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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:

Well, it's been a challenging couple of months for me. My trip to Fairbanks was very successful, the trip to New York, not so much. Combining the factors of hoarding, stubbornness and early stages of dementia, I was not able to accomplish nearly what I had hoped to in New York. In 3 1/2 weeks I did manage to get the ancient (1930's) carpeting pulled from the stairs and made a LITTLE dent in the dining room. Other than that, things looked pretty much the same when I headed home.



On a brighter note, the May Map Hunt outing was a great success (as always) and everyone seemed to have fun. We started with breakfast then followed Mike's directions via an interesting story from which we were to eak out clues. The hunt was contained *Don Duncan* entirely in Lancaster City Park. No travelling out of the park, this time. Mike Snowden is a clever, yet devious planner (making it all the more fun,) and eventually the clues were deciphered and we were able to meet afterwards to determine the prizewinners. Due to the length of the story, it will be printed only in the email version of this month's newsletter. I'll also bring some copies to the June meeting for anyone who would like to read it, or you can have someone who receives the email version print it out for you. Tokens had point values and everyone's points were tallied up after the hunt was completed.

Here are the winners:

- 1st. Place—Ralph Smith—65 points
- 2nd Place—Linda Reitz—54 points
- 3rd Place—Larry Blair—49 points
- 4th Place—Bonnie Forstner—42 points
- 5th Place—Rus Reitz—38 points

I don't have a list of the prizes, but it was fun stuff, including Scratch-off tickets. I think someone had a \$10 winning ticket!

Saturday May 21, 2016, was the Outpost Shootout Metal Detecting Hunt, hosted by Scott Sandahl. There were three planted hunts over the course of several hours. There were nine Club members there to hunt for what was likely hundreds of clad coins and probably the same number (possibly more) in Silver coins, plus tokens redeemable for prizes. Prizes ranged from Silver coins, Silver bar, Hunting knife, Shirt and more. Between the two paid hunts, we enjoyed a lunch of hot dogs and all the trimmings. All in all everyone had a great time leaving with lots of silver and prizes.

FYI, Due to the fact that Medrano's was already booked on our usual December outing/Christmas Party, the party will be held on **Saturday DECEMBER 3rd!** In order to have a meeting prior to the outing/party, we will have our **DECEMBER** meeting the **LAST MONDAY OF NOVEMBER!!!** This is November, 28th, the Monday after Thanksgiving weekend. Robert Weaver confirmed that the Leisure Lakes Estates meeting hall is available on that date and he has booked it for us. PLEASE change your calendars to with these modifications to our usual schedule.

This all means we will have TWO meetings in November and NO meeting in December. **James Gilmore** This message will be reiterated in coming newsletters in order to ensure that EVERYONE will get the message!

The board has agreed to donate \$100 this year to PLP—Public Lands for the People. We will also be donating \$200 worth of product (hats, shirts, etc.) to the AVGPAA chapter's Poker Run in October. This donation will also help PLP, as the Poker Run is a fund raiser. This poker run will have you racing between 7 different claims north of Barstow collecting poker cards and one bucket of dirt from each claim, to be processed at your leisure. It should be a fun event!

I'd like to take a minute to give a hardy THANK YOU! to Mike Snowden for taking care of The LOOP in my absence.

Connie Smith
Editor, The Loop

FYI, Rick W. got this request through our webpage:

"I am researching a documentary on astronaut Gordon Cooper. Apparently, after retiring from NASA, Cooper became an avid treasure hunting enthusiast and I was wondering if anyone in your society might possible have any knowledge or stories of his treasure hunting endeavors. Any information would be greatly appreciated. Thank you and have a great day.

Sincerely,
Adams Coles

Email
adams@ampleent.com "

If you have any information, please contact Mr. Cole directly and let him know you are from AVTHS.



