

# The Loop

December 2018

*Antelope Valley  
Treasure Hunter's  
Society*

Lancaster, CA

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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: Connie Smith**

There was very light attendance at the November AVT Claim outing. Don Duncan came by my house a few days prior to pick up my trailer. I met up with him Saturday morning (after checking the meeting spot—Jethawk Stadium parking lot) and we headed up to the claim in his Jeep. When we got there, no one else was there. As we unloaded stuff, I realized that I'd left the roll of black plastic bags I'd brought in my car! So we decided to unhook the trailer and head into Randsburg to see if the General Store carried them. Well, their shelves weren't very well stocked and we saw no plastic bags. We checked with the proprietor and he offered to sell us a roll of heavy duty 50 gallon bags for \$6. We accepted the offer and chatted with him for a while. He told us that we could dump our trash in the Randsburg Disposal site! Wow! Well, they closed at noon and we didn't have much time to get stuff taken there, but decided to keep it in the back of our minds for future cleanups. I thought that if we could do a Friday/Saturday outing, we could spend the day loading up trailers/trucks and then deliver them to the disposal site before noon on Saturday. We just need enough people to pitch in and help. For this outing, it was just Don and I and we managed to load up 4 bags to the point that Don could carry them. We also picked up some steel corrugated metal pieces that Don said

he would recycle. Around 11:00 or so, Mas Kadonaga showed up and we had a nice chat with him. Shortly after Mas left, Jason DeBerge showed up. Jason poked around in the trash and managed to find some electronic components and printer cartridges that have small amounts of gold for recovery. By 12:30 Don and I had enough (we didn't do too bad for a couple of septuagenarians!) and packed up and left—no energy to do any prospecting. Don decided to unload at the Lancaster site because he thought they closed at 3:00 on Saturday. Surprise! They closed at noon, too! So he dropped me back at his mobile home to get my car and then he headed to his son's place to leave off the trailer to be delivered to the Lancaster landfill on Monday (or possibly Tuesday due to the Veteran's Day holiday.) I do hope we get a better turnout on the next cleanup outing! A few more willing hands would have made a big difference.

## **NOTICE!!!**

Please get your Christmas Party Dinner reservations and payments made, if you haven't already done so. We need at least 50 reservations to ensure that we don't get charged a room fee! We've always made the cut in the past, but just in case you haven't already paid, please get your checks to Lovetta Burns, who is collecting the money this. The dinner is still \$15, even though what the club pays Medrano's is several dollars higher. AVTHS covers the balance. I HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!

## DECEMBER ELECTIONS COMING UP!!

Club elections will be held in December. Nominations were held in November. For the first time since I've been a member of AVTHS, there will actually be TWO people running for Club President! Lovetta Burns and Anna Valenzuela! Be sure to come on December 3 and cast your vote! Other offices nominated are:

VP—Don Duncan

Secretary—Tonya Baerster (though she may be moving)

Welcome—Vivian Sexton

Find of the Month—Scott Sandahl

Recycling—Wes Weathers

Mike Snowden—Claims/Club Apparel

### Board Meeting:

The board voted to limit the refreshment reimbursement to \$50 per month. While we have had some delicious monthly refreshments, we want to remind those providing them that they are just snacks, not meals! So anything over \$50 will be at the generosity of the provider. \*Rick Guethlein\*

Additionally, we discussed the extreme conditions at the August outing at Castaic Lake and decided that instead of setting up guidelines, individual members can make up their own minds as to whether conditions are too extreme for their individual situations. I, for one, won't be going on outings where the projected temps will be over 100 degrees!

### GOLDEN QUEEN MINE TOUR:

We were finally able to get the tour of The Golden Queen Mine. It was very well attended and interesting. The first hour was spent with the site geologist who discussed details of the operation. She was a good speaker and after her talk, fielded questions. Then we went up to the mine, itself, and were able to pick up rocks and enjoy the views.

**BADGES:** Every member is to wear their name tags to every MEETING! Mike Snowden looked it up in the By Laws and it is NOT required to wear them at outings, since it's too easy to lose them.

