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# The Loop



Lancaster, California

## 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).

### *It's just about here.....*

Annual 2018 Chili Cook-Off at our Rocky Road Claim.

This month's outing is one of the biggest of the Year, second only to the Christmas Party in December. It's a 3-4 day outing for those who wish to camp/ RV with most of the activities taking place on Saturday for those attending just the one-day. There will be two hunts. One free and one with a fee. Both hunts allow scratchers but no scoops. **CHILI COOK-OFF RULES: ALL COMPETING CHILI'S MUST BE PREPARED ON-SITE!** Canned ingredients MAY be used (beans, tomatoes, etc.) however; you may **NOT** take a can of chili and "doctor it up" to create your dish. Be creative! Members and their guests attending will vote on their favorites. Whether scorching hot or mildly seasoned, there should be something to suit everyone's palate. The prizes for First Place is a Silver Eagle, Second Place is a Silver Round and Third Place is a Silver Half Dollar.



Beside the prizes for the top three entries, the First Place winner will receive a nice Trophy wall plaque and all other entrants will receive a Chili Pot wall plaque.

When the contest is over, everyone will eat the chili! Those who don't bring Chili, please bring side dishes to fill out the meal. We will need some salads, breads (cornbread?) beans and other sides, and deserts.

### *Saturday, October 6th schedule:*

**9:00 AM**—Free hunt (members only!)

**12:00 PM**—Five & Dime hunt (\$20 open to all)

**4:00 PM**—Chili Turn-in time

Additional Activities Could Be Added On Saturday

### *Looking ahead to the future*

As we all know, it nearing that time of year when one of our General Meetings is more akin to coffee clutch of three, it's the November offering of candidates for Club Officer positions. To take some of the mystery and apprehension out of yearly sacrificial offerings, the following is a brief description of each of the positions. Don Duncan has announced that after two terms, he will not be seeking the President position. All of the positions area open to all club members and for the most part do not necessarily require a huge commitment or investment of time. The exceptions are detailed below. Not one previous club officer has ever said they did not enjoy the experience; most saying it had been much easier than they had thought. Help the Club- volunteer for one of the positions.

### President

The Club President presides the monthly General and monthly General Meetings. He/She guides the meeting following an established format bringing up for discussion for the general membership the various Club activities or tropics of interest related to our hobby. The president also provides a brief written article for the Club's Newsletter.

## **Vice President**

Same as above in the absence or at the request of the President.

## **Secretary**

Our Club Secretary keeps the minutes of our Club's General and Board meetings and provide a recap of the previous meetings minutes during the current meeting. The Secretary also maintains the club membership roster.

## **Treasurer**

The Club Treasurer maintains all of our Club's financial records and provides a brief report on the Club's financial status at our General and Board meetings. The Treasurer ensures our Club bills are paid, checks the Club's post office box for correspondence. Dissemination of coins for the Find Of the Month winners

## **Members At Large**

There are our Club's eye and ears and could be called upon to temporarily fill vacated Club Officer positions. Members at Large frequently bring up new ideas for club activities or can be tasked to research proposals at the direction of the Board of Directors

## **Committee Chairpersons**

### **Volunteer positions**

Committee Chairpersons take on many of the various tasks in support of our Club's function and for the most part are self explanatory and do not necessitate a great commitment of time to accomplish the task, with the exception of the Newsletter Editor and the Claims Manager. The Newsletter and Claims Chairperson carry a fair amount of commitment and responsibility.

### **Welcome**

Monitor attendance at Club General Meetings

### **Raffle**

Run the Club "Opportunity" drawing for prizes. Includes procurement of prizes.

### **Find of the Month**

Organizes the display of our members' finds, subsequent accounting of votes and the announcement of winners.

## **Claims Manager**

Claims Manager appointee takes on a huge responsibility. Claims Manager is responsible for filing of all legal documents associated with our two Club Claims and ensuring the claims are properly maintained. Claim filing documentation includes gathering signatures of the designated Claim Holders, completion of the 2 Federal BLM applications, Notarization of the Affidavit, presentation the Recording Documents at the Kern County Recorders Office in Bakersfield, then the mailing of the documents to the BLM. If not done on time or incorrectly the Club could be in Default and potentially the loss of our claims.

