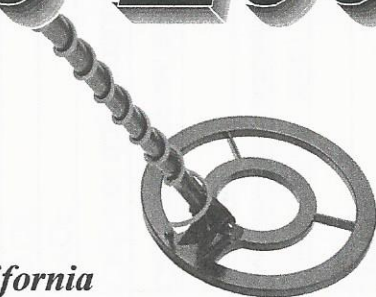


# The Loop



April 2016

## 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:

Since I wasn't in town to attend the March outing, Lovetta provided me with the details:



### Lovetta's Mystery Hunt

From pouring down rain on Friday to an absolutely beautiful Saturday, it was a great day for the hunt.

We had a wonderful turnout, with 19 showing up. Those attending were: Linda Bravo, James Gilmore, Carl Schadt and his wife, Mary Black, Larry Blair, Ralph Smith, Jay and Linda Zigler, Kirk Hansen, John Chartier, Wes Weathers, Rick and Vickie Wyatt, Lorelie and Jerry Paland, Mike Snowden, Mas Kadonaga, and of course, me.

The hunt is basically a clean up the parks, with the hunters bringing back every thing. I told them to use their eyes, as not everything on my list was metal. They could go anywhere they chose, but had to be back by 11:15 to count their "treasures", and in time for lunch at 11:30.

The items on the list had various points, and NO ONE had any idea what was on the list, until they came back and we started counting.

Ralph Smith had the most points, with 113, and winning him a \$10.00 bill. Second place went to James Gilmore, with 86 points and winning him a \$5.00 bill. The third place winner was Larry Blair,

with 61 points and winning a \$2.00 bill. I had to laugh at Larry. He came back a little discouraged because he didn't find much, but had a pile of plastic water bottle caps. Little did he know, that was on the list, and it got him third.

I gave everyone a scratcher, for attending, and as a "Thank you" from me. I think there was a \$10.00, a \$3.00 and a \$2.00 winner there.

Everyone seemed to have a good time and talked about next year. \*John & Joan McGrath\* I got some different ideas to put on a list for next year, from the things brought in.

Rick and Vickie picked up 3 large pizzas from Costco, and some brought goodies, and we ate well as usual.

I had a great time and am looking forward to next year also. Lovetta

Thanks, Lovetta, for such a great report!

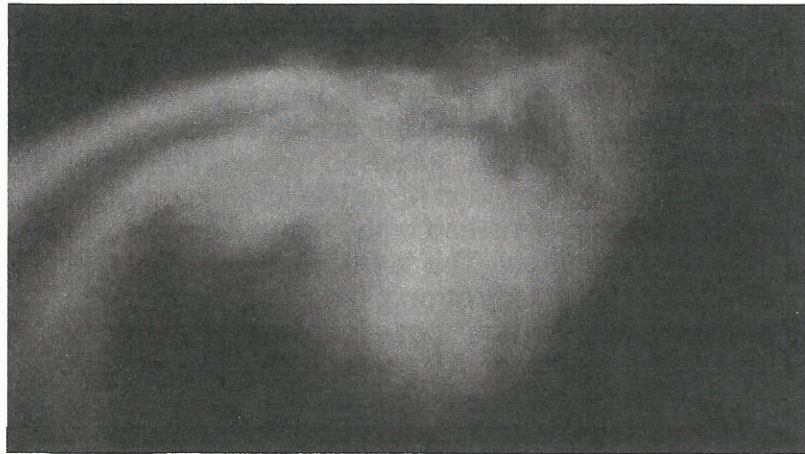
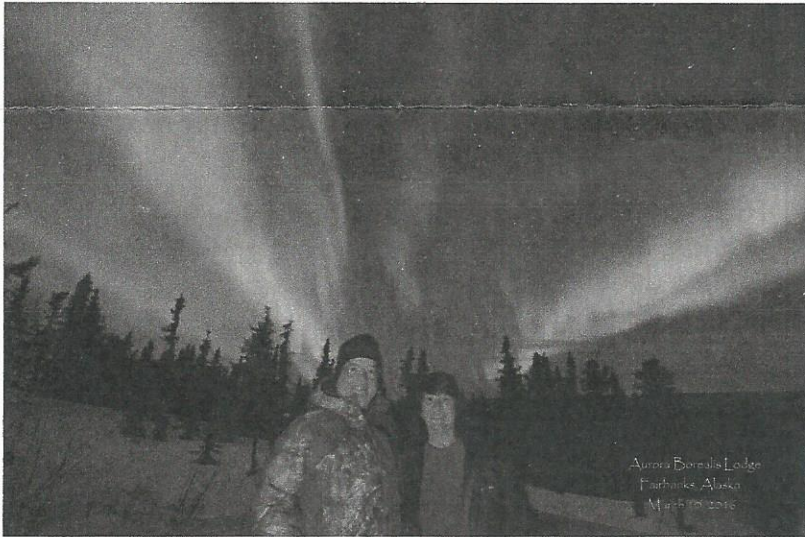
As you all know, I didn't make the meeting or outing because of my trip to Fairbanks to see the Aurora Borealis. Well, we had a great time! We went on three tours. The first was held at Artic Circle Trading Post about 76 miles north of Fairbanks and took about 1 1/2 hours to get there. We saw pretty decent displays throughout the night, but we were surprised to learn that with the naked eye they look more like strange gray clouds in the sky instead of the colorful array that you see in pictures! This is because unless the lights are particularly strong, the colors don't show so well. Most of those fabulous pictures you see are because AB photographers go out all night, every night throughout the whole season from late August through April on the chance of

