

# The Loop



January 2017

## 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, another year has blasted by!

**Due to the first Monday of the month falling on the observed New Years Day holiday, our meeting for January will fall on the second Monday Jan. 9, 2017 which is **3AFTER** the first outing of the year.**

Our January Outing will be at Santa Monica Pier on Jan. 7, 2017. Details are on Page 4. The Dual Board Meeting (includes out going/incoming Board members) met on Dec. 15, 2016. In addition to setting up the outings for the year (see page 2) we also made a few changes in how things are done. It was determined that the Find of the Month will go back to the original format with unlimited wins in each category. No more limits to wins and no additional drawing at the Christmas Party. If you win the same category 12 times in the year, so be it. We also decided to end the quarterly Scavenger Hunt, due to the limited number of people who participate. Instead, we have decided to start a new Quarterly Game. For lack of any better name, I'm calling it Best of the Best. This name can be changed, if someone has a better name for it. Details will be discussed at the January meeting, but basically, members who display can pick out 1-3 of their best finds from the previous three months and present them each quarter; to be voted on by the membership attending the meeting. We can tweak the details

as we go along. Another change is that, due to the increased attendance at our General Meetings, we will be having TWO people providing refreshments. The first two months were volunteered at the Dual Board meeting. The next 10 months will be filled in at the January meeting by volunteers. Remember, you can be reimbursed for the refreshments you purchase if you bring in your receipt. Please see Mary Black, our new Treasurer, for your reimbursement. Here are some pix from the Christmas Party:



This year, we have moved the AVT Claim outing from November to June. This year it will be an over-nighter and it will be a Clean-up outing, in addition to prospecting. The club will provide burgers on Saturday night for dinner and members will bring sides. All other meals will be BYOF. This is why we need to clean up AVT:



Trash Dumped On Our AVT Claim

This trash is near the cement pad on the claim. It makes for a not so pleasant experience when we go there. For some reason, locals must think that it's their own personal dump! Some members can come in their campers, trailers and RV's. Others of us can stay at a motel in nearby Ridgecrest. There is gold in the piles that were left over from when they were mining tungsten in this area.



Kim Assisting Tonya With Her Drywasher

To see more Christmas Party pix, search YouTube for AVTHS and you will find all pictures that Rick Wyatt has posted over the past few years. Enjoy!

| Month          | Meeting Date     | Outing Date      | Location                                   | Notes                               |
|----------------|------------------|------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <b>January</b> | <b>1/09/2017</b> | <b>1/07/2017</b> | <b>Santa Monica Pier—Planted hunt</b>      | <b>Club CHICKEN-Members sides</b>   |
| February       | 2/6/2017         | 2/11/2017        | Zuma Beach (Hunt?)                         | Club hot dogs—Members sides         |
| March          | 3/06/2017        | 3/11/2017        | Lovetta's Mystery Hunt Lancaster City Park | BYOF                                |
| April          | 4/03/2017        | 4/08/2017        | TBD Relic Hunt                             | BYOF                                |
| May            | 5/01/2017        | 5/06/2017        | Map Hunt—Lancaster City Park               | Club food (breakfast)               |
| June           | 6/05/2017        | 6/10-11/2017     | AVT Claim (Sat/Sun)                        | Club Burgers Sat. night Memb/sides  |
| July           | 7/03/2017        | 7/08/2017        | Kernville Park                             | BYOF                                |
| August         | 8/07/2017        | 8/12/2017        | Silverwood Lake                            | BYOF                                |
| September      | 9/11/2017        | 9/09/2017        | Marie Kerr Park (Hunt)                     | Club food/members sides             |
| October        | 10/02/2017       | 10/07-08/2017    | Chili Cookoff—Rocky Road (Sat/Sun)         | Chili/potluck (Hunt 1 free, 1 paid) |
| November       | 11/06/20157      | 11/11/2017       | TBD  |                                     |
| December       | 12/04/2017       | 12/09/2017       | Christmas Party                            | Medrano's Mexican Restaurant        |

**This project is at your own risk. Metal Detecting In The USA will not be held responsible for any damage in case you burn your house down or any injuries caused by this project. Heed the warnings in RED.**

Electrolysis is a very popular way of cleaning coins. It is the fast lane of coin cleaning and what can take months of soaking in olive oil can be done in seconds with electrolysis. But, with all of this power comes the risk of ruining a good coin. Electrolysis will strip away the patina of a coin. Sometimes the patina is what holds the surface of the coin together. Any holes, pits, and deep scratches will readily be visible once a coin goes through electrolysis. It is best advised to keep a very close watch on the coin or object while going through the cleaning process.