## **Metal Detecting**

Gives a report on late breaking hobby related news of interest, trends and announcements.

## **Club Apparel**

Manages the sale of Club merchandise

## **Club Public Web**

Manages and maintains the Club Web Page

## **Newsletter**

Newsletter Editor is responsible for the publication and subsequent mailing of the Club's monthly newsletter. Besides the brief monthly article submitted by our Club President, the Newsletter Editor provide reports on news and development associated with our hobby, reports on our monthly club outings, notifications of upcoming club events and any concerns effecting the membership.

## **Membership**

Manages and provide oversight of our Club Membership. Disseminates New Membership packages for new members and update the Secretary and Treasurer of membership changes.

## **Recycling**

Manages recyclables brought turned in at the general meetings by club members. Redeeming the collected recyclables and presenting the proceeds to the Club Treasurer.

To help offset some of the expenses associated with some of these positions and as an incentive, the Board of Directors has approved the waiving of membership dues for the following designated Club Officer positions;

President	Treasurer
Secretary	Claims Manager
Newsletter Editor	

## **Board Meeting**

During the September Board Meeting, we discussed plans for our Annual October Chili Cook-Off. Some of our members who are normally involved in the various functions and activities let us know there is a possibility they will be unable to participate this year due to other commitments. Many of the preparation tasks were handed over to others who were at the meeting and we will be asking members to help with the setting up of some of the activities. There will be more details announced at the October General Meeting.

### **AVTHS Special Drawing 2018**

Tickets are still available for the drawing for the White's MX Sport Metal Detector valued at \$799, 2nd prize 1/4 oz. \$10 Gold American Eagle Valued at \$354 and 3rd prize 5 oz. .999 Silver rounds. If the Club's investment is met, then the drawing will be held at the Chili Cook-Off, otherwise the drawing will be held at the December Christmas party.



### **The tour at the Golden Queen Mine**

The mine operation is not open on the weekends so the tour date is Monday October 22, 2018. Two other local clubs, (AVGPA and the Gem & Mineral Clubs) will also be participating on the tour. There will be plenty of parking and additional access to the mine operations will be open to those with 4WD vehicles. Members who have vacant seats in their 4WD vehicles and willing to give a ride are being asked let others know at the October General Meeting.

### **Scavenger Hunt**

Just a reminder that the 3rd Quarter Scavenger Hunts has wrapped up and your finds must be brought to the October 1, 2018 General Meeting to qualify.

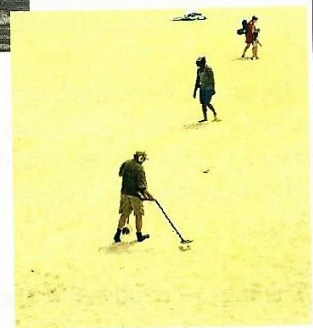
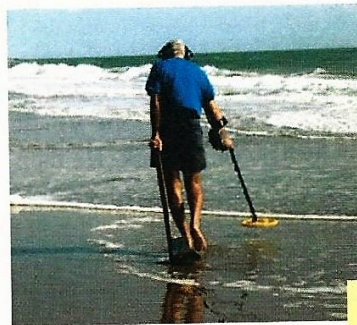
### **Club Shirts, Hoodies and Hats**

The new order has come in. Members who filled out the pre-order form to reserve apparel will need to pay and pick up their order by the end of our November General Meeting. After that the reserved apparel will be available for purchase by the membership. Anyone who reserved apparel and does not live locally for pick up, please con-

tact Mike Snowden at [avthsnnews@gmail.com](mailto:avthsnnews@gmail.com) to arrange your payment and shipping.

