

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).

Winners during our October Chili Cook-Off Event



Circle the Wagons
Next year we will need a shuttle service for
visiting neighbors



**Members Group Hunt– Total of 41 prizes,
valued at \$350+ was Awarded. By the end of
the event nearly \$1600 in cash and
merchandise was handed out to our members**



Chili Cook-Off : 1st- Dee Weaver 2nd- Connie Smith 3rd- Peggy Howard 4th Wendy



**Special Drawing for the White's Metal Detector,
Gold American Eagle and 5-1oz Silver rounds**

Still ahead– Club Officer positions
still open. The Dual Board Meeting
and our Christmas Party at
Medrano's



Big thank you to AVTHS and White's Electronics



Fred holding court



"The hunt was rigged, I only found five"



Weird, these targets came up as a 213



Official Taste Tester



Since I had most, if not all the notes for the Chili Cook-Off Outing, I offered to do the newsletter for Connie again for this month. Thanks to everyone who commented positively on the newsletter format I used last month and again this month, Mike Snowden

2018 Chili Cook-Off

Our 2018 Annual October Chili Cook-Off was another successful outing enjoys by all who attended. Saturdays Trifecta of events drew in excess of 35 members and family. A few members arrived on Thursday, many more on Friday and Saturday. Friday had great weather with the highlight of the afternoon was definitely watching the guy from Waste-Management drop off the Portable Toilet and Washing Sink. The term "drop off" might be an understatement. He arrived in a basic pick up truck asking where we wanted to have it placed. Looking around it was suggested to place it adjacent to the door of the closest Motorhome. Naturally that suggestion met with a bit of a protest and loud vocalization of an alternate suggestion of exactly where we could put it! As this small gathering of people scattered to seek protective cover, figuring incoming rocks were about to take flight. The screaming subsided when she figured out that suggestion was only practical test of our portable walking PA System in preparation for Saturday's activities. Anyway, the driver was asked to place the toilet near a group of trees on the eastern edge of our camping area. That when the "I can't believe what he is doing" started.

Ya know, each of likely has our own special talent we either hide or freely demonstrate for others to ponder. Hind sight tells us the delivery guys skills should have been recorded and posted on YouTube, as it probably would have gone viral. So the guy backs up to the designated spot, in a flash and in one fluid movement, he jumps out of his truck open the tailgate, he bear hugs the washing sink unit- keep in mind that the sink has a full fresh water tank inside of it, lifts the unit off the bed of his truck effortlessly carries to its new weekend home and places it on the ground. As he turns to go back to his truck, us spectators are waiting to see this guy start pounding his chest and let out a Tarzan yell invoking reminiscent thought of Carol Burnett.

This guy knows we mere mortals are watching him and he is probably saying to himself, "whos the man.. I be the man...." Ok, this sink unit is about 4 feet tall and maybe 18 to 20 inches wide, but still, it ain't exactly light as a feather. Now this guy grabs a hold of the big out-house and drags it to the edge of the trucks tailgate. Next he starts to pull this 8-foot tall custom designed human waste depository/receptacle vault further and further towards the edge of the tailgate. Just before center of gravity takes control, he slightly steps back. I swear

he was putting on some sort of toilet catchers mitt. Then with a final slight tug, the toilet begins to tilt over. Vickie swears she saw the guy signaling a play to the toilet and then call an audible, "ok, nice an easy, low, right down the center." With the precision of a NASA payload specialist, the toilet follows the driver's commands as he catches it mid air, turns and puts it in place. With a low toned grunt he took a step backwards while saying "Now that's how it done!! I am the man."

Ok, so there was a bit of poetic license taken here, but that's pretty close to the actual play-by-play delivery of our portable toilet. When asked why his truck didn't have a lift gate, all he said was that he had been doing deliveries for awhile. The Vickie had to ask him, "How are you plan getting the toilet back on the your truck?" The guy slowly pans our campsite, asked how many people are we expecting. He is told about 40 and with a nod of his head as if to say "no problem", he jumps back into his truck and disappears down the road.