There are however, safety precautions that must be observed as it is an electrical device. Water and electricity do not mix so keep the power adapter away from any fluids. Do not let the clip ends touch or they could short out your adapter. Work in a well ventilated area.

Find an old power adapter or transformer with a voltage around 6 - 12 volts D.C. output. Higher voltages just increase the possibility for electrocution and does not speed up the cleaning process. Cut off the plug end, separate the two wires and strip the wiring down to the metal. You will need to solder or attach the wires to alligator clips. The clips can be purchased at Radio Shack or an auto parts store. File the end of one of the clips smooth to prevent damage to the coin.



This is a charger used for an older White's metal detector.



The larger clip is the positive (anode) side and will not come in contact with the solution.



File the ends smooth so they do not harm your coins

One of the clips will attach to the coin and one will be used as the anode. The negative side of the adapter will clip onto the coin and the positive clip will attach to the anode. You do have to consider what you use for the anode. Carbon or graphite will eliminate any issue of plating. Aluminum will not plate out onto your coin and would be a very good choice. Always test out on a junk coin first to be sure. A spoon will work, but make sure it is not stainless steel. A thick piece of lead (graphite) for a mechanical pencil works just fine.

**Do not use stainless steel as an anode during electrolysis.** Why? Because it will produce chromates in your electrolyte solution. If your solution turns yellow, that is a sign of chromates. Stainless steel contains chromium and the solution can cause burns and even cancer. It is illegal to dispose of this solution onto the ground or down the drain. It needs to be dried and the residue placed in sealed containers and disposed at a hazardous collection site.

There are two ways to determine positive and negative on your power adapter. A multi-meter would be the first choice. If you do not have one, simply make your solution of water and baking soda or vinegar and baking soda in a small bowl and place both clips in the solution (do not allow them to touch). The one that "fizzes" is the negative side and it will be placed on the coin. Remember, electricity always flows from positive to negative. Use enough vinegar or water to cover the object for cleaning. A couple tablespoons of baking soda should be sufficient. The baking soda is used for the electricity to flow through the water (more efficiently). If you use salt, know that it will break down into sodium (harmless) and chloride gas. **The chloride gas fumes are harmful.** If you use salt make sure it is in a well ventilated area.



Before electrolysis.



After electrolysis.

A before and after shot of a dirty clad quarter. After just a few minutes in electrolysis all it needed was a short scrubbing and this is the result. Clad coins get that "rusty" appearance to them that is extremely hard to remove by hand scrubbing. Electrolysis made quick work of it.

This is just to illustrate the effects of electrolysis. I would not clean clad coins with this method. Clad coins go in the rock tumbler.

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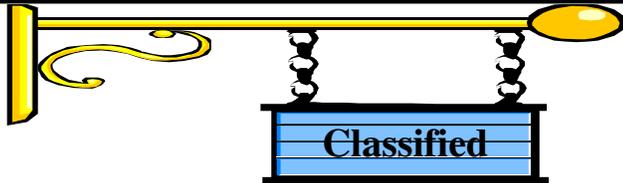
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### FREE RAFFLE TICKET

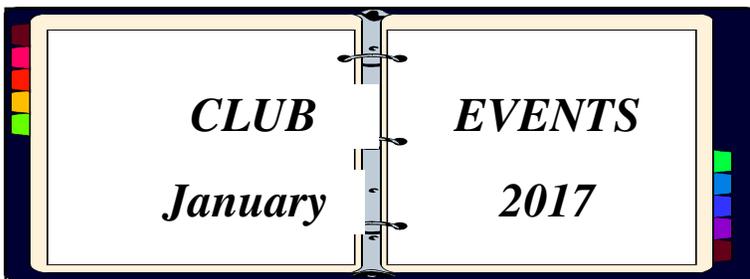
If you find your name in the newsletter and it looks like this: \*Your Name\* You get a free raffle ticket at the next general meeting. Bring it to the attention of the ticket seller. If two names appear (i.e. husband/wife) ONE ticket is given out.