## **September's Docweiler Beach Outing**

It was a gorgeous day, not a cloud in the sky and temps in the mid 70's with a nice gentle breeze. Lovetta Burns, Don Allen and I were the first arrivals and they helped me set up the hunt field. We didn't realize at the time, it was the path to the restrooms and we had to stop several people from picking up coins that weren't completely buried! After a while, I decided to walk the field to bury any that I could see shining in the sun - and boy were they shining! We planted \$50 in dimes/nickels plus 10 tokens for \$2 bills. In addition, I planted three oversized coin replicas for bigger prizes - one half-season CD set of GOLD FEVER, one \$10 bill and one \$20 bill. People had to overcome several obstacles to get there (accident on 405 and road closures on Imperial Highway) so we put out the bigger prizes, as well as the tokens for the \$2 bills. Four of the tokens weren't found, though after everyone else left, Mas and I covered the field and found two of them. I left about 2:30 and Mas continued to hunt the field, so I don't know if he recovered the other two. We ate after the hunt and when we got the Coleman Stove fired up, I pulled out the roaster that came out of one of my auctions to cook them. Mary discovered a hole in the very bottom, so we ended up using the LID to cook them in! We had a good turnout - I think we had 15 bodies there, including Mary's brother and his friend and the friend's wife. Some people were overwhelmed by the trials of getting there, that they didn't hunt, and those who did, didn't find anything great, though Wes did find car keys with key fobs for the car and a garage opener! They were quite corroded, so it wasn't a recent loss. It was a very enjoyable day!



## Back to Basics

In this month's newsletter we wanted to get back to the basics regarding contents. News or articles related to the hobby. With the potential loss of data, including the Format used for our newsletter, it gave us the opportunity re-tool and resurrect the past by bringing our membership tidbits of news related to our hobby.

Though first published early 2017, this is something we can all relate to.

The item, lost in 1942, belonged to Army soldier James L. Thompson, a veteran of three wars.

Author: Kevin Kennedy

PEORIA, Ariz. - Chad Vinck is history buff and a dirt lover.

Yes, a dirt lover.

Mostly what lies beneath the soil. His knowledge of the land, specifically in Peoria, may be second to none.

Vinck sits on the Peoria Arizona Historical Society board of directors. The history buff spends hours upon hours searching the land with his metal detector for clues and links to the past. Through the years he has found toys, coins, antique car parts even marbles.

"It's about the adventure, getting out there with your machine and digging up the surprise that awaits you," said Vinck. A few weeks ago, Vinck was detecting with a friend about 150 west of Gila Bend. He wasn't having much luck when all of a sudden he got a hit. "When I pulled it out of the ground, it was like digging up a gold bar. I was so thrilled," said Vinck. It wasn't a gold bar but it was valuable, just not the monetary type. "I made it my mission to find the owner," said Vinck.

The item, lost in 1942, belonged to Army soldier James L. Thompson. The veteran of three wars lost his dog tags during his training in the Arizona desert. "I took a picture and called my friends right away," said Vinck. He then went on the internet to research Thompson and see if he could find him. The search would eventually lead him to a family friend that connected Vinck with Thompson's granddaughter and then son.

"He didn't know his father trained in Arizona," said Vinck. The two men spoke for a few minutes before Thompson hinted he would like the dog tags and even offered to pay. "I told him 'I will just give it to you,'" said Vinck.

The tags were placed in the mail and sent to Bobby

Thompson in North Carolina. "It means everything to us," said Thompson. Vinck sent a few other items he found in the area to Thompson in hopes it would give him a link of sorts to his father's past. "It's overwhelming," said Vinck.

The desert hunter calls searching the desert with his metal detector an "obsession" that teaches him about the past, while keeping him excited about the future.

A Northern California couple out walking their dog on their Gold Country property stumbled across a modern-day bonanza: \$10 million in rare, mint-condition gold coins buried in the shadow of an old tree.

Nearly all of the 1,427 coins, dating from 1847 to 1894, are in uncirculated, mint condition, said David Hall, co-founder of Professional Coin Grading Service of Santa Ana, which recently authenticated them.