Our second night we went to a place only 30 minutes away, but it was too cloudy to see anything. The Lights happen between 60—650 miles above Earth, but the view doesn't penetrate the cloud layer. We went to the same place on Thursday night and it was perfectly clear and we got a good show! We had learned at the first place there is an app for photographing the Northern Lights. Yep, "There's an app for that!" which we both downloaded to our iPhones. \*Linda & Russ Reitz\* A regular camera capable of taking long exposures is best, but this takes multiple shots into the same frame to enhance the lights. I'm including my best shot (taken directly overhead) and one the owner took of my sister and me on his professional camera.

Unfortunately, I probably won't be at the next meeting, either. I got a call today from an elderly friend in NY who needs my assistance getting her "stuff" organized and ready for sale. I'll probably be gone at least 3 weeks—maybe more. I won't have a good idea until I get there.

So, if I don't see you sooner than later, I'll be thinking of all of you and hoping you enjoy the outing!

Connie Smith  
Editor, The Loop



Month	Meeting Date	Outing Date	Location	Notes
January	1/04/2016	1/09/2016	Ventura Harbor Village	BYOF
February	2/1/2016	2/6/2016	Zuma Beach	Club food/potluck (Hunt?)
March	3/07/2016	3/12/2016	Lovetta's Mystery Hunt? Lancaster City Park	Club food—Costco pizza/potluck
<b>April</b>	<b>4/04/2016</b>	<b>4/09/2016</b>	<b>TBD Releic Hunt</b>	<b>BYOF</b>
May	5/02/2016	5/07/2015	Map Hunt—Lancaster City Park	Club food (breakfast) (Hunt)
June	6/06/2016	6/11/2015	Kernville park	Club-hot dogs/potluck
July	7/11/2016	7/09/2016	Castaic Lake (lower)	BYOF
August	8/01/2016	8/6/2016	Silverwood Lake	BYOF
September	9/12/2016	9/09/2016	Cajon Creek (sluicing/prospecting)	BYOF
October	10/03/2016	10/08-10/2016	Chili Cookoff—Rocky Road	Chili/potluck (Hunt 1 free, 1 paid)
November	11/07/20156	11/12/2016	AVT claim off 395	BYOF
December	12/5/2016	12/10/2016	Christmas Party	Medrano's Mexican Restaurant

## CLUB

April

## EVENTS

2016

Apr. 4, 2016 General Meeting - 7:00 pm  
Leisure Lake Mobil Estates  
48303 20th St. West  
Lancaster, CA 93534

Apr. 4, 2016 Board Meeting following  
immediately after the General  
Meeting

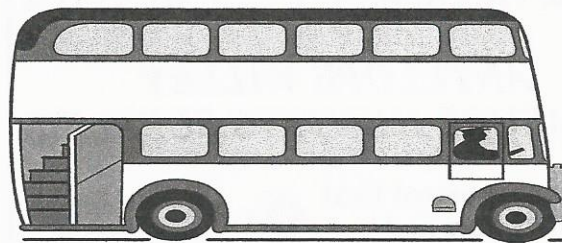
### 2nd Qtr. 2016 Scavenger Hunt

Scavenger Hunt items for  
April 5, 2016 to July 11, 2016\*\*\*

- 1 - Rechargeable battery
- 2 - carriage bolt
- 3 - charm—metal
- 4 - coin—any 1947
- 5 - electronic circuitry—any
- 6 - nail file
- 7 - lanyard
- 8 - flashlight (any size)
- 9 - Quarter—Deleware
- 10 - Quarter—Illinois
- 11 - Quarter—Louisiana
- 12 - Quarter - West Virginia
- 13 - Quarters - 5 consecutively dated
- 14 - ring—any stone
- 15 - allen wrench

