

# The Loop



Lancaster, California

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## Antelope Valley Treasure Hunter's Society

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Meeting held 1st Monday of every month at 7:00 PM (unless noted in newsletter).



### **From the Editor**

By: Connie Smith

***The email version of June Newsletter is going out much earlier than normal due to the last minute change in the date for the our May General Meeting, which is May 15th***

Since Connie is out of State this month, she asked that I do the newsletter.

As (hopefully) everyone knows, the May General Meeting that was scheduled for May 1, 2017 was rescheduled due to repairs being completed to the Leisure Lakes Club House. The new date for the May General Meeting is Monday May 15, 2017, at 7pm. To add even more to the confusion, it seems a large number of our members, including me, did not receive the May 2017 Newsletter or those that did could not open the attachment. I am not sure what happened, so just to be sure Connie did not start out with a corrupted file, I will be doing the June Newsletter as a new file. So I will apologize to any of our members who normally have some sort of advertisement in the newsletter that did not appear in this issue.

We had a lower attendance at the Map Hunt outing this year. We had some competition from a group that went out to Rocky Road to join Steve and Peggy Howard, who were hosting their friends Chris and Becky Beck from up north. The Beck's are planning to join the club. I'm sure they all had a great time. As always, we had more than enough food- Sausage, Pancakes, Eggs, Flour Tortilla, Salsa and Orange Juice. We did have enough map hunters to man two teams of 4, though, and Mike mixed it up a bit this year and instead of using a map,

the hunters had to navigate using GPS coordinates! The lesson of hunting by GPS Coordinates can be applied to the June outing at the AVT Claim, (those coordinates are 35.328627, -117.633998) and listed on that last page. There were three sites to hunt—first were two spots near our breakfast location so that people could test out new targets, since there had been issues finding some of the iron targets in the past (you have to turn off your discrimination and hunt in ALL METAL!). This year all targets were brass and the combined value of the targets was a healthy \$86- not taking into account what could have been won from the lottery scratchers themselves. After a Q&A, the teams headed off to their locations to hunt for their targets. They were gone 2 1/2—3 hours! But most of the targets were found, and prizes were given out back at the park.



Due to a lot of confusion at the April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting regarding the new quarterly finds contest, I hope to bring some clarification and consistency. Yes, we do understand that the below may not have been how the April 3<sup>rd</sup> finds display was run, however by providing this, we hope to avoid the same pit falls going forward. The first quarter was the very first time for the new game and was just as much of a learning experience for the membership as it was for the Board. We will continue to make adjustments in the future as necessary with the goal to promote greater participation by our membership.

At the December 2016 Dual Board Meeting we decided to try a new approach to the Scavenger Hunt in an attempt to draw in a greater number of participants. Starting with the first quarter 2017, we are going to go to a different quarterly “game” that we believe will encourage more members to participate. Each member will be encouraged to bring in 1 to 3 items they feel are their best, worst, most unique or unusual, strange, old or new coins (foreign or U. S.) that they find during the quarter in play. In short, any member can display any item they find during the three-month period for the respective quarter.

Each participating member will be asked to give a brief description of their three finds and where they found the items. Once all the participants have given their explanation, Club President will call for a vote on the top three items from **all** those items being displayed, not the top item for each individual persons best of the three items. Everyone present, (including guests) at the “Quarterly Voting” meeting can vote. Each person can only vote one time in total. There will be three winners, 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, as established by a show of hands.

First place prize is a Silver Half Dollar.

Second Place prize is a Silver Quarter

Third Place Prize is a Silver Dime

Non winning participants will receive a \$1 Lottery Scratcher ticket.

Any tie votes will be decided by a cut of the cards. All displayed finds must be found during the current period quarter and in the act of metal detecting or prospecting. Items found by with the naked eye during metal detecting or prospecting can be used. Items displayed on the monthly Finds of the Month can be used for the quarterly displays.

For simplicity, we will be using calendar quarters. For 2017, the dates for the Quarters and the dates items will be displayed are as follows:

First Quarter	January 1 to March 31 2017	Display Voting Date is April 3 2017
Second Quarter	April 1 to June 30. 2017	Display Voting Date is July 3, 2017
Third Quarter	July 1 to September 30 2017	Display Voting Date is October 2, 2017
Fourth Quarter	October 1 to December 31, 2017	Display Voting Date is January 8, 2018