### NEWSLETTER FORMAT:

Mike Snowden wrote The Loop for October and November. He did a great job and I tried to use his formatting this month. Unfortunately, when I got into it, I wasn't able to type into it, so until I have the time to figure it out, I'm just using the September newsletter for the December edition. If I had gotten started earlier, I might have figured out the issue, but since my house is all torn up from having new flooring installed and a new roof put on, I wasn't able to get started when I should have. Today is Sunday, November 18 and with Thanksgiving in only a couple of days, I'm aiming to get this to Staples for printing today, then to Wes for folding, stamping and mailing by Monday so that you'll all have this before the December 3 meeting!

**Remember that the Christmas Party is  
Saturday December 8 at Medrano's Mexican  
Restaurant!!!**

MONTH	MEETING DATE	OUTING DATE	Location	Notes
DECEMBER	3-Dec-2018	8-Dec-2018	Christmas Party -	Medrano's Mexican Restaurant - Lancaster

## Refreshments

December—Jay Zeigler/Joe Covey

**\*Pamela Hesser\***

**Bring your receipts—club will reimburse up to \$50/month (\$25/person if two providing)**



Club Apparel is available

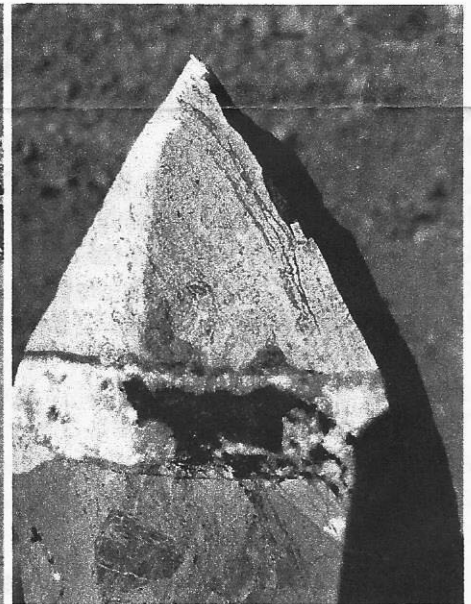
Support your Club by purchasing one of our new hats or shirts

**Classifieds**—No classifieds this month. I need to reconstruct them in this new format. Meanwhile, I'm including some pix that I took at the Golden Queen mine tour and the October outing.

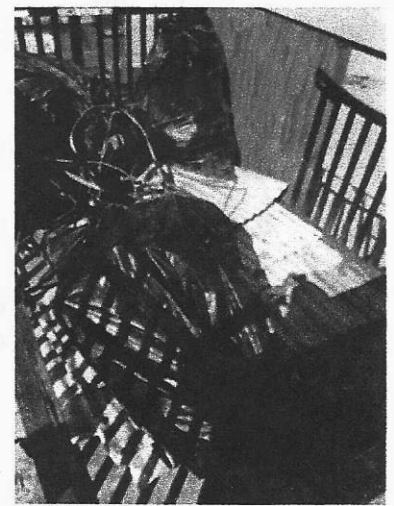
## FREE RAFFLE TICKET

**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.**

## Golden Queen Mine Tour



## AVT Claim Clean-up





## CLUB EVENTS

December 2018

**Dec. 3, 2018 Board Meeting 6:00 PM**  
Immediately BEFORE the General Meeting in the sunken living room

**Dec. 3, 2018 General Meeting—7:00 PM**  
Leasure Lake Mobile Estates  
48303 20th St. West  
Lancaster, CA 93539

### 4th Quarter Scavenger Hunt

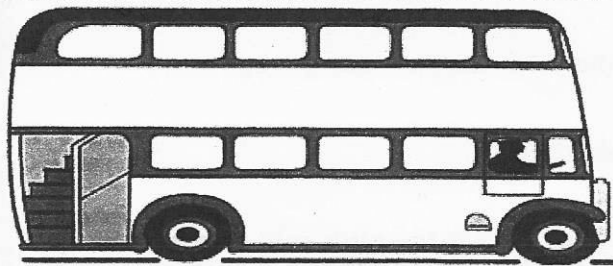
## Scavenger Hunt

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

Quarterly Scavenger Hunts; 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter January 1, to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter April 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter July 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter October 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

