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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:



It was a great turnout for the Marie Kerr Park outing this month! There was open hunting from 8:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. then a free hunt at 11:00 and lunch at 12:00. Most of us left after lunch. Don Duncan and I planted some unusual tokens and there were 10 prizes. 1st Prize was 2 \$2 bills and 2 lottery tickets. 2nd—10th were 1 \$2 and 1 lottery ticket. One of those lottery tickets produced a \$10 winner! Linda Reitz found a nice solid silver ring during the open hunting of the park. The 1st prize winner was Ron Renter, the 2nd through 10th winners were Don Allen, Linda Reitz, Rick Guethlein, Jerry Paland and Wes Weathers. I took pix of most of the winners, but there is so much to cover this month, I don't think I'll have room to post them in The Loop, but will send to Rick Wyatt to post on the website/YouTube.

THE CHILI COOK-OFF!

It will take place at the campsite near the Rocky Road Claim 10/07-10/08/2017. Start getting your favorite chili recipe out and ready to go!!! This and the Christmas Party are the most well attended outings of the year. There will be a free hunt in the morning hours and a paid hunt a little later open to all, including non-members. Remember, this outing can be cold and windy, hot and windy or mild and windy. But sometimes the wind is on the mild side. Be sure to be prepared for whatever the weather forecast predicts. To you newcomers, people can arrive as early as Thursday or Friday and stay until Sunday or Monday. You can camp in tents, vehicles or RV's and trailers. Whatever you have to protect yourself at night works. There will also be a porta-potty brought in, usually on Friday—Sunday, for those who don't have their own facilities. For those who want to enjoy the

weekend, but aren't up to roughing it, there are motels in nearby Ridgecrest just a few miles from our campsite, which is almost exactly one mile in on Last Chance Canyon Road. The claim is about 6 miles beyond the campsite. 4WD is highly recommended, but not totally necessary, if you stay on the main packed dirt trails. You can also just show up for the activities that are held on Saturday, which include the hunts, the chili cookoff and, if there is enough interest, a skeet shoot competition! ***Ben & Cheryl Molstad*** For those sticking around for the weekend, we sit around the campfire at night, if the wind isn't too bad. People who spend several days usually try to find some of that yaller stuff! They bring their concentrates back to camp to process in the afternoons before it gets dark. It's always a lot of fun! **FYI, those who compete in the Chili Cook-off are required to make the chili ON SITE! And no canned chili is allowed. You can use canned tomatoes and canned beans, but the dish cannot be prepared in advance. It's been advised that anyone competing in the chili cook-off make at least one GALLON of chili so that there is some left for the meal!**

Schedule of activities on Saturday:

Free Hunt	9:00 AM
Skeet shot (if there is interest)	11:00 AM
Paid hunt (\$20 fee)	1:00 PM
Chili Contest	4:00 PM

Prizes to the chili winners:

1st Place	Silver Eagle
2nd Place	Silver Round
3rd Place	Silver Half
4th Place	Silver Quarter

If enough tickets are sold, the Whites Coinmaster Pro drawing will take place. At the meeting in September, we were pretty close! Tickets will be on sale at the outing, \$5 each or 6 for \$25. If we fall short, the drawing will be done at the Christmas Party in December.

ELECTIONS IN NOVEMBER!!!

One of the best ways to get to know the members of your club is to participate in the running of the club. It gives you the opportunity to help make decisions as to where we hold our outings, make/change policies, etc. This is especially good for newcomers. I was a member a mere 2 months when I ran for President. It got me into an active participation that resulted in getting to know the members fairly well and it was fun! I served for two years, then stepped down to become the editor of The Loop. I'm listing below, the current officers. I haven't heard if any are wanting to vacate their positions, but just because there is a sitting officer, doesn't mean you can't run against them!

Positions:

President— Don Duncan
 Vice President— Lovetta Burns
 Secretary— Tonya Baerster
 Treasurer— Mary Black

If you want to get your "feet wet" try volunteering as a "Member at Large" to give your input at board meetings. Also, board meetings are open to all members who would like to stick around after the meetings to give their input. However, only the Board and Members at Large are able to vote.

UPCOMING OUTINGS

November is still TBD. This is normally when we have the AVT outing, and that may still be considered since there is still some clean-up to be done.

Kirk & Susan Hansen

December CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!

Held at Medrano's Mexican Restaurant on 10th St. W, this is the biggest event of the year for AVTHS! The party has good food, good prizes and a chance to mingle with many members who aren't able to make it to other outings and meetings! This is the biggest Door Prize giveaway of the year. Be sure to save your clad throughout the year to buy your tickets! The proceeds from the monthly opportunity drawings all go to buy the prizes for the biggest and the best.

