lake Isabella ski area	ВУОЕ
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	ВУОР
December	12/7/2015	12/7/2015 12/12/2015	Christmas Party	Medrano's Mexican Restaurant

A glossary of metal detecting terms

"We were freestyling last week and gridding an old 1850s house. Found an indian was surrounded by canslaw. It rang up as dime, but I was nulling all over and unmasked. I managed to pinpoint at 5", cut the plug and found roundness after flipping. The indian was toasty but it had friends, so I rechecked the hole and found a memorial and a semi-key Barber dime in the coinball!" – these are actual phrases used by detectorists.



.We in the hobby have our own language. I've collected up (and will continually update) this list of metal detecting lingo. I'd love it if the relic hunters would chime in with what's missing (pocketspill@gmail.com) and I'll add it in. I've gathered terms from several forums out there – and those forums are linked in my blogroll. I am not trying to include every phrase that's ever been used. Rather, I'm listing phrases that are used regularly. And this list is definitely USA-biased.

nine-two-five — .925 Silver – an indication of a high quality silver (Sterling)

all-metal — Detecting without discrimination turned on, allowing all metallic objects to result in signals. Also a phrase for the hard core detectorist "I'm going all-metal today." All metal modes are frequently used in virgin sites where most targets are interesting. All metal means that you will be digging a lot of junk targets.

Barber — The Barber dime (named for its designer, Charles E. Barber, who was Chief Engraver of the U.S. Mint from 1879 to 1917. The design was shared with quarter and half dollar of the same period.)

BFO — Beat Frequency Oscillation, an older detector which uses the induction balance principle. Often used in very cheap metal detectors and rarely used in coinshooting anymore.

black dirt — Organically-rich dirt common in very old sites, especially in the Eastern US. Desirable hunting grounds.

black sand — Iron particles that are so small they look like sand. This is desirable at gold-hunting sites, but not at old coinhunting sites.

bling — Fancy jewelry, which may or may not be precious metal. Derivative of "bling bling".

bust coin / **draped bust** — A very old US coin minted from the late 1700s through early 1800s. Quite rare to be found by detectors. A real prize.

cache — Coins or jewelry deliberately buried together. Often buried in a jar, box or can. Pronounced "cash" (not "cashay") A cache may also define a "cluster" of coins found near each other, but not in the same hole.

cache-hunting — Specifically searching for old caches – requires a different approach to a site than regular coinshooting, since caches were buried in places where specific criteria were met – such as near animals that would make noise or discourage looters or near landmarks that could be easily found.

canslaw — Shreds of aluminum cans left after being hit by a lawnmower. These give a wide variety of signals due to their size variation and can make for a difficult hunting environment.

cellar hole – the remains of a very old home site which had a basement or storage cellar – sometimes lined with stones, sometimes just a depression. Objects have often been found behind stones or between them. Most detecting finds for cellar holes are in surrounding ground, not in the actual cellar. Hunting near a cellar hole requires great care due to instability of the ground and poorly marked wells.

chatter – the sound a detector makes when it's running with high sensitivity for maximum depth – a sort of static. You'll often see more advanced detectorists running with a lot of "chatter" to find deeper targets.

choppy signal – The sound a detector makes when it finds an object that is almost discriminated out. Often used to describe a questionable signal (see also: iffy signal)

"That coin had a real choppy signal, but I dug it anyway because the site is so old."

clad — New coins which have been formulated with mostly non-precious metals – in the USA, this are typically silver-colored coins after 1964. This designation also carries over to copper pennies by association, but after 1958. These coins are usually the sign of modern activity. If they are absent from a hunt, but older coins are present, it's a highly desirable location.

clad magnet – after particularly difficult hunts where only new coins were found, you may refer to yourself as a "clad magnet."
 coil — The round thing at the end of your detector.



coinball — A chunk of dirt with a coin inside. Often the last moment of anticipation before discovering the coin's type and age. Sometimes, the edge of the coin is visible.

