



December 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:

De je vous, all over again! It seems like only yesterday that we were preparing for the 2015 Christmas Party! But this year is different—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 *James Gilmore* 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.

FYI, Rick Wyatt created a great slide show from the October 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 DECEMBER!!!

With Linda Bravo's departure to Mississippi, 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 DEFINITELY be vacating the office of Secretary. She and Jerry have plans to be travelling a lot, so 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! You never know, we may have another major upset!!!

With the December elections comes the Dual Board Meeting (Dec. 15 6:00 p.m) where the outgoing and incoming board members meet to set up at least 6 months of outings, and often for the full year. Please put on your thinking caps and come up with some ideas of places you would like to go on outings and make the suggestions at the Nov. 28th meeting! Your input is very valuable. Of course, the October Chili Cookoff and the Christmas party are regularly occurring and will not change. But if you have any suggestions for the other months, we're all ears! There will, of course, be at least a couple of beach and lake outings.

As you know, I was out of town for a couple of weeks. I have to say that they were probably in the top 5 of worst 2 weeks in my life! Before I left LAX I got a text from my friend, Martha's, neighbor to tell me that she had called the police because she thought men were in her house. This has happened numerous times over the past year and after the police arrived, they took her to the hospital. She is a hoarder and lives in very unsafe conditions. The neighbor was only able to get them to release her from the hospital because I would be arriving that night and could act as a companion for her. She was already in bed when I arrived. The next day I saw her cesspool was backed up. Then the boiler went out the Sunday after I arrived. We had difficulty finding someone who could find the cesspool, then got a company who was at least able to clear out the roots in the line from the house to the cesspool. We couldn't get a boiler guy in until that was completed and the basement cleaned up. Finally, everything was completed the day before I left. Three of the nights that I was there, overnight temps were in the mid to high 30's! We wore our jackets all day in the house, which was colder than it was outside. Oh, and to add icing to the cake, her garage door opener decided to be haunted and kept opening and closing itself on its own. *Joe Patterson* Had the garage door people out twice and they couldn't figure it out—and of course it wouldn't do it while they were there! I just gave up on that one! The neighbors were in the process of stepping in and applying for guardianship (she's 86 with dementia) but the call to the police accelerated the process. The County has stepped in and taken temporary guardianship and will have the house cleaned up and made safe. The neighbors will go to court on Dec. 8 for the hearing to be made her guardians. They will keep her at home as long as possible, with an assigned companion and a weekly housekeeper. Sadly, she has no family left to take care of things. Just her lovely neighbors and a couple of friends out here in CA. She told me that the next time I go out there everything would be cleaned up, though she isn't really aware that the County is going to do it at her expense. I told her that was good because I wasn't going out there again until it WAS cleaned up! She lives like she's among the poor, but she has the funds to write a check in full to pay for everything that needs to be done. She just won't spend the money!

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	11/07/2016	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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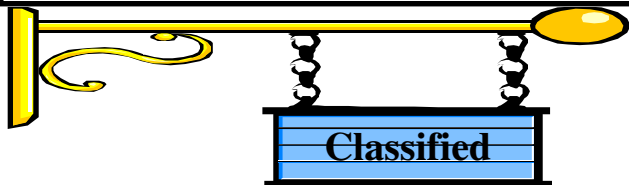
Fine Art Gallery - Coins, Gold & Collectibles

Gold Panning Ins. & Classes - Rocks & Gems

34141 116th St E Pearblossom, CA

SCOTT SANDAHL

Proprietor



LOST: Pick with 3' handle at Rocky Road claim. If found, please contact Steve and Peggy Howard. 818-970-2889/661-951-7375



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Apex Pick Sale ! ! !

