



August 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:



August??? Really? The eighth month of a 12 month year. Where does it go? I was sorry to see such a low turnout at The July outing at Castaic. It's normally one of our bigger outings. I guess some forgot the date was BEFORE the General Meeting, not after, as it usually is. Just Mary Black, Kim Holmes, Anna Valenzuela and I showed up. The weather was very nice early in the day, but did get up to 94 as we were leaving around 2:00 p.m. Around 10:00 Kim and I headed down to the lake from the parking lot. As soon as they let us in, we hit the water. What a surprise! I've never seen so much clay in Castaic! My booties were getting stuck making it very difficult to walk and it was very difficult to dig. After 45 minutes I had found a dime, a penny, a pair of large bobby pins that had fused together with rust and a piece of can slaw. I decided to head up to our base. Kim also had trouble walking in the water in his flip-flops so decided to go barefoot. He had only found a quarter and some can slaw, too. He followed me up shortly afterward then Anna and Mary went down to the beach to find some pretty rocks. We ate our lunches and relaxed a while then hit the road home. We had a nice time and missed the rest of you, but Castaic just ain't the same! And we saw the early stages of the fire in Stevenson Ranch on our way back up to AV. It was only about an hour old at the time.

*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 with these modifications to our usual schedule. This all means we will have TWO meetings in November and NO meeting in December. This message will be reiterated in coming newsletters in order to ensure that EVERYONE will get the message!

One of our new members, Rich Brooks, is modifying White's Goldmaster II and VSAT machines for a nominal fee to club members. I sent him mine (box only) for the modification. In October *Steve & Marie Molstad* over Chili Cook-off weekend he has volunteered to do a Q&A for those who have had the modifications or want to know more about it. Rich can be reached at 760-876-0339 if you are interested.

FYI, the Poker Run that Kim Holmes spoke to the club about has been combined with the PLP/MMAC Octoberfest at Sleepy Bear Mine for the weekend of Friday, Oct. 28—Monday, Oct. 31, 2016. The club will still be participating with a donation of \$200 in club apparel. We MAY also have a booth at the event IF we have enough people interested in manning it. This should be a fun weekend and DOES NOT compete with our October Chili Cookoff! Registration is \$50. Details can be found at

www.publiclandsforthepeople.org.

Call Walt Wegner at 818-652-3016 to register or to ask any questions.

This should be a fun event! I've always wanted to go to the Octoberfest, but it was always held on our October Chili-Cook-off weekend. And AVTHS comes first!!! This year I'll be able to take advantage of it and plan to camp in my trailer for the long weekend. I've been wanting to do one of GPAA's weekend events, but it's never panned out.

Special Drawing: We will be holding the drawing for the Minelab Go-Pro 60 and accessories as well as a gold coin and silver round at the Chili Cookoff, if enough tix are sold! Get yours at meetings and outings, or request by mail. \$5 each or 6/\$25. Otherwise, it will be held at the Christmas Party. Flyer to follow.

Bonanza Gulch:

The Bonanza Gulch story is spotty, and filled with fabrications and myths. Bonanza Gulch was once a bustling mining community. In December of 1893, the first good gold was struck, and the rush was on.

The second Bonanza Gulch rush was during the Great Depression. With so many men out of work, they turned to mining. Most of the historic buildings and dug outs that are still standing today are from this period or later. Again, a lot of historic documentation is unavailable.

One of the stories that is told is that after the white miners left the area, the Chinese miners moved in. Because of their smaller stature, they had the ability to dig smaller tunnels, and extract gold using short-handed shovels. *Joe Stewart* Word spread among the white miners that the Chinese were extracting gold out of the played out mines. The white miners didn't like this, they returned and sealed the tunnels with the Chinese still inside. Supposedly, prospectors in the 1970's excavated some of the tunnels, discovering human bones with short-handed shovels.

The cabins and buildings that remain today are maintained and utilized by campers and off-road enthusiasts. The general rule is if you stay here, leave it in better condition than what you found it in.

This Post Office is on our Rocky Road Claim in the El Paso Mountains.



| Month | Meeting Date | Outing Date | Location | Notes |
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| 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 |

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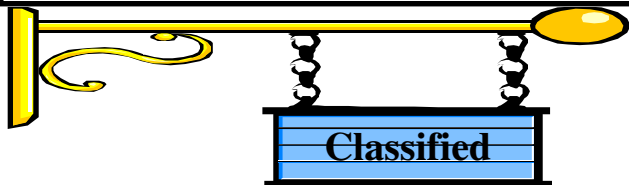
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Proprietor



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Ben Molstad at **562-209-2344**



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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 and I would be happy to send it as a .pdf file. It is generally about 2mb for the issue.