Although the face value of the gold pieces only adds up to about \$27,000, some of them are so rare that coin experts say they could fetch nearly \$1 million apiece.

"I don't like to say once-in-a-lifetime for anything, but you don't get an opportunity to handle this kind of material, a treasure like this, ever," said veteran numismatist Don Kagin, who is representing the finders.

"It's like they found the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow."

Kagin, whose family has been in the rare-coin business for 81 years, would say little about the couple other than that they are husband and wife, are middle-aged and have lived for several years on the rural property where the coins were found. They have no idea who put them there, he said. The pair are choosing to remain anonymous, Kagin said, in part to avoid a renewed gold rush to their property by modern-day prospectors armed with metal detectors.



*The dream is still alive!!!!*

RICK & VICKIE WYATT (661) 943-1124

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Rugs & Blankets - Amer. Indian Arts & Crafts  
Fine Art Gallery - Coins, Gold & Collectibles  
Gold Panning Ins. & Classes - Rocks & Gems  
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**SCOTT SANDAHL**

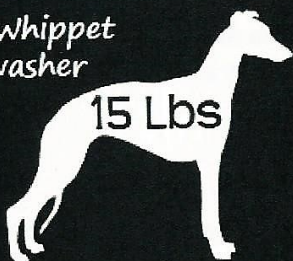
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### Apex Pick Sale!!!

Weasel 18" - \$45 seven in stock  
Badger Lt 18" 1 magnet—\$55 1 in stock  
Talon St 24" 3 magnets—\$75 1 in stock  
Talon 30" 3 magnets—\$80 1 in stock  
Extreme 36" 3 magnets—\$85 1 in stock

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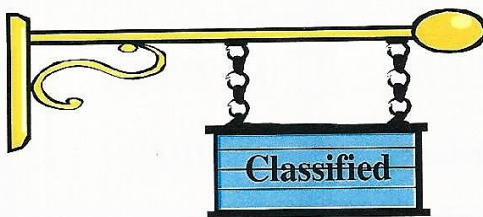


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I would be happy to send it as a .pdf file. It is gen-  
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For Sale:

Morgan Silver Dollars or Silver Eagles- \$20 ea.  
Silver Eagle Proofs- \$50 ea. Eagles and Proofs are  
dated from 1986 -2006.

Call or Text John Chartier at (661) 317-2124

### UP-GRADE YOUR WHITE'S GOLDMASTER II OR VSAT II

Increase the performance level of your machines to  
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Special rate for club members!

Contact: Rich Brooks  
760-876-0339

### Club Apparel is available

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



### 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  
the attention of the ticket seller.

### Refreshments volunteers for 2018

October—Pie Month

Bring a Marie Callender's, Store Bought  
or home made

November Wes Weathers / Ron Renter

December Jay Zeigler / Joe Covey

# CLUB October

# EVENTS 2018

**October 1, 2018**      **General Meeting - 7:00 pm**  
**Leisure Lake Mobile Estates**  
**48303 20th St. West**  
**Lancaster, CA 93534**

**October 1, 2018**      **Board Meeting 6:00pm-**  
**precedes 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.

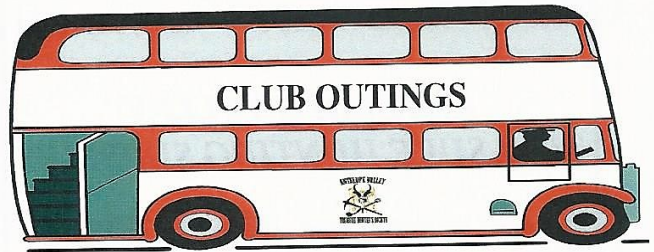
I will appreciate and protect our inheritance of natural resources, wildlife, and private property.

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.