### Refreshments volunteers for 2016

- January—Palands/Connie Smith
- February—Covey's/Tonya
- March
- April
- May
- June
- July
- August
- September
- October
- November
- December





Jan. 09, 2017 General Meeting - 7:00 pm  
 Leisure Lake Mobil Estates  
 48303 20th St. West  
 Lancaster, CA 93534

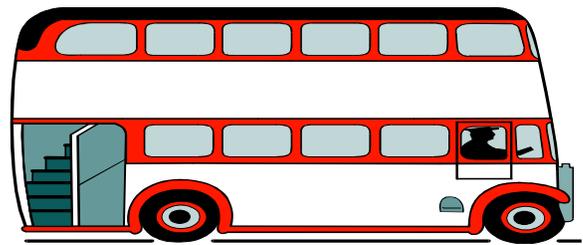
Jan. 09, 2017 Board Meeting following  
 immediately after the General  
 Meeting

**4th Qtr. 2016 Scavenger Hunt**

It was decided at the Dual Board Meeting that the Scavenger Hunt only draws a minimum number of participants, so we are going to go to a different quarterly "game" that we believe will encourage more participation. Going forward, each member who displays at the General Meetings is encouraged to pick 1-3 of their best finds from the previous three months and compete with all the others who enter. The best of the best will be voted on by the membership and the winners will be rewarded in similar fashion as the Scavenger Hunts. Non-winners will receive Lottery Scratch-offs. Ties will be decided by a cut of the cards. The first Best of the Best will occur at the April 3, 2017 meeting.

Finds must be brought to the April 3, 2017 General Meeting. Display owner must be present to win. First Place 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. Non winners will receive a CA Lottery Scratcher \*\*\* Only Items found between January 9, 2017 meeting and the April 3, 2017 meeting, qualify to compete. 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**



**January 7, 2017—Santa Monica Pier 8:00 AM**

Take the 405 Freeway to I-10 W. Follow I-10 W toward the ocean. Exit on 4th St. and go left to Pico. Turn right on Pico to Ocean. Turn right on Ocean then turn left on Seaside just BEFORE Moomat Pkwy. Turn right on Appian Way under the bridge to the beach parking lot. Car pool if you can, as fees are per vehicle and can be \$10—\$15 on weekends. Park, then go ahead and start hunting the beach but be back at the sand area north of the parking lot and just west of Hwy. 1 for lunch at 12:00 Noon. The hunt (tokens for prizes) will follow lunch. After the hunt you are on your own to continue to hunt the beach areas and stay as long as you wish or leave right after.

This is always a fun and well attended outing—and a great way to kick off the NEW YEAR! Due to New Years falling on Sunday, Monday is the declared holiday, so our meeting will be on the SECOND Monday of the month and therefore this outing is the Saturday BEFORE the meeting on Jan. 9, 2017!

**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"

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

### **Unique**

Vickie Wyatt—Old ships toy (40's)