Weasel 18" - \$45 seven in stock

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

Talon 30" 3 magnets—\$80 1 in stock

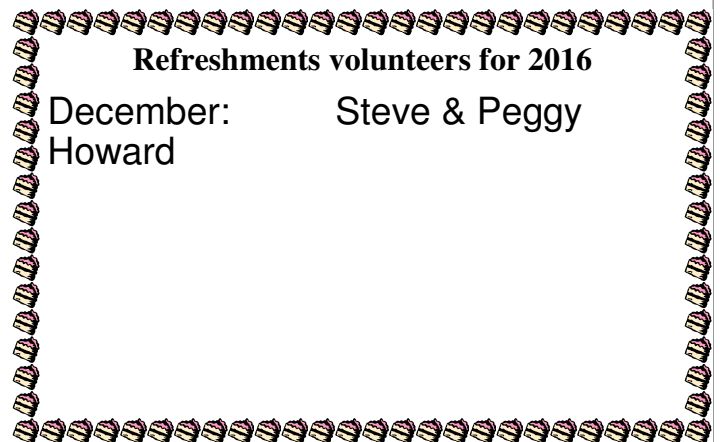
Extream 36" 3 magnets—\$85 1 in stock

Will hand deliver anywhere in the Antelope Valley.
Whippet Engineering LLC 858-442-8146



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

December: Steve & Peggy
Howard

A metal detecting horror story! From Treasurenet.com Forum—April 2010

I just recently talked to an old MD'ing friend whom I hadn't seen in several years. While we were catching up, I mentioned that I was getting back into MD'ing after a long break. He told me he didn't hunt anymore - of course, I asked why, as this guy was definitely a MD'ing fanatic when I knew him years ago. After I heard his story, I almost had second thoughts about getting back into the hobby!

About two years ago, he was out in the local state forest - public land - searching an old canoe-launching site along the river. It was just upstream from a still-active launch ramp, but this one doesn't get used much anymore. After finding about five pounds of lead **fishing sinkers** and a few clad Lincolns, he was just about to give up when he heard someone yell "HEY!" He turned around to see an older guy about ten feet away with a shotgun. He quickly took off his headphones and said "Hi." The guy said "you're trespassing," to which my friend replied that he wasn't and this was part of the state forest. I know - arguing with a shotgun-wielding hillbilly might not be the best idea. The guy said, "this is MY property, and you are gonna leave." The shotgun was never pointed at my friend, but he realized that he'd rather comply than take a chance. He said, "alright, I'll go," and started to walk away. At this point, the guy said "leave the stuff here!" "What?" My friend said, shocked. The guy said, "I said, drop your stuff and get off my property!" My friend quickly realized that, trespassing or not, he was being robbed. He set down his detector and backed away slowly. "Now get out!" the guy said. My friend got out as quick as he could.

As soon as he got to the main road, he called 911. He told them that he had just been robbed by a guy with a gun. They asked the usual questions, was he alright, did he know the person, could he describe him, where the incident occurred. My friend asked that an officer meet him at a gas station down the road, rather than at home (which was about 1/2 an hour away). About an hour later, a sheriff showed up. My friend told him the whole story, and when he got to the part about being accused of trespassing, the officer said, "WERE you trespassing?" My friend said no, and he could produce the plat maps to prove it. The cop apparently didn't believe him, and told him that if he was trespassing, the owner had the RIGHT make him leave immediately, without his equipment! My friend didn't believe this, but he just repeated that he wasn't trespassing. The cop took notes and left, saying they'd get back to my friend in a day or so. They never contacted him.

About a week later, he finally called the sheriff's department. They had no record of his report, and to make matters worse, they also said that if he was trespassing, he was lucky he didn't spend the night in jail or worse! They didn't even care when he said he could prove he wasn't trespassing. My friend was so upset by all of this that he decided to forget about it and give up MD'ing. Heck, if that happened to me, I'd probably do the same!

RESPONSES:

Re: A metal detecting horror story!