**October 5th, 6th and 7th-**  
**Rocky Road Claim**

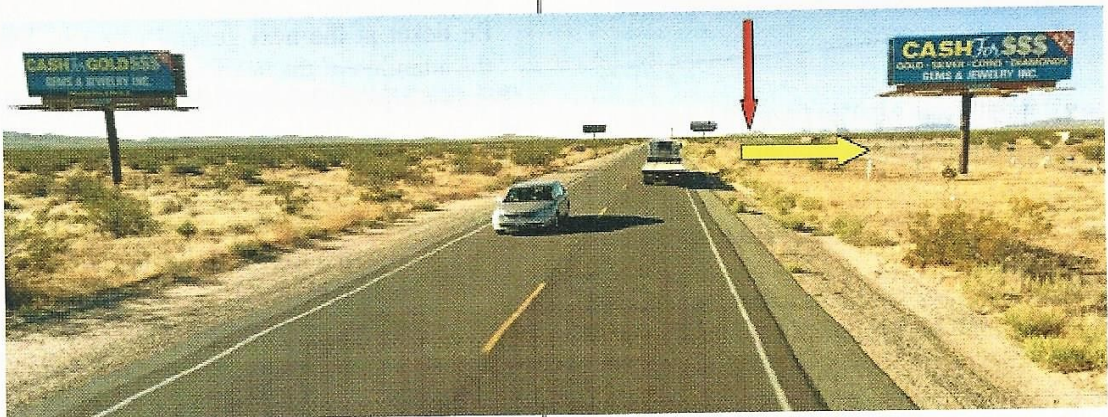
To get to the camping area, go north on the 14 freeway just past Red Rock Canyon Park.



When the road goes from 4 lanes down to 2 lanes, go about 4 miles. You will see four billboards—the only ones on the whole stretch of highway, two on each side. The road to the camping area is on the right just past the first set of billboards. You will also see a sign pointing to the road for Burro Schmidt Tunnel. Go right on the dirt road and follow it for one mile. Our camping area is on the right. GPS coordinates for the camp site are 35 29' 20" N 117 56' 19" W. To get to the claim, go another approx. 4 miles past the camp site to a fork that points to EP15 in each direction. 35 29' 3" N 117 57' 5" W Take the one on the left (the shortest and easiest route) Follow the road to the Bonanza Gulch sign. 35 26' 57" N 117 52' 56" W From there, take the very rocky road down to the valley below. You will see the old Post Office in the middle of the valley. 35 26' 41" N 117 52' 56" W This is on our claim. Actual boundaries coordinates will be given later, but are marked with white tipped posts.

**NEXT UP.....**

The November outing will be at out AVT Claim in Ridgecrest



# "THE END OF THE LOOP"

## September Finds of the Month

Member must be present to display finds

### Most Unique

Anna Valesquez- Relic Pistol

### Best Gold Item

Kim Holms- 10K Gold Heart

### Best Natural Gold

Kim Holmes- 15.18 gr.

### Best U.S. Coin

Scott Sandahl- 1901 Indian Head Penny

### Best Foreign Coin

Harry Surtees- 1916 Canadian Large Cent

### Best Silver Item

Scott Sandahl- Navajo Stamped Bracelet

### Best Overall

Scott Sandahl

### Attendance Drawing

Dean Erskine \$35

Was not at meeting. Rolls to \$40

### 50/50 Draw

Ralph Smith \$35



## September Birthdays

Bruce Barron  
Chris Beck, Sr  
Lovetta Burns  
Rick Guethlein  
Peggy Howard  
Colleen Johnson  
Mas Kadonaga  
Carmen Myrick  
Dan Petrozzi  
CJ Quitoriano  
Wes Weathers