### **Best Gold Item**

Scott Sandahl—10k gold class ring

### **Best Natural Gold**

Steve Howard - from Taft & Rocky Road  
Claims

### **Coin**

Bonnie Forstner—1936 wheat penny

### **Best Foreign Coin**

Dan Petrozzi—2008 Chinese coin

### **Best Silver Item**

Dan Petrozzi—Silver ring

### **Best Overall**

Dan Petrozzi

### **Attendance Drawing**

David Sween—not here, rolls over

**50/50 Draw**  
**No drawing**



## **January Birthdays**

**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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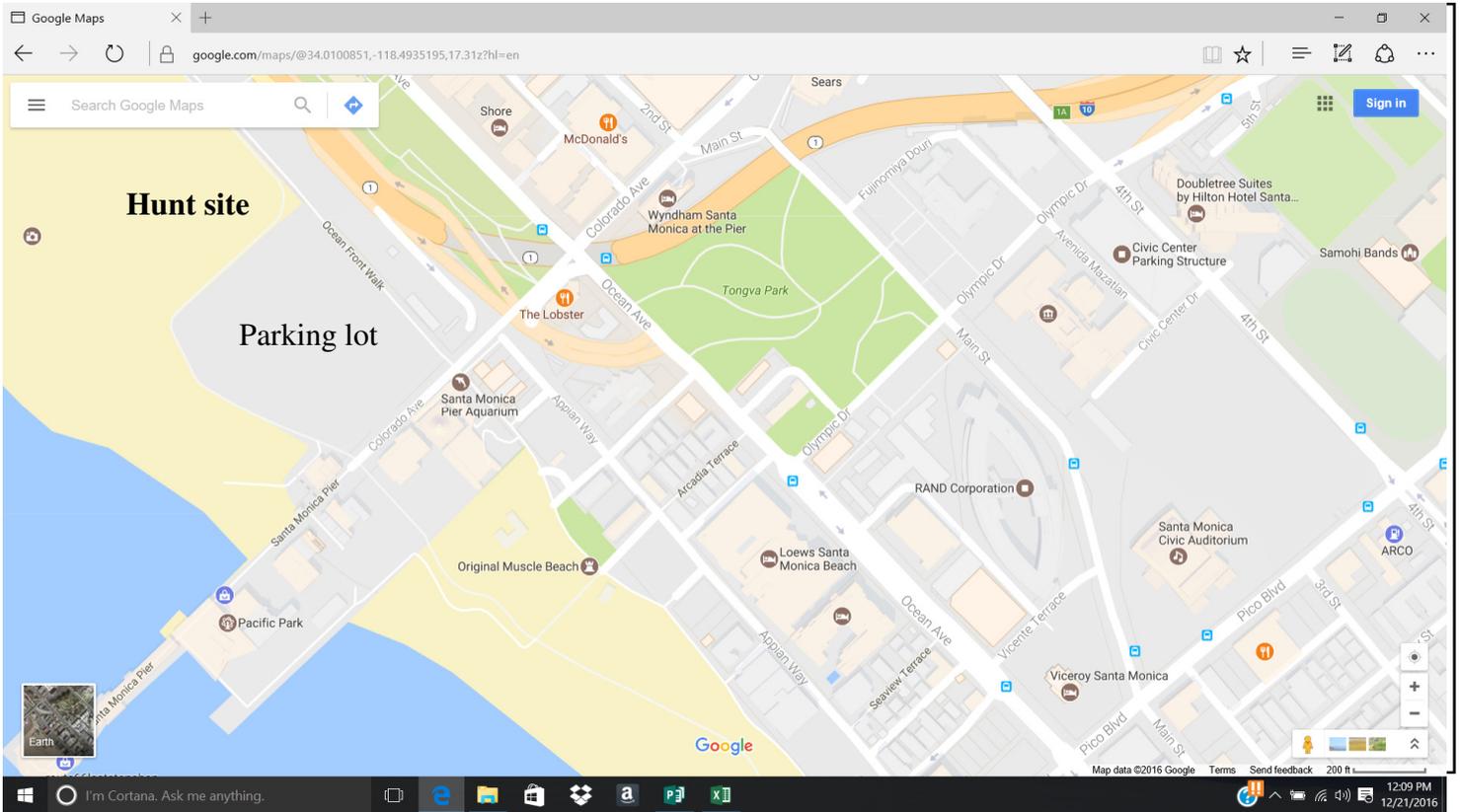
## **COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

Welcome.....Vivian Sexton  
Opportunity Drawing.....Connie Smith, Harry  
.....Surtees, Larry Blair  
Club Photographer.....Anyone With Camera  
Find of the Month.....Scott Sandahl  
Claims.....Mike Snowden  
Metal Detecting.....Scott Sandahl  
Refreshments.....Volunteer for each meeting  
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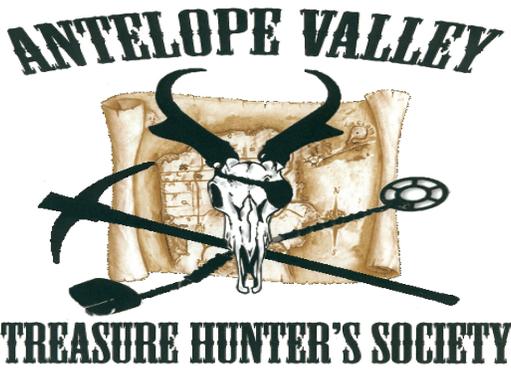


Remember, as with the recycling collection, the proceeds from the sale of apparel are put back in the club to fund prizes and food at the outings.

# Santa Monica Pier



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**This Month's Club Outing**

**Santa Monica Pier  
And HUNT**