coinshooters — A metal detector enthusiast who look mainly for coins.

coinspill — a more generic form of pocketspill – wherever coins were lost in groups.

digger — the tool used to dig your targets. Also used to describe a person who detects. "Hello, diggers!"

dirt fishing — Metal detecting on soil – not beaches.

discrimination — A variable setting to selectively filter certain metals from being signaled with a metal detector. A high discrimination setting will filter out trash, but also reduces depth. Discrimination is not perfect and may filter out good targets, as well.

draped bust / draped coin - American coinage design from 1795 to 1808. Highly desirable and rare.

fattie — A thick indian head penny or flying-eagle cent minted between 1859 and 1864. The coin is noticeably thicker than newer indian head pennies.

fill / fill dirt — dirt that's been brought in, effectively increasing the depth of old objects/coins. Not a good thing for coin hunting.

find — something you found worth keeping. "That's a good find."

freestyling / **door-knocking** — Driving or walking from property to property asking permission to metal detect without a rigorous plan.

friends / frayuns — additional good targets in a single hole. "It has friends" upon discovery of another signal in the same hole.

gawker — Someone who is intent on watching you metal detect.

GL — good luck – often used in emails and forum posts. Frequently used with "HH" (happy hunting.)

grand slam – finding four of the same coins from different eras in the same hunt. With dimes, for example, finding a Seated, Barber, Mercury and Roosevelt variety on the same hunt. Very uncommon.

gridding / gridded — detecting using a pattern as you walk along, most common is "straight" or "circular" Sometimes it means doing a rough check of a location before careful detecting. "I gridded the area first and decided to start by the old tree."

growl - the sound many detectors make when they're detecting iron signals (when iron is not discriminated out.)

ground balance — Adjusting the detector to the mineralization in the soil at the current location to be hunted.

Hawshoo – "Horseshoe" as pronounced by Bill Ladd off DigFellas.

HH — "happy hunting" – often used in emails and forum posts to sign the end of the note.

heartbreaker – A high quality coin or artifact that is found, but someting bad is wrong with it (such as a digger scratch, or damage from a plow.)

heartstopper – An impressive object when first viewed in the hole. Often used to describe something that looks great that turns out to be junk (such as an amusement park token or junk gold-colored ring)

high tone — A sort of squeal made by many multi-tone detectors when high conductivity targets (such as silver) are found. Typically desirable. "That's a nice high tone!"

hot rock — A rock that gives a off a metallic signal and makes detecting difficult.

hunted out / beat to death — A metal detecting site that has been heavily metal detected over time. An overused term as rarely do sites get completely "hunted out."

"That site was beat to death already."

iffy signal — A signal that is difficult to interpret, but hints of a good target. "That's an iffy target, but I'll dig it anyway."

indian or IH — A US indian head cent (1859-1909)

Joke Tags – A small personalized metal plates with an engraving of the metal detector's name, left behind in holes for other detectorists to find. A practical joke. Often these are made up using crawdad/lobster cage ID tags.

key / **semi-key** – A coin of low mintage numbers that has higher value.

low tone — An audible signal that typically represents low conductivity targets like gold or pulltabs.

masked / masking — When a piece of iron is nearby a desirable target and alters the way the detector responds. May also describe a mode on a metal detector which temporarily removes all/part of descriminat

MDing — Metal Detecting

memorials — A US once cent piece with the Lincoln memorial on the back. (1959 to present)

merc — The US Mercury Dime (1916-1945) - 90% silver

Morgan — The Morgan Silver Dollar. (1878-1921) – 90% silver

newbie — Someone new at the hobby

nicked – To hit and damage the coin/object with your digging tool.

nulling – When the metal detector threshold disappears – usually because of a large quantity of iron.

on edge — A coin that is buried in the ground oriented up and down, rather than flat (parallel) to the ground surface. This can make detecting the coin more difficult.