Saturday was completely different. The wind kicked up and grew stronger as the day wore on. The Members Only hunt was started at a little after 9am. There was a little over \$100 in coins planted and 41 steel pin pointer shaped tokens planted in the designated field. In total, between the prizes we purchase and the coins planted, the overall value of the field was in excess of \$350 dollars. When time was called, all but three tokens had been found. Unknown to any one else, I snuck in a "special mystery" drawing number- #73. I had not labeled any of the prizes on the display table with this number. Number 73 was for a mystery bag that I hung on side of my motorhome below the White's Banner and had gone unnoticed.

I took my idea from the old TV game show from the late 1960's, Let's Make a Deal. Lovetta pulled the number early in the drawing. Without having any idea of what was in the small blue bag, she was given the chance to put the number back and select a new number or take a chance of the bag. Before I could even get out the third option, i.e door number 3, she opted for the bag. In the bag were a few White's Electronics promotional trinkets like a pen, carabineer, small knife. For those times when things cannot be seen clearly- a pair of reading cheater glasses. To show that as a Club we stay informed of all current metal detecting news and information-a little White's how to booklet from 2015. To show the we as members are not the only things to age- a small tin (circa 2012) of Christmas cookies. For those times when we get upset and are about to blow a fuse- a pre-blown 45 amp fuse to hang onto, so there would be no need to blow your own personal inner fuse. The burned out fuse could have been put to immediate use, as it was that last item in the bag. Had she chosen the door with the donkey? After a slight pause,

the real mystery prize was announced- a Metal Detectors' Digging Knife. The rest of the drawing for the prizes continued. There were three White's Water bottles that had a few promotional goodies inside. I watched carefully as the winners kept their best face of "excitement" on, below think are you kidding- really this piece of.... Interestingly, only one winner, Anna Valenzuela bothered to look inside. Anna discovered the hidden treasure that I slipped into each of the bottles, a mid 1920's Silver Quarter.

By the time the second hunt, the Five and Dime Hunt started the wind had grown stronger. The field was planted with \$120 dollars in nickels and dimes and \$120 in painted nickel and dime tokens. If I remember correctly, there were six tokens that had not been found, 2 dimes and 4 nickels. The participant names were put into a bucket and six names were drawn so the unclaimed money could be given out.

Next up was the Chili Cook-Off. By 4pm the wind was somewhat gusting making it difficult to setup. It was decided that the chili cooking entrants would bring their pots of chili to Connie's motorhome and that she, Lovetta, Lorelei and Mary would scoop the samples and hand them out for tasting. The rest of the volunteers did their best to try to shield the side dishes from the winds. All in all we made the best of it and moved on to the voting. Once the votes were tallied up, there was a tie for 1st Place and 3rd Place. The entrants were Connie Smith, Dee Weaver, Wendy Baerster and Peggy Howard. Dee and Connie did a cut of the cards for 1st Place, Dee drew a 9 and Connie drew a 4. Wendy and Peggy cut the cards for 3rd Place. Wendy Drew a 4 and Peggy drew a 5. So the Silver Eagle Coin and the 2018 AVTHS Chili Cook-Off Trophy went to Dee Weaver. Connie won the Silver Round, Peggy won the Silver Half Dollar and Wendy won the Silver Quarter. In addition, Connie, Wendy and Peggy received a metal 2018 AVTHS Chili Pot participant's plaque.

Now it was time for the Special Drawing for the White's Electronics MX Sport Metal Detector, the \$10 Gold American Eagle coin and the 5 1oz Silver Rounds, total value of \$1243. I do not know how many tickets were actually sold for this drawing, but I do know we did meet or obligation goal, which in reality is the only way the Club can offer such high end prizes. The metal detector was won by Brian Driscoll (non-member), Don Allen won the gold coin and the silver rounds went to Mike Snowden.