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
April	4/04/2016	4/09/2016	TBD Relic Hunt	BYOF
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	11/28/2016	12/03/2016	Christmas Party	Medrano's Mexican Restaurant

2016 Map Hunt

AVTHS'ers were once some of the fiercest and most feared pirates treasure hunters to swing a coil over their vast claimed domain. No areas of open land were safe. Past president and their once feared and dreaded leader, who was only known as Ol' Graybeard Stanley, reigned supreme with a mighty swing of his loop he shook with anger and his face scowling, flushed from whiskey. They say his attacks and conquests were never talked about in public and only slightly above a whisper in the dark and dank corners of the Valley's Parks. Ol' Graybeard Stanley has long since disappeared and strangely all records of his existence had been purged, leaving absolutely history regarding his nor the AVTHS Club's existence prior to 1980, so this became the date today's AVTHS club started. Least you dare call him "Swingin' Stanley" your demise was all but guaranteed. Stories abound of drunken escapades as he sought fabulous treasure swinging a coil with one hand and holding a tankard of whisky in the other. Those few who dared to journey with Swinging Stanley simply ceased to exist. No park was safe from his wayward assaults and rumors circulated he buried more treasures than he found, for to this day, though many have tried or likely did not live to tell, none of his amassed fortunes of yester years have surface. Swingin' Stanley ruled his favorite, the area today known as Lancaster City Park, with a bloody sword and his trusty pistol to protecting his treasures. Some say that Ol' Graybeard Stanley is himself buried below the marker bearing the name of his sacred park. Like any good pirate, Swingin' Stanley trusted no one and legend has it his mean feisty ghost chases potential treasure hunters away.

One day current members of the reformed AVTHS Club overheard a drunken' old crusty prospector telling a tale of a fabulous field a buried treasure strewn with coins, tokens and other treasure worth far less than small fortune. The club member listened intently, whispering- Could this be Swingin' Stanley's long lost booty? Just hoping to over hear where this field of treasure located, they leaned in the direction of the crusty ol' timer. Suddenly there was a loud noise and followed by the sound of a sudden gust of wind. Everyone's attention was drawn to the other side of the room. Nothing was seen as a chill began to settle in the dimly lit tavern as the patrons began to ask, What just happened? When the AVTHS members turned back around, the crusty prospector gone, he had just vanished.

The old guy could not have left without having to walk past them, yet he was gone. Puzzled and confused with absolutely no explanation for his disappearance, one of the members found an old crumpled paper where the crusty ol' guy sat.

Fearing the legends of yester years, at first they were scared to even touch the crumble wad of paper. They just stared at it then at each other. The seconds passed as if they were hours, when one finally summoned the courage and spoke up, saying, "We need a couple more pitchers, then another whispered, Yea, another pitcher for each of us!!!! With hearty bottoms up, the crumple paper was carefully unfolded to reveal a very crude map of sorts. Imaginations ran rampant as each proclaimed this was Swingin' Stanley's treasure map. Another round of pitchers yelled one of the now boisterous members, Another round for all, we'er gonna be rich!! The faculty of sound judgment drained from their collective brains as quickly as the beer they'd drinking. With each additional round and void cycle the group became increasing distrustful, as they accused each other of trying to take the map for themselves. In the true spirit of Ol' Graybeard Stanley, they trusted no one, certainly no one at their table. Being far to drunk to start searching in the dark, they tore the map into four pieces, one for each of them. That way they all had to be together to find the treasure. After a final round of pitchers, they group separated agreeing to return to find the lost treasure of Captain Graybeard Stanley. Two of the members feared the others would lay in wait, attack them and steal the piece of the map. As they stumbled through a park trying to find their way home, each buried his piece of the map for safe keeping.

The following morning, our hung over member woke to a somewhat gloomy day, determined to find the lost treasure. As each member arrived at the tavern, they saw a small sign nailed to the door. The sign read, The four who seek, will need to follow my speak, for the destination you'll meet has you are surrounding the area where you ate---- sue me, I got tired of trying to rhyme!! The four were never seen or heard from again.