So they can make you leave your personal property on their property? Are you supposed to drop your wallet, watch and wedding ring? Cops are stupid. Your friend should complain to his state Representative that the police told him the man robbing him on state property had a legal right to keep his stolen items. One more reason for me to not like cops. Oh yeah, my dad was a cop so I am very familiar with thieves and liars and how stupid they are.

Re: A metal detecting horror story!

Yeah, I'm sorry but folks are getting a bit strange up there.
That state is in deep sh#!
Was this near Muskegon?

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PM me if your friend is interested in getting back into the hobby with a little help. 😊

Mike

If that happened to me the fella would be looking down the barrel of a .45 Beretta first chance I got.

And yes, I would shoot him if he forced my hand.

I carry a .45 when MD'ing in public spaces.

The way the cop treated your friend was BS!

I would have called the local news and anyone else I could think of.

Could all be a fairy tale the guy is spinning to you, but if it is for real ---
That guy needed to contact the state police sounds like a local scam, especially if that really was public land.

It will be up to them to investigate, and he needs to file FELONY Armed Robbery and Assault Charges with State Police, "naming the local police department as participants in an armed robbery ring". Start by arresting the local police force as part of the problem! Happens all the time, especially when these guys turn out to be relatives. Paperwork kind of disappears, but police dispatch records, and records of office meetings do not! Tell the State Police to FIND HIS REPORT! That alone is a FELONY, and can be substantiated by anyone that he saw there or along the way that day, motel receipts, credit card charges, stopping for food, anything to prove he was there, making that initial theft report.

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ANY TIME YOU DEAL WITH POLICE, GET THE CASE NUMBER AT TIME OF INITIAL REPORT.
Otherwise, it is lost in the system, just like this.

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Otherwise, detector shows up in pawn shop and they deny everything, claiming he was the one who sold it. Little phrases like "Let me see the security camera footage for that day" or "Let me see your pawn receipt book" usually settles that argument in a hurry. Especially when it comes from State Police Investigation. Pawn shop owner goes to jail and loses license if he does not cooperate! Little thing called possessing stolen merchandise and fencing it.

If that guy does actually own property around there, it should not be too hard for police to find him. They do not want to find him for some reason. Old country boy idea "Possession is nine-tenths of the law", replaced with "Assume the position, you are under arrest".

Good reason to have a cell phone with a camera on it. I'm sure he knew he was being hussled when he was told to drop his equipment. Would the guy have shot him? Probably not, but he didn't know. Best to do what he did... leave. But I'd have been tempted to leave WITH my equipment. Good time to mark your equipment before you go to such places so it's traceable, at least in the pawn shops. Those thieves can only use so many MDs. Then they have to sell or pawn them. Good ole backwoods, countryboy justice. Next time, don't be so congenial. Stare 'em down with a blank look and pretend to be deaf!

Believe me guys, this scared me too. I'm going to try and get a hold of my friend again and see if he's willing to take any of your suggestions to heart. It was awful to see one of the guys who first introduced me to the hobby give it up, but I really can't blame him after his experience! He's not one to tell "tall tales," so I'm inclined to believe his story.

I told my dad the story, and he said it sounded similar to something he heard years ago about why you SHOULDN'T go fishing near that particular public access point on the river - apparently, there's a guy who owns property NEAR there, but thinks that it all belongs to him! My dad remembered a story he heard about two guys who were forced AT GUNPOINT to leave their **fishing rods** and **tackle boxes** and "get out!" Sounds familiar! My dad believes that this is the same guy who, in the 1970s, was known to tape sticks of dynamite to a tree and shoot at them - don't know about that story, but if there's an ounce of truth to it and it IS the same guy who seems to be making a living out of ARMED ROBBERY, it sounds like he's certifiably insane!

I wouldn't have left my detector. He can have the hooks and weights.
Our hobby is in desperate need of a martyr.