If you look at the background of the picture with the campfire, those dark clouds off in the distance moved in on us bringing a brief period of rain Saturday night but had cleared out by Sunday morning, which had the initial makings of a nice weather day. By 10am or so the winds started up again. Kim, Ana and Jason found there way back down the our Rocky Road Claim for more prospecting. I know they spent pretty much all of Friday working the claim and not sure how long they worked it on Sunday. As you can see in the picture of the blue pan, there is still gold to be found, even pickers.

This was another great October Outing and Chili Cook-Off. I would like to thank everyone for coming out and especially those who volunteered to help with the various events. There is a good amount of effort that goes into this event in particular, for example there were well over **2,640 targets planted for the two hunts**. The logistics of bringing all the supplies we use and the planning that goes on before the event. There were many "new" members helping this year, which certainly contributed to the success. We learn something each year that

will be carried over to next year along with new and creative ideas. Again, your Board Members wish to thank everyone for another great outing.

Back to Basics

There was so much I wanted to get out regarding the chili Cook-Off, there was not much space left over for the Back to Basics this month, so here a quickie-

There are a few simple tactics that can help you determine the legitimacy of a silver coin or bar, American Silver Eagle or otherwise, without sophisticated tools are a great deal of time. For example, you could consider the magnetic test. Silver and gold are non-magnetic precious metals, so if you are able to stick a magnet to your coin that is a dead giveaway that you have a fake American Silver Eagle in your hand.

Testing Silver

Some tests are a little riskier for your coins, especially if you are uncertain as to the legitimacy of the coin in questions. The bleach test is recommended by some as a way to spot fake silver coins. Silver tarnishes extremely quickly when exposed to an oxidizing agent such as bleach. One small droplet of bleach will tell you immediately if you have a real or fake product. The downside to this is, of course, that you'll lose any numismatic value in that coin if it is real and you tarnish the surface with bleach.

One relatively easy and fun way to test your silver bars and coins is to place a cube of ice on them. Even at room temperature, authentic silver products will melt the ice at an exceedingly rapid rate. For the best results, try melting a second cube on a different kind of metal, such as copper, steel, or aluminum.

If you cannot find a *Rodney or Sue Jackson* mark or a stamp on the piece and you are looking for sterling silver, it does not mean it is not silver, many countries do not require that precious metal items be stamped. However there is a way to test it if you really want it and think it is worth the time and trouble to do it. Silver can be tested with nitric acid, be careful as it involves using an acid which can burn the skin. To apply you make a tiny scratch on the item in an inconspicuous place and apply a drop of nitric acid to the spot. If the spot turns a creamy color it is high quality silver, usually sterling. If it turns black it is coin quality silver and if it turns green it has high amounts of copper and therefore is poor quality silver and a gold color means a lot of brass, it means this is a silver plated item.

Using acid to test for silver, you will need the following materials and tools:

- Black acid testing Stone that is washed thoroughly with water prior to each test.
- Silver Test Acid

Magnets are only attracted to ferrous (iron) materials, Silver is not magnetic. You can use a N50 or N52 neodymium magnet (Rare Earth Magnet) for preliminary gold and Silver testing. To test a coin, simply hold the coin at an angle and allow the magnet to slide off. If the magnets has a slow or impeded it is likely Silver.

Place a drop of acid on the object to be tested.

90 to 100% silver, the acid will show a creamy color.

77-90% silver, the acid turns a gray color.

65-75% silver, then the acid will show a light green color.

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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 contact Mike Snowden at avthsnews@gmail.com to arrange your payment and shipping.