## 2017 AVTHS Event Schedule

Month	Meeting Date	Outing Date	Location	Notes:
January	1/9/2017	1/7/2017	Santa Monica Beach	Planted Hunt-Club Chicken- Member bring Sides
February	2/6/2017	2/11/2017	Zuma Beach	Club Hot Dogs- Member bring Sides
March	3/6/2017	3/11/2017	Lovetta Mystery Hunt	BYOF
April	4/3/2017	4/8/2017	Refer City Relic Hunt	BYOF
May	5/1/2017	5/6/2017	Map Hunt Lancaster City Park	Club Breakfast- Member bring Sides
June	6/6/2017	6/10/2017	AVT Claim (Sat & Sun)	Club Burgers- Member bring Sides
July	7/3/2017	7/8/2017	Kernville Park	BYOF
August	8/7/2017	8/12/2017	Silverwood Lake	BYOF
September	9/11/2017	9/9/2017	Marie Kerr Park	Club Food TBA- Member bring Sides
October	10/2/2017	10-7 to 10-8-2017	Chili Cook Off	Chili Pot luck Member bring other dishes/sides
November	11/6/2017	11/11/2017	TBA	TBA
December	12/4/2017	12/9/2017	Christmas Party	Medrano's Mexican Restaurant

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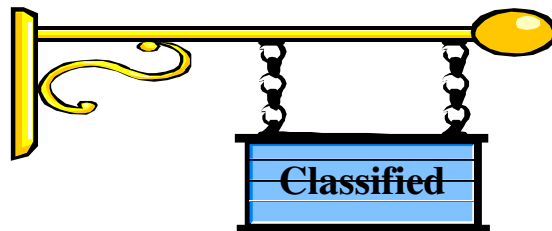


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**avthnews@gmail.com**

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



**Lost:**

**Pick with 3' handle lost at the Rocky Road Clam.  
If found please contact Steve or Peggy Howard  
(818) 970-2889/ (661) 951-7375**

**For Sale:**

**Morgan Silver Dollars or Silver Eagles- \$20 ea.  
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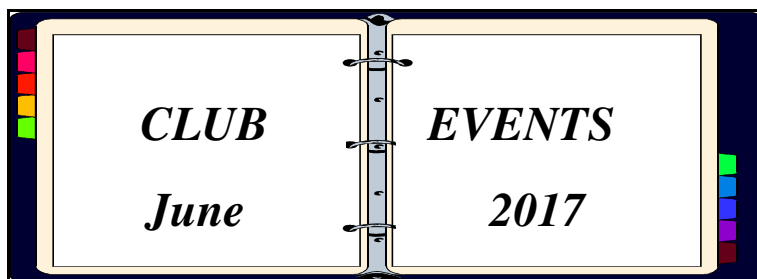
***FREE RAFFLE TICKET***

**If you find your name in the newsletter and it  
looks like this: \*Your Name\* You get a free raf-  
fle ticket at the next general meeting. Bring it to**

**Refreshments volunteers for 2017**

<b>June</b>	<b>Joe Covey &amp; Jay Zeigler</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>Tonya Baerster &amp; Lovetta Burns</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>Robert Weaver &amp; ??</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>Mary Black &amp; Anna Valenzuela</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>Wes Wethers</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>????</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>????</b>





**June 5, 2017**      **General Meeting - 7:00 pm**  
**Leisure Lake Mobile Estates**  
**48303 20th St. West**  
**Lancaster, CA 93534**

**June 5, 2017**      **Board Meeting following the**  
**General 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.



**June 10, 2017**

#### **AVT Claim**

This month's outing is an overnighter at our AVT Claim. It is to be a "clean-up" outing, as well as prospecting. Please bring some large garbage/lawn bags to collect the trash, etc. We are also required to do periodic maintenance on our claims so this will count towards that.

Directions:

Coordinates **35.328627, -117.633998**

Type the above into the Google Search box or GPS

Travel to 395 and go north or south, depending on where you live. Drive to Osdict Rd. which is south of Randsburg and north of Kramer Junction, 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. Final details will be discussed at the June General Meeting. Feel free to 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! See included map for more details. Lovetta Burns and Don Allen stopped by the claim a couple of years ago and sent pix of a very trashy area.

See you there!

### **Club Apparel is available**

**Support your Club by purchasing one of our new hats or shirts.**

We are planning to place a new order for Club T-Shirts and Hoodies. Members are encouraged to pre-order and reserve either in the size needed. Please fill in then cut out this section and give to Mike Snowden at the General Meeting.

