



November 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:

THE CHILI COOK-OFF!



We had a GREAT turnout for the Chili Cook-off! We even signed up two new couples as members! Welcome to AVTHS, Patrick and Patricia Bracken and Mike and Colleen Johnson. The Brackens and Johnsons come to us from the AV Chapter of GPAA.

The Special Drawing was won by Clay Graves, who won the membership drawing at the October meeting. When he got his \$20 prize he went to Lovetta Burns and said "I'm going to roll this over to win a detector!" and he put it into the Special Drawing tix. Low and behold, Clay not only won the Minelab GoFind60, but he won the third prize of a SILVER EAGLE! Second prize (gold Dos Pesos coin) was won by Larry Blair, who stated as he purchased tickets at the cookoff, that he didn't need another detector, but was shooting for the gold coin! Boy, are these guys psychic???

FYI, Rick Wyatt created a great slide show from the outing on YouTube. You can search youtube.com using AVTHS 2016 and see everything Rick has posted this year or just AVTHS and you will see *everything* Rick has posted for the club. Or just type/copy and paste this link into your browser for just this posting:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cNoMy2PvF68>

ELECTIONS IN NOVEMBER!!!

Sadly, for us, Linda Bravo has relocated to Mississippi, so the office of treasurer is open (Rick Wyatt has volunteered, but it's always fun to have competition in elections!) Also with Linda's departure, the position of Claims Chairman is open. In addition, Lorelei Paland said she will DEFFINITELY be vacating the office of Secretary. She and Jerry have plans to be travelling a lot, so **Ted Bell** please consider running for that position! Don Duncan and Lovetta Burns are willing to continue as President and Vice President, but if you are interested in those positions, please feel free to run against the incumbents!

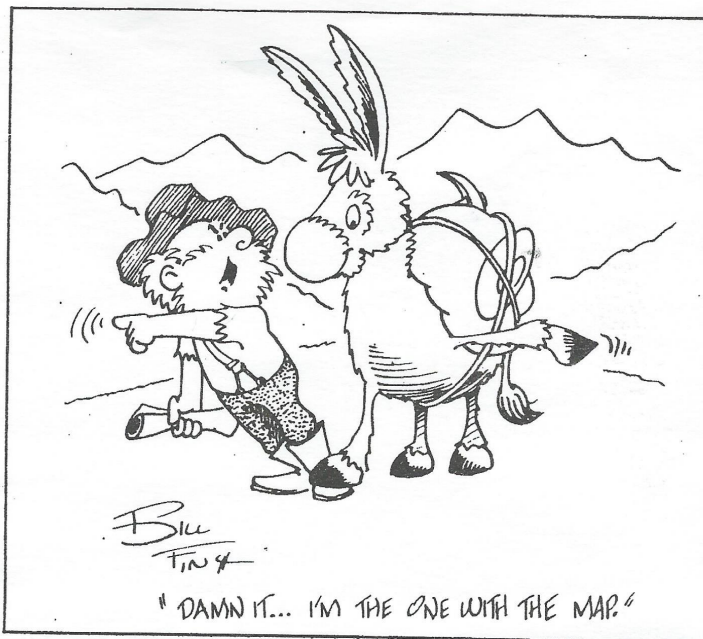
CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!

*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!*

The AVTHS Christmas Party is the biggest event of the year! Please be sure to get your reservations paid before the party. See Vickie Wyatt or for those out of town send a check for \$15/person to the clubs PO Box on the cover of this newsletter.

I will not be at the November meeting or outing. I need to make another trip back to New York to help my elderly friend back there. I will be leaving LAX on Thursday November 3 and returning Thursday November 17. So, Kim and Anna, I also won't be at the AVGPAA on Nov. 3, either.

Please don't elect me in absentia to any of the positions open in the elections. I've got my hands full with the newsletter!!! And I've already served two terms as President. This is a **Harry Surtees** great opportunity for some of our newer members to get more involved with the club. Holding office helps you get to know the membership better. I know it helped me when I became President just a few short months after I joined!



From "Lost Treasure" magazine, 4/83.

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	9/10/2016	Cajon Creek (sluicing/prospecting)	CANCELLED DUE TO FIRE
October	10/03/2016	10/08-10/09/2016	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 Restaurant
				Mexican

A Miner's Life

Rob Repin | An unforgettable day explains why miners never want to give up

by RobRepin

Oct. 18, 2013, 7 a.m.

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Andy Herndon recently enjoyed a day that most miners can only dream of. (Provided photo)



Rob Repin, right, holds the reason why many people head to the hills. (Provided photo)

On Oct. 6, Mike Corbley and his mining partners Andy Herndon, Curtis Dorr and Sam Price, dug up two extraordinary pieces of gold from a patch of ground in the Swauk mining district near the town of Liberty that for 140 years, among the miners of the area, has been affectionately referred to as the potato patch.