AVTHS Club Merchandise

Available During Our Monthly Meetings

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Short Sleeve T-Shirt

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Pull Over Sweat Shirt

Hoodie

Hats

Club Logo Patch



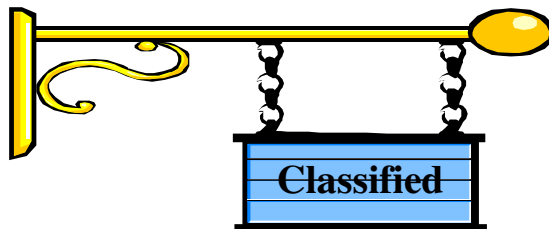
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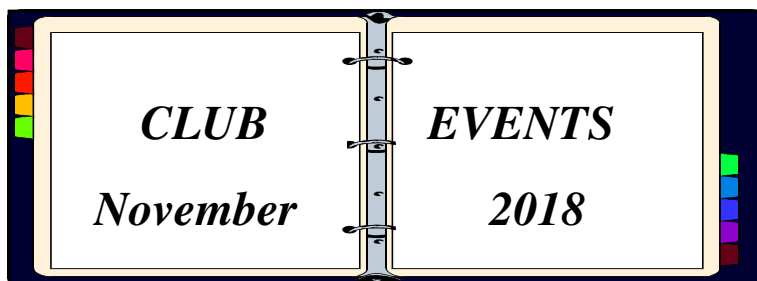
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Refreshments volunteers for 2018

November Wes Weathers / Ron Renter

December Jay Zeigler / Joe Covey

If anyone wants to volunteer for 2019, let us know as we will be trying to set-up next years schedule during the November and December General Meetings



November 5, 2018 **General Meeting - 7:00 pm**
Leisure Lake Mobile Estates
48303 20th St. West
Lancaster, CA 93534

November 5, 2018 **Board Meeting 6:00pm-**
precedes the General Meeting

The Dual Board Meeting is approaching. This is when the 2019 Monthly Outings will be decided on. If any members has a suggestion, idea or wants to take on a outing, please let any Board Member know at the November General Meeting of send an Email to us.

Scavenger Hunt

3rd Quarter was a 3 way tie. Robert Weaver won after the cut of the cards.

Quarterly Scavenger Hunts; **1st Quarter** January 1, to March 31st, **2nd Quarter** April 1st to June 30th, **3rd Quarter** July 1st to September 30th, **4th Quarter** October 1st to December 31st. No early turn-ins! All must be brought into the first General Meeting following the closing of the Quarter. Display owner must be present to win. Member that finds all 15 items will win 1st Prize-Silver half Dollar. If there is a tie the winner will be decided by a cut of the cards, high card takes 1st Place. The Runner up will receive a Silver Quarter. If all items are not found, the member with the most items will win a Silver Quarter. Members finding at least 10 items will receive a Silver Dime.

- 1. Philips screw driver**
- 2. Lapel pin**
- 3. Silver ring w/stone**
- 4. I.D. Bracelet**
- 5. Money clip**
- 6. Military style button**
- 7. Toe ring**
- 8. Hot Wheels car**
- 9. Cell phone**
- 10. Key ring with remote**
- 11. Heart shaped earring**
- 12. Gold ring**
- 13. Knife.....any**
- 14. Scissors**
- 15. Sun glasses**



November Outing is on
November 10, 2018-
AVT Claim



Tentative plan is to meet at the Jet Hawk Stadium parking lot under the Solar Panels west of the 14 Freeway at Avenue I, at 7am for those who wish to Caravan on Saturday. If for any reason the parking lot is closed, meet in the parking lot across the street where the Movie Theater is, closest to the road. Sign up is recommended. Final details will be discussed at the November General Meeting. Some members might arrive on Friday and stay the weekend. Please sign up at the General meeting. There are no restrooms at the claim. Member should bring lots of water, sunscreen, chairs and food . And don't forget your prospecting equipment! Let's hope the weather holds out for us this year! The GPS coordinates are

N35° 19' 42.28" - W117° 38' 2.94"

See included map for more details.