It sounds like the movie Deliverance. I would have turned my back and walked but I wouldn't have given up my ace 250. If he was hanging in the area than he probably lives near by and would be quite easy to locate. If so it would be bad news for him. I had a state trooper tell me that he had a complaint about me looking a area. I told him who the land owner was and that he gave me permission. He told me to leave the site until he could contact the parties to determine who owned the land and he would get back to me. Months went by and I heard nothing. I then went to the land owner to find out what the outcome was. He told me that nobody approached him about it and showed me where his land starts and ends. He said I can still detect it and to send anyone to him that has a problem with it. Seems funny I showed the state trooper where the land owner lived and he never follow up on it.

I own land that I allow people to hunt on, but I give each one of them a laminated card at the beginning of hunting season that shows they have permission to be on the land. Maybe we need to start following that idea. If you have permission to detect on private land, go home, type up a permission ID, have the landowner sign it, and take it and have it laminated. Small insurance and shuts the county blowhards up. No need to wait for them to go "get permission" for you to do what you've already had permission to do. All my "hunters" have them. — Noodle

CLUB EVENTS December 2016

- Nov. 28, 2016 General Meeting - 7:00 pm
Leisure Lake Mobil Estates
48303 20th St. West
Lancaster, CA 93534
- Nov. 28, 2016 Board Meeting following
immediately after the General
Meeting

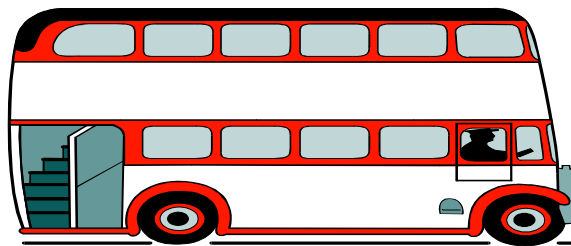
4th Qtr. 2016 Scavenger Hunt

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



Dec 3, 2016—CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!

MEDRANO'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT
44276 10th St. W in Lancaster, CA.

Those coming from the north can take the 14 freeway to the Avenue J exit and go East (left) onto Avenue J and continue to 10th St. W. Make a right turn then turn left into the strip mall parking lot at Avenue J-2 which dead ends at 10th St. W on our right. Medrano's will be on your left.

Those coming from the south can take the 14 north to Avenue L and turn right. At the light at Ave. L and 10th St. W, turn left and follow up to Ave. J-2 (which dead ends at 10th St. W. on your left) then turn right into the strip mall parking lot. Medrano's will be on your left. We have the big room from 5:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

We always have a large "opportunity drawing" at the Christmas Party, so be prepared to get your tickets! We are trying to concentrate on items that are related to metal detecting and prospecting this year, per requests from 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.

"THE END OF THE LOOP"

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

Most Unique

Harry Surtees—Blank penny

Best Gold Item

Wes Wethers—Gold ring

Best Natural Gold

Anna Valenzuela—?

Best U.S. Coin

Dan Petrozzi—1936 Buffalo nickel

Best Foreign Coin

Harry Surtees—1943 New Zealand coin

Best Silver Item

Linda Reitz—Ring

Best Overall

Harry Surtees

Attendance Drawing

David Bither—Not in attendance

50/50 Draw

Wes Weathers—\$73



December Birthdays

***Sue Hansen, Ann Hill, Frankie Holman,
Kim Holmes, Roger Kemp, Marie Molstad,
Christine Smith, Fred Smith, Jay Zeigler***