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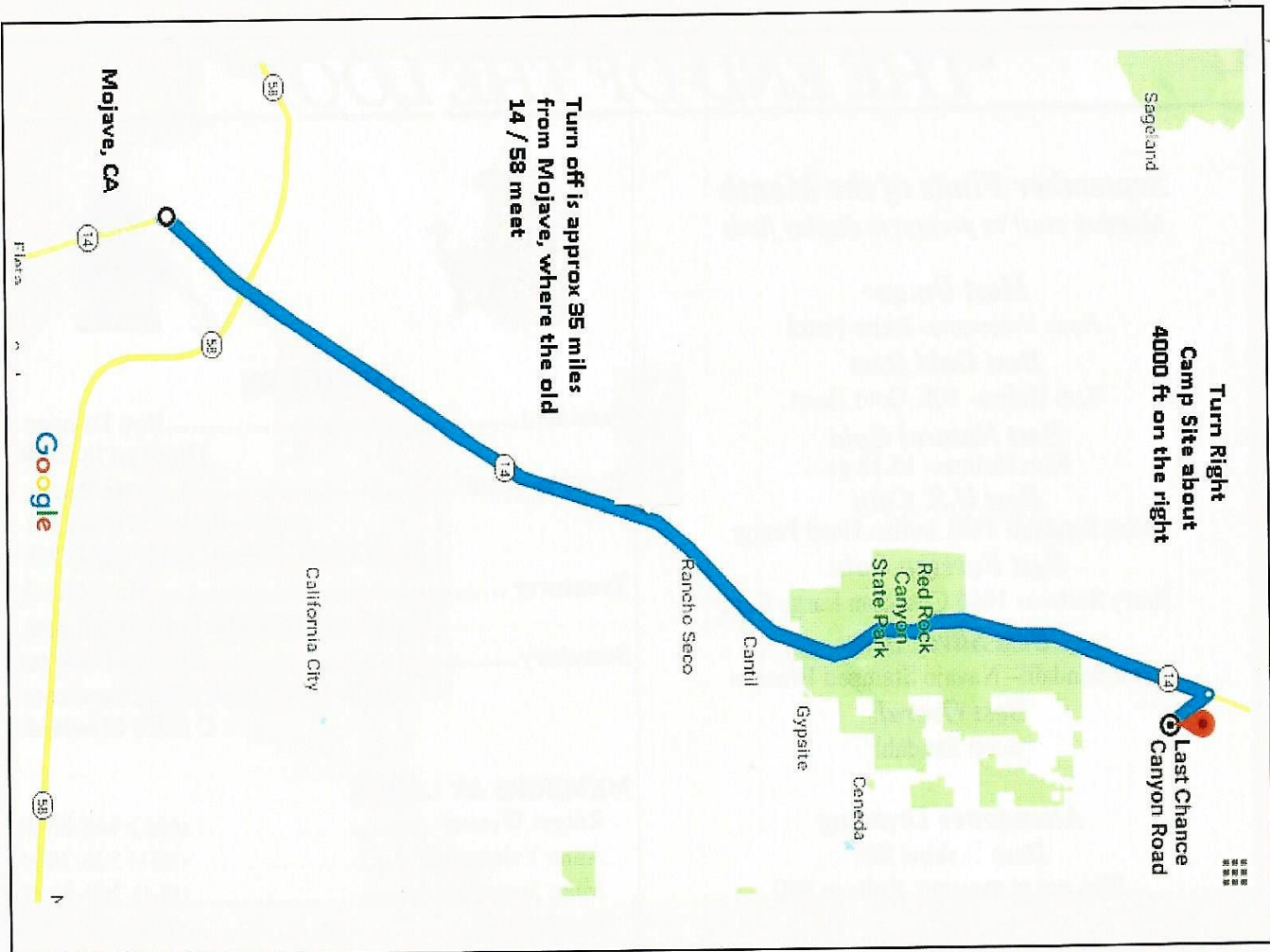
## MEMBERS AT LARGE

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Mike Snowden .....(661) 269-2937  
Butch Smith.....(661) 256-1724  
Linda Reitz .....(661) 478-7938  
Jerry & Lorelei Paland .....(661) 273-3932

## COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Welcome ..... Vivian Sexton  
Raffles .....Connie Smith  
Harry Surtees  
Anna Valenzuela  
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  
(H)661 526-7494  
(Cell) 818-414-6707  
Membership ..... Vivian Sexton  
661478-0174  
Recycling..... Jay Zeigler

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.



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**TREASURE HUNTER'S SOCIETY**

**This Month's Club Outing**  
**Chili Cook-Off**  
**Rocky Road Claim**