Finds must be brought to the July 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 April 5, 2016 meeting and the July 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



April 9, 2016—Time TBD

I spoke with Lovetta Burns and she told me that no feasible location had been found for this relic hunt. Jerry and Lorelei had been scouting different venues and hadn't had any luck. Then Jerry had a heart attack (he's doing very well, per Lorelei). Following the March Mystery Hunt Outing there were enough board members there to have an impromptu, unofficial board meeting and it was decided that they would leave the decision as to where the outing would be held up to the members and be voted on at the April General Meeting. If you want to be part of the decision making, please be sure to be there! If you don't attend the meeting but want to participate in the outing, please call one of the board members listed on the back of this newsletter (except me, since it's unlikely I'll be there.) They can give you information as to what was decided on by the members.

### 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.

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Rugs & Blankets - Amer. Indian Arts & Crafts

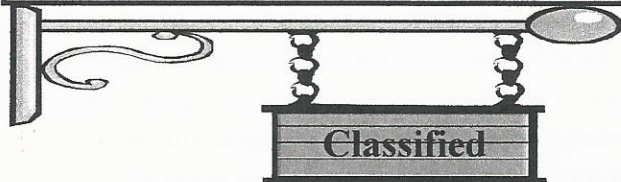
Fine Art Gallery - Coins, Gold & Collectibles

Gold Panning Ins. & Classes - Rocks & Gems

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**SCOTT SANDAHL**

Proprietor



**Wanted:** Bigfoot Coil for Whites DFX Call  
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### Club Apparel is available

Support your Club by purchasing one of our  
new hats or shirts.

All members will be receiving *The Loop* via E-mail to save on printing and postage costs, unless they don't have e-mail. If they are currently receiving it by snail mail and later get an email account they can send their request to me at [avthnews@gmail.com](mailto:avthnews@gmail.com) and I would be happy to send it as a .pdf file. It is generally about 2mb for the issue.

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### Apex Pick Sale !!!

**Weasel 18" - \$45 seven in stock**

**Badger Lt 18" 1 magnet—\$55 1 in stock**

**Talon St 24" 3 magnets—\$75 1 in stock**

**Talon 30" 3 magnets—\$80 1 in stock**

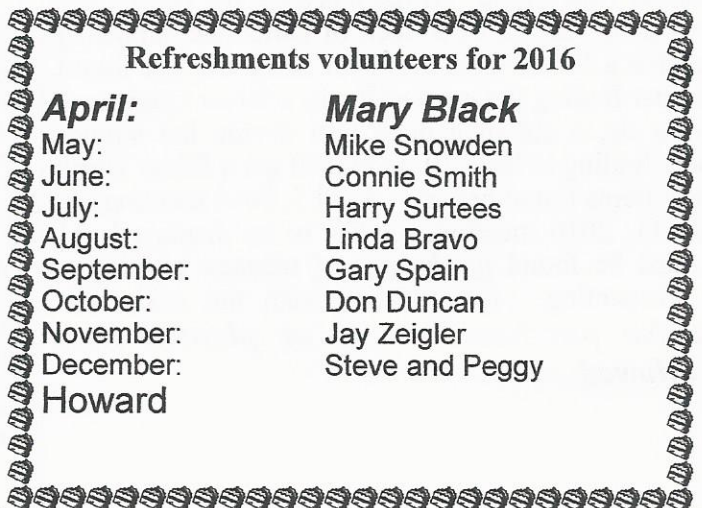
**Extream 36" 3 magnets—\$85 1 in stock**

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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 2016

**April:**

**Mary Black**

May:

Mike Snowden

June:

Connie Smith

July:

Harry Surtees

August:

Linda Bravo

September:

Gary Spain

October:

Don Duncan

November:

Jay Zeigler

December:

Steve and Peggy

Howard

# "THE END OF THE LOOP"

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

**Most Unique**  
Brian Skerston  
**Best Gold Item**  
Marie Molstad  
**Best Natural Gold**  
Kim Holmes  
**Best U.S. Coin**  
Harry Surtees  
**Best Foreign Coin**  
Harry Surtees  
**Best Silver Item**  
Steve Molstad  
**Best Overall**  
Harry Surtees

### **Attendance Drawing**

Gordon Stocks—not in attendance - \$25 next month  
**50/50 Draw**  
Lovetta Burns



### **April Birthdays**

**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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Jerry Paland.....661-273-3932

## **COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

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  
Club Apparel.....Mike Snowden  
Club Public Web Page.....Rick Wyatt  
Newsletter..... Connie Smith  
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Membership..... Vivian Sexton  
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Recycling..... Jay Zeigler  
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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.