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ T-Shirt      How Many? \_\_\_\_\_

Size \_\_\_\_\_      Size \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Hoodie      How Many? \_\_\_\_\_

Size \_\_\_\_\_      Size \_\_\_\_\_

# ***"THE END OF THE LOOP"***

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

***Most Unique***

TBA

***Best Gold Item***

TBA

***Best Natural Gold***

TBA

***Best U.S. Coin***

TBA

***Best Foreign Coin***

TBA

***Best Silver Item***

TBA

***Best Overall***

TBA

***Attendance Drawing***

TBA

***50/50 Draw***

TBA



## ***June Birthdays***

Don Allen

Larry Blair

John Chartier

Kirk Hansen

John Sexton

Robert Weaver

Vickie Wyatt



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Jerry & Lorelei Paland .....(661) 273-3932

## **COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

Welcome ..... Vivian Sexton

Raffles .....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

Club Apparel .....Mike Snowden

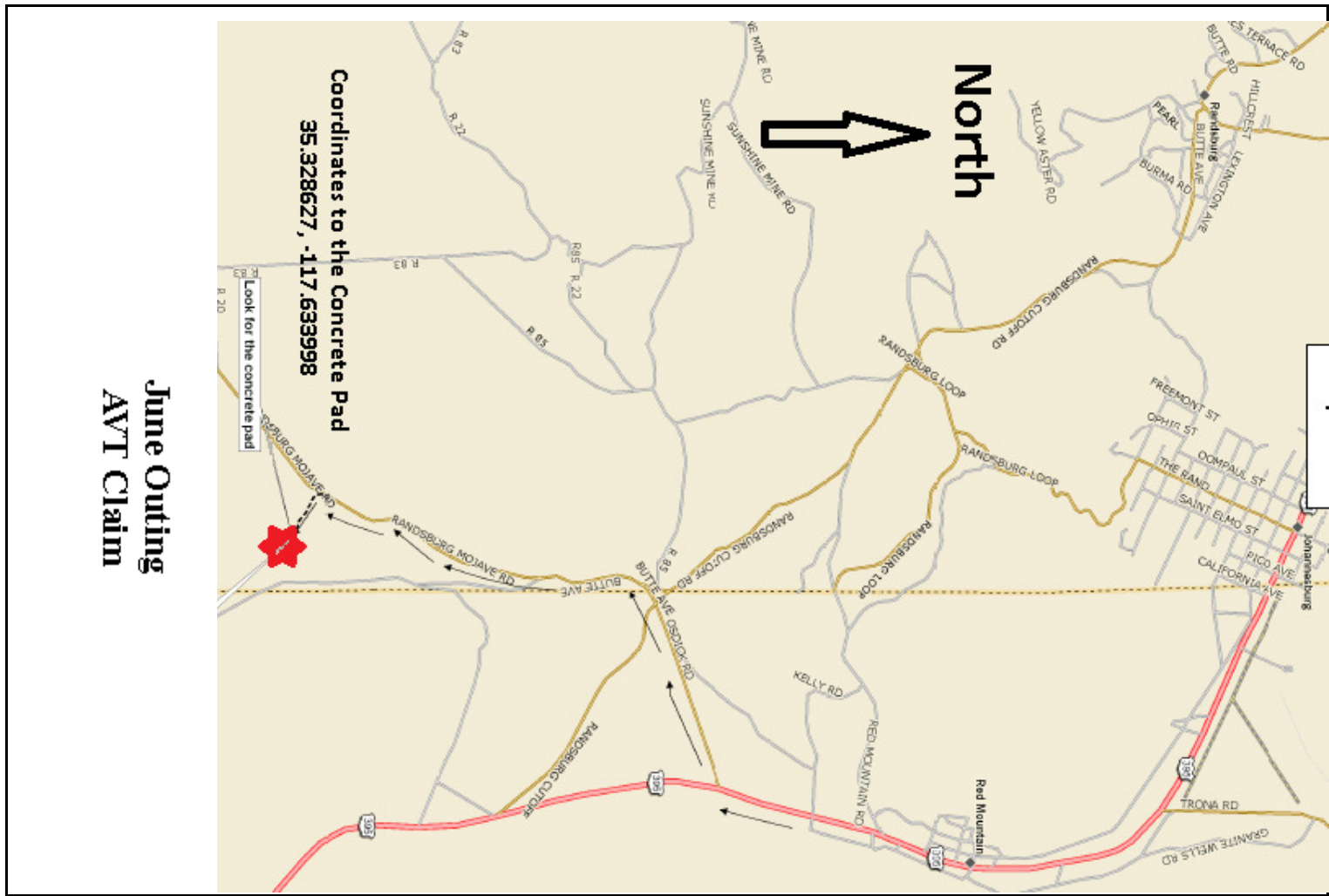
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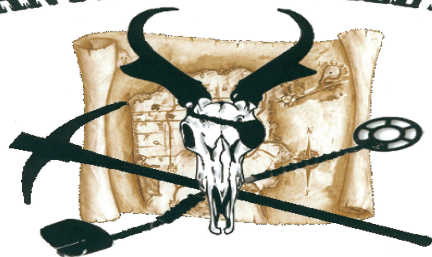
Membership ..... Vivian Sexton  
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Recycling..... Jay Zeigler



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**This Month's Club Outing**  
**AVT Claim**

