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



Prez Sez

By: Connie Smith

Since Connie is out of State this month, she asked that I do the May 2016 newsletter.

By Any measure, The April 9, 2016 outing was a huge success. April was scheduled as a dedicated Relic Hunt and listed as a TBA. At the time of scheduling during the December Board Meeting, we had not found or picked a location. Lorrina and Jerry had two locations in mind, however when they did the scouting of the locations, both were not accessible. During our April General Meeting Scott Sandahl stepped up and suggested Reefer City, which was an old mining encampment starting around the 1930s and later used by the military in the late 1940s. Located just a little south of Mojave, it made for a great "local" hunt. The only problem was the predicted rain storm due to pass through Saturday morning.

We all met Saturday morning at the park and ride located at Lancaster Blvd and Sierra Highway and departed in a caravan, with Scott and Renee as trail masters. After exiting at Silver Queen Road we briefly formed up for some instructions by Scott. Much to everyone's surprise and enjoyment, Scott provided a quick lesson on the history of Reefer City as well as a description of several potential hunt locations. Then he announced that he had put together Scavenger Hunt List of some very easy finds and that each find had a point value. The members with the three highest total points would get a silver coin- 1st place a silver half dollar, 2nd and 3rd a silver quarter. Everyone present would get

a silver dime. As a late add on, he decided to include aluminum cans to the list, with Jay Ziegler taking possession of the cans to add to the Clubs Recycling Fund. Shortly after Scott's pre briefing, the starting gun sounded and we all headed west along Silver Queen Road in a coordinated attack on the remains of Reefer City.

Weather was absolutely perfect. When I left Acton it was raining, yet no rain in sight in Reefer City. Most got by with only a Hoodie Sweat Shirt. All the dirt roads were accessible with regular cars giving easy access to all the areas. The area where the encampment had been located was extremely trashy with nearly an overwhelming amount of old tin cans and other steel target. But that did not stop us. It was interesting to see the remains of tin cans likely dating back to the 1940/50s mixed in with the current models. Tin cans had been opened with some type of edged tool or knife, the old triangle shaped can opener of yester year and we even saw that some had the tops cut off at the rim seal joint. A great demonstration in the evolution and passing of time.

Other areas of interest were several abandoned mine shafts that had been closed off with structural steel and the remains of several structures. It was very apparent that many of the areas had been worked in recent times, a testament to that old saying, there's gold in them thar hills. In fact, Kim Holmes panned some of the tailings and found several flakes of gold!! I am guessing he dry panned, but maybe he can recount his adventure at the May General Meeting.

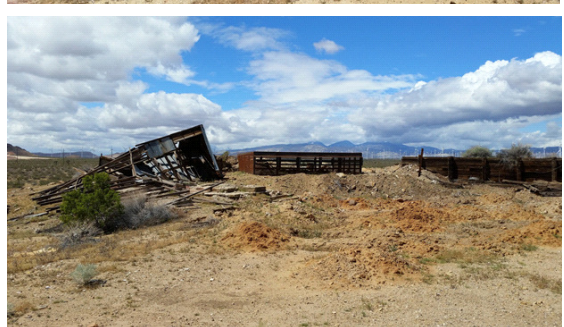
We all reconvened to hold court around 1pm at our original roadside starting point, with everyone laying out their finds for all to see and judge. The diverse amount of trash and unique finds was just amazing. Most obvious to me was the lack of coins recovered. A few members found a

few, but not much. I think everyone dug up at least one of the Scavenger Hunt Listed items. The list included Brass Cartridges- Largest and Most, Shot Gun Shells- Oldest and Most, Any Coin and points for the Most coins, the Oldest Coin, Most Unique Item and Best Find of the Day. There was a tie for Largest Brass cartridge between Dan , Scott and Kirk. There may have been a 4th, but I did not note it. Scott found the most Brass. Carl Found the oldest Shot Gun shell and Scott had the Most. Anna Found the most Coins and Scott found the oldest. Most Unique Find was a metal clamshell Mouse Trap (pictured below) found by Scott and the Best Find of the day went to Wes for his 1940/50's old flip top lighter (kinda like a Zippo) and a possible bronze rosette. The best overall: First Place was Scott, Second Place was Wes and Third Places went to Ana.

This was a great outing with sixteen members participating on picture postcard perfect day. A big thanks to Scott Sandahl, who planned and organized this very successful surprise event



Scott briefing the group on the history and the hunt



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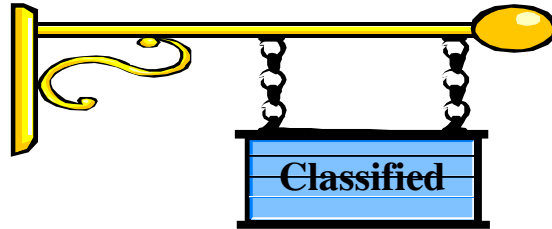
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August	Linda Bravo
September	Gary Spain
October	Don Duncan
November	Jay Zeigler
December	Steve & Peggy Howard



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.

Any Member who is interested in receiving *The Loop* via E-mail can send their request to me at avthsnews@gmail.com and I would be happy to send it as a .pdf file. It is generally about 1mb for the issue. If any member has something of interest for the general membership, send it my way and I will include it. The Deadline is the 15th of the month for inclusion in the following month's edition.

CLUB

May

EVENTS

2016

May 2, 2016 General Meeting - 7:00 pm
Leisure Lake Mobile Estates
48303 20th St. West
Lancaster, CA 93534

May 2, 2016 Board Meeting following the
General Meeting

2nd Qtr. 2016 Scavenger Hunt

Scavenger Hunt items for April 5, 2016 to June 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—Delaware
- 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.**



May 12, 2012 7:30am
Map Hunt
Lancaster City Park

This is a planted Hunt, so tokens = cash and prizes



Club will be cooking breakfast.
Scrambled Eggs, Sausage and Pancakes.
Members can bring side dishes.
Bring your chairs and drinks

If anyone would like to volunteer to help with the setting up and planting, please see Mike Snowden during the May General Meeting.

Next Month-

The June 11th 2016 outing will be at Kernville Park

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.

**May Outing
Lancaster City Park**



Antelope Valley Treasure Hunter's Society
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**This Month's Club Outing
Map Hunt
Lancaster City Park**