Now Open your package and be gone with you should you dare tempt the spirit of Captain Graybeard Stanley

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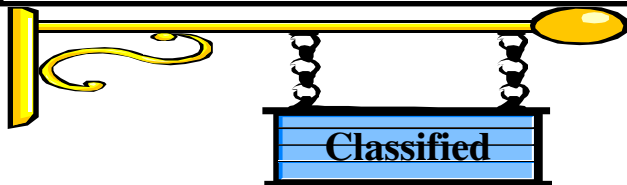
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FREE RAFFLE TICKET

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.

FOR SALE: Minelab Eureka Gold. Brand new in box. Never assembled. Includes 10" coil cover (used) \$1,000 FIRM. Connie Smith 661-526-7494 (h) 818-414-6707 (c) If you're interested I'll bring to meeting.

Refreshments volunteers for 2016

June:

Connie Smith

July:

Harry Surtees

August:

Linda Bravo

September:

Gary Spain

October:

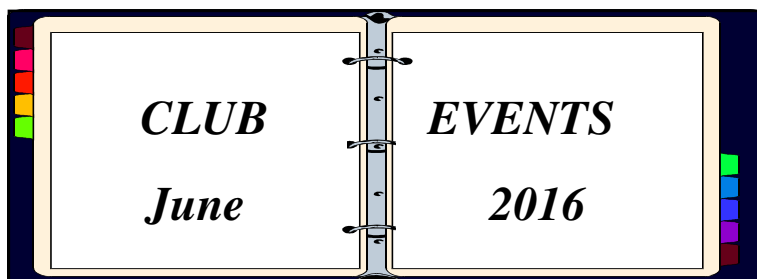
Don Duncan

November:

Jay Zeigler

December:

Steve & Peggy Howard



- June 6, 2016** **General Meeting - 7:00 pm**
Leisure Lake Mobil Estates
48303 20th St. West
Lancaster, CA 93534
- June 6, 2016** **Board Meeting following**
immediately after the General
Meeting

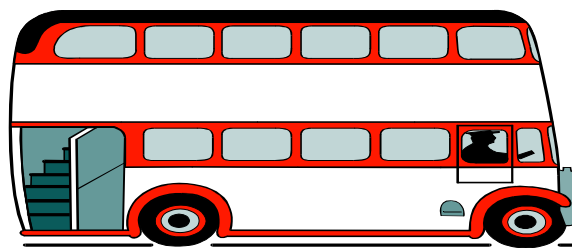
2nd Qtr. 2016 Scavenger Hunt

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



June 11, 2016—Tim

KERVILLE PARK: I'm not setting an arrival time because of the distance and the various ways to get there, so just time it out for yourself and get there in time to get some detecting in (park and river?) The club will provide hot dogs and members will provide the side dishes around noon. Last years outing to this area was a lot of fun. It's a very nice park with lots of amenities and the ever peaceful "babbling brook" where folks can swim. This makes for possibly a good combined water/land outing. If you decide to detect the river be sure to bring your water detector AND wear some kind of footwear that will keep you from slipping on the rocks in the river!

From Littlerock it is 135 miles from my house and approximately 2:13 drive time. If people want to car pool or caravan, please talk among yourselves and determine where to meet, time, etc.

Enjoy!

P.S. If you don't have navigation or access to a map, let me know and I'll try to provide info to you. Connie

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"

May Finds of the Month

Member must be present to display finds

Most Unique

Wes Weathers—lighter

Best Gold Item

Jim Gilmore—14k earring from Isreal

Best Natural Gold

Steve Howard

Best U.S. Coin

Harry Surtees—1906 Barber

Best Foreign Coin

Bonnie Forstner

Best Silver Item

Bonnie Forstner

Best Overall

Scott Sandahl

Attendance Drawing

Joe Covey—\$30

50/50 Draw

Jay Zeigler



June Birthdays

Don Allen, Larry Blair, John Chartier, Kirk Hansen, Joan McGrath, John Sexton, Robert Weaver, Vickie Wyatt