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"

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

Most Unique
Harry Surtees

Best Gold Item
Wes Weathers

Best Natural Gold
Jason De Berg

Best U.S. Coin
Scott Sandahl

Best Foreign Coin
Harry Surtees

Best Silver Item
Jason De Berg

Best Overall
Dan Petrozzi

Attendance Drawing
Ron & Carmen Myrick
Not present, Rolls to \$40

50/50 Draw
Connie Smith



November Birthdays

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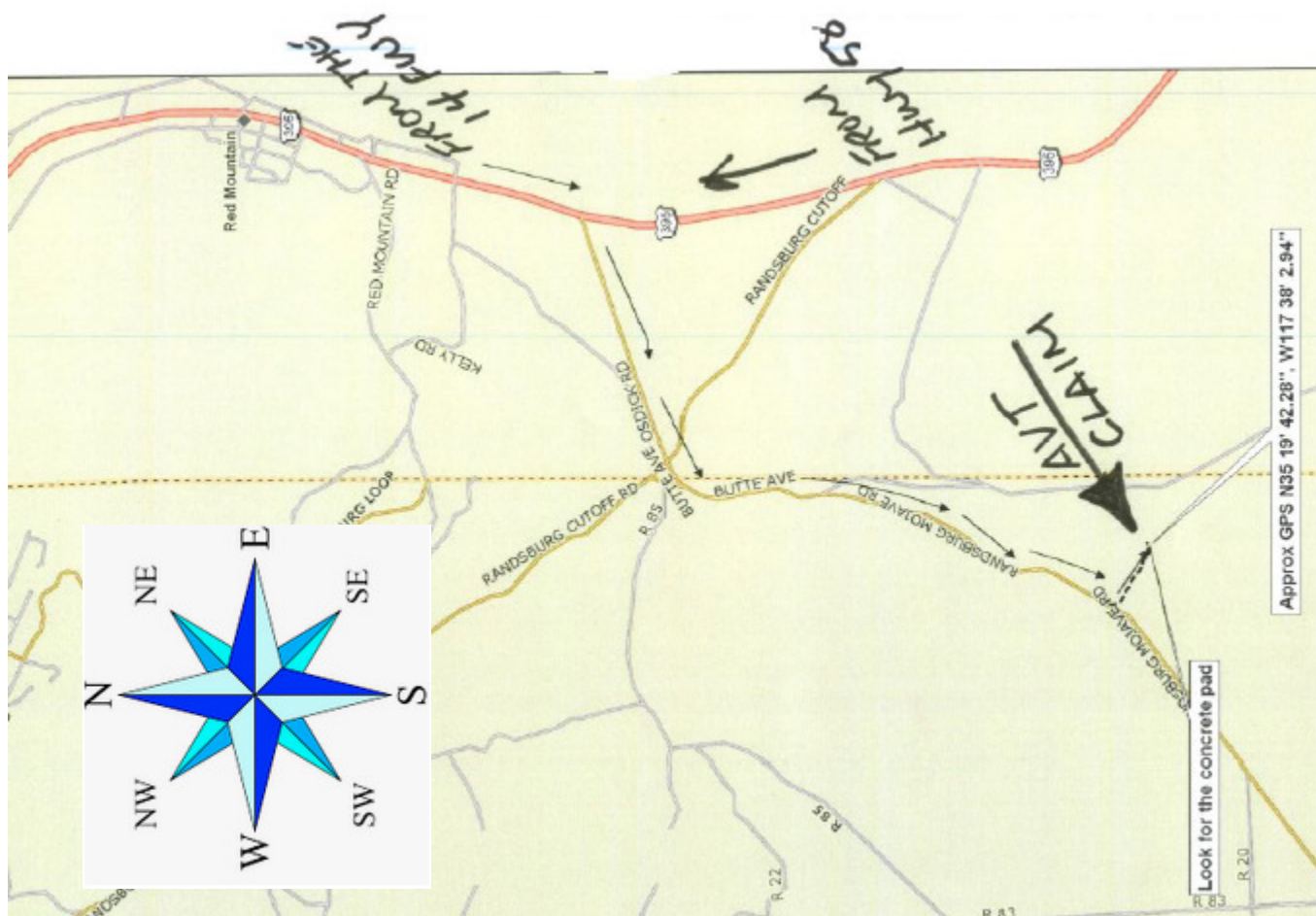
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Remember, as with the recycling collection, the proceeds from the sale of apparel are put back in the club to fund prizes and food at the outing.



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This Month's Club Outing
AVT Claim