one-way signal – a detecting signal that works when you sweep one direction, but not the other. Often an indicator of a junk target, but not always.

peep — A high pitched sound at high depth. "That high tone was just a peep." see also "squeaker."

pinpointer — A small, hand-held metal detector used inside of the open hole/plug to help locate the target.

pinpointing — The process of reducing the target to a small area in which to dig, either with the main detecting coil or a hand-held probe. Most metal detectors have a "pinpointing mode" which allows users to audibly construct an "X" on the surface of the ground.

plug — A hole carefully dug in the ground so that dirt and grass are not harmed. Diggin a good "plug" is the mark of an experience and ethical metal detectorist as it reduces the impact on properties being hunted.

pocketspill — A bunch of coins lost from ones' pocket or purse. Often found in places where people sat in the grass.

probe / **poker** — A small tool, often made of brass (or tipped with brass) to locate coins before digging by touch. Resembles an ice-pick and is used by pushing it into the ground prior to starting to dig. Brass, a soft metal, is used to avoid marring coins. Experienced probe users can feel the difference between coins and rocks. Probes are often used when a very small hole is desired (such as when using detectors on manicured lawns.)

pulse induction — A waterproof detector that detects all metals – often useful in highly mineralized soils or salt water.

rang up – A phrase used to describe a target type indicated by the audio/visual signals of a detector. "That Indian rang up as a dime."

reeded edge / **silver edge** — The groved edge of many silver coins. The opposite of a smooth edge. A reeded edge is often the first clue of the type of coin found in the ground.

relic hunters / **iron diggers** — A detector enthusiast who searches for common items lost by early inhabitants other than coins. Often searches occur in fields or woods, and often targets reflect early conflicts such as the Civil War in the US.

Repeatable — When the metal detecting signal can be repeated in several directions of coil sweeps. Repeatable signals increases the chances of a good target.

rosie — A 90% silver Rosevelt dime (1946-1964)

roundness - A coin or button in the hole.

rubar — Rusted beyond recognition.

seated — A US coin minted between 1837 and 1891 in half dime, dime, quarter and half.

screamer – A super high quality signal that is loud in the headphones. "That quarter was a screamer." Often results in a high quality find, such as a large silver coin or artifact.

seeded hunt — A hunt where the finds have been scattered or planted

skunked — Hunting and finding nothing of value. Also "silver-skunked" when you find no silver coins.

smoothie – a coin that's highly worn, often difficult to see details.

square nail — A very old nail, often hand forged. An indicator of old construction (more on square nails.)

squeaker – A signal that sounds like a squeak. Often coins on edge. Also, sometimes refers to a 1964 silver US coin (last year of 90% Silver.)

stinkin' lincoln — A US Lincoln penny, especially used after the hunter starts to dig a lot of them in a hunt where expectations were high for silver coins. "Another stinkin' lincoln"

Swinging / **Sweeping** — Moving the detector coil side-to-side during a hunt.

Target ID / VDI — A meter or display that shows you what your target might be

tear-outs – when sidewalks or parking lots are removed for repair or construction. This is usually a good time to metal detect.

test garden / **coin garden** — a rigorously designed area (often in one's back yard) with buried objects such as coins at known depths meant to be used in testing or practicing with a metal detector.

TH'ing — Treasure hunting

threshold — The desirable, gentle hum made by a detector when no target is detected. A threshold often vanishes when discrimination is "triggered" which gives additional information to the metal detector user.

thunk – a sound many multi-tone detectors make when a good target is being masked by a piece of iron. Sounds like someone "slamming the door" on a good signal. Sometimes it represents a very deep coin.

toasty / toasted / crusty — A coin that is badly corroded because of a long period of time in the ground. "That indian head penny is toasty"

Tone ID — Different sounds identifying different target's sounds on many modern detectors. High tones usually indicate high-conductivity targets such as silver or copper, while low-tones are for low-conductivity targets such as gold.