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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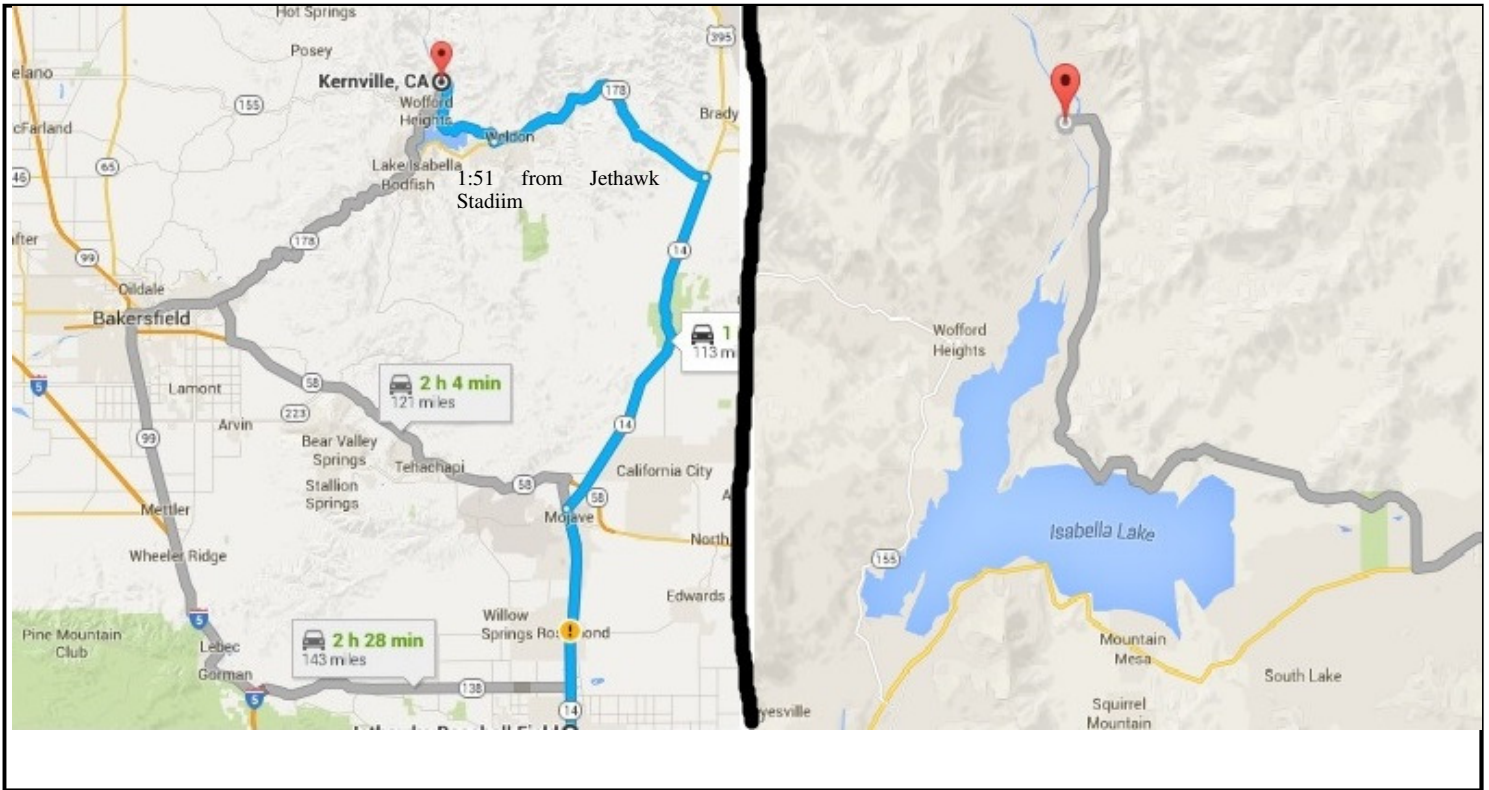
COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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
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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.

Outing Map—Riverside Park Kernville, CA



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This Month's Club Outing

**Riverside Park
Kernville, CA**