## CLUB OUTINGS



### Dec. 8—CHRISTMAS PARTY— MEDRANO'S in Lancaster

Take CA 14 to either Avenue J or Avenue L and head east. Then turn onto 10th St. W. From Ave. J turn right on 10th St. W and from Ave. L turn left onto 10th St. W. Turn into the shopping center just south of Ave. J. It's on the east side of 10th St. W. There is plenty of parking in the lot. Medrano's is near The Whole Wheatery closer to 10th St. W.

**Be sure to buy your dinner tix from Lovetta Burns before the dinner.**

And remember, there will be lots of items up for the Christmas Opportunity Drawing. Tickets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

**See you there!**

### Treasure Hunters Code of Ethics

I will always check federal, state, count 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 be an ambassador for the hobby, use thoughtfulness, consideration and courtesy at all times.

I will work to help to 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"

## November Finds of the Month

**Member must be present to display finds**

### Most Unique

Jason DeBerge—Belly Dancer's belt

### Best Gold Item

Harry Surtees—Gold bracelet

### Best Natural Gold

Tonya Baerster—Nugget

### Best U.S. Coin

1926 Liberty Quarter

### Best Foreign Coin

Tonya Baerster—Chinese (Chen Dynasty)

### Best Silver Item

Tonya Baerster—Ring w/blue sapphire

### Best Overall

Harry Surtees

### Attendance Drawing

LEd & Depak Hunt—Not in attendance (rolls to \$45 in December)

### 50/50 Drawing

Jay Zeigler?

### Badge Penalty

None



## December Birthdays

**Ed Barr, Susan Hansen, Ann Hill, Kim Holmes, Roger Kemp, Lorelei Paland, Fred Smith, Jay Zeigler**

**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 Connie Smith to update.**

## OFFICERS

President: **Don Duncan** .....H 661-478-2409

Vice President: **Lovetta Burns** ..... H 661-256-1654  
C 661-428-0797 email—lburns57@att.net

Treasurer: **Mary Black** .....C 650-815-8734

Secretary: **Tonya Baerster** .....C 435-616-0666

## MEMBERS AT LARGE

Robert Weaver .....661-948-8350

Anna Valenzuela .....661-874-5706

Mike Snowden .....661-269-2937

Butch Smith .....661-256-1724

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

Linda Reitz .....661-478-7938

## COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Welcome.....Vivian Sexton

Opportunity Drawing ...Anna Valenzuela/Harry Surtees

Club Photographer .....Anyone with a 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 .....Rick Wyatt