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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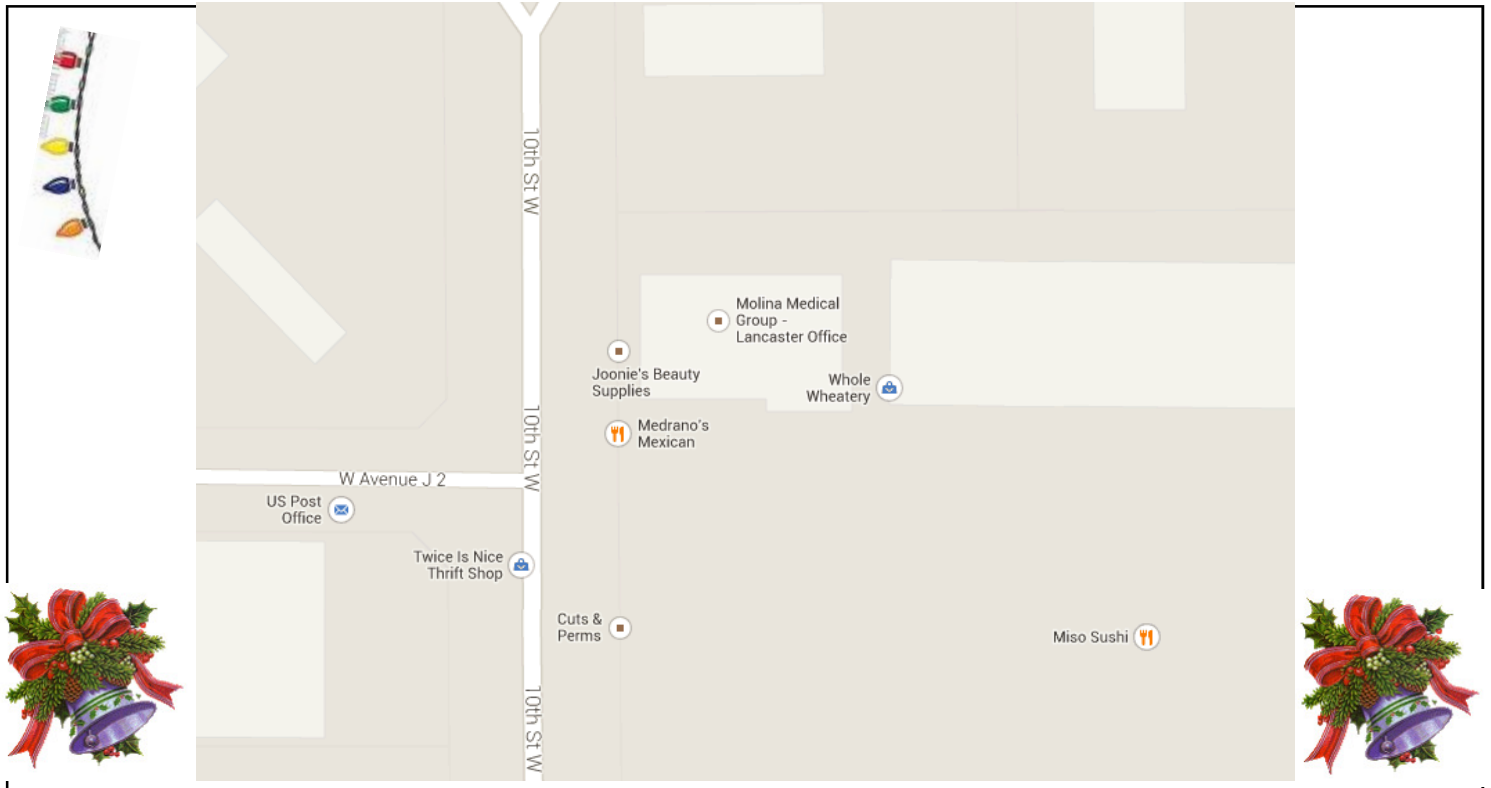
COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Welcome..... Vivian Sexton
Raffles..... Connie Smith, Harry
Surtees, Larry Blair
Club Photographer..... Anyone With Camera
Find of the Month..... Scott Sandahl
Claims..... Linda Bravo
Metal Detecting..... Scott Sandahl
Refreshments..... Volunteer for each meeting
Club Apparel..... Mike Snowden
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(H) 661 526-7494
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Membership..... Vivian Sexton
661 478-0174
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661-943-0397



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 outings.

MEDRANO'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT



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This Month's Club Outing
CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!