topsoil — The first 3-4 inches of ground below vegetation. Topsoil can give clues about the age of the location.

tot-lot — Areas of parks designated for very young children. Often the location for newer lost jewelry. Frequently filled with wood bark or rubber pellets to prevent injury, lost items are frequently just below the surface.

tot-lot-tour — Ariving from park to park to quickly detect the children's area for valuables. Especially popular on Monday mornings.

trifecta – when three coins of different types are found. e.g. A Barber, Mercury and Roosevelt dime all found in the same hunt is a "trifecta" of dimes.

two-tone-ferrous or TTF — A mode of detecting on the Minelab E-Trac detector which is used when there is heavy iron content present. Iron targets give low tones, good targets high tones.

virgin site – a location that has not been metal detected.

VLF — Common detector type which distinguishes between different types of metal, such as iron. VLF operates at different frequencies for different purposes.

Walker — US Walking Liberty Half Dollar (1916-1947)

whatzit — Unknown object of curiosity

wheatie — US wheat back cent (1909-1958)

whispers / peeps— Barely audible tones, often an indication of depth.

zincoln — A zinc-formulated Lincoln Cent. Often in poor condition. Not a desirable target.

TIP: For a guide to more of the scientific and technical terms used, check out Minelab's excellent Metal Detecting Terminology List.

http://www.detecting.us/metal-detecting-jargon-for-coinshooters/

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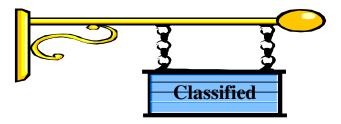


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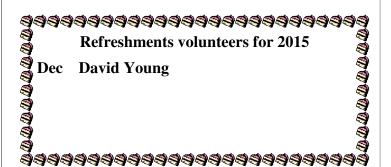


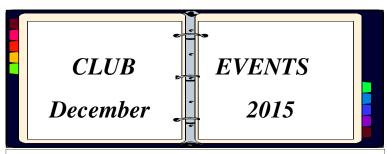




FREE RAFFLE TICKET

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.





Dec 7, 2015 General Meeting - 7:00 pm

Leisure Lake Mobil Estates

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Dec 7, 2015 Board Meeting following

immediately after the General

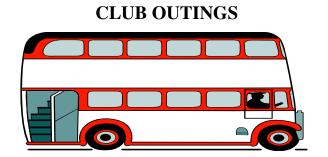
Meeting

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 Ouarter. 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 Items found with the naked eye while prospecting. qualify. No purchased items or planted hunt finds allowed.



Dec 12, 2015—CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!

MEDRANO'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT 44276 10th St. W in Lancaster, CA.

Those coming from the north can take the 14 freeway to the Avenue J exit and go East (left) onto Avenue J and continue to 10th St. W. Make a right turn then turn left into the strip mall parking lot at Avenue J-2 which dead ends at 10th St. W on our right. Medrano's will be on your left.

Those coming from the south can take the 14 north to Avenue L and turn right. At the light at L and 10th St. W, turn left and follow up to Ave. J-2 (which dead ends at 10th St. W. on your left) then turn right into the strip mall parking lot. Medrano's will be on your left. We have the big room from 5:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.





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"

November Finds of the Month Member must be present to display finds

Most Unique

Brian Skerston—4 dog licenses

Best Gold Item

Gary Spain—Diamond gold ring

Best Natural Gold

Steve Howard

Best U.S. Coin

Scott Sandahl—1894 Indian Head

Best Foreign Coin

RonRenter—French coin

Best Silver Item

Jim Gilmore—Silver chain

Best Overall

Harry Surtees

Attendance Drawing

Scott Savage—not in attendance - \$30 next month

50/50 Draw

Wes Weathers for \$34 with \$34 to Club.



December Birthdays

Ann Hill, Roger Kemp, Glenn Kline, Marie Molstad, Lorelei Paland, Christina Smith, Fred Smith, Jay 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.

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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—Medrano's Mexican Restaurant