Month	Meeting Date	Outing Date	Location	Notes
January	1/09/2017	1/07/2017	Santa Monica Pier—Planted hunt	Club CHICKEN—Members sides
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	Relic Hunt—REEFER CITY	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 River 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	11/06/2017	11/11/2017	TBD	
December	12/04/2017	12/09/2017	Christmas Party	Medrano's Mexican Restaurant

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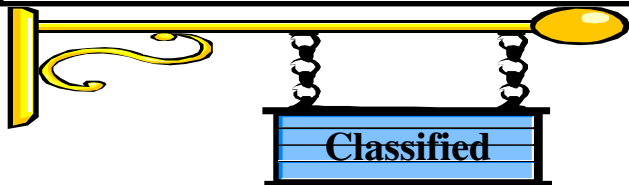
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FREE RAFFLE TICKET

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.

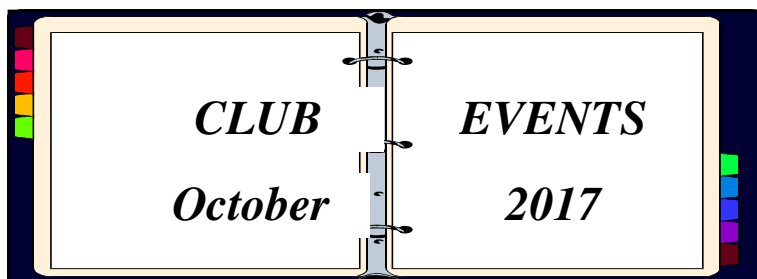
Refreshments

October—MARIE CALLENDAR PIE MONTH!

Everyone brings a pie (Marie Callendar/home made/other)

November—Wes Weathers & Tom Van Langenhoven

December—Rick Guethlein & Connie Smith



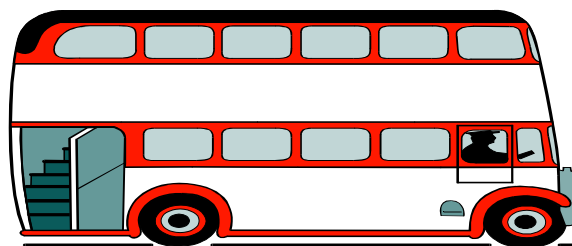
- Oct. 2, 2017 General Meeting - 7:00 pm
Leisure Lake Mobil Estates
48303 20th St. West
Lancaster, CA 93534
- Oct. 2, 2017 Board Meeting following
immediately after the General
Meeting

2nd Qtr. Special Finds Competition

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 is encouraged to pick 1-3 of their best finds from the previous three months (whether or not they displayed at the meetings) 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 second quarter Best of the Best will occur at the Oct. 2, 2017 meeting.

Finds must be brought to the October 2, 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 April 4, 2017 meeting and the October 2, 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



October 7-8, 2017—CHILI COOKOFF! Last Chance Canyon Rd. (EP-15)

Competitors provide the chili—members bring sides/deserts.

This is one of the big outings of the year! Be sure to make plans to attend. The main activities will take place on Saturday, Oct. 7, but many come a day or two earlier and camp or stay in a motel in Randsburg so they can go out to our Rocky Road Claim and play in the dirt! Our campsite will be almost exactly 1 mile in from CA-14 on Last Chance Canyon Rd./EP15.

From Antelope Valley, take SR 14 north through Mojave then take a slight right to STAY on SR 14. Follow this just past Red Rock Canyon. When the road goes from 4 lane to 2 lane, watch for 4 billboards in about 4 miles—2 on each side—turn right onto the road between the first pair and the second pair. Follow this road (Last Chance Canyon Rd.) until you see our group on the right. It's almost exactly 1 mile from the highway. There will be a sign or banner to mark the destination.

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"

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

Unique

Ben Molstad—iWatch

Best Gold Item

Ben Molstad—gold diamond ring

Best Natural Gold

None

U.S. Coin

Harry Surtees—Mercury dime

Best Foreign Coin

Harry Surtees—1938 British penny

Best Silver Item

Ben Molstad—Apache bracelet (Copper/
Silver)

Best Overall

Harry Surtees

Attendance Drawing

Kirk Hansen—\$35 (goes to \$20 next month)

50/50 Draw

Joe Covey—\$38

Badge penalty—\$3 (won by Ron Renter)



October Birthdays

**Ron Ayers, Bruce Barron, Chris Beck,
Lovetta Burns, Rose Chartier, Francisco
Cuevas, Bonnie Forstner, Peggy Howard,
Colleen Johnson, Mas Kadonaga, Carmen
Myrick, Dan Petrozzi, C.J. Quitoriano, Keith
Raby, Wes Weathers**

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Please note: If your birthday isn't listed in your birth month, you probably didn't give us your information.

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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
Club Apparel.....Mike Snowden
Club Public Web Page.....Rick Wyatt
Newsletter..... Connie Smith
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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.

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This Month's Club Outing

**ROCKY ROAD CLAIM
CHILI COOKOFF**