UP-GRADE YOUR WHITE'S GOLDMASTER II OR VSAT II

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machines to find more and smaller gold!
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Contact: Rich Brooks
760-876-0339



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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) \$900 FIRM. Connie Smith 661-526-7494 (h) 818-414-6707 (c) If you're interested I'll bring to meeting.

Refreshments volunteers for 2016

July:

August:

September:

October:

November:

December:

Harry Surtees

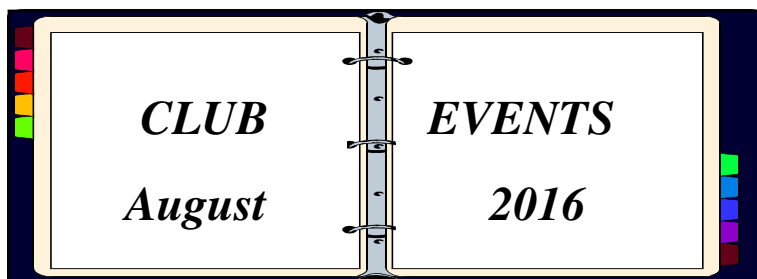
Linda Bravo

Gary Spain

Don Duncan

Jay Zeigler

Steve & Peggy Howard



Aug. 1, 2016 General Meeting - 7:00 pm
Leisure Lake Mobil Estates
48303 20th St. West
Lancaster, CA 93534

Aug. 1, 2016 Board Meeting following
immediately after the General
Meeting

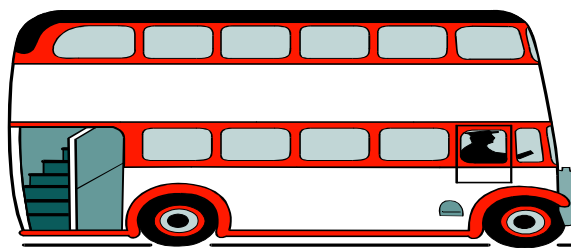
3rd Qtr. 2016 Scavenger Hunt

Scavenger Hunt items for
July 12, 2016 to Oct. 3, 2016 ***

01. Silver charm
02. 1980 Penny
03. Tweezers
04. Key for padlock
05. New York Quarter
06. 1980 Quarter
07. North Carolina Quarter
08. Hexagonal nut
09. Idaho Quarter
10. ID bracelet
11. Lock
12. Gold nugget (0.2 gr. or larger)
13. Tire Stem
14. Large metal hoop earring
15. Silver earring

Finds must be brought to the October 3, 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 July 12, 2016 meeting and the Oct. 3, 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



Aug. 6, 2016—Time 8:00 a.m.

This is a BYO Food outing

Silverwood has always been an AVTHS favorite water hunting spot. However, those who don't have water detectors have done well in the picnic area in the past. We will be bringing our own food, and eating at one of the picnic tables. I'll try to have one staked out where we have met in the past.

Take CA138 east and across the I-15 freeway then follow the road until you see signs for Silverwood Lake. After passing through the pay gate, follow the road down a ways until you see parking signs. The map on the address page of The Loop shows how to turn to get to the correct parking lot.

For those who want to caravan or carpool, You can meet at the Ave. S Park 'n' Ride at 7:00 a.m. Look for the AVTHS sign!

See you there!

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”

July Finds of the Month

Member must be present to display finds

Most Unique

Kim Holmes—martingale piece

Best Gold Item

Ben Molstad—???

Best Natural Gold

None

Best U.S. Coin

Ben Molstad—1943 Mercury dime

Best Foreign Coin

Rick Guethlein—1951 Hong Kong

Best Silver Item

Ben Molstad - 1943 WWII ring

Best Overall

Ben Molstad

Attendance Drawing

Daniel & Frankie Holman (not in attendance—rolls to—\$30

50/50 Draw

???



August Birthdays

Mark Belfield, Linda Bravo, James Gilmore

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
Club Apparel..... Mike Snowden
Club Public Web Page..... Rick Wyatt
Newsletter..... Connie Smith
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Membership..... Vivian Sexton
661 478-0174
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—Silverwood Lake



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This Month's Club Outing

**Castaic Lower Lake
(Castaic Lagoon)**