Newsletter .....Connie Smith

H 661-526-7494

C 818-414-6707

Membership .....Vivian Sexton

661 478- 0174

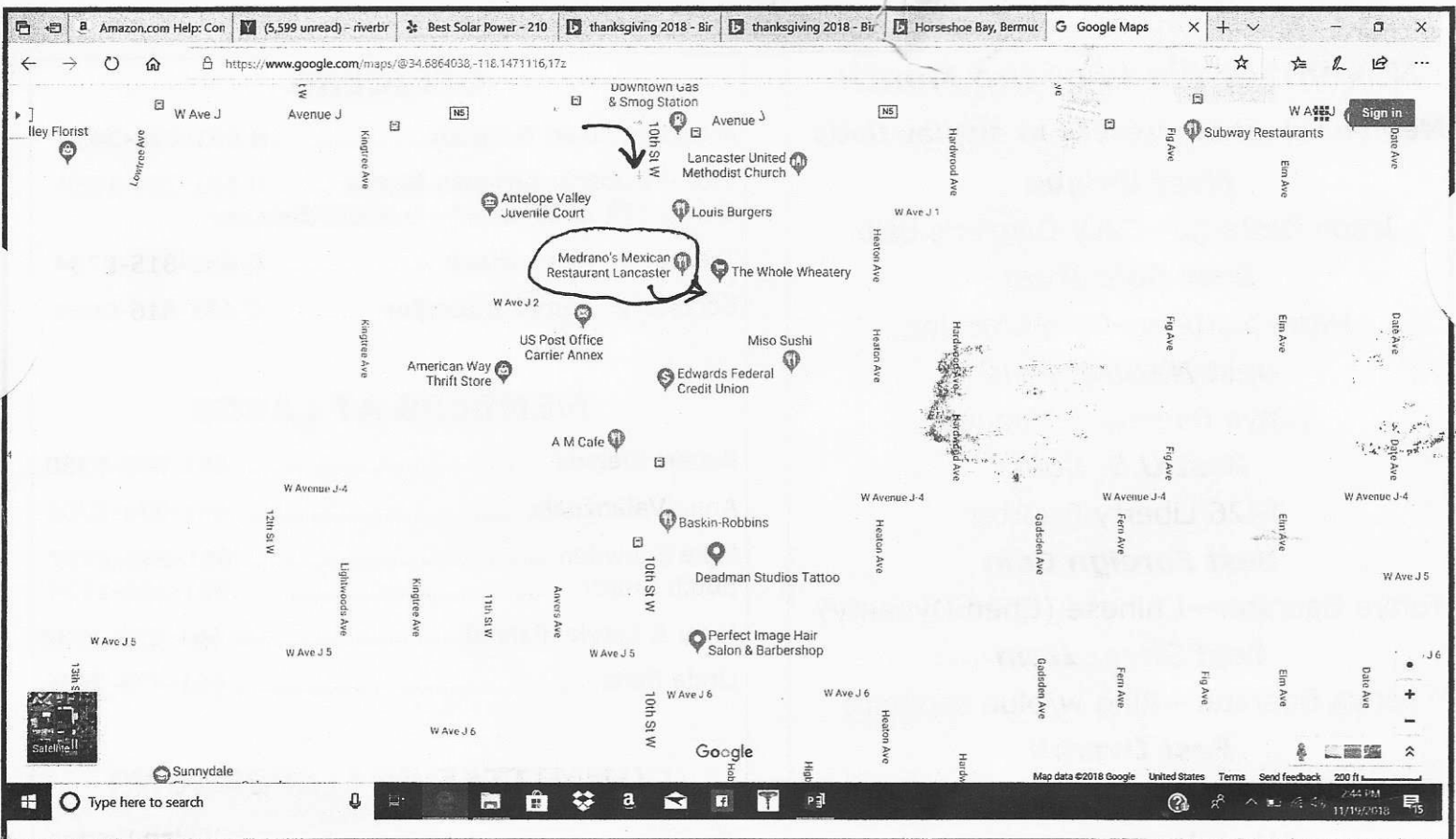
Recycling .....Jay Zeigler

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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.

# CHRISTMAS PARTY!!! MEDRANOS



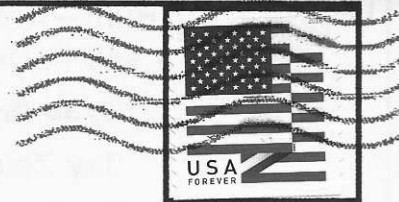
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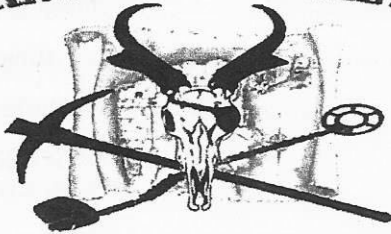
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**TREASURE HUNTER'S SOCIETY**

**This Month's Club Outing**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY!**

**Medrano's Mexican Restaurant**

**44276 10th St W Lancaster,  
CA**

**Rick & Vickie Wyatt**

**42436 22nd St West**

**Lancaster, CA 93536**