While metal detecting a newly exposed area of bedrock under the ancient river channel that once flowed through the district, Andy, having already picked out a half ounce and a quarter ounce nugget, suddenly got an “odd” signal from his detector. “It’s a low high” he said, referring to the sound in his earphones.

Normally the detector he was using would sound off with a definitive high to low tone when passed over a piece of gold, distinguishing the gold from the many high iron content “hot rocks” around the gold. But this one was different. It was a very strong signal, but it was different. “I don’t know how a big chunk of steel got into virgin ground but that’s what it sounds like,” said Andy bending over to scrape away a little more dirt and gravel from over his target. If there was any doubt in Andy’s mind or the minds of any of us who were watching, that doubt vanished as we witnessed the bulging of Andy’s eyes, the dropping of his jaw, and the dancing jig that followed.

The potato-sized chunk of dirty, iron stained gold that had lain hidden from the light of day in a shallow bedrock depression, under 20 feet of overburden, for the last million and a half years, was suddenly in the grip of Andy’s hand and he was a happy man!

Apparently that 16 1/4-ounce “spud” was just too big to give off a “normal” signal to Andy’s detector.

After much excitement and high fives all around, over to the panning tub we all went to watch Mike clean that baby up.

On a bright clear autumn day, it was truly a sight to behold as the mud and iron stain was gently scrubbed away, and a massive piece of that element called gold, which has captivated the eyes of man since the beginning of time, slowly but surely, and ever so boldly, began to shine like the sun as if to say, “Here I am boys.”

Soon we were back over to the excavation site. The excavator was fired up. The rest of the bedrock was cleared of it’s river rock covering, and Andy was detecting again. After about 10 minutes of no hits, Andy got that look on his face, reached down, picked up, and held out for all to see another very large ... rock. Then started laughing. After being called a “wise guy” and several other choice superlatives, he went chuckling back to detecting.

A few minutes later only a few feet from where the 16-ouncer was found, he was heard to say, “It’s a low high again.” The look on his face seemed genuine, but we weren’t falling for that again. We needed convincing and he was forced to exclaim, “I’m not kidding!” And he wasn’t. In his hand was a second 13-ounce “potato” of a nugget.

Mike Corbley is the owner of the potato patch mine. He has been persistently working it for many years. Andy and Curtis partnered up with him about six years ago. Sam came onto the scene just this last year. They are a fine group of hard working, fun loving men of integrity.

Over the years, Mike has found lots of very respectable one- to four-ounce pieces of gold. In 1994 he found a 5 3/4-ouncer. But never anything quite like these two. “Thirty-five years I’ve been looking for one of these”, says Mike, “And we find two in one day. Wow!”

Mike is admittedly “Getting up there” in years, slowing down a bit, and unsure how much more mining the future holds for him. His partners and his friends could not be more pleased to be able to witness and be a part of this kind of a find for Mike Corbley. He has earned it.

To attempt to describe how a man feels when he finally finds something he has searched so long and so hard for is an exercise in futility. It cannot be done. It is a feeling few men truly understand.

Late that Sunday night after the excitement of the day was wearing down and everyone else had gone home, Mike and I sat down for a game of cribbage. I knew I was going to lose that game. But I didn’t care. This was his day. As we were discussing the day’s events, I said, “It’s really not the gold, is it Mike?” Knowing exactly what I meant, he looked at me and calmly replied, “I don’t give a damn about the gold. It’s the finding of the gold that matters. And finding the gold in the company of friends you like and respect is as good as it gets. I just wish Billy could have been here.”

Well, if Billy could have been here he would probably have simply said in his modest way, “Nice job boys.” But it would have been quickly followed with, “Where you wanna dig next?”

I am in agreement with Billy. Nice job, boys. Nice job.

Rob Repin is a gold miner with a claim on Blewett Pass. He can be reached at libertygold@elltel.net

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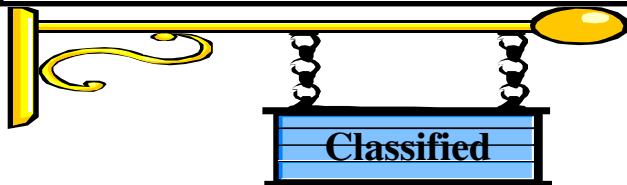
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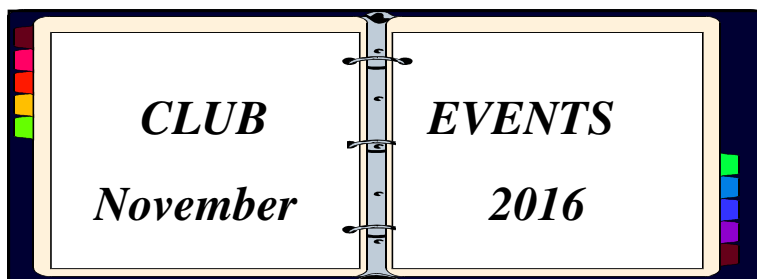
Refreshments volunteers for 2016

November:

Jay Zeigler

December:

Steve & Peggy Howard



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

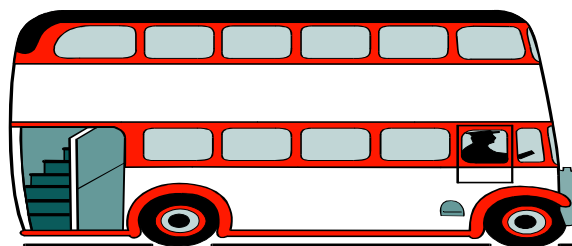
4th Qtr. 2016 Scavenger Hunt

Scavenger Hunt items for
Oct. 3, 2016—Jan. 9, 2017 ***

01. Fishing weight
02. Quarter - Florida
03. Natural gold (any)
04. Screw (any)
05. Gold chain
06. Battery - any size
07. Pennies - 10 consecutively numbered COPPER
08. .45 caliber bullet casing
09. Any 1960 coin
10. House key
11. Any 1947 coin
12. Any COPPER penny
13. Any Central American coin
14. Quarter - Alaska
15. Quarter - Minnesota

Finds must be brought to the January 9, 2017 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 October 3, 2016 meeting and the January 9, 2017 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



Nov. 12, 2016—AVT Claim

Travel to 395 and go north or south, depending on where you live. Drive to Osdick Rd. which is south of Randsburg and turn west. Follow the paved road until you come to a fork where the left is paved and the right is not. Take the RIGHT fork and follow until you are almost under the power lines. Take a sharp left and follow the dirt road to a depression where there is a cement slab. This is a good place to start prospecting in these old tungsten mine piles! Watch out, there is plenty of lead in them tar hills! Final details will be discussed at the November General Meeting. Some members may arrive on Friday and stay the weekend. There are no restrooms at the claim. Members should bring lots of water, sunscreen, chairs and food. And don't forget your prospecting equipment! Let's hope the weather holds out for us this year! See included map for more details. Lovetta Burns and Don Allen stopped by the claim last year and sent pix of a very trashy area. Maybe we should think about making this a "clean-up" outing. This can be discussed at the November meeting.

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"

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

Most Unique

Harry Surtees—Brass Bell

Best Gold Item

Linda Reitz—Gold Chain

Best Natural Gold

Peggy Howard—From Rocky Road

Best U.S. Coin

Gary Spain—1951 Wheat Penny

Best Foreign Coin

Linda Reitz—Guatamala Coin

Best Silver Item

Linda Reitz—Ring

Best Overall

Scott Sandahl

Attendance Drawing

Lovetta Burns—\$20

Will be \$20 in September

50/50 Draw

Lovetta Burns—\$34



November Birthdays

***David Bither, Mary Black, Gail Graves,
Martin Hill, Rodney Jackson, Jerry Paland,
Linda Reitz, Joe Stewart***

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 Rick Wyatt to update.

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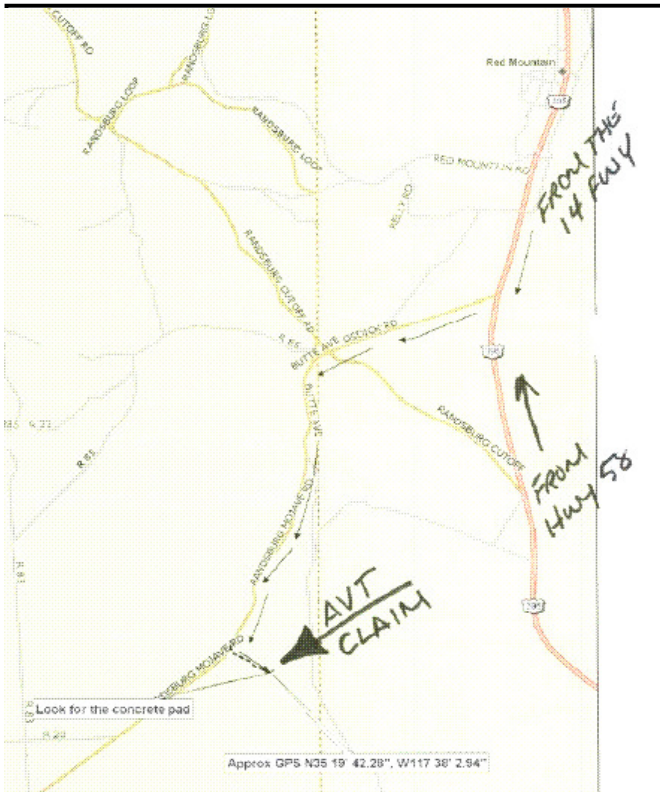
COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Welcome..... Vivian Sexton
Raffles..... Connie Smith, Harry
Surtees, Larry Blair
Club Photographer..... Anyone With Camera
Find of the Month..... Scott Sandahl
Claims..... Linda Bravo
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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 AVT Claim



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This Month's Club Outing

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